

# Handweavers Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania Inc

## President's Precis May 2018

### **Guild Website Changes**

There have been some changes to the Guild Website recently. At my request our WebElf has removed from the site all personal details: names, phone numbers and emails. This was done because a scammer used my name and position and a bogus email address to attempt to obtain money. Please be assured that our vigilant treasurer very quickly became suspicious so the attempt was unsuccessful – no damage was done and our accounts are very secure.

The Tasmanian Police "Reporting Fraud" webpage has advice for these situations. I ask all members to remain vigilant as this can happen to anyone. The ACCC Scamwatch website also has a lot of information <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> and is well worth reading.

Our contact list on the website has changed because I do not want any member to experience any emotional or financial distress because of a simple thing like a scammer having access to a name or a phone number on a webpage. I do realise this will be inconvenient, but I hope you understand.

For the time being the only contact phone number will be that of our headquarters. All private email addresses have been replaced and will come to the Secretary. We will then forward the enquiries to where they need to go. The details which have always been printed in Island Yarns will remain as they are, unless we are advised otherwise.

### **On to more delightful news**

*The Burnie group* combined Spin Day is on Saturday June 2nd and all are welcome. This will be from 10.00am until 3.00pm at the Uniting Church, Fidler Street, Cooe (opposite the Burnie High School).

*The PopUp "Show and Sell"* is open for FOUR days 21<sup>st</sup> June until 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Venue: Battery Point Community Centre, 52 Hamden Rd Battery Point

Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12.00pm to 6.00pm. On Sunday from 12.00pm to 4.00pm.

Instead of a formal opening of the exhibition there will be a Hospitality Afternoon and Preview on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at 12.30 all welcome.

The deadline for entries for the PopUp Exhibition is 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you think you'll have trouble arranging delivery of items please let us know ASAP – we want to help.

*Winter School* I have attached the flyer for the Winter School. There are places left – please show it to your members – we'd love to have your support for this new endeavour.

*The Archives group* has been quietly tidying up and all our past Minutes are now beautifully bound and in the Library. The Library stocktake is complete – another huge task – and the library is looking wonderful. Please call in if you're ever in Hobart on a Thursday morning (or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday).

*Facebook* – I've only heard from one group (apart from Battery Point) so I gather there's not much interest.

*The Wool Shop* in Moonah is now stocking a lot more of the Ashford weaving products

My best wishes to you all for now,  
Margaret Miller

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