

# Have you heard of the Mangrove Mountain Bear?

On Monday afternoons a group of community members have been meeting at the Hub on Mangrove Mountain for yarn bombing, Knitting, drinking coffee, crocheting, eating cakes, and chatting and we decided it would be fun to create some knitted bears to donate to the Gosford Hospital and incorporate a bit of a competition at this year's Country Fair. We are putting the challenge out to all our handicraft people to have a go at creating a bear. Mangrove Mountain CWA Evening Branch have donated a cash prize to try and put a bit of interest into this competition.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet come along to the hub on Monday afternoons and take a few lessons. We have given you a pattern to try and get you started, but, you can create your own pattern.

Hope to see plenty of bears at the fair.

Instructions for crochet – 1 CHAIN, counts as one stitch, rows work the same.

## LEGS

Cast on 10 stitches and knit 20 rows – leave on needle.

Cast on another 10 stitches and knit 20 rows.

## BODY

Knit 26 rows across the two legs – and then

## ARMS

Cast on 12 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows.

Knit 10 rows.

Cast off 12 stitches at the beginning

# Call for Poll on Council Demerger

One NSW council demerging - 3 others trying - it's time the Central Coast community had their say.

On 24 August 2022, the Minister for Local Government announced that Cootamundra Gundagai Council would demerge, This outcome is the result of a long community battle - and then Council resolution - calling for the demerger.

This is not the only Council, or community, that recognises the 2016 Council mergers have delivered a poor

of the next two rows.

## HEAD

Knit 46 rows.

## ARMS

Cast on 12 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows.

Knit 10 rows.

Cast off 12 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows.

## BODY

Knit 26 rows – then

## LEGS

Knit 20 rows on first 10 stitches and cast off.

Join yarn to remaining 10 stitches knit 20 rows - then cast off.

## TO MAKE UP:

Fold Bear in half and Sew feet and side seams.

Stuff Bear with polyester fibre filling.

Stitch across corners to make the ears and sew across the head.

Tie a short length of wool around what will be the neck – about 11/2 inches from top of bear.

Draw in slightly and sew and stuff arms.

Embroider eyes and nose and tie a ribbon around the neck.

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Mangrove Mountain Evening Branch



MANGROVE MOUNTAIN BEAR PATTERN – ONE PIECE

	Wool or Baby Wool	Needle Size	Hook Size
Small Bear	3 ply	12	1.5
	4 ply	14	2
Middle Size Bear	4 ply	12	
Large Bear but 2 stitches less on each leg and arm	5 ply	10	2
Largest Bear	8 ply	8	4



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