



# KG Bytes

December 2019

## Groups

### Blacktown

11 January: welcome back for the New Year and a “sit and knit” while discussing workshops for 2020.

### Clarence Valley

19 December: our Christmas Lunch

### Epping

6 January: first social meeting for 2020 with meetings each Monday in January.

3 February: first formal monthly meeting for 2020.

### Ku-ring-gai

No group meeting in December. We wish all Members a happy festive season and a very happy 2020 New Year.

### Macarthur

Monday 13 and Saturday 25 January: Both days will be casual knitting and crocheting catch-ups. We hope to see some new faces. Merry Christmas and Happy 2020 to all members.

### Mid-North Coast

There will be no meeting in December

### Pittwater

7 January: Our first meeting of the year and we will have an informal holiday gathering. Later in the month (21 January) with a show of WIPs and a Join-a-Long of charity knee blankets members have been creating in the past months.

### Woy Woy

21 December: We will be celebrating Christmas with a lot of food (please bring a plate), door prizes, yarn give-aways and a look at our favourite projects in 2019.

## Blacktown Show

Volunteers are still required for the *Blacktown Show* in March for the following dates and times:

Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 March: between 5pm and 8:30pm

Wednesday 11 March: morning (time to be confirmed)

Friday 13 March: between 8am and 11:30am

Saturday 14 March: 9am to close of Needlework room (TBC)

Sunday 15 March: 9am to 5pm

If you are able to help, please contact Caroline Craig on 0403 453 707 or [carcraig@tpg.com.au](mailto:carcraig@tpg.com.au).

## New Group Joining The Guild ‘Family’

We’re thrilled to announce a new Guild group is starting in Bathurst. A number of knitters and crocheters are already attending each week, with the Group to be officially launched in March. They meet at the Coach House, William St, Bathurst each Monday morning from 10-12 in the Mary Black room, at the rear of the Coach House. There are currently 8 people attending with at least four to five starting in the New Year. They are knitting wildlife rescue pouches for the current fire situations in NSW and have also accepted a challenge from a member to see if they can complete a UFO from stash over the Christmas break.

Their first weekly meeting for 2020 is 3 February at 10.00am at the Coach House. If you’re in the area, do please go and introduce yourself and if you have friends in Bathurst, pass the word around! We’ll let you know the date of the launch of the Group and hope to see many members attending to give them a big welcome.

## Dates For Your Diary

2020 is looking to be an action-packed and, we hope, fun-filled year for the Guild. We already have many workshops planned for the year at Sydney Mechanics’ School of Arts in Pitt Street.

### Finishing Techniques

Part 1: **15 February**

Part 2: **28 March**

Bookings are now open for these two workshops. Book online at <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/what-s-on/event-bookings>.

### Dorset and Yorkshire Buttons

Learn how to make these decorative buttons: **4 April**

### Improve Your Knitting Skills

Lots of tips and tricks: **16 May**

### Tunisian Crochet

Later in the year, we’ll hold two **Tunisian Crochet** workshops – a beginners’ class and an intermediate one – as well as other workshops which are being planned.

### Yarn Tastings

These are ever-popular and we’re hosting one on 14 March with three indie-dyers: Glenheaven Yarns, One Tree Hill Alpacas and Carola Downunder, who will let us try their yarns and of course buy some! We’ll also have Guild member, Ann Lemon, selling her beautiful project bags. Bookings are now open: <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/what-s-on/event-bookings>.

In addition to workshops and the Yarn Tasting, there are a number of Guild activities and events planned.

## World Wide Knit in Public Day, Saturday, 13 June

We'll be celebrating in style at the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo. This will be a free event from 12.00-4.00pm with refreshments, competitions, door prizes and a little bit of retail therapy provided by two of our Retail Members.

## Guild Cruise, 4-7 September

For further information and to let us know you have booked, please contact Merrin at [Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

## FibreFest

The wonderful **FibreFest** which in 2020 will be held over the weekend of **24-25 October**.

## Group Information Day, Saturday, 29 February

From 11.00am at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts. Two members from each group are invited. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Guild and share information and ideas with other groups. Please contact Luke, the Guild Secretary, with the names of those attending.

## Annual General Meeting, Saturday 2 May

From 11.00am in the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Theatre in Pitt Street, after which we'll welcome Nick Bradford, from Nundle Woollen Mill, as our guest speaker.

## Membership Renewals

Please remember that renewals are due by **31 December**. If you haven't renewed by that date, your name won't be on our mailing list for the January issue of KGBytes. It's so easy to renew via the Guild website where you can pay using PayPal. If you prefer to deposit the money into the Guild's bank account, **PLEASE NOTE that the Guild no longer uses the Commonwealth Bank** and our account there is now closed so if you make a payment into the CBA by mistake, the bank will return it to you. You may still have that stored in your internet banking system so do remember to change the details to our account at the ANZ: **Knitters' Guild NSW Inc**  
**BSB: 012 819**

**Account No: 2238 84798**

Don't forget – if you are not lodging your renewal form online, a completed form must be posted to the Guild at our Epping address shown on the form. If you've paid into the Guild's account and haven't received a confirmation of your renewal from us, did you send a form?

## Groups Annual General Meetings

Every group should have now held its AGM. Please make sure that our Secretary, Luke, knows the names and email addresses of your Group's three officers, even if they remain the same. Email them to [Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

## 2020 Sydney Royal Easter Show Buy A Raindrop Project

As our State needs rain so badly, the Easter Show people are calling on all knitters and crocheters to make some raindrops! Make a raindrop in any hue of blue (circles of approx. 9cm diameter) to be added to the rain display at the Show.

Raindrops will be sold for a gold coin donation and then placed into the RAS rain tank, helping raise funds and awareness for our drought-stricken communities. The raindrops can be delivered when you drop off your Easter Show entries or handed in during the Show.

## Hints And Tips

Do be careful about where you source your patterns! One member discovered this comedy classic on a Russian website. We think it's a Drops pattern, translated into Russian, then translated back to English. It included such gems as:

To perform on the plank of the right shelf of the jacket: knit, until 3 paragraphs remain at the end of the row, nakid, 2 paragraphs together persons., 1 person.

Perform all additions in person.

At the spokes of 2.5 mm, dial 106 n. (Incl. 5 clauses of the slides from each side) and knit 6 rows with a dressing pattern, go over the spokes of 3 mm and make a trace. lits.p and at the same time equally 24 pp. (planes do not touch the hinges) = 130p.

## Magazine Deadlines

Please note that the deadlines for your Group Reports for 2020 are as follows:

15 January

15 April

15 July

15 October.

These reports and any photographs should be sent to [Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au) by these dates please.

## KG Bytes Deadlines

The deadline for submissions is 7th of each month and should be sent to: [President@knittersguildnsw.org](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org).

## Design A Fibrefest 2020 Accessory

Are you a professional designer or budding designer?

We're looking for submissions for crocheted and knitted items (shawl, cowl or scarf) to be our FibreFest 2020 patterns. We ask the pattern be distributed free of charge up to the FibreFest weekend, after which the designer is free to sell it. If you're interested, we have a design brief available – please email [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

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