

Sharing the warmth

THE Winter Warmth campaign to help Manningham seniors struggling to pay utility bills is seeing some movement.

Donvale resident and fitness instructor Rebecca Barton said *Leader's* article prompted her to organise a fundraiser.

Ms Barton will be running a special seniors' session of Zumba Gold on July 5 with proceeds going to the campaign through welfare agency Doncare.

"The idea of people sitting alone and cold is heartbreaking," she said. "The way I see it is that so many people take being able to pay

bills for granted so if I can help in any small way, I should."

Program founder Des Galgut said he was pleased awareness was growing of elderly Manningham residents living in poverty.

"Many people have been very moved by what they've heard so it's going slowly but surely with donations coming in," Mr Galgut said.

"I think as the weather starts to get chilly it's more relevant so it will hit home for people and we'll see even more action."

For details of Rebecca Barton's fundraiser, call 0403 241 480.



Donvale fitness instructor Rebecca Barton is joining the Winter Warmth campaign cause.
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