



November 2024

KGBytes

FINAL CALL

BOOKINGS CLOSING TOMORROW

Bring along your knitting and crocheting to Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday 10 November for 2 games of the Women's Big Bash League. At 10.10am, we have Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers and at 1.40pm, Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder. The Guild will be in the Platinum Reserve area under the Clive Churchill Stand. We're offering reduced-price tickets to Guild members at \$16 each (which you can use for both matches, or just one). For non-Guild members, the cost is \$21 - feel free to bring along some friends.

Go to Try Booking to book your place. Your ticket will be emailed to you nearer the date.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CWCIC>

**Bookings close at 6pm - Saturday 2
November**

NEW!

LAUNCH OF DESIGNERS' FORUM

The first meeting of the Guild's new Designers' Forum will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 19 November, via Zoom.

The forum is open to both professional and budding knitwear designers and is an opportunity to share ideas and skills. If you want to learn more about producing your own designs for personal use, for sale or for pattern sale, or are willing to share your knowledge with others, this is the group for you.

For further information, or to receive the link to the Zoom meeting, please write to: Designers@knittersguildnsw.org.au

FIBREFEST 2024

FibreFest took place on Sunday 13 October and all who attended declared it a great success - the stalls, the catwalk parade, the displays by other craft Guilds, and the RAFFLE! A huge Thank You must go to the retailers who were incredibly generous with the prizes they donated.

As anyone who has ever been involved in planning and executing an event of this magnitude will tell you, it takes an enormous amount of work and planning. And do remember that all this work is being carried out by our volunteers.

A number of members were involved over the weekend in setting up, directing traffic, selling raffle tickets, acting as models on our catwalk and answering questions about the Guild. Very many thanks to all of you who volunteered to help.

But of course a HUGE Thank You and the Guild's debt of gratitude goes to Jayne Kelderman and Gail Clark for whom it nearly became a full-time job. As well as receiving our thanks, we hope you felt a great sense of pride when you looked around you on the day and saw just what a wonderful event you'd created.

Put next year's date in your diary now - **Sunday 21 September 2025** at Wyong Racecourse.



GUILD CRUISE 2025

We're excited to announce that the fourth Knitters' Guild Cruise will be setting sail from 1 August to 4 August 2025 on the Carnival Splendor, three nights out of Sydney and back, Friday afternoon to early Monday morning, no stops.

Essentially, the premise is the same as the Guild Gathering - a bunch of knitters/crocheters gather together to learn (workshops) and interact (hang out together) and have a great knitty/crochet time away over a weekend but on a ship. And, as with the Gathering, all the tutors are Guild members so there is no additional charge to attend workshops. The only costs are the travel fare and any incidental personal on-board expenditure and possibly workshop materials. Cruise fares include accommodation and food.

Family members and friends are also very welcome to come along... we will have a Welcome Dinner for everyone on the Friday night. Non-knitty/crochet travel partners can get together, if they wish, to do "silly" stuff while we're learning important skills! In order to reduce costs, if you are not travelling with a partner, Guild members generally share cabins with other members from their Guild Group in twos, threes or even fours. However, some members don't have a Guild Group buddy with whom to share so they can register with me to be paired up with another Guild member in the same circumstance. For members choosing to travel solo the fare is 200% of the basic fare for the type of cabin required.

Guild Programme:

The workshops provided are determined by the skills of Guild members/tutors on the cruise and decided by popular vote as to what techniques will be formally or informally taught over the weekend together with lots of ideas/tips which are passed along in informal groups around the ship. We will also have quizzes, competitions and prizes.



New Guild Members

A warm welcome to our new members

Capital Region

Gareth Hilton-Smith

Epping

Juliette Buckingham

Inner West

Teresa Savage

Interstate

Susan Vinnicombe

Mid North Coast

Debbie Ward

Newcastle

Gayle Kidd

Sheridan Kidd

Colleen O'Brien

Wollongong

Kim Coady

Woy Woy

Helen Amos

A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error, please contact Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Ship Programme:

Our Guild workshops will only take up a few hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons, the rest of the time is spent around the ship with others knitting and crocheting" in public, with or without a cocktail, and enjoying the various entertainments on board.

Booking information:

Bookings can be arranged either directly with Carnival or with your preferred travel agent. Please let me know as soon as you have booked so that I can organise to get the bookings linked.

Ongoing information:

Once you have booked you will receive newsletters regarding the development of the workshop programme and any other up-date information.

Merrin Marks - Guild Cruise Director
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0411612670

Click here to access Carnival Cruise's details
<https://tinyurl.com/Guild-Cruise>
1-4 August 2025



News from the Groups

If you have an event or meeting you would like to promote, please submit it by 24th of each month to 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.

Capital Region: The next meeting of the Capital Region Group will be on 9 November at the Chifley Community Centre, 70 Maclaurin Crescent Chifley from 1.30 to 5pm. In addition to our AGM, Show and Share and Afternoon Tea our mini workshop for this meeting will be Ann Davis teaching us how to make bowls which are easy to make, even for novice crocheters, use up scraps of yarn and make great Christmas gifts. The previous weekend we are looking forward to our Mosaic Magic and Autumn Cowl workshops with Pru Raymond, known as 'Dear Pru', from Adelaide. Free workshops for kids to learn to knit or crochet on 3 November have also been arranged and advertised.

Christianna Cobbold

Crochet Turrumurra: The next meeting of the Crochet Turrumurra group is on Wednesday 6 November from 10-2 at the Turrumurra Uniting Church Hall. Visitors are very welcome. Cathy will be showing us how to do Mosaic Crochet. Bring 2 balls of contrasting colour 8ply yarn, 4mm hook, and scissors

Pat Hicks

Inner City: Inner City group meets on 2nd Saturday of every month from 11 am to 1pm at Cliff Noble Centre 24 Suttor St Alexandria. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday 9th November. November marks the 20th anniversary of the Inner City group. To celebrate we will be sharing a special luncheon whilst we hold our AGM and enjoy social knitting. We always love seeing visitors and would warmly welcome any Guild members who wish to come along to help us celebrate.

Jo and Kaye

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Inner West: Our group is very excited to learn that we can return to Camperdown Commons for our regular monthly meeting. However, PLEASE NOTE that we are now meeting on the third WEDNESDAY of the month. At our next meeting (Wednesday 20 November at 10.30am) we will be holding our AGM and deciding on topics for the year ahead.

Louise Zaluzny

Macarthur: The Macarthur Knitters' Guild ladies are winding down in November after a productive year filled with interesting lessons and outings. Our Monday 11 November meeting will be a catch up, where we can complete unfinished lessons, or our own projects. A reminder to bring in any completed beanies to be taken into the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in memory of Julie Hogan. We meet at the Camden CWA Hall behind the Coles carpark at 9.30am. On Saturday 23 November we will all meet up for our combined AGM and Christmas lunch.

Alison Wooten

Pittwater: Saturday 2nd: Knit & Natter with chat about ideas for Christmas decorations.

Tuesday 5th: Knitting at Jamieson Park as the RSL club will be busy with Melbourne Cup activities.

Tuesday 19th: AGM + ideas for Christmas decorations.

Our meetings are held at 1pm at Pittwater RSL club and we would love to see anyone interested in knitting or crochet.

Janelle Grange

GUILD MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewal of Guild Membership can be made as of today, 1st November 2024.

Renewals can be made online or by completing the form downloadable from the Guild site and returning it either by mail or post.

For a breakdown of the renewal process and options, refer to the last page of this issue of KGBytes.