

## 2018 is off to a great start ...

Our first day back for 2018 was so well attended free table space was in short supply. We are regularly spilling over into the adjoining room, especially when more space is needed by our wet felters, weavers, workshops or bulky equipment.



Our February first day back saw the usual faces, and we also welcomed a number of new faces. Our new members bring some fascinating experiences and skills with them, as well as an eagerness to learn new skills in a like-minded community.



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## 2018 off and running ...

The first Meeting for the year had a Show and Tell that will probably spread over two pages, we had so many members being so busy over the hot summer break. Kudos to all for your dedication to our art / craft!

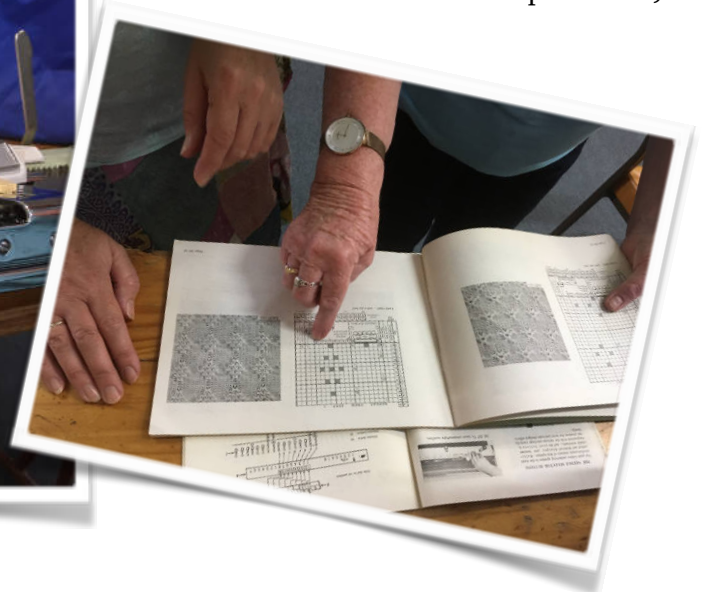
At the end of the Meeting, interested members took part in a **Fibre Sandwich** - in the editors opinion it was one of the best and most fun in recent years! Moving a couple of the larger tables together in the side room, we had an almost ritual random laying out of fibres as we circled the tables tossing staples onto the pile, making sure there was a little bit of everything everywhere. Then the final pile was pushed together, and divided up evenly between all the contributors.



Looking forward now to what lovely things are made with our squishy fibre parcels!



Another of our casual work days saw a fascinating knitting machine brought in, and books sought for machine patterns (and someone who could read and interpret them).



## AWHWS Inc on FaceBook

Our current FaceBook page has not been as visitor friendly as we'd like, and we're currently working on changing that. The new address will be posted on the old page and linked in our Newsletters so stay tuned.



## Dyeing Day - Summer 2018

At the end of February we held our first official Workshop for the year - our **Dyeing Day**. There were food dyes, Landscape dyes, acid dyes and natural dyes. Lots of pots, bowls and colour everywhere and as usual a lot of fun was had by all.

Pinkie and Ann did some Indigo Dyeing, which was quite spectacular - watching the green fibre emerging from the Indigo vat and slowly turning blue. A short video will be up on our Guild FaceBook page when the new page is available.

Even the non-dyers enjoyed the mild outside temperatures and fresh air.





## Show & Tell - December 2017

*(The last Show & Tell for 2017)*

**Kathy Wheeler:** Spun English Leicester

**Julie:** Christmas gnome – pin loom

**Kathy Porta:** Spun and dyed alpaca yarn and fleece

**Gail:** Two of her lambswool bales (5kg x 4ply and 5kg x 8ply) have gone to the mills at Orange for spinning. This is the first time her farm's wool has gone for spinning and Gail is going to Orange to watch the process.

**Jane:** Has nearly finished knitting the brown cardigan. She also showed socks and neck scarf knitted using merino/alpaca/silk yarn.

**Pam:** Two balls of spun linen which was donated to Kylie

**Kylie:** Showed her finished baby blanket which she had woven on her floor loom. She has also knitted a capelet/scarf using the art yarn spun at the recent workshop.

**Ella:** Has been dying yarn using solar heat. She used food dye and put the jar in the sun for three days.



## Christmas Parties

This year for the first time the Guild held a Christmas Party lunch at the Myrtleford pub.

Then, as per our tradition, our last meeting for 2017 concluded with a shared Christmas Lunch. As usual a wonderful spread enjoyed by all.



## Show & Tell - February

**Kylie:** Completed 4 shaft shawl; 4 shaft woven cushion cover; dyed green wool/silk/alpaca yarn/spun; Moorit/alpaca/merino fleece; cashmere & alpaca Suri tops

**Amanda:** Purchased yarn to mix with silk but needs to be de-tangled as it is very fluffy and sticky. Pam offered to help.

**Heather:** Crocheted blue cotton shawl

**Larissa:** Alpaca ribbed scarf

**Christine:** 2 bands of variegated cotton done on inkle loom

**Pam:** Knitted triangular scarf from fibre sandwich yarn made at Harrietteville

**Faye:** Rainbow colour knitted floor mat for granddaughter; purchased "brownish" silk and mohair yarn





## Show & Tell - February cont.

**Ella:** Solar dyed (food dye) Corridale silk mix; extract of eucalypt bark dyed merino;

**Jane:** Knitted 5 pairs of socks for Christmas in Superwash Merino; finished knitting surprise cardigan for her husband; handspun merino brown shawl re-dyed green; silk and merino skein dyed purple; knitted grey peaked cap.

**Debbie:** Spun Gotland yarn; first pair of “toe up” socks; knitted women’s aqua vest

**Julie:** Has been experimenting with making slippers from pin loom squares. Will run a workshop on this later in the year.

**Pinky:** Has been dyeing using natural eco dyes; has been commissioned to weave sculpture to be inserted between small tree branches.

**Kathy:** Dyeing lots of yarn for her next needle felting design in the “Waterhole” series.

**Maree Cooper (Guest):** Crocheted 3 ply baby blanket; tapestry of circus scene; jumper for her husband.





## Show & Tell - March

*Jane models some of our Show & Tell ...*

**Anne:** Had recently been on a cake decorating course and showed photos of a beautiful big brown bear which she had produced. Anne also sent in pics of the scarf she indigo dyed at our Dyeing Day.

**Robyn:** Using the wool she had bought on our group trip to Tallangatta, Robyn has knitted a mauve lacey jumper .

**Pam:** Knitted scarf from handspun wool and silk

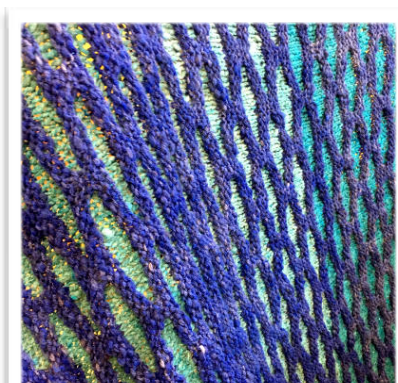
**Jill:** Scarf from handspun singles.

**Vivian:** Felted country style hat – red, yellow and black.

**Joy:** Pink pin loom square

**Jane:** Knitted blanket – blue & aqua honeycomb pattern – from handspun yarn

**Kathy W:** Bought in a felted budgerigar which will be part of Series 2 of The Waterhole – her entry to the Bendigo Wool Show this year (as modelled by Jane above); a batt of fibre from our Fibre Sandwich day; and dyed English Leicester from our Dyeing Day.





## Workshop - Spinning Linen

*With Heather Mulqueeney*

**Our March Workshop** saw a small group of interested spinners try their hand at spinning linen. Heather says the secret is to keep your fingers wet while drawing the fibre.

There was a small display of raw, bleached and blended fibres and Christine brought in samples of linen weaving she had done herself.

The Editor got talked into having a go and have to say it's not as hard as I'd thought, in fact in my few short minutes of spinning linen I found it rather easy and nice to spin (must have had a good teacher 😊 Thanks Heather).



## Homespun Wool - Gauging Thickness

*(Thank you Pam)*

Ply	Times Round Ruler per 2 inches	Needle Size	
		Bands	Body
4	30	12 (2.75mm)	10 (3.25mm)
5	28	11 (3mm)	9 (3.75mm)
8	24	10 (3.25mm)	8 (4mm)
12	20	8 (4mm)	5 (5.5mm)
14	18	7 (4.5mm)	3 (6.5mm)

Sometimes, if wool is fluffy or bulks up, a one-size smaller pattern is required to give correct size.



## Albury Wodonga Handweavers and Spinners Guild Program - March to August, 2018

*Please note: Workshops are a Work In Progress - watch your Guild emails for notifications.*

<b>April 11</b>	<b>AGM &amp; Election of members of the Guild Committee to be held</b> Please consider nominating for one of the following positions: President Vice President Secretary Vice Secretary Vice Treasurer Newsletter Editor Library Equipment Officer Publicity Officer Public Officer An outline of the duties of President and Secretary are available from Sue.
April 18	Casual Workday
<b>Saturday 21 April</b>	<b>Wangaratta Wool Day Venue (Milawa)</b>
April 25	ANZAC Day – no meeting
May 2	Casual Workday
May 9	<b>Business Meeting</b>
May 16	Casual Workday
<b>19-20 May</b>	<b>Canberra Wool Expo – Old Bus Depot Markets</b>
May 23	Casual Workday
May 30	Workshop - Continental Knitting with Ella Teuben
June 6	Casual Workday
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
June 20	Casual Workday
June 27	Workshop – Pin loom (making slippers) with Julie Hofer
July 4	Casual Workday
<b>Weekend 7-9 July</b>	<b>Craft Alive, Wodonga</b>
July 11	Casual Workday
<b>Weekend 14-16 July</b>	<b>Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo</b>
July 18	Casual Workday
July 25	<i>WORKSHOP</i>
August 1	Casual Workday
<b>August 8</b>	<b>Business Meeting &amp; Guild's Birthday</b>
August 15	Casual Workday
August 22	Casual Workday
August 29	Workshop – Felting with Ann Leonard