

To all Our
Members
December, 2022

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New year



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NEW SOUTH WALES MACHINE KNITTERS ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Membership is from 1 July

Annual fee is \$20

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President's Report December, 2022.

This year has been a very busy year with Zoom workshops and Owen Conlon's Workshop in September. Thank you Owen.

The beginners workshops have been well represented and we have another planned for January 7th, 2023.

Please refer to the Committee corner to see all the work the committee has been doing. I would like to thank them all for the work they have done to keep Macknit running smoothly.

Please remember your association is here to help all our members, if you have any special requests for a workshop or other help tell us so we can try to organize it.

Planning for next year is well advanced. Our AGM will be on Saturday 25th February, 2023 at Burwood RSL. For those that attend we will be supplying lunch. I hope to see you there.

We have lost quite a few members this year. They are sorely missed by their families and their friend at Macknit.

We have booked Kincumber again this year, but the prices have gone up considerably. We have changed the days so that you can choose which days you wish to attend— Thursday or Friday. All members are welcome.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your patience when the newsletter was late, or I didn't get back to you immediately.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year, from the Macknit Committee.

If you are going away have a great time and please drive carefully and keep well and safe, over the Festive Season. And those going overseas enjoy.

Margaret Tulloh

President



NSW
MACHINE
KNITTERS
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THE ART OF MACHINE KNITTING BASICS

HANDS ON WORKSHOP

series 2023-1

learn the basics and make a
small cardigan

SATURDAY JAN 7 2023

10AM TO 4PM

EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE

DENCE PARK, EPPING, NSW

register online: macknit.tiny.us/2023Begin1



\$35 members, \$50 non-members
Membership: \$20 annual subscription
BYO yarn, machine and lunch

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Macknit Annual General Meeting

To be held at Burwood RSL Club

AGENDA 10:00AM, 25th FEBRUARY 2023

1. WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE
3. APOLOGIES
4. PREVIOUS MINUTES
5. PRESIDENTS REPORT
6. TREASURERS REPORT
7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS
8. PUBLIC OFFICERS REPORT
9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS
10. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS
11. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Macknit General Meeting

To be held at Burwood RSL Club

AGENDA 11.30 AM, 25th FEBRUARY 2023

1. WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE
3. APOLOGIES
4. PREVIOUS MINUTES
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. TREASURERS REPORT
8. FUTURE EVENTS
9. GENERAL BUSINESS
10. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING
11. MEETING CLOSE: anticipated 12.30PM



NSW Machine Knitters Association

2022 NOMINATION FORM

For positions on the committee and Public Officer

All Nominees, Proposers and Seconders must be members of NSW Machine Knitters Association.

I wish to nominate for the position of.....

Signature:

Date:

I wish to second for the position of.....

Signature:

Date:

I agree to my nomination for the position of

Signature:

Date:

Positions vacant are:

Executive Committee – President, Treasurer, Secretary

Committee Members – 6 positions

Return to :-

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**LIVE-IN-WEEKEND
ST JOSEPH'S, KINCUMBER**



Time: Thursday 13th after 4pm to Sunday 16th July 2023 2pm
Cost: \$600 per person

Time: Friday 14th July after 4pm to Sunday 16th July, 2023
Cost: \$400 per person.

To bring: Knitting Machines, Knitting Table

Sleeping: Single rooms with ensuites

Deposit: Please pay your \$50 deposit and return your registration form by 28th February, 2023.

Trains: Pickup available from Woy Woy or Gosford Stations

Contact: Margaret Tulloh phone (02) 9451 9718- 0403 295 063
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mtulloh@bigpond.net.au

Location: www.stjosephskincumber.org.au

Bank Details: Acc Name: MACKNIT BSB: 032 072 Acc No: 367 166

NOTICE

Owing to the increase in fees by St Joseph's Kincumber, we have decided to have two check-in times. It will be your choice.

This is out of our control. We were notified at the end of the last live-in-weekend that there would be an increase.

Margaret Tulloh.

COMMITTEE CORNER

WELL THAT'S A WRAP!

What we've done the past 12 months:

- 3 face ot face workshops including 2 for beginners and the talented Owen
- 2 and a bit? Zoom workshops for the first time with over 10 interstate attendees
- The Annual Traders Day was back in full swing!
- Another amazing Live-In-Weekend at Kincumber
- Setup online registration for workshops
- Established online google drive to store all macknit information for future committees
- Website refresh
- Implemented policies and procedures for Honorarium, reimbursements
- Sponsored the local community clubs to support running a workshop
- Demonstrated at various shows and fairs
- Donated \$325 in show prize monies
- received several donations of machines/equipment/yarn and resources
- Investigating insurance coverage for the clubs
- established a working group for next years events
- welcomed our first interstate members
- Expanded the newsletter content to appeal to more readers



The Committee
wishes
everyone a
Merry Christmas
and another
year full of
yarn!

You can contact the committee at:
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***Volunteers
Are not Paid,
Not because
They are worthless,
But because
They are Priceless.***

Audrey Enid Ibbotson



16th September 1936 – 3rd October 2022

We, at Newcastle Machine Knitters Club, are very sad to have lost another one of our lovely members. Audrey had been a member for over 20 years. She has also been a member of Macknit for quite some time and attended some of its “Live-in” weekends and also some of the demonstrations and Traders’ Days at Epping. She was also a member of Laurice Johns’ Coal Point Knitting Club for a few years until it closed. Audrey did a Machine Knitting course at Belmont TAFE in 1993.

Audrey loved all her craft – sewing, hand knitting, machine knitting and was also a fabulous cook. She often brought something she had cooked for morning tea to the knitting clubs and had a Biggest Morning Tea each year to raise money for Cancer. Her Christmas puddings were well loved and she took orders and made quite a few each Christmas. She did a great deal of sewing and alterations for her family and for other people. Audrey especially loved hand knitting and loved knitting cardigans and jumpers with patterns (lace, cables etc) as she said plain was boring. Kay said she was the best hand knitter she had seen and I agree. She was always knitting something for herself, great grandchildren, friends’ grandchildren etc and her knitted small beaded purses were beautiful.

Audrey was a wonderful friend and we all miss her very much.

Elvia

SHOWS 2023

Most shows now only accept entries online at a date which closes much earlier than the show
Blacktown is the exception, they have 2 evenings when you deliver the entries and
do the paperwork at the same time.

CANBERRA SHOW 24TH TO 26TH FEBRUARY

One special section with the theme of Earth Wind & Fire
Entries close 25th January.

4 Sections plus Professional, Senior & Student sections
Yarn label or sample must accompany each entry

NEWCASTLE SHOW 3RD TO 5TH MARCH

Entries close 14th February
2 entries per class allowed

4 sections each with \$25.00 first prize

BLACKTOWN SHOW 11TH & 12TH MARCH

Delivery of entries 5pm to 8 pm Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March
Full details not yet on line.

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW 6TH TO 17TH APRIL

Entries close 8th February
Deliveries on 24th & 25th March

2023 Schedule is not yet online, should appear in early December

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS WE HAVE REQUESTED SOME CHANGES FOR THE
NEXT SCHEDULE

HAWKESBURY SHOW 28TH To 30TH APRIL

Details in next newsletter

PLEASE NOTE: I AM PREPARED TO DELIVER AND COLLECT THE ENTRIES FOR THE
SYDNEY SHOWS AS LONG AS THEY ARE IN MY POSSESSION ON THE DUE DATES

Eleanor Goldfinch



OWEN CONLON—WORKSHOP

25th September, 2022.

One of our talented members gave a workshop to the experienced and also the beginners and was enjoyed by all



Well done Owen .

ACT & REGION MACHINE KNITTERS GUILD

Live Out Retreat 16th to 18th September:

Following on from the success and popularity of our first 'Live-Out' retreat weekend, we decided to do it all again! The retreat offers some special knitting time, advice and encouragement on hand, delicious meals and snacks, and at the end of the day everyone leaves to find their way home or to their weekend accommodation.

The retreat was again held in the Lions Youth Haven at Kambah. Our catering was on-site and Saju and his helpers provided us with delicious evening meals, morning and afternoon teas and lunches – we felt quite spoilt with no cooking or kitchen chores for the weekend. The food was top-class!

We had 19 knitters participating in the weekend, and each person had their own space – there was more than enough room to set up machines and accessories, and we had plenty of room to roam around to see what others were doing. Our workroom was sunny and airy, and the weather was dry enough to share some time with some of the animals on the farm.

Again, we had varying degrees of success – Aileen completed a jumper on her LK150. Jennie, a very new knitter who joined us from Dubbo, knitted all the pieces for her son's jumper and was 'stoked' with her achievements. Elva made good progress on a patterned hat, and Lynne tested several yarns by knitting swatches on different tensions. We had knitters who joined us from interstate including Lorna, Eleanor and Owen from Sydney, who all fielded questions from everyone, a new knitter Jennifer from Newcastle and on Sunday morning a knitter who just wanted to try out a machine. So, throughout the weekend we created, re-designed and learnt a lot from each other.

The knitters all enjoyed their mini-break in the 'country', and many were keen to see another similar weekend next year.

My thanks go to everyone who helped across the weekend, and especially to Donna who brought extra tables and stands.



Canberra Show: It is planned that the Canberra Show will go ahead next year on 24th, 25th and 26th February. The Theme is Earth, Wind and Fire. The Schedule and Online Entry is now available on the website.

We have a busy year planned for 2023 including four external workshops with Barbara Fletcher, Sue Bennett, Eleanor Goldfinch and Yvonne Kadwell – dates to be confirmed.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2023.

Newcastle Machine Knitters



Photo of demo with Audrey and Elvia. Their backs are to us. Audrey has her favourite mauve cardigan on

Challenge cardigans which will be donated if we like, toys made by Kath



Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas
And a healthy and prosperous
New year

Epping Creative Machine Knitters

The meetings of ECMK in the last few months have been fantastic. Lots of attendance, new members, a great buzz, vibe and ambience and lots and lots of learning happening.

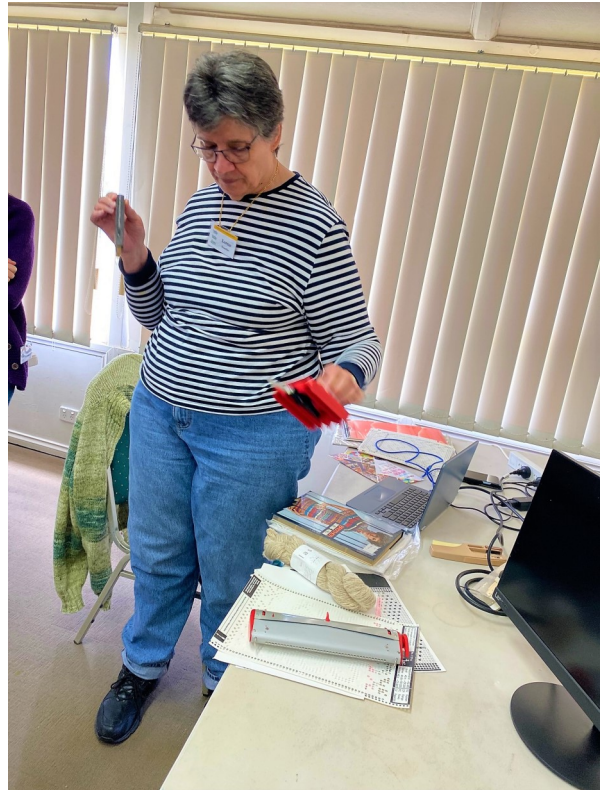
We have learnt lots about short rowing, Knit Radar & Knit Leader attachments, computer programs and computerised machines, as well as how to design and cut punchcards using the card-cutting machines available, like Cricut and ScanNCut.

Janne showed us the Img2Track software available using a graphic file to be able to download to a Brother 9xx electronic machine (<https://daviworks.com/knitting/>).

Lorna showed us the AYAB hack of a Brother KH910 machine. (<https://ayab-knitting.com/features/>)

Barbara showed the workings of the CB1 box for the Brother KH970 machine, and the console for the Passap E6000, as well as Designaknit software briefly.

Susie has demonstrated how to knit a beret using partial knitting, particularly helping new members with the concept of short rowing/partial knitting. Susie's expertise with the Singer Knit Radar is unsurpassed and is helping everyone learn how magical this device is.



Lorna



Angela

There's been lots of Show and tell, too much to itemise, but I would like to mention Angela's top

and Francisco's hoodie cardigan. Beautiful work. Thank you to everyone.



Francisco

The Epping Creative Machine Knitters meet twice a month on the second Saturday and third Thursday at ECC, 26 Stanley Road, Epping from 10.00am.

See <https://www.eppingmachineknitters.com/>

Barbara Fletcher, Convenor

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BRISBANE WATERS

This year at Point Clare has been different with Covid, Flu's and the passing of two members—Betty Lamont and Kathie Gibson and many had family problems.

The year has been slow, but when we could all get together we had a great time.

Last Saturday 3rd December was the Christmas Party with visitors coming from different parts of Sydney and one Member brought her daughter up from Thirlmere. Everyone brought a plate of goodies. The food was delicious, thank you all.



Wow what a Platter



Yum



Festive Table



The Happy Revellers



Happy Revellers 2



Margaret, Margaret & Barbara



Mick thanking Margaret
for a job well done



Mick



Don



Barbara and Bev.

Everyone had a good time

We Wish you all a Very Merry Christmas a Happy New Year. May you all stay safe and have good health in 2023. We wish those with ill health a speedy recovery.

The club will return 4th February (other wise you will be notified) for another fulfilled year.

From the Members of Brisbane Waters.

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
31-2April	Craft Alive—Wagga Wagga
April	
6-17	Royal Easter Show - Olympic Park Homebush, Sydney 2023
TBA	Newcastle Spinners & Weavers Open Day
26-29	Craft Alive—Canberra
28-30	Hawkesbury Show - Hawkesbury Showground
May	
20	Macknit Workshop “Tips & Treats” by Jan Richards.
TBA	Ewes Exhibition & Sale—Epping Creative Centre
June	
TBA	Festival of the Fleeces – Merriwa
10	Macknit Workshop Epping Creative Centre (Room 2)
13-17	Festival - New Zealand Machine Knitters
23-25	Craft Alive - Hawkesbury-Showground
28-1 July	Craft & Quilt Fair- Dome, Homebush, Olympic Park
July	
13-16	Macknit Live-In-Weekend Kincumber 7pm/7.30pm Bill King Zoom Booked
14-16	Sheep & Wool Show—Bendigo
29	Yarn Market — Epping Creative Centre
August	
5	Macknit Workshop – Epping Creative Centre (Room 2)
September	
TBA	Craft & Quilt Fair– Canberra showground
30	Macknit Workshop: Epping Creative Centre (Room 1)
October	
TBA	FibreFest—Edmund Rice Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
November	

Book Review for Alison Dupernex's New Book. Creative Machine Knitting:



A voyage of discovery into colour, shape and stitches.

The pictures are screenshots from Amazon's online (publicly available) preview sample function, there's more of the book to preview, if that's something of interest.

The print copy is under \$80, Kindle \$36.57 (shop around for the best prices – they do vary)

Let's start with Contents page (below) of what's in the book. The first chapters cover sustainability of yarn, yarn content, Natural polymers and where in the synthetic chain the other poly yarns

- Abbreviations
- Acknowledgements
- An Introduction to Design Sources
- Sustainable Options for Knitwear Designers
- Design Basics
- Classic Jackets and Cardigans
- Fairisle Knitting
- Painting with Yarn
- Designing with Panels and Borders
- Shawl Collar Cardigans
- Diagonal Knitting
- Waistcoats
- Children's Knitwear
- Accessories
- Interiors
- Cable Directory
- Stitch Pattern Directory
- Address Book
- Bibliography
- Index



6% of sample

Included are punchcard patterns used, colour sequences, schematics, pattern instructions, but – the words on the back cover say it so much better:

-oOo-

Be inspired by the inventive design ideas and stitch patterns within this book to explore your own style and make wonderful new projects.

Creative Machine Knitting is simply a treasure trove for machine knitters, overflowing with inspiration and design know-how. Expand your creative vocabulary, knit with an open mind and be prepared to have a go, make changes and look to improvise - push yourself out of your comfort zone.

How to design - from where to source inspiration, consideration of materials and adoption of sustainable practices, to the importance of experimentation, evaluation and discovery in all aspects of your work

Painting with yarn - the process of translating a pattern or colour scheme you admire into knitted fabric

Designing with panels and borders, and adding embellishments such as embroidery

Fairisle - advice on colour selection and pattern placement, including a sketchbook of over fifty stitch patterns to try

Diagonal knitting - a useful shaping tool to have in your skillset

An extensive **cable directory** with accompanying guidance on knitting cables

An inspiring stitch pattern directory of even more examples, illustrating the endless possibilities available to the machine knitter

In addition, the book features over **100 patterns**, all of which can be adapted and form the basis of new designs, covering:

Jackets, cardigans and kimonos - with collars, peplums and various shaping

Sweaters

Fairisle designs

Waistcoats

Children's knitwear

Accessories and homewares

Lorna Roache. Dec 2022

This year has almost gone.

Not all our friends or family made it.

Never take for granted the people you love.

Be thankful for today, because in one moment, your entire life could change. (unknown)



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**FOR
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This service is available free to members or at a cost of \$10 to non-members. All requests should be in writing and are accepted in good faith. The Association will not be held responsible for the condition of the items. Dealers should act with discretion and limit themselves to the advertisement of one machine in this For Sale column. Advertising is available in this newsletter, subject to space, to dealers and agencies, at the rate of \$150 per year for half a printed page advertisement. There are 4 newsletters printed each year. The Company News section is exempt, as it contains generalised information for members.
Contact: Bronwyn Allen macknit@mkansw.org.au

FOR SALE:

Bulky 8mm Knitting Machine, complete with manual in good condition.

Contact : Judy Shultz Newcastlep88@gmail.com

Price \$200 ono

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

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