

How can you help?

Volunteers don't have to come every week, and can bring their own children.

We need . . .

- Kind and patient women with basic to advanced sewing skills to help beginners and more advanced sewers. Other craft skills are also of interest.
- People to spend time with small children.
- People to help prepare projects (eg write up simple instructions, sew examples)
- People who could offer a one off work shop on a particular skill.
- People to help set up and pack up.
- People to show hospitality and build community.
- People who are multilingual.
- People who can tell others about the group.

Drop in for a visit or contact us.

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MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP

Come to learn and share sewing and craft skills, make new friends and practise English. Make or mend: clothes, household items, gifts or protest banners!

Equipment and some materials provided.

FREE

Children are welcome.
There is a play area.

A bit about us . . .

In 1995 a group of Somali women said they needed sewing classes. That was the start of the sewing group, which now welcomes women and children of all faiths and cultures.

Sewing is fun, useful and satisfying. At sewing group all kinds of women . . .

- Teach and learn machine sewing and other crafts.
- Make and mend things.
- Practise English.
- Enjoy one another's children.
- Learn about one another.

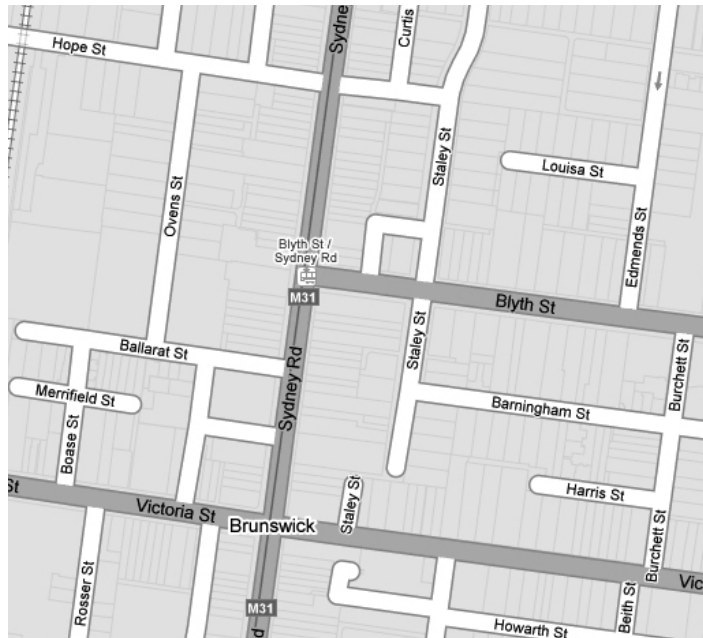
Everyone is important.

Sometimes it is hard to meet people or learn new things. Maybe because you are poor, have trouble with English, or literacy, are busy with children, or are newly arrived. We hope we make it easier.

12.30pm - 3.00pm Wednesdays
2.30pm - 4.30 pm Saturdays

Brunswick Baptist Church Hall
491 Sydney Road, Brunswick (end of Blyth St.)

Train: Upfield Line (Brunswick Station)
Tram: North Coburg No. 19
Bus: 508, 509



Special Projects . . .

Nappy sewing

About every 8 weeks we hold a cloth nappy sewing workshop

School Holiday Sewing

We hope to continue holding special holiday workshops for everyone, even men.

Another Life - Stitching it Together

We are in the early stages of planning this pilot project to provide training, mentoring and opportunities for women living with disadvantage, particularly refugees and asylum seekers, where they gain sewing and other skills and participate in a co-operative to make and sell useful products (eg bags and nappies) made from waste fabrics.

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