

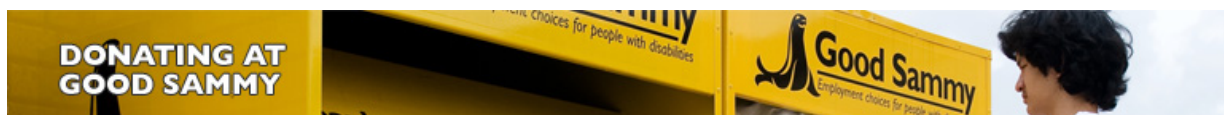
The National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations

2011 Annual Conference Tour - Kerry Caulfield



Figure 1: Good Samaritan Industries is a Perth institution

October 2011: Delegates were invited by Good Samaritan Industries for a tour of their premises in Canning Vale at the culmination of the conference. Good Sammy creates employment for 250 people with disabilities as a result of their recycling operations. Second hand clothing, household goods and furniture that are collected and sorted are sold through their 25 stores located throughout Western Australia. Additionally, Good Sammy's provide electrical, mechanical and light assembly contract work for local businesses.



In 1958, the Reverend Ralph Sutton, a young and energetic leader from Wesley Mission, now part of Uniting Care was approached by Bernice Moorhouse, a young woman with a hearing impairment who wanted to find meaningful employment. Her request struck a chord with Reverend Sutton, and he asked members of his parish to donate items of clothing, which were sorted, laundered and mended by Bernice in a small room at the rear of Wesley Mission, and then sold at a small price. This was the beginning of Good Samaritan Industries.

From these humble beginnings, Good Samaritan Industries now offers a much wider choice of employment and training opportunities to people with disabilities in Western Australia, and has helped approximately 5000 people to find meaningful employment over the years.

Good Samaritan Industries' premises and assembly facilities were definitely well worth viewing.

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