

THE BRUNSWICK UC CRAFT CONNECTION

*Make, Learn, Laugh, Give*

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Saturday 4 August

**“NEW KNITTING, CROSS-GEN CROCHET and SERIOUS STASH”**

10am- midday

Youth Hall, 2 Merri Street (behind the church on Sydney Road)

Morning tea provided.

Bring what you are working on so we can “ooh” and “ah”, get and give advice.

Also, maybe try any or all of these activities:



**NEW KNITTING:** Yes, our “Share and Show” with new ideas such as Feather-and-Tail, Cakes, Large Blanket Squares, Log Cabin Squares “so easy and uses up all the oddments attractively”, and many other styles and techniques.

**CROSS-GEN CROCHET:** That's cross-generation, not cross-gender, but interpret it as you wish. Several young people (as well as me! – Ed.) wish to learn basic CROCHET. There will be a CROCHET CORNER for we newbies to the craft, run by the experientially-advantaged, with access to YouTube videos on a laptop as back-up plus a good number of 3.5mm crochet hooks and yarn.



**SERIOUS STASH:** Ann will set up a Yarn and Pattern Swap Table. You are encouraged to bring a ball or two. Share your oddments and find new ways to incorporate into our projects. Between us we have tons of patterns to be shared or given to a new home. More than one home offered for a pattern? The photocopier in the office adjacent to the Youth Hall can be used. (Yes, Saide, we'll be careful; any large quantities will be funded by OP – Ed.)

Looking forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to invite others. All are welcome. Children are welcome and are to be supervised by their parent/ guardian.

This past month:

On Saturday 7 July we had a MID-WINTER XMAS CRAFT MEETUP.

It was chilly outside, but the heating, sunshine, camaraderie and mulled wine (2 versions, recipes further into this newsletter) kept everyone warm.

Debra Cama showed us how to crochet stars and make Xmas baubles, Catherine Cowen showed us how to make fabric tree decorations. We also gathered heaps of items to pass to KOGO. Here are some photos:

Right: Louise with her Xmas Bauble table decorations made to Debra's design.

That's Fiona and Kasey in the background



Above Left: Debra, Mel making Xmas Crochet Stars, Melinda checking it all out, with Val and Kasey in the background. Above right: Fabric Xmas Trees made to Catherine's design by Melinda

Some of the items gathered 7 July

And here is some of the bounteous work of knitters done by many over the last month, to give to KOGO. Yes, MILO dresses for toddlers (link to pattern in this newsletter), beanies, Gorgeous Gruesome Toys with matching bedcovers, string bags, fingerless gloves NAIDOC-inspired beanies and so much more. What generosity!



## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Bendigo Yarn Bomb Tram till 31 August



### Art for the Heart 2018



Grief can be an isolating experience and its expression can be unintentionally silenced by well-meaning people saying it's time to get over it. Art for the Heart is a way to creatively express what grief is all about by using silent but powerful expression through art, craft and writing.

The work may be an act of honouring ourselves or what has been lost from our lives. The pieces in this exhibition are not about artistic merit but about living from your heart.

Works can also be donated for a silent auction to raise funds for Uniting Vic. Tas.

#### Location

Meat Market  
3 Blackwood Street  
North Melbourne VIC 3051  
Meat Market's Stables, 2 Wreckyn St

#### Contact details

[www.facebook.com/events/186403...](http://www.facebook.com/events/186403...)

#### Dates and times

06/10/2018 to 11/10/2018

Mon: 9am – 5pm

Tue: 9am – 5pm

Wed: 9am – 5pm

Thu: 9am – 5pm

Sat: 9am – 5pm

Sun: 9am – 5pm

#### Price

This is a free event

#### Bookings

Not required

#### How to get there

[Public Transport Victoria](#)

#### Features

All ages

## LINKS, PATTERNS plus TIPS'n'TRICKS

KOGO PATTERNS

<http://www.kogo.org.au/patterns>



YOUTUBE BEGINNERS CROCHET

BELLA COCO crochet for beginners

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nplsh-o9AM0>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/bobwilson123>

RAVELRY PATTERN – MILO

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/milo-bambino>



So cute!

MORE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OLIVE PESTOVIANS :

“Albert Morris 20% off”

<https://morrissandsons.com.au/c1/>

One Day Only 40% off for Lincraft members (recent was 1 July) <https://www.lincraft.com.au/>

And last but certainly not least:

DEBRA SAYS :

“US crochet mentions SC, UK crochet doesn't mention SC”



Not into Hot Yoga? What about Warm Craft?!

## MID-WINTER (YES! CRAFT-RELATED) MULLED WINE

### EASY MULLED WINE RECIPE, BY THE MUG. *With alcohol*

Red wine (shiraz, cabsav, nebbiolo, etc; NOT pinot noir or rose). Cheaper cask quality is FINE.

Water

Mulled Wine Syrup (375ml bottle, ReWine QV Market and Lygon Street East Brunswick)

Microwave-proof mug (stoneware or glass)

Measuring devices for liquids (jug, spoon), so you can easily measure 60ml and 15 ml

Microwave

Garnishes: star anise, cinnamon sticks, orange slices. Hard ginger biscuits or biscotti for dunking.

Place 60ml red wine, 60ml water and 15 ml of Syrup into unheated mug. Stir.

Place mug in microwave on high for 30 seconds. Take out. Garnish. 135 mls of mulled wine. *Voila!*

Want a larger mug? Double each of the quantities and double the time.

Experimentation has been done with and without water, at various quantities and various times.

This above has proven to work without evaporating the alcohol and without boiling the spices.

### EASY MULLED WINE RECIPE, BY THE MUG. *Without alcohol*

First option: as for recipe above, by the mug, but using non-alcohol wine.

Second option: because non-alcohol wine may not be available, make your own. How?



### EASY MULLED WINE RECIPE, BY THE CROCKPOT. *Without alcohol*

2 litre cask red wine (shiraz, cabsav, nebbiolo, etc; NOT pinot noir or rose)

Slow-cooker / crock-pot, the wider the better.

Devices: Small plastic ruler, plus Food thermometer (the one used for your Xmas turkey is fine)

Water

Mulled Wine Syrup (375ml bottle, ReWine QV Market and Lygon Street East Brunswick)

*First the science stuff:* alcohol evaporates at 80 degrees C, water boils at 100 degrees C.

Read the cask label. 13% alcohol means we must reduce (but not boil) down to 87% of the volume.

Place all 2 litres cask wine in crockpot. Measure depth and note in mm. (Because if depth 50 mm, then we must reduce to a Target Depth approx 43mm, being 87% of 50). Do the maths on the measure you have noted, calculate *your* Target Depth. This will depend on the shape of your pot.

Reduce the wine. Put crockpot on high with lid off until 80 degrees C reached. Use food thermometer. Turn to low, keep on no higher than 80 until the wine has reduced to your Target Depth. You now have, say, 87% of 2 litres of fluid, being approximately 1750 mls or 1.75 litres.

Add to the crockpot an equal amount of hot, but not boiling water. That is 1.75 litres hot water.

Add one 375ml bottle of Mulled Wine Syrup. Stir and keep mix warm, with lid on, without boiling.

Serve in heated mugs with garnish (star anise/ cinnamon stick/sliced oranges) for visual effect.

There is no need for you to have put these in the crockpot, as the syrup has lots of spices.

# OLIVE PESTO

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Olive Pesto is the community craft activity of Brunswick Uniting Church. It is managed by the Olive Arts program of the Justice and Mission (JAM) Committee.

We generally meet on the first Saturday of the month 10am to midday in one of the halls of the church. In June we meet as part of the World Wide Knit in Public Day on the second Saturday of the month.

Morning tea, free craft materials, camaraderie, new crafts: these all feature at each meeting. There is no need to be an 'expert', but experts also find company.

*All are welcome.*

Children are to be supervised by their parent/ guardian.

We have approximately 100 on our email-list across the wider community

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*We look forward to seeing you at Olive Pesto!*