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COMMITTEE	PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2023
<p>PRESIDENT Margaret Tulloh 18 Merelyn Road, BELROSE, NSW 2085 president@mkansw.org.au</p> <p>(02) 9451 9718 0403 295 063</p>	<p>The first quarter is just about over, where has it gone?. So much has happened so far this Quarter. With myself spending Christmas in Hospital and now Eleanor has been in Hospital for 3 weeks. Get well soon Eleanor. Michelle our Treasurer has been on the sick list for a few days also.</p> <p>Then we had a Beginners day in January, followed by the Annual General meeting, we have two new Committee Members. Thank you Francisco and Sandi for joining us. Looking forward to working with you.</p>
<p>SECRETARY, Eleanor Goldfinch secretary@mkansw.org.au</p> <p>(02) 9639 9706</p>	<p>We had the news that Lorraine Pendleton had passed away. She was a long standing member of macknit. Lorraine was shot in the leg at Hornsby by a random shooter, many years ago.</p>
<p>TREASURER New Members Michelle Ricketts, 59 Alan Road, BEROWRA HEIGHTS, NSW 2082 treasurer@mkansw.org.au</p> <p>0438 279 799</p>	<p>Pat James has now turned 102 years. Well done Pat, and she is still going to functions at Epping.</p> <p>I attended Epping Creative last Saturday and they had two Overseas visitors, Nic Corrigan from the UK and Kurt Payne from New Zealand, two ladies from Victoria, Sue Drummond from Melbourne flew up in the morning and flew back home in the afternoon (they call that dedication). Tricia Costello came up from Geelong. It was an amazing day everyone seemed to be on a high. Nic and Kurt helped the three girls that had only started that Day. How would that be, being helped by two Internationals. One knitter stated that it was "Around the World with 17 Stitches" referring to the many nationalities present that day.</p>
<p>CLUB NEWS, NEWSLETTER—Knitters Knots Margaret Tulloh editor@mkansw.org.au</p> <p>0403 295 063 (02) 9451 9718</p>	<p>Coming up this year we will be supporting more Zoom Workshops plus two demonstration Workshops (please refer to page 18 Committee Corner for more details).</p>
<p>FOR SALE,</p>	<p>Please keep an eye out for our New Website. We are in the process of updating it, bringing everything up to-date plus many more features to be operater friendly.</p>
<p>SHOW NEWS & RESULTS Eleanor Goldfinch (02) 9639 9706</p>	<p>I hope a lot of you have been knitting madly to produce some Show items. The Royal is not far away. Best of luck to those that are putting entries in.</p>
<p>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p>Phillippa Bourke Sandi Foreman Francesco Jimenez Lorna Roache. Liz McNally Judy Shultz</p>	<p>Congratulations to the winners in Canberra and Newcastle for the results at their shows. The results are on pages 11-12 Canberra and 15-16 Newcastle. The results of the Royal will be in the next Newsletter.</p> <p>I came across an old Knitters Knots date 1985 and an item caught my eye. Macknit had a competition to name their Newsletter. So the Knitters Knots has been going for 38 years. May it continue to keep going strong.</p> <p>The Live-In-Weekend is well under way. If anyone would like to come and join in the fun that we have please let me know. The details are on page 3 and the Form is on page 4. Those that have booked a place could you please fill in the form and send to me.</p>
<p>Membership is from 1 July Annual fee is \$20 : MACKNIT INC BSB: 032 072 Acc No: 367 166</p>	<p>I hope that you are all fit and healthy and enjoying your knitting, (maybe soon I will be able to get back to it). Those that I do not know about and are on the sick list, we hope you are now on the mend.</p> <p>Keep well everyone, and may the world settle down to a peaceful life. Margaret Tulloh President.</p>

LIVE-IN-WEEKEND

ST JOSEPH'S, KINCUMBER



Time: Thursday 13th after 4pm to 16th July 2023 2pm
Cost: \$600 per person for 3 nights
Time: Friday 14th after 4pm to 16th July 2023 2pm.
Cost: \$400 per person for 2 nights
To bring: Knitting Machines, Knitting Table
Sleeping: Single rooms with ensuites
Deposit: Please pay your \$50 deposit by 28th February, and return your registration form by 31st May, 2021
Trains: Pickup available from Woy Woy or Gosford Stations
Email: mtulloh@bigpond.net.au

Location: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au



River Walks



Relaxing



Beautiful Gardens to roam in.

Macknit Inc.

NSW Machine Knitters Association

LIVE IN WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

ST JOSEPH'S RETREAT

8 HUMPHREYS ROAD, KINCUMBER

**ARRIVE: After 4pm on Thursday 13th - After lunch Sunday 16th
July 2023.**

Name:

Address:

Email address:.....

Preferred Phone number:.....

I will bring my knitting machine, it is a

I am thinking of making a.....

I would like some help with – state :- technique, pattern, accessory or

Cost - including 2 nights accommodation and meals, is \$400. Members only.

Cost - Including 3 nights accommodation and meals is \$ 600. Members only.

Secure your place now with a deposit of \$50 by 28th February, 2023

Full payment to be paid by 31st May 2023

Please indicate any special dietary requirements or food allergies.....

Or any other special needs, e.g., mobility [Venue is perfect for wheel chairs or walkers.]

Payment Methods

v by cheque or money order made payable to: Macknit Inc, and posted with the completed form.

v by internet banking direct deposit or in person deposit at Westpac Branch to:

Account name:Macknit Inc, BSB: 032 072, Account number: 367 166

Please add your surname or postcode so we know who has paid, then email the Treasurer

Email: - treasurer@mkansw.org.au to advise her the date and amount deposited.

Completed Form Please post or email your completed form to Margaret Tulloh

Email:- margarettulloh39@gmail.com



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THE ART OF MACHINE KNITTING BASICS

HANDS ON WORKSHOP



sensational singlebed socks



Saturday May 20 2023
10am to 4pm
Epping Creative Centre
Dence Park, Epping, NSW

For enquiries and to register
please contact Margaret
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YARNS, DEMONSTRATIONS,
DISPLAYS & MORE

WINTER YARN MARKET

*Your source of beautiful
Australian yarns including wool,
alpaca, silk, hand dyed, unique*

*Meet the growers, dyers and
spinners*

*Machine knitting parts &
accessories*

SATURDAY 29TH JULY 2023

EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE
26 STANLEY RD, EPPING

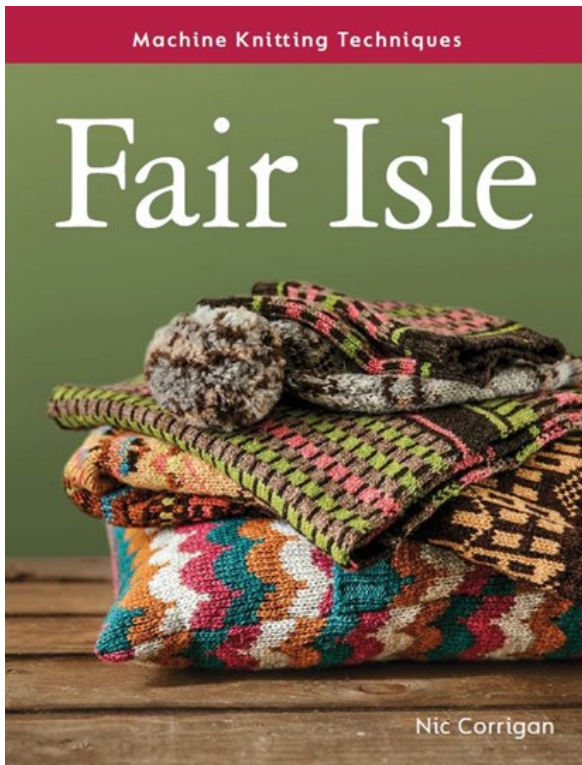
10 AM TO 2 PM

HOSTED BY NSW MACHINE KNITTERS
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FOR MORE DETAILS.



Book Review for:

Fair Isle, Machine Knitting Techniques by Nic Corrigan



Develop all the skills you need to knit beautiful Fair Isle designs on your knitting machine.



Whether you're an experienced hand knitter taking up machine knitting for the first time or an established machine knitter looking for the confidence and knowledge to further your skills, this accessible book offers a step-by-step guide to the practical techniques of Fair Isle knitting on the machine and the considerations that are specific to two-colour knitting.

- Covers all the essential technical details to give you a full understanding of how to master your machine, from tools, yarn choice and needle positions through to operating the carriage and punchcard reader
- Offers advice and inspiration for creating your own designs, including how to mark and punch your own cards
- Provides punchcard charts suitable for both Brother and Silver Reed machines, explaining key differences between the two
- Includes five full patterns, with colour charts, to practise your skills as you learn
- Assists with creating beautiful, professional-looking knits, from how to fix common mistakes to completing your garments and achieving the perfect finish

NIC CORRIGAN is the knitwear designer and tutor behind the label, Whitehall Studio. She graduated with a degree in Fashion Design, specializing in knitwear, before developing her career in the fashion industry. In 2020, she founded the Machine Knit Community, an online space for machine knitters of all levels.

ISBN: 978-0-7198-4157-6
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www.crowood.com

The chapters are:

Introduction

Two-colour Fair Isle: The Basics

Variations on the Same Punchcard

Correcting Mistakes and Perfect Finishing

How to Combine Fair Isle into any Part of your Knitting

Designing Your Own Punchcards

Taking Fair Isle Further.

For SK and KH machines with lots of photos and Punchcards to try out and has five projects that take the knitter from a swatch to a vest.

“This book is aimed primarily at newer machine knitters who want to learn how to use punchcards to knit Fair Isle for the first time, but it is also appropriate for machine knitters who have mastered the basics but are looking for the knowledge and confidence to develop their machine knitting skills further.” From Page 9, Introduction.

It's not expensive book, I bought mine from Book Depository in the UK, but other retailers have it. Pick one you like! There's lots of interesting swatches to try out, with the instructions to make your own fair isle projects.

(Covers from publisher's website) Lorna Roache – March 2023

ODE TO A STASH

I have a yarn stash,
it's easy to see,
When you walk in the door,
of the small space for me.

It wasn't a goal
or new years resolution,
It's just evolved.
A revolution
of collecting colours, textures, ply.
Anything that caught my eye.
There was no limit,
no curation,
of the yarns that came in
and joined my creation.

You can't miss the rows
of cones on the wall.
Colours lined by hues
summer, spring, winter, fall.
Neatly displayed
to make it look flat
like it's only one deep,
not more hidden up back.

It's become a monster,
was one shelf now five.
It grows and multiplies
like it's alive.
It's extended to boxes
tucked under the desk.
Taking up room when I sit,
what a pest!

And then when I thought
I've run out of room.
I found space under the cabinet
that's now a tomb
to some long ago balls
gifted from Mum.
Just not sure what
the yarn should become.

I set a goal to destash this year!
I started with gumption
and produced the first cheer
along with a scarf
from some yarn I'm not sure
just how long it's been
in the box on the floor.

Did I buy it? A gift?
How on earth did it fit
in the box full of yarn
That I really should knit.
So the other boxes
on the floor
can hopefully be
reduced down to four.

The destash enthusiasm
started to slow.
What should I knit?
Argh! I don't know!
I like this pattern,
but which yarn to use?
Not the right ply,
not the right blue.

Not the right weight,
not enough length,
Too small to sample,
Lost under the bench.
Row upon row,
three to four back.
Yet the yarn I want
I can't find in the stash.

I don't understand
how I look but can't see
the yarn for the project
that i really need.
Is it blindness, illness,
has the yarn simply gone?
Or is there something
more sinister going on?

Oh! I stop and think,
I feel a bit like a fool.
Seems my hobby of choice
Isn't machine knitting but wool.

Owning Yarn and knitting
are two different craft.
I can't believe I've been so daft?
To think I was knitting
when in actual fact,
I was collecting yarn
to create a stash!

Michelle Ricketts

BEGINNERS BASICS 1—7th JANUARY, 2023.

With the start of this year, we held a beginners workshop 17 attended. Many of them have come back for the next workshop.

The workshop was Tutored by Sue Bennett, (Sue came down from Wye Point) with 6 experienced knitters helping . Kay came down from Kurri Kurri for the day . Thank you for your help Sue and Kay.

This committee can be proud of themselves for the workshops they have put on as many of the new girls have come back each time to learn the craft. We will be having another Workshop on the 20th May introducing them to sock making.

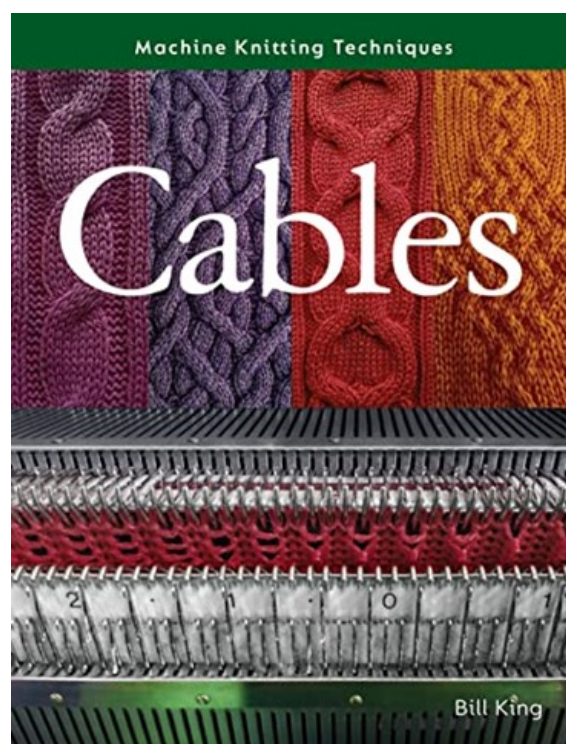


So back to planning and we will see you then

Book Review: Cables by Bill King

The Basics of Cables on the Machine
Press Off Relief
One Tool Cables on the Single Bed
Super-sized Grafted Cables
Racked Cables on the Ribber
Cables and Fisherman's Rib
Deflected or Moved Ribs
3 x 1 Mock Rib Cables
Partial Knit Cables
Cables Miscellany

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Quite a lot of techniques use the ribber with a few suitable on the single bed. Of course, we can always relatch, but I personally think this is going to be very unsatisfactory.

Bill's How-to covers every type of cable you'd ever think - or not think of for that matter. It has about 4 basic garments and so many cables to try out to put into your own patterns. Most definitely worth getting. The paper book is just under the \$40. The Book Depository in the UK has free worldwide shipping, Amazon has the kindle version for around \$20.

Thought you might be interested, I've converted some of mums (Mary McCallum) tension swatches into Tea cosies. My husband loves teapots and we needed some new cosies. Her knitting is not wasted... Regards Sue

Stannard



What a great idea Sue.
Another idea for swatches.
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Club News—around the state

ACT REGIONAL MACHINE K NITTERS GUILD—MARCH 2023

Canberra Show:

We received 11 of 18 entries. Thank you so much to all entrants especially Yvonne Clifford. The quality was high and the Judge had a very difficult time choosing the winners. Congratulations to all winners. Thank you very much to all who helped.

Class 351 Any piece, Baby and Child

1st Yvonne Clifford

2nd Yvonne Clifford

3rd Yvonne Clifford

Class 352 Any stitch technique, single bed

1st Yvonne Clifford

2nd Yvonne Clifford

Class 353 Any stitch technique, double bed

1st Elva Marshall

Class 354 Any other article

1st Donna Williams

2nd Yvonne Clifford

3rd Donna Williams

Class 356 Any piece – Senior

1st Liz McNally

2nd Yvonne Clifford

Champion – Non Professional – More than 2 years experience Yvonne Clifford

Reserve Champion – Non Professional – More than 2 years experience Donna Williams

Champion – Senior – 65 years and over Elizabeth McNally

Reserve Champion – Senior – 65 Years and Over Yvonne Clifford

Overall Reserve Champion – Machine Knitting Yvonne Clifford

Overall Champion – Machine Knitting Liz McNally



*Overall Champion
Elizabeth McNally
1st—Class 356—Senior*



*Reserve Overall Champion
Yvonne Clifford
1st—Class 351— Baby and Child*



*Yvonne Clifford
2nd-Class 351— Baby
and Child*



*Elva Marshall
1st- Class -353-
Double bed*



*Donna Williams
1st-Class 354-
Any Other Article*



*Yvonne Clifford
2nd-Class 351-Baby*



*Yvonne Clifford
2nd—Class 352—Senior
Jumper and close up of
Pattern*



*Yvonne Clifford
2nd –Class– 354
Any Other Article*



*Yvonne Clifford
2nd-Class 356– Senior*



*Yvonne Clifford
3rd = Class– 351
Baby and Child*



*Donna Williams
3rd—Class 354 -
Any Other Article*

Epping Creative Machine Knitters March 2023

Epping Creative Machine Knitters has had a very successful start to the year. We are getting new and younger members every meeting, as well as visitors from interstate and overseas. It just gets better and better! Thank you everyone that comes for sharing your

knowledge and making everyone welcome. It makes for a very happy atmosphere and there is quite a “buzz” in the room.

Our Saturday March meeting had 31 present with 4 visitors and 3 ladies completely new to machine knitting. Nic Corrigan from Whitehall Studios and Machine Knit Community in the UK gave a short introduction about herself and her career and her new book “Fair Isle” (available locally e.g. Booktopia).



Some of our happy group



Nic Corrigan. UK



Kurt Payne NZ

See [Machine Knit Community](https://www.whitehallstudio.co.uk/) and <https://www.whitehallstudio.co.uk/> and <https://www.ravelry.com/designers/nic-corrigan---whitehall-studio>

Kurt Payne from Auckland, NZ, spoke about his career. See [Kurt Payne \(@manknitea\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)



Sue from Melbourne Victoria

We had two visitors from Victoria, Sue and Tricia, who came especially to see our guests. These four visitors then mingled and helped and talked to all in the room.



Tricia from Geelong Victoria

Michelle read an amazing poem she had written. Well done Michelle. We really enjoyed that.

It was truly an amazing day. Thanks everyone.

We now are on Facebook. [\(2\) Epping Creative Machine Knitters | Facebook](#)

Thanks Catherine for setting this up.

Time to start our charity winter knitting for Hats for The Homeless group. Hats, beanies, scarves, blankets, mittens and gloves all welcome. Any new knitted items to keep people warm. Bring to any meeting.

There is NO meeting on Easter Saturday. Our next meetings are on Thursday 16 th March, then Thursday 20th April, followed by Saturday 13 May and Thursday 18 th May.

See www.eppingmachineknitters.com

Barbara Fletcher

Convenor, 0408 866 357

PHOTOS FROM AN AMAZING DAY 11th MARCH 2023



NEWCASTLE MACHINE KNITTERS

Our usual November meeting is our Christmas Lunch so over to Edgeworth Tavern. Unfortunately, most were not happy with the meal so may not go back.

We are able to have a meeting in December at Edgeworth Sport and Recreation Centre and we will meet there next month and plan in advance for next year but there will be no January meeting.

The Sunday group was very productive with even though there were not a lot of people.

December

Newcastle Show was the beginning of March, entries must be done online, and garments must be taken to meeting 14.2.23 if delivery to the show is required.

Owen Conlon demonstration Saturday 3rd June 10.00am start.

Further workshops to be planned for 2023.

Sunday group was very small, Janet did an edge on her bulky blanket.

February

Three new members, Rhonda, Mac and Besse. Mac and Rhonda were from Canberra.

Annual Fees for this year \$40, methods of payment are bank transfer or cash.

We had our AGM, the those Elected are:

Kathleen Palmowski	President
Judy Shultz	Vice President
Elvia Moss	Secretary
Leonie Mills	Treasurer
Macknit Representative	Judy Shultz and Mac to assist.

FibreFest at Wyong Race Club and Function Centre 10th September organised by Knitters' Guild, and we will for demonstrating on behalf t Macknit.

Show and tell had many beautiful garments mostly going into Newcastle show.

Sunday group 11 attended 3 new people. Mac will look after our machines and accessories and find homes for anything we do not require. Thankyou Gail for all your years doing this job.

Newcastle Show Results

Class 229 Adult Garment

- 1st Leonie Mills
- 2nd Kathleen Palmowski
- 3rd Judy Shultz



Class 228 Baby or Child Garment or Set

- 1st Kathleen Palmowski
- 2nd Leonie Mills
- 3rd Elvia Moss



Class 230 Scarf, Shawl or Rug

- 1st Linda Thomson
- 2nd Kathleen Palmowski
- 3rd Kathleen Palmowski



Class 321 Any other Article

- 1st Kathleen Palmowski
- 2nd Kathleen Palmowski
- 3rd Elvia Moss





BRISBANE WATERS

To start this year in DesignaKnit we are going to recheck our old measurements, it has been some time since we did them so out with the tape measure. Unfortunately, most of us had changed over time and our shapes were different.

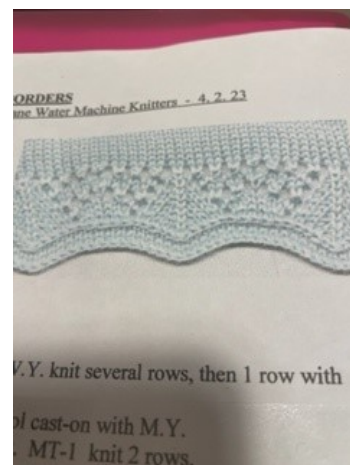
Entered a new basic shape and doing the necessary drawing was the next step. Margaret had been asked to make a jumper with a beautiful grey mohair but unfortunately it would not knit on any of her machines. Sideways weaving was the result, and a very impressive jumper came into being,

With our new shape over the next few months, we are going to produce a sideways garment that we can knit to any stitch that will fit.

The afternoon session we did a scallop edge with a latch cast on, repeated again after a couple of rows then a lace stitch which formed scallops a very pretty edge for baby wear or some other place where a wavy edge is required

The next meeting will be at Margaret and Mick's at Point Clare on the 1st April..

See you all then.



COMMITTEE CORNER

MARCH UPDATE

This year we're focusing on:

- Further BEGINNERS WORKSHOPS, based on the great attendance and feedback from new machine knitters
- A review of the CONSTITUTION. If anyone has any feedback, please pass onto one of the committee members
- Continuing online ZOOM WORKSHOPS featuring more international guest speakers
- WEBSITE REVAMP - we are overhauling the website this year to include a new look, additional functions including online payments, registrations, new members section and digital interactive newsletters plus blog and additional resources
- Trialing some ONLINE GET TOGETHERS for Macknit members covering things such as show and tell, so we can spend time with our rural remote members.

There are a few other ideas in the pipeline being discussed on how we can capture the amazing history and knowledge of machine knitting through the eyes of our pioneering members.



Do you have any
suggestions,
comments,
feedback?

contact the committee at:
macknit@mkansw.org.au

2023 Machine Knitting Dates of Interest

January	
7	Macknit Workshop: Beginners Series – Epping Creative Centre
February	
25th	Macknit AGM 2023
24-26	Canberra Show 2023
March	
3-5	Newcastle Show 2023
11-12	Blacktown City Show 2023
<i>31-2April</i>	<i>Craft Alive—Wagga Wagga</i>
April	
6-17	Royal Easter Show - Olympic Park Homebush, Sydney 2023
<i>9</i>	<i>Newcastle Spinners & Weavers Trading Day</i>
<i>28-30</i>	<i>Ewes Exhibition & Sale - Epping Creative Centre</i>
<i>26-29</i>	<i>Craft Alive—Canberra</i>
28-30	Hawkesbury Show - Hawkesbury Showground
May	
20	Macknit Workshop - tba
June	
<i>9-11</i>	<i>Festival of the Fleeces – Merriwa</i>
<i>13-17</i>	<i>Festival - New Zealand Machine Knitters</i>
24	Macknit Workshop - tba
<i>23-25</i>	<i>Craft Alive - Hawkesbury-Showground</i>
<i>28-1 July</i>	<i>Craft & Quilt Fair-Dome, Homebush, Olympic Park</i>
July	
13-16	Macknit Live-In-Weekend Kincumber 7pm/7.30pm Bill King Zoom
<i>14-16</i>	<i>Sheep & Wool Show—Bendigo</i>
29	Yarn Market — Epping Creative Centre
August	
5	Macknit Workshop – tba, Epping Creative Centre (Room 2)
September	
<i>TBA</i>	<i>Craft & Quilt Fair– Canberra showground</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Fibrefest - Wyong Race Club</i>
30	Macknit Workshop - tba, Epping Creative Centre (Room 1)

Machine Knitting Clubs in NSW

Berala Club. The Magic Circle meets on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10am. For details ring Fay on 9649 5588. For Passap Duo/80 machines.

Berala Club. The E6000 Club meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1.30pm. For Passap E6000 machines. For details ring Fay on 9649 5588.

Brisbane Water Machine Knitters Club -in the Gosford district on the Central Coast, meets on the 1st Saturday of each month. In the morning those wishing to learn to use the computer package DesignaKnit meet at 9.30 am. Then at 1.00pm for problem solving and demonstrations All brands of machine are welcome. For further details, phone Margaret on 0438 244 801.

Canberra The ACT and Region Machine Knitting Guild meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 10am at the Downer Community Centre. For details ring Liz McNally 0414 934 261 Email:- act.region.mkg@gmail.com.

Epping Creative Machine Knitting Club meets twice a month at Epping Creative Centre, Dence Park, 26 Stanley Road, Epping. We meet on the third Thursday at 9.30 for 10.00am, starting with a meeting for announcements, show & tell, and a demonstration. BYO lunch, and then with your own machine or one of ours, spend the afternoon machine knitting, with the help of experienced machine knitters. From 10.00am on the Second Saturday we spend the whole day just knitting, Come and go at your convenience, but BYO lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. New knitters, those that used to knit, and experienced knitters are all welcome to come either or both days. For details Contact through eppingmachineknitters@outlook.com or ring Barbara on 0408 866 357 or look at our website www.eppingmachineknitters.com

Illawarra Area Passap Club meets at Dapto on the 3rd Friday of each month at 9.30am. For details ring Leonie on 42 61 3324

The Illawarra Knitters Wollongong. BYO lunch, demonstrations every month and Show and Tell. Visitors are always warmly welcome. We now meet in the Sassafras Room, within Heininger House, which is part of the Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto. The Building is accessed from Heininger Street, Dapto. There is off street parking available, with street parking as well. There is also good public transport both bus and rail. The bus stops right outside the building and it is about a 10 min 'flat walk' – give or take – from the station. MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. 10.30am until 2.30pm. As usual visitors to our meeting are always welcome. Please call Diane 0439 406 224 for any further information needed.

Newcastle Machine Knitting Club We are a group of likeminded people interested in, and encourage the craft of, Machine Knitting. We have two meetings each month during the period February to November. We meet at Edgeworth Sport and Recreation Club 1A Park Street Edgeworth 2285. HANDS ON MEETING is the FIRST SUNDAY of the month 9:30 to 12:00.1. Bring own machine 2. Mentoring by Experienced Knitters 3. Problem Solving MONTHLY MEETING is the SECOND TUESDAY of the month 9:30am to 3pm

1. Meeting starts 10 am 2. Show and Tell 3. Demonstration on club's machine 4. Our group knowledge and use of knitting machines is not limited to any make and model of machine

Contact: newcastlemachineknitters@gmail.com

<https://www.lakemac.com.au/Community/Directory/Newcastle-Machine-Knitters-Club>



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GARTER BAR JAPANESE MACH. TOOLS—ALL WORTH A LOOK.

**FOR
SALE**

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For Sale

One Knitting cabinet that holds machine and ribber 3 draws and 1 storage
Compartment (same size as the 3 draws). \$100..o.n.o.

0403 295 063 to be picked up.

FOR SALE:

Singer 360 single bed with manuals, punchcards, etc. working order, new sponge bar –
\$400

Intarsia carriage A G 20 and Intarsia carriage A G 30 – **\$40 each**

Brother Garter bar, never used in box. – **\$50**

Kriskrafter 8mm Garter bar , Little used. – **\$30**

Sale due to failing eyesight

Pick up only from Lakehaven

Hilda Butler 0243925331

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NSW Machine Knitters Association

Annual General Meeting

Held at Burwood RSL Club and via Zoom

10.15AM, 25th FEBRUARY 2023

Note – this meeting was held both in person and on Zoom via the internet or by phone.

1. WELCOME

Phillippa Bourke (chair) welcomed everybody.
Meeting opened 10.15 am with a quorum present.

2. ATTENDANCE

In person - 11 as per attendance book. Via Zoom - 10 as per pre-registration.

3. APOLOGIES

Received from: Margaret Tulloh, Eleanor Goldfinch, Marie McCarthy, Leonie Mills

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting 26th February 2022, as published in the March 2022 Newsletter.
MOVED as a true copy by Liz McNally, seconded by Barbara Fletcher.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President's Report was read by Phillippa Bourke, in Margaret Tulloh's absence.

First let me say that I am sorry for not being able to be with you today, but owing to difficult family circumstances I cannot attend.

The year that has gone was a busy one, with Beginners Days, Workshops with Bill King, and Alison Dupernex. Then we had Owen Conlan do his first Workshop for us held at Epping in September, it was well attended. Thank you, Owen.

The Live-In-Weekend proved to be a success, 27 attended and all enjoyed themselves. The younger knitters went home very enthusiastic with great ideas. The next Live-in will be at Kincumber from 13 to 16 July, 2023. Because of the price going up (as everything else) the committee has decided to have two check-in times, Thursday to Sunday and Friday to Sunday. The Registration Forms and Deposit of \$50 are due on the 28th February. (Details are in the newsletters).

The Traders Day was well represented with trader's and many turned up to buy their beautiful yarn. We are all looking forward to this year's event in July.

2022 was a mixed year with highs and lows. We lost some of our long standing members, these are the people that helped make Macknit what it is today, these people will long be remembered. First, we had Dorothy Sneddon of Newcastle and Betty Lamont from Point Clare on the same day in May. Then Kathy Gibson from Epping and Point Clare in June. Audrey Ibbotson from Newcastle in October. I would also like to mention two others, although not members of Macknit but helped promote our craft. Chris Dixon creator of Win-Crea that was freeware to those that have the Passap E6000. Then there was Ken Richards. His name was legendary for his G-Carriage and Machine repairs. All these people have been greatly missed.

repairs. All these people have been greatly missed. Planning has been done for 2023 with many workshops and beginner's Days to help the Committee for the rest of the year.

All the events are listed in the "Days of Interest in the December Newsletter". (The list will have to be altered to add a few other events).

Our Membership total at the end of December was 192. That includes 185 Members and 7 Complimentary. This is looking quite healthy.

I would like to thank all those that have sent in articles for the newsletter. They have been greatly appreciated not only by me but by the readers. The articles have given a wide variety of content for our members to read and keep up to date with what we are doing for you all. If there is anything you would like all you have to do is get in touch with the Committee (anyone one of us would do) and we will do our best to accommodate.

I cannot express enough my gratitude to the members of this committee. Pip I would like to thank you for stepping in for me at this time, also to all members for the work you have done during the past year during the good and the trying times and for stepping in when it was needed.

Thank you all for coming and drive home safely.

Margaret Tulloh

President

MOTION: that the Presidents Report be Accepted by the meeting.
Moved by Phillippa Bourke, Seconded by Lorna Roache. ACCEPTED.

The Committee discussed the increase in Member's from the Beginner workshops, and memberships in other states for the online zoom workshops.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Refer to attached Treasurer's Report (for period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022) in Appendix A.

The Treasurer discussed:

- Small loss for the year (\$2,678) as we gave back to members through subsidising the Live-In-Weekend and invest in the future of Macknit
- Cash reserves of \$28,000

MOTION: The Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved by Bronwyn Allen, Seconded by Lorna Roache. ACCEPTED

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no committee member reports.

1. Honorarium Amount for 2022

Our constitution requires us to set the amount of the honoraria each year at the AGM.

MOTION: that the Honorarium Amount to be set to \$0.00 for all committee members for 2023.

Moved by Phillipa Bourke, Seconded by Sandy Foreman. ACCEPTED

Several members asked for suggestions on ways to thank the committee for all their hard work.

2. Membership Fees for 2022

Our constitution requires the membership fees be set each year at the AGM.

The committee clarified that new members are not charged an additional joining fee.

The meeting discussed the need to check if non-paying / life members are covered by insurance.
ACTION

MOTION: Membership Fees for 2023 to remain at \$20.

Moved by Phillipa Bourke, Seconded by Bronwyn Allan. ACCEPTED.

8. PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT

PUBLIC OFFICERS REPORT FOR Macknit AGM February 2023

The committee has met regularly, usually monthly, via zoom, and this method of meetings has made the inclusion of non-Sydney members viable, as well as representing a wider part of the membership.

I attended the last committee meeting on Zoom and can attest to the manner in which the meeting is conducted. Each item on the agenda is discussed widely and documented well. The financial records are presented in detail with explanations when needed. Well done to the committee members responsible for the written record of Macknit.

I commend all the committee on it's work during the last 12 months, especially the reports presented earlier to members.

I present this report to the AGM

Barbara Fletcher

Public Officer, Macknit Inc

25th Feb 2023

MOTION: that the Public Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved by Elvia Moss, Seconded by Liz McNally. ACCEPTED.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS

Nil.

10. PUBLIC OFFICER DECLARED ALL POSITIONS VACANT

11. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Public Officer declared all positions vacant. The Public Officer had received enough candidate nominations for all committee positions. As outlined in the constitution, section 14(4) *“If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.”* All nominations were accepted as elected without voting.

All nominations were by written nominations prior to the meeting. No additional nominations were made verbally during the meeting in person or via zoom.

The following nominations were accepted:

Position	Nominee	Result
PRESIDENT	Margaret Tulloh	ELECTED
TREASURER	Michelle Ricketts	ELECTED
SECRETARY	Eleanor Goldfinch	ELECTED
COMMITTEE	Phillipa Bourke	ELECTED
COMMITTEE	Sandi Foreman	ELECTED
COMMITTEE	Francisco Jimenez	ELECTED
COMMITTEE	Liz McNally	ELECTED
COMMITTEE	Lorna Roache	ELECTED
COMMITTEE	Judy Shultz	ELECTED

12. DATE OF NEXT AGM MEETING 24TH FEBRUARY 2024 AND VENUE TBA

13. MEETING CLOSE: 10.37am.

APPENDIX – ATTACHMENTS

A. Treasurer's Report (for period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021)

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Treasurers Report

for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Profit and Loss

What we've received and spent this year

	<i>note</i>	YTD Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Forecast
Income				
Donations		\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Live In Weekend	3	\$10,554.00	\$710	\$12,000
Interest		\$51.47	\$208	\$210
Membership		\$3,430.00	\$2,710	\$2,900
Sales & Advertising	1	\$1,857.20	\$15	\$200
Workshops	2	\$1,675.00	\$365	\$400
Total Income		\$17,567.67	\$4,008	\$15,710
Expenses				
Admin Stationery Postage Etc.		\$0	\$189	\$200
Donations		\$0	\$0.00	\$0
Equipment	4	\$67	\$243	\$0
Live In Weekend	3	\$14,514	\$21	\$14,755
Fair Trading annual lodgement		\$48	\$47	\$47
Honorarium		\$0	\$1,450	\$0
Insurance		\$875	\$820	\$875
Meeting Costs		\$566	\$450	\$700
Newsletter		\$798	\$781	\$780
Show prizes		\$325	\$100	\$200
Sponsorship		\$900	\$800	\$1,200
Website		\$364	\$121	\$121
Workshops	2	\$1,790	\$245	\$400
Total Expenses		\$20,246	\$5,266	\$19,278
Net Profit or (Loss)		(\$2,678)	(\$1,258)	(\$3,568)

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Treasurers Report

for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Balance Sheet

What we have and what we owe

	<i>note</i>	2022	2021
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	<i>below</i>	\$4,270	\$5,000
Cash Reserve Account		\$3,233	\$5,233
Total cash at bank		\$7,503	\$10,233
Other Assets			
Term Deposit - 344523		\$13,324	\$13,291
Term Deposit - 124426		\$7,176	\$7,159
Total other assets		\$20,500	\$20,449
Current Liabilities			
		\$0	\$0
Net Assets			
		\$28,004	\$30,682
Macknit Funds			
Profit or Loss this year	<i>p&l</i>	(\$2,678)	(\$1,258)
Historical balance		\$30,682	\$31,940
Macknit Funds		\$28,004	\$30,682

\$0

Cash at bank

Opening Balance 1/1/21	\$4,999.94
plus income to date	\$17,567.67
plus trfr from reserve account	\$2,000.00
less expenditure to date	(\$20,246.00)
less interest from other accounts	(\$51.47)
Cashbook Balance	\$4,270.14
Closing Bank Balance 31/12/2022	\$4,270.14

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Notes

	<u>2022</u>
1. sales	
donated yarn	\$209
Donated machines/books/yarn	\$1,442
magazines	\$156
	<u>\$1,807</u>

2. Workshops	15/1/22	2/4/2022	30/4/22	17/6/22	25/9/22	7/1/23	
	<i>Beginners</i>	<i>Bill King</i>	<i>Beginners</i>	<i>Alison D</i>	<i>Owen</i>	<i>Beginners prepaid</i>	TOTAL
Fees paid	\$245	\$0	\$555	\$0	\$595	\$280	\$1,675
less workshop fees	\$250	\$334	\$250	\$387	\$250		\$1,471
profit/(loss)	(\$5)	(\$334)	\$305	(\$387)	\$345	\$280	\$204

3. Live-In-Weekend 2022	2022	2021	2020	Total
Deposits paid	\$10,554	\$946	\$650	\$12,150
Macknit subsidy				\$837
Total income	\$10,554	\$946	\$650	\$12,987
less				
Retreat Fees	\$13,979			\$13,979
refreshments	\$74			\$74
bags	\$405			\$405
total expenses	\$14,458	\$0	\$0	\$14,458
profit/(loss)				<u>(\$1,471)</u>

Live-In-Weekend 2023	<u>2022</u>
Deposits paid	\$100

4. Equipment	<u>2022</u>
microphone cables 23/02/2022	\$67



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Macknit General Meeting Minutes

Held at Burwood RSL Club and via Zoom

at 10.50 AM, 26th FEBRUARY 2022

Note – this meeting was held both in person and on Zoom via internet or by phone.

1. WELCOME

Phillipa Bourke (chair) welcomed everybody and new and continuing committee members in Margaret Tulloh's absence.

Meeting opened 10.51am with a quorum present.

2. ATTENDANCE

In person - 11 as per attendance book, Via Zoom - 10 as per registration.

3. APOLOGIES

Received from: Margaret TULLOH, Eleanor Goldfinch, Marie McCarthy, Leonie Mills.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous General Meeting 26th February 2022, as published in the March 2022 Newsletter, were moved as a true copy by Michelle Ricketts, seconded by Bronwyn Allen.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence in Margaret and Eleanor's absence.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Refer attached Treasurer's Report (appendix 1) for period 1 January 2022 to 22nd February 2023.

Accepted by Janne Moran, Seconded by Pat James.

The Treasurer discussed the change to insurance premiums. The members requested further information about the term deposits.

ACTION: Treasurer to provide further detail on the term deposits in the notes.

8. FUTURE EVENTS

Phillipa Bourke gave an overview of planned Macknit events. There is a mixture of face to face and online events, possible charity knit day.

See appendix 2.

Discussed Newcastle Craft Alive show not on this year. Also discussed, the Sydney Royal Easter Show have not provided demonstration space for machine knitting this year. Liz McNally notified the meeting of the Canberra Beginners Day workshop in mid April. Judy Schultz notified the meeting of the Newcastle workshop 3 June.

Lorna Roache discussed the Show and Tell Member meetings that the committee hopes to have up and running this year, now that the zoom workshops have been going for a year.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

The members discussed the time and location of the annual and general meetings:

- Liz McNally suggested a later time slot might allow for members living further away to travel and attend the meeting in person.
- Whether Burwood remained a suitable location for the reduced size of meeting attendees due to online attendance is now possible.
- Whether a physical meeting location should continue with online attendance available.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24th FEBRUARY 2024 AND VENUE TBA

11. MEETING CLOSE: 11.40 AM.

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Treasurers Report

for the period 1 January 2023 to 22 February 2023

Profit and Loss

What we've received and spent this year

	<i>note</i>	YTD Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Forecast
Income				
Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
Live In Weekend		\$0	\$10,454	\$13,000
Interest	3	\$33	\$51	\$50
Membership		\$200	\$3,470	\$3,400
Sales & Advertising		\$0	\$1,857	\$0
Workshops	1	\$315	\$1,735	\$1,700
Total Income		\$548	\$17,568	\$18,150
Expenses				
Admin Stationery Postage Etc.		\$115	\$0	\$300
Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment		\$0	\$67	\$0
Live In Weekend		\$275	\$14,514	\$15,000
Fair Trading annual lodgement		\$0	\$48	\$50
Honorarium		\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance		\$1,038	\$875	\$700
Meeting Costs		\$0	\$884	\$900
Newsletter		\$78	\$798	\$800
Show prizes		\$50	\$325	\$325
Sponsorship		\$0	\$900	\$1,200
Website		\$122	\$364	\$370
Workshops	2	\$291	\$1,471	\$1,500
Total Expenses		\$1,970	\$20,246	\$21,145
Net Profit or (Loss)		-\$1,421	-\$2,678	-\$2,995

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Treasurers Report

for the period 1 January 2023 to 22 February 2023

Balance Sheet

What we have and what we owe

	<i>note</i>	YTD Actual	2021
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	<i>below</i>	\$2,815	\$4,270
Cash Reserve Account		\$3,233	\$3,233
Total cash at bank		\$6,049	\$7,503
Other Assets			
Term Deposit - 344523	<i>3</i>	\$13,357	\$13,324
Term Deposit - 124426	<i>3</i>	\$7,176	\$7,176
Total other assets		\$20,534	\$20,500
Current Liabilities		\$0	\$0
Net Assets		\$26,582	\$28,004
Macknit Funds			
Profit or Loss this year	<i>p&l</i>	-\$1,421	-\$2,678
Historical balance		\$28,004	\$30,682
Macknit Funds		\$26,582	\$28,004

\$0

Cash at bank

Opening Balance 1/1/23	\$4,270
plus income to date	\$548
less expenditure to date	-\$1,970
Less interest from other accounts	-\$33
Cashbook Balance	<u>\$2,815</u>
Closing Bank Balance 22/2/2023	<u>\$2,815</u>

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Notes

	<i>note</i>	YTD Actual			
1. Workshops					
		<i>Jan23</i>			
		<i>Beginners</i>			
Fees paid		<hr/>			
				\$315	
Fees paid prior year		<hr/>			
				\$280	
				<hr/>	
				\$595	
<i>less workshop fees</i>				\$250	
<i>less room hire</i>	<i>tba</i>				
<i>less printing etc</i>				<hr/>	
				\$41	
profit/(loss)				<hr/>	
				\$65	
2. Live-In-Weekend 2023					
		2023	2022	Total	
Members payments		\$0	\$100	\$100	
Macknit subsidy				\$0	
<i>Total income</i>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	
		\$0	\$100	\$100	
<i>less</i>					
Retreat deposit pd		\$275	-	\$275	
refreshments		-	-	\$0	
bags		-	-	\$0	
total expenses		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	
		\$275	\$0	\$275	
profit/(loss)		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	
		-\$275	\$100	-\$175	
3. Term Deposits					
		Invested	2023 Interest	Next Maturity	Interest Rate
Term Deposit 344523		\$13,357	\$33.31	17/02/2024	3.35%
Term Deposit 344523		\$7,176	\$0.00	17/09/2023	1.10%