



Storehouse seasons

Meet RN Indah Wahyuni

The Kogarah Storehouse has helped many people over the years and we would like to share the inspiring story of Registered Nurse (RN) Indah Wahyuni.

Indah and her husband came to Australia in 2010, however, through circumstances, they separated after some years leaving Indah as a single mum with three children to raise. With great determination, Indah, with the help of friends and other benevolent organisations was able to find work and then enrol and be accepted to study for a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Wollongong. To her great credit, she has recently graduated, as you can see from the picture below.

Understandably, along her

journey money was tight and she faced many struggles. About three years ago Indah was referred by Centrelink to The Kogarah Storehouse. Through our help with food hampers and EAPA (NSW State Government Energy Accounts Payments Assistance Scheme), we were able to assist Indah in practical ways to help meet her needs and so allow her to complete her studies. She is now a Registered Nurse at St George Hospital helping others now in need.

Indah Wahyuni's story is so encouraging by her courage and how she has managed to succeed through tough times - aided along the way with help from The Kogarah Storehouse.



Lala's Greetings

May I wish all our Clients, Benefactors, Volunteers and Supporters a bright 2018 and God's rich blessing upon you all.

Looking back 2017 was a great year for The Kogarah Storehouse. Not only did we assist many more new and existing clients (over 6000) but we made great progress in developing and expanding the range of services we can offer. Indeed, we achieved much and finished with a busy December with our Christmas Market, Christmas Hampers and Christmas Lunch, requiring a big effort from all our supporters and volunteers (be sure to read our accompanying story on these events).

But now 2018 has arrived and I predict it will be another busy year for all at The Kogarah Storehouse. No doubt we will again face some challenging times, but at every hurdle we will again see answers to prayer come from unexpected sources. Indeed, in 2017 we had a number of individuals and organisations "come out of the blue" to support us to assist our programs and client's needs met.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you – to all of our generous Partners, Benefactors, Volunteers and Supporters – for your encouragement and belief in our work.

So we face 2018 without trepidation, but, with the overwhelming confidence that our God provides for His mission and will see our endeavours succeed.

Lala Noronha

Manager



2017 STOREHOUSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

In Australia we celebrate Christmas remembering the birth of Jesus.

We love to spend time with family and friends and we give gifts as a token of our love and affection. Sadly, many of the clients of The Kogarah Storehouse have a lack of money to buy gifts....so, as in

past years, our Christmas Market was well stocked with quality gifts that could be purchased for just a few dollars each, which is great help for so many. As well, The Kogarah Storehouse, aided by our wonderful supporters (Ramsgate RSL Club, Club Rivers Riverwood, Oz Harvest, Cheese

Cake Factory Carlton) and our loyal and willing volunteers, hosted a Christmas lunch on the 13th December for over 120 of our clients and users of our centre. Additionally, Christmas hampers were distributed to many clients. The pictures below showcase the day which was a great success.



A WORD FROM REV ROBYN LYONS

Minister Brighton-Kogarah Uniting Church

2017 is now done and dusted and we look to 2018 with a sense of hope and anticipation.

At the same time we acknowledge that for many people, one day is the same as the one before and likely the next one

The desire of the people in the Brighton-Kogarah Congregation is to make a difference in the lives of those who struggle and those who suffer. Jesus said "in as much as you do this for the least of these, you do it unto me."

We cannot do this without the dedication of Lala and her team, the support of the people in the Congregation and our many

supporters and sponsors ... YOU!

Our motivation is to show God's love for all people, no matter their creed, nationality, ability or health, without fear or favour, to provide a safe place where people can gather and spend time, to provide aid by way of food parcels, community lunch and morning tea, financial advice and advocacy, and many groups that aim to give people a hand up, not just a hand out, so that they too can have a sense of hope.

We thank you for all the help you provide for us in big and little ways and we thank God that you are enabling others to live the

best lives that they can in their circumstances, and we look forward to partnering with us this year.



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 community organisation, operating under the auspices of UnitingCare NSW/ACT Community Services, and the Brighton-Kogarah Uniting Church. We are a registered charity and a public benevolent institution with DGR status. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



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