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Report from the Chair - 2018

Our return to the warehouse this year was with great sadness as our CEO Jayne Goodes had passed away on 31st December after a short illness and we were in the process of organising a Celebration of Jayne's life. This event was held in our warehouse on a very warm Saturday, 10th February, with over one hundred people in attendance.

Our warehouse was full of beautiful wraps that had been delivered over our Christmas holidays. A huge thank you to Habit Edition Press for opening the warehouse during our absence.

As I write this report we have already sent out orders totalling over 8,500 wraps. Their destinations are many countries throughout the world and this year we have been very happy to support Anglicare and lots of Australian charities helping people in need.

I must thank Paddy and Ross Glover for all their help in picking up bags from DHL who allow us to re-use their strong plastic bags for packing. Paddy and Ross have been a great help as locals to the warehouse in taking early morning deliveries, also Ross for his handyman skills.

Thank you to Chris Fewtrell and Phil Pryor, Guardian Funerals and Rotary Clubs NSW for great support in travelling to various depots and warehouses for pick-ups of wraps and squares. Transport companies throughout Australia have all been wonderful in helping us collect and deliver blankets to depots or warehouses free of cost.

Our 25th Birthday celebration held at The Commune Warehouse in Bourke Street Waterloo in May was an outstanding success. This was due to the organisation skills of Diana Whitton and the displays and setting up done by Robert Hutcheon (Sonia's son). It was an incredible display of Wraps - it looked like an art gallery of Wraps. People were amazed and thoroughly enjoyed their visits.

I would like to thank ALL our fantastic volunteers who come on a regular basis to help run our warehouse on a Wednesday or Friday and to all our knitters, crocheters and sew-uppers a huge thank you.

We are all shocked at the recent passing of Mary Madgwick who for the past five years has been editor of our annual Bulletin. Mary had been with our Friday volunteers at the warehouse and passed away on the Friday night with her knitting in her hands. She had been a volunteer for ten plus years. VALE Mary. You will be greatly missed.

We look forward to a very productive year with the help of all our volunteers.
Thank you. Lorraine Sutton

Wrap with Love Committee Members 2018

Chair - Lorraine Sutton
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Committee Members - Lorraine Downey,
Alex Gonzalez, Jennifer Gordon, Gillian Mauchan,
Kate Molyneaux, Diana Whitton



Vale Jayne Goodes OAM

Jayne passed away on the 31st December 2017 after a short illness.

Jayne had been a volunteer with Wrap with Love since 1993. She became our Chairperson in 2010 taking over from our founder Sonia Gidley-King. Jayne passionately guided our organisation. She personally knew many of our knitters and always greeted them with delight when they came to the warehouse. As our chair she helped us celebrate both our 20th and 25th anniversaries. Jayne was awarded an OAM for service to the community in the Queen's birthday honours in 2017. Apart from her work with us Jayne had also volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Opening and Closing Ceremonies of Sydney Olympic Games, weekly English lessons as a Second Language and the Lionel Bowen Library.

Jayne was born and educated in Canberra. She worked in London and then as a colour consultant in Nigeria. She ran a successful Art Consultancy business in Sydney for many years. Jayne loved fashion and colour. She was A of the Modern Art Society and the History and Genealogy Society. She had been part of a choir and Senior Citizen group.

We will miss her steady guiding hand and passion for our cause.

Vale Jayne

We acknowledge the passing during the past twelve months of the following much valued contributors to WWL.

Irene Frances, Jayne Goodes, Jill Hayes, Narelle Killingly, Gloria Lewis, Mary Madgewick, Jane Major-Smith, Viv Matthews, Betty Newman, Felicity Pike, Sheila Warby, Dorothy Watman and Wendy Way.

We also acknowledge the contributions of:

Guardian Funerals for providing drop-off facilities for knitters and transfer of goods.

Rotary Clubs for transfer of goods throughout NSW.

Habit Edition Press for opening the Warehouse for deliveries.

Michael Soker APC Internet for the Web Page .

The many **Libraries** and **Transport Companies** who provide assistance.



Thank you Volunteers ...

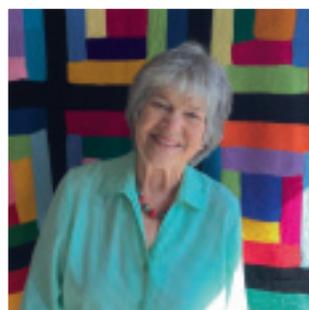
WOW! 25837 wraps for 2017 making a 25-year total of 466,910 wraps.

All of this is due to the many, many volunteers in the form of knitters, crocheters, sewer-uppers, Area Co-ordinators, Drop-off Depot Organisers, packers, picker-uppers, warehouse volunteers, benefactors, publicists and spreaders-of-the word.

All these wonderful volunteers have ensured the flourishing of Wrap with Love over the years.

Such as:

Mary Madgwick



Mary Madgwick had been a Friday Warehouse volunteer for ten years. She was usually to be found sorting 25 cm squares into bags of 28 for stitching ... (and working out ways to use the contributions which didn't meet the 25cm rule!) She was Editor of this Bulletin for the past five years. Mary said volunteering at WWL met her three wishes for voluntary work ... a worthwhile mission, interesting work and happy and committed people to work with. Mary grew up in Armidale ((NSW), and began her working life as a teacher in Sydney. After two years, she joined the ABC's Education Department as producer/director in radio and television.

She much preferred radio and spent a number of years making programs teaching English to adults in China, Vietnam and Cambodia, broadcast through shortwave by Radio Australia. She ran radio training courses in Malaysia, Fiji and South Africa, and in semi-retirement taught English as a Second Language to university and TAFE classes and to private students. Her passion had always been the English language through reading, theatre, children's literature and even grammar. She had always been involved in craft of one sort or another including jewellery making including working with semi-precious stones and polymer clay. She even produced signature earrings for WWL as a fund raiser.

Sadly, Mary passed away unexpectedly on 11th May 2018 and will be sorely missed.

In the Warehouse



At a dinner party 6 years ago, [Chris Fewtrell](#) put up his hand to help collect wraps from Drop off Depots. He travels to the outer western suburbs including Wetherill Park, Smithfield and Arndell Park where major trucking/freight companies donate transporting services free of charge. He also visits Guardian Funerals and Libraries as far as Windsor, Lithgow and Campbelltown. Phil Pryor assists Chris with the pick-ups. Chris really likes being involved with WWL because it is totally run by volunteers.



[Pru Dowsett](#) became involved seven years ago with WWL through mutual friends. She collects small squares and crochets around them to make them into 25cm squares. Her art background allows her to produce colourful results. Pru travels regularly to and from the warehouse by bike to pick up and deliver completed squares.

Warehouse workers



Dates for the Year

Last date for deliveries to Warehouse Friday 23rd November 2018
Warehouse reopens Wednesday 30th January 2019
Next Annual General Meeting Wednesday 13th March 2019.

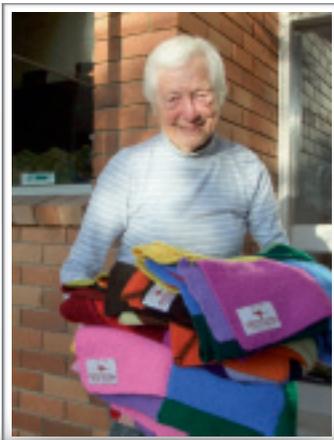
Away from the Warehouse

Diana Johnston with support of her husband **John** provides a very valuable role as coordinator on the Central Coast for WWL covering an area from the Hawkesbury River to the southern end of Lake Macquarie. She became aware of WWL when the Knit Ins were run by the ABC and thought they seemed fun. When she retired to the Central Coast in 2008 she saw an ad for the Toukley Library Knitting Group. She thought this would be a good thing to join to meet other people and take up the knitting needles again. In 2010 she became co-ordinator and team leader of Toukley Library group. She also became the place for drop offs. In 2017 over 1700 wraps were made on the Central Coast from groups such as Retirement villages, schools, 11 Libraries, Church groups, Probuss and Lions Clubs.



Pat Derriman who recently celebrated her 100th birthday is a founding member of the Penshurst Purlers Knitting group. She is still contributing her very colourful wraps to the 100+ wraps produced by this group. Pat still lives in her own home and was driving until she turned 99.

Jenny Rzepa was co-opted sixteen years ago to become the WWL coordinator for the Batemans Bay area through her church. She collects squares and wraps and during this time she has seen and experienced wonderful growth as well as forging good friendships. They meet twice a month and have a Knit In in August. They annually produce 400 wraps including contributions from Broulee, Moruya, Narooma and 100 from Joan Halloran and her group of knitters.



Janet Savage started a knitting group in 2007 with friends from Epping Presbyterian church whose ages ranged from 75 to 104. Each year they have produced 60+ beautifully crafted wraps. Sadly, as time has gone by the group has dwindled in number but Janet still rallies her friends to keep the production line going. Already 20 wraps have been delivered to the Warehouse this year. Janet said that they enjoyed making the wraps “as it is a gift from Australia with Love”.

Belrose Combined Probus groups have contributed over 500 wraps.

Just received **Viv Mathews'** of Rotorua last 21 squares. Viv has been knitting for 15 years for WWL and posting them to us. Sadly Viv passed away in February.

Pennant Hills Library Knitters started 11 years ago and, in that time, they have created 2435 wraps. Over the years the group has welcomed many knitters who are new arrivals to Australia from places such as China, Malaysia, Chile, Columbia, India, Denmark, The Netherlands and Lebanon. The group which is led by Patricia Grant look forward to sitting around the table on each Thursday chatting and laughing while they knit and they are most grateful to the ongoing support of the library staff.





Wrap with Love and Me? I blame Sue Edwards. – **Gerry Eltis**

Life-long knitters both of us and friends now for 30 years, we met as teaching colleagues in the 80s, last heyday of hand knitting as high fashion. Kaffe Fassett and Jenny Kee were household names, department stores had big wool sections, specialty wool shops were in so many towns and suburbs and Australian mills rivalled the great brands from Europe and the UK.

So, as well as delighting in explorations of design and colour, we all accumulated boxes and bags and cupboards of wool - too much bought just in case, irresistible bargains with optimistic projects in mind. And when Wrap with Love grew from its tiny beginnings, of course it was Sue who picked it up and encouraged all of us at Pennant Hills High to become involved - kids, staff, retired locals.

And me. By then just about retired, I eventually made good on my promise, rummaged in my own boxes and bags and cupboards, realised (with some embarrassment) just how much I had stored away. So off I set, playing with ideas on how to use that mix of plain and fancy, solid colour and variegated, I'd hoarded, for the rainy day which I always knew would arrive. There's the same delight in settling on colours, in planning the final design, in handling the yarn, but I can read or watch the telly or be driven about (I'd do more driving if my husband learned to knit, I tell him) without having to check when I've reached the armpit. And having taught English all my life, I now really do judge books by their covers. Most hard covers OK, paperbacks hopeless- they won't stay open on my lap. But all of those seem guilty pleasures against the immense value of this enormous enterprise, Wrap With Love. First seeing such wonderful work by so many, in the ABC Foyer when they gave so much support, is now surely eclipsed by a visit to the warehouse, especially on a day when there's been a grand collection from all the groups and clubs whose Work with Love can be seen spilling out beyond the doors. Sue (and Dale), it's been one of the nicest things I've found myself doing. THANK YOU



Donald Robinson Village have produced 900 wraps and are aiming for 1000 wraps.

Dorrigo Knitters under the leadership of Penny Norton are still knitting away as usual and are planning their display of WWL wraps at the community centre over the June long weekend. The display usually generates a lot of interest and raises some money for the purchase of yarn and this along with donation of yarn provides the knitters with enough yarn for the knitters for the year.

At Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick in 2017 the Caring for Carers working party, a mixture of staff and volunteers, began running monthly knitting groups with patients and families to create wraps for WWL. The knitting groups have proved a welcome distraction for patients, families and occasionally staff too. Volunteers also visit the wards and teach interested patients and families who aren't able to leave the bedside to knit. So far one wrap has been finished with another in the works. Laura Griffin, Network Manager/ Patient and Family Engagement said "being able to slow down, knit and have a supportive conversation for a few hours is a beautiful way to spend a morning and it's lovely to see the enjoyment on everyone's faces".

Wrap with Love 25th Celebration



An exhibition and celebration of 25 years of work by volunteers in communities throughout Australia.

25th - 28th May 2017
Special MC Angela Catterns
Opened by Jess Miller representing the City of Sydney Council



Special addresses by the founder's daughter, Annie, the coordinator of Wrap with Love, Jayne Goodes. With thanks to all by Helen Christian.



Many thanks to the volunteers who mounted the exhibition; Gillian and the team from Fabricated; the caterers: Sue, Kate, Liz and Sally.



70 visitors were guests at the opening and over 500 people attended over the three day exhibition



Wraps displayed were created by the many volunteers in knitting groups in communities, libraries, retirement villages and homes.



Kindly supported by
* Robert Hutcheon of Fabricated
* The Commune 901 Bourke Street

Where have the Wraps gone

The common thread throughout is that the recipients feel loved.

Country or Agency	2017
Australia	4,013
Armenia	1,958
Cambodia	600
East Timor	24
Philippines	552
PNG	50
Sierra Leone	600
Syria	76
Thailand	521
Tonga	16
Ukraine	299
World Vision (mainly Africa)	17,128
Annual total	25,837

The total number of wraps dispatched since 1992 is **466,910**

Australia

Youth Insearch recipient “hi i would like to say thank you i have received 1 of the love wraps at my youth Insearch camps and i still have it at home on my bed it is beautifully made and i will try to make it last forever it is always on the top of my bed where i can see it when i get home so thank u it truly does make me feel loved after all it is called a love wrap.”

Manly Warringah Women’s Resource Centre say thank you for the gift of beautiful wraps which are always loved by the residents at their refuges. It serves to remind the women and children that people out there are thinking of them in difficult times.

610 wraps were given to **the 3C Church Oxford Falls** for new arrivals from Syria and Iraq and to people at risk of homelessness.

In **Camden** the wraps have benefitted the homeless and the Evangelical Sisterhood.

In **Glen Innes** 16 wraps were delivered to the Maternity, Palliative Care and Children’s Wards of the hospital with delighted responses from the recipients. One volunteer’s grandson decided to help get some more wool for the knitting group. He raised \$120 and four balls of wool.

From **Inverell** the ladies took their wraps to Coolah to help the victims of the Sir Ivan fires. These were distributed to very grateful residents from Uarbry who had lost their homes.



The Orange Purlers donated 20 wraps to Housing Plus Homelessness Services.

Overseas

9 wraps went to the **Teresa Orsini Clinic in Maucatar, East Timor** where an excellent clinic with a maternity section, a school and a hostel for girls has been established. The wraps are most welcome as, due to the elevation of Maucatar, the nights can be cold as well as the days in the wet season.



In **Cambodia** one of our volunteers, Judith Bond was able to witness firsthand the distribution of wraps to 75 school children who live in a remote farming village five hours north east of Phnom Pehn. The children do not usually receive gifts and were certainly in awe of such a colourful big gift and they said "I have never received such a gift before in my whole life." She hugs, kisses and runs home with great joy. The parents are very happy also and thanks go to Jenny Knight from Feed My Lambs who organised pick up and transport to Phnom Pehn.



Foke (Friends of Kolkata Elderly) is a charity which cares for the destitute and elderly in two homes in the outer suburbs of Kolkata, India. At present there are 19 ladies and 3 men who have been abandoned or left homeless and are no longer able to care for themselves. Kerry Luxton travels to India to spend 3 months volunteering and had asked Wrap with Love if she could take 5 wraps to give to the members. The recipients were thrilled and very thankful.



Editors' Note

With special thanks to Jennifer Gordon for the layout and photography work, Reg Edwards for his organisational skills and all the willing contributors to this year's Bulletin. Please look at our **Website and Facebook** for new patterns, instructions and up-to-date information.

Happy reading, Dale Halloran and Sue Edwards

Note from **Wrap with Love**, a huge thank you to Dale and Sue for editing this Bulletin.

News from World Vision Australia



Over the past year, Wrap with Love has helped children and families living in fragile regions around Somalia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Chad and South Sudan. Many children in these areas are exposed to the cold, at risk of developing disease and have difficulty sleeping in this weather, often preventing children to concentrate at school or participate in the community. That is, until Wrap with Love donated over 17,128 wraps!

These bright and colourful blankets have left children immersed in joy and families feeling relieved that their children can now feel protected. As many parents are working all day for a very limited income, heavy blankets and winter clothing are difficult to be prioritised when providing absolute essentials are front of mind. But that's not it! Some children who have received these wraps are street children who often sleep outside with complete exposure to the cold winter and don't have access to a warm blanket. These children can now sleep easier and are full of hope knowing that others are thinking of them and want to help from the other side of the world!

Children in the Gashoho community in the northeast of Burundi were very excited to line up to receive the bright blankets from Wrap with Love, distributed by World Vision. Odile, a 10 year old girl in the community was so elated, she wrapped her new blanket around herself right away, "I will spend nights away from the cold!" she says. In the Gashoho project, many children are residing in unfinished housing and are vulnerable to the cold nights, leaving them at risk of developing pneumonia and other illnesses. "How can I think about blankets when I am worried about putting something to eat on the table?" Odile's father tells World Vision. Now, this is one less thing Odile's father and other parents in the community need to worry about thanks to Wrap with Love's generosity.

Tamana, a 6 year old girl in Herat City in Afghanistan is one of the many children who received a blanket from Wrap with Love's incredible donation of 1,156 colourful wraps in the area. She told World Vision she had been lying awake at night due to a lack of protection from the cold environment at home and was feeling very exhausted at school. Tamara really treasures this gift, with her mother telling World Vision "When she is not using it, she folds it very carefully and puts it back in the cupboard".

Thank you Wrap with Love for partnering with World Vision and bringing life-changing warmth and safety to many children and families living in vulnerable communities around the world, creating a much brighter future!





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