



## Kippax Monster Garage Sale – March 2017 Report

A **huge thank you** again to everyone who assisted with the March 2017 Monster Garage Sale!

It was the wettest garage sale for years with rain on the Friday night and persistent showers during the sale. This made furniture sales difficult and knocked out the pack up crew.

Customer numbers dropped from 1.7 to 1.5 billion but it seems that people spent the time inside wisely as we had record clothing sales!

Spirits on the day were lifted by a magnificent debut performance from local A Cappella group *AFK*, festival games run by Kingsford Smith students, a professional face painter, lots of yummy food and the great community spirit of our volunteers and patrons.

Together, we **raised \$17,830**. This is slightly down on the last couple of sales but an amazing result considering the weather!

We also **provided \$1,070** worth of items at no charge to 18 clients of UnitingCare Kippax and a local women's refuge. The **Refugee Resettlement Committee** at St John's Catholic Church raised \$121 which their lunch stall.

We were blessed by the unflagging help from **152 volunteers** including:

- ✂ 95 members of the Kippax Uniting Church community, plus 9 friends
- ✂ 20 year nine students from St Francis Xavier College
- ✂ 9 regular UnitingCare Kippax volunteers, plus 3 staff and 3 friends
- ✂ 5 previous garage sale customers
- ✂ 8 people from our Kippax Kids Playgroup, Mower Shed and NewPin programs.

Once again we are hugely appreciative of the support we get from **Storage King Belconnen**. This time they loaned us a truck for 4 days, provided a larger and more accessible storage unit and raised \$150 directly through face painting and proceeds from bag sales.

**Woolworths Kippax** again came to the party again providing lunch, morning and afternoon tea for volunteers during the setup. We are thankful for the discounted services provided by David from **On Time Rubbish Removals**.

We would value your feedback and suggestions for improving our Garage Sale. You can:

- ✂ drop Rob or James a note,
- ✂ email [garagesale@kippax.org.au](mailto:garagesale@kippax.org.au)
- ✂ come along to a debrief session at 7:30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The next sale is on 24<sup>th</sup> June. We hope we will again have your assistance!

**Many thanks for your ongoing support!**

James Fenn and Rob Day