



KGBytes

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Help, Please!

Knit a funnel-neck sweater

We've received a request from a woman who lives near Chatswood and works in the Sydney CBD for a knitter to knit a plain funnel-neck sweater - wool, possibly 10ply, Size 10.



Repair knitted garments

This request is from a Newtown resident who has a couple of knitted items that she would love to have repaired.

Knit a Baby Shawl

Would you be interested in knitting a white or cream woollen baby shawl, approximately 106cm diameter? The request comes from a woman living in the Southern Highlands.

Please contact the Guild Secretary for further details.

Test Crocheters Wanted!

Would you like to be the first to make this year's FibreFest crocheted shawl? We are looking for a couple of crocheters who would be happy to test crochet the pattern for us. And it's beautiful! (But we'll keep it a secret until it's ready to publish).

The designer recommends that it is made with either a yarn like Scheepies Whirl (60% Cotton, 40% Acrylic), approx. 179g or a fingering weight sock yarn (152g) and contrasting colour (77g).

Please contact the Guild Secretary for full details, including the deadline.



New Guild Executive

At the Guild's Annual General Meeting, held on 3 May, the following members were elected to the Executive Committee.

Committee meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, via Zoom, at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend, please contact the Guild Secretary for the Zoom link.

President: Raewyn Tippett (Virtual Group)

Vice -Presidents: Margaret Harradine (Inner City), Hannah Smith (Inner City)

Secretary: Pat McGregor (Pittwater)

Treasurer: Mary Carlos (Woy Woy)

Committee Members: Katherine Ireland (Inner City), Peter Jobson (Southern Highlands), Bryony Mika (Inner City), Marilyn Woodcock (Virtual)

Note for those who submit their Group News to KGBytes

We love hearing what your group has planned but would you **PLEASE** limit your report to:

Date and time of meeting (venue IS NOT required unless you're meeting away from your normal meeting place)

What have you planned? Are there any materials required? Do you have to book a place?

If you have a special event planned, we're happy to give that its own mention in the newsletter.

We would really appreciate your cooperation. **THANK YOU.**



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Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair

The Craft and Quilt Fair 2025 is once more at the ICC Sydney, Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, from Thursday June 26 to Sunday June 29, 2025 - 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/>

A reminder that this event is just a few weeks away. We still need a few volunteers and members who are willing to step in at the last moment should we have helpers with last minute emergencies. The sessions are from 10.00am-1.00pm and 1.00pm-4.00pm for each of the four days. Contact the Guild Secretary on Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au and let her know which dates and times you may be able to help with or be a last minute stand-in.

The Guild this year has been asked to provide, throughout the time at the Fair, one member in an area adjacent to the Guild Stand. It is called The Knitting Lounge and will be available to visitors to the Fair to sit and knit and crochet and, maybe, ask for help with basic knitting. We envisage this could be organised on a rotational basis during each session; we do not expect any member to be in this area for the whole session. This feature is a good opportunity to introduce newcomers to the craft or assist beginners.

Remember 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.

Guild Cruise 2025

Have you booked your place on the next Knitters' Guild Cruise yet? It sails from Sydney on Friday 1 August, returning on Monday 4 August - 3 nights at sea.

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

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

Blacktown: Norma Bennett

Blue Mountains: Natasha Cornish, Veronica Mamo, Sharon Miller

Capital Region: Bea Bobbin, Nicole McGuire

Clarence Valley: Lynda Lloyd

Inner City: Ingrid King, Elizabeth O'Dwyer

Inner West: Maria Pirrello, Carolyn Thrum

Interstate: Kai Crosson, Mahdokht Jouiaei

Katoomba: Patricia Miskovic, Dominique Trad

Maitland: Lorraine Harris

Mudgee: Maureen Brummell

Newcastle: Deborah Goodin, Karryn McFadyen, Nadine McNamara, Susan Redmayne

Pittwater: Josephine Mollica

South Grafton: Maureen O'Shea

Southern: Diana Dai

The Entrance: Rachel Harris

Virtual Group: Tracey Bonfante



Upcoming Workshops!

Ann Budd's Skirt THAT FITS!

After the success of the Ann Budd Top Down Sweater workshop, we have asked her to conduct her knitted skirt workshop. There are 4 classes of 1.5 hours each, over 7 weeks (21 August, 4/11/25 September)

She will guide you through knitting a proper gauge swatch, and taking measurements to create a personal pattern for a perfect fit. Any weight yarn is suitable but Ann recommends that it's 75% wool, and she prefers to make her skirts with sock yarn.

Bookings are now open:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DCELS>

Price: \$160 (Members), \$200 (Non-Members)



Dates for your Diary 2025

June 14: World Wide Knit in Public Day (See Page 5 for events organised by our Groups)

June 26-29: Craft and Quilt Fair, International Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney

August 1-4: Guild Cruise, sailing from Sydney

September 28: FibreFest, Wyong Racecourse

Weekend Knitting Retreat - September 2025

The Epping Group is holding a knitting and crochet weekend away this year and would like to extend an invitation to other members of the Knitters' Guild.

Venue: Hartzer Park, Eridge Road, Burradoo (near Bowral).

Dates: 4 pm Friday 26 September to after lunch Monday 29 September 2025.

Note this is the same weekend as FibreFest.

Cost: \$561.00 includes: Workshops, breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and accommodation including linen.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jill Rowling on jillr@speleonics.com.au for further information.

Future Workshops

Amigurumi Class (Face-to-face)

In August we're planning to hold an Amigurumi class with a well-known international Amigurumi designer. This will take place in Sydney CBD. A date hasn't been set yet so keep a look-out in KGBytes for further details.

Tunisian Crochet

We can't provide enough Tunisian Crochet classes for beginners! We're currently planning an online one for you and we'll announce it as soon as we're ready to open bookings.

Workshop Suggestions

Is there a workshop you'd like to attend? Have you ever thought "I'd love to learn how to do that"? Or you'd like a talk, perhaps, or to take part in a discussion group?

Do let us know if you have any suggestions as we're always looking for good ideas.

Email Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au and we'll see what we can arrange!



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News From The Groups

Blacktown: See Page 5 for details of WWKIP event.

Blue Mountains: Saturday 21 June, 1.30pm, at Glenbrook Panthers Bowling Club.

Prior to the meeting, group member Ruth will host a Beginner's Crochet Workshop to make face washcloths. The workshop is open to NSW Knitters' Guild members, but priority will go to Blue Mountains Group members due to a 10-participant limit. The workshop may be repeated sometime in the future if there is sufficient demand. To book a place, please contact nswkgbmgroupp@gmail.com

Jan Marshall - Secretary

Capital Region: Saturday 14 June 1.30-4.30pm at the Chifley Community centre. Our focus for the meeting will be an exploration of assigned pooling yarns and patterns that use them. This will be in addition to our usual Show and Share, Afternoon Tea, help with problems and social knitting and crochet. The following Sunday 22 June we are holding our free learn to knit or crochet classes for children.

Christiana Cobbold - Convenor

Crochet Turrumurra: Wednesday 4 June, 10.00-12.00. We will be shown showing Japanese Tunisian crochet and making 2 samples. The first one is worked in mohair which can be used for a shawl and you will need 4ply mohair (if you have it) or 4ply yarn and a 6mm Tunisian hook. The second one uses 3 colours which is the start of a bag and you will need to bring 3 colours of 8 ply wool and an appropriate Tunisian hook (8mm) or whichever one you have as it is for the sample only.

Pat Hicks - Convenor

Epping: Our education meeting is held on Monday 16 June. We will be continuing socks and footwear, with toe up socks.

Shirley Gregory - Publicity

Goulburn: See Page 5 for details of WWKIP event

Newcastle: Lisa Wicks, from Eleventy One Windmills, will give two presentations in June on using circular needles. The first is on Wednesday 11 June, the second will be on Saturday 28 June. Both presentations are a 10am start, at Hamilton North Bowling Club, Broadmeadow. Our meetings finish at 12:00pm, but do stay for lunch at the in-house café for a chat and to keep knitting or crocheting. See Page 5 for details of WWKIP event.

Kate Zimmermann - Convenor

Pittwater: Our meetings for June will be on Tuesday 3rd – Business meeting, finish up our CAL top

Saturday 7th – Knit and Natter, problem solving

Tuesday 17th- Colour Presentation by Di Strange

See Page 5 for details of WWKIP event

Wendy Collett - Secretary

Southern: Saturday 7 June, 9am-12pm. At our usual meeting in June, the cups and saucers will be out for our annual Biggest Morning Tea event. All donations will go to the Cancer Council. See Page 5 for details of WWKIP event.

Jo Kennedy - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 7 June and Saturday 5 July, 12:30 for 1pm start.

Teaching Corner - Sat, 7 June - Continental Knitting Mini Workshop in preparation for September's "Colour Work Workshop

Sat, 5 July is a Sock Mini Workshop.

Day-stash table – Buy / Sell / Giveaway – Please remember to take home whatever remains of yours on the table.

Don't forget our Mid Month Catch Up - Wednesday 18 June at Roasted Berry, Mingara from 10 am.

See Page 5 for details of WWKIP event.

Toni Withington - Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 21 June: We will be learning about identifying yarns, including setting some on fire (weather-permitting as we have to do this outside!)

Nardia Sly - Convenor



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Join in the Fun on World Wide Knit In Public Day!

A number of Guild groups are celebrating WWKIP Day this year. Do pop along and join in if your group isn't hosting its own event or you are visiting another area that weekend.

BLACKTOWN: Our next regularly scheduled meeting falls on Worldwide Knit in Public Day - Saturday 14 June. Join us at Blacktown Workers' Club in the cafe area from 10am-1pm. No workshops will be done; we will be knitting and nattering.

GOULBURN: Celebrating WWKIP Day 14 June, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, at the Soldiers' Club. Bring along current projects and good news for a nice warm chat and morning tea/lunch at the nearby cafe.

NEWCASTLE: On Saturday 14 June, WWKIP Day, we will be lighting up the library with our knitting and crochet talents at Wallsend Library, 30 Bunn Street, Wallsend.

PITTWATER: Saturday 14 June - WWKIP Day, outside Spotlight Supacentre at Belrose 10.00-12.00

SOUTHERN: For WWKIP Day, we are travelling to Wyong for lunch and to visit Grumpy Ginger. We are leaving on the 9.18am train from Central. All are welcome to join us on the train trip or meet us in Wyong.

THE ENTRANCE: WWKIP Day - We're celebrating on Friday 13 June at Brunch 'n' Brew, Tuggerah Home Co from 9:30 to 11:30. Do we need a reason to gather together, sip some coffee while working on our current projects? Well this time it is to promote our craft and our group to those wandering by.

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.

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