



Media Release

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Christmas goodwill extended to people with mental illness

Clarkson Community Mental Health Service Clinic, within the North Metropolitan Area Health Service (NMAHS) Mental Health, will soon receive an assortment of festive goods donated by Lake Joondalup Baptist Church to be distributed to people living with mental illness.

Wishing to support their clients over Christmas in a more practical way, Ruth Langmead, Occupational Therapist at Clarkson Community Mental Health Service approached the church for assistance. "Many clients have not been able to prepare for Christmas due to being unwell or in hospital. Some clients are also not able to work due to their condition, and therefore have limited funds available to make Christmas a special family affair," says Mrs. Langmead.

Pastor Johan DeSwart from Lake Joondalup Baptist Church was able to help by encouraging his congregation to donate suitable goods for clients of the clinic.

"Our clients often fall through the gaps when it comes to accessing community programs aimed at supporting those less fortunate. This may be due to people living with mental illness not knowing how or where to seek assistance, so our clinic approached the Joondalup Baptist Church on our clients' behalf.

Clarkson Community Mental Health Service are very grateful to Lake Joondalup Baptist Church for the generosity extended towards making Christmas a more enjoyable experience for their clients. "We look forward to meeting with Pastor DeSwart later this week to accept the donated food, presents and other festive goodies which will be compiled into approximately thirty Christmas hampers and distributed to selected clients before Christmas," says Ruth Langmead.

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Additional information:

A photo opportunity will be available Thursday 20th December at 12:00pm when Pastor Johan DeSwart from Lake Joondalup Baptist Church will deliver donated goods to the clinic.

Clarkson Community Mental Health Service clinic is located at 77 Renshaw Boulevard, Clarkson

