

# Saturday, 2nd December 2017

## December Dem/Meeting Day & Christmas Lunch



**PRE-BOOKING IS NECESSARY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT DUE TO DIANNE CASSIM**  
**NO LATER THAN 24 NOVEMBER 2017**

***DETAILS ON PAGE 4***

**When:** 9:30am for a 10:00am start. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm

**Where :** Concord Community Centre, Gipps Street, Concord

**Getting There:** Bus #464/466 from Burwood Station or #439 City to Mortlake

**Remember:**

- ❖ **Bring a mug for tea/coffee.** If you use one of the mugs provided, ensure you wash and put it away.
- ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at branch meetings. Taking videos of demonstrations is strictly not permitted.

**Demonstrators:** **Margaret Tesoriero - Babushka Dolls**  
**Denice Fuhrmann - Nutcracker Soldier**  
**Melissa Ross - Reindeers**

**Other:** The Guild Shop, Library (open for **pre arranged orders and returns only**) and the Committee Table will be open until 11.30am Please be mindful of the time and get any business out of the way early.



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# Sydney News

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAKE DECORATORS' GUILD OF NSW, SYDNEY BRANCH INC.



# President's Message

Dear Members

Well, we have all made it through to that crazy time of year when there seem to be so many places to be and so many things to do that you can't keep up.

One place we all need to be, is of course, our Christmas Party on 2nd December. This is always a lovely way to finish the year. I hope you have made plans to be there and have let Di Cassim know so that the catering is all under control.

As always we support two charities at Christmas. The raffle proceeds go to Children's Oncology and our \$5 donations will go to the Deli. The Deli Womens' and Children's Centre is a womens' support organisation combating domestic violence and supporting those affected by it. This issue is of huge importance given that one woman every week dies as a result of domestic violence in Australia.

I urge you to all give generously to this cause.

Our Christmas Party is catered but we are reminding everyone that **next year** we are adopting the **"bring your own lunch" model** for our meetings except August birthday and Christmas. This was agreed upon as a way to free up everyone to enjoy and participate in meetings rather than helping out in the kitchen. We will remind you again before the first meeting.

To all of our members who have been struggling with health issues this past year, a big wave of good wishes and hope that next year will see you up and about again, and if you are not able to be at the Christmas Meeting a hope that you will be enjoying Christmas cheer with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Kind regards

*Elizabeth Ivory*

President



## Committee 2017

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### e-Newsletter

Sydney News is available by email!

If you have an email account and have access to a printer, please consider receiving an electronic copy of our newsletter. It is much more efficient for the Committee and will save us the postage!

# General Notices

**Birthday Wishes**  
**To all the members who celebrate their birthdays in November/December**



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## Dates for the Diary 2018

<b>December Dem Day &amp; Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>2 December</b>
<i>Catered lunch - bookings required - details Page 4</i>	
<b>Membership Fees Due</b>	<b>31 December</b>
<b>February Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>3 February</b>
<b>April General Meeting</b>	<b>7 April</b>
<b>June Meeting</b>	<b>2 June</b>
<b>SRD in August</b>	<b>4 August</b>
<b>October Meeting</b>	<b>6 October</b>
<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>1 December</b>
<b>Workshops</b>	<b>5 May, 7 July</b>
	<b>1 September</b>

### Juniors' Meetings in 2018

3 March ♦ 5 May ♦ 7 July ♦ 1 September ♦ 3 November

Please email : [info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au](mailto:info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au)

Our hearty congratulations to **Regina Prasad** on becoming a Grandma to a gorgeous little sweetie pie.



Source: orewa.org

## Kitchen Policy

If you have not helped out in the past, please consider giving some of your time.

**Pikelet person** – thank you so much for bringing the pikelets ready to serve. They were yummy!! It was very much appreciated.



Source: adspishubs.com

## Get Well Wishes

To all who have been unwell. Especially, **Iris Boxsell, Pat Freeman, Iris Adam, Heather Boyce, Betty Jones, Vivian McMillan and Lyn Evans.**

## Parking



With Council booking out all areas of the venue, it can be difficult to get parking but we cannot just park anyone in. If you know you are going to be at the meeting all day, put a notice in your car window to show you are a cake decorator who does not mind being parked in. Please consider others who use the Community Centre car park and make sure there is enough room for other cars to drive around you.

## Membership Renewal

Membership renewals for 2018 are due by 31 December 2017.

The 2018 fees is **\$62** for continuing members and **\$82** for new members (this includes a \$20 one-off joining fee).

If you have yet to renew your membership, you can do so at our Christmas lunch.

### Lucky Membership Draw

As an incentive to renew your membership **by the end of the year**, all those who pay their fees by 31 December will go into a lucky draw at the February meeting. The winner will have their 2018 fees refunded in full or transferred to 2019.

### Direct Deposit Details (Westpac)

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

**BSB:** 032170      **Account #:** 355054

All deposits must be:

- ⇒ tagged with a suitable description (eg SURNAME and 2017 membership or Christmas Party).
- ⇒ followed with an email to [info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au](mailto:info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au) with details of your payment so it can be reconciled in the books AND the completed membership form. Contact Di if you need an e-copy.



## 2017 Sydney Branch Christmas Lunch

If you have not confirmed your attendance at our Christmas lunch on 2nd December, there are still a few places left!

Please complete the booking slip below and send it to **Dianne Cassim, 4 Keyworth Drive, Blacktown NSW 2148** together **with your cheque** (payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*) for the appropriate amount (\$30 members/\$35 non-members) by **23 November 2017**. You can also pay online but please email [info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org](mailto:info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org) with the payment details.

**We can only accommodate 100 people so do not delay!** If you require a receipt, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope or you can pick it up on the day.

If you need to bring children who will participate in our lunch, please note that a fee of **\$15 per child** will apply.

**We require that all payments for our lunch are made in advance** and please note that if you commit to come, you will need to pay whether you turn up or not as this is a catered event.

## 2017 Christmas Party Booking Slip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_



## Spotlight on a Cake Decorator - Jeannine Ashby



**How long have you been decorating cakes and what got you started?**

I have been decorating for about 40 years. I needed time out with 4 children. Doing children's birthday cakes, I wanted to go further, so I joined Concord evening

college where Dawn Field was teaching. Dawn introduced me to Cake Decorators Guild in North Sydney.



**How long have you been a member of the Guild?**

I joined in 1989 and haven't looked back.

**What do you enjoy most about the meetings?**

I enjoy the demonstrations and friendships. Truthfully, I am not a meetings person, but I was on the Committee for a while which I liked very much.

**Has cake decorating changed much in the time you've been doing it?**

Cake decorating has changed greatly. We did everything by hand and no tools, great experiences with a lot of piping, lace work and frilling. Now a lot of tools are being used which makes it easier and now naked cakes are in with butter creaming around the cake.



**Your most memorable piece/decorated cake?**



**What is the most rewarding part of cake decorating?**

For many years I have been going to a workshop which is run by Fay Gardner. We have good times decorating and of course friendship. It is our time out from home. We are all like a family, decorating is sharing and that is when you demonstrate, you share your skills with others.

**What was your biggest challenge as a cake decorator?**

My biggest challenge I think was the red car, as I really don't do novelty cakes.



**My other**

**interests include** sewing, my family and volunteering at St Mary's Villa nursing home.

**If you had one piece of advice for a new cake decorator, what would it be?**

New members, a warm welcome to you. Enjoy your time. Do not hesitate to demonstrate. Show your skills. Whatever you see on the internet, you can improve through the guild. **The Guild needs to be more uplifting and look after youngsters.**

## 2018 Branch Committee Positions for Election

Our next Annual General Meeting will take place in February 2018 and the following Committee positions will be up for election:

- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Vice President
- ◆ General Committee (2 positions)

Being on the Committee involves attending Committee meetings (6 per year) and Branch meetings (6 per year). Do consider nominating yourself, and maybe a friend, for a committee position.



### Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc. Nomination Form 2018 Committee

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a financial member of Sydney Branch, hereby accept nomination for the position of Secretary / Vice President / Committee (strike out positions which do not apply)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations to be returned by 16 January 2018 to:**

The Returning Officer  
Mr Greg King  
11 Dowsett Road  
Kingsgrove NSW 2208

### Cake Boxes For Sale

The Guild Shop has various sized cake boxes for sale.

If you need cake boxes, ring Bev Smith on 9788 1838 and she will bring them for you to the December meeting.

8" x 8" x 4"	\$0.75
10" x 10" x 4"	\$0.75
12" x 12" x 4"	\$1.00
13" x 13" x 4"	\$1.25
<i>Boxes with separate lid</i>	
12" x 12" x 4"	\$2.75
15" x 15" x 4"	\$3.00



## Fay Gardner Achievement Award 2017

The winner of the **Fay Gardner Achievement Award** for 2017 will be announced at our Christmas lunch!

### Previous Recipients

- |                                      |                   |
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| 2006 Lyne Fuller                     | 2005 Dorothy King |
| 2007 Helen Barton                    |                   |
| 2008 Margaret Tesoriero              |                   |
| 2009 Lily Ma                         |                   |
| 2010 Jacky Davidson                  |                   |
| 2011 Iris Boxsell                    |                   |
| 2012 Jan Sambrook                    |                   |
| 2013 Denice Fuhrmann                 |                   |
| 2014 Mary Anne Loveridge & Bev Smith |                   |
| 2015 Dorothy Apps                    |                   |
| 2016 Dianne Cassim                   |                   |



# Christmas is a Time for Giving

## Meals on Wheels Cakes

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help bake and decorate fruit cakes to be donated to Meals on Wheels. Christmas is a special time to be celebrated with family and friends and our cakes bring a little cheer into the homes of those who are frail, unwell or disabled.

Each year we invite members to bake and decorate small fruit cakes (4" or 10cm diameter) or ½lb square cake cut into four or smaller if you like). We have been doing this since 1987 and the recipients are very grateful that someone is thinking of them.

We keep a register of your contributions and where it has been sent. We also need to know the ingredients in each cake so please use the basic ingredients list below. You can add to or cross off ingredients then attach it to your cake/s. Numbered stickers will be put on each cake which will correspond to the number on the register.

Please note your name to accompany your cakes or wait with them at the table where you hand them in so they can be recorded correctly.

Microwave oven bags (the generic brand is the best!) are an easy way to wrap the cake which can be tied off with curling ribbon. A covered fruit box from your local fruit shop (mango, banana etc), deep enough to take the height of your cake, will make transportation easier.

If you took cupcake cases or cake boards at the October meeting, please remember to bring them all back, filled or not!

### ***Raffles and donations are entirely voluntary!***

Thank you all in anticipation of your donation.

Ingredients	
Dried fruit	
Nuts	
Plain flour	
SR flour	
Butter / margarine	
Eggs	
Brown sugar	
Jam	
Sherry / alcohol	
Mixed spices	
Icing sugar	
Glucose	
Gelatine	
Glycerine	

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## Ronald McDonald House Raffle

This year we will donate the proceeds of our special raffle to Ronald McDonald House. The prizes are food hampers which are made up from the generosity of our members. **If you would like to contribute, please bring a non-perishable food item (with at least 6 months to the use by date please) to the Christmas lunch.**

## Donation to The Deli

Every year, our members donate \$5 to a nominated charity. Domestic violence is a growing concern in Australia and this year we will send a donation to The Deli Women and Children's Centre, a domestic violence support group.

### ***December Meeting Checklist***

*There are so many things to remember at this time of year – here's a list of what to bring to the December meeting:*

- ◆ *Your mug for tea or coffee*
- ◆ *Library books to be returned*
- ◆ *Completed and signed committee nomination forms for the 2018 Committee*
- ◆ *Membership fees for 2018 (if not already paid)*
- ◆ *Meals On Wheels cakes with ingredients list*
- ◆ *Non-perishable item for the Ronald McDonald House hamper raffle (optional)*
- ◆ *Your happy smile!*

## Sydney Branch Workshops 2018

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We had so much fun at our workshops that we have decided to continue them in 2018! Thank you to the demonstrators, helpers and members who attended so much for your support.

We will be conducting three workshops in the same manner on 5 May, 7 July and 1 September, 2018. These will be run in conjunction with the Juniors meetings so numbers will be very limited. We have found that 20 people is a good number and will be staying with that.

Topics will be—

- Figure (type to be determined. Most likely Carlos Lischetti style);
- Piping and Flooding on Cookies;
- Daisies / mini chrysanthemums —single and multi-petalled.

Demonstrators and their availability have to be confirmed. Looking forward to catching up with familiar attendees and welcome new ones to join us and have some fun!



## Library

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At our last meeting, our intrepid librarian, Melissa Ross, suggested we use an app (smart phone application) to record the books we have in our library. No sooner was the suggestion made than the deed was done!

This link <https://cdgsydneybranch.libib.com/> shows our entire selection of books available at our library each meeting for a small borrowing fee of \$2. Some books do have a deposit that is required. This is returned to you when the book is returned.

If you would like Melissa to have a book ready for you to borrow, please just let her know before the meeting ([info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au](mailto:info@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au)) if you can or on the day and she will get it for you.

Please feel free to let us know if there is a book you would like us to consider adding to our collection.



Madison country courier.com



## Sydney Branch Workshop 3, September 2017

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Sydney Branch awaited eagerly for the third workshop of the year which was conducted in early September. The theme of the workshop was Buttercream flowers. When it did happen, the participants were awe stricken. It was a treat to the eyes when Hong Guan unleashed her talent with immense ease to the astonishment of viewers



Hong Guan at work giving a demonstration.



These Cactii were created by the workshop participants



## October Meeting

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At the October meeting, there were visitors from Bankstown Branch who received a very warm welcome. There were a variety of beautiful demonstrations by Vola Sillick (Snowman), Nikki Van Leeuwen (Pohutakawa) and Jean Palmer (Waratah).

The October meeting saw a return to the Community lunch.

Lunch was followed by a workshop led by Connie McCartney on creating cup cakes with dogs and cats which was thoroughly enjoyable. All in all, it was a delightful day.



We wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and a prosperous New Year

# Photos of Demonstrations and workshop at the October Meeting



Nikki Van Leeuwen with her  
Pohutakawa  
(NZ Christmas Tree)



Snowmen by Vola Sillick



The Waratahs by Jean Palmer



Cupcakes with cats and dogs by  
Connie McCartney

