



KGBytes

September 2026



FibreFest 2026 is nearly here!

Sunday 27 September

And we're **fully booked** with more stalls than ever before. **PLUS** the fashion parade, raffles taking place all day, with some wonderful prizes, and food, drink and music.

If you've knitted or crocheted one of the FibreFest shawls this year, don't forget to wear it. We have prizes for those as well.

And if you think you could spare an hour out of your shopping time to give us a hand, we would very much appreciate it. Get a coffee, sit down for a rest and sell raffle tickets.

Please contact
Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au if you can help us.

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

Instagram and Facebook icons

Guild Gathering 2026

THANK YOU to everyone who came to The Gathering this year and helped make it such a success.

THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in and helped when they saw something that needed to be done.

THANK YOU to all the people who helped in advance - you saved my sanity.

Please remember to complete the survey; the QR code link is in the paperwork in your goodie bag. (We know Q 15 needs fixing, just choose 1 answer)

As many of you know, we are still looking for an alternative site, but it is difficult. In other news, the food has improved a lot at The Tops!

Mary Carlos

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

NSW SHOWS AND CRAFT FAIRS

Is there a regional show in your area?

Have you got a local craft fair?

It's difficult to keep up-to-date with all the local events that may be of interest to our members.

Do please let us know of any Shows or Fairs in your area so we can include them in our Calendar to share with other Guild members.

Please send details (and website link if available) to:

KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Virtual Group

As well as the 25 groups around NSW and ACT, the Guild has a Virtual Group, meeting each month via Zoom.

You may have moved to an area without a group, or you're no longer able to get along to your local group. So why not join others online to discuss your knitting and crocheting, with Show and Tell, and occasional workshops and information sessions. The Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7pm.

Contact the Virtual Group Secretary, Sue, if you would like to be sent the Zoom link.

Virtual@knittersguildnsw.org.au

PS: And if you've moved to an area without a Guild Group, would you like to help start one?



Knitter Required for Art Installation

We've received the following request from artist, Sarah Contos. If this is something you'd find interesting to do, please contact Sarah.

Hello! I am an artist based in Sydney and have an exhibition coming up in February at ECU Gallery in Perth. I am looking for a knitter/knitters to help realise an idea in creating a Mr Squiggle toy-slightly larger than the one in the Robyn Earl-Peacock knitting pattern book. Would love to chat about the idea further if there is anyone interested! I would of course pay the knitter for their time and provide all the materials required :)

You can contact me on 0402 728402 or sarahcontos@gmail.com

If you're the knitter who makes this for Sarah, do please send us a photo so we can feature it in a future issue of KGBytes.

Have you any Patons Totem in your stash?

The following plea has come from a knitter who would love to be able to finish her sweater.

"I've recently taken up finishing a jumper I started many years ago but had to put aside due to hand injury and recovery (and forgotten all about). The jumper required 15 balls of Patons 8 ply pure wool which I had. Unfortunately having completed the front, back, one sleeve and half the other sleeve I have run out of the yarn. I contacted Patons to see if they had any old stock but no.

The wool is a cream 8 ply Totem pure wool 50 grams Shade 51 Dyelot 72.

I wonder is it possible for you to enquire of members whether anyone has a ball of this wool they would be happy to sell to me.

I've put a lot of work into this jumper and am so disappointed that I've been unable to finish it."

If you can help, please contact the Guild Secretary. Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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.

Major Guild Events

The Guild has 3 MAJOR events in its calendar - FibreFest which takes place each year, the Guild Gathering celebrated every two years, and the Guild Cruise, also every two years.

The next Cruise will be happening next winter, at a date to be announced. Do keep an eye out in KGBytes for the full details. We'll bring them to you as soon as we have all the information available.

This is a really fun event which sees so many members return cruise after cruise!



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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: Melanie Miruzzi

Capital Region: Anne Ashcroft, Pat Boling,
Kade Denton

Epping: Linda Page

Inner City: Ariane Falkenberg, Sophie
Jennings, Hazel Watson-Smith

Pittwater: Lynn Crawford, Sandra Roach

Virtual: Emma Craswell, Marie Larkin, Karen
Martin

Wollongong: Kim Housein, Kylie White

Woy Woy: Gayle Downey

Name Badges

We're thrilled to have welcomed so many new members recently.

Don't forget that if your group has members without name badges, please send the list of names to our Secretary and she will organise them for you.

We just need the first name of the member and the postal address of a Group officer to receive them.

Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Sydney Royal Easter Show

Next year's show takes place between 19 and 30 March 2027.

As soon as we know the dates for submissions, we'll of course let you know. We always look forward to seeing the wonderful items that Guild members make and the array of ribbons they receive.

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

President: President@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Secretary: Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Membership:

Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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: Saturday 12 September, 10am-1pm our workshop will be on short row colour work, run by Sue Hobbs. If you are interested please contact kgblacktown@gmail.com for preparation instructions and materials list.

After the meeting we will have knit and natter for those not doing the workshop.

Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains: Saturday 12 September. We have organised a bus trip to Bowral. As well as visiting Victoria House Mittagong and Castle Handmade Bowral, there will be plenty of opportunity to explore Bowral and even visit the tulips at Corbett Gardens.

Saturday 19 September member Susan will conduct a Steeking demonstration and workshop. Following the workshop we will have our regular meeting where members will be able to vote on the 'One Skein Challenge'. Voting will close at 2pm after which the winners of the various categories will be announced.

The first Sunday of the month get together will go ahead on September 6 even though it falls on Fathers' Day.

For information on any of the above please email: nswkgbluemountainsgroup@gmail.com

Jan Marshall, Secretary

Capital Region: Saturday 12 September, 1.30-4.30pm. We'll be holding our annual Destash event. It's always lots of fun.

Lauren Clancy, Convenor

Epping: Every Monday 9am to 1pm. A topic for our September monthly education yet TBA. Second Monday each month (14 Sept) Crochet meeting 12.30 – 2.30pm after knit meeting. Floral Granny square crochet baby blanket. 8 ply yarn and pattern provided, bring 4mm crochet hook (suggested size). Bring your lunch.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: 19 September at the Community Centre as normal. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are due for a formal meeting at the start, then leading on to our normal get-together.

Christina – Publicity Officer

Inner West: Wednesday 16 September 10.30 am – 12.30 Bring along a project and /or pattern that requires troubleshooting. here will be an opportunity to discuss each issue in turn that you want help with e.g. stuck on pattern instruction, want help with a stitch, reading the pattern, demonstration on how to fix a problem, trouble shooting buttons & button holes etc.

Cheryl Dolan, Secretary

Macarthur: Monday 14 September and Saturday 26 September at 9.30 in the CWA Hall in Camden. There are no lessons planned at either meeting, so bring along any unfinished projects to get inspired, and maybe assistance. Sue is happy to continue teaching the various granny square techniques

Alison Wootten, Publicity Officer

Newcastle: Wednesday September 9, Leonie Brann from Nova for Women and Children will visit our group. This charity has been the recipient of our fundraising efforts for the past two years. They will receive their final donation as we move on to our next charity which will be Street Side Medics Newcastle. Warning: homelessness and domestic violence may be discussed.

Kate Zimmerman, Convenor

Pittwater: Tuesday 1 September there will be a Business Meeting followed by Barb offering the September crochet flower - Morning Glory. Also, members are invited to bring along their favourite tool and/or gadget. There will be a Knit and Natter on Saturday 5 September. On Tuesday 15 September Cathy will offer a lace workshop.

Gill Ashley, Secretary

Southern: Saturday 24 October, 8am–4pm. We are going on a bus trip, departing and returning from Kogarah. We will be visiting Grumpy Ginger in Wyong, The Knitting Nook in Dural, and Skein Sisters in Dulwich Hill. There will be time for morning tea at Grumpy Ginger and lunch in Dural. The cost is \$25 per person (does not include food). Please email kgsouthernrgroup@gmail.com if you would like to come.

Jo Kennedy, Secretary

Woy Woy: Saturday 19 September. Learn to add beads to your knitting, using a crochet hook.

Sally Ogilvie - Convenor