



KGBytes

October 2025

Another Wonderful FibreFest

Thank you to all our members who made FibreFest such a great success again this year. You turned out in large numbers, you caught up with friends, chatted, ate, drank, and SHOPPED!

We'd like to say a particular Thank You to those who helped on the day - setting up, running errands, selling raffle tickets There are always so many jobs to be done and we appreciate every bit of help that's offered.

And Thank You to the wonderful stall-holders and Guild Retail Members who contributed so generously to the raffles.

And, of course, a HUGE Thank You to our FibreFest Team - Jayne Kelderman and Gail Clark. Without their hard work and inspiration, this event just wouldn't go ahead.

Each FibreFest is a long time in the making so we've already started planning next year's event. We're looking for someone to join the team, and for submissions for next year's knitted and crocheted FibreFest projects. All the details are in this issue of KGBytes.

Do please think about how you may be able to contribute next year.

Decorative Stitchers Required

The Guild has received a request for help from a menswear brand looking for knitters interested in knitting and embroidering different decorative stitches on a provided base.

They want to have different parts of the artwork overlaid with embroidery and chunky textured knit stitches (in the pictures - adding chunky knitting in the red area for instance).

If this is something you would be interested in exploring further, alone or with a group of friends, please contact the Guild Secretary:

Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Organising FibreFest 2026

We are looking for someone to work with Gail Clarke for the organising of FibreFest for 2026 and onwards.

This person will be working with Gail and the Committee to organise a suitable venue for the event and will report to the committee on a monthly basis. They will organize the retailers applying to attend, liaising with the venue operators, organising the additional stalls (catering and entertainment etc), and various other jobs as may come up.

If this is something you'd be interested in, we'd love to hear from you.

Please write to:

President@knittersguildnsw.org.au

A pair of prescription spectacles and a pair of sunglasses were handed into our Lost Property at FibreFest. Please contact the Guild Secretary if they belong to you.

Knitting Pals Needed

Community minded knitters wanted to 'sit and knit' with Anglicare residents at the Mildred Symons House in Jannali on a semi-regular basis to promote a knitting collaboration and a sense of community and well-being.

Please contact Stephanie Thill at Stephanie.Thill@anglicare.org.au for details.





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FibreFest Pattern Call for 2026!

With Fibrefest 2025 wrapped up, we're thrilled to kick off planning for next year's event. Are you a passionate designer eager to showcase your creativity? We invite you to submit your designs for FibreFest26 patterns.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our pattern preference survey—your feedback is invaluable. This year, shawl patterns topped the list of requests, and we know many of you are keen to get started early. Rest assured, we're working hard to have the patterns ready for you as soon as possible in 2026.

The preferred knit pattern is a textured stitch that is suitable for easy to intermediate skill levels. mosaic and slip stitches were also popular choices, so a design that incorporates both texture and mosaic elements is acceptable. For the crochet pattern, Tunisian crochet was the most requested option.

Designers will receive \$250 for each pattern, and their copyright will return to them the day after Fibrefest 2026. The Guild will pay for technical editing and arrange testers.

Submission requirements:

- * 1 x A4 page
- * Designer's name and contact information in footer
- * Brief designer bio (1–2 sentences)
- * Design sketch and schematic
- * Pattern description: stitch, yarn type, gauge, inspiration
- * Yarn and tools list, including the approximate amount of yarn required
- * Swatch photo

The yarn and tools required for the pattern should be available from at least one of our retail members.

Key dates:

1 November 2025 – submissions due to Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

1 February 2026 – completed pattern due to Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au. Include photos of the finished sample. The Guild will organise for the technical editing and testing.

Finished patterns should include both written instructions and charts where appropriate. If you need help with creating charts, please let us know when you submit and that is something that we can ask the tech editor to assist with.

Finished patterns should meet the Yarn Council standards, and you can find the detail here: <https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/standards>.

Find colour inspiration:

<https://tinyurl.com/Pantonecolours2026>



FibreFest Bag 2023
Di Scaysbrook



FibreFest Shawl 2022
Kathryn Trippett



FibreFest Shawl 2025
Margaret Rafferty



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS and TALKS

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.

Our New and Re-Joining Members

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

Blacktown: Savannah Arcago, Michelle Beaton

Capital Region: Tabitha Onufrei

Inner West: Beth Stoodley

Newcastle: Carol Read

Pittwater: Mary Baker, Jennifer Bennett, Geraldine Callaghan, Pauline Gildon, Melissa Gray, Renata Phegan

Southern Highlands: Eleanor Lyons

The Entrance: Logan Gillard

Virtual: Nicole Coburn, Kristina Hitchon

West Ryde: Christine Abraham, Amanda Chan

Wollongong: Sharon Savell

Future Workshop with Patty Lyons

Thank you to all of you who completed our survey into a possible workshop with Patty Lyons.

She's a very busy lady but has kindly agreed to host a Zoom class for us on 14 March next year.

She'll be teaching "Advanced Knitting Fixes" - loads of useful advice about how to fix a cable many rows down, 'tinking' increases and decreases without losing a stitch, adding a yarn over you missed on a previous row all really useful information to make sure you don't have to rip everything off the needles and start again.

Put the date in your calendars now and book early to secure your place when bookings open in the New Year.

Entering the Shows

By popular demand, we will be hosting another online talk and discussion session about entering knitting and crocheting into the many Shows across the state in 2026.

We know many of you lack the confidence, but certainly not the skills, to enter your work. So do think about coming along to find out what's involved and what the judges are looking for, direct from past judges.

The date will be announced in next month's issue of KGBytes.

Knitters' Guild Branding

May we ask Groups to check their Guild branding on their social media accounts as we've noticed that a number of groups are not using the correct name of the Guild, which is **Knitters' Guild NSW** or **Knitters' Guild NSW Inc**.

In your social media accounts, your Group should be named "Knitters' Guild NSW - XXX Group" and include the Guild Logo in your heading. If you have any queries about this, please get in touch. We're happy to help.

A Good Yarn - Next Issue

Please remember to send your Group's quarterly report to the Editor before **15 October** for the next issue of A Good Yarn.

Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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News From The Groups

Blacktown: Saturday 11 October 10am-1pm. 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 for instructions and a materials list.

Jacinta Wood

Crochet Turramurra: Wednesday October 1 at 10am. Cathy will be continuing with the granny squares. She also has a new box of granny square flowers that you can choose from to complete another square. Bring a 4 or 4.5mm hook and a few balls of 8ply yarn.

Pat Hicks, Convenor

Epping: At our Monday meetings, we are continuing to make our Christmas items for the Children's Hospital.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Inner City: Saturday 11 October. The Group is making Izzy Dolls as a charity project for the Randwick Children's Hospital. Using free patterns online, members are knitting the dolls which will be stuffed and sewn up at this meeting. An Intarsia workshop will also be held at the October meeting.

Katherine Ireland - Secretary

Inner West: Wednesday 15 October
At this meeting we will be learning the language of crochet by following a simple pattern. It is recommended that you bring 8ply yarn and a 4.00 or 4.50 hook.

Louise Zaluzny

Macarthur: Monday 13 October - Blocking techniques. Bring a knitted or crochet piece, or the Intarsia square we created, ready to be blocked.

Saturday 25 October - Blocking Techniques. This is a repeat of the Monday session.

CWA Camden, located behind the Coles carpark. Doors open at 9.30am.

Alison Wooten, Publicity

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Pittwater: Saturday 4 October – Knit and Natter and problem solving.

Tuesday 7 October - We will be celebrating our 10th Birthday!! with a cake and the judging of 'The 7 Button Challenge'

Tuesday 21 October - Crochet and Knitted Bunting

All meetings are at Pittwater RSL from 1 pm

Wendy Collett - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 4 October from 12:30 for 1pm start. Teaching Corner: Entrelac

Wednesday 15 October: Mid Month Catch-up at Roasted Berry, Mingara from 10.00

Saturday 1 November from 12:30 for 1pm start, AGM PLUS Angela Seddon from Set On Sewing will have a pop-up shop with bargains and new yarns to show us.

Toni Withington - Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 18 October, 1.00pm. Show off your FibreFest purchases. The swift and ball winder will be available for your use at the meeting.

Nardia Sly - Convenor

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Submissions to News From The Groups

Please submit your Group's News to KGBytes@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.

Dates for your Diary 2025/26

6 - 8 March 2026: Australian Yarn Show, Canberra

2 - 13 April 2026: Sydney Royal Easter Show

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

3 May 2026: Fibre Frolic Festival, Mulgoa

24 May 2026: Knitters' Picnic, Dungog

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

17-19 July 2026: Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show