



KG Bytes

April 2026



Knitters Guild NSW



LUNCH INVITATION

40th Anniversary

Join us for a celebration lunch following the AGM at
The Castlereagh (City Tattersalls Club)
For a two-course shared style menu + Lucky Door
Prizes and surprises!

Grab your friends and your WIP and don't
miss out on the fun !

Saturday 12pm 2 nd May 2026	199 Castlereagh St Sydney NSW 2000
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Buy your ticket here:
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1530117

RSVP: Friday 24th April 2026
Dietary Requirements: Advise when buying ticket online.

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. Full details will be sent to all members and will include a Zoom link for those unable to attend in person.



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A Little Bit of Guild History

The Guild has had 15 Presidents since its inception in 1986.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1986-1989	Margot Chick
1989-1990	Phyll Morris
1990-1992	Audrey Dixon
1992-1994	Sunny Bidner
1994-1996	Brenda Horne
1996-1997	Pam North
1997-1998	Alan Tremaine
1998-2001	Pam North
2001-2003	Phyll Morris
2003-2006	Val Quarmbay
2006-2008	Jill Francis
2008-2009	Yvonne Fazzolari
2009-2010	Carolynn Murtagh
2010-2013	Merrin Marks
2013-2016	Sally Ogilvie
2016-2019	Cynthia Mulholland
2019-2022	Sally Ogilvie
2022-2023	<i>Position Vacant</i>
2023-2025	Sally Ogilvie
2025-2026	Raewyn Tippett



Sydney Royal Easter Show - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to demonstrate their crochet and knitting skills at the Easter Show this year.

Wednesday 8 April - 8:30am to 4:30pm

We need 10 volunteers, working in two hour time slots.

FREE TICKET TO THE SHOW, OF COURSE!

Please email Katherine at kgexeccttee@gmail.com or call 042 99 99 023 if you have any queries.

First in best dressed...

Workshop Convenor

The Guild is 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



Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair

The Craft and Quilt Fair 2026 is to be held once more at the ICC Darling Harbour in the heart of Sydney.

Following on the success of last year, the Guild is hoping for a great and prominent display with lots of volunteers. We will have a larger stand with, as last year, an adjacent Knitting Room. You were very generous with your time last year and we hope you are looking forward to another great day. In next month's KG Bytes we will be asking for volunteers to cover morning and afternoon sessions, which include your entry ticket of course, from Wednesday 15 July to Saturday 18 July 2026. If you are very organised and wish to participate you can email secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au at any time.

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@knitterguildnsw.org.au](mailto:GuildSecretary@knitterguildnsw.org.au) for full details.



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: Julie Brest, Melinda Burns, Nikki Kirkman, Robyn Le Breton, Fiona Prott

Capital Region: Mary Bowron, Nadia D'Andrea, Merilyn Fisher, Helen Milne

Epping: Susan Bonner

Inner City: Bethwyn Garswood, Yvonne Onyike

Interstate: Imogen Purcell

Macarthur: Kathleen Mischyszyn, Vivien Stoneham

Maitland: Kerrie Wrench

Newcastle: Margot Ford, Patricia Foster, Laraine Mitchell, Sarah Osman

Pittwater: Jo Mulquiney, Helen Robson

Retail: Butterflys Yarn Craft, Make N Sip, Three Muscats Fibre Farm

Southern: Janielle Jondral

The Entrance: Louise Hudson

Virtual: Tali Friedman

West Ryde: Wendy Chen, Alex Ruscoe, Jenny Whiting

Promote your event in KGBytes

40th Anniversary Celebrations

The Guild is giving each Group up to \$400 to celebrate this year's 40th Anniversary.

To apply for this grant, complete the form sent to your Group by President Raewyn Tippett.

Do let us know how you're planning to celebrate this milestone and we'll showcase your planned activities in KGBytes from the May issue onwards.

Are you having a party? Going on a bus trip? Inviting a special guest to a meeting?

World Wide Knit in Public Day 2026

WWKIP Day is this year being held on Saturday 13 June.

If your Group has an event organised, let us know what you've planned and we'll promote it in the May and June issues of KGBytes.

Send the details to us at
KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au



A Good Yarn - Submission Date

Please remember to send your Group's quarterly report by **10 April** to the Editor of A Good Yarn for inclusion in our May issue.

Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Knitter Required

Jackie would like a knitter to complete a jumper she began for her grandson, as she has health concerns.

She has the pattern and Morris & Sons 4 ply merino ready.

Ring her to discuss further details and payment. 0412 836997



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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/guid-groups>

Blacktown: Saturday 11 April, 10am-1pm. Our workshop will be on Ladder Back Jacquard (LBJ), run by Sue Hobbs. This is specifically to showcase the technique using the Knitters Guild 40th Anniversary Hat pattern. There is some homework involved so if you are interested please contact kgblacktown@gmail.com for instructions and materials list. After the meeting we will have knit and natter for those not doing the workshop.

Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains: Saturday 18 April, we will be hosting Kylie from Fiber Lily with her fabulous hand dyed yarns. As our monthly social gathering falls on Easter Sunday, it has been rescheduled to Sunday 12 April at 12 noon. Once again we will meet at Tori Café in The Pulman, Western Sydney.

Jan Marshall Secretary

Capital Region: Saturday 11 April, 1.30-4.30. We'll be revisiting cables: Cabling with and without a cable needle, reading a chart with cables and as part of our program to improve our garments, we'll also be looking at how cables can effect our gauge and what you need to consider in a cabled garment.

Lauren Clancy, Convenor

Crochet Turramurra: Wednesday 1 April, 10am - 12 noon. We will be working on two squares - Octagon Rose and Homestead. Bring 8 ply yarn in 4 colours for Homestead and 1 colour for the Octagon Rose, and 4mm hook.

Pat Hicks - Convenor

Epping: Monday 20 April is our education meeting. We will be learning Tunisian Crochet.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: Saturday 18 April, 10:00am- 2:00 pm. The tutorial for this session will be about mending, repairs, and correcting mistakes such as duplicate stitch and dropped stitches.

Christina Wall, Publicity Officer

Inner West: Wednesday 15 April, 10.30 am – 12.30. Sock knitters in the group are encouraged to bring along examples of knitted socks and discuss various heel options.

Cheryl Dolan, Secretary

Inner City: Saturday 11 April, 11am - 1pm - Fix your knitting workshop (may be postponed), Patty Lyons Workbook discussion of Chapter 3.

Saturday 9 May, 11am - 1pm - Destash :Yarn and Tools , magazines and books! Followed by 40th Anniversary celebrations with High Tea!

6-7 June - Trip planned to Rylstone for the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association event.

Katherine Ireland - Secretary

Macarthur: Monday 13 April - This is a day where our Camden Show Winners can show the group their amazing knitted and crocheted winning entries.

Saturday 25 April - ANZAC Day. As it's a public holiday, there will be no meeting.

Alison Wooton, Publicity

Newcastle: Wednesday 8 April - Catherine Lee will run a tutorial on shawl shapes. The Saturday meeting will be on 18 April as the last Saturday of the month is Anzac Day. Our current challenges are a one ball/skein knit or crochet for the Saturday group. The whole group has been challenged to knit/crochet an item in red to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Knitters Guild. Bonus points if a waratah is incorporated in the work.

1 and 2 May - Our Biennial Exhibition is happening at Islington Baptist Church, 180 Maitland Road, Islington 10 am to 4 pm. Entry is free.

Kate Zimmerman, Convenor

Pittwater: Saturday 4 April - there will be a Knit and Natter. Tuesday 7 April - Deb is offering a workshop on knitting in the round and placing markers for top-down knitting. Tuesday 21 April - Barb will continue to teach the flower crochet which will be a daffodil.

Gill Ashley - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 4 April at 1.00.

Teaching corner is Fibonacci Knitting run by Caroline. Bring 2 different coloured yarns and needles to suit yarn. Our Mothers Day competition will be a 25 cm square challenge which will be joined into a rug and either donated, or raffled and money donated to We Care Connect. Coffee meeting is at the Roasted Berry at 10.00 am Wednesday 15 April.

Sue Page and Robyn Leech, Co-Convenors

Virtual: Monday 13 April - Bring along your ideas and projects for using all those odds and ends of yarn we all have in our stash.

Sue Frost - Secretary

Woy Woy: Saturday 18 April - We're holding a Techniques Turntable event featuring various ways of joining garments - 3 needle cast off, Kitchener stitch and mattress stitch.

Sally Ogilvie - Convenor



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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>

EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED!

- 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

- BCSBAA (NSW) Southern Highlands Woolfest Mittagong, Sunday 19th April
- Fibre arts, craft and retail event
- As always members are welcome to bring their sale fleeces.
- Sub-committee: Terri & Alan Bertram, Lynda Jennings, Paul Linfield, Dianne Blaney, Melissa Henry.
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064590406108>

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOOLFEST

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY
19 APRIL 2026
10AM-3PM
MITTAGONG RSL



25+ STALLHOLDERS
BLACK & COLOURED FLEECES FOR SALE
MORE DETAILS TO COME...




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- Fibre Frolic Retreat and Market Mulgoa, 1-3rd May
- Fibre arts, craft and retail event
- <https://fibre Frolic.com.au/pages/events>