



# KGBytes

May 2026



## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** **Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair**

The Craft and Quilt Fair 2026 is once more at the ICC Sydney, Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour from Wednesday 15 July to Saturday 18 July - 10am to 4pm - and Knitters' Guild NSW will be there with a stand. This venue is very accessible by public transport. For full details, visit their website:  
<https://craftfair.com.au/sydney/>

We will continue with the very successful theme of learning to make a Granny Square and the Guild will invite visitors to join in.

Following the success of last year, there will again be a Knitting Lounge where visitors may relax or have a go at learning to knit and crochet, with the help of the Guild of course. The Guild has been asked to provide, throughout the time at the Fair, one member in this area adjacent to the Guild Stand.

You were very generous with your time last year and the Guild is, once more, looking for lots of volunteers for this stand: to chat to the visitors, tell them about the Guild and, of course, encourage them to join. We need at least three, or hopefully four, members for each session:

10.00am-1.00pm and 1.00pm-4.00pm for each of the four days. Each volunteer will receive free entry to the Show for the day (valued at \$28) which gives the opportunity to explore the show as well as helping the Guild.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Guild Secretary on  
[Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au) and indicate which dates and times suit you.

This event, along with others organised by the Guild, are excellent opportunities to promote what the Guild is all about.

**Attention Retailers:** There will also be a Yarn & Thread Market this year for the first time. If you, as a retailer, wish for more information please email the Guild Secretary for more details.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 2 May – 11.00am at The Castlereagh, 199 Castlereagh St, Sydney.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The AGM this year is **NOT** being held at our usual venue.

We'd love to see many of you there but appreciate that it isn't possible for everyone to attend. If you wish to send your apologies, these must be received by Friday evening 1 May.

Full details and a Zoom link for those unable to attend in person were sent to all members yesterday.

## **MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

The Guild has a stand at Crochet Guild Australia's Conference, being held at the Novotel Hotel, Wollongong, from 19-21 June. And we're looking for volunteers.

If you are able to donate some time over that 3 days to promote our Guild, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact our Wollongong Group Convenor, Iman Aziza, at [iaziza95@gmail.com](mailto:iaziza95@gmail.com), for further details.

## **WORKSHOP CONVENOR REQUIRED**

We are looking for a new Workshop Convenor to organise our online and Sydney face-to-face workshops.

The role involves:

Sourcing tutors both inside and outside the Guild  
Choosing class topics, dates and times  
Taking bookings, via Try Booking  
Liaising with the tutors and students  
This is an interesting position that can be carried out from anywhere in the state - if the Convenor is unable to host workshops in Sydney, a volunteer can be found to attend the event in her place.

If you are interested in applying for this voluntary role, or would like further information, please contact Sally at  
[Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au)



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## ***A Little Bit of Guild History***

### **KGBytes**

In 2014, the Guild website was re-designed and moved to a new server. The Guild's membership database, which was being held on a stand-alone computer, was then uploaded to our new server, making access easier for those who needed it, and giving us a better way to communicate with all members.

So a new monthly newsletter was born in February 2015! Clare Hacker christened it KGBytes and the name stuck. 140 issues later, we're still here. (During the pandemic, we had two issues some months).

The newsletter has had only 3 Editors in 11 years - Sally Ogilvie, Cynthia Mulholland and Clare Hacker. Sally is currently the Editor once again.

All back issues are available on the Guild website.

### **Guild Gathering 2026**

This year's Gathering takes place at Stanwell Tops from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, 21-23 August.

We still have a couple of vacancies for members willing to give a short demonstration to those not attending a full-length workshop at that time. We'd love to hear from you. Or maybe you have someone in your group you think would be perfect for this..... if so, maybe you could persuade them to volunteer.

To offer your services, or to get further details, please contact Mary -  
Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au

### **WWKIP and Anniversary Celebrations**

Don't forget to let us know the details of any activities your Group has planned for World Wide Knit in Public Day.

And if you're organising something special to commemorate the Guild's 40th Anniversary, we'd love to hear about that too.

Please send all details to:  
kgbytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au

### **Looking for a Test Knitter**

Robynn-El has designed a 2 skein 4 ply wrap with garter ridges and dragon wing curves along two edges.

You will need 1 x 100g semi or solid dark colour and 1 x 100g wild/multicoloured skein.

Skills required: slipped stitch braided edges and single/double increases and decreases that are fully explained.

Email [robynnelstudio@gmail.com](mailto:robynnelstudio@gmail.com) for details if this is something you think may be of interest to you.

### **Would you like to be paid to knit a sweater?**

The Guild has received a request from a woman in the Penrith area looking to someone to knit a sweater for her.

If you'd be interested, or would like further details, please email Melissa on [melissalouise1402@gmail.com](mailto:melissalouise1402@gmail.com)



## WORLD-WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY EVENTS: Saturday 13 June

### Kiama's 1-Day Exhibit and Crochet Workshop

On Saturday 13 June 2026, in the Conservatory on Level 3 in Stage 5 at Kiama's Blue Haven Terralong Retirement Village, there will be a one-day exhibit of locally handmade charity blankets to help celebrate the annual Worldwide Knit in Public Day. Entrance at 55 Thomson St.

This will give residents and friends a wonderful chance to look at, photograph, sketch or draw your own images, of the best of our locally designed knit and crochet blankets, under the amazing glass-domed Conservatory roof.

The gentle art of crochet will also feature in an all-day casual workshop in Level 6 Sky

Lounge, with hospitality morning and afternoon tea, where you'll be able to learn or share your crochet skills, from doing basic single chain edgings around squares for blankets, to doing more complex design of corner-to-corner crochet patterns.

There will also be a Donations Table for dropping off handmade winter warmers for donating to local charities, plus a Knitting Notions display table of handmade crafting bags, yarn winders, needles and hooks for you to try out, make and use, plus free giveaway Start a Yarn Kits.

For more details, please contact BoniM: 0424 641663.

**Pittwater Group knitting in public:** The group has organised their WWKIP event for Saturday 13 June where they will knit outside Spotlight at the Belrose Super Centre.

**If your Group has organised a special event for the day, do let us know and we'll promote it in the June issue of KGBytes**

## 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:** Maha Dunne, Charmaine Gorman, Suzanne Hegarty, Monika Murphy, Debra O'Shea

**Capital Region:** Betty Edwards, Heidi Raine, Ingrid Raine, Stephanie Steele, Sarah Thew

**Epping:** Yvonne Bonner, Barbara Cleary

**Inner City:** Elizabeth Evatt, Melissa Paisley, Jorja Roberts, Jackie Schiller, Karania Skidmore

**Inner West:** Lin Johnston, Robin Perry

**Mid North Coast:** Gail Greenwood

**Newcastle:** Faye Clark

**Pittwater:** Martha Hutchinson

**Retail:** Bellevue Park, The Terrey Hills Emporium

**Southern Highlands:** Shonagh Moore

**The Entrance:** Lynee White, Helen Williams

**Virtual:** Meg Aitchison, Mary Byrne, Nicole Coburn, Annette Priccina, Gina Sykes

**Wollongong:** Michelle Costelloe





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## News From The Groups

**Blacktown:** Saturday 9 May, 10am-1pm our workshop will be on solar dyeing with onion skins, run by Jacinta Wood. There is a materials list you need to bring so if you are interested please contact [kgblacktown@gmail.com](mailto:kgblacktown@gmail.com). We will have our meeting to discuss Worldwide Knit in Public Day and the Knitters' Guild AGM. After the meeting we will have knit and natter for those not doing the workshop.

**Jacinta Wood**

**Blue Mountains: Saturday 16 May** - Prior to our meeting, member Jeanette Strong will conduct a sock workshop using the Magic Loop method. Following the workshop we will hold our normal meeting. Sunday 3 May - Our social gathering is at Tori Café, Pullman Western Sydney. For more information please email [nswkgbmgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nswkgbmgroup@gmail.com)

**Jan Marshall Secretary**

**Crochet Turrumurra:** Wednesday 6 May, 10-12. We will be learning the Crocodile Stitch and making a coat hanger cover and a hot water bottle cover. The hot water bottle cover needs 2 balls of 8 ply wool and 4mm hook. The coat hanger cover needs 1 ball of 8ply yarn and a 4.5mm hook.

**Pat Hicks - Co-Convenor**

**Epping:** Monday 4 May is our next formal meeting. Monday 18 May is our education meeting and we will be continuing with Tunisian crochet.

**Shirley Gregory, Publicity**

**Goulburn:** Saturday 16 May, 10:00am-2:00pm, at the community centre as normal. There will be a formal meeting before a workshop on a yet to be defined topic, bring along some personal project to work on.

**Christina Wall, Publicity Officer**

**Inner City:** Saturday 9 May : 10am - early start ! Destash - yarn, tools, notions, books and finished objects. Members are welcome to attend and purchase (cashless). Meeting to follow, 40th Anniversary High Tea ! Concluding at 1pm. June long weekend (6 and 7 June) Rylstone visit coincides with Black and Coloured sheep muster in Rylstone.

**Katherine Ireland - Secretary**

**Inner West:** Wednesday 20 May, 10.30-12.30, Members are encouraged to bring along any examples of work from their early years to discuss.

**Cheryl Dolan, Secretary**

**Macarthur:** Monday 13 May - we are having a lesson on Short Row shaping and 3 needle cast off. Saturday 25 May - the same lesson as for the Monday meeting - Short Row shaping and 3 needle cast off. Doors open at 9.30am.

**Alison Wooton, Publicity**

**Pittwater:** Saturday 2 May, informal meeting. Tuesday 5 May, Barb will lead a workshop to learn how to crochet a daisy flower. On Tuesday 19 May, Rhona is offering a workshop on scrumbling. We have organised our WWKIP event for Saturday 13 June where we will knit outside Spotlight at the Belrose Super Centre.

**Gill Ashley - Secretary**

**The Entrance:** Saturday 2 May starting at 1.00 p.m. Granny Square Challenge 10" Squares for our donation to We Care Connect. Prizes will be awarded.

The Morning Coffee catch up at Roasted Berry is Wednesday the 20th May starting 10.00 a.m.

**Sue Page and Robyn Leech, Co-Convenors**

**Virtual:** We'll be discussing various methods of casting on. Tell us about your favourite and learn some new ones.

**Sue Frost - Secretary**

**Woy Woy:** Saturday 16 May, 1.00-4.00pm - Bring along all your useful knitting tips and tricks to share.

**Sally Ogilvie - Convenor**

### Contact Information

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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

www.fibrefrolic.com.au fb/fibrefrolicfestival @fibre.frolic.festival

## EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED!

- 2 May: Guild AGM, The Castlereagh, 199 Castlereagh St, Sydney, 11.00am
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- 3 May: Fibre Frolic Festival, Mulgoa
- 24 May: Knitters' Picnic, Dungog
- 7 June: Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association, Rylstone
- 19 - 21 June: Crochet Guild of Australia Conference, Novotel, Wollongong
- 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

## Submitting Group Reports to KGBytes

When submitting your Group's report to KGBytes, may we please ask you to use the following guidelines:

- \* Details of your **next** meeting only
- \* The date and time of the meeting
- \* The planned activity
- \* If homework/materials are required. Either list them or give email address for further information
- \* The name of the member submitting the report

### THAT IS ALL WE NEED

We don't require the venue details (unless the meeting is taking place away from your usual venue). You may include a future event/meeting if you need to promote it in advance, for instance if bookings are required and/or payments to be made. This will either be included in your entry or we will give it its own entry in that or a relevant future issue.

You're all very friendly and hospitable people so you don't have to say "Visitors are Welcome" as we believe and hope that's a given!

Please send your reports by 24th of each month to [kgbytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:kgbytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

All past issues of KGBytes are available to be read on the Guild's website.