



Every Wednesday The Kogarah Storehouse, a Ministry of the Brighton Kogarah Uniting Church hosts a free community lunch for anyone in our community who would like to attend.

On Wednesday April 23rd we held a special lunch to celebrate Easter.

Our 65 guests were served a delicious roast lamb off the spit, baked vegies and dessert. The scrumptious lamb was prepared by **Nick Pappas and his team from Parea Greek Tavern Restaurant** in Rocky Point Road Kogarah. Nick also, very kindly donated an extra 2kgs of lamb to

feed our hungry guests. Our huge thanks go to Nick and Parea Greek Tavern for their support of the ministry of The Kogarah Storehouse.

Rev. Robyn Lyons gave a short message on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the meaning of Easter, which aroused some curiosity in peoples minds, prompting some interesting conversations around the tables.

There was much feedback from our guests that everyone enjoyed their time together and in general they very much appreciate what the Storehouse is doing within their community.



Volunteers have a power in today's society and a drive that enables them to make a true difference in the world – can you imagine what it would be like without them? We invite you to consider how you might make a difference by volunteering with us.



25 YEARS OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

*"Why pray? What is the point of prayer when God knows the future and is already in control of everything."*

We come to God with our specific requests, and we have God's promise that our prayers are not in vain, even if we do not receive specifically what we asked for (Matthew 6:6; Romans 8:26-27). He has promised that when we ask for things that are in accordance with His will, He will give us what we ask for (1 John 5:14-15). Sometimes He delays His answers according to His wisdom and for our benefit. In these situations, we are to be diligent and persistent in prayer (Matthew 7:7; Luke 18:1-8). Prayer should not be seen as our means of getting God to do our will on earth, but rather as a means of getting God's Will done on earth. God's wisdom far exceeds our own.

For situations in which we do not know God's Will specifically, prayer is a means of discerning His Will. If the Syrian woman with the demon-influenced daughter had not prayed to Christ, her daughter would not have been made whole (Mark 7:26-30). If the blind man outside Jericho had not called out to Christ, he would have remained blind (Luke 18:35-43). God has said that we often go without because we do not ask (James 4:2). In one sense, prayer is like sharing the gospel with people. We do not know who will respond to the message of the gospel until we share it. In the same way, we will never see the results of answered prayer unless we pray, because it is our means of "plugging into" God's power.

Therefore, may God find us often before His throne, for we have a high priest in heaven who can identify with all that we go through (Hebrews 4:15-16). We have His promise that the fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much (James 5:16-18). May God glorify His name in our lives as we believe in Him enough to come to Him often in prayer.

*Blessings Margie*



## Be Empowered in 2014 through Learning & Education classes

Earlier this year The Kogarah Storehouse commenced another English class for beginners.



The class is held every Monday morning from 10am to 12pm. Nancy Li, who teaches English to around 17 students every week says the students are really enjoying learning English. They are very keen to learn and are telling their other Mandarin & Chinese speaking friends about the class. The students that attend this class are at a very basic beginners level. Students with higher English skills can attend the

ESL TAFE classes held at The Storehouse on Thursday mornings.

Nancy says the students are very grateful that they have the opportunity to attend on Mondays as these lessons are really helping them with their everyday tasks of shopping, banking and socialising in the community.

These classes are a FREE service provided by The Kogarah Storehouse. If you would like to join Nancy and the group, please contact us on the number below.



**What's**

**On...**



### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

#### Morning Coffee & Chat

every Wednesday  
10am-11.30am



#### Community Lunch @ The Storehouse

Every Wednesday 12pm-1pm - everyone is welcome and its **FREE**



### OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Kogarah Storehouse runs many social activities during the week. One of those is **Get Crafty** held on Friday afternoons commencing at 12.30pm. These ladies love craft and enjoy making cards, sewing and knitting. There are many creative activities going on every week. If you would like to join this group of fun loving ladies please contact us on the number below.



### 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 (enquiry@kogarahstorehouse.org.au) for more information. We are a registered charity with DGR status and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

