



Storehouse Seasons

Rose's Story . . . A Storehouse Testimony

My name is Rose and I am an Indonesian citizen, married to an Australian. My most recent trip to Australia was in March 2020, just a week before Australia closed its border due to the coronavirus.

I came to be with my husband and to prepare my move to Australia. At that time I was planning to go back to Indonesia in May to finalize and sort out my house in Bali, but covid-19 was getting bad and both countries shut their borders, so I was stuck.

We were in lockdown in Sydney at that time and we were really struggling and I couldn't find a job.

One day a friend of mine introduced me to Lala and she told me the story of the mission of The Kogarah Storehouse. She invited me to come to the Storehouse and so I came the next day.

I fell in love instantly with the organisation because of their friendly kindness and generosity. I've seen with my own eyes so many people who are struggling and have been helped so much. Since then I committed to come every week to help, as a volunteer as much as I could.

The Kogarah Storehouse has very good connections and relationships with helpful businesses who are not always thinking about the business profit but also care about the community around them. Food donations from Nando's Chickens, Bakers Delight, IGA, Coles & Woolworths, as well as Oz Harvest are amazing.

I am so lucky to get to know these people while I was volunteering and this was the first time I met

Judy who was the manager from the local Nando's Chicken Shop. In January Judy invited us all for lunch and during that conversation it became known to me that they needed an employee as an Assistant Manager. Without hesitation, Lala recommended me and I applied for the job straight away.

One week after I got through the interview process and in February, Nando's hired me as Assistant Manager.

The Kogarah Storehouse not only helps the community with food parcels and welfare but also helped me through a networking connection so I could find the job I needed. Now, as an assistant manager at Nando's I never stop sharing with others about The Kogarah Storehouse in our community meetings .

I can't thank you enough Kogarah Storehouse, you helped me so much when I needed it most, in so many ways. Please keep spreading the love, you are such a blessing ... *God bless you all.*



Lala's Greeting

Perhaps, like me, you are amazed at the lengths some people go to help others. The things some people do selflessly, with their lives! Why do people become teachers, social workers, doctors, nurses, clergy, volunteers? Why do people give up a comfortable life to serve in treacherous places at home or abroad?

I am inclined to think these people have a genuine interest in the area of serving. And more particularly, they have a heart that mirrors the heart of Jesus Christ. Indeed, they may not even consider themselves Christian, but every day I see people who selflessly dedicate their lives to serving others, for little reward, just because they have a "Jesus heart" and that is a "selfless heart for others". Matthew Chapter 5: 3-14, in our Bible, tells of "Jesus heart" for the hungry, and downtrodden.

I believe, I can generalise, and say most human beings have a compassion for others in need, for the lost and the weary. It is almost innate in us to care. Look deeply at what most people do and there is generally a concern there somewhere, for their fellow man. That is the "Heart" of The Storehouse too!

Blessings,

Lala Noronha,
General Manager



No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) – A Storehouse Lifeline

Have you noticed how major expenses seem to hit at the same time? You might be managing your finances well, your budget is “on track”, then the car breaks down or the fridge goes on the blink! Unexpected expenses can catch us all unawares and the resulting cash flow crisis we experience can be frightening and threatening. Fortunately, most of us have relatives, a friendly banker or other lines of credit to see us through. If you don’t, then you have a big problem.

Some of our clients at the Kogarah Storehouse find themselves in such situations. With limited means to secure emergency funds, they turn to The Storehouse for help. To assist them, in partnership with The Good Shepherd organisation, The Storehouse can arrange a no interest loan for up to \$1500, with manageable repayments over 12-18 months. Good Shepherd provides the funding, whilst The Storehouse provides the easy point of contact and so can process prospective borrowers for eligibility. Funding is available for many necessary ‘white good’ items and some services, such as repairs, medical and dental.

If you think this scheme might be beneficial to you, or someone you know, then please contact the Storehouse office on 9587-5761 for further details.



Tax Deductable Donation Appeal

The demands on the resources of The Kogarah Storehouse are escalating. We need your help, more than ever at this time. Please consider giving tax deductible financial support to this very humanitarian need.

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 Institution, DGR status. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. It operates from the Kogarah Uniting Church and is an outreach mission of the church.

