



KGBytes



July 2026

Guild Gathering 2026

Have you booked yet?

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) There are 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 and book your place.

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

Don't be tardy! Bookings will close on **31 July 2026**, or earlier if maximum numbers are reached.

Gathering Competition

Inspired by Woy Woy Group, recognising the Guild's anniversary, this year's Gathering competition is to create something from 40grams of yarn. This could be a beanie, babies booties, laceweight cowl or a toy. Items will be weighed!

Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair 2026



A few Volunteers still needed

The Craft and Quilt Fair 2026 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. 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). Please do consider helping, and contact the Guild Secretary on

Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Workshop Convenor - Could this be You?

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 their place. If you are interested in applying for this voluntary role, or would like further information, please contact Sally at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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

Capital Region: Frances Brown, Victoria Wells

Epping: Yasmin Sullivan

Inner City: Alessia Zen

Maitland: Michele Hartwick

Mudgee: Gemma Ellsmore

Pittwater: Sue Purdy, Sue Bennett- Williams

Southern: Linda Aitkin

Southern Highlands: Eliose Mullarkey, Gemma Mullarkey

Retail: Fabric Garden

The Entrance: Belinda Welch, Helen Esteban

A Good Yarn Submission Deadline

This is a reminder that **10th July 2026** is the deadline date for submissions to A Good Yarn.

Send submissions to editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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A Little Bit Of History – Guild Cruise

As part of the Guild's celebration of its 30th Anniversary in 2016, a knitting and crocheting cruise was organised by former President Merrin Marks to take place aboard P&O's Pacific Pearl over the weekend of 16 – 19 September 2016. It was considered to be a great success, with 31 members from 10 groups attending, and enjoying 5 workshops and each other's company for the weekend.

The next cruise took place over the weekend of 21-24 September 2018, aboard P&O's Pacific Explorer, with 39 participants from 12 Guild groups, and 8 workshops.

Because of the global pandemic, the Guild wasn't able to host a cruise until 2023, when 46 members, from 14 groups spent the weekend of 28-31 July aboard Carnival Splendor.

From 1-4 August 2025, 54 participants which included some family and friends of members, sailed on the Carnival Splendor again.

This event has now become part of the Guild's calendar, with increasing numbers each time, more activities, competitions and prizes kindly donated by Guild Retail Members. The next Guild Cruise will take place in 2027.



FibreFest Volunteers

FibreFest this year takes place on Sunday 27th September at Wyong Racecourse. We are now calling on members who can volunteer a little of their time to help out on the day to email festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au with your contact details, including phone/mobile. 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.

How is your FibreFest 2026 Shawl coming along?

A reminder that all members - as at 23/05/2026 – were emailed the three FibreFest 2026 Shawl patterns and the details about how to acquire them via Ravelry were published in the June 2026 KGBytes.

We're looking forward to seeing members projects at FibreFest, where there is the possibility of winning a prize.



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Requests from the public



Linda - 0414 455 409 - is wondering if someone is able to knit some flip over gloves/mittens gloves. She has the pattern, wool and buttons ready to go. (Randwick/Maroubra location)

"I am a very amateur knitter with an elderly mum who has almost finished knitting a jumper she would dearly love to wear this winter. It just needs the neck band to be knitted and the seams to be stitched up." Camille - 0418 461 380 (Sutherland Shire/happy to travel)

"I have two special 45 year old knitwear items that need the special skills of someone who loves a repair challenge - a multicoloured woollen cardigan and a jumper. After recently hand washing them all these holes appeared. The cardigan has 22 from what I can see and the jumper only the one hole. Being multicoloured, I appreciate that it will be hard to match the wool. I live on the lower north shore in Sydney. Please call or text if you would like more information" Katrina - 0403 011 985

Susan - 0455 134 227- needs warm knitted Gloves. She has a L hand only but would pay for a pair that she could invert the R one and have it as a spare. Inner West pick up preferred.

Megan – 0422 770 906 - would like a small repair done on an expensive Fair Isle item.

Beverly – 0410 705 408 - would like a pair of knitted mittens.

Australian Red Cross

Trauma Teddies Knitters

We are looking for volunteers to help us to knit Red Cross Trauma Teddies. Trauma Teddies provide care in so many ways: comfort to children fleeing the Summer Bushfires, a warm welcome to refugee children, company in a speeding ambulance, friendly security in a hospital, and a happy face in a lonely time. If you knit and would like to help us or if you have any questions, contact Maria - 0418 467 237. It takes about 5 hours to knit and finish each Teddy. Trauma Teddy patterns will be provided. Every Trauma Teddy is lovingly put together. They must also pass a quality control test to guarantee comfort and safety.

Upcoming Yarnie Events

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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News from the Groups

Blacktown

Saturday 11th July, 10am-1pm our workshop will be on Crochet Lace Edging, run by Hripsime Ansourian. After the meeting we will have knit and natter for those not doing the workshop.

Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains

We have invited Rhonda from Three Trees Fibre Craft to join our meeting on July 18th. We're excited to view her range of beautiful hand dyed yarns. Our yarn winder will be available for everyone to use.

The monthly catch up at Tori Café is on Sunday July 5th.

Jan Marshall, Secretary

Capital Region

Winter has arrived in the Capital Region, and we are having a 'Christmas in July' themed meeting. Knitted and crocheted Christmas decorations will be demonstrated during our meeting. Hope to see you there. Saturday 11th July 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Lauren Clancy, Convenor

Epping:

Every Monday 9am to 1pm. Monday 20th July 10am to 12pm is our education lesson. Vintage patterns made to measure, is the topic. We utilise two rooms: an education room and a knit and natter room.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity.

Goulburn

Next meeting will be on the 18th of July at the community centre as normal. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. With Bendigo Sheep and Wool show on, many of our members are expected to be away so there is no workshop this month. If you are going, remember to book all necessary travel arrangements as it is sure to be packed! Otherwise, bring along a project for a casual meet up.

Christina Wall – Publicity Officer

Inner West

Our next Inner West Meeting is scheduled 10.30 am – 12.30, Wednesday 15 July at Camperdown Commons. We are excited to have Andrea McFarland as our special guest, presenting a Mending workshop on Knitted Garments. Visitors are welcome, *please contact our president* Helen via innerwest@knittersguildnsw.org.au. Please RSVP by 3rd July as numbers limited. There is always an opportunity for show and tell.

Cheryl Dolan

Newcastle

A Mini Workshop on Scrumbling, knitting and crochet will be given by Newcastle member, Liz Thwaites. At the Wednesday meeting 8th July starting at 10:30 am. Based on Prudence Mapstone's Freeform workshops scrambling does not follow any chartered or written patterns. It produces a tactile and colourful fabric, great for using up scraps of yarn.

Kate Zimmerman

Macarthur

Monday 13 July & Saturday 25th July at 9.30am in the CWA Hall in Camden. Both meetings will have the same lesson, creating a Baby Surprise Jacket (BSJ). The lessons will be given by Alex and Alison.

Alison Wootten, Publicity Officer

Pittwater

On Saturday 4th July we will have a knit and natter. On Tuesday 7th July we are fortunate to have the "colour ladies" back. Last year Di and Roz introduced us to their expertise on colour and we are all keen to have another session from them. On Tuesday 21st July Barb will be offering to help crochet the Water Lily flower. Also, there will be the first session for the ladies who are interested in crocheting the Tunisian crochet shawl.

Gill Ashley, Secretary

The Entrance

Next meeting Saturday 4th July starting 12.00 finish at 4.00
Mid month catch up 15th July start at 10.00
This month we have a double knit class starting at 12.30
10 " square challenge - We have made 4 blankets to be donated to W.C.C.

Robyn Leech

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