

The 14th Southern Hemisphere Felt-Makers Convergence 2017

Host City: Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

Date 24-29 September 2017

General Information

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Venue: Toowoomba, University of Southern Queensland. Accommodation is in single rooms at the Mc Gregor College. Breakfast and dinner will be served at this venue for those living in at the College during convergence.

Approximately 100 meters walking distance from the accommodation is the Baker Street, Berghofer Recreation Centre, where all the presentations will occur. This will be a fully catered event. Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea will be served for all attending the convergence at this venue.

History This event commenced in New Zealand way back in 1990. Since then, the event has alternated between Australia and New Zealand. The focus has been on felt makers voluntarily sharing their knowledge and skills during the event. There will be a number of prominent felt-makers present sessions. If you have a desire to present a segment, we will endeavour to include you in the program. We especially want new ideas, tips to make better felt and what you or your group are making to be a focus.

About Toowoomba

Toowoomba is 330 meters above sea level, nestled on top of the Great Dividing Range. The climate is temperate and in late September the days are usually around 24-26 degrees C. Toowoomba is a gateway to western Queensland and the Australian outback. You do not have far to travel to see rural life. There are many lovely parks and gardens to see, most leading to a coffee shop. We are planning a great time in Toowoomba, so do consider coming along to create sensational felt, be inspired by the presenters, and meet new friends in a wonderful and very beautiful environment. Springtime in Toowoomba is magical with the gardens ablaze with wonderful flowers. Make an effort to visit Queens Park. Of note, the floral emblem of Toowoomba City is the purple violet.

Travelling to Toowoomba. Toowoomba is 140 km inland from Brisbane.

Air travel by international visitors will be into Brisbane airport. Toowoomba does have an airport (Wellcamp) and this is new and more direct flights into this location will be available by the time of the convergence. Check if it is available when you book your flight. Toowoomba airport is 10 km from Toowoomba city. Taxi and a bus service operates from the airport to the city.

Getting from Brisbane to Toowoomba.

1. Hire a car from Brisbane airport. Book ahead. This is about a 2hour drive to Toowoomba. Careful with speed limits- town areas are 50 km per hour and the open highway speed limit is 100km per hour. Other speed limits as shown on road signs. There are many fixed cameras in many areas.
2. A Mono rail operates every few minutes from Brisbane airport to the Transit Centre at Roma street, Brisbane. Bus companies operate a service 1-2 hourly to Toowoomba to late in the day. Murrays and Greyhound all operate a bus service. Pre book is advisable. The convergence accommodation is 4 .5 km from the bus terminal. Take a taxi from the bus terminal.

www.greyhound.com.au

www.murrays.com.au

3. There is a direct mini bus service from Brisbane Airport to Toowoomba and they will drop you to the Convergence address in Toowoomba. This is a busy service so pre book.

<https://www.theairportflyer.com.au>

www.airporttransfersolutions.com

Date of Arrival Arrive between 1-3 pm Sunday 24th September at the Mc Gregor College accommodation section USQ Baker Street, Toowoomba. The event concludes on Thursday 28th September at 8.30pm. Those living in will vacate their accommodation after breakfast on Friday 29th September by 10 am. **Room Keys.** Please hand the keys to your room to USQ administration complex as you leave on 29th September, otherwise there will be a \$300.00 charge to your account.

Visit to Champion Garden afternoon 25th September for 1.5 hours. Do you want to go on this tour? This is a free tour for those attending convergence. We need to book a coach/bus for this activity and you will be required to advise us by July 30 if you want to be included in the numbers.

Exchange Gift We encourage all attendees to participate in this activity. You are asked to make an A4 sized felted floral book cover that when folded in half- will fit an A5 sized book. Only cover to sent thanks.

Please send to:

M. Jensen, 506 Glamorgan Vale Road, Glamorgan Vale, Queensland, Australia. 4306 by 1st September 2017.

These will be on display during the convergence. If you make and tend a book cover, then you will receive one on the final evening of the convergence. We look forward to your participation in this

exchange gift. Show your creativity and have a go! Designs could be something like a favourite scene or a flower or bird for example.

Fibre Exhibition.

Up to **3 items of felt** will be accepted from participants attending convergence. Other items on display will be by invitation only if person is not able to attend convergence. All items for exhibition are to be handed in- **for those living in at Mc Gregor College, USQ will be Sunday 24th 1-3pm. Daily visitors living locally, will also deliver their items on Sunday 24th by 1- 3 to the Berghofer Recreation Centre where the Convergence is to be held.** All items are to have 2 tags attached and marked clearly with your name and details of exhibit. Include price if wishing to sell. The exhibition display will be put up and ready for Convergence on Sunday. No items will be accepted for exhibition after the closure time as above. If have special props or supports for your felt item please feel free to bring these along to help us show your item off to its best.

Fashion Parade.

The fashion parade is planned for Thursday 28th from 5-7 pm in the auditorium. You will need to have your own models or model it yourself. A typed description will be required to be handed in to the Convenor by 3 pm.

Traders.

Are welcome during convergence. There is limited space. Allocation of space will be on receipt of application and payment of same. Traders can set up on Sunday after 3 pm. Dates for trading will commence Monday 25th September. The fee will be \$30 for a single day or \$100.00 for 4 days.

Registration. For those living in at the convergence. Registration on arrival on Sunday 24th September will be at Mc Gregor College at USQ administration building, between 1pm and 3pm. All other daily attendees will register at the **Convergence information desk** from Monday 25th September at the Berghofer Centre, Baker street. Toowoomba.

Farewell function

This will take place on Thursday night immediately following the fashion parade. Drinks and treats.

Cost to attend Convergence

Full attendance- Mc Gregor College accommodation and meals plus access to all sessions at convergence. \$990.00

External attendees for 4 days of convergence includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and farewell function. \$490.00

One day only Attendee at convergence will cost \$125.00 and includes MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA, LUNCH and attendance at any sessions for the day including after dinner presenters.

A **deposit of \$450.00** will need to be paid when you lodge your registration by 31st January 2017. A reminder account will be sent to all registrants with their remaining convergence fees due, June 2017. The remainder of the convergence fee will need to be paid by 31st July 2017. **Please don't forget to send your registration by email or snail mail to convenor**, otherwise you will not be registered to come. It is very difficult to know who is coming if you don't complete the paperwork. Make it easy for yourself and convergence committee.

Deposit for one day only attendee will be the full amount of \$125.00 by 31st January 2017.

Refunds. No refunds will be paid if you do not advise us of your cancellation within 28 days of the Convergence commencement date. A full refund will be given if notification of your cancellation is received by 23rd August 2017. Please remember the Convergence committee have to pay all fees to the Convention Centre and University by 24th August 2017. Individual personal Insurance is strongly recommended.

Extras

For many of us, a great coffee is a must. Tea and coffee will operate all day for your convenience at the convergence venue. Don't worry about bringing a cup as you will be receiving one in your gift pack. The only extras we would recommend is that you pack an extra bath and hand towel plus a bath mat for your room.

Daily Theme Colours

Monday - Buttercups or sunset colours

Tuesday- Violets or cornflower colours

Wednesday Pink or red rose colours

Thursday Leaf colours

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