

Olive Pesto

We Make, Learn, Laugh and Share

Woo-hoo! We're back!

Meeting in the sunny BUC Youth Hall!
Saturday 10 April 10 am-12 noon

Looking forward to meeting you in person once again after a year of tough COVID restrictions.

Check the side panel for our [COVIDSafe Plan](#)

We care for each other's health by following these guidelines



Art work by Mel Drury

OLIVE PESTO COVID SAFE PLAN

- ◆ If you have any COVID-like symptoms please do not attend Olive Pesto group.
- ◆ Please do not attend if you have been in a Red Zone in the last 14 days or in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19
- ◆ We encourage you to go and get a COVID test.
- ◆ Registration to attend is not necessary, however we will observe maximum numbers allowed in the Youth Hall.
- ◆ You will be asked to sign-in electronically. Manual sign-in will also be available.
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser as you enter and during the session.
- ◆ MASKS— If we cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance between each other, we will need to wear masks.
- ◆ Doors and windows will be left open for ventilation (subject to weather conditions).
- ◆ All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned before and after the session. Members are encouraged to assist by wiping the chair /table they have used.
- ◆ No food will be served. Servers will offer tea and coffee in a safe manner.

In this Month's Newsletter

- Bumper photo collage of fabulous KOGO donations and personal items
- Weekly Zoom Knit and Natter sessions
- COVID mask making
- The Climate Scarf
- Prayer Shawls
- WorldWide Knit In Public Day (WWKIP)

A message from your leaders.

Welcome back! What a year it's been. We do hope that you remained well and not too bored during periods of lockdown. Many of us were separated from family and unable to support them with care of children etc; we feel for those of you who were cut off from visiting their older family members and friends due to restrictions. These have been trying times for us. We extend our condolences to any who have suffered the loss of a friend or family member during COVID-19. This Newsletter showcases just how active some of our members have been.— making items for KOGO and garments for family and friends. Many more photos can be found on Facebook. Sharing via Zoom Knit and Natter sessions was a bright spot each week. Thanks to Ann, Joanne and Natalie for these initiatives. Enjoy the bumper read this time. Best to read on line to save on colour printing. Hoping to see you again in person next Saturday 10 April. Regards, Linda, Natalie, Leanne and Ann.

Congratulations to all our makers for an amazing contribution to KOGO



Julie C stitched together these bright donated squares



Betty never stops! We've lost count of how many beanies she has made for KOGO



Thank you Glenice!



Natalie creates Winter Warmers



And there's MORE!

Thank you Betty xx

THANK YOU EVERYONE ! Lots more photos of KOGO items on our Facebook Group

Things we made in 2020

Linda discovered scarf clasps to enhance her finished work

Leanne



Anne



Ann

Some knitters made small soft garments for babies in our lives

Made by Meredith for Marlo ,with love



Zaida



Mitts and Scarf—a gift for a friend by Leanne



Debra crochet bag





Gwen



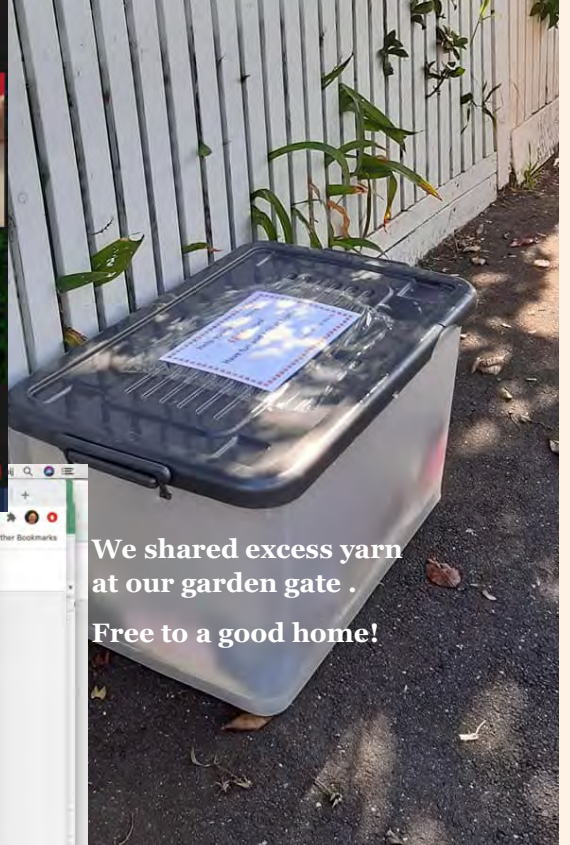
Some of us produced face masks for distribution to people in the community

Zaida



Weekly Knit and Natter via Zoom

THANK YOU Joanne! THANKYOU Natalie and Ann!



We shared excess yarn at our garden gate . Free to a good home!



Join our Facebook Group and keep up-to-date with News, yarn sales, tips, exhibitions, social justice activities, details of weekly Knit and Natter Zoom sessions.

Go to Facebook and search for - **Olive Pesto, Brunswick Uniting Church** Request to join and answer the simple questions

Weekly ZOOM Knit and Natter Sessions

Usually on Friday afternoons
Check the Facebook Page for details posted
by Natalie



The Store Room stash was tidied in June—but alas! We had more lock-down ahead of us.



What ever happened to the Climate Scarf?

Click on the link below (or copy and paste) to find out :
<https://morelandzerocarbon.org.au/legends/ringing-the-bell-on-climate-action/>



Knitted by Natalie,
with gratitude



11 March 2021
Joining a world-wide event—
Ringing the Bell for Climate Crisis



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 from cool to warm, and a stripe is knitted to correspond to each year.

https://www.commongrace.org.au/knit_temperature_informationknit

**World Wide Knit in Public Day Saturday 12 June 2021
Theme is "Dare to Dream"**

At Brunswick Uniting Church 212-214 Sydney Road, Brunswick

Details of time and what to bring in next month's Newsletter and on Facebook.
Refreshments will be served if COVID restrictions allow.



WWKIP Day was started in 2005 by Danielle Landes and takes place on the second Saturday of June each year. It began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each others company.

Knit in Public Day is unique, in that it's the largest knitter run event in the world. Each local event is put together by a volunteer or a group of volunteers. They each organize an event because they want to, not because they have to. They bring their own fresh ideas into planning where the event should be held, and what people would like to do. Read more at <http://www.wwkipday.com/about/>
Brunswick Uniting WWKIP Day supports KOGO with handmade donated items.
<https://www.kogo.org.au/>



Have you heard of a Prayer Shawl?

A project that began 23 years ago in Connecticut USA has reached many shores. Read about the origins here — <https://www.shawlministry.com/>

People who receive prayer shawls often consider them to be special items that they will keep forever. A prayer shawl can be given to help someone who is going through a difficult illness, grieving the loss of a loved one or reeling from a disaster.

Shawls can be used: when undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss; in times of stress; during bereavement; when in prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; during an illness and recovery; ministering to others. More News and patterns at this link <https://www.shawlministry.com/>

Local Shawl Ministry group—an ecumenical group of knitters has been meeting in Anglesea, Surf Coast to knit shawls and enjoy fellowship. Intentions (prayers) for the recipient of each shawl continue throughout the creation of the shawl, with a final blessing when it is despatched. The shawl is a tangible token of support and care for you.



Do you have some News or a story to share? Maybe some photos of your crafty creations.

Share with us how COVID inspired you to be creative, or to take up new hobbies and interests. Did you join or initiate a new group? Send your story to the Editor, Helen Rowe, at helen.rowe@rocketmail.com by 30th April.