



# Storehouse Seasons

## Volunteers – The Heart of Kogarah Storehouse

Another big year is ahead for The Kogarah Storehouse and truthfully, our success each year largely comes down to the efforts of our major asset, our driving force, our heart – **our dedicated volunteers.**

Without question, virtually all our programs rely in part or whole on our team of 22 regular volunteers who cheerfully give of their time and effort to support those in need.

Indeed, it might be at Reception - greeting and organising clients and/or taking phone inquiries - that you will first encounter our volunteers. But, equally, they can be found in the Food Room receiving food deliveries and sorting and preparing food parcels to give to people seeking help,

cooking, serving and cleaning up in the kitchen, collecting food and goods from our donor partners, working in the Storehouse Charity Market, preparing the 300 Christmas hampers which were recently distributed or just getting alongside the many who visit our Centre to inquire how we may be of help.

Recently, at our Storehouse Christmas Lunch, two of our long-standing volunteers, Maureen Swaysland and Johann Siau were recognised with awards from our Federal Member of Parliament, Ms Linda Burney. (see photo below). These two volunteers have given much service over many years and are wonderful examples of the remarkable selflessness they, along with all our volunteers, heartfully demonstrate.



## Lala's Greetings

The Kogarah Storehouse finished off 2019 in style with our annual Christmas Lunch attended by many, including our Federal and State politicians. My personal thanks go to Linda Burney and Chris Minns for their enthusiastic support, all of which you can read all about in this newsletter.

2020 is shaping up to be another big year for us as we assist so many seeking our help in our local community with a continuation of our many varied and valuable programs. A key new initiative is our "Finding my way Forward" program which provides practical, specialist help for women experiencing domestic family abuse. Details of this service and all our programs can be viewed on our website.

As always, none of this is possible without the help of our many volunteers and I draw your attention to their vital contribution to the work of The Storhouse.

Blessings,

Lala Noronha,  
General Manager



# Christmas Celebration

In December The Kogarah Storehouse finished off a busy year with our end of year Community Christmas Lunch - which is our annual celebration with an open invitation to our clients and stakeholders, including both our Federal and State sitting members of Parliament, Ms Linda Burney and Mr Chris Minns.

As usual the lunch was a splendid affair thanks particularly to Oz Harvest and Club Rivers who together provided the food and were amply assisted in the preparation and serving by a team of our devoted volunteers.

Ms Burney and Mr Minns both spoke highly about the important role The Kogarah Storehouse plays in serving people in need in our local community and congratulated our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Students from Hurstville Boys High School were in attendance to present The Storehouse with a significant donation which was raised by the student's initiative to support the work of The Storehouse. It was heart-warming to see the next generations embracing this community spirit.

Others from our community contributed with performances, first from the pre-school students of the Kogarah UC Long Day Care Centre and then an array of choral numbers performed by the Storehouse Chinese Seniors Learning Group, before the Staff and Volunteers joined with our local Parliamentarians in singing familiar Christmas carols!

Storehouse Board Chairman, Mr Russell Foxe, took the opportunity to sincerely thank our dedicated manager, Ms Lala Noronha, for all her hard work, initiative and drive, and particularly her skills in encouraging and motivating our much valued volunteers.

A fitting celebration. *Well Done Everyone.*



## About The Kogarah Storehouse

**Our mission:** "To be a haven of hope and practical help to people in need in our community".

Established in 1992, The Kogarah Storehouse Community Centre is a non-government, not-for-profit, registered charity with (PBI) Public Benevolent Institute, DGR status. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. It operates from the Kogarah Uniting Church and is an outreach mission of the church.



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