

Olive Pesto

We Make, Learn, Laugh and Share

THIS MONTH

- Lockdown Story - Melinda Young
- Join weekly Zoom Knit and Natter
- How to join our Facebook group
- Knit for Climate Action



Art work by Mel Drury

STOP PRESS

- Our regular monthly Meet-ups are in recess due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings.
- We will let you know via email and in a Newsletter when our Monthly Meet-ups are to recommence.
- **Our decision to recommence is guided by the Brunswick Uniting Church Council.**
- **The Church Council has set up a Reference Group to communicate with leaders of activities about when groups can start up again.**

•NOTICE BOARD

Keep in touch with friends and Olive Pesto happenings by [joining our](#)

[Olive Pesto, Brunswick Uniting Church](#)

[Facebook Page](#). Find the Group by typing in the address (in Red above.) Ask to Join and you will hear back from the Administrator very soon.



Melinda (left)
with Lorraine

Melinda Young “CRAFTING WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING”

It's become almost a cliché to say, but we are certainly living in extraordinary times. Social distancing is essential to beat the virus but we all need a thread of connection, binding us together and keeping us whole through what are very trying times.

To connect with like-minded crafty people, some zoom knitting groups are being hosted by Joanne and Ann. These are always fun whether to get advice on a knitting/crochet problem, show off your latest creation and to see what everyone else is making or to simply

knit/crochet with lovely, supportive people. Also, join the Olive Pesto Facebook page if you haven't already, where we can post and read all things crafty.

Maybe this is the time to learn a new skill or to perfect an existing one. YouTube has got some wonderful instructional videos on all the knitting/crochet techniques you can think off – and some you didn't even know existed! And Ravelry is the go to for lots of different patterns.

A lot of us enjoy knitting and donating to KOGO (knit one give one). At the moment they are not taking donations due to lockdown and their office not being open but we can keep working on our stash to donate to them when we can. In their July newsletter, they said, with the help of Foodbank, they have distributed 52,000 garments so far this year to vulnerable people experiencing hardship in our community. We can feel proud that we helped in a small way.

There have been many studies done on the health benefits of knitting/crochet and it's a great stress reliever.

Calm people work with yarn.

In these times, take each moment to be kind to yourself and each other.

Weekly ZOOM Knit/Craft -Along and Knit and Natter Sessions

Most weeks Olive Pesto offers two Zoom sessions for knitters and crafty people.

Olive Yarn Knit/Craft along every Tuesday at 3.30 pm.

Email Joanne at joanneyv@gmail.com for the recurring Zoom link .

Knit and Natter every Friday at 3.30 pm.

Email Ann at anns0011@tpg.com.au for the zoom link.

Reminders (and late changes) are posted on the Olive Pesto, Brunswick Uniting Church Facebook page



Knit for Climate Action

Are you interested in leading the making of one or more scarves?

Will work best if purchase of yarn is shared.
Contact Linda, Ann or Natalie

OLIVE PESTO FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't already done so, you are invited to become a member of our Facebook Group. Find us at— *Olive Pesto, Brunswick Uniting Church* — Request to join and one of our four friendly Admin people will respond. The group is curated carefully to ensure the safety of participants.

We have over 50 members, hundreds of useful and fun posts, and notices about our face to face Zoom meetings in small groups with Joanne's Olive Yarn Knit/Craft along sessions and Ann's Knit- and Natter sessions.

There is a lot happening, and we welcome your involvement

We love Data!! Fabulous Facts

- 54 participating members
- Crafting while Social distancing 110 posts
- Tips, Patterns & Wise Words 92 posts
- Amazing public and worship crafts 60 posts
- Zoom Knit-alongs 41 posts
- Good 'Sillies' and Messages 38 posts
- KOGO 27 posts
- WWKIP 2020 21 posts
- Excursions and Watch Parties 7 posts
- Beginners Skills 7 posts
- Kids Craft 7 posts.

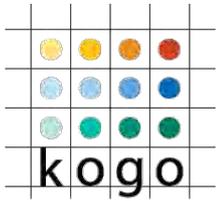
Knit for Climate Action

Welcome to the Common Grace Knit for Climate Action project! Knitters from across Australia are committing to knit a scarf that represents the truth of climate change. These climate scarves will be gifted to politicians and church leaders to show that Christians are deeply concerned about creation, as well as highlighting the need for a bold and credible national plan to tackle the climate crisis.

Register for the pattern here: https://www.commongrace.org.au/knit_for_climate_action

What is the pattern and what data does it follow?

The scarf pattern represents the average global temperature across 101 years as based on Professor Ed Hawkins' [#ShowYourStripes](#) graph. Our project was inspired by the Cambridge Federation of Women's Institute's [100 Years Climate Scarf](#) and uses Dr Mick Pope's temperature data from 1919 to 2019. Each temperature is assigned a different colour using a spectrum from blue to red to show the progression

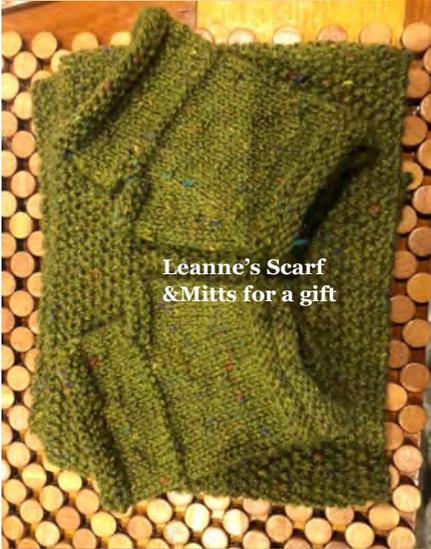


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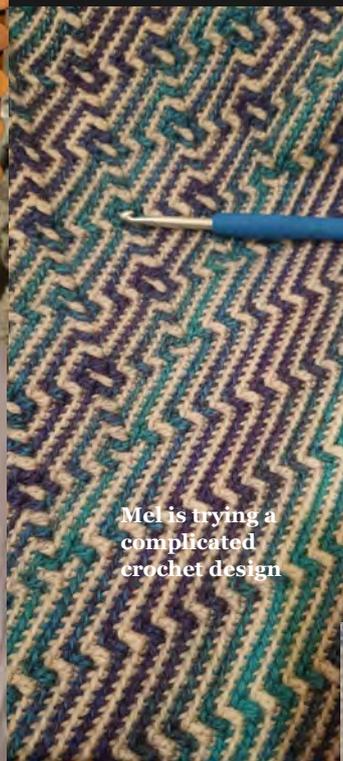
During COVID lockdown restriction we are holding our donations to KOGO ready for delivery later in the year.



A Friday Zoom Knit and Natter



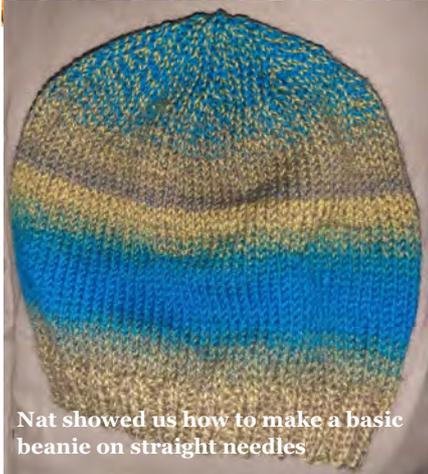
Leanne's Scarf & Mitts for a gift



Mel is trying a complicated crochet design



Melinda finished her corner to corner blanket



Nat showed us how to make a basic beanie on straight needles

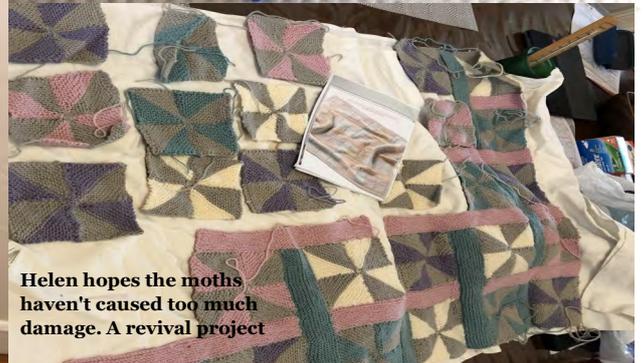
Where is Joanne's head?? She is so proud of this cable jumper. Well done!



Julie made these beanies for KOGO. Thank you!



Saddle shoulder jumper for a Special young man. Made by Ann.



Helen hopes the moths haven't caused too much damage. A revival project

