



Storehouse seasons

Food Parcels – practical caring

The Kogarah Storehouse assists the disadvantaged in many practical ways. One of the most commonly sort services is in our Food Parcel ministry. Approximately 300-350 food parcels are distributed each month (around 4000 parcels per annum) comprising necessities like rice or pasta, potatoes, meat or fish, eggs, milk, fruit and vegetables, breakfast cereal and biscuits. Parcels are freely given and used to support individuals and families within our community, who may be homeless and living rough or in cars, suffering addictions, fleeing violent situations, being out of work or are refugees - food parcels are usually limited

to one per month to cope with the demand and the extent of the need. However, where circumstances are more extreme more help is made available.

A food parcel here or there may not seem a lot - but it is a caring, instant and practical way of assisting and showing concern. It establishes trust and demonstrates to those in need that The Storehouse is here for them. Angie (not her real name) recently said "I am so grateful to know that such a service exists here at The Storehouse. After the rent and other bills are paid I have only a few dollars left in my purse and I did not know how I was going to feed my family. I can't thank you enough".

Lala's Greetings

October 17th each year marks the International Day for the eradication of Poverty. Resolution 47/196 of the United Nations General Assembly in 1993 called for International observance of October 17th as a day to recognise the injustice of Poverty worldwide. On that day we are reminded that poverty is a violation of human rights, and for humans everywhere, this right should be respected.

At The Kogarah Storehouse, we see the manifestation of the injustice of Poverty in our everyday dealings with clients and so Storehouse will observe this day as part of Poverty Week from October 13-19. I ask all to spare a thought, a prayer and perhaps a handout for those around you who are doing it tough.

Blessings,

Lala Noronha
Manager



THE STOREHOUSE RAISES HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS

On August 7th The Storehouse collaborated with the St George Housing Interagency to host a special event to raise awareness for the rise in homelessness across Australia, and particularly in the St George area. This “Homeless” crisis stems from rising property prices and therefore rents, a lack of affordable public accommodation and a shortage of crisis refuges. It is reported that there is a 10 year waiting time for public housing in The St George area.

The event was gratefully sponsored by the Georges River Council and was well attended. The Storehouse distributed

55 care packages, consisting of disposable shower towel, toiletries, a beanie, winter pyjamas, socks and gloves to the needy on the day.

Most of us would agree that seeing people “sleeping rough” is confronting to our emotions and a visible indicator that poverty and social disadvantage exists right outside our doorsteps. It is a difficult issue to fix, particularly in areas with rising property prices. A solution does need to be found and starts with an awareness and acknowledgement of the problem, public support and expectation for Government action. The Kogarah Storehouse is on the front foot in this regard.



The Storehouse Charity Market

The Kogarah Storehouse seeks to fund part of its operations through its Charity Market. Located in the foyer of the Centre. It is open to the public Monday to Thursday from 10am – 3pm and then again on Fridays from 10-12pm. The Charity Market offers a wide range of products at very low prices that can be purchased for self-use or given as gifts for birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions. In November/December each year the Gift Market becomes a popular source of inexpensive quality products to be given as Christmas gifts.

The market is open to everyone and serves to raise income for the Storehouse's other programs, but **most importantly** it provides an opportunity for our disadvantaged clients to source quality gifts for them to give, providing them with a sense of dignity and independence, allowing them to enhance their relationships with those they love.

The Charity Gift Market values donations of items from the public, new items would be gratefully appreciated.



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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