



# KGBytes

February 2025

## **Ann Budd Workshop**

The Guild is hosting a very special series of workshops with Ann Budd - Guild Honorary Member and well-known to Guild members for her excellent teaching skills.

### **Design Your Own Top Down Yoke Sweater**

This course consists of 6 classes over 8 weeks, on Saturday mornings at 10.00am, via Zoom. There are two weeks without classes so that you can get your knitting done ready for the next session. The course starts on Saturday 8 March and the last class will be on Saturday 26 April. If you find you have to miss a class, the recording will be made available to you for a week.

The cost is \$180 (ie \$30 per class). Non-members are welcome to attend at a cost of \$240 (\$40 per class).

You'll need a sweater's worth of yarn and the appropriate needles - any weight yarn, any gauge and any size garment. You'll also need a copy of Ann's book - *The Knitters' Handy Book of Top Down Sweaters* (a must for your knitting library). This is available online at a number of sites, including Amazon and Fishpond, for approximately \$42.

**To book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CYDWF>**



***The Knitters' Handy Book of Top Down Sweaters***

*Print and e-Book available*

## **FibreFest 2025**

### **CHANGE OF DATE**

This year's FibreFest will take place at Wyong Racecourse on **Sunday 28 September**, not as previously advertised.

Don't forget to change this in your diaries and calendars.

## **Guild AGM**

The Guild's Annual General Meeting takes place this year on Saturday 3 May from 11am at SMSA, Pitt Street, Sydney, and online via a Zoom link. The initial paperwork will be sent to all members in the next 2-3 weeks.

Please think about standing for the Executive Committee - nominations must be received by the end of March.

After the meeting and our usual sandwich and cake feast, we'll be welcoming **Kai Casson**, the General Manager of Bendigo Woollen Mills, as our Guest Speaker.

## **Guild Membership**

If you haven't paid your membership fee for 2025 by the end of today (1 February), your Guild membership has lapsed.

To ensure that you continue on our mailing list, and may attend group meetings and functions, please visit our website and complete a new membership application form. We don't want to lose you!



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## Test Knitters Required

Be the first to make these garments designed by Guild Members

### Knitted Cowl (Robynn Ross)

Calling for test knitters for a BWM 8 ply cotton cowl. My sample uses 3 colours but you can use just 1.

Worked in the round on circular needles, this 2 row repeat pattern is a quick and effective make. The chevron design pulls the knitting up in peaks to give the cowl a decorative edge, therefore cotton is more stable to hold this.

If you want to use handspun or other yarn, feel free to try this pattern. Mine weighs less than 70g in total.

Please contact Robynn Ross at [robynnelstudio@gmail.com](mailto:robynnelstudio@gmail.com) for further details.



### Knitted Shrug (Hannah Smith)

Step into the world of elegance with the Bumble Bee lace shrug. This simply shaped garment features ribbed sleeves that gracefully end at the elbow. The intricate lace pattern features an eye-catching, whimsical design with generous open spaces, reminiscent of a bee's delicate wings. Perfect for between season dressing, the Bumble Bee shrug seamlessly combines style and uniqueness, making it an exquisite addition to any wardrobe.

The pattern is available in a large size range:

To Fit Bust:

Small / Medium	Large / XL	2XL / 3XL	4XL
28" to 38"	40" to 50"	52" to 62"	64" to 66"
70 - 95cm	100 - 125cm	130 - 155cm	60 - 165cm

It requires 8ply yarn and 3.5mm circular needles and 4mm needles. 85g (100g, 130g, 155g) or 187m (220m, 286m, 341m)

Please contact Hannah [hannah.smith@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.smith@gmail.com) for more details.



## Yarn Festivals - Not to Be Missed

For full details of vendors and workshops, visit their websites. For other events to put into your calendars, please see Page 3.



**FIBRE FROLIC FESTIVAL 2025**

<b>Workshops</b> From 10am <b>Saturday</b> 3 May <small>Bookings essential</small>	<b>Knit Night</b> <b>Saturday</b> 6pm, 3 May <small>@ Nepean Rowing Club</small>
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**FREE Retail Market Day**  
10am - 3pm  
**Sunday, 4 May**  
Over 50 Stallholders selling yarn and craft supplies  
Plus demonstrations, fashion parade, great food and live music  
**A great day out!**

**Winbourne** (Edmund Rice Centre)  
1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa NSW  
[www.fibrefrolic.com.au](http://www.fibrefrolic.com.au) [ffibrefrolicfestival](https://www.facebook.com/fibrefrolicfestival) [@fibre.frolic.festival](https://www.instagram.com/fibre.frolic.festival)



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## FibreFest 2025 - Please help us choose

Every year for FibreFest we issue a special free pattern for all our members.

We've had some wonderful items - shawls, bags and cowls.

### ***What would you like to see in 2025?***

Help us choose a special project for the occasion by completing a short online survey.

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LYNG8RV>

To find details of previous FibreFest patterns, search FibreFest on Ravelry.



### ***Photos (from L to R):***

FibreFest 2018 Shawl - Dominique Trad

FibreFest 2024 Cowl- Hannah Smith

FibreFest 2022 Shawl - Kathryn Trippett

FibreFest 2023 Bag - Diane Scaysbrook

## Dates for your Diary 2025

**February 13-15: Craft Alive**, 9.30-4.00pm,  
Rosehill Racecourse

**April 5-6: River Yarn Fibre Festival**, Carcoar

**April 11-22: Sydney Royal Easter Show**,  
Sydney Showground

**May 3: Knitters' Guild Annual General Meeting**, 11.00am - Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, and online

**May 4: Fibre Frolic**, Mulgoa

**May 24/25: Dungog Knitters' Picnic**,  
Dungog

**June 25-28: Craft and Quilt Fair**,  
International Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney

**August 1-4: Guild Cruise**, sailing from Sydney

**September 28: FibreFest**, Wyong Racecourse

## ***Knit A Baby Blanket?***

We've received a rather unusual request and hope one of you may be interested.

For sentimental reasons, a non-knitter is looking for someone willing to unpick a number of knitted baby items and re-use the wool to make a baby blanket.

She's based in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney but is of course happy to post everything needed.

If you think this would be an interesting project for you, please contact the Guild Secretary.

## ***Can You Help?***

Heckenberg Public School is setting up a knitting circle for migrant and refugee women in their community to help them develop new skills, build confidence and create social connections. Would any of you have yarn, needles or patterns you would be willing to donate?

If you can help, please contact Kylie at [Kylie.G.Overall@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Kylie.G.Overall@det.nsw.edu.au)



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## News From The Groups

**Note from the Editor:** *We love hearing about your group's plans - it sends a reminder to your members, encourages members of other Guild groups to drop in for a visit and gives us all some wonderful ideas for our own groups. **But may we ask you to limit your contributions here to the date and time of your meeting, and details of your activity, be it a workshop, stash sale, or outing.** We reserve the right to edit these entries to ensure that we can fit everything into each issue.*

**Blacktown:** At our next meeting from 10am-1pm on Saturday 8th February, our workshop will be on Tunisian Crochet, run by Abbey Bongers. If you are interested please contact [kgblacktown@gmail.com](mailto:kgblacktown@gmail.com) for materials list.

**Jacinta Wood**

**Blue Mountains:** Our second meeting for 2025 will feature a spinning workshop conducted by several members of our group. The workshop is scheduled to start at 11 am on Saturday, February 15th at Glenbrook Panthers Bowling Club. Our regular meeting will start at 1pm as usual.

**Jan Marshall - Secretary**

**Crochet Turramurra:** Wednesday 5 February, 10.00 - 12.00. Wendy will take us through making a trivet with very interesting folds. Please bring 8 ply cotton (2 colours) and a 3.5mm hook.

**Pat Hicks - Convenor**

**Goulburn:** Saturday 15 February, 10.00am. Since last month was a meeting, February is scheduled to be a tutorial session, with Karen, the Program Officer, covering various cast offs, potentially with some cast ons if specifically requested. Tutorial topics have been pencilled in for the majority of the year but if anyone has a particular request make sure to let Karen know!

Just a quick note that the Knit and Natter at the library is now on Mondays, 10 am to 12 pm.

**Christina Wall - Publicity Officer**

**Inner West:** Wednesday 19 February, 10.30am. We will be meeting at Camperdown Commons on our new meeting day - the third Wednesday of the month. Please join us when we will be exploring casting on and bring your latest project for "Show and Tell".

**Louise Zaluzny**

**Pittwater:** We meet in February on Saturday 1st, Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 18th. All meetings from 1pm until 4pm at Pittwater RSL, Mona Vale, when we will be looking at various ways to join knitted and crocheted squares. We will have a learn to crochet corner and begin our knit-along cushion cover. All are welcome.

**Wendy Collett - Secretary**

## Group Information Evening

The Guild is hosting an online information evening on

**Thursday 27 February, 7.00pm**

Do please ensure that someone from your group attends to ask questions (which may be particularly helpful to new Group Officers) and to raise any issues with the Executive Committee.

Please advise the Guild Secretary the name/s of those attending from your Group. The Zoom link will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting.

## Our New Members

*A warm welcome to our new members.*

*A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error, please contact [Membership@knittersguildnsw.or](mailto:Membership@knittersguildnsw.or)*

### Capital Region:

Jeanette Cheeseman

Jenny Dreezer

### Crochet Turramurra:

Zarka Senicic

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Somwrita Sarkar

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