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DONATING AND MANUFACTURING 20 SWAGS  
FOR HOMELESS

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# Giving the homeless a swag

A DANDENONG business has gone above and beyond expectations in giving a hand to the homeless.

The "Make a Swag for the Homeless" initiative was started by the Women in Textiles committee, who asked suppliers and contractors to make some swags to donate to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Expecting to receive one or two swags from each business, organisers were blown away when business owner Des Tebb said they would be making 20.

Manufacturing the swags was an even more impressive achievement as it was the first time the business had done it, Mr Tebb said.

"We got a couple of our suppliers to donate some offcuts and odds and ends, but for the rest we used our own gear," he said.

Mr Tebb, who has been involved with the business for 50 years since his dad founded it in 1946, said he had no compunctions set-



Des Tebb's Canvas Products in Dandenong is donating 20 swags for the homeless to St Vinny's Collingwood depot.

Picture: PAUL LOUGHNAN

ting his sights on making 20 swags.

"I just said, 'righto, this is how we'll have to do it,'" he said.

Committee member Connie Hellyar said giving back was a responsibility.

"Every community ... has people who need to be reached by the kindness of others and that is something successful people should want to do," she said.

"As an industry, we can make a difference."

The swags are expected to be donated to St Vinny's Collingwood depot.

The organisation was hoping to receive about 130 swags across Australia, with most being made in Victoria.