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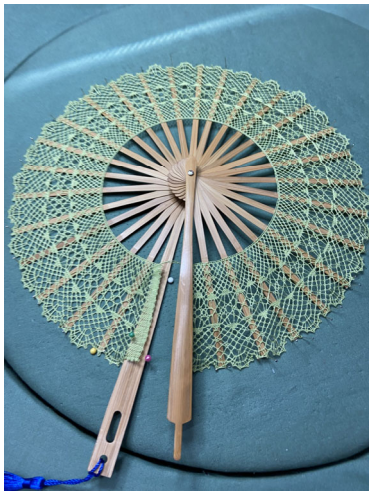

NEWS

From the Committee

Dear Members

Welcome to the November edition of Lace E News.

December Lace Meeting at Linnwood House

The final Lace Day for 2025 will be Sunday, 7 December 2025. This will be our Christmas/holiday themed meeting.
For members attending please:

- Bring a small plate of Christmas themed food to share at morning tea,
- Bring a Christmas decoration to go into the decoration swap. You will be invited to pin your decoration to the board for the swap. The decoration can be handmade or bought.
- If you have been doing Isa's workshops, please bring your pieces for show and tell.
- Bring an item for a Christmas hamper for the raffle.
- Suzanne Gude will be giving a talk on Japanese Embroidery at lunch time.
- Don't forget Isa's last workshop will be running.
- Most importantly come and have an enjoyable day with likeminded friends.
- Entries for the Kiama agricultural show will be collected.

Robyn Cocks will bring a selection of items to the December meeting which you can purchase for Christmas, as well as Christmas gifts for children and adults. Items are suitable for those gifts which you need for neighbours or friends when you want something nice but not too expensive! I have a large variety of items. Cash please.

We invite Lacemakers to make (or buy!) a small Christmas decoration to exchange on the day.

For those of you who may remember Noelene Lafferty, her family has prepared a list of items for sale from her estate. Please see the link beow if interested:
https://lacegumnuts.com/noelenes-lacemaking-legacy/](**https://lacegumnuts.com/noelenes-lacemaking-legacy/**

Please get in touch with the committee if you have anything you'd like to share for our future newsletters by emailing: laceguildnsw@gmail.com

Thank you, NSW Branch Committee

From the President

The NSW Committee

A number of current members of the state committee will be retiring at the next AGM in August including the President, Treasurer and at least one long serving committee member.
To make an easy transition for a new committee, we are calling on members to volunteer to shadow the committee for the next 6 months to learn about the roles and the day to day running of the branch. This will give a smooth transition.

There is a lot to consider in this newsletter for members. Please read the articles on the proposed changes to membership fees and the types of memberships proposed by the National Committee. The national guild has been reluctant to raise fees in the past, and this has led to the Guild making a steady loss over the last few years. This has led to the need to significantly raise fees.
Please think carefully about the future of the guild.

Elizabeth

Proposed Changes to Membership Fees for the Australian Lace Guild.

The President of the National Committee has emailed the State branches seeking advice on the proposed changes to the annual membership fees.

"At the Delegates Meeting (2025) I advised those attending that the current membership fees do not cover the actual costs of running the ALG. At the time I had calculated that the average cost per member was $75. This calculation was based only on the cost of the magazine including postage, insurance, ASIC, accountant and technology.

Since then, our treasurer, Raewynne, has completed a much more in-depth calculation which shows that the average cost per member is $90.43.
With this in mind, the membership fees for the 2026/2027 membership year will need to increase significantly.

The NAC has considered two possible options.
Option 1. That the membership fee be split
a) the membership fee is $55.00
b) the cost of a printed magazine is $40.00
An individual requiring a printed magazine would pay a total $95.00.

Option 2. That there are two types of membership.
a) membership with printed magazine $95.00
b) membership with digital magazine $70.00"
A virtual meeting was held on the 17 November to provide feedback from the state presidents to the President and Treasurer.
Most state presidents supported option 2 in relation to the fee changes.
The National Committee will now consider the advice and decide in the new year which will then be published in the Australian Lace Magazine.
Types of Memberships
Currently there are 10 types of memberships for the Lace Guild. The NAC is proposing to reduce these to 2 as per Option 2. A suggestion from Queensland was to keep the concession options for the membership but decrease the number of types.

Again, whatever decision the NAC settles on will be published in the Australian Lace Magazine.

Lace Retreat Date 2026

Proposed Dates May 15 – 17 or 29-31

Location Winborne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa Valley, 1315 Mulgoa Road Mulgoa.
Facilities: 3 cottages with each cottage having 8 twin share rooms with ensuites, a common area with TV, lounges, dining table, and chairs.

Cost per night $ 88 per adult twin share or $132 per night single.

Catering can be self-catered or use catering at $220 per night.

Transport there is a bus from Penrith Sation that stops at the gate.

The Late Jean Charnock

Jean had been Treasurer of the NSW Lace Guild from 2001 until 2014.

A wonderful lacemaker who never missed a Linnwood House Lace Day.

Included in Jean's duties was the collection of monies for all workshops as well as entry fees.
RIP Jean from your Lace Friends.

Hambledon Cottage Foundation day

Lots of interest in lace making at the foundation day. One young lady became proficient enough to go on and teach her Mother. More information: https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community/events/upcoming-events/Foundation-Day