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"A sustainable society that is welcoming, harmonious & inclusive and where people are healthy & feel happy & safe"

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2015



MR DAVID COLEMAN MP VISITS KCAC

Dear Friends and Community Partners,

In this current political environment, it can at times be very frustrating to keep fighting to ensure that current, on the ground services continue to operate. Often, as a community organisation we are challenged to consider condensing programs and at times ceasing programs and essential services due to the diminishing funding. Sometimes we lose hope that our voices will ever be heard after so many attempts to lobby Government and reply to surveys and studies conducted in the community sector.

Recently we received recognition of our work through our Federal Member for Banks Mr David Coleman MP. This recognition and validation of our work in the community serving the constituents of the St George Area has given us hope and enlightened us a little that Government still have a commitment to the essential needs and care of the community.

Organisations such as the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre are vehicles to ensure that those needs that are identified in the community are being met. Governments cannot do it alone. In this newsletter we have published the speech that was given by David Coleman in Federal Parliament recognising our efforts and our worth in the local community. We are very honoured to have been named and specifically mentioned in that context and we hope to be able to continue serving the community and the people of the St George area through the support of Government.

As we approach the season of good will, I take this opportunity to wish all our clients and community partners a very blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year in 2016.

Anne Farah Hill.

Chief Executive Officer.



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Up and Coming Events

DECEMBER

- 7th: Monday Chinese Christmas Party.
- 9th: Wednesday Arabic Seniors Party.
- 16th: Seniors Xmas Party.
- 16th: After School Care ends.
- 22nd: Centre closes for holiday break.

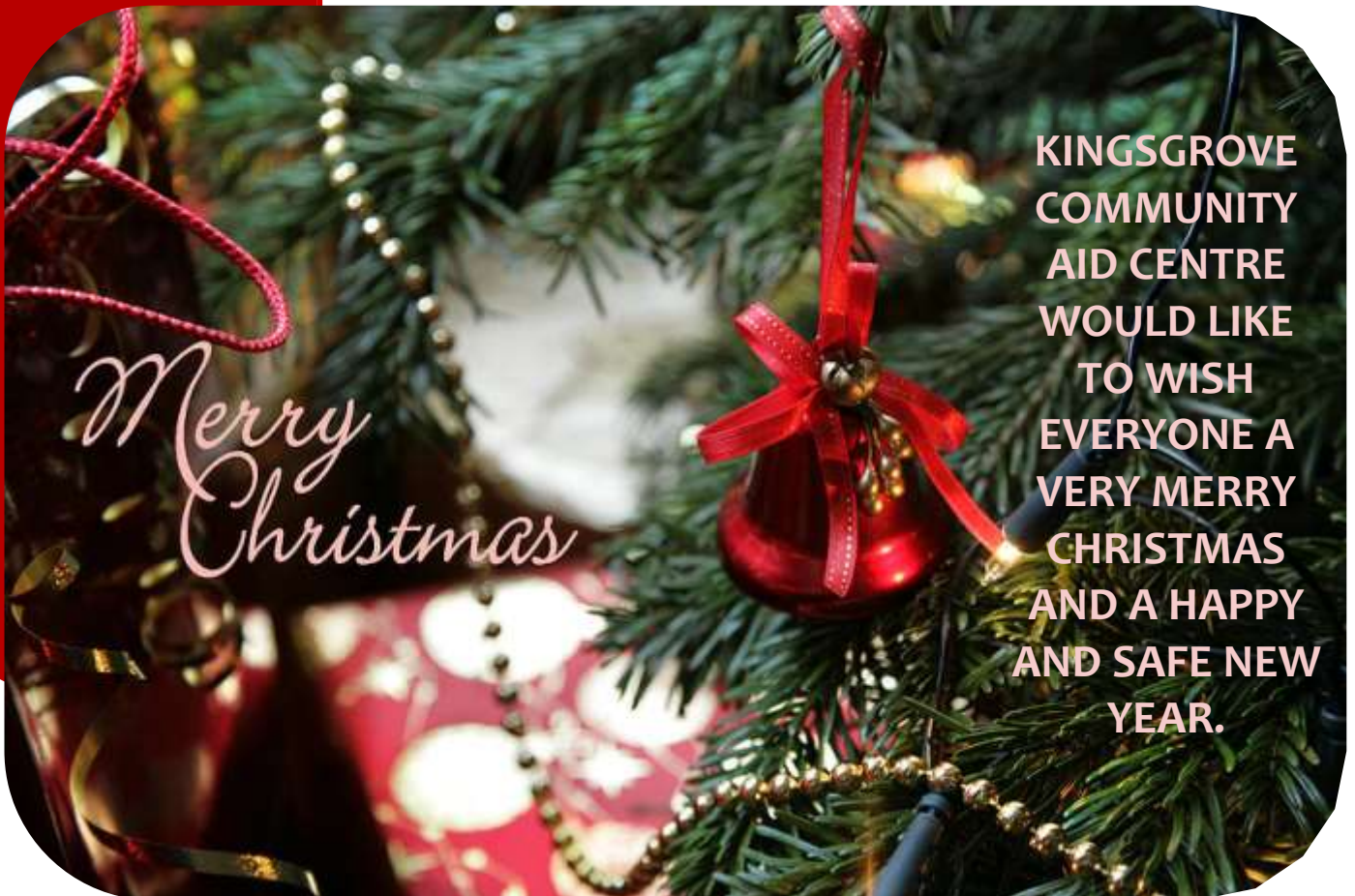
JANUARY

- 11th: Centre re-opens for 2016.
- 4th: Vacation Care commences.
- 22nd: Vacation Care ends.
- 26th: Australia Day.

FEBRUARY

- 8th: Chinese New Year. Year of the Monkey
- 14th: Valentines Day.

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MID AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL OPERA

The Chinese (Cantonese Speaking) Activity and opera group celebrated the Mid Autumn Moon Festival by hosting an Opera at the Ramsgate RSL Club on the 11th of September 2015.

Councillor Nancy Liu from Hurstville City Council was there to give the opening speech at the occasion where approximately 300 people were in attendance. Thank you to Brenda Eggleton & Nancy Liu (Hurstville Council), Peter Byrne (KCAC Board Secretary) and Ramsgate RSL Club.

Many Thanks to Sandra Wong and the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre Chinese Opera Group for putting on a great show.

It is great to be able to embrace & appreciate so many different cultures in this great multicultural society.



LEBANESE HARMONY DAY 2015



It was a great day at the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre on Wednesday the 18th of November when we came together with the local community to celebrate Lebanese Harmony Day. After the Australian National Anthem was sung followed by the Lebanese National Anthem, the ladies told stories about their migration to Australia all those years ago and about how blessed and grateful they feel about living in the best country in the world. Traditional Lebanese music and dancing was followed by a delicious spread of Lebanese food.

Many Thanks to Ms Brenda Eggleton and Mr David Linden from Hurstville Council who came along to the event. Many Thanks to George who provided the excellent music and entertainment and also to the many staff who helped out on the day.



SENIORS DAY TRIP TO THE ENTRANCE

The Seniors Social Support groups enjoyed a long day trip to the Entrance on Wednesday 25th November.

The weather was beautiful and the seniors had a fantastic time in the sunshine at this great location.

They enjoyed a lovely seafood lunch and fed the pelicans before returning home.



MELBOURNE CUP 2015



As part of The Seniors Social Support Groups attended the Kingsgrove RSL Club to celebrate the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday the 3rd of November. They enjoyed a beautiful day together full of laughter and good times as well as a delicious lunch provided by the club.

Some members took out 1st prize for best dressed and most creative hat.



KCAC LONG TIMERS

These ladies pictured right have been involved with the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre for the past 30 years.

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of KCAC. The centre will be celebrating the event with a variety of events & activities.

We are hoping that many of our long term clients will be attending to share stories of their experiences engaging with our community organisation.



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in **NEWS, EVENTS &
PHOTOS TAB.**

KINGSGROVE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE & VACATION CARE



September Spring Holidays!

Welcome everyone,

The children enjoyed taking part in nature focused activities along with plenty of cooking activities. We took advantage of the good weather to have as much outdoor play as possible, for the children to explore and relax.



Our most popular excursions were;

Movies! – Inside out and Pixel

Tribal Zone – Lots of adventure and ARCADE games.

Our most popular in centre activities;

Cooking

Mural/ Nature Craft

We are looking forward to the January Vacation care where we will have exciting new excursions and activities available!



HURSTVILLE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE & VACATION CARE

The September October School Holidays were an exciting educational experience for the children.

The holidays began with a craft day and everyone had lots of fun getting creative with their friends making a Spring Mural.

Our first excursion was a Master Chef day at Ramsgate RSL. The children had a lot of fun creating their own pizzas to eat. We all enjoyed cubby houses and games day as it is always popular with the children bringing in their favourite games and tents to play with their friends.

Our second excursion was to The Power House Museum where the children enjoyed the Mind craft exhibition and activities.

The second week began with a creativity day where we made different types of play dough by adding smell and texture. This was followed by a science day where we made lots of fun things like making slime and volcanoes. Our third excursion was again to Ramsgate RSL which included a fun day of outdoor sport games, a play on the park's equipment and a delicious lunch. To celebrate Chinese National Day, we made Kites, origami and had rice and spring rolls with fruit and vegetables for afternoon tea. Our Vacation Care program concluded with a combined OOSH centre days at Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre which included a Nerf War day and carnival games. A delicious lunch was provided which included wraps with assorted filling and was followed by a yummy ice cream treat from the Classic Ice cream van.

I hope all are enjoying Term4.

Katina Papadakis

OOSH Coordinator



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VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care period will commence on Monday the 4th January 2016 and will run until Friday 22nd January 2016.

FUN ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS ORGANISED.

School resumes
Thursday 28th Jan
2016.

49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015



On Wednesday the 28th of October Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre held their 49th Annual General Meeting.

50 members attended the Annual General Meeting of the Kingsgrove Community aid Centre. The Board presented to the members the activities of the KCAC over the past year (2014-2015).

Thank you to all the board members, staff and local community members who attended.

Congratulations to KCAC for a job well done.



CAG INFORMATION SESSION

Mr. Tat Lee, a solicitor from Hussein Lawyers & Public Notaries in Hurstville, generously gave his time to speak to the Chinese (Cantonese) Activity Group on legal matters regarding Wills and Australian Law.

About 30 seniors attended this information session, which lasted over one hour. The matters discussed were interesting as well as important to the group. Everyone felt that they had learned much and had acquired a much better knowledge of these difficult matters. The discussion could have gone on for much longer if time had permitted.

We would like to thank Mr Lee for his great contribution to the well-being of our group.

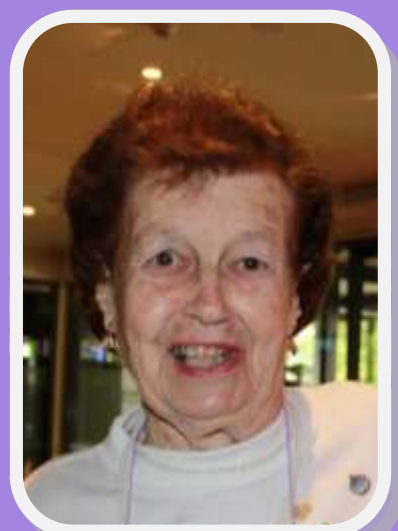
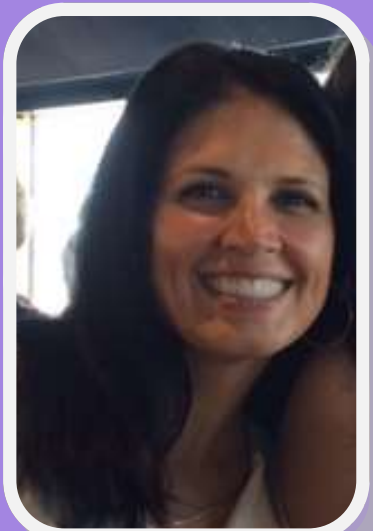


A graphic for 'Live And Local' featuring a microphone and a list of artists. The list includes: Beatles, Rollingsstones, Elvis, Madonna, Jimmy Barnes, Elton John, ABBA, Dusty Springfield, and Billy Joel. The logo '2 nbc 90.1 FM' is also visible.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special Birthday wishes to Rachel Gamboa (Family & Children's Services), Rose Caltabiano (Publicity & Propromotions), Ruth Poulton (Volunteer) & Douglas O'Hare (Board Member) who celebrated their birthdays in September, October & November. The staff at KCAC wish them all a Very Happy Birthday.



To all our community members who have celebrated their birthdays in September, October & November Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre wishes you all a very Happy Birthday and many more to come!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE KINGSGROVE RSL CLUB

CHRISTMAS HAM RAFFLES

Fri 04 December

Come on down to Kingsgrove RSL on Friday 4th and 11th December 2015 for our annual ham raffle. 202 1/2 leg hams to be given away over 2 nights. Thats 101 hams every week. Tickets from \$1. On sale from 3pm



STARS TRIBUTE

Fri 05 December

Featuring Entertainment by Audio Vixen with the Classic Rock Show. \$40 per person. Includes 3 course meal & 4 free drinks. Tickets on sale now. Call 9336-1500 to book or for more details.



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**THANK YOU
Mr David Coleman,
for recognising the
important work we
do at KCAC
AFH CEO**

David Coleman MP Recognises the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre

*Hansard, page 176,
House of Representatives,
44th Parliament of Australia*

19:34, Monday 9th November 2015

Mr David Coleman MP:

"We also have an important community centre located in Kingsgrove. The Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre has been around for a very long time and is really a focal point not just for Kingsgrove but for the broader St George community. It is very well led by its charismatic CEO Ann Farah Hill. Ann leaves local representatives such as myself in doubt as to the needs of the Kingsgrove community centre and the broader community. I always appreciate getting her frank advice on what is required for the centre and for our community more generally.

My electorate has the highest proportion of Australians of Chinese background of any electorate in the nation—around 20 per cent of all people being of Chinese background. The Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre, through running classes for both the Cantonese-speaking group and the Mandarin-speaking group, provide a lot of support—especially to elderly people—in the Chinese Australian community. The seniors social-support group is one of the particularly important activities, but they do a lot more too—childcare services, language classes, art therapy, autism support groups and a whole lot more.

Earlier this year, the then Minister for Communications—now Prime Minister—visited my electorate to help me in honouring some of our great local volunteers. Mr Yuchun Zhao of the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre was recognised at the Volunteer of the Year awards night for his work assisting the Chinese community through the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre. To Mr Zhao, to Anne Farah-Hill and to all of the scores of people who are involved in the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre, thank you for what you do for our community."

**David Coleman MP
Federal Member for Banks**

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