

Saturday, 6 October 2018

Notice of GENERAL MEETING 12:30pm



Sydney News



- DOOR FEE:** \$15.00
- When:** 9:30am for demonstrations to start at 10:00am
- Please make sure you sign in. This is necessary for insurance purposes.*
- Where:** Concord Community Centre, Gipps Street, Concord
- Remember:**
- ❖ **If your surname begins with F - M, please bring a plate for morning tea.**
 - ❖ **Please bring your own lunch and a mug for tea/coffee.**
If you do not have your own mug, paper cups will be available at a cost of 20 cents each.
 - ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at branch meetings. Taking videos of demonstrations is strictly prohibited.
 - ❖ If you sit in the front row for one demonstration, take your turn in the back row for the next.
- Demonstrators:** **Sam Gojak**
Karen Hardie
Evan Jones - 'Show & Tell'
Lucie Priestly - Wiring Flower Sprays (Workshop)
- Visiting Shop:** **Cake Decorating Solutions, Willoughby**
T: 02 9417 5666
- Other:** **The Guild Shop** will be open at the October meeting. **Take advantage of the great prices and get in early for some of your Christmas baking needs.** There are no credit card facilities so please bring cash with you.
- The Library and Committee Table will be open until lunchtime. Please ensure all transactions are completed by that time.

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President's Message

Dear Members

Well, spring has sprung and we often get the urge to do a bit of spring cleaning. This spring, why not go beyond your pantry clean and have a look in your cake decorating cupboards and boxes?

We are all prone to impulse buy bits and pieces of equipment at demonstrations and shops which we then put away without using immediately. What happens after? We look at them and wonder what it does and why we bought it. Or if we *do* recognise it, we are unsure how to best use it.

Help will be at hand at the October meeting! **Bring along those puzzling items and Evan Jones will spend some time showing you how to get the most benefit from what you have.**

Those who attended the Sugar Showcase at Campbelltown were treated to wonderful demonstrations and workshops. They might be persuaded to tell you a bit about their experience at the October meeting. **Tracy Byatt's** work was truly inspirational, **Nina Blackburn** and **Samantha Gojak's** was quirky and achievable, **Stella Abraham** demonstrated beautiful flowers and **Pam Archibald's** glazes and cake finishes was practical and useful so there was definitely something for everyone.

Our branch display was terrific and Denice will

bring it to the meeting so you can all admire the wonderful work done by some of our very talented members. We can all be very proud of what they produced and I am sure you will all show your appreciation with a huge round of applause at the meeting. Congratulations to Denice and her team!

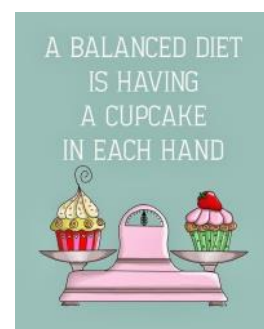
Demonstrators at the October meeting will be **Sam Gojak, Evan Jones** and **Karen Hardie. Lucie Priestly** will be running the workshop on wiring a spray of sugar flowers. They all deliver wonderful demonstrations so I am sure everyone will have a great day. Sadly I will miss the meeting as I will be away on holiday but will think of you on the day.

Before we know it, it will be the Christmas meeting and the end of another successful year of cake decorating, friendship and sharing of knowledge. Be sure to get your registrations in for the Christmas lunch so that you can share in the party atmosphere to round off the year!

Kind regards

Elizabeth Ivory

President



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Demonstrations

Is there a demonstration you would like to see or a workshop you would like to participate in at an upcoming meeting?

Send your suggestions to info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au or call **Denice Fuhrmann** on 9822 9642.



General Notices

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to our members who celebrate their birthday around this time of year, including **Helen Barton, Brenda Braun, Fay Cardiff, Lyn Cridland, Tasha De Mel, Bernadette Douglas, Lyn Evans, Pat Freeman, Aida Iskenderian, Elizabeth Ivory, Betty Jones, Jennie Kenyon, Min Jung Kim, Yolande Kober, Elza Levin, Nuha Lolas, Volga Mesrobian, Lesley Neve, Barbara Newton, Marie Puckeridge, Lynne Rice, Jan Sambrook, Leah Tsathas and Georgina Yan.**

Get Well Thoughts

Best wishes to **Iris Boxsell** who is home, after a long stay in hospital, and continuing her recovery. Our thoughts are with **Jan Sambrook, Aida Iskenderian, Pat Freeman** and **Heather Boyce** who have all been unwell. We are also thinking of **Niki van Leeuwen** who was diagnosed with breast cancer and undergoing radiotherapy.

Baby News

Jacky Davidson and **Bev Smith** are both proud great grandmothers. Ruby, born on 17 July, is Jacky's first great grandchild and daughter to her first grand daughter, Brianna.

Bev has also welcomed her first great grand daughter, baby Indi, who arrived in May.

Dates for the 2018 Diary

Cooma Branch SRD	20 October
\$35 RSVP 12 October to Kaye 6452 1425 or kayebedo@hotmail.com	
Newcastle Branch SRD	20 October
\$30 RSVP 15 October to Sam Meagher 0432 583 188 or sme69057@bigpond.net.au	
Sydney Branch Juniors	3 November
Sutherland Shire Branch SRD	17 November
\$30 Guild members. RSVP Kerry Carrigan 9528 4269 or pk.carrigan@bigpond.com	
<u>Cake Bake and Sweets Show</u>	23-25 November
Intl Convention & Exhibition Centre, Sydney	
December Dem Day & Lunch	1 December
<i>Catered lunch - bookings required - details Page 4</i>	
2019 Membership Fees Due	31 December

Dates for the 2019 Diary

February Annual General Meeting	2 February
April General Meeting	6 April
June General Meeting	1 June
August SRD & Birthday Comp	3 August
October General Meeting	5 October
December Dem Day & Xmas Lunch	7 December
Juniors' Meetings (1.30pm)	
♦ 2 March ♦ 4 May ♦ 6 July ♦ 7 September ♦ 2 November	
Sydney Branch Workshops (9.30am)	
♦ 4 May ♦ 6 July ♦ 7 September	

Lucky Membership Draw 2019

The deadline for membership renewals is **31 December 2018**.

Members who pay their fees by the deadline will be eligible to enter our Lucky Membership Draw 2019.

The winner will be selected at the February meeting and the lucky member will have their 2019 fees refunded or transferred to 2020.



Clothes Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Clothes Appeal at the August meeting.

The Wayside Chapel was extremely thankful for the items which will be sorted and 'sold' in their shop, with all proceeds going back into the funding of this worthwhile venture. Any remaining items will be taken "out" into the streets and distributed to those who are in direct need.

It is sad to see so many people in need of help but also reassuring that there are many, such as all of you, who care.

Thanks again ~ Evan Jones xx

Cakes for a Good Cause

It is time again for Sydney Branch members to demonstrate what a generous lot we are! Your gift will remind the more disadvantaged members of our society that they are not forgotten at Christmas time.

Please make a few cakes, 4" (10 cm) in size, decorate and bring them to the December meeting so we can send them to Meals on Wheels for distribution to areas around Sydney. An 8" or 10" (20 or 25 cm) cake cut into 4 is also a good size.

Cake boards and square cupcake cases will be distributed at the October meeting if you would like to participate.

We contributed a smaller number of cakes in 2017 than in previous years. Let us get baking and do our bit this year to support the great work being done by Meals on Wheels!

A group of decorators will gather at Castle Hill on **20 November 2018**, from 9.30am, to cover cakes for the **Hornsby Meals on Wheels**.

Contact **Lyne Fuller** on 0417 245 611 or lyne2154@bigpond.com if you are able to help.

Direct Deposit Details (Westpac)

Acct Name: The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc

BSB: 032170 **Account #:** 355054

Deposits must be tagged with a description (eg 2019 subscription or Christmas Lunch).

Email your completed paperwork (membership form or booking slip) and details of payment to info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au. This will help our Treasurer reconcile the books.

December Dem Day and Christmas Lunch

Christmas is just around the corner and it is time to book your place for the Sydney Branch Christmas Lunch on **1 December 2018**. There will be a delicious selection of roasts, salads and desserts and plenty for all so we request that members do not prepare any additional food on the day. Just bring yourself and enjoy .. good food, great company, talented demonstrators, fun competitions and lots more!

Places are limited so complete the booking slip today and send it to:

Dianne Cassim

4 Keyworth Drive, Blacktown 2148

with your cheque (payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*) by **17 November 2018**.

You may also pay online[#] or at the October meeting. If a receipt is required, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope or pick it up on the day.



[#] Details above. A booking slip must be completed and sent to the Treasurer or submitted at the October meeting.

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2018 Christmas Party Booking Slip

Name: _____

Tel: _____

I enclose cheque payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc* for _____ member ticket/s @ \$30 each making a total of \$ _____

_____ non-member ticket/s @ \$35 each making a total of \$ _____



October Meeting - Workshop

Talented cake decorator, **Lucie Priestly**, will run the October workshop and take you through the steps of wiring a flower spray.

Floral sprays are an easy way to add extra 'oomph' to an otherwise simple cake. They can be made well ahead of time which, as we all know, can make all the difference when you are rushing to finish your creation!

Bring along any sugar flowers and foliage you have at home (or make some!) if you would like to participate in this workshop to learn from one of our best!



Workshop Requirements

- ◆ Assortment of large and filler flowers and foliage - all wired
- ◆ 18g and 20g wires
- ◆ Stemtex or parafilm
- ◆ Ribbon to complement spray
- ◆ Wire cutters or pliers
- ◆ Pair of scissors
- ◆ Box to take spray home in

December Meeting - Trade Tables

Cupboards filled to bursting with cake decorating tools you have not used in years? Maybe a novelty tin last used in 1970 when your son turned 2? What about the 3 sets of orchid cutters that are still in their original packaging?



You need a **Trade Table** at the December meeting to sell, trade or give away your excess equipment!

Members may only set up a table with **prior approval** from the Committee. You will be responsible for managing your own table and proceeds from sales and for removing any unsold items from the venue at the end of the meeting.

10% of your total takings on the day will be payable to the Branch. Email info@cdqnsw-sydneybranch.org.au for more information or if you would like to book a table.

Fay Gardner Achievement Award

The Fay Gardner Achievement Award was established in 2004 to recognise Fay's outstanding contribution to the Guild. Any Sydney Branch member, who has made a significant contribution to our branch throughout the year, may be nominated. The closing date for written nominations from all branch members is 6 October 2018 and the winner will be announced at the December meeting.

If you would like to make a nomination, complete the form below and submit it at the October meeting or mail to **Lyne Fuller, 23 Knightsbridge Place, Castle Hill 2154**. You may also email your nomination, stating your reasons, to lyne2154@bigpond.com.

Previous Recipients

2010	Jacky Davidson
2011	Iris Boxsell
2012	Jan Sambrook
2013	Denice Fuhrmann
2014	Mary Anne Loveridge & Bev Smith
2015	Dorothy Apps
2016	Dianne Cassim
2017	Jeannine Ashby

Full list of winners on our [website](#)

Fay Gardner Achievement Award

I would like to nominate _____

because _____



The member with the most number of nominations will win the Award. If there is a tie, the Committee will decide on a suitable winner.

Spotlight on a Cake Decorator - Jean Palmer



How long have you been decorating cakes and what inspired you to get started?

I started when my children were toddlers in the '60s using the Women's Weekly children's birthday cake supplements. In 1983, I started cake decorating lessons with **Mary Medway**, having been inspired by an exhibition of cakes in the Grace Bros' gallery, in which Mary was an exhibitor.

How long have you been a member of the Guild?

I received my 30-year badge in April this year!



What do you enjoy most about the meetings?

Seeing new ideas and techniques .. you always learn something new! It's also nice meeting up with old, and making new, friends.

What was your most memorable creation?

That would be the Anderson Stuart Building cake, a to-scale reproduction of the medical faculty building at the University of Sydney for the faculty's 150th anniversary in 2016. The cake measured 64 x 54cm and took some manoeuvring to get in the car!

One cake decorating tool you could not live without?

I have several .. my little blue hair roller pin (aka modelling stick), my perspex ball tool and a small, sharp, pointed pair of embroidery scissors.

Your biggest challenge as a cake decorator is ... ?

Not having a creative enough mind and procrastinating over what to do!

What is the most rewarding part of cake decorating?

Seeing the pleasure people take from my work. I've been honoured to win many awards over the years, most notably a number of prizes at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. I have met so many nice people over the years, who remain friends to this day.



How has cake decorating changed in the time you have been doing it?

I like to stick to my favourite tried and tested tools, but appreciate the modern innovations used by younger decorators. The introduction of moulds and steamers for flowers have relieved decorators of a lot of manual work. There's also been a trend away from traditional fruit cakes to lighter cakes, and from fine piping decoration, to greater emphasis on flowers and simpler designs.



You too now teach cake decorating?

Yes, I began in 1988 at the then Chatswood Evening College when Mary Medway, who was giving up teaching, asked if I would take over. I've taught all levels of classes for 30 years in the Chatswood area. It's been so rewarding .. I've met wonderful people and witnessed the development of amazing creativity and natural talent. Many of my



students have been successful in the Royal Easter Show. Some of them are still entering and winning major prizes today!

What is your advice to a new cake decorator?

Be patient and try to find the time to practise so you get used to working with fondant and modelling paste.

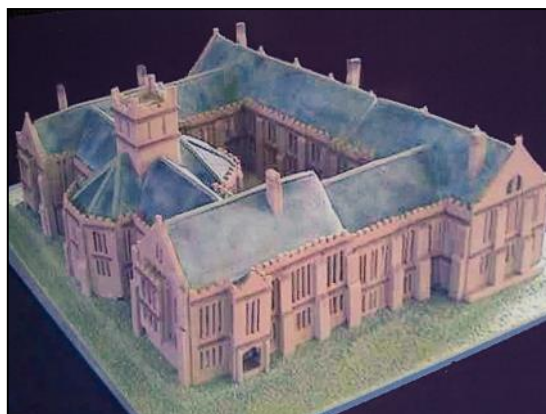


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Delegate's Report

Report of the Delegates' meeting held at Camden on 1 July 2018

Business arising: Acronyms to be extended with full name to be included in Sweet Perfection for future reference. State committee to follow-up with branches to ensure that meetings are being run properly, regularly and in a professional manner.

Membership renewals: 17 Branches are now registered with the Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW, following the closure of Bathurst and Cowra Branches, with 441 financial members, 22 financial juniors and 3 magazine members.

Showtime 2018: Sam Gojak, Stella Abraham, Nina Blackburn and Tracy Byatt have been confirmed as the demonstrators for the Seminar.

40 entries from 21 entrants received for the **Challenge** and we have 9 sponsors.

Years of Service: All relevant Branches have received their Years of Service badges. If there are any issues or enquiries, please contact the State Treasurer.

MYOB: All information has been transferred to an online program – MYOB essentials. The Treasurer is in the process of setting up the program.

Judges Sub-Committee Report: Since the last report at the Delegates meeting, Judges have held a Professional Development weekend at Yass with all but two in attendance.

A successful meeting which saw many things discussed, reported on or in the case of new product viewed. 16 Judges drew a topic to make as Judging assignments which saw topics such as Figurines, an Iris, and a Mini Cake with royal pipe work Judged.

Judging proceeds for the second half of the year with allocation of Judges during the weekend. We are very grateful for our dedicated Judges who take up appointments largely at their own expense.

Sydney Royal Show Schedule was discussed and once again suggestions have made for the improvement of the Schedule, including that the posy pick or substitute be visible above the covering of the cake.

Cotton must only be used as flower stamens was added to the schedule this year and it was suggested this ban be removed as cotton has always been used in all manner of ways.

Rice paper and wafer paper also banned again this year and we have pointed out this is a judging point – how well and what entrants do with the products.

We have asked for the introduction of a gravity defying cake. Also suggested that the schedule state only fondant covers and no buttercream be allowed.

Various other suggestions were made regarding terminology to make the Schedule clearer.

Our Judges also acted as Stewards at the 2018 intake of entries which has proved to be very successful with both the RAS and the Exhibitors very much in favour of all the help that they get.

To date we have had only three expressions of interest in another Judges Training programme so if you know anyone who is interested, please urge them to apply as a decision must be made soon.

State Roster Day Reports: Reports have been received from branches that have held their SRDs and enjoyed the skills share programs that were on offer. Several other branches will hold their SRDs between now and end of the year.

30.06.18 Parkes/Forbes: Rosemary Brett & Ashlee Stuart

14.07.18 Golden West: Anne Bromfield & Sylvia Fitch

28.07.18 Kempsey: Denise Fuhrmann & Jeanine Ashby

29.07.18 Southern Highlands: Christine Salter & Elizabeth Ivory

04.08.18 Sydney: Skill Share - Evan Jones & Ken Robinson

22.09.18 Central Coast: Anne Bromfield & Beryl Hicks

20.10.18 Newcastle: Wendy Provost (tbc)

20.10.18 Cooma: Sheryl Toms & Connie McCartney

17.11.18 Sutherland

Small Business Insurance Report: One member has taken out insurance over the past few months, increasing our numbers to 43.

As the renewal date approaches, reminders will be sent to all current insurance holders. Insurance information brochures will also be sent to Branch Secretaries for distribution to branch members.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account balances as at 30 June 2018

Working Account \$49,607.69

Cash Reserve Account \$11,809.11

Term Deposit \$30,880.10 (maturing 20.11.18)

TOTAL ASSETS \$92,296.90

The next Delegates' meeting will be held on 2 December 2018 at Camden.

Minutes of the Delegates' meeting were prepared by Cornelia McCartney on behalf of Elizabeth Ivory.

Photo Gallery - 2018 Sugar Showcase & Challenge



Thank you Jeannine Ashby, Sharon Barker, Maria Cini, Lyne Fuller, Hong Guan, Elizabeth Ivory and Niki van Leeuwen who helped with



the branch display at Challenge. Special thanks to Denice Furhmann who coordinated the whole effort and to Denice's daughter, Anita Ansell, who held Denice together!



Photo Gallery - August SRD & Birthday Competition



Thank you to members who uploaded their photos to Facebook and to Annu Mishra who submitted all photos from the August SRD.