



VOLUNTEERING FOR THE GUILD

The Guild is an entirely volunteer-led, not-for-profit organisation of approximately 1,000 members. In addition to the Executive Committee Members, we need many more to volunteer for general administrative duties, such as looking after the Guild's finances, membership matters, the website, our social media accounts etc. We also aim to provide many activities and events for our members, eg the Gathering, the Cruise, FibreFest and workshops. We have promotional stands at a number of festivals across the state where we need volunteers to promote the Guild. All of this work is dependent on many of our members putting up their hands to be actively involved, either for an on-going role or for a one-off activity. Do please consider giving a few hours a year (or more, of course, would be really appreciated!) to helping where you can so that we can survive the many demands on our time and flourish.

WORKSHOP CONVENOR REQUIRED

Guild workshops are very popular with our members. We are able to attract many famous-name knitting tutors and designers to teach, and these workshops are organised for our members at a greatly reduced cost. 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

Bookings Now Open for The Gathering!

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Full FibreFest Shawl Details!

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair

The Craft and Quilt Fair 2025 is at the ICC Sydney, Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour from Wednesday 15 July to Saturday 18 July - 10am to 4pm - and we will be there with a stand. This venue is very accessible by public transport.

We are still in need of volunteers for this stand; to chat to the visitors, tell them about the Guild and, of course, encourage them to join. The session times are: 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. Please consider helping, and contact the Guild Secretary on Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au and indicate which dates and times suit you.

For full details of the event, visit their website: <https://craftfair.com.au/sydney/>

FIBREFEST VOLUNTEERS

FibreFest this year takes place on Sunday 27 September at Wyong Racecourse and we will shortly be asking for members to volunteer a little of their time to help on the day.

If you are planning to attend FibreFest, then do think about taking the opportunity to having a rest after all that shopping, sitting down with a coffee for an hour or so and selling raffle tickets.



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June 2026

A Little Bit of Guild History

The Guild's Annual Yarn Festival

To celebrate the Guild's 30th Anniversary in 2016, the Guild held a yarn festival, Fibrefest, on 9 October at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Singleton. This was such a success that it was decided to make it an annual event, with the 2017 Fibrefest being held on 22 October 2017. In 2018, Fibrefest became a 2 day event, with workshops on the Saturday and Market Day on the Sunday, over the weekend of 27 /28 October. The same format was repeated in 2019, on the weekend of 26/27 October.

In 2020, the event had to be cancelled because of the pandemic, so it was taken online on 24/25 October, with 20 retailers offering discounts and promotions. It was hoped to return to normal in 2021 but the event booked for October 2021 wasn't able to take place, again because of the pandemic, and therefore plans were made to move it to March 2022. Unfortunately, heavy flooding meant that this also had to be postponed but Fibrefest eventually took place on 15/16 October 2022 at a new venue, the Edmund Rice Retreat in Mulgoa.

In 2023, Fibrefest was moved to Wyong Racecourse and returned to its one-day market format, on 10 September. It has remained at Wyong since then, taking place on 13 October 2024 and 28 September 2025. This year's will be held on Sunday 27 September.

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

TEN YEARS OF FIBREFEST!

9 October 2016	Convent, Singleton
22 October 2017	Convent, Singleton
27/28 October 2018	Convent, Singleton
26/27 October 2019	Convent, Singleton
24/25 October 2020	Online
15/16 October 2022	Edmund Rice Retreat, Mulgoa
10 September 2023	Wyong Racecourse
13 October 2024	Wyong Racecourse
28 September 2025	Wyong Racecourse
27 September 2026	Wyong Racecourse



MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

For Sale: Ashford spinning wheel 'Elizabeth' with two sets of carders and five bobbins, as well as 'The Ashford Book of Spinning'. \$300 ONO Pick up only Strathfield area of Sydney.

Contact Hannah 0437 407 628.

KGBytes is happy to advertise items that **MEMBERS** have for sale. They must be equipment that is fibre craft related (such as needles, swifts, looms, spinning wheels etc). No advertisements for yarn will be accepted. Knitters' Guild NSW accepts no responsibility for these private arrangements. Please submit your advertisement by 24th of the month to KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Create a FibreFest Shawl

It's time to get excited for FibreFest in the Guild's anniversary year. To celebrate, we're offering three beautiful patterns for you to make, wear, and show off. Choose your favourite... or create all three and wrap yourself in handmade glory. Make sure you wear your creations to FibreFest; you might win a prize!

To obtain one or all of these patterns:

Visit our website for all details of these wonderful shawls. <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/index.php/resources/guild-patterns>

Click the Ravelry link against the chosen shawl.

Purchase the pattern quoting the Access Code below to download your free copy. All patterns are available free of charge when using this code until 28 September 2026.

Knitted Shawl: Clare Hacker (nee Singline) has designed the knitted shawl called FibreFest Shawl 2026. Use the Access Code KGFF26K to download your free copy from Ravelry.

Crocheted Shawl: Jenny Whiting of Jennifree Designs has designed the crochet shawl called Following My Dreams Shawl . Use the Access Code KGFF26C to download your free copy from Ravelry.

Tunisian Crocheted Shawl: Kelly Lonergan of Hazenna Inspired designed the Tunisian shawl called Light of Love Shawl. Use the Access Code KGFF26C to download your free copy from Ravelry.

We're looking forward to seeing all those wonderful creations!

FibreFest Shawl 2026
Designed by Clare Hacker



Hazenna Inspired
Designed by Kelly Lonergan



Following My Dreams
Designed by Jenny Whiting





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Share your work in A Good Yarn



As part of our redesign of the Guild's quarterly magazine, A Good Yarn, we want to feature more of our members' incredible work on the cover.

If you have a completed project that you'd like to see on the magazine's cover, please send a short description of the item, links to any Ravelry project notes or pattern, information about the yarn used and anything else you'd like us to know about your work.

We're looking for both knitted and crocheted pieces, and those selected will be included in a professional photo shoot to take place in Sydney in late June (date TBC). If your work is selected, we'll also include a short interview with you about the making process in the issue in which it is featured.

To be considered, please send an email to Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au using the subject line "Cover image entry" and be sure to also include at least one good photo of your completed work.

Interview Topics for A Good Yarn

Robynn is looking for new woolly-type people to be interviewed for A Good Yarn, the Guild's quarterly magazine.

Think indie-dyer, designer, business owner, Instagram influencer

Any ideas? Contact Robynnelstudio@gmail.com

GUILD GATHERING 2026

BOOKINGS OPEN!

Our wonderful and very popular weekend event is taking place this year from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 August.

Once again, we'll be meeting at The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops. (www.thetops.com.au)

We have 16 workshops (knitting, crochet, and Tunisian crochet), a mini-marketplace with some of our Retail Members, a members' marketplace, lots of food and a great deal of fun.

Bookings are now **OPEN** on our website. Visit The Gathering page, read all about it, browse the workshops then book your place.

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

EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED!

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



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

Blacktown: They will be combining their regular meeting with the Blacktown Library Knitting group and meeting at Club Blacktown - Villagio from 10am. Booking is under *Knitters Guild - Jacinta* if you would like to join them.

Epping: Cost \$2.50 Seniors Opal Card. The group has planned a trip to the Wool Inn, Penrith. Ample parking Adderton Rd, Telopea. Start 9.45am Light Rail Telopea station. Through to last stop, Westmead station. Catch train to Penrith. Short walk to Wool Inn, High Street Penrith. Shop, then Wool Inn will have a room open from 12noon. Lunch in a café en route back to station. Bring your current 2026 Guild membership proof to obtain discount. Join us en route eg Parramatta Sq stop, Penrith station or at the Wool Inn. Contact: Shirley Gregory, 0421633921 for more details.

Goulburn: At the RSL, in the sunken lounge. This will be the much loved Knit in Public Day, so make sure to bring your knitting and smiles! The cafe and bistro are nearby for lunch for members that want it.

Kiama's 1-Day Exhibit and Crochet Workshop:

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. 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

Newcastle: This group is celebrating at Lampton Park from 10.00am until 12 noon, weather permitting. Bring a chair, a flask of hot drink and your knitting or crochet. There are cafes near by.

Pittwater : The group has organised their WWKIP event from 10.00-12.00, where they will knit outside Spotlight at the Belrose Super Centre.

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*

Blacktown: Wendy Healy, Priya Jathes

Blue Mountains: Margaret George, Jenny Le Gros

Capital Region: Stephanie Burton, Liz Hoyland

Crochet (Turrumurra): Sarah Johnson

Epping: Adriana Corona Mothe

Goulburn: Emma Marr, Sally Vellar

Inner City: Jessica Briffa, Kerry Byrnes, Alice Fahrer, Somwrita Sarkar, Rachael Zavodnyik

Inner West: Susan Case

Mudgee: Margot Palk

Newcastle: Michelle Ford, Judy Gray, Patricia Knight, Sharon Nevile

Pittwater: Kim Worrad

Retail: Convent and Chapel Wool Shop

South Grafton: Joan Derrick, Nancy Small

Virtual: Jessica Lowe



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News From The Groups

Blacktown: Saturday 13 June - our regular meeting is on WWKIPDay. We will be combining with the Blacktown Library Knitting group and meeting at Club Blacktown - Villagio from 10am. Booking is under Knitters Guild - Jacinta if you would like to join us.

Jacinta Wood

Capital Region: Saturday 13 June, 1.30-4.30pm. We're hosting a talk by one of our members about completing the knitting certificate. We will also be celebrating the Guild's 40th birthday by having a party.

Lauren Clancy - Convenor

Crochet Turramurra: Wednesday 3 June - 10.00-12.00. Janelle will be showing us how to make crochet baskets. Bring 3 balls of 8 ply acrylic, any colours, plus 1 large stitch marker and a size 10mm hook.

Pat Hicks - Co-Convenor

Epping: Monday 15 June, 10.00 - 12noon, is our education lesson. We will commence the first lesson on 'no sew' felted double slippers.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: Saturday 13 June at the RSL, in the sunken lounge. This will be our much loved Knit in Public Day, so make sure to bring your knitting and smiles! The cafe and bistro are nearby for lunch for members that want it.

Christina Wall, Publicity Officer

Inner West: Wednesday 17 June, 10.30am-12.30. We will be collecting items for our charity - the Aboriginal Women & Children's Crisis Service, and sewing on our Knitters' Guild labels during the meeting. And always an opportunity for Show and Tell.

Cheryl Dolan, Secretary

Newcastle: 27 June, 10.15am. A stash sale with proceeds going to NOVA for Women and Children.

Kate Zimmerman, Convenor

Pittwater: Tuesday 2 June - Barb will offer a crochet workshop to make a rose flower for the crochet flower blanket. Saturday 6 June - there will be a knit and natter meeting. Tuesday 16 June, we have arranged for a presentation from Marianne Bos from Kokamamo Textiles in honour of the 40th Anniversary of the Guild

Gill Ashley - Secretary

Southern: Saturday, 6 June, 9am-12pm. We are having a morning tea to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Guild. We'd be pleased if any Guild members would like to join us, particularly any former Southern Group members or friends of Southern Group we haven't been able to contact.

Jo Kennedy, Secretary

Woy Woy: Saturday 20 June, 1.00-4.00pm. The group is in the process of making 40 teddies for the local ambulance service - to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Guild. At this month's meeting we'll be getting to grips with sewing on faces!

Sally Ogilvie - Convenor

We love to hear what your Group has planned.

It reminds your own members, maybe encourages a member from another group to visit you, and gives us all great ideas for our own groups.

Submit the details by 24th of each month to:

KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au