



# KGBytes

## From The President

Since March the Guild has been publishing two issues of KGBytes a month to help us all stay in touch with what is going on in the knitting and crocheting world in these very difficult times. Now that a number of Groups are meeting in person, we are reverting to the old format of issuing KGBytes on 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, so our next issue will be 15 August. Thanks must go to so many of you who have supplied me with websites, articles, and details of charities to enable me to fill two pages twice a month. Do please keep that going! And don't forget that information about your own Group's activities should be with me by 7<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in that month's issue.

I do hope that all Groups will soon be able to hold their meetings and I look forward to being able to visit many of them as soon as possible. In the meantime, Zoom meetings are still available for those groups that would like to hold them. Just drop me a line if you'd like to use the Guild's Zoom account, and I'll organise it.

It's been such a difficult time for everyone and we know it's not over yet but in NSW maybe the worst is behind us?

**Sally Ogilvie**

## Knitter Wanted - "Romance was Born"

An experienced hand knitter and/or knitting pattern writer is wanted for a contemporary fashion house in Sydney, to create one-off jumpers. Colourful and fun designs, often with pictures or writing. There is no need to live in Sydney as this can all be done via mail. They will pay for materials plus all postage and a per-piece fee.

For further details, email [info@romancewasborn.com](mailto:info@romancewasborn.com)

## Charity Knitting

**Cancer Council NSW** has just launched a campaign for knitters and crocheters. They are requesting hats and scarves that they will give to cancer patients, with any excess (or those not suitable for sensitive heads) to be sold to raise funds. All the details are on their website, where you are asked to register. There are some suggested patterns available there but you are free to use your own patterns if you prefer. They ask that the items are made in blue, white and grey, using 2 or more colours ..... and of course very soft yarn. Hats should be made in the round to avoid a seam which could be irritating on a bare head.

They request that the items be sent to them by 30 August. When you register you will also find their **Freepost** mailing address. For all information, visit: <https://www.doitforcancer.com.au/event/knit-for-cancer/>



## Aussies Knitting for War-Affected Kids (AKWAK):

Because of the current international situation, it isn't yet known exactly when these items will be shipped to Syria. So please hold onto them for the time being and we'll give you the information about where these should be delivered as soon as we have it.

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## News From The Groups

**Blacktown:** We have now returned to our monthly meetings but the numbers are limited to 20. Priority for the hall meetings will be given to members without access to Zoom. The weekly Zoom meetings will be ongoing but on a fortnightly basis - one at the same time as the hall meeting and the other the opposite fortnight. All Guild members are welcome to join in. Contact our Convenor for Zoom details.

**Eleanor Haim**

**Epping:** We are resuming meetings on Mondays under strict Covid-safe conditions including limiting attendees to 22 persons. Members of the group have been informed about the new conditions. Members of Epping group who are not able to return yet are welcome at the Zoom meeting run by Daphne. Email [daphneferg@gmail.com](mailto:daphneferg@gmail.com) to find out how to join in. Visitors from other groups must contact the convenor, Anne Moore, at [tgmoores@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tgmoores@bigpond.net.au) to see if there is a place available and to find out what they need to bring. No casual visitors will be allowed at meetings for the next few months.

**Epping Crochet Group** is not restarting meetings yet. It is too difficult to demonstrate crochet to someone having difficulties from 1.5 metres away. Members of this group are welcome at Epping Group on a Monday morning to work on your own projects provided you email the Epping Convenor, as above.

**Anne Moore**

**Ku-ring-gai:** Monday 27th July 10.00am - We will be meeting via Zoom again as we are still waiting for access to our meeting room. Please join us with your knitting and crocheting for a catch-up.

**Elizabeth Pogson**

**Macarthur:** 13th and 25th July – Hip, hip hooray ..... We can commence meeting again, with quite strict guidelines. So we now have a Monday group & a Saturday group - unfortunately no visitors at the moment, but it will be lovely to see everyone face to face again.

**Alexandra Vainauskas**

**Pittwater:** We are delighted to announce we are gathering at our usual venue, Pittwater RSL Club, on 21 July. Although we have stayed in touch via our own newsletter this will be the first time in four months we will be together, informally, staying within the restrictions of the RSL Club. Dependent upon regulations we hope to have our next meeting on 4 August with the largest Show and Tell of the century. Contact our Convenor if you wish to join us.

**Pat McGregor**

## News From The Groups (cont'd)

**Queanbeyan:** We are very pleased to be able to meet in person again. The group re-commenced meetings on 11 July with a lot of new safety measures in place, including limited numbers and BYO afternoon tea. Even with the new restrictions, it is great to be in the same room again.

**Teresa Morey**

**Woy Woy:** We will have our first meeting back at our usual hall on 18 July. Due to social distancing requirements, please remember to advise me if you are coming.

**Mary Carlos**

## Baby Surprise Jacket

Most knitters are familiar with Elizabeth Zimmerman's Baby Surprise Jacket, which was created in 1968. But did you know that there are many variations on the original pattern?

On Ravelry, there is an entire group of nearly 7,000 members devoted to this jacket and it's full of resources and tips. You'll find advice on producing different sizes, including for dolls and premature babies, making a snow suit, crocheting a BSJ and using stocking stitch instead of garter stitch. There is even a stranded colourwork version now available.

Visit the group at <https://www.ravelry.com/groups/baby-surprise-jacket>

*BSJ in Stocking Stitch,  
with collar*



*Original BSJ in Garter  
Stitch*



For most of these variations, you will need the original pattern. There is a complete list of where this is available at: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baby-surprise-jacket>

You may find that your Group's library stocks one or more of these books. Or visit the publisher's own site where you can now purchase a digital copy of the pattern: <https://www.schoolhousepress.com/patterns.html>