



KGBytes

March 2026



DATES TO REMEMBER!

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 2 May – 11.00am

The Castlereagh, 199 Castlereagh St, Sydney

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.

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>



Join us in celebrating our 40th Anniversary

The Guild is celebrating our Anniversary by hosting a special lunch after this year's Annual General Meeting on 2 May.

Join us at The Castlereagh at 12.00 pm, enjoy a lovely meal, and the company of your Guild friends (and make new ones, of course).

Book your place now booking details are above.

Come to the AGM, Come to the Lunch, and Wear the Hat!

Hannah Smith has created a beanie pattern to help celebrate our 40th Anniversary. There are 2 patterns: 1 in 8 ply and 1 in 4 ply.

Anniversary Waratah is a stranded colour-work beanie. Worked seamlessly in the round, this design uses only two contrasting colours of 4 ply fingering weight /sock yarn, or 8 ply yarn. Whichever you prefer.

The pattern includes both written instructions and a colour-work chart. Instructions are provided for one size.

We hope many of you will knit a beanie and wear them to Guild functions this year.

We're really looking forward to admiring them!

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/anniversary-waratah-4-ply>

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/anniversary-waratah-8-ply>





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A Little Bit of Guild History

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we thought it may be interesting to look at some of our history, particularly for those of us who haven't been around for the whole journey.

The Guild was formed in June 1986, with 9 people attending the first meeting.

At 31 December 2025, the Guild had 1112 members -12 Life Members, 4 Honorary Members, 1037 Regular Members, 3 Junior, 7 Student and 49 Retail Members.



*The Guild's first logo
Designed by Jenny Livingston*

The current LIFE MEMBERS are (in alphabetical order):

Sunny Bidner
Yvonne Fazzolari
Jill Francis
Eleanor Goldfinch
Clare Hacker
Brenda Horne
Evol King
Merrin Marks
Pamela North
Sally Ogilvie
Hazell Reddish
Margaret Reid



*The Guild's current logo
Designed by Ann Lemon in 2014*

The current HONORARY MEMBERS are (in alphabetical order):

Ann Budd
Norah Gaughan
Shelley Husband
Bristol Ivy

Two of our most celebrated members!

Our oldest member, we believe, is Gwen Lawrence, who celebrated her 101st birthday in 2025.

Our longest-standing member is Eleanor Goldfinch, who joined the Guild in 1986.

Margot Chick

Does any member have photos of Margot Chick, the Guild's Founder, who died in 1992? If so, we'd love to see them. Please send to: KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au



UPCOMING WORKSHOP

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>

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: Tanya Harris, Catherine Telfer

Capital Region: Stella Pearce, Toby Van Der Zwart, Erin Walsh

Crochet Turrumurra: Cherie Fulwood

Epping: Kim Chua, Annabel McConnachie, Meryle Robinson

Inner City: Alex Black, Karen Dix, Cheryl Keane

Newcastle: Amy Woods, Leah Zimmerman

Northern Tablelands: Anna Smith

Pittwater: Karyn Riches

South Grafton: Amanda Kent

Retail: Bonnies Daughter (Emily Ann Cesca)

Southern: Kayleen Barnes, Yvonne Chung

Southern Highlands: Jeanette Kearney, Kate Mitchell, Tory Page

Virtual: Brienne Roberts, Linda Thomas

West Ryde: Jennifer Elliott

Wollongong: Stephanie Barrett



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.

Sydney Easter Show

The Guild is considering taking a stand at this year's Easter Show on 8 and 9 April 2026. If you are interested in volunteering to help on the stall, please email secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Further details will be provided in the next issue of KGBytes.

CALLING ALL GROUP TREASURERS

If you haven't yet submitted your Group's accounts and receipts for 2025, **PLEASE** send immediately to the Guild Treasurer, Mary.

Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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News From The Groups

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.

For details of Group venues and meeting times, visit our website:

<https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/index.php/guild-groups>

Blacktown: Saturday 14 March, 10am-1pm. Our workshop will be on Bust Darts, run by Sue Hobbs. If you are interested please contact kgblacktown@gmail.com for instructions and materials list. We will have a Show and Tell for people who entered their projects into the Blacktown Show (7-8th March). After the meeting we will have Knit and Natter for those not doing the workshop.

Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains: Saturday 21 March.. We look forward to seeing all members there for another enjoyable gathering. The monthly social get-together will take place at 11.30am on 1 March with a change of venue. From now on we will meet at Tori Cafe, which is located in the Pullman Hotel, near Penrith Panthers club. All members are invited to join for an enjoyable time filled with crafting, delicious food, and great company.

Jan Marshall Secretary

Epping: Monday 2 March: Second formal meeting for year. We enjoy the lucky door prize given out each 1st Monday of every month; this will continue.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: 21 March: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the community centre as normal. The tutorial for this session will be about crochet for those that haven't tried it before. If you have some, please bring some crochet hooks but there should be some available in the cupboard. We also have the Goulburn Show two weeks prior to the meeting, where we should all have some fun working the stall. If you've forgotten what shifts you are doing, please send an email to Karen as Lorraine will be away.

Christina Wall, Publicity Officer

Inner West: Wednesday 18 March, 10.30-12.30. Bernadette has kindly volunteered to teach us all things Tunisian crochet. Please bring in some yarn and a 4, 5 or 6 mm crochet hook to participate. (One that doesn't have a handle works best). We have a stash busters activity at the moment with knitting Dog Jumpers for Jack Russell Rescue. We have discovered this is an excellent way to use up your stash and/or try new knitting stitches. Reminder to anyone knitting dog jumpers - please wash and block them and bring them to our March meeting to hand them over to Dog Jumpers for auction with Jack Russell Rescue. I believe Molly is collecting them to be sent to the JRT Rescue for auction in April. <https://jrtrescue.net/about-us/>

Cheryl Dolan, Secretary

Newcastle: Wednesday 11 March, we will welcome our guest speaker, Alison Bryson, on Stress and Knitting. Alison is from Lake Macquarie and will talk about how she got her life back after a mental health crisis. She has written a book entitled 'Knitting, Tatting and Nervous Breakdowns'. We have two current challenges - the first one is to knit or crochet any item in red to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Knitters Guild NSW, as it is our 40th birthday. The second is for the Saturday group to knit or crochet any item from one ball or skein of yarn.

Kate Zimmerman, Convenor

Pittwater: Tuesday 3 March: there will be a Business Meeting and Easter Craft. The Easter Craft will be led by Deb and Judy to make either a knitted dish cloth or a crocheted basket.

Saturday 7 March: will be a Knit and Natter.

Tuesday 17 March: Deb will offer a workshop on how to use magic loop to knit a top down and in the round garment. Barb will lead a workshop on how to crochet a Violet flower.

Gill Ashley - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 7 March 12.00 for 1.00 start. Steeking class is also on 7 March starting 9.00 am with Sue Hobbs. 18 March: Mid Month Coffee catch up at the Roasted Berry

Robyn Leech - Convenor

Woy Woy: Saturday 21 March: We're welcoming Jackie from We Care Connect, a Central Coast charity, which the groups supports.
Sally Ogilvie - Convenor



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Fibre Frolic Market Day

Winbourne
1315 Mulgoa Rd
Mulgoa

Free Entry
10am - 3pm

Meet **Ambah O'Brien**
Over 50 Yarn and Craft Stalls
Demonstrations
Great Food
Live Music

**Sunday
3 May**

FIBRE FROLIC

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Knit AUSTRALIA Nights

3 DAYS
6 TUTORS
20 CLASSES
12-14TH JULY
BENDIGO, VIC

Register from Feb 14th

www.knitaustrianights.com



FIBREFEST 2026
by Knitters Guild NSW

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
10AM - 3PM

WYONG RACE CLUB & FUNCTION CENTRE
Howarth St, Wyong NSW 2259
A short 5 min walk from Wyong Station

FREE ENTRY
Stalls (Yarn & Craft)
Demonstrations
Fashion Parade
Food & Drink
Great Music
Stunning Location

Great day out for the whole family!

More information:
www.knittersguildnsw.org.au
festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au

EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED!

- 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
- 2 May: Guild 40th Anniversary Lunch, The Castlereagh, 199 Castlereagh St, Sydney, 12.00am.
- 3 May: Fibre Frolic Festival, Mulgoa
- 24 May: Knitters' Picnic, Dungog
- 7 June: Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association, Rylstone
- 12 - 14 July: Knit Australia Nights, Bendigo
- 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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FibreFest 2026

TEST KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS REQUIRED

We have **THREE** shawls to celebrate FibreFest this year - a knitted one, a crocheted one, and (by popular demand) a Tunisian crocheted one.

But we need a few testers to help before we make the patterns available to our members.

You will receive the pattern via email on 16 March and will need to have it completed by 30 April.

Crochet pattern: UK terminology. The pattern requires 2 x 100gm (400 m) skeins of 4-ply and a 4.5 mm hook. The recommended yarn is Australian Wool Store 4-ply (fingering) super wash merino.

Tunisian Crochet pattern: This two-skein triangular shawl that is worked from side to side with panels of lace and solid stitches. The pattern requires 800m (880yds) of Super Fine 1 weight / Fingering / 4 ply and a 6mm (US J/10) Tunisian crochet hook with 30cm+ (12in+) cable. The recommended yarn is Malabrigo Sock (100% superwash merino wool).

Knitting pattern: This triangular shawl needs: 4ply yarn. Main colour (MC) - 3 skeins 100gm/400m, Contrast colour 1 (CC1) - 1 skein 100gm/400m, Contrast colour 2 (CC2) - 1 skein 100gm/400m. As well as a 3.75mm/US 80/in circular needle, 2 stitch markers, and a 4mm/USG6/UK8 crochet hook.

If you would like to test one of these patterns, please contact the Guild Secretary at Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au



*Tunisian Crochet Shawl
Designer: Kelly Lonergan*



*Knitted Shawl
Designer: Clare Hacker*



*Crochet Shawl
Designer: Jenny Whiting*