

Distaff Day January 7th

Observed on 7 January, the day following Epiphany, Saint Distaff's Day—also called Distaff Day or Rock Day—was traditionally the time when women resumed spinning after Christmas. Local HWSD guild groups organise gatherings to observe the day. In the north members have been meeting on The Village Green, Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury, under the trees from 10:00 am 3:00 pm.

In the south members will meet at Dru Point in Margate for 8:30 am-1:00 pm in the large shelter near the trees behind the Café. Bring your spinning wheel or small portable loom, hat, chair and snacks and drinks.

Ross Summer Day

This is an opportunity for members from across the state to meet, spin, weave, and catch up. The event will be held in Ross on Saturday 31 January, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, on the grassed area in the centre of the road between the Wool Centre and the Hall.

The Hall has been hired in case of bad weather and will also be available for anyone wishing to sell or trade spinning, weaving, felting, and dyeing equipment or items. If members would like to give others an idea of what they will be selling, please email me with the details and I will circulate this information to members on 23 January.

Membership renewals will be taken in the Hall between 10:30 am and 11:30 am.

Over the past two years, we trialled a small spinning and weaving competition. The Committee has determined that this generated too much controversy and has therefore decided not to run a competition this year. The focus of the day is to catch up with friends, make new ones, share knowledge and experiences, and enjoy the company of like-minded people.

Details of the discount being offered to Guild members by the River View Motel and Caravan Park in Ross can be found in the November/December issue of Island Yarns.