



Women's Friendship Group members Eugenia Pozzebon, Verica Lazar and Helen Jurcevic have knitted winter woollies for people in need. Picture: ANDY DREWITT N03DT303

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THIRTY-SIX Manningham women have spent the past four months knitting more than 100 blankets, scarfs, beanies and gloves for chilly seniors.

Women's Friendship Group founder Helen Jurcevic said hearing horror stories of older residents in need had spurred the group to action.

"We'd talk to people who were spending all day wandering in Shoppingtown just so they could stay warm, which was very upsetting," Ms Jurcevic said.

The group, which has 180 members from 32 nationalities, bought the wool with

money from the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

"We're built on being inclusive so it's why we wanted to extend to the wider community," Mrs Jurcevic said.

The donation comes a week after \$15,000 was injected into the Winter Warmth campaign to pay seniors' utilities bills.

The woolly gifts will be distributed by Doncaster East welfare organisation Doncare.

Chief executive Doreen Stoves said the organisation was grateful for all donations and the group's community involvement was admirable.

Contact Doncare on 9841 4215.