Free Spirit of Christmas shop
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This is the eighth year, local Dennis Stevenson has borrowed an empty shop or hall a week before Christmas to give away thousands of new presents to help make sure no one goes without.

When: Monday 18 December to Saturday 23 December, 9am to 6pm.

Where: Baptist Church Hall, Ocean Shores.
(Cnr Rajah Road and Bindaree Way, Next to K-Hub, Ocean Shores Shops.)

The **Spirit of Christmas shop** really shows how we can share with each other. From dozens of volunteers helping in the shop to many hundreds of people bringing new presents in. With many people unable to even afford a Xmas meal, let alone presents, in 2022, we gave away over 4,000, new gifts.

Gifts include toys, clothing for all ages, cosmetics, electronics, jewellery, sports equipment, holiday gear, gardening supplies, potted plants, tools, movies and books, stationery, business items, games, glassware, kitchen essentials, computing, camping and outdoor equipment. We love donations of non perishable Xmas food to help everyone enjoy a special Christmas meal.

Businesses help with the shop: free insurance, cleaning, deliveries, loaned tables, covers, signs and Christmas Tree. We rarely ask businesses for free presents as they already help so much. However, nearly all of us have many brand new gifts at home. **We don't find them until we open our drawers, wardrobes, cupboards, garage and storage areas or units**.

Everything in the shop is new, free and all are welcome. Please tell everyone and all organisations who help people. Why not arrange a car or busload of people who need help to get here or anyone in your neighbour-hood who can't travel easily or need a little encouragement to visit.

Contact Dennis on 02 6685 8537 (please call back anytime if out)

Email: spiritofchristmas@mail.com

Website: https://www.spiritofchristmas1.com
(Has hundreds of tips on living for very little, and getting free things or help).

Giving isn't just the fastest way to change ourselves
and our world, It's the only way!