



Hi valued supporter, a warm welcome to our Summer newsletter!

The unfolding theme of the last few months here at Fusion Canberra, has definitely been one of community. God's remarkable design, is for people to be in loving community. Yet because we live in a broken and fallen world, this togetherness is also broken and isolation is too common. However, as God works to mend the brokenness through Jesus, community also begins to be restored. We have seen glimpses of this recently that we would like to share with you!

We are excited to see what God has in store in Canberra this year and value your prayers as conversations continue. Both a challenge and an opportunity is the need to come alongside local churches to help them support young people in local high schools. We are looking into ways we can train members of churches to run our programs in the schools and for these to be an opportunity to build relationships with the schools & the kids. Pray for these connections to be made and for wisdom as we move forward. If you would like to be a part of what is happening here by way of volunteering, prayer support, giving or anything else you have in mind don't hesitate to be in touch. Email ami.khelete@fusion.org.au

We hope you had a lovely Christmas & are refreshed as the new year begins!

Love from Ami and the Fusion Canberra team.

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As 2017 progressed, I settled into my role at Kaleen and understood more of what it means to be a chaplain. I was involved in running girls groups on self-esteem, healthy relationships and body image, mental and sexual health groups, art groups, drumbeat programs and leadership through sports & went on a recent surf camp. I also had the privilege of getting alongside kids on a one on one basis and talking through hard things with them.



I have been working quite closely with a 13 year old girl who has quite a rough home situation recently. Friendship drama lead to more home troubles. She stopped trying in school, missing out on class and misbehaving. She has been bullied at school & to cope with everything has started self-harming & not going home at night. Recently she has started getting into drugs. It is

absolutely heart wrenching to see this young girl making terrible decisions. I am working with her on a daily basis, and encouraging her to think through things and look towards the future. All I can do is pray and be a positive role model in her life.



Kaleen Breakky Cupboard

2017 was a year with many challenges and highlights. I would love for you to pray for the kids at Kaleen High. There are a lot of hard things and I often feel completely out of my depth. It is in these times that I cry out to God and He reminds me that "My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in your weakness".

Elley Clements - Chaplain at Kaleen High

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One of our lovely volunteers came to the Kippax Op Shop shy & uncertain of her abilities. She is a single Mum with an 8 year old son. The team just came around her like a cocoon of support & care. She couldn't believe they thought she was worth the investment! She is now a shift supervisor and studying her cert III in Retail. She has grown in confidence & maturity, she is a big team player and she has been energized by being able to study.

Another volunteer has come alongside her to help her with her study, assignments and reading & writing. We were able to loan her a laptop to assist in her studies. She struggles to know how to thank the Op Shop team enough so is always giving them big hugs!

This reminds me of our slogan: "together there is life!" How true that is. The customers too, step into this community when they walk through the doors.

One of our elderly ladies who visits just for a browse and chat, laid eyes on a beautiful knitted green cardigan. As she doesn't usually buy anything, she hesitantly made her way to the change room to try it on. Her face was glowing as she showed the ladies on shift. She asked if she could layby the \$7 cardigan. Overhearing this, another customer said "Darling today you aren't going to layby that cardigan, I am going to buy it for you"

Diana Davis - Fusion OpShop Kippax Manager

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Recently Fusion Canberra held its annual celebration and fundraising dinner and the theme was **'Every One Matters'**. We agreed that while 'People Matter' is part of Fusion's norms, we really value each and every One we have contact with and this is the core of all we do in both our op shops and chaplaincy work.

I would like to share with you, our dedicated supporters, a little of life at Fusion OpShop Kambah and I'd like to do this firstly, by introducing our team – names below:

Lynette, Marianne, Sandy, Laura, Rose, Norma, Helen, Tori (aged 9), Pat, Christine, Edna, Lyn, Inta, Liliás (aged 92), Judy, Wyatt, Dian (and her assistance dog Beasley), Cindy, Loren, Emma, John and Anne.

And next, some of our regular community:

Primrose, Marianne and her grandson Marcus, Samira and her kids Ayesha and Harry, Graeme, Ian, Duncan, Di and her dog Spin, Carol, Janette, Dave, Ada, Karen, Deb, Rosanna, Tanya, Rhonda, Sue, Barbara, Tony, Tina, Bev, Ray, Julie and Paul and their daughters Claire and, Rod and his son Leonard and Garry and his 3 adult ASD children Dhillon, Cassandra and Alezandra.

These people are all 'Ones' that contribute to life at our op shop and I believe very much that through them we are blessed to be a blessing in our broader community.



We've included the photo above showing a little 'One' who had left her family heirloom toy cat at the shop over a month ago and was reunited last week. She and her family felt they mattered because we had kept their precious toy safe and did all we could to reunite them. And our days are full of similar stories.

Gillian Uhle - Fusion OpShop Kambah Manager



Kippax Op Shop Staff Christmas Morning Tea

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We hope you've had a great 2017, and we all look forward to working alongside you in the coming year!



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