



## Needlework Tool Collectors Society of Australia Inc.

### 2025 Conference

#### *Treasures from the Work Basket*

### Information Page

**Thursday 23 October 2025:** Registration 8.00am, Conference 9.00am–4.15pm  
**Dinner (prepaid)** 7.00pm – 10.30pm

**Friday 24 October 2025: Registration** 8.00am, Conference 9.00am–3.30pm

At the

### **Venue: View Melbourne –**

**562 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004. Telephone: 03 9529 8888**

#### **Conference activities include:**

##### **Speakers:**

Marlene Arditto - *Tools and Treasures from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century*

Karen Kearney - *My Humble Workbox...and its contents"*

Susan Webster - *A Survey of Workboxes 1780 – 1860. Evolution of workboxes from bags and cabinets*

Nicola Kissane - *History and Stitchery – Needlework Treasures of South Australia*

Jo Armstrong - *Straw Work & Prisoners of War Work*

**Short talks:** There will be short talks on related topics:

**After dinner speaker:** Laura Jovic – *Drapers to Department Stores the Colonial Australian Context*

One of the activities will be **‘The Popularity Contest- Hand made’**

All members coming to the Conference are invited to make ONE item which you would find in a work basket and bring it to the conference for display.

All conference attendees can vote for their favourite by placing a gold coin near the item of their choice. The winning item will be the one with the most coins, by number, not value. There is a prize for the winner.

The ever- popular **Guessing Competition** – attendees will be invited to guess: the number of threads and reels in a work basket (on display)

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Sales Mall on Friday

Extensive raffles of tools and related items

**Conference Dinner (pre paid)** on Thursday night ..... \$ 60.00 per person (drinks at own cost)

**Guest Speaker:** *Laura Jovic*

**Attendance is by ticket only**

Conference Registration ticket:..... \$ 150.00 per person

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**Commemorative tool.** A **sterling silver** thread winder - Cost will be \$40. Order form to be sent out in June and tool to be picked up from registration desk at conference. These will be in a small fabric bag with our logo.

**Accommodation** - Special prices are available for Conference attendees.

When making your booking, please quote “**Needlework Tool Collectors 2025 Conference**” to secure the special rate.

Contact the View Melbourne on 03 9529 8888 or [stay.melbourne@viewhotels.com.au](mailto:stay.melbourne@viewhotels.com.au)

**On site Parking** is available at the View Melbourne at own cost

### QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

#### *Wednesday*

3.00 – 5.00pm

Meeting of interstate representative

5.30pm

Conference Registration and Informal Drinks at own cost – can be followed by Hotel Dinner at own expense –

**If you plan to dine at the hotel on Friday evening, please book when checking in.**

#### *Thursday*

8.00am - 9.00 am

Conference Registration

9.00am - 9.15 am

Welcome & information/housekeeping

9.15am - 12.00 noon

Speakers/raffles/ activities

12.00noon- 1.30 pm

Lunch

1.30pm- 4.15 pm

Speakers/raffles/ activities

4.15pm - 6.30 pm

At Leisure

6.30pm- 7.00 pm

Pre dinner drinks at own expense

7.00pm- 10.30pm

Silent Auction

Conference Dinner speaker Laura Jovic:

*From Drapers to Department Stores - The Colonial Australian context*

#### *Friday*

8.30 am 9.00 am

Conference Registration

9.00 am 11.00 am

Sales Mall & packing up, Show & Tell (pre arranged), Display of Collection

11.00 am 11.30 am

Morning tea/ Raffle tickets/ Guessing Competition

11.30 am 12.00 pm

Speaker

12.00 pm 1.30 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm 3.30 pm

Drawing raffles – Silver combination piece in rosewood box  
& other raffles

3.30 pm

Conclusion and Farewell