



KG Bytes

New Guild Executive Committee

At the Guild's Annual General Meeting held on 19 September, the following members were elected to the Guild's Executive Committee:

President:

Sally Ogilvie (Woy Woy)

Vice-Presidents:

Bron Harrison (Inner City)

Maureen North (Pittwater)

Secretary:

Pat McGregor (Pittwater)

Treasurer:

Merrin Marks (Mid-North Coast)

Committee Members:

Caroline Craig (Blacktown)

Lesley Diskin (West Ryde)

Miranda Fabian (Ku-ring-gai)

Julie Hogan (Macarthur)



FibreFest 2020 sadly had to be cancelled but we're going ahead online this year. 20+ retailers will be offering discounts and promotions. Just go to our website from 10am on Saturday 24 October to see what's on offer and **get shopping!**

www.knittersguildnsw.org.au

An email will be sent to all members on Thursday 22 October with further details and discount codes. Don't forget to look out for it!

Colour Theory – Zoom Talk

Kathryn Trippett is the owner of the Australian Wool Store. She has a wealth of experience in both dyeing and knitting, and will be speaking about how to make the best use of colour. Kathryn will show you how to choose and combine colours for the greatest impact and how to use two different colour strands together to create a different effect. After listening to Kathryn you will become more confident with your choice and use of colour.

Sunday 8 November – 10.30am

**Book your place by emailing
Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au**

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A Short Survey

Zoom talks and workshops are proving to be very popular with Guild members but we'd like to hear from you about the best days/times to hold them. We'd be very grateful if you would complete a short survey for us – it will take less than 2 minutes.

Please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7XN7XH>

Knitting & Crocheting for Charity

Knit for Cancer: We know that many of you knitted and crocheted beanies and scarves for Cancer Council NSW's campaign. The Council has advised us that they received 6500 beanies and 2200 scarves, and want to thank all the Guild members who contributed to these totals. We understand that they may be holding a similar campaign next year.

Aussies Knitting for War-Affected Kids (AKWAK): Many of you are knitting sweaters, hats, blankets, mittens, cowls and socks for children in Syrian refugee camps. AKWAK has now added hot water bottle covers to the list of items they'd really appreciate – and if you could include a hot water bottle, that would be wonderful (though not essential).

Knitters Wanted

A Sydney retailer is looking for knitters to knit simple sweaters (long-sleeved, short-sleeved and sleeveless) and skirts in 14ply wool and 7mm needles. The body and sleeves of the sweaters have no shaping, except for a front neckline. The skirts consist of 2 rectangles. Good commercial rates are being paid. If you would like to receive further information, please write to President@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Membership Renewals

The Guild membership renewal season for 2021 opens on 1 November 2020. The easiest way to renew is online via our website. Full details will be in the November issue of A Good Yarn. For all queries about membership, please contact:

Clare at Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

The membership renewal fee, after **11 years** at \$30 a year, will be reduced to **\$25** for 2021 for those renewing between 1 November 2020 and 30 June 2021. The Executive Committee decided to make this change to compensate all members in some small way for the reduced number of events and activities we've been able to hold in 2020.

"Reasons I Love The Guild"

We recently received from a member a wonderful list of "Reasons I love the Guild". Our favourites are:

- When I talk to people about knitting, their eyes don't glaze over
- When I talk about my stash, other knitters know I'm not talking about drugs
- I've made friends and I feel welcome
- After years of knitting on my own, I can now go and knit with others

If you have some reasons you'd like to share with us, we'd love to publish them.

Group AGMs

Group AGMs are due to be held in November. We appreciate that some groups are not yet meeting in person but you may hold your AGM via Zoom/Skype/email if you wish to do so. We do ask that all Groups hold an AGM before 31 January 2021 or when you start meeting again face-to-face, whichever is the sooner. PLEASE send details of your Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer to the Guild Secretary, even if the same people are continuing for another year.

Requirements for Charity Knitting

The Guild receives many offers of yarn donations and we like to direct these to where they are most needed. So if your Group has a specific requirement, do let us know. If you're knitting for AKWAK, you'll need pure wool, if for Wrap with Love 8ply acrylic, any colours, and for the Purple Poppy campaign, purple yarn, of course. Let the Guild Secretary know and we'll try to fill the gaps with either donated yarn or by asking other Groups if they'd be able to help.

News From The Groups

Blacktown: 14 November - We'll be meeting at 10 am and this will be our AGM. Zoom will be available (fortnightly from 3 October) for those who do not wish to meet physically. The usual COVID-safe rules will apply.

Eleanor Haim

Crochet Turrumurra: 4 November – We have resumed meetings (10am-12pm) and our November meeting will be our AGM. Numbers are limited, so please let Diane know.

diane@silverhorse.com.au or ring 0409 421 594

Diane Scaysbrook

Epping Group: We meet every Monday. Visitors and anyone who has not been back since the lockdown are asked to email the Convenor Anne Moore (tgmoore@bigpond.net.au) to make sure there is a place for you as numbers are limited.

Anne Moore

Epping Crochet Group: 9 November – We will be meeting for the first time since lockdown. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact the Convenor, Eleanor Goldfinch (eleanorg22@tpg.com.au), before coming so you know what to bring and how to stay Covid-safe. At this meeting possible future meetings will be discussed and AGM reports will be presented. There will be no crochet tuition, just social crochet &/or knitting.

Eleanor Goldfinch

Kiama: 17 October – Our meeting will be held in the Joyce Wheatley Community Centre, Terralong Street Kiama. This is a temporary location as we are currently unable to use our regular hall due to COVID19 restrictions.

Jean Shelley

Ku-ring-gai: 26 October - A face-to-face gathering adhering to our Covid-safe plan. We are not able to have a workshop, but we offer friendship, an opportunity to chat and Show and Tell. Please email our Convenor, Miranda Fabian, at knitting-group@bigpond.com before the meeting, if you would like to join us.

Elizabeth Pogson

A Good Yarn – Deadline

Today – 15 October – is the deadline for your Group Report to be sent to the Editor. If you haven't already submitted yours, please do send it to Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au before the end of the day for inclusion in our November issue.

News From The Groups (cont'd)

Macarthur: Saturday 24 October & Monday 9 November – We are still all working really well in our COVID-safe environment - the “new-norm”.

Everyone can come once a month as we allocate particular days for individuals. It's been so nice to see everyone, and some great “Show & Tells”. We are starting to plan lessons for next year ... hopefully back to normal.

Alexandra Vainauskas

Northern Beaches: 17 October - At last, our Group will be having a normal ‘Talkfest’ meeting on Saturday 17th October at the usual time of 10.15am – 1pm. We will be keeping safe distancing as required and surfaces will be sanitized as required by Council. Morning tea will be provided in disposable utensils. We will be discussing ‘Finishing Off’, an area often neglected.

Elaine Dewey

Pittwater: 20 October - We are planning an interesting Show and Tell and will continue to make purple poppies. Although we usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month too, we will not do so on 3 November as this is Melbourne Cup Day and members may only gather informally at our usual venue, Pittwater RSL.

Pat McGregor

Queanbeyan: 14 November - At our AGM in November we will be looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer. Both our Secretary, Claire Krause, and Treasurer, Liesa Hindmarsh, will step down after several years in their respective roles. We will farewell them with gratitude and welcome in some new energy and ideas to our executive team. In November we will also be making plans for our end of year Christmas celebration, which will look a little different to the usual party. The group's members will still take the opportunity to get together and enjoy our crocheting and knitting.

Teresa Morey

Woy Woy: 17 October – We're having a short workshop on a better way to stripe your ribbing and a neater edging for garter stitch. COVID-safe procedures are in place.

Mary Carlos