



# KGBytes

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## **New Website!**

The Guild now has a new-look website and a few new features!

You should be able to find anything you need to know about the Guild .... From locating groups and contacting office-holders, to workshop details, FibreFest and Guild Gathering information, back issues of KGBytes and A Good Yarn ... It's a 'work in progress' so keep an eye out for all the new features.

Very many thanks to our Webmaster, Stella Fava, for all her hard work and skill.

## **Guild Gathering 2026**

The organisation of the 2026 Guild Gathering has begun.

If you would like to offer to tutor a workshop, or if you have a workshop you would like to see offered at the Gathering, please send your ideas to Mary Carlos at [Gathering@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Gathering@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

The Guild Gathering will be at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops from 21 - 23 August 2026. As it is the Guild's 40th Anniversary in 2026, we hope to make the Gathering a particularly memorable one.

## **Group Annual General Meetings**

All Guild Groups should be holding their Annual General Meetings in November. We hope lots of members will volunteer to hold positions in their Group for the next year - the Groups can't function without you.

After your elections, would you kindly let the Guild Secretary know the following:

Names of all Officers (Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer), together with their email addresses.

Your Group's main contact email address.

Each group has an official Guild address (for example [Pittwater@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Pittwater@knittersguildnsw.org.au)) so that anyone inside or outside the Guild can write to it. These emails are then automatically forwarded to your designated address, either the Convenor's personal email, or another email address your group is using, for example [KGPittwater@gmail.com](mailto:KGPittwater@gmail.com). Please let us know what email address your Group is using.

## **Managing the Guild Collections and Archives**

We are looking for someone (maybe two people) to take over the maintaining of the Guild Collections and Archives. These are currently being held in a storage unit in Girraween.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the current curator, Merrin Marks, at [Curator@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Curator@knittersguildnsw.org.au) for further information.

## **Organising FibreFest 2026**

Would you like to help Gail Clarke organise our next FibreFest?

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

There are a number of things for people to help with, leading up to the big day. Any help will be appreciated. If you are interested, or would like further information, please write to: [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

## **Membership Renewals**

Don't forget that your 2025 Guild Membership expires on 31 December.

You can renew your membership on the Guild website from today (1 November). A grace period of one month is allowed but please note that membership will lapse if not renewed by 1 February.

If you have any queries about membership, please contact [Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au)



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## FibreFest 2026 Shawl Patterns

### Attention All Designers!

We are still looking for submissions for designs for the next FibreFest Shawl. This year we are wanting **THREE** different styles. One is to be **knitted** (textured stitch), one is to be **crocheted** (any stitch) and one to be in **Tunisian crochet**. As we have few designers in the Guild for a Tunisian crochet shawl, we have decided to have a crochet pattern in addition.

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 December 2025 – submissions due to  
Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au  
**(Please note change of date)**

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.

## Guild Designers' Forum

If you're a budding designer, or an established designer ..... or just wish to learn more about designing your own garments ..... why not come along to the Designers' Forum?

The Forum meets online on the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm, and is the place to learn about the design process, swap ideas and learn from other designers.

Contact:

Designers@knittersguildnsw.org.au  
if you would like to receive the Zoom link.



*Guild Designers' Forum members at FibreFest this year (L to R): Kelly Lonergan, Abbey Bongers, Robynn Ross and Jenny Whiting*



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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS and TALKS

### Entering the Shows

By popular demand, we will be hosting another free 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.

Thursday 4 December, via Zoom - 7.00pm

Booking is **NOT** required. The Zoom link will be sent out to all members a few days before the event.

### Advanced Knitting Fixes - with Patty Lyons

The Guild is hosting an online 2 hour class with Patty Lyons in March. 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 yarnover you missed on a previous row .... all really handy information to make sure you don't have to rip everything off the needles and start again.

**DATE:** Saturday 14 March 2026, 9.00am

**COST:** \$40 (Members), \$50 (Non-Members)

**Put into your diary now. Bookings will open in December.**

### Knitting Help Required .....

We've been contacted by a woman whose disabled son insists on wearing long sleeves through all weathers, and she would therefore love to be put in contact with one of our members who would be willing to knit long-sleeved, lightweight cotton sweaters.

If you are able to help her, please phone Kate on 0427 231937

### 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*

### Adjusting for Gauge - with Ann Budd

Ann will be joining us again on 10 January to conduct one of her very popular one-hour workshops. This time she'll be helping us to adjust a pattern to suit the gauge you've obtained (a very useful skill if you want to knit an item in the yarn not specified in the pattern).

**DATE:** Saturday 10 January 2026, 10.00am

**COST:** \$20 (Members), \$25 (Non-members)

**TO BOOK:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHAKW>

### Guild Virtual Group

All members have a "Home" group, but don't forget that you may attend any Guild group at any time. If you're away from home, check whether there is a local group where you can pop in and say 'hello'.

The Guild also has a Virtual group, meeting online once a month. Any member is welcome to attend. The meetings take place on the 2nd Monday of each month, via Zoom, from 7.00pm.

If you'd like to go on the Virtual group's mailing list, and receive the Zoom link, just drop a line to Marilyn, the group Secretary.

Virtual@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**Inner West:** Desnee Bowden

**Katoomba:** Maha Dunne

**Newcastle:** Yan Wang

**Pittwater:** Megan Wade-Ferrell

**Retailers:** Lucyland, Fabric Garden

**Southern Highlands:** Sandi Jordan

**Virtual:** Anita Cohen, Lillian Spence, Helen Ward



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## News From The Groups

### **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.

**Blacktown:** Saturday 8 November, 10.00-1.00pm. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting, No workshops will be run.

**Jacinta Wood**

**Blue Mountains:** Our monthly social gathering and catch up is on 2 November from 11.30am at The Red Cow, Penrith. All welcome to join us for some great company, lovely food, and fun crafting. 16 November, 1.00pm - our AGM and 26th birthday celebration. We will welcome Marianne from Jokamamo Textiles, who will be displaying her range of knitting bags and fabulous hand dyed yarns. As well as our usual "Show and Tell", group members will be encouraged to bring along their creations made from our iconic Glenbrook Yarn.

**Jan Marshall - Secretary**

**Crochet Turrumurra:** Wednesday 5 November 5 - 10am. Cathy will be continuing to help us with the flower granny squares and we will be finishing off our squares or starting a new one. Bring a 4.00 or 4.5mm hook and a few balls of 8ply yarn.

**Pat Hicks, Convenor**



### **Contact Information**

**President:** President@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**Secretary:** Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**Membership:**

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**A Good Yarn:** Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**Treasurer:** Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**FibreFest:** Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**KGBytes:** Kgbytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**Goulburn:** Saturday 22 November, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Community Centre as normal. This month's tutorial and activity is Fairisle knitting.

**Christina Wall - Publicity Officer**

**Pittwater:** Saturday 1 November: Problem solving. Knit and Natter

Tuesday 4 November (Melbourne Cup Day): We will be meeting at Middle Creek Reserve, Narrabeen 1.00pm

Tuesday 18 November: AGM followed by Christmas Craft

All meetings are at Pittwater RSL at 1.00 pm (excluding meeting on the 4/11)

**Wendy Collett - Secretary**

**The Entrance:** Saturday 1 November from 12:30 for 1.00pm start:- Annual General Meeting

Visiting Retailer:- Set on Sewing pop-up Shop

Wednesday 19 November from 10.00am:- Mid

Month Meeting at Roasted Berry Mingara

Saturday 7 December:- Christmas Party, bring your

\$10 unwrapped gifts for We Care Connect plus

DESTASH -Buy/Sell/Give away Corner

**Toni Withington - Publicity**

**Woy Woy:** Saturday 22 November - Annual General Meeting, and discussion about plans for next year.

**Nardia Sly - Convenor**

### **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

15-18 July 2026: Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair

17-19 July 2026: Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show

21-23 August 2026: Guild Gathering 2026