



KG Bytes

April 2025



Win Tickets to the Easter Show

The Guild has two pairs of tickets (valued at \$90 a pair) to be given to the two winners of our competition this month. But as we want to get the tickets to the winners before the Show opens on 11 April, you'll have to get in pretty quickly!

Answer 2 simple questions, email the answers to us by end of day Monday 7 April, and we'll do a random selection of all correct answers to find our two winners.

Question 1: In what year was the Sydney Royal Easter Show first held?

Question 2: The prize for the Best Exhibit in Hand-knitting is sponsored by the Guild and named after our founder. What was her name?

Email your answers to:

President@knittersguildnsw.org.au by midnight on Monday 7 April. The winners will be notified on 8 April and tickets posted to them that day.

A Good Yarn - Editor Required

Unfortunately, Allyssa Carlton is having to step down from her role as Editor of our quarterly magazine, A Good Yarn. She's done a wonderful job and says that she's really enjoyed it.

Is this something you'd like to do? Plan each issue, find patterns, articles and interviews. No graphics skills are required as we hand it all over to our professional designer .

Help is available along the way, and maybe you'd like to get together with a friend and work on this as a team?

For further information, or to discuss the role, do please contact Allyssa at Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Take a Break from the Election and come to the Guild's Annual General Meeting!

Cast your vote earlier in the week so that you're free to attend the Annual General Meeting, taking place on Saturday 3 May from 11am at SMSA, Pitt Street, Sydney, and online via a Zoom link.

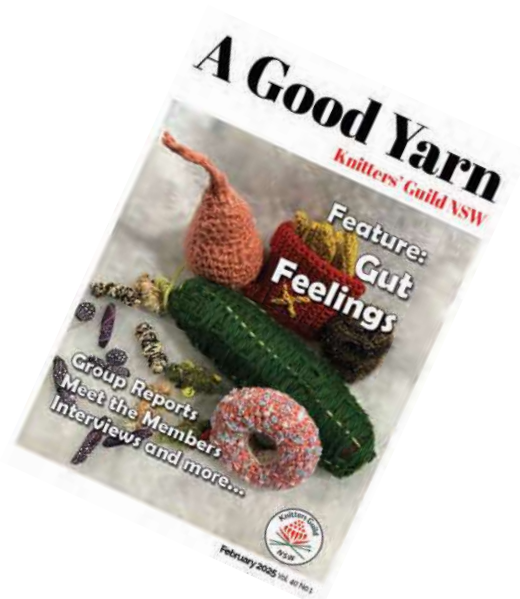
You should have all received the paperwork for this, which was sent out on 14 February. It's also available in the Members' Only section of our website.

After the meeting (and sandwiches and cake), we have Kai Crosson, the General Manager of Bendigo Woollen Mills, joining us in Sydney as our Guest Speaker.

The Agenda and Annual Reports will be sent to all members by 18 April. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the meeting.

Saturday 3 May - 11.00 am

**Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts,
280 Pitt Street, Sydney**





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FREE 3 hour Tutorial for All Guild Members

A video - Knitting Surgery - has very kindly been given to the Guild by Maryna at the 10 Rows A Day Club, a wonderful resource for all knitters; the video is available on our website until the end of December.

In this hands-on workshop, you'll conquer your fear of dropped stitches and cutting through a knitted fabric. The skills that you will develop during this class will help you to make radical changes to your finished projects - cut your sweaters to turn them into cardigans, and shorten or lengthen sweaters, hats, scarves and other knitted garments. By the end of the workshop, you will have a perfect understanding of the structure of the knitted fabric, and you will learn to make informed decisions when you are about to modify your finished projects.

To view this tutorial, visit the Guild website :

<https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/videos/10-rows-a-day-knitting-surgery-class>

This is available only to members so you will then be asked to log in to get full access. Membership of the 10 Rows a Day Club is free so pop over to their website and sign up for a weekly email with invaluable technique help. Or join the Club for a small fee and have access to all the written and recorded classes. Visit <https://www.10rowsaday.com/club> for full details.



Central Coast Regional Show - Handknitting and Crocheting Competitions

Organised and run by The Entrance Group of the Guild

There is still time to get to work on your entries for the Show which is on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 May 2025. Visit Show website for full details.

<http://gosfordshowground.com.au/competitions>

Dates for your Diary 2025

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

World Wide Knit in Public Day 2025

If your group has anything planned for WWKIP Day this year (Saturday 14 June), don't forget to let us have all the details in plenty of time for us to advertise the event in KGBytes.

Knitting 'Pal' Required - Nursing Home in Padstow

An experienced knitter - described as a very chatty and interesting lady, living in a nursing home in Padstow - would love to have some 'knitting company' occasionally. The home is open to visitors from 9.30 am each day.

If you'd like to meet up with her, take along your knitting and chat about your common interests, do please contact the Guild Secretary.



FibreFest 2025 Patterns

We're looking for designs for the FibreFest 2025 Projects.

Knitting pattern – an intermediate level shawl or scarf, featuring textured knitting. Potentially including sections of cables and/or lace.

Crochet pattern – an intermediate level lace shawl or scarf.

If you love designing, we want to see your work! In the first instance, we're asking you to let us have your detailed plan – your written idea with a photo of your swatch, details of the yarn and a sketch, on one A4 page with your name and contact details, preferably in a PDF format. Please submit these to the Secretary by 12 April.

After the Committee Meeting on 16 April, the two winners will be notified and asked to have the patterns ready for testing by 21 May. The Guild will organise a technical editor and test knitters. We hope to release the patterns to our members before the end of June so they can get knitting and crocheting in time to dazzle us all at FibreFest this year.

There are prizes to be won! We are giving a cash prize of \$200 each to the two winners, and at FibreFest prizes will be given to the best examples of these patterns worn by our members. The patterns will be available free of charge to members before FibreFest, which is being held on 28 September this year, but the designer may then use the patterns as s/he wishes.

So get out your needles and hooks and get planning. We look forward to hearing from many of you.

Guild Workshops

Sixteen Guild members are now more than half way through a series of workshops with Ann Budd - Top Down Sweaters: Any Size, Any Gauge. These were organised for you after we received a request from a member.

If there is a workshop you'd particularly like to attend, do please let us know. Online workshops can be arranged with designers all over the world so if you have a favourite designer we're happy to ask if s/he would be willing to come along virtually to teach us.

Drop your suggestions to
Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au

DON'T FORGET A Good Yarn Deadline

Please submit your Group's report for A Good Yarn before 15 April. Send it to:
Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au



*Our first FibreFest shawl
Dominique Trad 2018*

Group Funds

The Guild's Year End Accounts show that some groups are holding an extraordinary amount of money. If this is the case in your group, please think about using it for the good of the Group and the Guild.

- * Temporarily suspend member contributions to venue hire
- * Organise a trip paid for by the Group. (FibreFest anyone?)
- * Invite an "external" tutor to hold a workshop for the Group
- * Buy yarn for a charity knitting project
- * Hold a prize draw for a gift or voucher at your meetings

If you're unsure about the permitted uses of this money, just drop a line to the Guild Treasurer



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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

Blue Mountains:

Debra O'Shea, Charmaine Sharp

Capital Region:

Nadie Blair, Lyn Hanley, Suzanne Harvey, Rona Hiam, Sharon Jobling, Kate McKenzie, Amy Senanayake, Stephanie Steel,

Epping:

Barbara Cleary, Anne Lopes

Inner City:

Vanessa Crosby, Junita Danuatmodjo, Kathy Nunn

Inner West:

Monique Mandarakas, Shirley Woo

Pittwater:

Kerry Euers, Claire Jaroszewicz, Patty Macintosh

Katoomba:

Hazel Gibbs

Mid North Coast:

Gillian Hamilton

Mudgee:

Laraine Sutherland

Retail:

Yazzy's Yarn

Southern:

Sharon Barclay, Amanda Morgan, Kate Simpson

Southern Highlands:

Jeanette Kearney

The Entrance:

Susan Nassar

West Ryde:

Kirsty McPhail

Newcastle Knitters Guild & Newcastle Machine Knitters invite you to

A day with Jane Slicer-Smith

- Owner of and designer for Signatur Handknits
- Designs available as knitting kits, patterns and garments
- As the author of *Swing, Swagger, Drape - Knit the Colors of Australia* Jane shares her love and knowledge of styles that flatter and fit.
- Jane teaches knitting & knitwear design at guild meetings, knitting retreats, craft cruises & Vogue Live events

Sunday 13th July 2025

9:30am for 10:00am start till around 3:00pm at Edgeworth Sport and Recreation Club, 1a Park St, Edgeworth

Jane's presentation lets her share *how and why* she created her swing / swagger styling and, more importantly, how to learn & enjoy her techniques. The presentation is always supported by around 40 Signatur designs as finished garments, to practically show how to achieve fit & style.

On the day you'll learn

- How to achieve a better fit from any design
- Pattern selection and colour choice
- Flattering styles for different body shapes

Show & Tell and Question Time

Please take advantage of this face-to-face event by bringing a knit that doesn't quite work or fit. It's the best way to showcase Jane's tweaking methods & simple style fixes.

You can learn more about Jane and see her extensive design archive & instructional monthly newsletters at www.sigknit.com

The day is run jointly by the Newcastle Knitters Guild and the Newcastle Machine Knitters Club.

Cost : \$35 for members and \$50 non-members.

Receive additional information and payment details by emailing

Kate Zimmerman newcastleknittersguildnsw@gmail.com
or Leonie Mills newcastlemachineknitters@gmail.com



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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. We reserve the right to edit these entries to ensure that we can fit everything into each issue.*

Blacktown: Saturday 12 April 10am-1pm. Our workshop will be on Vertical Increase and Decrease – Xandy Peters Technique Foxpaws, run by Hripsime. If you are interested please contact kgblacktown@gmail.com for instructions and materials list. We will be talking about Knitting in Public Day, Sydney Royal Easter Show, KG AGM, and show and tell from members who placed at the Blacktown Show in March.

Jacinta Wood - Secretary

Clarence Valley: Our Group has been asked to provide a display of our knitting and crochet at the Ferry Park Gallery in Maclean during the month of June. We have previously had a display every year or two and it gives us an opportunity to promote the Knitters Guild as well our work. The Gallery has diverse items on display including jewellery, woodwork, sewing and art of great quality and we will be privileged to be part of it.

Jenny Moar, Secretary.

Crochet Turramurra: Wednesday 2 April, 10-12. We will be shown how to crochet a napkin ring. We should all be using cloth napkins, helping cut down on wasteful paper serviettes and doing a little bit to help our environment.. Please bring 4ply cotton and 1.75mm hook.

Pat Hicks - Convenor

Epping: Monday 21 April: Our Education sessions are held on the 3rd Monday of every month and currently cover socks and footwear.

Shirley Gregory - Publicity

Goulburn: Saturday 19 April, 10 - 3pm. We will be continuing our sock tutorial, working on the calculations needed for constructing a well-fitting, custom sock.

Due to being Easter Saturday, not all members are expected but at least some have already expressed interest.

Christina Wall - Publicity Officer

Inner City: 11 - 1pm.

Saturday 12 April - Colour Theory with Fiona Donovan. Saturday 14 June - Vintage Knitting with Bex Hulands.

Bryony Mika - Convenor

Inner West: Wednesday 16 April 10:30am.

Our topic for this month is "Knitting disasters, pitfalls, annoyances and how I solved them". I'm not sure that our usual 2 hour meeting will be long enough. Please join us with your insights.

Louise Zaluzny

Newcastle: Wednesday 9 April 10.00 am, Hamilton North Bowling Club, there will be a presentation on using Ravelry by Liza Moss. Bring your tablet or laptop if you have one. A KAL is in progress for both the Saturday (26 April) and Wednesday Groups. The Knit Along is called Ranunculus by Midori Hirorose on Ravelry, the pattern is purchased by the participator and is knitted in the round, on any weight yarn and 6mm needles. Meetings finish at 12:00 pm, you are welcome to stay for lunch at the in-house café.

Kate Zimmermann - Convenor

Pittwater: Tuesday 1 April - – A short business meeting followed by the planning of our crochet-a-long and then a 2-colour Brioche workshop.

Saturday 5 April – Review workshop and casual knit and natter.

Tuesday 15 April – Problem solving, crochet-a-long and knit and natter.

Wendy Collett - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 5 April, 12.30.

Teaching Corner for April will be "What we can do with those Squares". So bring along your squares plus the bits and pieces you will need to sew them up.

Wednesday 16 April, 10.00. Cafe catch up at the Roasted Berry, Mingara

Toni Withington - Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 19 April, 1-4pm

Stash Give-Away and Swap. Bring along your unwanted stash and go home with NEW stash!

Nardia Sly - Convenor