



February Newsletter

Welcome to kogo 2018

After a wonderful Christmas/New Year break, we are very excited to get going in earnest for 2018. Although it is hard to think about the cold weather now, it will be here before we know it.

We had a great start with the huge collection of items that were waiting in our office on our first day back.

We were able to process about half the amount that was there - resulting in the distribution of 1943 items!





As in previous years, we are asking you to knit or crochet scarves, beanies, blankets, toys, children's and babies' clothing. At the moment, we have plenty of baby beanies and booties and premature baby items. However, we are very short of baby cardigans in neutral or boy colours.

kogo Launch 2018

This year we will be having our annual kogo launch on:

Sunday 18th March from 10am to 12

at The King David School Hall

520 Orrong Rd, Armadale

For Catering purposes: Please RSVP Di to admin@kogo.org.au or phone 0409 438 603

Apologies to our interstate and regional knitters!

As in the past, we will be distributing a knitting kit to get you started for

2018.

It is an opportunity to get together with your fellow knitters and also to hear from two very special people who will let you know what they do and also the impact your donations have on the recipients.

This year we are very privileged to hear from:

Danielle Ryan-Gledhill who is Social Service Coordinator for Rural & Regional Victoria for St Kilda Mums.

St Kilda Mums is an organisation that rehomes new and pre-loved baby and nursery goods to support Victorian families in need. Danielle receives requests from rural and regional case workers across Victoria and thanks to the support of Victorian Freight Specialists coordinates weekly deliveries for families in need from Gippsland to Mildura.

Margaret Thorpe who is the Clinical Care Manager at Sacred Heart Community Home in St Kilda. Margaret is a most compassionate lady who has created a beautiful aged care haven with residents who have histories of homelessness, drug addiction, exposure to trauma and social isolation often having no contact with family. A staggering 40% of residents are under 64.

Plastic Bags

Whilst we appreciate that you all want your donations to arrive in pristine condition, bearing in mind the "War against waste" could you please not pack individual items into plastic bags.

Blankets for Babies Program - Carlton CCS

The Blankets for Babies program involves a group of female offenders being taught skills needed to knit 20cm x 20cm squares. Once knitted, these squares are joined together to create blankets which are donated to various not for profit

organisations, including The Royal Women's Hospital.

The program runs on Mondays at 444 Swanston St Carlton from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. They are looking for volunteers with knitting skills to assist. Some of our regular kogo contributors have been volunteering for quite some time already but they need another one or two people to help. If you are interested in assisting (even if it isn't for the whole session) please contact Lydia Fayad on lydia.fayad@justice.vic.gov.au or (03) 9633 5600

Social Media

We would like to welcome Daniela Spilkin to the kogo team. Daniela, who is studying Arts/Law, will be handling the kogo social media - so you can expect lots of interesting Facebook and Instagram posts.

Change App

We are delighted to be partnering with an exciting new Charity giving platform called Change App. which will be launching soon. It is Australia's first dollar rounding app to work with charities. More details to follow...

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Regards,

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