

Storehouse News

From almost homeless to a place they can call their own...

Exactly one year ago Wendy and her friend Sue-Ellen came to the Storehouse asking us to help them find accommodation. They had tried other government & private community centres and could find no help anywhere. Thankfully we were able to assist them with a few nights accommodation but that wasn't going to solve their long term problem of pending homelessness.

Wendy & Sue-Ellen didn't have the option to sleep in their car or sleep in an internet café cause you see Wendy is Sue-Ellen's carer. Sue-Ellen has a brain injury and she needs her medication to be kept at a certain temperature - in the fridge! So sleeping in their car was never an option for these two courageous women.

Even though we have many resources we can call on, sadly there are many cases like Wendy's and Sue-Ellen's where we are unsuccessful in our attempts to help, but thankfully this isn't one of them. Just recently Wendy & Sue-Ellen came into our office at the Storehouse with the good news that they had found permanent accommodation. The many phone calls and filling in of government forms had paid off. Wendy & Sue-Ellen now had a place to call home.

We don't get anywhere near enough of these reports back to us because sadly not every case has a happy ending but we rejoice with Wendy knowing that we were able to help her, this lovely lady who spends her day caring for Sue-Ellen as well as helping others with a similar condition.

Margie's Column



"From everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children....." Psalm 103:16

Everybody wants a happy home. And most people want a purposeful home—a home with a mission and destiny beyond the mere satisfaction of our own daily desires. We want homes where each person flourishes rather than fades. Homes with the aroma of respect, homes with laughter, homes that involve eye to eye conversations, homes full of peace, achievement, encouragement & love.

The importance of family life in society and church can scarcely be exaggerated. O how crucial in the development of a child's personhood is the life of his family. And not only little children—but also the lives of husbands and wives are made more or less fruitful by their experience at home.

In every season of our life we can stop and perform a health check on the family that we belong to and the family that belongs to us.

Family is precious—cherish the time you have together.

Blessings,
Margie
Executive Director

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

So that we can continue the vital work we do each day, we need more supporters to join our 200 CLUB. For \$1 a day (or \$30/month), your contribution will help to pay our ongoing expenses and ultimately enable us to provide care and support that our community needs.

With the help of '200 CLUB' members, we can meet our annual

target. If you would like to donate to the work of the Storehouse, please call (9587-5761) or email us (storehouse@ozemail.com.au) for more information. We are a registered charity with DGR status and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



**The Storehouse
200 Club**

Helping to build a bridge to people in our community who need our care and support

**One brick costs
one dollar a day**



@ The Storehouse

On May 23rd the Storehouse Lunches turn **ONE** and we are having a big celebration lunch. Everyone from the community will be invited to come and enjoy a fun time eating, laughing and sharing stories with each other. Lunch will be served from 12pm and it's sure to be a treat. No booking is necessary - just come along.



Mable, our Storehouse Lunches Co-ordinator spends some time getting to know some of the locals.

Life Empowerment Courses @ The Storehouse

WISE NUTRITION

Held over 4 Monday mornings for only one hour each session.

May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. Starting at 9.30am to 10.30am. Topics covered include: how to read food labels, making wise choices and there's even a shopping trip involved. It's sure to be a fun time learning all about how to make healthy options when it comes to food.



NET NEGOTIATIONS

Held over three Monday nights, commencing May 7th, 14th & 21st, - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

This course has proved to be very popular for parents raising teenagers. If you would like to understand and communicate better with your teenagers this course is for you.



Is also Mother's Day and we have some special surprises planned for our Mum's in the community in May.

And of course May means it's almost Winter and The Kogarah Storehouse has a new course commencing called Wise Nutrition. This course is sure to perk you up and prepare you for the cold winter months ahead.

So plan ahead and make some time to come down to The Kogarah Storehouse during May—where you **MAY** just get a nice surprise!!



Is also **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**—'Every One Counts' **May 14-20, 2012**

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than **6.1 million Australians who volunteer**.

Australian volunteers are essential to society, and we know the importance of having a strong team of volunteers. So if you are blessed to have volunteers working with and alongside you, take the time, especially in Volunteer week, to say THANK-YOU.

The Kogarah Storehouse would like to thank, once again, Simplicity Funerals for their generous donation of Easter Eggs as well as St. George Bank for donations of food and grocery items to go in our food parcels.

These generous donations really help us continue to provide a quality hamper as well as a few treats.

