

# Handweavers Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania Inc

## President's Precis April 2018

I've been going through Eva's past precis reports and want to thank her for re-introducing the concept of in-between-Island-Yarns-updates. Although it has been tried several times in the past she seems to have made it a success based on the enthusiastic response to a question of mine at the recent Statewide Meeting. But, as Eva notes several times, its success relies on each group Convenor sharing the information with their group and also with us. So, although the format of the report may change, I'm looking forward to sharing relevant happenings and even issues with you.

My thanks to all Guild members who came to the AGM and the Statewide Meeting - it was really wonderful to see so many familiar faces and so many people I have yet to meet properly. I want to particularly thank Don Waller who chaired the AGM in Eva's absence and then moved so smoothly into his new role of Secretary for the State meeting. That can't have been easy!

From the Committee:

1. The Pop-Up Exhibition plans are well in hand and a significant number of groups have already said they will be participating. The Battery Point Group were revisiting their pompom making skills the other day. I believe these are going to be festooned around the gallery as part of the decoration.
2. A flyer for the Winter School is almost ready and so should be available soon.
3. One of the ideas that came up at the Statewide Meeting was whether the Guild could have a presence on Facebook. Many people there enthusiastically supported the idea. But, we realise that Facebook doesn't appeal to everyone and there was no suggestion that Facebook would replace anything.

The Committee later discussed some of the pros and cons of using Facebook and while we agree that it could be an exciting and effective way for some members to communicate there are also some problems. From our point of view we must consider the ongoing administration and maintenance of everything we undertake. We would need at least two volunteers willing to administer either a Group or a Page on behalf of the Guild and ensure that the posts were relevant and representative of the activities the Guild.

*I would really appreciate any thoughts you have on this, for or against? Page or Group?*

My best wishes to you all for now,  
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