# KGBytes

**November 2026**

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***It's That Time of Year!***

The Guild's Membership Renewal season starts on 1 November so why not renew now while you think of it?

It's easy to renew via the Guild website and pay via Paypal or EFT.

Renewals made between 1 November and 1 February will take your membership up to 31 December 2027. After 1 February, you will be asked to pay an additional $10 to re-join the Guild.

If you can't lay your hands on your membership number, you'll find it in the email you received from our Membership Team when you joined, or ask your Group Convenor.

If you have any other queries or problems, contact:

Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

## Mosaic Crochet Workshop



Learn how to crochet an easy Mosaic Purse. **Saturday 16th January** 2027 at SMSA (Sydney Mechanics School of Arts), **Level 3 Library, 280 Pitt St Sydney** 2000, starting **11.00am** (please arrive by 10:50am)

Learn how to create a simple effective mosaic purse with a special zipper supplied, using 2 x 8 ply yarns. **Knowledge of double crochet & treble st needed.** Acrylic or wool, what ever is in your stash & you only need 20g or so of each colour. **Bring a few 8 ply yarn options** then you can find a matching zipper that you like. **You will also need to bring a few hooks**, a 2.5mm to start off then a 3.5 or 4mm hook depending on your yarn. The purse is approx. 15 - 18cm wide. **The cost is $5** for the workshop and cash if you would like to purchase extra zippers (Additonal $5 for special zipper).



Open to Guild and SMSA members, **registration is essential by via TryBooking www.trybooking.com/DRAGB** (you can copy and paste the link to your browser).



**WESTKNITS KAL**

The Zoom A Long Series for those participating in the 17th Annual Mystery Knit Along for WestKnits has been meeting on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Around a dozen members have been using the time to share their tips and traps in the pattern, marvel at various colour choices and support each other in the MKAL.

Should other designer MKALs be of interest to members, please reach out to the Workshop Convenor at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au if you are interested in having a zoom-a-long session for members.

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## *Eleanor Goldfinch*
**Memorial Service**
**Saturday 14 November 10.30am**

Eleanor's ashes will be scattered at what she considered to be her 'second home' – the Epping Creative Centre.

All who knew her are very welcome to attend.

Morning Tea will be served.

### *Calling All Convenors!*

**PLEASE:**

* Hold your AGMs this month and advise the Guild Secretary of the results (See details on this page)

* Remind your members to renew their memberships (and keep their membership numbers handy for them in case they need them)

* The latest issue of A Good Yarn will be in your inboxes this month. Don't forget that if you have someone in your group who you think we'd like to hear about, or whose work you believe should be on our front cover, let us know. Write to Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

**THANK YOU!**

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2027

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| **January 9-10:** | Bowral Show |
| **February 19-21:** | Canberra Show |
| **February 26-28:** | Newcastle Show |
| **March 5-8:** | Aust. Yarn Show, Canberra |
| **March 13-14:** | Blacktown Show |
| **March 19-30:** | Sydney Royal Easter Show |
| **April 4:** | Southern Highlands Woolfest |
| **April 10-11:** | Central Coast Show |
| **May 1 (TBC)** | Guild Annual General Meeting |
| **May 2:** | Fibre Frolic, Mulgoa |
| **June 13:** | Rylstone Wool & Fibre Muster |
| **June 30-July 3:** | Craft & Quilt Fair, Sydney |
| **July 16-18:** | Aust. Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo |
| **September 17-20:** | Guild Cruise |
| **September (TBA)** | FibreFest, Wyong |

### *Group AGMs*

It's that time of year again when all groups should be holding their Annual General Meetings to elect a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please hold your AGM at your Group's November meeting, and don't forget to let us know the results.

**Send details of your three Officers** (names and email addresses) to our Secretary, Pat, at Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

If you are unsure about what these roles involve, visit Group Procedures and Responsibilities on the Guild website (under Guild Groups).

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### *Can Anyone Help Lucy?*

We've received the following cry for help. If this is something you'd like to tackle, please contact the Guild Secretary and she'll put you in touch.

*My grandma has given me what she calls a "Norwegian cardi to sew up". There are multiple knitted panels and pieces, plus extra yarn for sewing. Unfortunately, I don't think there is a pattern to go with it.*
*I am a crocheter but lack experience with knitting and garment making.*
*A knitter friend of mine has had a look at it all and was able to identify i-cord edging and live stitches but was not sure how to go about assembling it.*
*I am based in Canberra but also visit Sydney occasionally. Is there anyone in the guild who might be willing and able to help?*

### *Trip to Canberra & The Australian Yarn Show*

***Friday 5th – Wednesday 10th March***

Port Bus (a Port Macquarie coach company) has organised a 6 day trip to Canberra to coincide with the Australian Yarn Show.

Visit the Show and go sightseeing around Canberra, with all travel and accommodation arranged.

For full details, prices and itinerary contact Port Bus on admin@portbus.com.au

### *FibreFest Project 2027*

A further call-out to designers and potential designers to submit a Knitting or Crochet pattern for FibreFest 2027 by close of business Monday 16 November 2026. Please see full details of submissions in the September issue of KG Bytes. (All back issues of KGBytes can be found on the Guild's website)

We invite original designs using one skein and a mini skein – 150g of yarn only. The Guild will coordinate technical editing and testing.

Submit:–

* Your name, contact details and a short biography
* A design sketch and schematic
* A short description of the design, including stitch, yarn type, and gauge
* 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

Send proposals and all details to Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

### OUR NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS

A warm welcome to you all! A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error, please contact our Membership Team.

**Goulburn:** Alison Tyrrell
**Inner West:** Jason Carter
**Interstate:** Julie King
**Mid-North Coast**: Cassandra Newsham
**Newcastle:** Marilyn Austen, Lynette Cotter
**South Grafton:** Kim Pastega, Annie Smith
**Southern:** Vicki Horan, Taylah Millington
**Virtual:** Claire Douglas, Michaela Stephens
**Woy Woy:** Courtney Bateup, Kathy Cloughessy
**Retailer:** Nicarlia Mina

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Please submit your entries by the 24th of the month to KGBytes@knittersguildnsw.org.au. We reserve the right to edit them.

**Blue Mountains:** Saturday 21 November we will hold our Annual General Meeting with all committee positions declared vacant. Also at that meeting we will have the ever-popular members' market. Sunday 1 November is the monthly social get together at Tori Café, Pullman Penrith. For further information on either event please email nswkgbmgroup@gmail.com
***Jan Marshall (Secretary)***

**Blacktown:** Saturday 14 November, 10am-1pm. There will be no workshop this month as we are having our group's Annual General Meeting. After the meeting we will have knit and natter.
***Jacinta Wood***

**Capital Region:** Saturday 14 November, 1.30-4.30pm. We will be electing our new committee at this meeting. Once the official business is out of the way for another year, we will hold a knitting and crochet clinic where members can bring troublesome projects for assistance from more experienced members, followed by social knitting.
***Lauren Clancy (Convenor)***

**Crochet Turramurra:** Wednesday 4 November, 10.00-12.00. We will hold the Group's Annual General Meeting. After the AGM we will be making Christmas ornaments and wreaths. Selena will be showing us how to do this. Bring green, white, red 8ply yarn and a 4mm hook.
***Pat Hicks (Co-Convenor)***

**Epping:** Every Monday 9am to 1pm. Our topic for the November monthly education has continued to be ongoing ideas on Christmas knitting for charity. Second Monday each month (9 Nov) Crochet meeting 12.30 – 2.30pm after knit meeting. Bring your lunch. Contact Shirley Gregory 0421633921 if you would like to be added to a wait list for a bus trip 12 February '27. Destination Kiama.
***Shirley Gregory (Publicity)***

**Goulburn:** Saturday 21 November, 10.00am - 2:00 pm. As usual, November brings our group's birthday! This means we will be having finger food to supplement out celebrations and AGM.
Please bring both some snacks to share and a good attitude towards self-nominating to the opening positions!
***Christina Wall (Publicity Officer)***

**Inner West:** Wednesday 18 November 10.30am at Camperdown Commons. We will be holding our AGM and all positions will be open for election. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate our shared efforts in 2026, recognise how far we have come in 2026, and consider how we can continue to grow and evolve as a group.
Works in progress are always encouraged and welcomed.
***Cheryl Dolan (Secretary)***

**Macarthur:** Monday 9 November we will be having an informal catch up. Bring whatever you are working on. We meet at 9.30 in the CWA Hall in Camden. Saturday 28 November we are having our combined AGM and Christmas lunch. The Camden Golf Course has been booked from 11am. See you there with your Kris Kringle.
***Alison Wootten (Publicity Officer)***

**Pittwater:** On Tuesday 3 November our meeting will be held at Middle Creek Reserve off the Wakehurst Parkway due to the Melbourne Cup. Our meetings will return back to the Pittwater RSL on Saturday 7 November. On Tuesday 17 November our AGM will be held and there will be a workshop on how to renew membership. Lastly, Barb has provided the pattern for a crochet chrysanthemum flower.
***Gill Ashley (Secretary)***

***Woy Woy:*** Saturday 17 November is our AGM. We are also collecting Christmas gifts that day for our local charity, We Care Connect.
***Sally Ogilvie (Convenor)***