



# KGBytes

## New Guild Members

*A warm welcome to our new Members*

<b>Clarence Valley</b> Kaye Ware	<b>Interstate</b> Deborah Albert Cherie Oxley
<b>Crochet (Turrumurra)</b> Rhonda Bicego	Anne Murphy Jade Everett
<b>Goulburn</b> Patricia Maher	<b>Pittwater</b> Xandra May Georgette Tabor
<b>Inner City</b> Barbara Radzevicius	<b>Wollongong</b> Diane Cassidy
<b>Retail</b> Call of the Yarn <a href="https://www.calloftheyarn.com/">https://www.calloftheyarn.com/</a>	

*A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error please contact [membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au)*

## Guild Membership Renewals

Inevitably, as happens each Renewal season, we've the mammoth task of matching forms to payments from Members. Forms need to be received from members with indication of form of payment. Additionally, payments received cannot be reconciled because Agent deposits (made at a bank) can't be matched due to lack of accompanying receipt details. If you've yet to receive your emailed receipt for 2024, please contact [membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au) so that we can look into it for you. Please provide as much information relative to payment as you can to assist with the investigation.

*All forms received up to 31/12/2023 that could be matched to payment have been duly processed.*

## A Good Yarn Submission Deadline

This is a reminder that 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is the deadline date for submissions to A Good Yarn

## Group Financial Reports Deadline

This is a reminder for Group Treasurers that Group Financial Reports should be with the Guild's Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

## Group AGMs

Thank you again to those groups who have submitted details of Group Office Bearers for 2024, however we've no results to date from the following Groups; **Clarence Valley, Epping, Inner West, Maitland and Northern Tablelands**. Please send details to the Guild Secretary, without further delay, **even if there were no changes**, so that we've current and correct details on record.

## Group Officer Meeting

**Monday 22nd January 6.30pm – via Zoom**

Many of our groups now have new officers (Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer) so we thought it was about time we all got together to discuss the roles, and answer any questions that you may have. Please let Samantha, the Guild Secretary, know who will be attending from your group by 17<sup>th</sup> January please. The Zoom link will be sent out 24-48 hours before the meeting. Do try to send at least one representative to this meeting

## New Virtual Group Launching!

Our new Virtual Group is launching on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm, with the next meeting being held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am. We know that some of you aren't able to visit a Guild group as you live too far away from one of our 27 groups, or maybe you're housebound because of family commitments or health issues. We have many members who don't live in New South Wales, and some who don't even live in Australia. But we thought you'd still like to get together with like-minded people for a social occasion with the swapping of ideas, learning new skills and getting inspiration. If you'd like to join us, please send an email to [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au) to receive the Zoom link. If you have already requested this, it will be sent out to you a few days before the first meeting. Do tell your non-Guild friends about this. For the normal membership fee of \$30 (plus \$10 joining fee), they'll receive all the benefits of membership such as the monthly KGBytes, the quarterly A Good Yarn, access to online workshops and talks, and of course the Cruise and the Gathering PLUS a group meeting twice a month.



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## Save The Dates!

22<sup>nd</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Sydney Easter Show

Visit the Guild stand on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### Guild Annual General Meeting 11.00am

SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney and also via Zoom

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

### World Wide Knit in Public Day (Let us know what your group is planning)

3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July

### Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair

International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour  
Visit the Guild stand throughout the Fair

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> August

### Guild Gathering

The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops  
Bookings will open in April

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### FibreFest 2024

Wyang Racecourse

## Upcoming Workshop Provisional Casts On

Do you want to leave your cast-on stitches 'live' so that you can put them back on the needles later to add a hem, or knit your item in the other direction? Have you always found provisional casts on a bit tricky? Or perhaps you don't really know what they are or how to use them? Ann Budd will be holding a one hour workshop, via Zoom, on Saturday 10 February when she'll show you 4 methods of provisional casting on. This is a very useful skill to have in your repertoire!

**Date:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am

**Cost:** \$18

**To Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/COCUW>

**GROUP CONVENORS/SECRETARIES** – Please don't forget to take a printed copy of KGBytes to your next Group meeting so that those members who don't have computer access may be kept informed.



## Guild Gathering 2024

### Help Needed, Please!

We're looking for volunteers to help with the following at the Gathering in 2024, so if you're planning to attend (and we're sure you'll all have this in your diaries), please email Sally at [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au). Or maybe you could approach someone in your group who you think would be able to help.

- \* A tutor for a Latvian Knitted Braid workshop (1.25 hrs)
- \* A tutor for a German Short Row workshop (1.25 hrs)
- \* Members who would be willing to demonstrate the following yarn craft skills:
  - Spinning, with wheel
  - Drop spindle spinning
  - Flat-bed machine knitting
  - Circular machine knitting

## Guild Stand at Royal Easter Show

Sydney's Royal Easter Show runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April this year, and the Guild has a display stand on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We're looking for members to volunteer to help on the stand for half a day, talking to visitors about the Guild and answering questions. Before or after your 'shift', you'll be free to visit the rest of the Show as a Day Ticket will be provided. If you would be interested in doing this, please email [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au) telling her which day you'd prefer and whether you'd like morning or afternoon.

**Reminder** - When referring to the Guild, please do remember it's Knitters' Guild NSW **not** NSW Knitters Guild. Nor is it Knitters' Guild of NSW



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## Warm Clothing For Ukraine

In the October issue of KGBytes, we asked for donations of children's items being collected by Good Neighbours for distribution to Ukrainian children in Romania and Ukraine. The charity was thrilled with the response from Guild members and very grateful for the items they received, which are now on their way to Europe and should be with the children in a couple of weeks.

Would you be willing to make something for their next shipment? They're requesting items for children aged 2+, and would particularly like sets of sweater, hat, mittens and socks. If you'd prefer to knit just one of these items, don't worry, as sets can be assembled from the donations they receive, or maybe you'd like to get together with friends and produce sets between you? Please send or take your items to arrive by 31<sup>st</sup> March to: Good Neighbours, Level 1, 5 George Street, North Strathfield, NSW 2137.

Alternatively, if you're attending the Easter Show this year, the Guild will have a stand on 24 and 25 March, where you can leave your items and we'll make sure they're delivered. And don't forget to put a note with them saying that you are a Knitters' Guild member.



## Requests from the public

- Request for a knitted sleeveless vest for a gentleman in the Penrith area. He is happy to buy yarn and pay for the work.
- Lady who is in a care home at Wahroonga but soon to move to St Ives Estia Health. She has slight dementia but loves to knit. She is looking for someone to visit and help her with the stitches etc.

If interested please phone 0437 239 391, which is the Guild's number, for further information

## News from the Groups

**Epping Mon 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 10am**

Social knitting meetings resume 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. First formal meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Any members whose group is not meeting for social knitting during January, you are most welcome to join us in January, for social knitting. **Shirley Gregory, Publicity**

**Capital Region Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm**

Our committee will be meeting in January to map out our calendar to include new techniques, new skills and also to refresh our knowledge in knitting and crocheting. Our January meeting will include setting new goals and starting our Jane Slicer-Smith KAL.

**Liz McNally, Secretary**

**Crochet (Turramurra) – No meeting in January**

Crochet (Turramurra) Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12pm at the Turramurra Uniting Church. Visitors are very welcome. The next meeting will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a catch up on crochet news over the last 2 months and discussion of demonstrations / workshops to be held in 2024. **Pat Hicks, Convenor**

**Inner West Group Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am**

Happy New Year! Please note that we will be meeting at Camperdown Commons on the **fourth** Monday of the month in January only. Please join us when we will be continuing to share our summer knitting projects and planning future topics. **Louise Zaluzny**

**Pittwater Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 1pm, Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm, Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm.**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - no meeting

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - chat and planning for the year.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - planning the program for the year.

Meet at Pittwater RSL from 1pm to 4pm. Anyone interested is very welcome.

**Janelle Grange, Secretary.**

### Contact Information

President: [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

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**Group news submissions** - If you have an event or meeting you would like to promote, please submit it **no later than 24th of each month** to the Guild Secretary [secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au). We reserve the right to edit these entries. **Early adherence to the submission date is encouraged. Any late submissions will be omitted.**