**KEY CONSIDERATION POINTS FOR CHARITY SELECTION**

*Based on empirical insights and information gathered from a few reputed sources (****ACNC, DSS, ABC News****, etc).*

1. The charity should be based in ***Victoria*** so that we can visit it ***in-person*** and talk to a few members of the ***community/organization*** to learn more about them and the work that is being done.
2. It should be officially ***registered*** in Australia, have ***great reviews*** (online and/or offline (word-of-mouth)) and should also have some ***performance records*** related documents available for perusal like *annual reports*, etc.
3. It should be working for the welfare of one of the ***most vulnerable*** and ***needy*** sectors of the society like ***poor and homeless people*** (mentally and economically vulnerable) ***with severe disabilities*** (physically vulnerable too).
4. The charity should be established ***before 2013***. In other words, it should be in existence for ***atleast 10 years*** with a ***proven track record*** of doing remarkable noble deeds for the ***betterment*** and ***upliftment*** of the people.
5. If it is fully or largely funded and looked after by the central or state government then perhaps there isn’t a lot that can be done to add substantial value. However, if there is ***limited, inadequate or no funding from the government*** (generally the ***small*** and ***medium*-**sized non-profit charity organizations) then we must focus our time and attention on those organizations that genuinely need massive public support.

**CHARITIES CHOSEN BASED ON THE AFORESAID PARAMETERS:**

* ***NewHope Community Care*** *(Blackburn North)*
* ***Diamond Valley Community Support*** *(Greensborough)*

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