



KGBytes

February 2026



40th Anniversary Celebrations and Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Saturday 2 May from 11.00am. Please note that this year, we are meeting at a different venue: **The Castlereagh (formerly Tattersalls), 199 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.**

And to celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we're having a party!

The AGM will be followed by a celebratory luncheon at The Castlereagh. Bookings for this special event are now open and we look forward to seeing many of you there. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new ones and have some fun. Mementos of the occasion will be available for purchase either on the day of the lunch or on our website.

We appreciate that not everyone will be able join in so the Guild is offering a one-off Anniversary Grant to each Group to allow them to organise their own celebrations. Details of this have been provided to Group Convenors. We're looking forward to hearing what each Group has planned and lots of photos of course.



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 2 May – 11.00am

The Castlereagh

No bookings required. Members unable to attend in person can join in via a Zoom link. Details of this will be sent to all members at the end of April.

40th Anniversary Luncheon

Saturday 2 May – 12.00pm

The Castlereagh, 199 Castlereagh St, Sydney

Cost per person: \$75

To book your place:

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

Do You Know This Stitch?

Would anyone be able to help a knitter find the instructions for this stitch? She found it in Ravelry but the account and the website are no longer active. If you have this in one of your stitch dictionaries, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact: Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Tutor Required

Blacktown group is looking for someone who is able to run a workshop for them on 'Knitting/Crocheting Flowers with Florist Wire'.

If you are interested, please contact their Convenor, Caroline Craig, at kgblacktown@gmail.com.



Contact Information

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HISTORY OF THE GUILD 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 26 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>

Apologies

Apologies to members of the Inner West Group, which was omitted from our History in January but is a thriving group, formed in March 2017.

We've reproduced the list below to reflect this omission.

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
Inner West	March 2017
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

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

Many of you may remember meeting Bristol when she visited us from the USA in 2016. 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)

TO BOOK:

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



Advanced Knitting Fixes - with Patty Lyons

The Guild is hosting an online 2 hour class with Patty Lyons on 14 March. The class is now fully-booked with a short waiting list.

Should we receive any cancellations, those on the list will be contacted.

Workshop with Adam Cleevely

We are currently organising a workshop with this very popular UK designer and tutor (Cleevelyknits) to take place in the coming months.

Keep an eye on KGBytes for full details.



Face-to-Face Workshops

There's nothing quite like sitting down with a tutor to learn a new skill. We apologise that we haven't organised any face-to-face workshops for a while but we're currently trying to source new venues in Sydney CBD. As soon as we're able, we'll organise a series of workshops. If there's any topic you would particularly like us to cover, or a tutor you'd find interesting, please email Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Suggestions are always very welcome!



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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 14 February 10am-1pm. Our workshop will be on 'Knitting with Beads and adding Fringe', run by Caroline Craig. There is some homework involved so if you are interested please contact kgblacktown@gmail.com for instructions and materials list.

After the meeting we will have knit and natter for those not doing the workshop.

Jacinta Wood

Capital Region: Saturday 14 February 1.30pm - 4.30pm. In the Capital Region we are embarking on a year long journey to improve our garment knitting. We are starting this journey with our February meeting with a panel of experienced garment knitters discussing the important details to consider before you cast on and answering questions from other members. We will also start a garment KAL or CAL for those that are interested. It's a busy month as our members are also preparing for the Royal Canberra Show and the Australian Yarn Show where we will be having a stall. We hope to see you all there!

Lauren Clancy, Convenor

Crochet Turramurra: Our first meeting of the year is on 4 February 4 at 10am. We will be shown how to crochet the hounds-tooth stitch. Bring 8 ply yarn and hook. We will also be discussing temperature blankets.

Pat Hicks, Co-Convenor

Epping: First formal meeting of the year - Monday 2 February, 10.00-12.00. Doors are open earlier.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: 21 February, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the community centre as normal. The tutorial for this session will be about changing tension for patterns which can be done with pen and paper. Karen and Christina will co-run the session for including an Excel walk-through for computing the formulas automatically. Please bring a laptop or tablet; you do not require a Microsoft subscription to participate as there is a Google equivalent.

Christina Wall, Publicity Officer

Katoomba: Saturday 14 February, 11 am - 2 pm Katoomba RSL Club. We will be having a workshop on how to read crocheted and knitted diagrams. Bring 8ply wool (light coloured) and 4mm hook.

Ronah Tuite – Convenor.

Newcastle: Wednesday 11 February. We have a stash sale for members. All yarn must be priced and labelled according to content in clear sealed plastic bags. Please contact us for further details.

newcastleknittersguildnsw@gmail.com

Newcastle has a challenge for members to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Knitters' Guild. We will be knitting or crocheting an article in red; the article is the choice of the creator. The challenge finishes on Wednesday 8 July. There will be prizes.

Kate Zimmerman, Convenor

Pittwater: Tuesday 3 February - Barb will be offering to teach the first square crochet for a flower blanket CAL. Saturday 7 February - we will have a knit and natter. Tuesday 17 February - Janelle will offer an introduction to Intarsia. All our meetings are held at the Pittwater RSL from 1pm - 4pm.

Gill Ashley - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 7 February. 12.30 for 1.00pm start.

Wednesday 18 February. 10.00am. Roasted Berry.

Saturday 7 March, 9.00am. Steeking workshop with Sue Hobbs. \$15 fee includes morning tea and light lunch. Group meeting from 1.00pm

Robyn Leech - Convenor

Virtual: Monday 9 February. 7.00pm Let us know your knitting and crochet resolutions for the year. Contact: virtual@knittersguildnsw.org.au for Zoom link.

Sue Frost - Secretary

Woy Woy: Saturday 21 February, 1.00-4.00pm. Get to grips with Steeking, with August James.

Sally Ogilvie - Convenor



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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:

Tracey Bryan, Jean Marlow

Epping:

Kathryn Honor, Hilda Kruletic, Barbara Mills

Macarthur:

Anthony Bosch

Newcastle:

Tracey Hazelton, Lorraine Sullivan

Pittwater:

Indi Gorazdowski

Southern:

Rebekah Batson, Tracey Jimogiannis

Virtual:

Sally Johnson

Wollongong:

Kim Coady, Suzy Dimovski



Exhibit Success Program

Expertise Events, the organisers of the Craft and Quilt Fair in Sydney, and many other exhibitions around the country, are holding a half-day FREE seminar on 11 March at Sydney Showground.

Many of our groups and retailers participate in exhibitions so this may be an opportunity to learn how to make the most of your presence at these shows.

To book your place, go to

<https://tinyurl.com/ExhibitorProgram>

Dates for your Diary 2026

6 - 8 March: Australian Yarn Show, Canberra

21 March: Guyra Fleece and Fibre Frolic, New England Highway, Guyra

2 - 13 April: Sydney Royal Easter Show

11-12 April: River Yarn Festival, Carcoar

CANCELLED

19 April: Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association (Southern Highland Woolfest), Mittagong

2 May: Guild AGM, The Castlereagh, 199 Castlereagh St, Sydney, 11.00am

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

Cancelled Events

We're sad to announce that the following events have been cancelled:

Central Coast Regional Show - Due to be held 25/26 April. This will not take place this year but the organisers are hoping to include the competitions, such as the knitting and crochet ones, in another event happening later in the year.

River Yarn Festival, Carcoar - This festival, due to be held on 11/12 April, has been cancelled this year. They're hoping to be able to hold it in 2027.

Posting to Group Social Media Accounts

This issue of KGBytes includes information about the Annual General Meeting, the celebratory lunch, future workshops and more. We'd love it if you would promote these events across your group's social media accounts. This acts as a reminder to your members and also advertises the Guild's activities to your followers who may not yet be members.