



Storehouse Seasons

Kogarah Storehouse is Not Taken for Granted

2020 was a difficult year for all, and equally for us here at The Kogarah Storehouse. Unemployed people, stranded overseas students and the disadvantaged led to an increased request for our services, compounded by a time when restrictions and forced closures were limiting how we could meet those demands.

It is testimony to the reputation and value of our services that we have managed to meet those needs through increased support from our supporters and sponsors. Again, we take this opportunity to "Thank you" for your continued support and trust we can rely on that continuing through 2021.

We are further heartened by the organisations who have shown faith and confidence in the work of the Kogarah Storehouse by way of awarding us with funding grants and recognition. We would like to acknowledge these organisations here by name:

Sister of Charity Foundation,
Big Sister Foundation, Uniting,

Oz Harvest, Ramsgate RSL, Club Rivers, Club Central, South Hurstville RSL, Brighton Le Sands RSL, Georges River Council and the NSW Government through its Community Building Partnership, NSW Fair Trading and the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

The Kogarah Storehouse management and staff, appreciate 2020 was difficult for you too as organisations, with increased demands on your funding and resources, but truly, your generous support for us, has helped us to help so many.

Again, Many Thanks!



Lala's Greetings

Good riddance to 2020 and welcome 2021 – with the hope of vaccines and immunity and real relief from Covid-19.

The Pandemic has brought about many necessary changes. It has required us to change and adapt the way we do things at The Kogarah Storehouse - and some of these forced changes have made our services better and more efficient. It has made us rely more heavily on our volunteers and supporters, who have all stepped up to meet the challenge and given more of themselves to assist. I see renewal happening, in our people and structures.

After fire comes the rain and new growth. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us God has a plan to grow us, God works through all things for our good. So, out of the pain and despair of 2020, we see things differently and do things differently. We have grown.

I believe God has shown us such a lot through 2020 and now, 2021 is a new beginning. I pray it will be a new beginning for us all.

Blessings,

Lala Noronha,
General Manager



The Storehouse Recognised with another Community Award

Despite the bad news, disruption and gloom wrought by Covid-19 through 2020 there were highlights in store for the Kogarah Storehouse. In November 2020, Storehouse was recognised with the 2020 “Community Group Achievement Award” by NSW State Member for Oatley, Mr Mark Coure.

Now in its 10th year, the St George Community Awards recognise organisations and individuals from across the St George area who have provided outstanding services to the local community.

“I am always proud to personally recognise the achievements of these deserving recipients who continually build on our fantastic community culture here within the St George community,”

“It is incredibly important to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding work of our local community volunteers and leaders. Our community is fortunate to have so many people who passionately and generously sacrifice their time and energy in order to assist others. This spirit has shone brighter than ever before when the St George community needed it most. I wish to express my gratitude to all the award recipients for their service and commitment to our local community.

“Volunteering and looking out for those in need is so important and this has been crucial given the year we have had with drought, bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.” – *Mark Coure*



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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