



KGBytes



December 2025

AUSTRALIAN YARN SHOW

Members of the Guild's Maitland Group are off to Canberra to attend the Australian Yarn Show on Saturday 7 March 2026 and would like to invite other members of the Guild to join them.

They are taking the train from Central Station, departing at 12.11pm on Friday 6 March – travelling First Class - and arriving in Canberra at 4.20pm. Members are responsible for booking their own accommodation. They'll attend the Yarn Show on the Saturday, have a social 'knit night' at somewhere to be arranged and catch the train back from Canberra at 6.55am on Sunday 8 March. This train arrives back at Central at 11.02am.

This sounds like a super fun weekend! If you'd be interesting in joining them or getting further information, please contact Cynthia at Cmulholland@matilda.net.au



Crafting Weekend

Bendigo Woollen Mills is holding a "Creating Joy" Crafting weekend next year, to be held over the weekend of 28/2/26 - 1/3/2026. This sounds like an interesting weekend to add to your calendar!

The focus of the event is to be on the creative sessions, the joy of being together and learning with crafty people.

They are looking for a couple of teachers to join them for the weekend. If anyone is interested, please contact Kimberley Palmer at kimberley@bendigowoollenmills.com.au

Membership Renewals

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

You can renew your membership on the Guild website . 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

Don't Forget to Advise The Guild

Please remember to send details of your Group's AGM to the Guild Secretary
Names of all Officers (Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer), together with their email addresses AND
Your Group's main contact email address.

Message to Group Treasurers

Please ensure that your figures for 31` December 2025 are ratified by your Group at the January meeting before submitting them to the Guild Treasurer.

If you do not hold a January meeting, please submit them after the February meeting. If you have any questions, please send them to treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

FIBREFEST 2026

Save The Date

Do put this into your calendar **NOW**.

FibreFest 2026 will take place on Sunday 27 September at Wyong Racecourse.

Wonderful stalls, food, raffles, fashion parade.

Bookings for stalls will open in January.

Any queries to
Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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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 was sent out to all Guild Members last Saturday. Check your Inbox.

Entries for the 2026 Sydney Easter Show are now open and close on 29 January. Items must be delivered to the Showground on 20 and 21 March. Visit the Show website for full details: <https://www.eastershow.com.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>

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 yarn-over 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)

TO BOOK: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHVXF>

Dates for your Diary 2026

28 Feb - 1 March: Bendigo Crafting Weekend
6 - 8 March : Australian Yarn Show, Canberra
2 - 13 April : Sydney Royal Easter Show
11-12 April : River Yarn Festival, Carcoar
19 April : Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association (Southern Highland Woolfest), Mittagong
2 May: Guild Annual General Meeting
3 May: Fibre Frolic Festival, Mulgoa
24 May : Knitters' Picnic, Dungog
7 June : Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association, Rylstone
15-18 July : Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair
17-19 July : Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show
21-23 August : Guild Gathering 2026
27 September: FibreFest, Wyong

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

Blue Mountains: Rachel Gaynor, Susan Rochester, Catherine Telfer

Capital Region: Pat Hofman

Goulburn: Birgit Raabe

Inner West: Kana Mawson, Robyn Wilson

Interstate: Danielle Munro

Newcastle: Rebecca Bush, Janelle Shepherd

Northern Tablelands: Kerry Ann Pankhurst

Pittwater: Gillian Burke, Bernadette Mitchell, Helen Skidmore

Southern: Suzanne Harris

The Entrance: Fiona Jones

Virtual: Ruth Cargill, Judith Cox, Cassandra Haley, Jesmond McLeod, Louise Pennant

West Ryde: Leonie Beasley



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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 13 December 10.00-1.00pm, we will have our Christmas morning tea (everyone bring a small plate), and our Christmas competition (one entry per member).
Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains: Saturday 20 December. The final meeting for the year will be our Christmas Celebration. Members will be able to enjoy a High Tea style lunch, participate in a Secret Santa gift exchange, and enter a one-skein challenge.

Jan Marshall - Secretary

Crochet Turramurra: Wednesday 3 December 10.00am. This will be our last meeting of the year. A festive get-together, enjoying good company and good food.
Pat Hicks, Convenor

Epping: At our Monday meetings, we are continuing to make our Christmas items for the Children's Hospital, with an emphasis on the use of our newly acquired Duplicate Stitch skill. Monday 1 December - Our shared Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food, tongs, servers and mug. The rest will be supplied.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: Saturday 20 December 10:00am to 2:00pm, at the Community Centre as normal. There is no tutorial or meeting; come for a casual chat and knitting session to close off the year.
Christina Wall - Publicity Officer

Inner City: Saturday 13 December 11.00am - 1.00pm. Christmas meeting. Festive morning tea, social knitting and Show and Tell. We will be submitting responses to a survey on what workshops or skills members would like to learn in 2026 at our monthly meetings. We will also be talking about our objectives for Royal Easter Show entries.

Katherine Ireland - Secretary

Inner West: Wednesday 10 December. Please note that we are meeting the **second** Wednesday in December.

Following a short meeting at 11:00am we will be enjoying a Christmas lunch at Camperdown Commons at 12:00. Please arrive a little earlier as meals must be ordered and paid for prior to the meeting.

Louise Zaluzny

Pittwater: Tuesday 2 December 12.00 noon. CHRISTMAS PARTY at Pittwater RSL. Saturday 6 December and Tuesday 16 December Knit and Natter, and/or Christmas Items. All meetings are held at Pittwater RSL at 1pm (excepting 2 December)

Wendy Collett - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 6 December - our Christmas Party starts at 12.30pm. Bring food for party and \$10 gift unwrapped for We Care Connect.

We have a destash table - buy, swap or give away. The raffle of a Crochet Quilt will be drawn this month with proceeds to We Care Connect. Next meeting 3rd January.

Robyn McGaw

Woy Woy: Saturday 20 December 1.00pm. Our Christmas Party, with our Annual Quiz and prizes.
Sallu Oailvie- Convenor



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Merry Christmas to all our Members

