

News Release

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WHAT: FREE XMAS SHOP TO OPEN

WHERE: Ocean Shores Shops (20 minutes north of Byron Bay, NSW)

WHEN: Monday to Saturday: 19 – 24 December 2022. 9am - 6pm daily.

WHO: Dennis (Santa) Stevenson

WHY: Dennis says, ‘Giving isn’t just the Fastest way to change ourselves and our world. It’s the only way!’ ‘We’ll all live like this one day. I’m just getting in early to avoid the rush’.

The organiser, Dennis Stevenson, opened his first (borrowed) free Christmas shop at Burleigh, Gold Coast in 2009 a week before Xmas, called it Spirit of Christmas and, with community help, gave out thousands of new presents.

This is his seventh Xmas in a row at Ocean Shores.

“Love is never conditional; so we have no conditions. Everyone is truly welcome to take things. I have no money to speak of but when you do what you love, things fall into place. We help thousands of people who are homeless, flood victims, or who need a hand to make sure they can get presents for their kids and others.

“We’ll give thousands of brand new presents away during the 6 days - to help see **no one** goes without this Christmas.”

Always, everything is free; everyone is welcome; and everything is NEW.

HOW PEOPLE CAN HELP: Search your cupboards, rooms, drawers, garage etc. Collect the dozens of brand new, unused ‘gifts’ we forget we have. Get them to me. If far away. Do the same and donate them locally.

This year we borrowed a Church Hall cnr. Rajah Rd and Bindaree Crt next to K-Hub.

Dennis asks, “Can you think of a better way to have a Merry Christmas than by helping others have one?”

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