



KG Bytes

September 2025

FibreFest 2025 Sunday 28 September Wyong Racecourse



Are you able to help?

Volunteers Needed

If you're planning to attend FibreFest (and who isn't?), we'd really appreciate it if you would consider giving an hour or so of your time to helping behind the scenes Selling raffle tickets, helping with the fashion parade, collecting drinks for stallholders etc.

Please email Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au with the subject 'Volunteer'



*FibreFest Shawl 2025
'A Break In The Fog'*

50 x Stall-holders
Food and Drink
Live Music
Fashion Parade
HUGE Raffle
FREE ENTRY

DON'T FORGET to wear your FibreFest shawl. And listen out for announcements about the group photo. We're looking forward to seeing them all And there are prizes to be won!

FibreFest 2026 Yes, 2026!

With FibreFest 2025 nearly here and many of us finishing our shawls in preparation for the big day, we are already starting to think about FibreFest 2026. We would love to know what you would like to knit or crochet for your FibreFest 2026 project.

Please complete this short survey about your pattern preferences for 2026 here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J6WYRBW>



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Do you Knit or Crochet for Charity?

Please tell us about your favourite charities.

We know that many of you produce some beautiful items for charities so we're asking for your help.

We'd love to have details of the charities you support in order to update our website. Local charities, overseas charities, collections for the homeless, new babies, rescued animals - there are so many people (and animals!) who need support.

Please send us the name of the charity, together with any links you may have (website, social media site, email address etc) and what items they are hoping to receive.

We look forward to hearing from many of you.

Secretary@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

Labels For Your Charity Donations

Would you like to sew Knitters' Guild labels onto your donations? If so, we have a fresh supply of charity labels available to attach to your items.

To receive a batch, please contact Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Donate to our charity store

The Guild keeps a collection of blankets and hats for distribution in times of emergency around NSW. And after the flooding earlier this year, our stock is getting very low.

Are you able to help? We need blankets and hats in all sizes, from newborn up.

Ask your Group Convenor to contact the Guild Secretary to arrange for these to go to our storage unit.

Blacktown: Mary George

Blue Mountains: Rebecca Baker, Rosie Brunt, Nikki Kirkman

Capital Region: Jennie Gibson

Crochet Turrumurra: Maggie Smith

Epping: Catherine Cobby, Cheryl Constable

Goulburn: Dianne Sandeman

Inner City: Aleze Abbasi, Alice Fahrer, Annabelle Gigliotti, Fiona Paul

Maitland: Cheryl Edmonds

Mid-North Coast: Amy Macauley, Karen Bolster, Sharin Stammers

Newcastle: Jill Brash, Skylar Cole, Merryana Willing

Pittwater: Kim Hoskins, Valerie Long, Christine Lumb, Xanthe Wells

Southern: Zhanna Ostrovska

The Entrance: Colleen Squires

Virtual: Kim Lomax, Chloe McPhan, Renae Terrell

West Ryde: Daisy Yung

Wollongong: Bev Allen, Valerie Evans

Woy Woy: Lindy Frazer, Margaret Harrison, Kerrie McNulty, Bettina Slocombe



KNIT A HAT - In the round AND TOP DOWN

Join Clare Hacker in Sydney for this fascinating workshop which will cover how to knit a hat from the top down. Participants will be guided through how to do a pinhole cast on, decide the placement of increases to shape the top of the hat and practise cast off methods for 1x1 rib and garter stitch. Participants will also be shown how to apply a stitch pattern they'd like in the body of the hat through the top as well.

Date: Saturday 18 October

Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Sydney Mechanics School of Art, 280 Pitt Street Sydney.

Cost: \$20 (Members only)

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/DFEUC>

Full materials information will be sent out to participants before the workshop.

Help, Please!

Help needed to turn UFOs into FOs!

Joanna O'Reilly has several knitting UFOs with needles and wool to complete from her mother's estate. Please email (joanna.oreilly@internode.on.net) or call 0417 233 661 if you can help.

Photos available.

If you have any queries about our workshops, need further information, or would like to suggest a topic for a future workshop, please write to: Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Thank you for responding Online Workshop with Patty Lyons

Thank you so much to all of you who responded to our survey about organising a workshop with Patty Lyons, who is an extraordinarily talented US knitwear tutor and designer, and the author of "Knitting Bag of Tricks".

The results were very positive so we're currently talking with Patty about a suitable date and time to hold this workshop.

Full details will appear in a future issue of KGBytes.



Dates for your Diary 2025/26

28 September: FibreFest, Wyong Racecourse

6 - 8 March 2026: Australian Yarn Show, Canberra

11-12 April 2026: River Yarn Festival, Carcoar

19 April 2026: Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association (Southern Highland Woolfest), Mittagong

2 May 2026: Guild Annual General Meeting

24 May 2026: Knitters' Picnic, Dungog

7 June 2026: Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association, Rylstone

17-19 July 2026: Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show

Attention All Group Officers

Do you have a member in your group who you feel should be featured in one of our Meet The Members articles in A Good Yarn?

Do they have a story to tell about their knitting or crochet; would they be willing to share what motivates their crafting or involvement in the Guild?

We know there are many members out there who haven't been featured (and SHOULD be) so do let us know about them. Write to Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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News From The Groups

Blacktown: Saturday 13 September, 10.00-1.00pm, our workshop will be 'BYO project' for Guild members to help each other one-on-one with stalled projects.

Jacinta Wood

Crochet Turrumurra: Wednesday 3 September, 10.00-12.00. We will be making Granny Squares, led by Cathy. We will each select a random card from a box of granny square patterns. The finished squares can be either joined together or perhaps made up as ????. Unleash your creative ideas and let us see what we can come up with. Bring a few balls of different coloured 8 ply yarn and a 4mm crochet hook.

Pat Hicks, Convenor

Goulburn: Saturday 20 September, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Community Centre as normal. This month's tutorial and activity is embroidery on knitting, so make sure to bring along a knitted piece with a contrasting yarn together with a wool/darning needle for the embroidery.

Christina Wall - Publicity Officer

Inner West: Wednesday 18 September, 10:30 am. Do you have a project that has a story to tell? Please join us this month when we will be bringing along special knitted or crocheted garments/items and sharing the stories that make them special.

Louise Zaluzny

Macarthur: Monday 8 September. Freeform Scrumbling with Crochet Sue. Bring scrap wool, needles and hooks, any size, squares or crochet pieces already done such as sample swatches. Saturday 27 September. Slip Stitch Techniques. Bring needles a size or two larger than your chosen yarn, and a few different colours (the lighter the better) of smooth 8 ply yarn. CWA Camden, doors open at 9.30am.

Allyssa Carlton, Convenor

Newcastle: Wednesday 10 September - We are very pleased to welcome Vera Marcu, enthusiastic and joyful knitting designer, as our guest speaker. She's also known as @veralovesknitting.

Kate Zimmerman, Convenor

Pittwater: Tuesday 2 September - our Business meeting followed by Pat McGregor holding a workshop on 'icords'.

Saturday 6 September and Tuesday 16 September will be casual Knit and Knatter and problem solving. A reminder that we have started collecting items for our '7 Button challenge' for our 10th Birthday Celebration at our meeting on the 10 October. All meetings start at 1 pm.

Wendy Collett - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 6 September, 9.30am. Colour workshop with Sue Hobbs, cost \$20. Contact Susanne Wittkopp on 0431 647 778 for further details.

12.30pm for 1.00pm start - Continental knitting and toe-up socks.

Toni Withington - Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 20 September - Bring along those UFOs that you have tucked in a bag. Maybe others in the group will encourage you to finish them, abandon them or re-purpose them.

Nardia Sly - Convenor

Join **The Entrance** group at the Orchid Show, Tyrrell Place, Killarney Vale. Saturday 13 September (9.00 - 4.00) and Sunday 14 September (10.00-3.00)

Submissions to News From The Groups

Please submit your Group's News to **Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au** by the 24th of the month for inclusion in our next issue.

We cannot guarantee that it will be published if received after that date.

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