

HOW TO HELP

We are a not-for-profit community group.

What we really need is garment material, good cotton, buttons, wool, elastic and *of course* our most important resource, people.

If people wish to donate money, we use that to purchase additional raw materials.



WHEN/WHERE WE MEET

Visitors and or new members are always welcome.

Our group works in St Gabriel's church hall on Stoney Creek Road, Bexley on :

- ◆ Tuesdays from 9.30 to 3.00pm &
- ◆ Thursdays from 9.30 to 12.30pm

For more information please contact :

- ◆ Patricia Will on 9502 2471 or
- ◆ Betty Scott on 9567 6652



ANGELS IN ACTION

Gabbies Sewing Angels



ABOUT GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Ten years ago four ladies began sewing garments after seeing a friend, who was home on leave from volunteer work in Africa, making baby matinee jackets and ladies shifts. She explained that the new born babies usually went home from hospital wrapped in newspaper.

Now after ten years the group has expanded to twenty four people of all ages. Whilst composed mostly of ladies, who love to put their sewing talents to work, four of the members are men. One gentleman, a former tailor, cuts out all the shorts and carry bags, another who was in the rag trade for many years, cuts our patterns, solves many of our sewing problems and often produces garments at home. The third threads our marble bags and a fourth sharpens our scissors and makes his utility available for various transporting chores.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2012

Last year our group made 5,020 garments which were distributed to people in the far north of Western Australia, far north of Queensland, Mary MacKillop East Timor, India, Cambodia, Thailand and New Guinea.

Also garments, beanies and carry bags are included in 300 Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes which we pack. These boxes are distributed to children in South East Asia and the South Pacific Islands.



GABBIES ANGELS

Our group is very multicultural in make up, many coming originally from Italy, Malta, China, Samoa and the Philippines.

The fellowship of these members sharing with the Australian born members is a delight to observe. Exchange of stories, cares, worries, customs and recipes cements our friendships whilst achieving something so worthwhile.

In addition, we have a little band of workers who work in their own homes producing clothing, beanies, kitted toys and rugs. The rugs are given to "Wrap with Love" a wonderful organization which gives "cold comfort" to thousands of people both in Australia and throughout the world.