

# ANNUAL BULLETIN



## 2022

*Warming the World with Love*

*'Our mission is to distribute wraps through aid agencies and charities to those needing warmth'*



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## Report from the Chair



Who would have thought two and a half years later we would still be talking about COVID? It has had a huge impact on Wrap with Love in many ways including having to close the warehouse again in 2021 for a number of months. However, our knitters have been amazing and just kept producing an abundance of fantastic wraps and squares. The biggest problems for us have been the lack of available shipping and the costs of containers which has increased from \$5000 to \$15000 and with oil problems they are bound to rise again. So many Aid agencies have been unable to ship overseas.

Upon arriving at the warehouse this year, we were greeted with a huge number of wraps, a little overwhelming I must say. But Armenia have taken 2000 and it was great to help Tonga with 1500 after their devastating tsunami. APY Lands recently received 2500.

We have also delivered approximately 620 to Lismore and 100 to Nepean floods. More will be sent as requested. Lots of local charities like women's and men's refugees have received wraps this year. A total of 11000 wraps have left the warehouse in the first six months. Many people have asked about Ukraine? Well, we are in the process of sending 300 wraps with medical supplies.

Many thanks to **DHL** for the bags we re-use. This has had its challenges because of lack of shipping. We are grateful to **Millers** who once again ran a campaign for WWL during April and May and acted as drop off centres. **Spotlight** has just come on board to be drop off points throughout Australia.

Thanks to **Chris Fewtrell** who travels many kilometres to various warehouses picking up wraps. A big thank you to **Sydney Council** for our accommodation grant, to **Guardian Funerals, Tobin Bros, Meg and Tom Gervay** and to **Michael Soker**. Thanks to **Gillian Mauchan** for our web page and the Virtual Knitting Group Facebook page which now seems to have its own community and to **Kate Molyneux** for her administration and contributions to the web page. My thanks also to **Dale Halloran, Sue Edwards, Reg Edwards** and **Jennifer Gordon** for our wonderful bulletin.

Thanks to our warehouse volunteers who continued to come masked up and working during difficult times. To all our knitters, crocheters and sewers a huge thank you for all your amazing work helping to keep people warm in Australia and around the world. Thanks also to all our volunteers, area contacts, drop off facilities, libraries and transport companies for their contributions.

Keep safe, healthy and strong and most of all keep knitting so we can continue keeping people warm. LORRAINE

## Wrap with Love Committee Members 2022

**Chair:** Lorraine Sutton **Treasurer & Public Officer:** Gillian Mauchan **Secretary:** Patty Bruniges **Committee members:** Lyn Bates, Linda Brooke, Lynne Elliott, Meredith Harris, Alexis Lander

**Editors' note:** We are very appreciative of Lorraine's and Patty's willingness to continue in their roles for another year.



## Dates for the Year

Friday 2nd December 2022

Last Day for drop off

Friday 2nd December 2022

Warehouse closes

Friday 27th Jan 2023

Warehouse reopens.



## A Chat with Simon Marnie



"I remember when Angela Catterns suggested we get behind Wrap with Love as an event to bring the community together and everyone at then 702 ABC Sydney instantly getting behind it. We never envisaged it growing to the annual event attracting thousands of people and creating such a huge number of "wraps" to be sent out to those who needed it. As it grew, we saw community groups from across Sydney and then NSW marshal to knit away in little woollen "guerrilla" groups meeting weekly to create the pieces that would come together on the one big Knit In day. Why even my neighbour Eunice would wave to me as she

headed off to her weekly knitting sessions in preparation for the big day and then meet me out the front of my house for the trip into Ultimo. And then each year we would have The Knit-In at the ABC headquarters in Ultimo. What a gathering. The Breakfast Show would highlight the morning broadcasting from the atrium as thousands of needles clicked and clacked for a common cause. And what a gathering of people it was grandmothers and granddaughters, neighbours and groups from all walks of life, chatting away and enjoying each other's company. Why, I even remember seeing the wife of our (then) Chairman, Donald McDonald, sitting in a knitting circle with audience members each united with a common cause. A feature of the broadcast was the indefatigable Sonia Gidley-King OAM who each year, backed by hundreds of volunteers, drove the event through its ten years or so as a fixture of the ABC Sydney calendar. I also take heart that Wrap with Love outgrew the ABC and continues its vital work bringing warmth in both blankets and community to the volunteers and the people who receive such vital help, assistance and comfort from such an effort." **Simon**

## Volunteers at the warehouse



**Patty Bruniges** grew up in wool farming country in NSW and was inspired by the sensible practicality of WWL after hearing Sonia- Gidley King OAM being interviewed by Angela Catterns. Patty has been an Executive member of WWL for many years, currently as Secretary and previously as an assistant to the Treasurer and Public Officer. Over time she has noticed more email contact rather than more personal contact by letters and cards. She has witnessed the increasing strength of the organisation, wonderful donations from people and the improved quality of the wraps. In spite of all the problems associated with COVID, people have still knitted and crocheted. As well as her Secretarial role, Patty picks up wraps/squares from her

local area, caters for the RFS, is involved in a local Mahjong group and always has on hand large numbers of squares to sew into wraps. Her highlights have been the ABC and Hornsby Library Knit-ins and the celebration day held at the Sydney Masonic Club.



**Alexandra (Alex) Gonzales** became involved with WWL through her Chilean alumni connection with Kincoppal Rose Bay and subsequent meeting with Sonia Gidley-King OAM. She has been a warehouse volunteer since 2010 and during that time she has taken on the roles of packing, quality control, crocheting edges (also at home) and as well is a past member of the committee. Friday is the most important day of her week where she is delighted to be helping wrap the community with love whilst working in a very warm and positive environment. Over her time, she has witnessed a real growth in the production of quality wraps.



**Sue Zanco** who has been involved since 2013 chose WWL because her mother had been a great knitter and crocheter. She always looks forward to her time at the warehouse, enjoying the camaraderie of the good team of volunteers and the working together for such a worthwhile cause. Her roles include packing, sorting squares, administrative work and catering at events with the 25th Anniversary Celebration, her meeting Angela Catterns and the stunning wraps that are produced being her highlights. Previously she has picked up wraps from Concord Library but a move to the Southern Highlands now prevents her doing this, but Sue will still be volunteering at the warehouse on a regular basis. She laments the loss of people through retirement as one loses the people of a certain age and what they represent. She admires the wonderful leadership of the organisation.

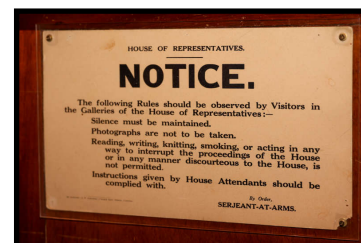
**Busy Bees at the Warehouse** – a day in the life of volunteers packing, sewing, sorting, labelling and working at the computer in the warehouse.



## Catching up with some knitters, crocheters and stitchers

### ACT

**Canberra Knitters and Crocheters** group's project in 2021 was to engage members and newcomers in producing a square leading to the production of 242 wraps. The group took over Old Parliament House on World Wide Knit-in Public Day on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The goal was to prove that knitters and crocheters are valued members of society who should not be banned from the House of Representatives. Knitting was originally forbidden in The House being deemed disrespectful to the work at hand. Coordinator **Ruth Oldfield** is very proud of the ACT crafting community members and their continued support of WWL.



**Gordon Community Group** started with Wrap with Love in late 2020. The knitters, crocheters and sewers have been producing wraps at lightning speed and COVID has just sped them up. Each wrap is a labour of love as so many hours of work and skill go into making them. The members gain pleasure hearing where the wraps go to support those in need.



### New South Wales

**Abbotsbury Uniting Church** members completed 66 wraps during the lockdown of 2021. They were delighted to again meet face to face, enjoy the weekly friendship and share a further 60 completed wraps. They are very grateful to **Stockland** for the Care Grant that enabled them to purchase a twelve-month supply of wool.



**Bonnyrigg Library** asked **Rachel Versace** in February 2018 to be a volunteer knitting coordinator. She had already been crocheting wraps for WWL. Her group now meets every Wednesday and all the squares produced are crocheted together by **Pandora Loncar** who, with Rachel, delivers the wraps to the warehouse. Since 2018 the group has made 246 wraps.



## Caringbah's Laguna Street Public School



Teacher **Jane Smith** in 2006 heard an interview on ABC radio about 'Wrap with Love'. She thought it would be great to start a knitting club at school. The response from boys and girls in Year 2 and above was great. The students met at lunchtime, assisted by parents, grandparents, teachers and members of the school community. Jane retired in 2011 and **Maureen Sheppard** has coordinated this project since. Squares and wraps have been beautifully knitted and crocheted by students and their extended family and friends and every year as



part of the Education Week celebrations the wraps are displayed in the school library.

**Valmae Strong** whose granddaughter was a participant has been actively involved in this project by assisting with the knitting club and sewing the squares into wraps. Maureen delivers the wraps to the Wrap with Love Warehouse where they are ready to be packed and sent to places such as Syria, Africa, India, flood victims from Lismore, refugees and Aboriginal communities whose needs are greatest. Since 2006 they have produced 1014 wraps which is a fantastic effort.

**Coffs Harbour District Knitters** covers a wide area from Woolgoolga and Corindi in the north, to Dorrigo in the west, Nambucca Heads to the south plus all of the Coffs Harbour Shire. The main groups contributing are the **Woopi Yarners, Red Rock Group, Dorrigo Plateau Knitters, Knambucca Knitters and Coffs Quilters and Needlecraft Club** as well as many anonymous contributors who drop off their work on a regular basis. COVID-19 restrictions did not stop people from working with 502 wraps and 1241 squares being sent to the Sydney warehouse. The Coffs Harbour Library, a drop off point, hosts a Yarn and Yack session once a month where many have learnt to knit and crochet. WWL is always promoted here and also at the Coffs Harbour Quilters and Needlecraft Club's weekly show and tell. Special thanks to **Lindsay Transport** for kindly delivering the packed wraps and squares to Sydney.



**The Woopi Yarners** began in early 2006 and now meets weekly on a Thursday morning. The group of 10 – 16 ladies has, over the years, sent 1259 wraps and is very grateful to the district coordinator **Margaret Hivon** for her superb work. A number of wraps this year have gone to the Lismore area to help people devastated by recent flooding. The group gets immense satisfaction from its donations and the provision of a lovely social gathering each week.

**Coonabarabran Knitting Group** - If you were to line up all the 10-inch squares local knitters have produced for the Wrap With Love charity over the past decade, they would stretch a mammoth five kilometres! That is enough squares to run from the 70 kilometre limit signs on either side of town, but the Coonabarabran Knitting Group doesn't look like slowing down anytime soon. This year the Wrap With Love knitting crew have met most Mondays at the Coonabarabran Library and prepared wraps for aid agencies and charities to deliver to people needing warmth throughout the world. In 2021 the Coonabarabran group sent 113 completed wraps to Sydney. This now means that in the past 10 years, the group has created a grand total of 787 wraps - more than the population of Baradine.



## Corrimal's St Columbkille's Catholic Women's League Wrap with Love Group

coordinated by **Maureen Bradley** meets in the Parish Centre every second Wednesday of the month. Due to dwindling numbers the group is trying to recruit new members. They also have locals who knit and crochet squares in their homes. **Karen Fitzgerald** delivers the wraps to WWL at Alexandria. Since 2013, 2000 wraps have been completed. Members enjoy a chat together over a cuppa whilst sewing, knitting and crocheting.



**Eugowra Knitting Group** was started by the late **Helen Perry** who was motivated by the ABC Knit -ins. In 2000 she organised a group of 15 ladies who were very grateful for her hospitality and ability to store wool and wraps in her home. **Daph Thompson and Mavis Cross** who are now the coordinators set up a monthly meeting in the local craft shop. There are also contributions of wraps, squares and wool from members of the community and the completed wraps are sent to the Orange Library. Over the last 20 years the group has produced 795 wraps and on Australia Day was very proud to receive the Eugowra Community Group of the Year Award. WWL congratulates you.



**Forestville Seniors Mahjong Club** - When lockdown began in 2020 **Patty Bruniges** of the Forestville Seniors' Mahjong Club and her friends **Les, Mia, Jan and Estelle** decided to knit and crochet squares for WWL. Over the past two years they have produced many squares which have been sewn together into wraps. They are back playing Mahjong but still creating!

**Galston & Glenorie Community** of friends from a variety of centres met in a local park where they showcased the many lovely colourful wraps that they had created during the year. They enjoy having these days where they catch up with one another and have a good knit and natter together.



**Gordon-Pymble Community Centre** - **Sophie** is a Flight Attendant with Qantas and during Covid she heard about WWL and she came to the centre to learn to knit. She was a quick learner and her work was really impressive. After the latest lockdown she arrived with a bag of 70 beautifully knitted squares. What a great achievement for someone who has just learnt to knit.

**Goulburn WWL Knitters Group** was started in 1995 by the wife of a local minister who heard a media interview with WWL founder Sonia Gidley-King OAM and has been active ever since. The group which meets monthly at the Goulburn Soldiers Club still has some original members involved with there being approximately 14 knitters and stitchers and a further 6-7 community knitters. Generous donations of yarn are received from the community. The current area contact is **Geraldine Warren**. The Goulburn Knitters work closely with **The Grove Ngunnawal Retirement Village Crafters** in Canberra co-ordinated by Canberra area contact **Trish Hyland**. Arrangements are made to meet halfway between Goulburn and Canberra to collect squares to then be sewn into complete wraps for delivery to **White Ladies Funerals** in Canberra for transport to the warehouse. We are very grateful for their efforts. This collaboration has enabled an increase in output to 250 wraps annually with approximately 35 being used locally. Members are all very keen craftspeople who enjoy being part of a very practical project to assist others in need.



**Inverell Library Knitters Group** has completed 68 wraps which have been packed up and donated to the flood victims of Lismore. They have been given to the local Inverell RSM who have been collecting various donations for the flood victims and will be responsible for distributing what they receive.












Janet Savage started a knitting group 16 years ago with friends from the Epping Presbyterian Church which over the years has knitted hundreds of wraps. She believes the label featuring a kangaroo enables everyone all over the world to think of Australia and the wraps that are made with LOVE. She still rallies her friends to continue supporting WWL.



Joan O'Halloran - "I found an advertisement for WWL in the church newspaper in November 1992 when WWL had just begun. I started knitting immediately so it has been nearly 30 years of involvement. I began crocheting when knitting became painful. I am not part of a knitting group. We have about seven crafters, we have had more but age, as in bad hands and poor eyesight, has diminished our numbers. I don't know how many wraps I have made prior to 1997, but since then I have crocheted 716 wraps and sewn together 305 from squares my friends have made. After the dreadful bushfires in Cobargo and district we worked hard and offered about 60 wraps to those who lost homes. They were much appreciated. For me, Wrap With Love is a huge part of my life. I have spoken about WWL at various gatherings and I always point out that there are millions of cold people in the world, but for the ONE cold person who gets YOUR Wrap, his or her world has changed. My crafters feel how worthwhile it is to make squares and that they can make a difference for someone. For one lady who is used to physical work and can no longer do it, crocheting squares is her "saviour."

**Editors' note:** Congratulations to Joan for being named Cobargo Citizen of the Year. From her speech (on Australia Day) where she mentioned WWL, she received many donations of wool to be shared by all the knitters.

**Kiama Knitting Group** held a Worldwide Knit-in Public Day event in Kiama on Saturday 11th June to jointly celebrate and support Kiama's municipal council-managed Care Home at Blue Haven Bonaira and Wrap With Love local stitchers. For this event at Matterson Hall (next to the Care Home) there were :

-  a display of "Two Dozen of our Best" hand-stitched wraps with information about WWL local partnerships;
-  a craft stall of local handmade gifts;
-  devonshire morning and afternoon teas;
-  a raffle of two wraps (made locally and given to us specifically for the purpose of this raffle);
-  a silent auction of another blanket (literally, a giant granny square approx 58 inches square, and again made locally and given specifically for this purpose).

The main point of the day's event was to celebrate ways of knitting in public, including through local support for WWL and to acknowledge and provide local support for those who have done it tough through serial Covid lockdown these past two years. After the event the display wraps were delivered to Wrap With Love.



**Margaret Atley** aged 88, from Deniliquin has produced over time 100+ wraps which she posts to Sydney. She has been involved for many years and has always taken her knitting bag with her when she has travelled and even on visits to hospital.



**Naomi Robards** an inspired 17 year old heard about Wrap with Love and got the idea of putting a note in her neighbours' letterboxes asking for knitted squares. She planned to sew the squares into wraps but was overwhelmed when she receive 500+ squares. She took the squares to the warehouse and was delighted that people in need would be blessed with the warmth of a handknitted wrap. She believes that "when action meets compassion then lives change".

**Newcastle and Surrounds WWL Networking Group** is a fairly new sub group formed just before the first COVID lockdown. The group is coordinated by **Helen Coady** and has become a network with no formal meetings. They are continuing the wonderful work that **Shirley Chapman** did for 25 years. Helen who visits each week to pick up items would like to acknowledge the great help given by the staff including **Alex and Anne** of the Wallsend Library, which acts as a drop off point for wraps and squares from various locations including **Karuah**.



**Normanhurst** - Loreto Normanhurst has a values-based philosophy in which it encourages its students to become "compassionate warriors" who have a strong sense of civic responsibility and use their beliefs to enact change for the good. Therefore, the opportunity to support Wrap with Love aligns with being a global citizen; a student who puts justice and compassion at the forefront of her actions. Loreto has been involved for at least 10 years with approximately 150 girls and boarding staff members now involved. The program is coordinated by Jacinta Wells and the knitting group meets once a week. The program has grown to become a key part of the Loreto Normanhurst Extra-Curricular program. Extra-Curricular activities are highly valued at Loreto as they promote a holistic education and a balanced approach to one's schooling. Students are also encouraged to participate as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award and community service initiatives. Last year Loreto produced 20 blankets.



**North Sydney's Stanton Library Group** meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The Stanton Library has made its conference room available for use by WWL group members for this purpose for which they are very appreciative. During the Covid-19 pandemic when the library was closed, the members continued to produce wraps at home. When small groups were permitted to meet again, they met under the beautiful trees at Greenwood Plaza and continued their knitting and crocheting while enjoying each other's company. One of the volunteers, **Linda Brooke**, also works at the warehouse on Fridays and transports wraps when they are completed along with collecting bags of squares to be completed into wraps.

At the request of the library and council, group members run sessions teaching members of the public to knit and crochet and share information about 'Wrap with Love'. Despite these other projects, 'Wrap with Love' remains their main focus and members continue to knit, crochet and sew productively.

**Tamworth Knitters Group** commenced many years ago and has had a number of venues and sponsors over that time. The group has always held an annual Knit-in and collection at the local library. In 2008 the group was offered the library as both a meeting place (now every Friday morning) and a storage collection point for donations from other country towns such as Gunnedah, Narrabri and of course Tamworth. From here they are transported to Sydney by a local business courier for which the group is very grateful. From 2008 -2021 the group has sent 2295 wraps to the warehouse and hopes the recipients derive as much pleasure as the ladies knitting them do. The group also has members who knit extras for local community groups including the Special Baby Care Unit at the local hospital, Trauma Teddies for the Red Cross, the local Women's Refuge, Heaven Can Wait Animal Shelter and most recently baby wraps for flood victims. The group wishes to acknowledge the library staff for their support as well as all contributing members of the community.





**Waitara – Hornsby - Pamela Webster** retired in 2006 and took part in the WWL group at Hornsby Library



leading up to the Knit-in at the ABC. Having enjoyed it so much, the group approached the General Manager Sue Harrison to allow the group to meet there on a regular basis. When the ABC ceased hosting the Knit-ins, Sue, together with WWL, organised Knit-ins at the library. So, from humble beginnings in 2007 the group grew to about 50 members until the Covid pandemic in 2020. All kept knitting though and in the last year have sent 668 wraps to WWL.

In 2015 Pamela moved to **The Grange**, Waitara, an over 55's facility, and started a **Knit and Natter Group** on Friday afternoons in the community lounge. This group grew to about 25 crafty ladies and proved to be a great venue for residents to get to know one another whilst contributing to a number of great causes. Some knit squares, some complete wraps and all have knitted a couple of community wraps. One of the ladies, **Shirley Williamson**, designs and knits garments, which are auctioned to raise funds for WWL. Before Covid about \$1,200 was raised and this year \$320 from the 4 garments pictured. Another 4 garments are being auctioned in June. Pamela believes Wrap with Love is a win - win group. It provides love and warmth to the many people both here and abroad who desperately need it and it gives the contributors a sense of purpose and community.

**Yamba and McLean Knitting Groups - Pat Day** from Townsend has been involved with WWL from the early days when she heard about Sonia Gidley-King OAM (who had been ahead of her at school). She led the Yamba and Maclean groups. They are aiming to have a library display to celebrate 30 years of WWL. They are very grateful to **Blanchard Transport** and the local sugar refinery's donation of cartons for packing completed wraps. The members of the group enjoy the companionship with their oldest member being 92. Some of their wraps were given out locally after the devastating bushfires.



**Yass's Margaret Reidy** was inspired to make a difference by reading about Sonia Gidley-King OAM. She started a group about 10 years ago which now meets on the second Monday of the month in the local library. The library also gratefully acts as a drop off point. Over the years friendships have flourished and challenges have presented with knitters relocating, deciding to knit from home and COVID. A great group, headed by **Caroline**, enthusiastically sew up the squares. The group produces approximately 58 wraps each year and also sends a couple to Nepal when able. Margaret delivers the wraps to a local funeral parlour in Kingston ACT. Volunteering and knitting for charities are challenged by the lack of involvement of younger people.



**Young's Patty Miller** reports that over the last 4 years the **Young Knitters Group** has produced 400+ wraps. There are 12 – 15 ladies who meet regularly every Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Club where they enjoy socialising as well as gaining creative inspiration from one another. They also have people contributing from home. The group has produced some wraps for Meals on Wheels, people post rehab, the Oncology Ward and for people on the street. They are very grateful to **Brian Dorman** for transporting the wraps to Sydney.



## Queensland

**Durack Lovewraps Group** convened by **Daphne Lithgow-May** has been knitting and sewing since 1994. Members knit squares at home and bring them in on a Saturday morning to sew into colourful wraps. They are grateful to **Simon National Carrier** who delivers the wraps to Alexandria. Since 1994 they have created 5048 wraps which is an outstanding achievement. Donations of \$1000 from the Residents' Club and \$1200 from local politicians provides funds to buy yarn. The members love being part of Wrap with Love.

## South Australia



**Sue Crouch** continues to coordinate Wrap with Love in South Australia. Due to Covid-19 and difficulties transporting wraps to Sydney, most of the wraps have been distributed locally. Many thanks to **Sue Jackson** for coordinating the Blackwood and Belair groups, **Lyn Wells** for the Corowood group and **Colleen Jaensch** for the Strathalbyn group. A special thanks to **Lyn Wilson** for assisting in sending wraps to the homeless, indigenous groups and refugee associations. Many thanks to all the South Australian contributors for your continued commitments to Wrap with Love over the last 25 years. **Jodie and Jim** from the Junction Homeless and Domestic Violence Service at Goolwa distribute wraps on the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island.







## Tasmania.

**Carleen Hunniford** from Bellerive, who derives great satisfaction from her involvement, has been knitting for WWL since 1999. She became aware of the organisation through her church newsletter. Initially she was sending her knitted squares to Sydney but now, along with support, sews donated squares together and posts the completed wraps to Sydney. Some wraps have also been donated to the local Women's Shelter.



## Wraps on the run to the warehouse

We are indebted to a number of people who travel great distances to deliver wraps to the warehouse or areas of need as illustrated below:

-  **Robyn Burton** who picks up from Penrith and the lower Blue Mountains
-  **Chris Fewtrell** who picks up from numerous depots all over Sydney
-  **Jenny Rzepa** from Batemans Bay who brings wraps from the South Coast returning home the same day
-  **Dorothy and Murray Billsborrow** who do the round from Cootamundra in a day
-  **Jenny Green** brings wraps from Newcastle to St Ives where Lorraine picks them up to bring to the warehouse
-  Recently **Lorraine and her husband Alan** took wraps to her brother-in-law in Newcastle who then transported them to **Josh** in Coffs Harbour who then transported them to people in need in Lismore. This was supported by **Hansen Yuncken**.

## Wraps distributed around the world

Country or Agency	2021
Australia	4020
Afghanistan	60
Armenia	2057
Ethiopia	17
Fiji	280
Lebanon	900
Papua New Guinea	18
Syria	2167
Tonga	520
World Vision	3085
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>13124</b>



**An outstanding effort** - total number of wraps dispatched since 1992= **554567**



## Australia



**APY Lands** in South Australia distributed wraps to Ceduna, Whyalla, Port Augusta and Murray Bridge and are very grateful to WWL.

**Auburn** - A happy Afghan refugee family was very grateful to receive handmade wraps from Australia given with love to keep them warm. They have been able to settle in Auburn and will be kept warm and secure in their wraps.



### Australian Syrian Association Victoria



**Amyna Helou**, from the Association advises that “winter started quite early for us in Victoria this year making us appreciate the provisions that we have even more than usual and able to empathise for those who have cold weather without the necessary provisions. Such is the situation for many of the internally displaced people inside Syria. It is because of the generous hands and warm hearts of the members of Wrap with Love that an important and sizeable provision is provided to these vulnerable people. In 2021, 2167 beautiful warm wraps were generously donated and distributed to internally displaced people inside Syria. We at the Australian Syrian Association Victoria sincerely thank the volunteers at Wrap with Love for their generous contribution of warm wraps. It is your efforts that spark hope in the hearts of these people who know that someone from the other side of the world is thinking of them and lovingly giving their time and effort to give a helping hand.”

**Catholic Care Blacktown** has 200 staff working in the area of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains in aged care services, gambling concerns, housing stress, homelessness, the Aboriginal Centre and the Men’s Shed in Mt. Druitt. On their night patrols they distribute wraps to the homeless. They thank WWL.

**The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)** Redfern is a Catholic organisation under the diocese of Sydney. It aims to help communities in La Perouse, Alexandria and Redfern with food, petrol and wraps. In La Perouse wraps are given in a winter pack to the elders and in Alexandria the wraps are given to the community members coming out of hospital and those coming out of prison. They also make packs for Goulburn and Canberra elders. They all love their wraps as do the parishioners.

**Northern Beaches Women’s Shelter** is grateful for the lovely wraps given to them. This gift of love shows the women in crisis that people in the community care about them. This year every resident received a wrap on Mother’s Day at a special breakfast.



**Providential Homes** is a Christian non-denominational not for profit organisation established in 2010 by Cheryle and Warren Weir in response to the increased need for temporary and emergency accommodation in Sydney. It began with five brand new four- bedroom town houses in Rooty Hill. Providential now provides food, clothing and shelter to thousands of people every year across Sydney. Their mission is to provide high quality temporary accommodation, personal support for individuals and families and assistance for people in breaking the cycle of homelessness and dependency through a management team and services network. WWL wraps are given to everyone who is provided temporary accommodation. The recipients are very grateful as they are provided with something unique and this makes them feel special.



**Ukraine Refugees** - WWL provided wraps to Ukraine refugees who recently arrived in Australia. Many thanks to the ladies for picking them up at the warehouse.

**Women Up North** is a Northern NSW service for women, children and young people who have experienced domestic or family violence or abuse. They are based in the Northern Rivers, working from Grafton to Tweed Heads. Nikita Towney of the Bugalma Bihyn Refuge draped in a WWL wrap holds a certificate thanking WWL for partnering with Women Up North.



## International

**The Australian Federation of Qadisha Maronite Region** thanks Wrap with Love Inc. for their kind donation of knitted wraps to Bsharri in North Lebanon. Since the Beirut explosion, Lebanon is suffering a shortage of goods and supplies. Given the current economic crisis Lebanon is facing, the gift of wraps is very valuable and greatly appreciated. – Coordinated by Clothesline Inc. Sydney



## Retiring Volunteers

**Diana Johnson** who has been well supported by her husband **John** has been an outstanding coordinator for many years in the NSW Central Coast district.

**Kate Molyneux** has for a number of years been a valuable contributor to the administration of Wrap with Love.


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
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