



Issue No 1 February 2020

Sydney News

Newsletter of the Sydney Branch, Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW Inc

Saturday, 1 February 2020 Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12.30pm followed by Branch Meeting

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**Membership Renewals
are now due.**

Details on Page 2

Door Fee: \$15.00

When: 9:30am for demonstrations to start at 10:00am
Ensure you sign in on arrival. This is necessary for insurance purposes.

Where: Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street,
Concord NSW 2137

Getting There: Bus #464/466 (Burwood Station) or #439 City to
Mortlake

- Remember:**
- ❖ **Bring your own lunch and a mug for tea/coffee.** If you do not have your own mug, paper cups will be available for a donation of 20 cents each.
 - ❖ **If your surname begins with A - E**, please bring a plate for morning tea.
 - ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at meetings. Taking videos of dems is strictly prohibited.
 - ❖ If you sit in the front row for one demonstration, take your turn in the back row for the next.

Note: The Guild Shop and Committee Table will be open until lunchtime. Please ensure all transactions are completed by that time.

Demonstrators

Jeannine Ashby - *Poinsettia*

Rosemary Brett (Golden West) - *Rose Petal Cutter Variations*

Joanne Farrugia (Golden West) - *TBC*

Marta Velazquez (Camden) - *Jiminy Cricket*

Motion to Vote

A vote will be taken at the Sydney Branch AGM on our continuing membership with the ANCDA.

More details about this on Page 4 and a voting form is attached with the newsletter. Forms will also be available at the February AGM.

President's Message

Hi Everyone

Happy new year and welcome 2020 and a new decade.

Sadly, we've had several months of bushfires now which has destroyed much of our loved bush and wildlife. It has also destroyed property and tragically, there has been loss of lives ... our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are affected. We will have a donation bucket at the next meeting and all money raised from our raffle will be donated to the Salvation Army fire appeal. I hope you will all dig deep to support our fellow Australians who are impacted by this disaster.

On a happier note, we are giving our Saturday workshops another go this year ... please support these as they are a lot of fun and a great and inexpensive way of picking up new skills. Details of this year's workshops are available on Page 8.

The yellow book, as always, will be on the Committee Table for your input ... whether it be a dem you would like to see, a suggestion to help improve our meetings or a compliment for things we do well! You're also welcome to give me a ring for a chat or leave me a message on **9822 9642**.

We haven't had much luck with visiting shops this year but **Helen Barton** will have the Guild Shop open at every meeting for your basic needs.

We have an exciting line up of demonstrators for 2020 starting with four great dems at this meeting. I hope you're all looking forward, as I am, to another great year of demonstrations, learning new (and updating old) skills and to renew and strengthen friendships.

At this AGM, you will be asked to take a vote on staying or withdrawing from the Australian National Cake Decorators Association. More information about this is available on Page 4 and a voting form is attached with the newsletter

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at our February meeting.

Regards

Denice Fuhrmann

President

Calling All Demonstrators!

Would you like to share your knowledge and skills with our members? Are you available to demonstrate at one of our meetings in 2020? If this is you, please complete the list at the Committee Table at the next meeting.

Contact **Denice Fuhrmann** on **9822 9642** to discuss your availability and suitable topics.

Committee 2019

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| President | Denice Fuhrmann | 9822 9642 |
| (& Public Officer/Demonstrators) | | |
| Vice-President | Jeannine Ashby | 9744 2981 |
| (& In-bound calls) (casual vacancy) | | |
| Treasurer | Dianne Cassim | 0414 435 685 |
| Secretary | Jennie Kenyon | 9636 3814 |
| (casual vacancy) | | |

CO-OPTED

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|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Guild Shop | Helen Barton | 9476 3078 |
| Mail Out | Iris Boxsell | 9481 8425 |
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| Delegate | Annu Mishra | 0409 826 213 |
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GENERAL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|
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Membership Reminder

If you have not paid your fees for 2020, **you must do so by the February meeting**. Payment can be made in cash (please bring correct change, \$65 or \$59 for over 85s).

Renewals not made on time will be subject to an additional \$10 State-imposed late fee, payable by the member.

General Notices

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to our members who celebrate their birthday around this time of the year, including **Glenda Borg, Di Cassim, Nadia Farag, Norma Farrell, Denice Furhmann, Noelene Gooden, Diane Johnson, Debbie Lim, Derryn McLauchlan, Daniela Miraglia, Jacky Nachman and Maureen Threlfo.**

Get Well Thoughts

Our thoughts are with **Norma Farrell** who is recovering from back surgery.

In Memoriam

We remember **Moyra McHugh**, member of Sydney Branch since 1983, who passed away in late December last year.



careshare20 is the new password to the 'Members Only' page on our CDG website.

Dates for the 2020 Diary

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|---|-------------------|
| February Annual General Meeting | 1 February |
| Camden Branch Meeting | 8 February |
| Newcastle Branch Meeting | 15 February |
| Sutherland Shire Branch Meeting | 15 February |
| Ilawarra Branch SRD \$30/\$35 RSVP 14 March to Roslyn Hamilton 42841942 or Jill Crossley 0414 461 770 | 21 March |
| Easter Show Arts Preview Night | 1 April |
| April General Meeting | 4 April |
| <u>Sydney Royal Easter Show</u> | 3—14 April |
| June General Meeting | 6 June |
| August SRD & Birthday Competition | 1 August |
| <u>19th Sugar Showcase</u> | 22-23 August |
| October General Meeting | 3 October |
| December Dem Day & Christmas Lunch | 5 December |
| Juniors' Meetings (1.30pm) ♦ 7 March ♦ 2 May ♦ 4 July ♦ 5 September ♦ 7 November | |



A great selection of our Library books & magazines will be available for sale at the April meeting. Your opportunity to pick up some bargains!

Source: www.maryellenherrer.com

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS: Etiquette at Meetings

Our talented demonstrators spend a lot of time and effort on their presentations so we ask that you show courtesy by **not talking and creating a distraction** while the dems are going on. If the topic being demmed is not of interest to you, please attend another dem, take a break and have a coffee or perhaps lend a hand in the kitchen.

Our demonstrators also generously donate their dem pieces as prizes. Do not ask them for pieces for yourself as some demonstrators find it difficult to refuse. Please show consideration by **not asking**.



Source: www.123rf.com

They say many hands make light work and we need four of those each meeting to assist with morning tea! Your help will be greatly appreciated and will ensure that everyone who attends our meetings has an enjoyable day. 12 volunteers are all we need for the year so please consider helping out.

Nominations - 2020 Sydney Branch Committee

4 positions are vacant on the 2020 Committee - Vice-President, Secretary and two General Committee members.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Sugar Showcase 2020

The theme for *Sugar Showcase 2020* is **'Made in Australia'** to feature local talent. The theme for the Branch Display is *Aussie rock bands or groups*. **Members, we need your help with the branch display.** This request is for *all* members, not just those who will attend Sugar Showcase. Contact **Denice Fuhrmann** on **9822 9642** for more information or if you are able to assist.

Withdrawal from ANCDA - Motion to Vote



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25th November 2019

Branch Secretaries
Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW

Dear Secretaries

Re: Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW Resignation/withdrawal from Australian National Cake Decorators' Association (ANCDA)

Following our experience since becoming full members of ANCDA, and especially having been closely involved for the past three years while taking our turn in providing the Executive for the national body, the State Committee of Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW have regretfully reached the conclusion that there is no benefit to our members in remaining part of ANCDA.

We are sad about this because we had hoped that the ANCDA could become a strong force for promoting the craft of cake decorating and sugar art but we have examined the pros and cons and the cons significantly outnumber the pros as outlined below.

Pros

- There is a slightly reduced insurance premium (approximately 25% less than when we managed our own insurance).
- Our members are entitled a slightly reduced attendance fee at the national seminar (normally in the vicinity of \$30-35).

Cons

- We need to pay annual affiliation and membership fees of \$860.
- The cost of sending representatives to meetings is approximately \$1,000 per meeting.
- We are expected to make an annual fundraising/ donation contribution. (traditionally \$400 per annum).
- There is considerable time spent in attending to paperwork.
- The National meetings consist of tweaking the constitution by amending punctuation and wording without any substantive change.
- There is no regular promotion of the craft.

We feel that our energies and finances can be more effectively used promoting the activities of our state body. The State Committee therefore proposes that the Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW resign its membership effective mid 2020.

To give effect to this we need each branch to indicate their agreement or otherwise having canvassed the question with your members. As you will all be having your AGM's in late January or during February we ask that you talk to your members and respond in writing by Friday 28th February 2020. Please email the following statement to secretary.cdg.nsw@gmail.com

The.....branch of the Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW votes (Yes or No) to the proposal that CDG of NSW resign from the Australian National Cake Decorators' Association.

You can send your response by circling the yes or no above, scanning this page and emailing back, or you can type out the statement in an email and send it back.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to phone the President Narelle on 0403765510 or myself on 0425364229.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Ivory
State Secretary
CDG of NSW

Delegate's Report - November 2019 by Annu Mishra

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account balances as at 20.11.2019

Working Account \$32,231.51

Cash Reserve Account \$11,866.82

Term Deposit \$31,605.78

Term Deposit matured on 20.11.2019. We have a 'variation' period of 7 days (end date 27.11.2019) in which we can change our instructions. Currently the instructions are that \$31,605.78 + interest of \$726.93 will automatically roll over into a new 12-month term deposit with Westpac Bank, once the variation period ends.

TOTAL ASSETS : \$75,704.11

Memberships

Membership renewal forms for 2020 have been sent to all branches and magazine members.

Sweet Perfection magazine advertising

7 businesses are advertising in magazine. Cake Decorating Solutions will advertise again in two issues with a smaller ad being placed in Sweet Perfection magazine (December 2019 and April 2020), making 8 businesses choosing to advertise.

Kennards Storage Facility

Storage facility with Kennards was cancelled as of 11.11.19.

Storage of our items has been moved to Storage Express, Picton. Cost for 6 months is \$1,171.50 (includes insurance), which is a reduction of \$774.60 for a 6-month period.

Judges Sub Committee Report

The Sydney Royal Show Schedule for 2020 is available online. All recommendations from the Guild Judges development weekend held in May were accepted by the RAS and corrections of mistakes found in the Schedule this year have been rectified for 2020. The new class for a gravity defying cake has been very successful and will remain in the Schedule with the addition of a couple of new classes. The Stewards at the RAS made up from our Judges will again be invited this year. Nominations from the Guild to judge are in the hands of the RAS.

ANCDA

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Secretary to write to all branches advising them of this and asking them to return a vote of yes or no by 28 February 2020.

12 weeks' notice will then be given to ANCDA with withdrawal by end of June 2020.

The National Executive have had a meeting to finalise its work and prepare to hand over to Tasmania as the new ANCDA Executive. This has now been done and so the ANCDA continues with Tasmania taking the reins.

State Roster Day

All Branch Secretaries have been sent application forms for 2020 and look forward to receiving replies for their requested day.

Sweet Perfection Report

The members password for 2020 will be careshare20. Other organisations' newsletters are now on CDG website.

State Display to August National Seminar

The display was on show at the meeting and those who had contributed to creating it were thanked.

Sugar Showcase

Grants received from Clubs NSW and Mittagong RSL which pays for the room hire and equipment to value of \$3,455.00.

Competition entries to be received on Thursday 20.08.2020.

Judging Friday 21.08.2020.

Workshops Friday 21.08.2020

Showcase dems Sat/Sun 22 & 23.08.2020.

Southern Highlands branch were thanked for their suggestion of the venue and the charity to benefit from donations to view competition entries.

Sydney Branch Christmas Lunch 2019

Our Christmas lunch was a cozy event greatly enjoyed by members and friends who attended. There was a delicious spread of sweet and savoury dishes, Christmas presents for everyone, raffle prizes and great camaraderie shared by all.

Thank you **Maria Cini, Hong Guan, Mary Anne Loveridge** and **Lucie Priestly** for your inspiring demonstrations.

Grateful thanks to everyone for their collective effort in baking, decorating, packing and distributing over 480 cupcakes and mini cakes, which were donated to Hornsby and Concord Meals on Wheels and various nursing and aged care homes around Sydney. We also raised \$300 for [CaraCare](#) and \$250 for [The Deli](#) thanks to your generosity.



31 years and still going strong .. well done Sydney Branch!

Photo Gallery - Christmas Lunch 2019



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Sydney Branch Workshops 2020

Sydney Branch Workshops will be up and running again this year with more skills for you to master. Sign in early to secure your spot!

Workshop Details

Time: 9.30am (for a 10am start) to 1pm

Skill Level: Non-members and beginners, with basic cake decorating skills, are welcome.

Registration: Deadline for registration will be the meeting before the workshop (April, June and August meetings).

Supplies: Participants are required to provide their own tools, pastes and other materials. A full list of requirements will be provided when you confirm your booking.

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be available to all participants. Please provide your own lunch. To attend these workshops, complete the form below and send it in early together with your payment.

Note that a minimum of 5 attendees is required for each workshop to go ahead.

Sydney Branch Workshops Booking Slip

I would like to attend the following workshop/s:

- ☐ **2 May 2020** - Christening/Baby Shower Cake Topper
☐ **4 July 2020** - Under The Sea
☐ **5 September 2020** - Santa Cake Topper



Name: _____ Tel: _____

Member: ☐ \$45.00 (1 workshop) ☐ \$80.00 (2 workshops) ☐ \$110.00 (3 workshops)

Non-member: ☐ \$55.00 (1 workshop) ☐ \$110.00 (2 workshops) ☐ \$165.00 (3 workshops)

Payment by cheque: Mail completed booking slip and your cheque (payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*) to **Dianne Cassim, 4 Keyworth Drive, Blacktown 2148**

Payment by direct deposit: Email completed booking slip and payment details to info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au. Include the reference "Workshop+[last name]"

Acct: *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*, BSB: 032170 Acct #: 355054

Recipe Corner - Vegan Gingerbread Bundt Cake

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp ginger
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1/4 tsp cloves
- 1/2 cup vegan butter
- 1 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup apple sauce
- 1 cup soy milk or non-dairy milk of choice
- icing sugar, for dusting



Method

1. Preheat oven to 175C. Grease a 25cm bundt pan and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl mix together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices.
3. Cream together butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, scraping down the sides of mixing bowl as necessary. Add molasses and beat until combined, again scraping down the side of the bowl as needed.
4. Add apple sauce and beat again until well combined.
5. Alternating between wet and dry, add soy milk and flour mixture in three batches. Scrape down the sides in between. Mix until just combined. **Be careful not to over mix.** Pour batter into prepared bundt pan and smooth the top.
6. Bake 35-45 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Cool about 15 minutes then flip onto wire rack to cool completely.
7. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

Recipe contributed by **Jennie Kenyon** from www.mydarlingvegan.com