



# KG Bytes

May 2025



## **Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair**

The Craft and Quilt Fair 2025 is once more at the ICC Sydney, Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour from Thursday 26 June to Sunday 29 June - 10am to 4pm and Knitters' Guild NSW will be there with a stand. This venue is very accessible by public transport.

For full details, visit their website:  
<https://www.craftfair.com.au/wp/Sydney/>

We will continue the very successful theme with Granny Squares and the Guild will exhibit, demonstrate making Granny Squares and invite visitors to have a go.

The Guild is looking for lots of volunteers for this stand, to chat to the visitors, tell them about the Guild and, of course, encourage them to join. We need at least three members for each session: 10.00am-1.00pm and 1.00pm-4.00pm for each of the four days. Each volunteer will receive free entry to the Show for the day (valued at \$25) which gives the opportunity to explore the show as well as helping the Guild. If you would like to help, please contact the Guild Secretary on [Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au) and indicate which dates and times suit you.

This event, along with others organised by the Guild are excellent opportunities to promote what the Guild is all about.

## **Test Knitters Required**

Robynn Ross has designed a beautiful 4 colour 5 ply fair isle cowl knitted in the round, with a horse theme for those mad about horses. It features 2 edges of 2 colour single corrugated rib, 2 bands of hearts, a band of 6 horses and a band of 6 'clipclops'.



There are minimal dealings with floats. End of May deadline please for a free cowl pattern when you send her a photo or two of your finished cowl.

If you'd be interested in knitting this, please contact Robynn at [Robynnelstudio@gmail.com](mailto:Robynnelstudio@gmail.com)

## **DON'T FORGET! Annual General Meeting Saturday 3 May**

Cast your Federal Election vote earlier in the week so that you're free to attend the Annual General Meeting, taking place on Saturday 3 May from 11am at SMSA, Pitt Street, Sydney, and online via a Zoom link.

You should have now all received the Agenda and Annual Reports. The Zoom link will be sent out to all members on Friday 2 May.

After the meeting (and sandwiches and cake), we have Kai Crosson, the General Manager of Bendigo Woollen Mills, joining us in Sydney as our Guest Speaker. Although it's wonderful that many of you are now able to attend the AGM via Zoom, it would be great if we had a room full of members "in the flesh" to greet her.

If you aren't able to attend, either in person or on Zoom, and wish to send your apologies, please do so emailing the Guild Secretary before Friday evening.

**Saturday 3 May - 11.00 am  
Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney  
PS: And if you forget to vote, there is a polling station in Sydney Town Hall - just a few minutes' walk away.**

## **Winners - Easter Show Competition**

Thank you to all of you who entered the competition to win two free tickets to the Sydney Easter Show.

The winners were Vivienne Henderson (The Entrance) and Jacinta Wood (Blacktown).

We hope you both enjoyed the Show!



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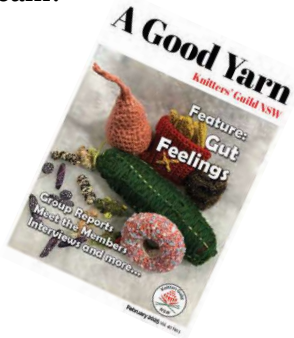
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## **A Good Yarn - Editor Required**

Unfortunately, Allyssa Carlton is having to step down from her role as Editor of our quarterly magazine, A Good Yarn. She's done a wonderful job and says that she's really enjoyed it.

Is this something you'd like to do? Plan each issue, find patterns, articles and interviews. No graphics skills are required as we hand it all over to our professional designer .

Help is available along the way, and maybe you'd like to get together with a friend (or 2) and work on this as a team?



For further information, or to discuss the role, do please contact Allyssa at [Editor@knittersguildnsw.or.g.au](mailto:Editor@knittersguildnsw.or.g.au)

## **Celebrate World Wide Knit In Public Day**

### **Gerrington & Kiama Public Library Free Displays**

**30 May (from 1pm) to 12 June (1pm)**

Open and launch of Gerrington Library & Museum (GlaM) WWKIP Exhibition from 1pm on 30 May by local artist Robyn Sharp and crafter/writer Perrie Croshaw. This features plant-dyed, hand-spun fine knits by Brian McCarthy, a display of Kiama area's best 2024/25 handmade *Wrap With Love* charity blankets, plus handmade quilts and embroidered fabric art by Kiama Quilters.

Cast your vote for the People's Choice *Wrap With Love* Blanket at GlaM.

**Kiama Library in June.** The Glass Cabinet display will feature Jenny England's fine hand-knit small figures and 3-D frames, plus *Wrap With Love* blankets made by local library Knit+Chat groups.

**Saturday 7 June - Knit-in at GlaM.** Join two men and their crochet projects from 9.30 - 3.00pm  
Note: The 2 week WWKIP exhibit at GlaM will not be open on Sundays or Mondays.

**Contact for further details: 0424 641663**

## **Our New and Re-Joining Members**

*A warm welcome to all. Please note that if a 2024 Member has not renewed their membership by 1 February, the membership has expired and any application from that member is considered to be a new application.*

**Blacktown:** Alejandra Santanelli

**Blue Mountains:** Gillian Hamilton

**Capital Region:** Emma O'Keefe

**Inner City:** Karen Gooch, Kaye Stefanovic

**Inner West:** Mieke Leppens

**Interstate:** Lea Lane

**Macarthur:** Lina de Angelis, Linda Lovely, Kathleen Miszczyszyn

**Pittwater:** Bronwen Jewell

**Mid North Coast:** Catherine Brodie

**Newcastle:** Joan Brackley, Karen Smith

**Retail Member:** Adorkable Handmade

## **Lanyards for New Members**

If you require further lanyards for your new members, please contact the Guild Secretary. If you have a Group Member attending the AGM on 3 May, they can collect them at the meeting.

## **Dates for your Diary 2025**

May 3: Knitters' Guild Annual General Meeting, 11.00am - Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, and online

May 4: Fibre Frolic, Mulgoa

May 17/18: Canberra Wool Market

May 24/25: Dungog Knitters' Picnic, Dungog

June 14: World Wide Knit in Public Day

June 25-28: Craft and Quilt Fair, International Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney

August 1-4: Guild Cruise, sailing from Sydney

September 28: FibreFest, Wyong Racecourse



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## Would you like to knit a skirt?

After the success of Ann Budd's Top Down Yoked Sweater classes, we've been asked by a member to invite her to hold her skirt knitting course, 4 classes of 90 minutes each over 6 weeks, at a cost of \$160 for Guild Members. The classes will be recorded so if you have to miss one of them, you can view the video. At the first class, Ann will explain how to take your measurements, calculate gauge etc and she will then produce a pattern just for you.

Before we confirm this with Ann, we'd love to assess interest in this. May we ask you to complete a short survey - there is no obligation to attend the class as we appreciate that it may then be organised for a time/day that isn't suitable for you.

Please click on the link to complete the survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQYTZK6>



## Help Needed

Would you be able to fix the hem of a much-loved knitted sweater? The owner lives in Engadine and would love to have it repaired before it gets worse. If this would interest you, please email the Guild Secretary address.



## Guild Cruise 2025

Don't forget 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.

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. 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 us to be paired up with another Guild member in the same circumstances. 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.



Book your place through your usual travel agent or visit the Carnival website.

Then let us know that you're coming by writing to Merrin at [Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au)



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## News From The Groups

**Note from the Editor:** *We love hearing about your group's plans - it sends a reminder to your members, encourages members of other Guild groups to drop in for a visit and gives us all some wonderful ideas for our own groups. We reserve the right to edit these entries to ensure that we can fit everything into each issue.*

**Blacktown:** Saturday 10 May, 10.00-1.00pm. Our workshop will be on twisted stitches, run by Sue Hobbs. There is some homework involved so if you are interested please contact [kgblacktown@gmail.com](mailto:kgblacktown@gmail.com) for instructions and materials list. We will also be talking about Knit in Public Day which falls on our June meeting date.

**Jacinta Wood - Secretary**

**Capital Region:** Saturday 10 May, 1.30 - 5pm. As well as our usual meeting, show and share, afternoon tea and chat we will be having 2 mini workshops. One from Marie from Obsession Yarns on different fibres and yarns, their characteristics and how to choose the right yarn for your project. DeArne will be continuing our crochet journey with a session on how to read crochet charts.

**Christianna Cobbold - Convenor**

**Crochet Turramurra:** Wednesday 7 May, 10.00am. We will be shown how to make very useful pocket tissue holders. Please bring 4ply cotton and 1.75mm hook

**Pat Hicks - Convenor**

**Epping:** Monday 19 May. Our Education sessions are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, currently covering socks and footwear.

**Shirley Gregory - Publicity**

**Inner West:** Wednesday 21 May. We are planning a little excursion so please note we will **not** be meeting at our usual venue, Camperdown Commons. Our Convenor will notify members of our group with the details via email. We will return to Camperdown Commons in June.

**Louise Zaluzny**

**Pittwater:** All group meetings at Pittwater RSL at 1.00pm. Saturday 3 May - Knit and Natter. Tuesday 6 May - Ravelry presentation by Cathy Aggett/ review of our CAL ladies top. Tuesday 20 May - Problem Solving, Knit and Natter, and continuation of Learn to Crochet.

**Wendy Collett - Secretary**

**The Entrance:** Saturday 3 May 1.00pm start. Bring along your work for our "Show & Tell" and there is plenty of time to work on your current project in the company of fellow knitters and crocheters. There is also plenty of time to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. You may want to borrow a book from our library collection.

Saturday 7 June - Teaching Corner is "Continental knitting in preparation for September's Colour Work Workshop"  
Wednesday 21 May - Mid Month CatchUp at Roasted Berry, Mingara from 10pm

**Toni Withington - Publicity**

**Woy Woy:** Saturday 17 May, 1.00-4.00pm. Demonstrating different ways to join yarns and use lifelines. We will also be collecting baby and children's clothes, and toiletries, to donate to We Care Connect on the Coast.

**Nardia Sly - Convenor**



**The Old Bus Depot Markets Wool Expo** is on the 17/18 May and the Capital Region Group has a stall to promote our craft and the Guild.

Members are donating to the Raffle prize which is held over the weekend and provides a major part of the funding for the rent of their venue each year.



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