



KGBytes

October 2026



FibreFest 2027.....

Yes, we're already planning next year's FibreFest!

If you're a budding (or experienced) knitting or crochet designer, see Page 2.

As soon as we have a date fixed for the 2027 event, we'll let you know.

KGBytes Submissions

If your group has an activity or event you'd like to promote, do let us know about it.

All submissions by the 24th of the month please to: KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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FibreFest 2027 (Yes 2027!)

Calling knitwear and crochet designers.

Knitters' Guild NSW is inviting original knitting and crochet pattern proposals for FibreFest 2027. The theme is the Skein And Mini-Skein Challenge: any item using no more than 150g of yarn. Designs featuring contrast colours, mini-skein sets or clever stash-busting are especially welcome. The finished pattern should be suitable for an Advanced Beginner to Moderate maker and should include clear written instructions, with charts where appropriate.

Successful designers will receive \$250 for each pattern, and their copyright will return to them the day after FibreFest 2027. The Guild will pay for technical editing and will arrange testers.

What to submit

Please send by 16 October a one-page A4 proposal that includes:

- * Your name, contact details and a short biography
- * A design sketch and schematic
- * A short description of the design, including stitch, yarn type, gauge and inspiration
- * A yarn and tools list with approximate quantities
- * A swatch photograph, or photographs of the finished sample
- * Confirmation that the project uses no more than 150g of yarn

Support for emerging designers

We warmly encourage emerging designers to apply. If you would like help developing charts or schematics, please tell us when you submit so that support can be considered during technical editing. You might also consider joining the Guild's Designers Forum. They meet via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month.

Key details

Submission deadline:

Close of business Friday 16 October 2026

Pattern support: The Guild will coordinate technical editing and testing.

Yarn: Pattern not to exceed 150g of yarn. Think COLOUR!

Send proposals to Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Dates for your Diary - 2027

Bowral Show: 9-10 January

Canberra Show: 19-21 February

Newcastle Show: 26-28 February

Australian Yarn Show, Canberra: 5-8 March

Blacktown Show: 13-14 March

Easter Show, Sydney: 19-30 March

Central Coast Show, Gosford: 10-11 April

Knitters' Guild AGM: 1 May (TBC)

Fibre Frolic, Mulgoa: May?

Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo: 16-18 July

FibreFest, Wyong: TBA

Craft and Quilt Fair 2027

Help Please!

Did you volunteer this year to help the Guild at the Craft and Quilt Fair in Sydney? Then you would know how popular the stand is with visitors to the Show, who learn about the Guild, meet some of our members, take away a copy of A Good Yarn and very often then become members.

We're looking for someone who would be willing to organise our presence at the Show next year. This would involve obtaining display items and Guild promotional literature, liaising with the Fair company, organising the set-up of the stand, and arranging for Guild volunteers for the 4 day event. The dates haven't yet been announced but the Fair generally takes place in June or July.

All assistance will be given to you to ensure that this is an easy handover from our previous organiser.

If you're a bit creative and a lot organised, this is definitely the Guild role you'll love! Please contact Guild Secretary (and previous C&Q Fair Organiser) Pat McGregor for further details or with any queries.



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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:

Capital Region:

Epping:

Inner City:

Pittwater:

Virtual:

Wollongong:

Woy Woy:

Membership Matters

The Committee has approved a small increase in membership fees for 2027. The new fees will be:

Regular Membership – \$35

Printed Magazine Subscription – \$30

Regular Membership + Printed Magazine – \$65

Retail Membership – \$70

Junior Membership – \$15

Student Membership – \$15

Joining Fee – \$10

This is the first increase in over four years and reflects the rising costs of running the Guild, including the impact of inflation. The increase will also help us continue investing in services, extending our network across the State and resources for members, including the improvements to A Good Yarn that members have already seen, and the delivery of our new website.

Even with this increase, Knitters' Guild NSW remains one of the most affordable fibre arts organisations in Australia. For comparison, standard membership of the Crochet Guild of Australia is twice our new regular membership per year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Guild. Your membership helps us continue to connect, inspire and support knitters and crocheters across New South Wales.



Contact Information

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A Good Yarn: Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Treasurer: Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au

FibreFest: Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au

KGBytes: Kgbytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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News From The Guild Groups

Blacktown: *Jacinta Wood*

Blue Mountains: *Jan Marshall, Secretary*

Capital Region: *Lauren Clancy, Convenor*

Epping: *Shirley Gregory, Publicity*

Goulburn: *Christina – Publicity Officer*

Inner West: *Cheryl Dolan, Secretary*

Macarthur: *Alison Wootten, Publicity Officer*

Newcastle: *Kate Zimmerman, Convenor*

Pittwater: *Gill Ashley, Secretary*

Southern: *Jo Kennedy, Secretary*

Woy Woy: .
Sally Ogilvie - Convenor