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**Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – NOVEMBER 2019**

**Community Lay Director**

**JULIE MARSHALL**

November already! The year is fast drawing to a close and we can give thanks for what the Lord has done amongst us.

Following our Annual General Meeting which was held at Willetton Uniting Church in September, FOUR members of the Perth Board retired. (Thank you for your service, Madeleine Read, Barry Tyrie, Heather Haggerty and John Eva!) and TWO members have joined.

We welcome Natalie Bock, and Eric Loughton who is representing Great Southern on Perth's Board and representing Perth on the board of Great Southern

As you can see that leaves a gap of at least TWO places. We still need someone to oversee Agape production during the year and distribution at the Walks; also someone to organise the Candlelight and Closing services on Walks. As we were shown at the Kalamunda Gathering in October, these tasks are not particularly onerous - but do require organisation of a few willing helpers. You do not need to make the agape or even be "crafty", nor do you need to spend much time throughout the year. Neither do you need to attend all the Board meetings.

Neal Leggo could also do with being relieved of one of his THREE portfolios, having responsibility for both Gatherings, Reunion Groups and Walk Support.

So, how about it! See what you can do to serve Perth Emmaus Community in any of these areas. The Board would love to hear from you.

Team selection for Walks #67 and #68 is well under way. Please pray for Neal Leggo and Cathy O'Dea, that they will be led by God in their selecting and be encouraged by the responses given when contacting prospective Team members.

Our final Gathering for 2019 will be held at The Billabong Uniting Church, Canning Vale on Saturday 30th November and hosted by Peel Pilgrims Reunion Group together with Chrysalis. Let's make a big effort to encourage them with our attendance and enjoy what they have prepared for us. It is sounding like fun !

**Remember the Early Bird cut off for a reduced Registration fee for Walks next year is 30th November!** Dawn Timmerman would love to be flooded with completed forms and deposits at the Gathering that evening! Email her for a form if you need it.

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As you can see from the above list, our team of board members has shrunk with the loss of four servants due to retirement. However that creates opportunity for new people, fresh input and an innovative approach. Please speak to the board if you feel that you would like to step out in faith and join us for 2020 and beyond. Many of the roles are not that involved and attendance at meetings is not compulsory. We would welcome any expressions of interest at any time.

**Community Spiritual Director**

**DAVID DE KOCK**

### LIFE IS A RUSH

Is your life filled with all the things you still have to do? Life is like that sometimes, we are rushing everywhere under the powerful tyranny of the urgent.

Tomorrow morning I am flying interstate again. I am thankful for the 4 hours I will have to get my head and my heart in order. Thankful also that in celebration of my recent birthday, I got upgraded to business class. I have four days of meetings ahead of me and will need this time to disconnect for a while.

Then someone said to me, "You will be glad to have an internet connection on your flight!" Oh no, I will not be glad. I don't even watch the movies. I need the time.

And don't we all? Are you taking time out to spend time with God? I saw a statistic the other day which suggested that not many believers do actually spend a devoted time with God. They are too busy, in too much of a rush. I think it was Bill Hybels who once said that he was too busy not to pray.

It is in our alone times with God that we can find the peace which we so often seek in the rush of this world. Over the years I have used various resources to help me find the habit of praying regularly. They have all been helpful. I have used the old Anglican Prayer book, the Emmaus Service book, books with prayers and so on. I have prayed through parts of the Bible. No doubt these have all been a good foundation for where I am now. Oftentimes, I simply sit with God and we don't say anything to each other.

Can you find a place, a time to spend a moment with God each day? Create the habit, build the relationship with the Lord. Become God's friend. It will be the best remedy for this rushed life.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

While it may still be six months before the 2020 walks it's never too early to start thinking about who to invite along. Many of us can still remember the impact our Emmaus experience had on our personal and spiritual lives and would love to see more lives changed as well. In recent years, participant numbers for the walks have dwindled, particularly in relation to the men who have had one walk postponed in 2017 and another that came close to going the same way this year. It would be a shame to have to postpone further walks for lack of interest.

Something to remember this year for the ladies, is that the walk will be held on a long weekend, beginning on a Friday night and ending on a Monday. We are trying something new and if it proves successful and the dates align in the future we may try it again down the track.

For further incentive, we have an **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT** available until the end of this month (**November 30**). We don't require the entire payment now but if you can get completed forms and deposits to registrar Dawn before the cut off date, then your pilgrim will be eligible for the reduced rate.

With Christmas coming up and the busyness of the season approaching, I urge you not to put it off.

Many times we tuck things away for later, only to never return to them again. Don't delay. ACT NOW!



### ASSISTANCE NEEDED

*The Board is seeking assistance from a member of our community to assist with resolving questions about legal identity, constitution and charitable registration. This is a short term project that requires someone with knowledge and experience in this area and a little bit of time available. Please contact Community Lay Director Julie Marshall if you have any further questions or If you are able to assist.*



### PNG SPONSORSHIP

*The Emmaus Community of Papua New Guinea is a fledgling group of men and women, having only been in existence for three years. The Northern Inland Community of New South Wales has been partnering with the PNG brothers and sisters to help them get established, but the time has now come for the community to stand on its own. However, there is an opportunity for our community to be involved either through sponsoring an individual pilgrim or through other support. To give you an idea, \$100 Australian dollar will sponsor a pilgrim, allow them to travel (this could be 5-6 hours away if they come from the Highlands), and will feed their family while they're away. This also represents a month's pay to them. If you would like to be involved in supporting the PNG community, please contact the board for further information.*



### MEN'S WALK

Someone asked me what I thought would happen next year... I replied "I can't tell because I don't have twenty-twenty vision". Enough of the bad jokes! It has been my privilege to be appointed as Lay Director for the next Men's Walk to Emmaus. I have been an ALD on 3 recent Walks so feel sufficiently prepared for the task. The process of gathering a conference room team together began in early September with a meeting at Madeline's house where she, the CLD, both LD's, and the training coordinators together began the process. A meeting with the past two LD's Greg and Alf followed. Since then I have made periodic bursts of strong activity ringing prospective team members me; with subsequent periods of distraction. The lay team is currently about 60% assembled. I have been encouraged by the positive response of those I have made contact with. The Prayer Directors were among the first to be rung and answer the call - I thank Alan Creaser and Ian Knight for keeping me under prayer. The Spiritual Director for the Walk is David De Kock and we met this week to discuss and plan for the call of the ASD's. So in summary, progress is good.

### NEAL LEGGO

### WOMEN'S WALK

### CATHY O'DEA

Progress is being made in relation to the team for the Walk on May 29- 1 June. My responsibilities to work with the board and the team selection committee has reinforced to me that God is in control of the team He wants for the Walk.

Prayer underpins the work to be done to approach and affirm people in the roles God has planned for them. It is such a privilege to be asked to be the Lay Director of the Walk and with the knowledge that the community is supportive and also praying, I have been able to progress team selection with God's leading.

Our Prayer Directors for the Ladies' Walk will be Eric and Joy Loughton. I feel blessed to have their experience and wisdom to support team formation. Our music team has also been formed. ALDs, Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders are still to be finalised.

Please pray as I endeavour to contact community members to participate and for those I approach as they seek the Lord's leading before accepting the role being asked of them.

## **EMMAUS LINKS AND RESOURCES**

Perth Emmaus Website  
Perth Chrysalis Website  
Facebook  
Kairos Prison Ministry

[www.perth.emmaus.org.au](http://www.perth.emmaus.org.au)  
[www.perth.emmaus.org.au/chrysalis](http://www.perth.emmaus.org.au/chrysalis)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/perthemmaus](https://www.facebook.com/groups/perthemmaus)  
[www.kairos.org.au](http://www.kairos.org.au)

## **REUNION GROUPS**

### **WILLETTON WARRIORS**

**JULIE MARSHALL**

We have begun to sort our Agape and plan what we will make for next year's Walks. One of our new members has very methodically made a display book with all the agape she received on her Walk this year which is a great idea. Means we can see what we made as well as what was made by other groups. Anything which she couldn't put on her scarf has been photographed for the record. Laminated pieces are pinned up on her noticeboard.

Still meeting at 5 Corsair Drive, Willetton, on first Monday of each month. Will be having a meal together next meeting for the end of the year.

### **REUNION GROUP CONTACTS**

Joining and participating in a reunion group is a great way to stay connected within the Emmaus community. At the moment there are four reunion groups active across the metropolitan area:

- Joondalup Joybells - covering the northern suburbs (Darren - 0404751981)
- Hillbillies - covering the eastern suburbs (Heather – 0408565315)
- Willetton Warriors - covering the central and southern suburbs (Julie – 0414432130)
- Peel Pilgrims - covering the far southern suburbs (Joy – 0408 675 163)

If you would like some help starting a new group in your area please contact Neal Leggo (0421747870), the reunion groups coordinator on the board.

## **GATHERINGS**

**NEAL LEGGO**

We have had a variety of venues and styles for the gatherings through this year with attendances ranging from 30 to 50 or so. I thank all the reunion groups for their sterling efforts in booking venues, organising muso's, speakers, projections, communion et cetera. We have been both entertained and moved by the Fourth Day speakers and I thank these people for sharing their Emmaus experiences and insights with the community. Wonderful motivations to keep the joyful spirit of Emmaus alive in our Christian journeys.

I encourage you get along to as many gatherings as you can, especially our Christmas gathering coming up on Saturday 30 November. More information about the latest gathering is below, and also attached to the email.

Next year we will be moving the starting time forward by half an hour to 7 PM which the board feel will make for an earlier finish and make the journey home a little safer.

## NOVEMBER GATHERING

We are very pleased to invite you to this month's **Gathering**, which is being held *a little later than usual* on **November 30<sup>th</sup>** at **Billabong Uniting Church** (40 Liffey Street, Canning Vale) at **7:30PM** - or earlier if you want to start the socialising before as well as after!

Please bring something to add to **supper**.

Google map location: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/The+Billabong+Uniting+Church/@-32.0938508,115.9221024,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x2a32966a65234e5b:0x375bbf2f7d224e1a!8m2!3d-32.0938554!4d115.9242964>

There is **parking** available *behind the church* and also *across the road* at the local shopping centre if the church carpark fills up.

The event is hosted by the **Peel Pilgrim Group and Chrysalis** combined, who have put together the flyer below with all the information. It looks like a wonderful night has been planned!

Looking forward to seeing you all there as we celebrate *community* and *Christmas* and *catch up* with each other.