



KGBytes

January 2026

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Celebrating 40 years of knitting and crocheting in New South Wales



And Happy 10th Birthday to

FibreFest

*which was created in 2016 to
celebrate the Guild's 30th
Anniversary but was so popular it
found a permanent place in the
Guild Calendar.*

Let's Celebrate!

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that we have organised a celebration luncheon for the Guild's 40th Anniversary.

This will be held at The Castlereagh Hotel, 199 Castlereagh Street, Sydney in May 2026, just after the Annual General Meeting.

The cost per person will be \$75. We will be organizing a Try-booking link for bookings to be made from the beginning of February. Watch out for the link in the next issue of KGBytes.

As we know that not everyone will be able to attend the lunch, we will also be offering a one-off Anniversary Grant to each group. This will allow each group to organise something to celebrate the anniversary! Details of this will be given to the Convenors shortly.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the lunch for a wonderful time to catch up with old acquaintances, to make new ones and to have some fun! We want this to be a wonderful year for all. With this in mind, we would love to see photos and details of what each group does to celebrate this fantastic milestone.

Raewyn Tippett - President





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History of the Guild's Groups

In its 40 year history, the Guild has launched 34 local groups across the state and the ACT. Some of these have unfortunately closed, and some have merged. We currently have 25 groups, including a Virtual one.

Do bear in mind that although members choose a Home Group, you may visit any Guild group at any time. For details of their meetings, go to: <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/index.php/guild-groups/group-location-list>

Inaugural Meeting of Knitters' Guild NSW Inc, Later became Northern Group, then Northern Beaches (closed June 2021)	21 June 1986
Southern	March 1988
Canowindra (closed 2014)	August 1988
Epping	August 1989
Hunter (now Newcastle)	August 1989
Southern Highlands	August 1989
Liverpool (closed 2006)	1994
Ku-ring-gai (closed November 2023)	1994
Crochet - Turramurra	1995
New England (closed November 2018)	October 1999
Blue Mountains	November 1999
Kiama (closed December 2024)	February 2002
Macarthur	July 2003
Central Coast (closed 2011)	August 2003
Goulburn	November 2003
Inner City	June 2004
Coffs Harbour (aka Coffs Coast/Orara Valley) (Merged with Clarence Valley December 2010)	November 2005
Clarence Valley	August 2006
Epping Evening (now West Ryde)	January 2007
Mudgee	July 2008
Epping Crochet	October 2010
Upper Blue Mountains (now Katoomba)	May 2011
Maitland	August 2011
Queanbeyan (now Capital Region)	May 2013
Blacktown	June 2013
The Entrance	October 2013
Castle Hill (closed March 2016)	January 2014
Pittwater	October 2015
Woy Woy	August 2017
Mid North Coast	February 2018
Northern Tablelands	February 2018
Wollongong	November 2022
South Grafton	January 2024
Virtual	January 2024



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS and TALKS

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: www.trybooking.com/DHVXF



Slip It, Float It, Tuck It - with Bristol Ivy

Many of you may remember meeting Bristol when she visited us from the USA in 2019. We're really pleased to welcome her to an online class in April.

"Slip It, Float It, Tuck it" - In this class, she'll show you how slipping stitches (and slipping's compatriots, floating and tucking) instead of working them can lead to a pattern of their own and add texture, dimension, visual interest, and structure to our knitted fabric. We'll start with a small swatch to understand the concepts, but by the end of class you'll have the skills you need to create your very own slipped stitch masterpiece!

• Experience needed: knitting, purling, decreasing

DATE: Saturday 11 April 2026, 9.30am

COST: \$25 (Members), \$35 (Non-Members)

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN IN FEBRUARY

Adjusting for Gauge - with Ann Budd

This workshop is being held on 10 January. It was VERY popular and bookings have now closed.

As we have a number of members who were unable to get a place, we will be asking Ann to repeat the workshop at a later date.

So watch this space!

A Good Yarn Submissions

Please remember to submit your Group's report to the magazine editor by **15 January.**

Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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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 10 January, 10am-1pm
There will be no workshop this month. We will have our meeting to discuss the event and workshop calendar, morning tea roster planning, and admire our new printer. After the meeting we will talk about our knitting/crochet plans and goals for the year, and have show-and-tell of current and finished projects.

Jacinta Wood

Capital Region: Saturday 10 January. For our January meeting, we will be setting our knitting and crochet goals for 2026 and holding a 'clinic' where members can seek help with a troublesome project. Our new committee has settled into their roles for 2026, and we are currently planning this year's calendar.

Lauren Clancy, Convenor

Goulburn: Saturday 17 January, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Community Centre as normal. Karen will be running a tutorial on cable knits so bring along 8ply yarn, cable needles, and matching normal needles.

Christina Wall, Publicity Officer

Inner City: Saturday 10 January, 11am - 1pm. Discussion of Royal Easter Show entries and possible group drop off. Further discussion on 40th Anniversary exhibition and formation of a sub-committee to plan for this event.

Katherine Ireland, Secretary

Inner West: Wednesday 21 January 10.30 am at Camperdown Commons. This will be a relaxed meeting, brainstorming and planning our 2026 calendar as well as "show and tell". So please bring along your current or recent work in progress. All visitors welcome.

Cheryl Dolan

Pittwater: Saturday 3 January: this will be a casual meeting. Tuesday 6 January and Tuesday 20 January: we will have our meetings and will be organising the workshops for the year. The meetings are held at the Pittwater RSL from 1pm - 4pm.

Wendy Collett - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 3 January from 12.00 p.m: this will be a casual meeting. 14 January: Coffee catch up at Roasted Bean. We need the numbers needed for Sue Hobbs' Steeking workshop being held 1 March. Please see Toni.

Robyn Leech, Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 17 January. Ideas and tips for lining your knitted and crocheted bags, with Di Scaysbrook.

Sally Ogilvie - Convenor

Dates for your Diary 2026

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

May: Guild Annual General Meeting. Date and venue to be announced.

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



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NSW SHOWS

Do think about supporting your local shows this year.

It's a wonderful opportunity to hone your skills, it promotes knitting and crocheting, and it encourages Guild membership.

These are a few of the shows taking place in 2026.

For a full list (there are 192!), go to:

www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows

Armidale - 6 to 7 March 2026

Bowral - 10 to 11 January 2026

Camden - 20 to 21 March 2026

Canberra (Royal Canberra Show) - 20 to 22 February 2026

Central Coast - 25 to 26 April 2026

Hawkesbury - 8 to 10 May 2026

Kiama - 23 to 24 January 2026

Mudgee - 6 to 7 March 2026

Newcastle - 27 February to 1 March 2026

Sydney (Royal Easter Show) - 2-13 April 2026

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

Epping: Sue Bailey, Sue Thomson, Shulan Zhang

Inner City: Kris Howard

Macarthur: Mariette Ennik

Newcastle: Stephanie Clucas, Linda Warren

Northern Tablelands: Sean Rodden

Pittwater: Hedy Arrisueno, Gaye McMahon

Southern: Carol White

Southern Highlands: Julie Miller

Virtual: Natalina Daprossi

West Ryde: Louise Mobbs

Woy Woy: Hilary Gibson

Retail Member: One Stitch Two Stitch



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



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