



**Canberra
Spinners &
Weavers
Incorporated**

QUICK DRAFT

14/12/2016

As a way of keeping our membership up to date with all the events that are occurring in and around CSW, the Committee decided to circulate a 'Quick Draft' along with wishing you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas.

Accommodation:

We are waiting on ACT Property to reply in writing to our letter of request. This will not happen until early January. As we have not received this confirmation, the committee has not yet given the go ahead to proceed with the tenancy at the Chifley Hub.

Negotiations with the Canberra Region Feltmakers Inc. continue in a very harmonious manner. A Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted to allow the 2 associations to work together in this joint venture. This will be signed off by the joint accommodation committee early in the New Year.

CSW Strategic Plan:

The Planning Committee has been busy formulating a strategic plan to carry us forward into the next 50 years. The committee is indebted to Liz Perry for her tireless work in pulling this plan together. There is a hard copy now hanging on the notice board at Kurrajong for you all to read. This is still very much a work-in-progress. Once our website is improved it will be posted there for all the members to view.

Along with this main Strategic Plan there will be several Operational Plans, covering Membership, Committee Meetings, Members meetings, Workshops, IT and Communication etc. These plans are still being formulated but once they are completed will be also available on the notice board.

Members Meetings:

As part of the review planning the members meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month as in the past. With the proposed program we hope the meetings will be more member-friendly and focus on what we do which is 'promoting spinning, weaving and related craft activities at all levels'.

It is therefore proposed that the focus be more on a guest speaker and, where appropriate, we will invite other textile artists to join us. There will be more emphasis on 'show and tell', and there will be a monthly focus on one of our groups. Each group will be asked to bring their work to display, and talk about their craft.

There will be a bring-and-buy table, so that left over yarn, equipment, books, magazines etc under the value of \$10 can be sold, with the money going to CSW. The raffle will not be run as a regular event. Members may have something they would like to donate to a raffle, and that could happen twice a year.

There will also be a membership Information slot at the meetings. Exhibitions, classes, opportunities for sale of work, new library and shop acquisitions along with CSW general business can be communicated during this time

We do hope this new meeting format will engage members more fully.

Each month the 'Canberra Draft' will publish an edited version of the Committee Meeting proceedings so members can keep up-to-date with the ongoing business of CSW.

Christmas Opening Hours at Kurrajong:

The last Tuesday 'Drop In' for the year will be 20/12/16, 10 am – 2 pm.

Kurrajong will not be open between Christmas and the New Year, but will open for 'Drop In' on Tuesdays 10 am - 2 pm throughout January.

Normal groups will commence meeting from February onwards.

Some interest groups will be meeting during January - please contact the group coordinator.

2018 CSW Calendar

The Weaving Study Group would like to produce a CSW Calendar to sell next year during our exhibitions at Canberra Museum and Art Gallery and Tuggeranong Arts Centre. This will help us raise our profile in the community and make money towards exhibition costs. Previous calendars sold out and have since been added to the National Library collection!

To highlight both spinning and weaving, we aim to connect weavers with spinners to collaborate in making samples for the calendars. Each month will have a woven sample stuck to the page. The weavers prepare the warp and weave, the spinners make yarn for the weft. As printing can now be done quite cheaply and on demand, calendars can vary, depending on how many people participate. We are seeking spinners and weavers who would like to contribute. We can help you find someone to team up with! If you are interested please contact Monique van Nieuwland:

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Wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all in 2017.

CSW Committee

