



Sunbury CWA members Joan Jennings, June Foulds and Olive Nettleton enjoy their regular craft session. Picture: KYLIE ELSE

## SUNBURY

# Women's group may close

Sunbury CWA needs young people to join and computer-savvy members to help committee

### Barry Kennedy

A FRIENDLY atmosphere and a drive to deliver community projects remains, but the Sunbury Country Women's Association could be about to wind up.

Despite a history stretching back 78 years, the Sunbury CWA will close next month unless skilled members join the committee.

Sunbury CWA president June Foulds told *Sunbury*

*Leader* that although there were 26 active members, two were in their 90s and the youngest was about 60.

With members lacking up-to-date computer skills and much of the executive preparing to step down, there may not be anyone willing to fill committee roles.

"I'm ready for a break, as is the treasurer, and, sadly, unless there are some other women prepared to step up we might fold," she said.

"Like a lot of community groups, we just need young people coming through and to really expand and grow we need a committee with computer skills."

The absence of the group, which would be disbanded after its October 19 annual general meeting, would be keenly felt by the women who have given decades of service to the CWA.

Mrs Foulds said every fortnight group members gath-

ered for the affectionately known "stitch and bitch" session, where members knit "granny rugs" which are given to nursing home residents in Sunbury.

The group holds two craft fundraising weekends where CWA members collect up to \$1500 to be distributed to Sunbury community groups such as the SES and Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen.

While the traditional Sunbury CWA group is facing

struggles, a new youthful version of the group called the Sunbury Stars, consisting of working-age women, is building momentum.

Mrs Foulds said her group had helped mentor the Sunbury Stars, but it wouldn't be an option for long-term CWA members.

The AGM is on Wednesday, October 19 from 10.30am at the Sunbury Community Health Centre.

Details: June on 9744 7371.