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**The Tuggeranong Women's Neighbourhood Group
celebrates 15 years of service**

Established in 1994 to help counter isolation, the Group has a long list of impressive achievements, a fine record of support for worthwhile causes and an excellent report card in bringing women together for friendship and fun.

Almost immediately after it was formed the first Women's Neighbourhood Group was in the thick of the Tuggeranong action, recording the cultural assets of the Valley in photographs and making submissions to a professional planning study of the needs of the local community.

A year later and the Group was involved in making tiles and mosaics to form part of the "Arts Path" through the Tuggeranong Town Centre Park as well as contributing to, and promoting a collection of stories, poems and articles about Tuggeranong, published as "A Living Place."

In its 15 years, the Group has made many valuable contributions to the local community, presenting emergency services with knitted trauma teddies and comfort rugs, producing quilts for special occasions, supporting local community events such as *Celebration of Families* and the *Tuggeranong Festival*, and making up Christmas toy packs for needy children overseas.

Catering to women of all ages, there is rarely a dull moment in the group activities as members enjoy bright, lively discussion and socialising that assures everyone involved that they are not alone.

It is a common sight to see the older women joining with their younger counterparts in dance celebrations, modelling the latest fashions for their age and taking the time to chat about issues that affect them all.

A display of the Group's work, and evidence of many of the awards and honours it has received, can be seen in a special cabinet in the foyer of the Tuggeranong Community Centre.

Meeting every Friday for two hours, the Group attracts 30 or more regular members, but has welcomed more than 500 over the years.

The Women's Neighbourhood Group is a stand-out success story in the archives of Communities@Work and as it continues to spread its intergenerational wings to embrace both young and older women alike, is on the threshold of even greater things.

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