



KGBytes

July 2025

To Celebrate This Year's FibreFest!

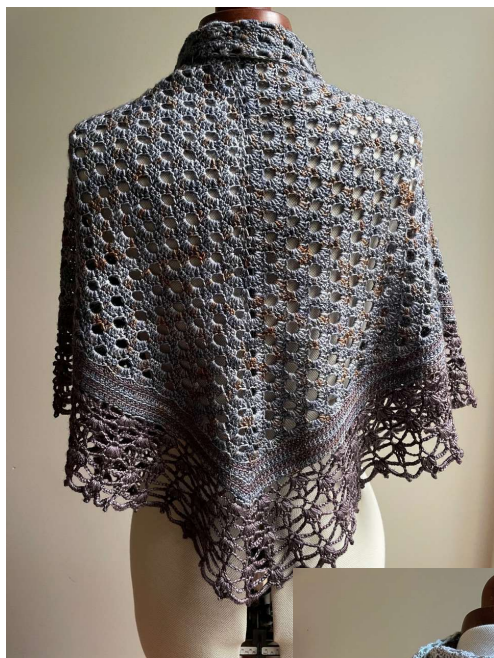
This year's FibreFest Shawl is a crocheted design from Margaret Rafferty, winner of our FibreFest Shawl competition. And it's a beauty!

A Break in the Fog is a soft triangle shawl with gentle crescent shaping along the top edge to help it drape across the shoulders without sliding off.

Two versions are given: Version 1 uses a colour-changing gradient yarn such as Scheepjes Whirl and Version 2 is worked in two contrasting 4ply (fingering weight) yarns.

The pattern is attached to this issue of KGBytes, and will also be available from Ravelry and our website.

We look forward to seeing many of these at FibreFest on 28 September. Wear your finished shawl on the day and maybe win a prize!



FibreFest Shawl 2025



Help, Please!

Knit A Sweater: We have had a request for a knitter in the Penrith area. She would love someone to make a sweater for her - she has the pattern and the wool. (See photo)

Finish A Sweater: Both sleeves and the back have been completed. The pattern calls for a V-neck but a round neck is preferred, so are you able to help with a slight re-design to the front and the creation of a round neck?

Sew up A Sweater: Sew up a sweater and pick up neckline stitches for a lady with arthritis.

Modify A Sweater: Would you be willing to alter a knitted sweater which has a far-too-tight crocheted neckline? (See photo)

Repair A Sweater: A 53 year old cabled jumper of great sentimental attachment needs a bit of TLC - would you be able to repair it for Kevin as it means a lot to him.

Crochet Two Pairs of Mittens: The lady who has requested two pairs of half-fingerless mitts has the pattern and yarn (8ply).

If you'd be interested in any of these requests, please contact the Guild Secretary for all further details.



Knit A Sweater

Modify A Sweater





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We're Looking for

Judges, Assessors, Teachers & Marketing

If you are interested in being considered for Judging, Assessing, Teaching and Marketing roles representing the Guild, please send an email to standards@knittersguildnsw.org.au

You will then be sent guidelines for the completion of a short CV so that we can find out more about your skills, experience and expertise.

If you prefer to assist in any of these roles in order to learn the necessary skills for taking on these roles in the future, please make this known.

A New Guild Public Officer

We are looking for a new Public Officer. This can be any Guild Member who is over the age of 18 and lives in New South Wales.

The main role of the Public Officer is to act as a key link between the organisation and the external world. This will mainly be receiving and responding to official correspondence from the Office of Fair Trading. The Public Officer also notifies the relevant departments of any changes in the organisation's information.

If interested, please contact President@knittersguildnsw.org.au

FibreFest Helpers

FibreFest this year is being held on Sunday 28 September at Wyong Racecourse, and we know very many of you will be there.

We'll shortly be asking if you would be able to volunteer an hour or so of your time when visiting the Festival to ensure it all runs smoothly. It's a major event in the Guild calendar but isn't possible without the help of many members. Our August issue will contain full details.



A Good Yarn - August 2025

Please make sure that your Group's Quarterly Report is submitted by 15 July. And do please let us have photos of your WWKIP events - we'd love to see them in our next issue.

Send to: Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

KGBytes - All issues

Our e-newsletter is sent out on the first day of each month. If you have anything you wish us to include, please submit by 24th of the previous month. We cannot guarantee that your item will be included if received after that date.

Send to: Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Guild Public Liability Insurance

If your group needs the Guild's current Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance for your landlords or an exhibition, you can find it on the Guild website - Log in, and visit the Members Only Area.

Guild Charity Donations:

The Guild holds in storage donated items such as rugs, scarves, beanies etc. With the recent flooding in parts of NSW, you will be delighted to know that the Guild has sent 4 large boxes of items to the flood victims. We now need to replace these in order to have, once more, the opportunity to help those in dire need should emergencies arise. When groups have a number of such items please contact the secretary – secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au in order to make arrangements to deposit in the Guild storage.



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SKIRTS THAT FIT!

Bookings are now open for **Ann Budd's** wonderful workshop on knitting skirts.

There are 4 classes of 1.5 hours each, over 7 weeks (21 August, 4/11/25 September) from 10.00am on Zoom.

Spaces are limited so book now to ensure your place.

Visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DCELS>

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

If you require further information, please contact Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Newcastle Knitters Guild & Newcastle Machine Knitters *invite you to*

A day with Jane Slicer-Smith

- Owner of and designer for Signatur Handknits
- Designs available as knitting kits, patterns and garments
- As the author of *Swing, Swagger, Drape - Knit the Colors of Australia* Jane shares her love and knowledge of styles that flatter and fit.
- Jane teaches knitting & knitwear design at guild meetings, knitting retreats, craft cruises & Vogue Live events

Sunday 13th July 2025

9:30am for 10:00am start till around 3:00pm at Edgeworth Sport and Recreation Club, 1a Park St, Edgeworth

Jane's presentation lets her share *how and why* she created her swing / swagger styling and, more importantly, how to learn & enjoy her techniques. The presentation is always supported by around 40 Signatur designs as finished garments, to practically show how to achieve fit & style.

On the day you'll learn

- How to achieve a better fit from any design
- Pattern selection and colour choice
- Flattering styles for different body shapes

Show & Tell and Question Time

Please take advantage of this face-to-face event by bringing a knit that doesn't quite work or fit. It's the best way to showcase Jane's tweaking methods & simple style fixes.

You can learn more about Jane and see her extensive design archive & instructional monthly newsletters at www.sigknit.com

The day is run jointly by the Newcastle Knitters Guild and the Newcastle Machine Knitters Club.

Cost : \$35 for members and \$50 non-members.

Receive additional information and payment details by emailing

Kate Zimmerman newcastleknittersguildnsw@gmail.com
or Leonie Mills newcastlemachineknitters@gmail.com

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: Hartzler 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.

Guild Cruise 2025

Only 4 weeks until about 40 of us sail away on the Carnival Splendor but there is still time to book if you would like to join us for a fun time from 1-4 August.

A newsletter has been sent out to everyone whom I have on my list. If you didn't receive it and have booked please contact me asap as I may have missed your email or it has gone missing.

We're looking forward to a great time.

Merrin Marks - Cruise Director
Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Dates for your Diary 2025

July 18-20: Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo

August 1-4: Guild Cruise, sailing from Sydney

September 28: FibreFest, Wyong Racecourse



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News From The Groups

Blacktown: Saturday 12 July 10am-1pm. We are holding a “joining squares” workshop with Deanne.

Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains: Saturday 21 July, 1.00pm. Prior to the meeting, Ruth will conduct her Beginner Crochet Course postponed from June. This course is open to all KG members but Blue Mountain members have priority due to limited space. For enquiries, contact nswkgbmggroup@gmail.com. Also this month we will host Kylie from Fibre Lily, and we look forward to seeing all her new merino wool colourways

Jan Marshall - Secretary

Crochet Turramurra: Wednesday 2 July, 10.00-12.00. We will continue learning Japanese Tunisian crochet, 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: Monday 21 July is our education meeting. We will be continuing socks and footwear, with toe up socks.

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. For further details, please see Page 3 of this issue of KGBytes.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: 19 July 10:00 - 2:00 pm at the community centre as normal. Come along for both a formal meeting and an activity on double knitting with two colours.

Christina Wall - Publicity Officer

Inner City: Saturday 12 July, 11.00-1.00pm Kathryn Trippett, of Australian Wool Store fame, will be teaching Wool Embroidery at this meeting. Kathryn will also be bringing her beautiful yarn to the meeting so come along and learn a new skill and browse her yarn.

Katherine Ireland - Secretary

Inner West: Wednesday 16 July 10:30 am.

We will be having a swap meet, to exchange donated yarn, knitting or crochet books, magazines, tools, notions and so on that are surplus to our own requirements but potentially useful to others in the Inner West Group. Any unwanted items will be donated to the Sewing Basket.

Louise Zaluzny

Newcastle: Sunday 13 July - A Day with Jane Slicer-Smith – See full details on Page 3 of this issue of KGBytes. For more information, please contact Kate before 7 July, email:

newcastleknittersguildnsw@gmail.com

Kate Zimmermann - Convenor

Pittwater: Our Meetings for July are as follows: Tuesday 1 July ... Short Business meeting followed by a ‘Colour Workshop’ presented by Di Strange. Saturday 5 July ... Knit and Natter and problem solving.

Tuesday 15 July ... Tapestry Crochet presented by Meredith D’Alton

All meetings are 1-4 pm

Wendy Collett - Secretary

Southern: Saturday 5 July 9am-12pm. In the spirit of International Plastic Bag Free Day (3 July), we will be crocheting string market bags. Please join us if you’d like to work on your own market bag.

Jo Kennedy - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 5 July 12:30 for 1pm start. Teaching Corner for July is a Sock - Ann Budd Style Workshop. Bring along pen, 4 ply sock yarn, your choice of DPN or circular size 2.5 & 2.75mm. Also a circular 2.5mm swatch if possible. August will be Christmas decorations.

This meeting is the last opportunity to hand in AKWAK donations.

Toni Withington - Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 26 July 1.00-4.00. Learn to knit two sides at the same time - in different colours. Double Knitting workshop with Sally Ogilvie

Nardia Sly - Convenor

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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

Capital Region: Laurel Paton

Inner City: Scott Roberts

Interstate: Lil Bae

Macarthur: Keryn Bell, Leanne Conway

Mid North Coast: Maree Jordan

Newcastle: Ann Maullin

Northern Tablelands: Khadijah Saad

The Entrance: Jenny Eisner

Virtual Group: Megan Bennett, Tanya Harris

West Ryde: Jennifer Elliott

Retail Member: Yarniecopia



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Michelle Beevors "Anatomy Lessons" Grafton Gallery until 13 July

This exhibition features meticulously-sculpted, life-size, skeletons, each piece – a real animal – is painstakingly measured, drawn, sculpted from steel, wire, and foam, and covered entirely in **hand-knitting**; a fine-art softening of the subject beneath.

An exhibition 17-years in the making, from the towering giraffe stretching 4.4 metres in height, head raised to the windowed ceiling, to the army of 50 plus delicately rendered frogs, is astounding.



Sculpted and knitted - Michelle Beevors Giraffe

Thank you

The Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair was a very successful event which finished on Sunday. A very big thank you to all our members who gave up their time to be at the Guild stand, talk to visitors, teach all the time and knit. Without your support we cannot participate in these events, so thank you. Further details to follow in the next edition of **A Good Yarn**.

Patricia McGregor



The Guild stand at Sydney's Craft & Quilt Fair