

NEWSLETTER

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Olive Pesto

***** NEW DATE FOR 2019 *****

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT MEET-UP SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2019

**10 am -12 pm in the Brunswick Uniting Church Youth Hall,
enter from Merri Street (rear of 212-214 Sydney Road, Brunswick)**

We Make, Learn, Laugh and Share

On Saturday 9 March we will be making Name Badges.

We're a friendly group at Olive Pesto but maybe each others names don't come to mind readily. So we are going to make our own personalised Name Badges - yours to keep and use wherever you go - with guidance from two highly-creative members CATHERINE COWEN and JOY BARRETT.

Plus One—we have been invited to make additional name badges for the ARRCC . Some of our members and their friends are actively involved with the ARRCC and have asked for name tags to be worn at public action events on March 15 and March 27

All materials (felt, card, glue, embroidery threads and needles, plastic sleeves, etc) will be supplied by Olive Pesto). Materials can be used for drawing, embroidery, sick-on designs, etc. We even have a member who can do lovely calligraphy.

What is the ARRCC?

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change is a multi-faith, member-based organisation of people from around Australia who are committed to taking action on climate change and who believe that people of all faiths can and should be at the forefront of creating a safe climate, standing together in working for an ecologically and socially sustainable future. ARRCC acknowledges the special place that Aboriginal culture and spirituality have in upholding care for the Earth. More information on the website <https://www.arrcc.org.au/>

KOGO DONATIONS February



THANK YOU to Olive Pesto group members and friends who donate their time and energy to knit and crochet lovely garments for KOGO distribution.

We will be creating once again in June for World Wide Knit In Public Day WWKIP. Mark the date on your calendar—Saturday 8 June



Art work by Mel Drury

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- Enjoy a laid-back Get-Together in the sunny warmth of the Youth Hall.
- Share Morning tea and coffee
- KOGO Table replenished with donated items
- Serious Stash Table (patterns & yarn, bring & take, no cost)
- Knit and Crochet together
- Share Ideas and skills
- Discuss possibilities for 2019—Indigenous Arts Workshops and Community Projects

NOTICE BOARD

- **RIGG DESIGN PRIZE**
Theme "Domestic Living"
Finishes this Sunday 24 Feb.
Free entry. Level 3, NGV Australia, Federation Square
Inspiring displays and individual items. Check out the rugs in outdoor Reading Room.
<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/rigg-design-prize-2018/>
- **How do you celebrate Easter?** Brunswick Uniting Church has a number of services to enable reflection on the Christian Easter season.
Weekly updates of events is at <https://brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/>

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Children are very welcome and are to be supervised by their parents.



Bauhaus weaving by Gunta Stolz (1897-1983)
<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/b/bauhaus> (accessed Feb 2019). Bauhaus method : "...the idea of a community of artists working together. Its aim was to bring art back into contact with everyday life, and architecture, performing arts, design and applied arts were therefore given as much weight as fine art." The Bauhaus also aimed to expand their influence by designing many household items, such as clocks, kitchenware, and furniture. The common theme with all of the products that were designed is that they could be easily mass produced, and were therefore relatively simplistic in their appearance. This was a huge shift from other products that were on the market at the time, which were often very ornate and expensive.

Bauhaus Centenary on now at Geelong Art Gallery until 23 May. Just a short walk from the VLine train station.
<https://www.geelonggallery.org.au/whats-on/exhibitions/bauhaus-centenary-ludwig-hirschfeld-mack>

WOOL & CRAFT OUTLETS VISITED BY MEMBERS

Morris and Sons 202 Bridge Rd, Richmond and CBD Level 1, 234 Collins Street, Melbourne (near Dymocks)

<https://morrisandsons.com.au>

Yarn Barn 200 Reynard St, Coburg

<https://www.yarnbarn.com.au/>

Maker Maker Shop 2/162 Lygon St Brunswick East

<https://makermakerstore.com/>

Unwind Cafe 48 Wingara Avenue, Keilor East Vic

<http://www.unwindcraftcafe.com.au/>

Yarn and Co 59 Smith Street, Fitzroy

<https://www.yarnandco.com/>

What is Olive Pesto?

Olive Pesto is a community of people interested in handcrafts, including but not limited to, knitting and crocheting. The group formed following the highly successful World-Wide-Knit-In-Public Day in 2017. People just wanted to keep meeting and knitting.

The goal of Olive Pesto is to build a welcoming community, free from discrimination, for any and all who are interested in knitting, crochet and handcrafts. We welcome crafters new and old, experienced and beginners, skilled and learners.

Gatherings are relatively informal and will consist of work on individual projects, commencing new projects and learning from each other. At times we will have instructors to invite us to try new handcrafts. We may have local excursions e.g. to Boomerang Bags Group. We support the KOGO project to provide warm hats, beanies and scarves to people in need.

It's a 'come when you can' group with open membership. There is no charge but we welcome contributions of refreshments from time to time. We always have a cup of tea or coffee and have a good old chat and quite a few laughs while we knit. A 'stash table' will be offered periodically for sharing excess wool and other craft materials.

Olive Pesto will host a World-Wide-Knit-In-Public day each year with all items going to KOGO.

Brunswick Uniting Collage works featured in the media

The six-week project over the summer was creative and enlightening for artists and observers. Last chance to view the collage works. Closes 28 February at Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville.

Works will also be on display in the Youth Hall on 3rd March for Sydney Rd Street Party. Copy and paste the link to read the press release.

<https://crosslight.org.au/2019/02/21/a-congregation-explores-collage/>

Olive Pesto Craft Group welcomes your ideas and suggestions.

Are there crafts you'd like to learn?

Do you have a handcraft skill you would be willing to teach?

Or maybe a demonstration of your speciality craft that would interest participants?

Let us know about any Handcraft exhibitions or bargains and we can share the information

LOOKING AHEAD

- **June:** WWKIP DAY. World Wide Knit In Public Day is a humungous international event we have participated in since 2017. Plan to join us for a fun few hours, including lunch, materials and instructions provided. All knitted and crocheted items are donated to KOGO—Knit One Give One charity that supports needy people and families.
- April and May : TBC
- July: Another Mid-Winter Craft Festivity meeting, with mulled wine ?
- August, September, October and November - TBC.