



KGBytes

News From The Groups

Ku-ring-gai: Another Zoom get together is planned for 24 August. Members of other groups are welcome to join us, but please contact our Convenor - details on the Guild website. The group hopes to resume face-to-face meetings in September. There will be a Covid19 Safety Plan in place with a limit on numbers. Visitors will be welcome if there is space available, but they will need to contact the Convenor and agree to the guidelines prior to the meeting.

Elizabeth Pogson

Macarthur: After a false start in July, it will be lovely to see our Saturday members on 22 August. We are also meeting on Monday 14 September. Everyone please play by the rules so we can resume to the new-norm. Keep safe, happy & healthy!!

Alexandra Vainauskas

Pittwater: In a Covid-safe way Pittwater is meeting at their usual venue with all the necessary restrictions. Although workshops are not possible, we have Show and Tell and exchange of ideas. We are making beanies and scarves for the Cancer Council campaign and at our next meeting on 18 August we hope to watch a demonstration from Maureen of a crochet technique. Please contact our Convenor if you wish to join us.

Pat McGregor

Woy Woy: We will have a socially-distanced celebration of our 3rd birthday on 15 August. A Show and Tell of items we have made using information learned at the Guild should prove interesting. While workshops are on hold for a while, we are still able to exchange tips and tricks; this month's tip will be on lifelines.

Mary Carlos

Norah Gaughan

Congratulations are due to Norah, who has recently been appointed Editor-in-Chief of Vogue Knitting. Many of you will have met her when she was our guest at the 2017 Camp at Galston Gorge, and conducted workshops for the Guild around the State. She is one of the Guild's three Honorary Members. We wish her well in her new post and look forward to seeing her talent and flair applied to the magazine.

The Biggest Show and Tell

We are all missing Show and Tell which is generally members' favourite part of their Group meetings. So we're hosting a Guild-wide online version.

Bring along a knitted or crocheted item which you have finished since the Groups stopped meeting in March, and be prepared to tell us the name of the pattern and yarn used. And of course bring your current project to work on while we chat. We're looking forward to meeting and hearing from members across the State.

The link to the Zoom meeting is in the email you received with this issue of KGBytes.

KNITTERS' GUILD NSW BIGGEST SHOW AND TELL

Saturday 29 August
11.00am – 12.30pm

Waiting room opens from 10.45
and closes at 11.10

Knitter Wanted

The Guild has received a request from a knitter in North West Sydney who finds that she is no longer able to knit so would like to employ someone to make a baby blanket for her. She has the yarn (Shepherd 3ply Baby Wool Merino) and the pattern, which is available as a free download here:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/feather-knitted-shawl>

If you would be interested in helping her, do please contact the President for further information.

Happy Granny Square Day !

Today (15 August) is Granny Square Day which is an international celebration on Instagram, where you'll find many Granny square resources, including basic instructions and free square patterns.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/Grannysquareday> for further information. And enjoy the day!

Knitting & Crocheting for Charity

Westmead Children's Hospital is looking for knitted or crocheted octopuses for babies and special needs patients. Ravelry has a number of suitable patterns so we suggest you start your search there.

The finished items should be sent to:

Debra Fowler, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Locked Bag 4001, Westmead, NSW 2145

Westmead Children's Hospital – Aboriginal Health Worker: So many of you kindly donated squares to create blankets for Aboriginal children in Westmead and Randwick Children's Hospitals. Renee Glass, a Kuring-gai Group member, has done a wonderful job putting these together and at the last count has made 14 blankets. Congratulations and thank you, Renee.

Knit for Cancer: If you've been making beanies or scarves for the Cancer Council's Knit for Cancer campaign, please note that these are to be delivered to them by 30 August. Please send your garment/s back to:

Cancer Council NSW, Knit For Cancer, PO Box 816 Potts Point, NSW 1335

Alternatively, Cancer Council offices are also accepting drop-offs. The office locations are here:

<https://www.doitforcancer.com.au/event/knit-for-cancer/knit-for-cancer-faqs>

Whether you are posting or dropping off, please make sure to include the Cancer Council-supplied return slip with your item/s.

Miracle Babies: If you're wanting to knit or crochet items for premature babies, this site has a number of free patterns for hats, blankets and teddy bears. It also has sewing patterns.

<https://tinyurl.com/miraclebabiesorg>

Aussies Knitting for War-Affected Kids (AKWAK): No date has yet been set for these items to be shipped to Syria so please hold onto them for the time being and we'll let you know when and where they are to be delivered.

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Yarn Donations

The Guild has recently received two kind offers of donated yarn which needs to be collected from the donors.

2 bags of 3-ply baby wool are available to be collected from **Liverpool**.

The yarn stash of a knitter who is no longer able to knit, is available to be collected from **Kanahooka**, south of Wollongong.

If you're able to pick up this yarn for your Group, please contact the President who will give you the full details.

Group Guidelines

Last week, the Guild sent the recently-updated Group Guidelines to all Group Convenors, Secretaries and Treasurers, together with templates for the submission of Group accounts. These Guidelines are also available in the Members Only section of the Guild website.

If you are thinking of standing for one of these positions at your Group's AGM in November, please take a look at this document which explains what the roles involve.

Camera Loan Required for AGM

The Guild's AGM is taking place on 19 September at Sydney Mechanics School of Arts in Pitt Street, Sydney, with social-distancing measures in place. We would also love to be able to invite members to attend by video-link but to do this we need a video camera in the theatre. Would any member have a suitable camera they would be willing to loan to us and operate on the day? Do contact the President if you are able to help.

And Another Useful Free Website

How much yarn do you need for your next project? Just enter the type of item (sweater, hat, socks etc) and the stitch gauge into this Jimmy Beans calculator.

<https://www.jimmybeanswool.com/secure-html/onlineec/knittingCalculator.asp#knitCalcResults>

Please let us all know what your Group will be doing. Send the details to the President by 7th of each month.