



KG Bytes



A Knitted Bakery

Created by Kate Jenkins from Brighton in the UK, and displayed at the Handmade Festival in Barcelona in May 2019. All knitted, using about 30kg of yarn!



Annual General Meeting

Please put a note in your diary that the Guild's Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:

Saturday 19 September at 11.00am
Sydney Mechanics School of Arts
280 Pitt Street, Sydney

The official notification will be sent to all members in July.

The Big Wool Show

(17-20 July 2020)

At this time of year, many of us are getting excited about attending the Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo but unfortunately it has had to be cancelled this year. So why not attend The Big Wool Show online?

"Grab a cuppa, tune in, and enjoy The Big Wool Show right from your living room!

Over four huge days in July, tune in and join us for a knit-a-long, brush up on your skills with our Masterclasses, and go shopping with your favourite stallholders."

For all details, go to www.thebigwoolshow.com

Charity Knitting

Wrap With Love is still going strong, having started in 1992. In that time, they've been able to donate over half a million blankets to those in need, both in Australia and overseas. They accept full blankets or individual squares which their volunteers sew up. The full specifications and instructions are available on their website. <http://www.wrapwithlove.org/>

Cancer Council NSW is launching a campaign within the next few days to collect hats and scarves for people undergoing treatment for cancer. All the details, together with basic patterns, will be on their website. But if you're raring to go, you should stock up now on blue, grey and white yarn – they're asking that each item be made with 2 or 3 of these colours.

<https://www.cancercouncil.com.au>

Guild Insurance

A note to Group Officers

The latest Certificate of Currency for the Guild's Public Liability Insurance is now available on our website. Log into the site and go to Group Administration to find a copy which you may need to provide to the owners of your meeting venue, or to take part in a fair or show.

More Useful Free Websites

An excellent series of video tutorials has been produced by Guild member Jenny Whiting (West Ryde) with detailed instructions for making a simple freeform crochet lacy top. These can be found on Jenny's YouTube channel at:

<https://tinyurl.com/JennifreeDesigns>

The Australian Yarn Company (previously Australian Country Spinners) has many free patterns in their Patons, Cleckheaton, Shepherd, Panda and Heirloom ranges. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/AussieYarn>

Knitty is a free quarterly online magazine with many patterns and articles. For the latest issue, go to: <https://knitty.com/ISSUEff20/index.php>

Drops Designs have over 120,000 free knitting and crocheted patterns. Visit them at: <https://www.garnstudio.com/home.php?cid=19>

For a huge number of free crochet patterns, go over to All Free Crochet at: <https://www.allfreecrochet.com/>

And you can find free Tunisian crochet patterns at: <https://tinyurl.com/FreeTunisiancrochet>

News From The Groups

Do let us know if your group is recommending face-to-face meetings and any events/workshops you have planned. Send the details to the President's email address by 7th of each month.

If you promote your events in KGBytes, the benefits are threefold:

1. It reminds your own Group's members.
2. It advertises the event to members of other Guild Groups who may be interested in attending.
3. It gives other Groups great ideas for future events of their own.

Please note that if you wish to attend an event being held by another Group, it's advisable to contact that Group's Convenor beforehand as there will probably be a limit on those who may attend during the current crisis.

Oh, How Things Have Changed!

We came across this knitting competition held in 1955 in the Weekend Mail. And the first prize is £500! (That's pounds, not dollars). And to give you an idea of how much that was worth, the classified advertisements on the same page show that you could buy a 2-3 bedroom home for less than £4000 in 1955.

A Good Yarn

If you're the person who writes your Group's report for inclusion in the Guild's magazine, A Good Yarn, please remember that these should be with us by 15 July for our August issue.

Let us know what your group has been doing while you've been unable to hold meetings.

Please send your reports and photos to:

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