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Celebrating Over Twenty Years in Western Australia.



Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – June 2019

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Julie Marshall

Perth Walks to Emmaus numbers 65 and 66 have concluded and it is now a joy to welcome twenty new Community Members:

Matthew Horlock, Gordon Hand, Jean-Pierre Bouchard, Tony Overheu, Phil Daniel, and Robert Skupin; Bec Horlock, Hazel Hatfield, Kathryn Jones, Louise Powell. Esther Maxwell, Margaret Ferguson, Heather Gray, Nerida Alsop, Diana Hill, Debra Jefferies, Carol Deighton, Cyndi Caballero, Gwen Lambert and Jacqueline Glaser.

Many thanks to Lay Directors Greg Corlett and Jenny Jay for your leadership of your excellent Teams on these Walks.

Thanks, too, to all the willing servants who helped in Walk Support . It really is a blessing to have so many people available to help make the Walks such a blessing to the pilgrims. May I congratulate both Steve Charles who undertook Walk Support for the first time while Neal Leggo was on Men's Team and then Neal, himself, again for his first time in this job for Women's Walk #66.

It is important for new members to maintain contact with the Community in your Fourth Days. This is achieved by joining (or starting) a Reunion Group (existing groups are listed in your take home packs from the Walk); by attending monthly Gatherings, serving on a Support team at next year's Walks or in the Conference Room when invited, and perhaps sponsoring someone from your own church fellowship on the next Walks.

PLEASE NOTE: The post-walk Gathering will be held on Saturday 22nd June at Applecross Uniting, Corner Kishorn and Mackenzie Streets, Applecross. We will have a light meal at 6.30pm (Please bring a plate to share) followed by a Gathering or worship service at 7.30pm.

I look forward to meeting up again with the Teams and new community members from Walks #65 and #66 at the Gathering

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This list is provided for the benefit of the Emmaus Community. Should you wish to contact someone about a specific area of Emmaus, these are the people to talk to. There are a number of roles still vacant on the board also, so if you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) to take a position, please speak to us.

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

David de Kock

Welcome to your Fourth Day and to the community for all those who completed their pilgrim walks on Walk 65 and 66. I remember the weary excitement I felt when I completed my pilgrim walk. I was exhausted! but excited about my new found friends, the inspiration for my spiritual life and a new call to the discipleship life to which Jesus calls us.

The Walk is over but the journey has just begun. One of the things I love about the Walk to Emmaus is that we are constantly called back to the space we began our journey. I want to encourage you to become involved in the community, attend the gatherings, join a group, invite others to go on the Walk and put your hand up to help at future Walks.

The Walk to Emmaus is never a substitute for your local church but your participation in the movement will encourage you to grow closer to God and bring new life into your relationship with your local church family.

As I was driving through the city on my way to work this morning I saw some new graffiti on the roof of an old building in Barrack St. The graffiti artist had painted letters on each side of a porthole-like window, using that window as the "O".

It made me think about Emmaus. It is really, in most cases, only one part of our Christian toolbox, but it can be used to shape something completely different in the way we live our lives as followers of Jesus. We walked beside Jesus on the way, then He revealed Himself to us and we recognised Him and realised that our hearts had been strangely warmed.

He is counting on you.

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE

Julie Marshall

From 29th to 31st March this year, I was privileged to represent Perth Emmaus Community at the National Secretariat Conference for Emmaus and Chrysalis Australia. Paul and Caroline Mulroney and Alan and Dianne Ward from Great Southern Community were my companions.

It was held at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre , some 67 kms out of Tamworth, New South Wales. The water level of the Lake was quite low on our arrival but we were blessed with rain on the first night after praying that afternoon, following a welcome from the Mayor of Tamworth. Praise the Lord for His answer!

So much rain that when we arrived at the South Tamworth Uniting Church the next afternoon for our Gathering , the carpark was flooded!

We were warmly welcomed by the Northern Inland Emmaus Community who hosted the event and treated to a country-style feast for afternoon tea. (The Church sits across the road from the Tamworth Country Music Big Guitar).

Great fellowship was had by us all and we appreciated the opportunity to hear what other Australian Communities are experiencing and how they are coping with the challenges we face too.

The 2021 Conference will be hosted by Darling Downs and 2022 by Newcastle Central Coast.



Tamworth's famous Golden Guitar



Our WA contingent: Julie Marshall, Diane and Allan Ward
Caroline and Paul Mulroney

SPONSORSHIP

Barry Tyrie

A new opportunity beckons.

With this year's walks completed, it is time to thank all of those who sponsored Pilgrims for these Walks. Without you, this year's Pilgrims would not have had the opportunity to experience the gift that is Emmaus.

But, with one mountain climbed, another beckons. We now need to look to next year's Walks and start praying that God will reveal to us another group of potential Pilgrims to receive the life changing gift that participating in a Walk to Emmaus can be. It is never too early to start and if we can approach potential Pilgrims now, the Emmaus walk will be something they can work around in next year's program rather than them trying to fit it in to an already full calendar.

So I beseech thee, to use an old phrase, to start looking and praying so as to be able to use this new opportunity to enable another person, or people, to experience the blessings that a Walk to Emmaus can give them. It is never too early to seek out a new opportunity.

FACE TO FACE

Julie Marshall

'Face to Face' is an alternative programme to the Walk to Emmaus which has been developed for those people who, for various reasons, are unable or have difficulty in taking a whole weekend off. It is run over a number of weeks, one day per week, and offers similar experiences to the Walk to Emmaus.

An opportunity to find out more about 'Face to Face' will be given on Tuesday 9th July, when Vince and Joh Van Sant from Emmaus Australia will share over a meal at the home of Kevin and Julie Marshall in Willetton.

Vince has just returned from Adelaide's Emmaus Community, which has recently finished their first 'Face to Face' Encounter with 18 pilgrims.

WHERE: 5 Corsair Drive, Willetton

WHEN: 6pm, 9th July

WHAT: Please bring something to share.

RSVP: Julie 0414 432 130, Kevin 0414 432 125; 9332 1396

AGAPE

Heather Haggerty

Wow! How amazing was the Agape that we received from all the reunion groups for this year's Walks.

Many thanks for all the willing people who had a hand in anyway no matter how big or small in making Agape for the Walks. I pray that you will all continue to come up with different and exciting new Agape ideas each year. Just run these ideas past the Agape Board person prior to making it so there isn't two groups making the same thing please.

The Agape for the 3 days is	Friday	God (The Love of God)
	Saturday	Jesus (The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ)
	Sunday	Holy Spirit (The fellowship of the Holy Spirit)

Please also keep this in mind.

We would love for you to put the full verse attached to your Agape, not just the Bible name and number e.g. 1 John 3:11a But the full verse "We should love one another", and remember to use uplifting verses.

Many thanks for all that gave their agape to me prior to the Walk, as this lightens the load for the walk Agape person who is often new to the job.

I pray that you have all thoroughly enjoyed making these lovely gifts for the Pilgrims, and I look forward to seeing next year's creations.

MEN'S WALK

Greg Corlett

Praise Report for Men's Walk 65

I would like to thank the Perth Emmaus Board for the honour of being Lay Director for Walk 65.

I felt the Lord speak to me that He has called me to lead this Walk with gentleness and love and allow the team to show the pilgrims God's love for them. Over the whole weekend I had that feeling of absolute peace overcome me, which is very rare for me.

In the early days of preparation, the team came together slowly from the list I had been given from the selection meeting and consultations with Board members. As a result of this, the team for this walk was wonderful, and made being the Lay Director an exceptional experience, one which I will always hold dear to my heart.

We had a smaller number within our conference room, but the love of God was evident in all our activities, nothing is too hard for our God, what an amazing time we had together. The talks collectively gave a message of triumph through God's grace and this became a pillar of strength for many of the pilgrims. Every situation was bathed in prayer and amazing results were evident by the end of the Walk as pilgrims stood to testify of their experience of love and gratefulness to the conference room team and support team.

Our music team were sensational and welcomed the presence of the Lord into our midst and I now have a number of worship songs buzzing around in my head. What an amazing testimony to the Perth Emmaus Community.

Team members and pilgrims had opportunities to share their stories, experiences, joys and pains, praise and worship and the fun presentation of table items at the end of each day. It became our haven that would have made our God proud. The prayer room was a welcoming place of safety and confidence.

The kitchen and dining room from my perspective was wonderful, and really appreciated by all, as we enjoyed three days without having to prepare a meal or wash the dishes, thank you to the servants who spoil us and gave willingly of your time and long hours, it was really appreciated.

Thank you to community groups who gave a continual flow of new and old agape gifts, and an amazing outpouring of surprises over the seventy two hours.

The candle lighting service was absolutely incredible, a glimpse of heaven and a gift to our men. I know I reflected back to my pilgrim walk when I approached the cross and hope that the pilgrims and team members did the same thing about their journey with the Lord.

Praise God that lives have been changed and ministered into by our God who loves the work of Emmaus. I know I reflected back to my pilgrim walk over the entire weekend, some 22 years ago and acknowledged in prayer many times on how God has trained and used me. My prayer is that everyone from the conference team, walk support and pilgrims will train you and use you to further his kingdom.

FACEBOOK

Gareth Stafford

I would like to invite all new members of the Perth Emmaus Community, and anyone else who has not already done so, to join our Facebook page. This is a good way to stay connected with other members and keep up to date with news, share prayer requests, testimonies and encouragements, or anything relevant to Emmaus. To find us, simply search "Perth Emmaus Community" on Facebook or follow the link below.

EMMAUS LINKS AND RESOURCES

Perth Emmaus Website

www.perth.emmaus.org.au

Perth Chrysalis Website

www.perth.emmaus.org.au/chrysalis

Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/perthemmaus

Kairos Prison Ministry

www.kairos.org.au

TEAM SELECTION

Madeleine Read

While we have only just finished our walks this year, we are already preparing for those in 2020.

Neal Leggo and Cathy O'Dea are our Lay Directors for next year, and have agreed to form and lead the two teams for those walks.

I am stepping down from team selection (and the board after too many years), to make room for others to step up. To help make it easier for the new team selectors, if you have been on team before, and would like to serve in this way again, please pray about it and let us know so we can put your name forward. If you have never served on team, and have a yearning to serve in this delightful but exhausting way, that is God calling you. Please let me know so I can pass your names on. Don't be shy!

Serving on team involves training, and you receive plenty of help, so that you can grow in your Christian leadership skills. About 2 months before the walk is an afternoon of Orientation, about a month later we have a weekend training, (not sleeping over), where we enjoy fellowship and practice and polish up our talks. The talks all have outlines which are easy to follow. You are also surrounded by prayer, you are not alone.

My email is the best way of letting me know gemread@iinet.net.au or contacting Neal or Cathy. I am looking forward to hearing from you, or talking to you at the next Gathering.

REUNION GROUPS

Willetton Warriors

Willetton Warriors meets on the first Monday of every month at the home of Julie and Kevin Marshall, 5 Corsair Drive Willetton, at 7.30pm. We follow the Order of Service Card (roughly!) and share our Fourth Day experiences, pray for one another, and Emmaus in general, then have supper while usually making Agape gifts. Last week we had a meal together to meet some new Members following their Walks.

REUNION GROUP CONTACTS

The Mighty Midwest

Meeting once a month in the Geraldton area
Contact Anne Ashby anne.ashby56@gmail.com

Willetton Warriors

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Hillbillies

Meet on the first Monday of the month at John and Anne Steeds home. Contact Heather Haggerty heather.ian@bigpond.com

Peel Pilgrims

Meet 2pm Sundays once a month 2pm
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Southern Lights – Canning Vale

Meet in different homes once a month.
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