



# KG Bytes

## Charity Knitting & Crocheting

Are you ready to send off all those items that we know many of you have been making for the various charities we've mentioned over the last few months?

### Scarves for the homeless in Sydney:

Winter Warm Project, c/o Kristine Ekelund  
PO Box 112, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715

### Completed Blankets and Teddy Bears for the Children's Aboriginal Health Worker at Westmead and Randwick Children's hospitals:

Tanya Quinn, Aboriginal Health Unit  
Westmead Children's Hospital  
Cnr Hawksbury Road and Hainsworth Street  
Westmead NSW 2145

### Squares to be sewn up for the Children's Hospitals:

Renee Glass  
19 Lynbara Avenue, St Ives, NSW 2075

**Lyn O'Brien (West Ryde)** had the lovely idea of edging her blanket with the colours of the Aboriginal Flag.



When sending these to your chosen charity, please remember to tell them you're from the Knitters' Guild.

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

Details of the collection of these items will be provided in our next issue.

## Interesting Fact

The earliest known crochet patterns are thought to have been published in 1824 in Holland.

## Annual General Meeting

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Guild (postponed from May 2020) will now be held as follows (Government regulations permitting).

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

The official Notice, together with Executive Committee nomination forms, will be sent to all members in July. The Agenda, Annual Reports and Accounts will be sent in August, in accordance with the Guild's Constitution.

## Guild Talk



Do you just use Ravelry to find your latest project? Or maybe you've never used it at all as you've found it a bit overwhelming? Are you aware of all that the website has to offer? Join Kris Howard on Saturday 4 July at 11.00am on Zoom for a comprehensive introduction to Ravelry.

To book your place, email our Workshop Convenor, Julie Hogan, before 1 July, at:  
workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

## More Useful Free Websites

The website **10RowsADay** provides a number of really useful leaflets, e-books, videos, charts and patterns. You're required to subscribe to their free newsletter to be able to download these free of charge.

<https://www.10rowsaday.com/library>

Would you like to knit a picture of your own into a project? **Stitchfiddle** makes it easy to download your own picture and produce the chart ready to follow.

<https://tinyurl.com/Stitchfiddle-picture>

## News From The Groups

**Ku-ring-gai:** The talking point at our next monthly Zoom meeting on Monday 22 June will be about who inspired your passion to knit or crochet. How old were you? Who was that special person in your life who gave you the gift of their time to teach you?

*From Elizabeth Pogson – Ku-ring-gai Group*

*(If you would like to join this, or any other Group's Zoom meeting, do contact that Group's Convenor. Contact details are available on the Guild's website under the Locations tab.)*

**Northern Beaches:** I have been advised and am optimistic that next week the Nelson Heather Centre will be opened and we will be able to meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. It has seemed a long time since we have been able to click and giggle. We will have to maintain the 1.5 metre separation, but have lots of room to achieve that. We had planned to demonstrate Invisible Cast on so will get the notes organised for you to learn. You will need to bring 8ply yarn and 4mm needles.

*From Elaine Dewey – Northern Beaches Group*

**Mudgee:** Our next meeting will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00pm at the CWA Rooms. We have plenty of room for social distancing. We will not be sharing food – you can bring your own and tea/coffee will be available. Please bring your own hand sanitiser or there will be plenty of soap and water. And bring Show and Tell – what have you been doing in isolation?

*From Barbara Gow – Mudgee Group*

*When your Group starts face-to-face meetings again, would you please abide by the following guidelines:*

- *Check with your venue's landlord as they may have guidelines in place for you*
- *No more than 20 people may attend an indoor meeting. Make sure that your venue will allow for at least 4sq.m per person*
- *Enforce social distancing measures, ie keep 1.5m away from each other*
- *Do not shake hands with or hug another member*
- *Ask members to provide their own food and bring a cup/mug for drinks, or provide disposable cups.*
- *Provide members with hand-sanitiser and ensure there is plenty of soap available*
- *Ensure that every member and visitor signs into the meeting. In the case of visitors, ask them to provide contact details (ie mobile phone number).*

**Please follow the rules and we should all be safe.**

## Turning Your Hobby Into Cash

We've probably all been told by a non-knitting or crocheting admirer "You could sell that" and we all know that our hours of labour will rarely be fully compensated.

This was brought into sharp focus recently when a crocheted scarf was appearing all over social media. Many people were looking for crocheters willing to make them one. So we did the sums!

The pattern is available on Ravelry for \$9.50. The yarn specified is available at Spotlight for \$55. The cost to the customer therefore so far will be \$64.50 before the crocheter has actually picked up her hook and started charging for her time and skill.

**ON THE OTHER HAND** the buyer could visit a US website where the identical scarf is available to buy, ready-made, for the US equivalent of AU\$50, including postage to Australia.

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/perfect-pockets-shawl>

<https://cherryzones.com/product/perfect-comfy-pocket-shawl/>

## Zoom Meetings

Many of us have been attending Zoom meetings over the last few weeks and loved the virtual backgrounds that some members are using. Did you know that you can download specific knitting, crochet and yarn backgrounds from the Knitpicks website to brighten up your room?

Visit <https://www.knitpicks.com/virtual-backgrounds> to pick your favourite.

