



# KGBytes

November 2019

## Group Reports

**Blacktown:** Saturday 14 December. At this meeting we will be having our Christmas Challenge and our Christmas Party. We will also be saying farewell to Merrin Marks.

**Crochet Turrumurra:** Wednesday 4th December, 10am Christmas Party. Everyone bring a plate and the challenge, 1 x Crochet Hat for a cancer patient.

**Inner West:** Monday November 18, 11am. After conducting our AGM, we will have a brainstorming-ideas-for-2020-meetings session, as well our usual show & tell. All welcome!

**Ku-ring-gai:** Monday 25 November. The Group will celebrate the end of another successful year. This month will be our last meeting for the year and our AGM. We wish all Guild Members a very Happy Christmas Season.

**Macarthur:** Saturday 23 November and Monday 9th December. November will be our AGM, lesson planning for 2020 and Christmas Party, and December will be a casual Catch-up day.

**Woy Woy:** Saturday 16 November. We will be bringing along items we've made for the Fairhaven Christmas Fair to be held on 7 December, blanket squares we've knitted for our charity blanket, and holding our AGM.

## Sydney Royal Easter Show

The Arts and Craft Schedule is now available on the Easter Show website, with entries closing on 30 January 2020. But don't worry if your entry is only at the planning stage; your items don't have to be delivered to the Showground until 20 and 21 March. The Show next year takes place between 3 and 14 April. Visit their website to get all the details of entry, including changes to some of the hand-knitting and crochet classes.

<https://www.rasnsw.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/arts--craft/key-dates--schedule/>

We're pleased to see that the RAS has taken on board the Guild's recommendation that the Junior classes should be split into age groups, so that 8 year olds aren't competing against 18 year olds. Please encourage the children you know who love knitting or crocheting to enter next year.

## Renewal Season

Yes, it's that time of year again! Renewals for 2020 are now open and of course it's very easy to renew via our website. If you're not submitting the renewal form online, please don't forget to send a form to the Membership Secretary via email ([membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au)) or post to the address on the form. We're attaching a form for you to print if you prefer to renew that way. Please remember that your renewal cannot be processed without a form.

The annual fee for a Regular Member remains the same at \$30. This fee was set in 2010! We're very proud of the fact that we haven't had to increase it and it remains one of the lowest craft Guild membership fees in the country.

Starting in 2019, we introduced a charge of \$24 per annum for those members who prefer to receive a printed copy of the

quarterly magazine. When digital copies were introduced 8 or 9 years ago, we continued to print copies for those members who preferred them or didn't have internet access and an email address. About 75% of members requested the digital copy although the printed version was available at no extra cost. Obviously, as the number of magazines required each year has reduced, the cost per copy printed has increased greatly. It seemed unfair that those preferring the digital version should be so heavily subsidising those whose personal choice was for the printed version. It is still the case that members without email receive a printed copy of the magazine free of charge.

However, there appears to have been some confusion about this change. We are not offering you a free printed copy of the magazine if you're willing to forego receiving KGBytes. Producing and distributing the digital version of KGBytes costs the Guild nothing and we'd like as many people as possible to receive it. Bear in mind also, that if we don't have your email address, we incur additional printing and postage costs throughout the year sending out paperwork such as that for the AGM. If you haven't registered an email address with us, you won't be able to go onto your own Group's mailing list which means you will miss out on reminders and the latest news from your Group. We know that a number of members have told us incorrectly that they do not have an email address in order that they may receive a free copy of the printed magazine. When submitting your renewal forms this year, please give some thought to this as obtaining a free copy to which you're not entitled is unfair on those members who choose to receive the digital version and those who are paying an additional fee for a printed copy.

## Group AGMs

All groups should be holding their Annual General Meetings in November and electing officials. Do please remember to let the Guild Secretary know the names and contact details of the 3 Group Officers – Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer – as soon as possible after your AGM, even if those Officers are remaining in place for the next year.

## Attention: Group Treasurers

ALL Group accounts for the Guild's Financial Year 1 January to 31 December 2019 need to be forwarded to the Guild Treasurer by 31 January 2020. For information re:

- 1) what financial details and paperwork you need to provide;
  - 2) what format you can use - hardcopy/digital copies etc; and
  - 3) postage and email details;
- please contact Merrin Marks - [treasurer@kgnsw.org.au](mailto:treasurer@kgnsw.org.au) as soon as possible.

## Guild Cruise 2020

The first 2020 Cruise Newsletter was emailed out last week to all those who have notified that they have booked. If you did not receive it please let Merrin know - [cruise@kgnsw.org.au](mailto:cruise@kgnsw.org.au). And we still have someone looking for a “buddy” to share a cabin, so if you’d like to join us but don’t have anyone to share with, do please contact Merrin.

## Hints And Tips

### Submitted by Patricia Ramsden

If you’ve finished your garment, sewn in the ends and are now blocking it, you may find that the ends pop out again,



particularly if heavy blocking is required, as in the case of fine lace. Block first, THEN sew in the ends to avoid this.

### Submitted by Diane Scaysbrook

Ever had your yarn roll all over the floor? An old teapot is great for a yarn holder! Diane uses an old metal one in the car and a prettier one in the house. Use a crochet hook down the spout to pull the yarn through.

## Group Information Day (Aka Convenors’ Meeting)

In the December KGBytes we’ll tell you about all the events and activities we have planned for the first 6 months of next year. But in the meantime please put Saturday 29 February into your diary, particularly if you are a Group Officer. The Guild will be holding a Group Information Day at SMSA in Pitt Street, Sydney from 11.00am, and 2-3 members of each Group are invited to attend. These used to be called Convenors’ Meetings but the name was changed to make it clear that not just Convenors are welcome to attend. Please ask in your Group if anyone would like to come along, and

also ask your Group members if there is anything you wish to be raised at the meeting. We will certainly be talking about the way each group conducts its meetings and encourages new members, but all aspects of the Guild’s work will be on the table for discussion. Please let Luke, the Guild Secretary, know how many will be attending from your Group, and their names, so that we can organise the seating and catering.

## Volunteers Required

Are you a **Graphic Designer** and/or have desktop publishing skills? The Guild requires one or more people to help with our design work which grows as our membership and social media presence does. A range of work is available from laying out the Guild magazine and advertisements to designing printed material, posters and banners. If you’re interested in volunteering some of your time and skills to the Guild, do please contact Sally at [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

Are you able to help at the **Blacktown Show** next March? We are looking for volunteers 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  
Please contact Caroline Craig on 0403 453 707 or [carcraig@tpg.com.au](mailto:carcraig@tpg.com.au).

## Facebook

If your group has a Facebook page/group, please let us know its name. Some of these are quite difficult to find as they don’t always have the name “Knitters’ Guild” in the title. If you’re planning to start a group on Facebook, we would suggest you use the format “Knitters Guild NSW ??? Group” or similar to make searching easier. Send the name of your group or a link to Luke, our Secretary, and he’ll compile a list for reference.

## And Finally .....

A lovely place to sit and knit, in Dungog.



## About Us

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