



# WARM BLANKETS FOR EVERYONE

2025 KEY  
HIGHLIGHTS & STATS.



# OUR STORY

- ▶ Warm Blankets For Everyone (WBFE) became incorporated as a Not-for-Profit Charitable Organisation in November 2020. It has a Committee of Management of 8 members to oversee the operation. WBFE currently has over 120 volunteers, who create blankets either at the Belmont workshop or at home. Currently there is the capacity to produce around 2,000 fleece backed blankets each year. Of this, approximately 1,400 blankets are made with purchased fleece and 600 from donated fleece. WBFE volunteers also make over 700 crochet / knitted blankets each years as well as many beanies, gloves, jumpers etc.
- ▶ WBFE does not deal directly with people in need but supplies blankets to a range of support organisations who distribute the blankets to their clients. There are approximately 38 organisations that have been supported in recent times. Currently there are 14 local organisations that are supplied with blankets on a regular ongoing basis based on need. Other Organisations will approach WBFE for blankets on an “ad hoc” basis. WBFE is in regular contact with all the organisations supported to ascertain their needs and remind them that support is available.
- ▶ The organisations supported include Refuges, Homeless Support Groups, Crisis Centers and Rehabilitation Program Centers. The excellent quality blankets that are supplied are always greatly appreciated. The blankets not only provide warmth but comfort, support and security to those in need, including people experiencing homelessness, low income or transition out of prison.
- ▶ Since 2020 WBFE has supplied over 15,650 to organisations to support the most vulnerable people in our community. This includes 3,095 blankets supplied in 2025
- ▶ The blankets are made predominately from donated fabric and wool and the backing fleece for the blankets is mainly purchased. It is critical to provide the warmth required so quality polar fleece is used. This type of fleece is extremely popular for outdoor garments, mainly due to its thickness and warmth. It is also a popular material for blankets, as polar fleece provides outstanding protection against the cold. An additional benefit in using polar fleece is that it is made from recycled **PET** (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles.
- ▶ WBFE volunteers also raise funds to support the operation. There is an extremely proactive and dedicated Fundraising Committee which has raised around \$18,500 from events in the 2025 year. However, the money raised by the Committee is not sufficient to cover the full cost of the WBFE operation which is between \$26,000 - \$30,000 depending on the amount of polar fleece purchased.
- ▶ Receiving Grant funding is vital to the ongoing ability for WBFE to continue to operate at the current rate and provide the support needed to meet the critical objectives of community support organisations. WBFE was very fortunate to receive a Grant from the Belmont 16's for \$4,000 from the NSW Clubs Grant Program. This enabled sufficient fleece to be purchased to make over 250 blankets.
- ▶ WBFE Blankets are extremely valued by our clients, and they provide great warmth, comfort and support to the most vulnerable people in our community. Unfortunately, in the current economic climate the need is increasing with the expectation the WBFE will not only continue at current levels but increase output.

# Volunteers

- ▶ 134 Recorded Active Volunteers
  - ▶ 46 Workshop attendees
  - ▶ 45 Home based sewers
  - ▶ 38 Home based Crocheters / Knitters
  - ▶ 6 Drivers
  - ▶ 6 other
  - ▶ 9 inactive



# Fleece

- ▶ 5 rolls in storage at 2/2/25
- ▶ 112 rolls purchased during 2025
- ▶ 99 rolls used during 2025
- ▶ 11 rolls in storage at 9/12/25
- ▶ 7 rolls unused at the Workshop

# Blanket Pinning

- ▶ 1,247 pinned from Polar fleece
- ▶ 932 pinned from remnant fleece
- ▶ 2,179 Blankets pinned in total

## Deliveries

- ▶ 2,432 Fleece Backed Blankets
- ▶ 81 Woollen Blankets
- ▶ 582 Crochet/Knitted Blankets
- ▶ 3,095 Total Blankets \*\*
- ▶ \*\* includes 226 donated by Quirky Quilters

## Blankets on Hand

- ▶ 200 Fleece Backed Blankets
- ▶ 5 Woollen Blankets
- ▶ 60 Crochet/Knitted Blankets
- ▶ 265 Total Blankets
- ▶ 21 Home Sewing Kits = 46 Blankets

## Blanket Recipients

- ▶ 38 Organisations/ Individuals Received our Blankets in 2025
- ▶ Top 15 Organisations were supplied with 2,775 blankets



## Other Items Supplied

- ▶ 512 Beanies
- ▶ 336 Scarfs
- ▶ 133 Gloves
- ▶ 50 Woollies Care Packs



# Grants Received

- ▶ Belmont 16 Footers \$4,000 Club Grant - 2025
- ▶ Newcastle Perm Charitable Foundation - 2024 - 25

# Major Supporters

- ▶ Quirky Quilters
- ▶ Women on Wednesday(WoW)
- ▶ Creating for Charity
- ▶ Belmont Baptist Church
- ▶ St Lukes Uniting Church Belmont
- ▶ Belmont Rotary Club

# Fundraising Donations

- ▶ Jenny Loss Quilts
- ▶ Bakers Delight Warners Bay
- ▶ Wine Selectors Newcastle
- ▶ Newcastle Permanent
- ▶ Belmont 16's
- ▶ Bunnings Bennetts Green
- ▶ Seaview Malaysian Redhead
- ▶ Woolworths at Belmont and Mt Hutton.
- ▶ Brown Sugar restaurant Warners Bay.
- ▶ Coles at Belmont & Mt Hutton.
- ▶ Zenn Beauty at Belmont.



Warm Blankets For Everyone is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2020, providing warmth and comfort to those in need. Recently, volunteers delivered beautifully crafted blankets to St Vincent de Paul to support a soon-to-open local over 55's women's refuge.

## Belmont 16's story



We are proud to have supported Warm Blankets For Everyone this year with a \$4,000 ClubGrants donation.



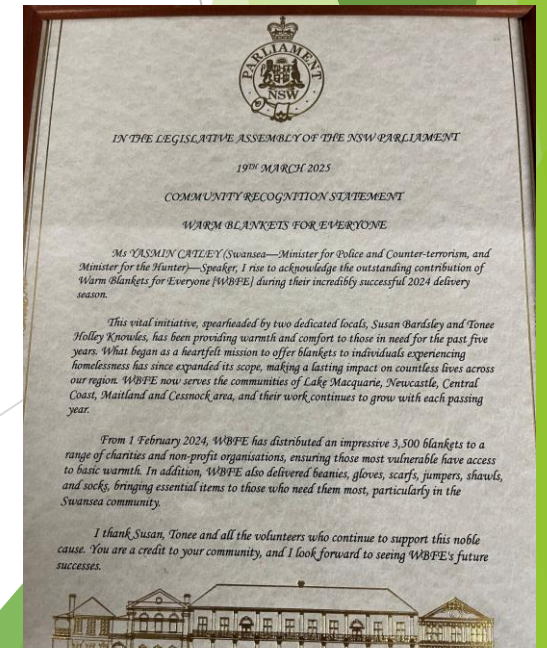
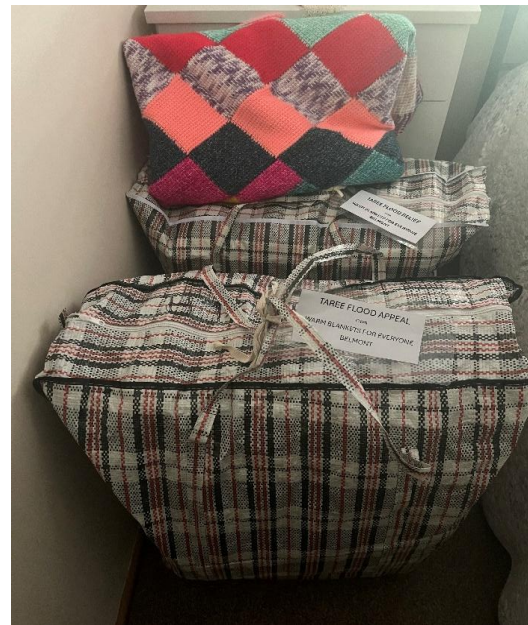
# 2025 Fundraising Events

- ▶ High Tea \$4,200
- ▶ Mothers Day Raffle \$1,670
- ▶ Pies, Peas & Poetry \$4,020
- ▶ Spring Carnival \$3,840
- ▶ Mt Hutton Woolworths Stalls \$3,870
- ▶ Stroud Markets \$420
- ▶ Volunteers Luncheon \$500



# Events & Promotions

- ▶ Support for Taree Flood Appeal
- ▶ Presentation to Shortland Probus - May 2025
- ▶ Presentation to Eastlakes Probus - June 2025
- ▶ NSW Parliament Community Recognition Award
- ▶ Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Grant Acquittal approval
- ▶ Presentation to Newcastle Rotary Enterprise Club - August 2025
- ▶ Belmont 16's Club Grant support for St Vinnies Swansea Tennon Apartments - Oct 25.
- ▶ Presentation to WBFE Volunteers Luncheon



# MAIN BLANKET RECIPIENTS IN 2025

Organisation	Total Blankets
Food not Bombs	339
STRAS Belmont Hospital	120
WCC Wyong	579
WCC Thornton	382
Christ Church Cathedral	202
Macquarie Life Church	44
Zara's House	261
Northern Territory	65
Eastlakes Family Support	125
Hope St Baptist Care	65
NourishED Aust	167
St Vincent de Paul	197
Mosaic Multicultural	138

