



KGBytes

From the President

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope you are all well and safe. That has to be everyone's top priority at the moment. I know it's particularly difficult for those of you who live alone or aren't able to spend time with your families. Throughout the Covid-19 crisis, the Guild will be producing two issues of KGBytes each month with useful information about online resources and ways in which all members can keep connected with their friends. If you know of something that you think members may enjoy or find interesting, do please tell me. Please look after yourselves and each other.

Sally Ogilvie

Guild Magazine

Voting to choose a new name for our magazine closes on **2 April**, so if you haven't yet voted, now is your last chance. If you voted anonymously your vote will not be included as we have to ensure that only current members vote and that they don't vote twice. So if you didn't leave your name, please go back and complete the survey again.

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

The new name will be announced in the next issue of KGBytes, together with the name of the member who suggested it, and who will receive our prize. The magazine will be sent out digitally to members in the first week of May and we hope that the printed copy will be available at the same time but of course this will depend on the situation with our printing company.

Group Reports for Magazine

Your Group Reports are due by **15 April** for the next issue of the magazine (with its new name). Please include all events and activities in your group since your last report in the middle of January and send to the Editor by the due date.

Annual General Meeting

PLEASE NOTE that the Guild's AGM, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday 2 May 2020, has of necessity had to be postponed. As soon as we are able to do so, we will advise you of the new date.

Blacktown Show

Many, many thanks to all the people that volunteered to help at the recent Blacktown Show. We received a multitude of compliments on how the drop off was so well run. I couldn't have done it without your generosity in giving up your time to help out. The displays looked excellent and I have to particularly thank Jan and Ting for their artistic talents in arranging the entries.

Caroline Craig

Isolated at Home?

As obsessive knitters and crocheters, we always have something on our needles/hooks, don't we? But if we're running out of ideas, there are many charities who would really appreciate our efforts. Create a scarf or cowl for the homeless for the upcoming winter. Or an item of really warm clothing (hats, mittens, scarves, cowls, sweaters, socks) for children who will face an incredibly cold winter in Syrian refugee camps later in the year (75% + wool, please). We'll let you know in a later issue of KGB how you can get these to us.

And if your hands need a break, have a bit of downtime by relaxing with a FREE knitting magazine – there are so many available here:

<https://archive.org/details/knittingmagazines>

Social Distancing v. Personal Distancing

'Social Distancing' really means 'Personal Distancing' – we can still socialise but we'll have to do it online for the immediate future. Many of the Guild's groups have Facebook (F/B) and/or Ravelry (Rav) groups and we're listing the ones we've been able to locate. If we've omitted yours, we do apologise. Please let us know about it and we'll publicise it in the next issue. Some of these online groups have been neglected recently but perhaps now is the time to give them a little 'kick-start' so you can keep in touch with each other and share your work. As you'll notice, the names of the groups are presented in a variety of ways but we've written them exactly as they appear in either Facebook or Ravelry. If you join a Guild group which isn't your home group, remember to introduce yourself.

BLACKTOWN:

(F/B) Knitter's Guild NSW – Blacktown Group

BLUE MOUNTAINS:

(F/B) Knitters Guild NSW – Blue Mountains

EPPING:

(F/B) Epping knitters

INNER CITY:

(Rav) Inner City Knitter's Guild NSW

INNER WEST:

(Rav) Inner West Group KGNWS

MAITLAND:

(Rav) Maitland Knitters' Guild

MID-NORTH COAST:

(Rav) Knitters Guild NSW – Mid North Coast Group

MUDGEES:

(F/B) Mudgee Knitters Guild

NORTHERN TABLELANDS:

(F/B) Knitters Guild NSW Northern Tablelands

PITTWATER:

(F/B) Knitters' Guild of NSW – Pittwater Group

QUEANBEYAN:

(F/B) Knitters' Guild (Queanbeyan)
(Rav) Knitters' Guild NSW Qbn group

THE ENTRANCE:

(Rav) Knitters' Guild NSW – The Entrance Group

WOY WOY:

(F/B) Knitters' Guild NSW – Woy Woy

The Guild on Social Media

The Guild has a social media presence across the internet - on Ravelry, Facebook and Instagram. Do please join our groups, follow us and contribute so that we can all stay in touch.

The News page on the Guild website will be updated regularly with activities and events to keep you occupied while in isolation.

Online Meetings

Do consider holding your regular Group meetings online, using Zoom or Skype. You can see each other, chat and of course hold a Show and Tell – most members' favourite part of any meeting. Both of these programs have free versions available and are easy to use. If you'd like a Guild Executive Member to host your first online meeting to help you get started, please let us know.

Support our Retail Members

We know that many businesses are suffering at the moment – many won't survive and others will struggle over the next few months. **PLEASE** if you're in a position to acquire more yarn, do purchase it online from one of the Guild's Retail Members. They support the Guild brilliantly across the year and we must do the same for them. Visit the Guild website (at Members/Retail Members) to find a list of our current Retailers.

Convent and Chapel Competition

One of our long-standing and very supportive Retail Members is currently running a wonderful competition open to anyone who has bought yarn from them in the past 5 years. The prize is a weekend in Rylestone to be enjoyed when we're once again free to travel or a \$400 credit at the shop! For full details visit their 27 March post on their Facebook page:

<https://tinyurl.com/conventandchapel>

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