



Storehouse Seasons

'Homelessly' Aware

Imagination is a fantastic thing, it costs naught, and you can go anywhere with it! Imagine for a moment going on a cruise or spending time in India. You could even ponder travelling to the moon, but have you ever considered being without a home, living on the street and worse, in the cold of winter? Have you ever pretended to be home-less aware?

It is reported around 110,000 Australian people experience actual homelessness. Statistically, the largest proportion are men and, despite making up only around 3.3% of the population, indigenous persons make up over 20% of the homeless population. (ABS)

At Storehouse we encounter many of these homeless people

coming looking for food. To gain an idea of the size of the problem in Australia, if you imagine it, there are as many homeless as those who attend an AFL grand final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. A staggering reality!

It would be wonderful if we all had our own home but the price of housing in Australia's cities makes it impossible to erect social housing cheaply.

These difficulties should not stop us searching for solutions and asking our politicians for dialogue and decision making in these areas. With Homeless persons week coming up the first week in August, perhaps it is time we were all more "homelessly" aware.



Lala's Greeting

With Covid-19 restrictions starting to lift I fear we have not seen the full fallout from the pandemic. Apart from concern of a second wave of infection, I am worried about the flood of desperation that will swamp The Storehouse as the Government has to ease back on financial assistance to the community.

Through the pandemic we have been hit with the need to supply more and more food parcels to many people caught in unexpected need. Students, trapped in Australia by travel restrictions, itinerant and 'gig' workers not covered by job-keeper and job-seeker provisions, the struggling self-employed and the newly unemployed, caused by business collapse. All of these, usually enterprising individuals, suddenly desperate through no fault of their own.

Their individual stories are heart-breaking, a food parcel seems small comfort - still it is what we can do to help - and it is often tearfully appreciated.

God Bless,

Lala Noronha,
General Manager



The Kogarah Storehouse has a New Website

We would like to introduce you to the new Kogarah Storehouse website at:

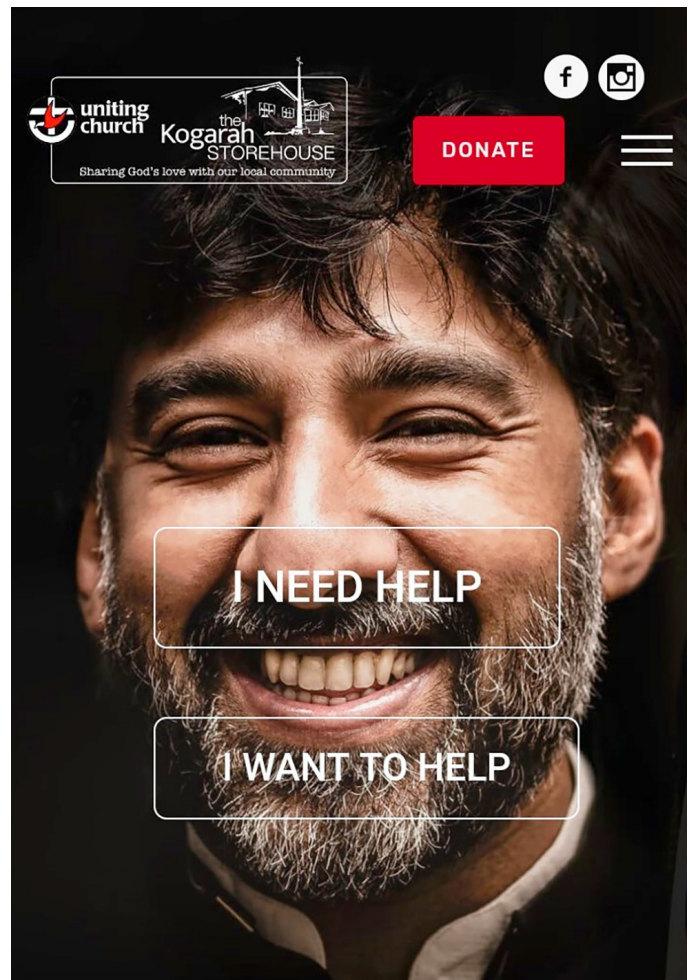
www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au

A complete rebuild on the old site, it has a new look and feel in keeping with modern web design. It has three darkly lit images, in a Home page rotation, that attempt to represent the Vision and Mission of the Kogarah Storehouse.

The darkness represents the gloomy side of our community, a space where a lot of Storehouse's resources are directed, helping those in need and the disadvantaged. The first in the rotation is an ambiguous image that may represent despair, grief, abuse or simply loneliness. The second is of outstretched hands symbolising both people reaching for help, and at the same moment Storehouse reaching out to help. The third is of a smiling man, who has not yet escaped the darkness but is uplifted, having experienced the "love of God" through the work of Storehouse. Finally, men, women and different nationalities are represented in these images indicating Storehouse is there for anyone and everyone.

You will further note that our Home page has our social media feeds that allow the everyday activities at Storehouse to be recorded and broadcast so you can follow us that way if you like. Importantly, one new feature, is our Donation page that provides secure ways to give, in money or kind.

We do hope you will take the time to review it, and recommend it to your family, friends and acquaintances, as a way of publicising the good work being done at The Kogarah Storehouse.



Donation Appeal

In these unprecedented times the demands on the resources of The Kogarah Storehouse are escalating. We need your help, more than ever. Please consider giving a tax deductible donation.

GO TO:

<http://www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au/donate>

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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