



Weaving magic: Macarthur Spinners and Weavers Guild members Norma Welch, Val Finch, Erika Fritz and Raelene McAdam teach the craft to Iraqi-born Zahra Al Mudhsar of Mount Annan. **Picture:** Jonathan Ng

Women's work is wheel work

By Illiana Stillitano

THEY'VE come from different countries at different times, but a group of migrant women will come together this month to celebrate their diversity through craft.

Camden Council and Macarthur Diversity Services are hosting a series of workshops for women of non-English-speaking backgrounds to learn how to spin wool, knit and crochet, quilt and embroider.

The workshops started last week and will be held each Wednesday at Narellan Library.

After spinning the wheel, experiencing the loom and knitting and sewing up a storm, the women will be challenged to choose one of the crafts and attend 10 weekly classes where they will make their own textile.

Camden Council's Harmony Arts Project co-ordinator Richard Petkovic said the projects would be exhibited at Camden

IN A SPIN

- Create a woollen bag, dress or scarf at the knitting workshop, today, 10am to noon.
- Design and make a three-layered quilt, August 19, 10am to noon.
- Decorate fabric with pearls, beads, quills and sequins using needle and thread, August 26, 10am to noon.

Civic Centre next May.

"The idea is to engage women from different cultural backgrounds to express themselves through one of these art forms," he said.

Zahra Al Mudhsar, from Mount Annan, has signed up for the workshops.

"She's very much into craft and learning new things," said her daughter, Sana Al-Ahmar, a family settlement worker at Macarthur Diversity Services.

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