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**Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – MARCH 2021**

**COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

**JULIE MARSHALL**

*Greetings to the Perth Emmaus Community!*

*I am sad to say that the Men's Walk #67 for 2021 has had to be cancelled. Walk Lay Director Neal had tried very hard to raise enough men for the Team, but without success. Successive low sponsorships on Men's Walks have left a very small pool from which to gather Team members, so this is the result. We honour him for his efforts and commitment to Emmaus and the calling placed on him in 2019. Not deterred, he is now looking forward to serving the women on their Walk in Walk Support. That's what Emmaus is all about – servanthood and sharing the grace of God!*

*Please pray for Neal and the Men's Team in their disappointment that they would be encouraged to continue serving in the Emmaus Community in other ways.*

*The Women's Team is complete and ready to re-embark on Orientation and Training. I urge you to seek the Lord for names of women whom He is placing on your heart and mind to invite for the Walk. Our churches need the invigoration of renewed members who will pursue His direction in service and ministry wherever they can be used.*

*You can serve the Pilgrims and Team by taking prayer slots on the Prayer Vigil (see Steve Charles) by volunteering for Walk Support (see Heather Haggerty) attending Candlelighting and Closing ceremonies and making Agape gifts (see Joy Loughton).*

*Please continue to pray for the Board and Community that we would hear and share what God is leading us to do in the future.*

**COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

**JOHN WHALEY**

*As Julie has reported above, it was reluctantly decided to cancel the Men's Walk for 2021. Interestingly, Neal's response was both relief and at the same time sadness. I can understand his feeling. As Walk LD, he has worked tirelessly to get a Team together but has been unable. And as a Board we thank him for his consistency and passion to serve God thru Emmaus.*

*However, we must realise there is a trend here. Since 2017, I have prepared for three roles on Perth Men's Walks and have three talks that have not been given because of cancellation (to be fair 2020 was COVID related—Neil had a full Team in 2020). Furthermore, the number of Pilgrims Sponsored have diminished which has meant a smaller number of Table groups in the Conference room and less people to choose from for future Walks. And Gatherings attendees mainly consist of Board and Reunion Group members, while the Board has difficulty filling its required positions.*

*Over a number of years now, I have invested a great deal of ministry and enthusiasm into the Emmaus Communities (as have many others). It has been an amazing tool used by God to positively change people's*

lives and I have been rewarded and blessed through my involvement. However, I feel, and others also agree, that there are aspects that are no longer relevant to modern worship styles (certainly in evangelical circles), and some aspects are no longer appropriate (like the rainbow motif). So maybe it's time for (Oh no) change.

In Matthews Gospel (9: 14-17), Jesus is confronted by John the Baptist's disciples with a question, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples don't fast?" The question appears to be about fasting, but it wasn't really; it was the threat of change that troubled them. Their whole order of doing things (the OT traditions) were being threatened by Jesus which made them uncomfortable. Of course, the Word tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13: 8). But that is in the context of the nature of Christ, maintaining Christian Community and keeping the Apostolic Gospel. The reality is that our world is in a constant state of flux.

So in response to the question, Jesus tells them that no one puts new wine into old wineskins because they would not hold the wine. The skins would burst, and the wine would be lost. Instead, the new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved. I think that this means that each generation must find new ways of presenting the Gospel that is fresh yet maintains the truth.

I realise that the Emmaus model is regulated by the National Secretariat and the Upper Room in the US and that we are bound by the covenant we make with them each year. But I think there is some stirring at these levels too. I was pleased to read the following comment in the August 2020 edition of The Upper Room eNews recently. Doc Hall wrote, "... these are times that are more open to the creative energy of God and the refocusing of our purposes and resources. New ways of staying in touch with families, friends, and colleagues are a part of the everyday rather than the exception. God has doors standing wide open for us to walk through and find new ways to reach people with God's grace, love, and power and the promise of a Fourth Day lifestyle. So, I'd like to invite you to reflect on the following: **How is God helping us all to see new ways and new paradigms for us to Renew Christian Disciples and Strengthen Local Churches?**" (Written by: Hess B. "Doc" Hall, Jr., Associate Director of Emmaus Ministries at The Upper Room.)

And I am asking the Perth Emmaus Community to prayerfully consider what God is saying to us and how we are going to respond to the issues that confront us, without fear.

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## WOMEN'S LAY DIRECTOR

CATHY O'DEA

I am pleased to report that we have a near complete women's team with just a couple of ASD positions to be finalised. David De Kock is the Spiritual Director of the women's walk. Talks have been allocated and team members are preparing these for the walk that is planned for **4-7 June at Advent Park**.

Orientation and training dates have been set and venues booked for these important preparation days before the walk. (20 March Orientation, Training Day 1: 14 April, & Training Day 2: 8 May)

What we need now are pilgrims to be sponsored for the walk to go ahead. This is where help from the wider Emmaus membership is needed. We are the Body of Christ and together we can work towards affording others the opportunity to attend the walk in June and to be blessed through the experiences that an Emmaus walk provides.

Do you know of someone who would benefit from the Emmaus experience?

Would you be prepared to support the sponsorship of pilgrims know to team members who need your assistance to have a friend or contact attend?

If you have answered yes to these questions, please contact the Registrar for the Walk Jenny Jay at [jipaddles@gmail.com](mailto:jipaddles@gmail.com). She will be able to provide you with sponsorship information and forms.

The ongoing growth of the Emmaus Community is dependent on new pilgrims joining us. Please pray about how you might assist us to move forward with the women's walk, knowing that the part you play is blessing others.

Please find below the names and roles of those who have agreed to be on team. Please continue to pray for them.

We would love to see you at the gathering at the Willetton Uniting Church on 20 March 7.30pm where team members will be commissioned.

## EMMAUS WEBSITE

Did you know that Emmaus has a website once more? You may have visited the previous <http://www.perth.emmaus.org.au> and found it to be no longer available. However the good news is, we now have a new website up and running once more, where you can get all the information you need about Emmaus. Visit [mail.logicaldevelopments.com.au/pec](mailto:mail.logicaldevelopments.com.au/pec) to see the new site. This is a just a temporary placeholder, while the new and improved permanent site is being developed.

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Table Leader	Carolyn Gibbon
Table Leader	Anne Ashby
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Assistant Table Leader	Jacqueline Glaser
Assistant Table Leader	Louise Powell
Assistant Table Leader	Florence Khimbi
Music Director	Julie Marshall
Assistant Music Director	Roslyn Twine
Assistant Music Director	Heather Gray
Spiritual Director	David De Kock
Assistant Spiritual Director	Sal Marais
Assistant Spiritual Director	Alison Burgoyne
Assistant Spiritual Director	Glynis Turpin
Assistant Spiritual Director	TBC

## **REUNION GROUPS**

*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:*

### *Willetton Warriors Reunion Group*

*The Warriors have recommenced meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Kevin and Julie's home in Willetton. We will be preparing for the next Gathering on 20<sup>th</sup> March which we are to host. Any who live within the Canning, Cockburn or Melville cities is welcome to join us from 7 - 9pm. Julie Marshall 0414 432 130*

### *Hillbillies Reunion Group*

*We had a shaky start to the year, but we have set out our monthly meetings now, We look forward to great prayer and fellowship each month. We meet at Anne and John Steeds lovely home, anyone who would like to join us is more than welcome. Heather Haggerty 0408 565 315*

*Joondalup Joybells - covering the northern suburbs (Darren – 0404 751 981)*

*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 (0421 747 870), the reunion groups coordinator on the board.*

## **SPONSORSHIP**

*Now is the time to be thinking of sponsoring pilgrims for the upcoming Women's Walk.*

*We need a minimum of 12 pilgrims for these walks to be successful.*

*We have seen the consequences of running walks with low numbers, with the men's walk unable to go ahead this year due to lack of available and committed team members. This is the result of a dwindling pool of people to choose from having had less and less new community members coming through in recent years.*

*Please prayerfully consider how you can help the Perth Emmaus Community grow going forward, by sponsoring someone today.*

*The application form is attached to this newsletter, and once complete please send on directly to the registrar Jenny Jay ([jipaddles@gmail.com](mailto:jipaddles@gmail.com)). Please note that we strongly advise anyone who has chronic illnesses or a compromised immune system NOT to attend due to the uncertainty around coronavirus. Also, should anyone develop cold or flu like symptoms in the two weeks before the walk or be around someone who has, we also strongly advise them not to attend.*

*If you have any further questions in regard to sponsorship, please contact me or any other board members.*

## **FACEBOOK**

*Another great way to stay up to date with Emmaus news, is by joining our closed Facebook group. We post all of our regular gathering information, important news, and relevant items here. This is also a space of encouragement, where you can privately share prayer requests, inspire one another with what God is revealing to you through his Word, or ask questions of the community. You can request to join our group by searching for "Perth Emmaus Community" when you log on to Facebook or follow this direct link: [www.facebook.com/groups/perthemmaus](http://www.facebook.com/groups/perthemmaus)*

## WALK SUPPORT

HEATHER HAGGERTY

We need people to come forward and volunteer for the servant roles that play a major role in making the Walk a wonderful experience for the Pilgrims, all you need is a love for serving others. We need general helpers for the whole weekend (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

We also need general helpers to come and go on a part time basis to carry out the following tasks:

- one or two people to set out morning and afternoon teas each day (Sat, Sun & Mon)
- final day clean up (cleaning bedrooms, bathrooms and grounds)
- servants to wait on tables for the Sunday night party dinner

If you're interested in helping out, but are unsure what you would like to help with, get in contact with me.

I would love to have you as a Servant on this Ladies Walk 68. Let's get together and make it a great Walk for the Pilgrims that God is sending. Prayerfully consider if God is leading you to be one of his servants this year.

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## GATHERINGS 2021

NEAL LEGGO

Month	Day	Date	Time	Location Name	Location Address
March	Sat	20-Mar-21	7.30pm	Willetton Uniting Church	16 Herald Avenue, Willetton
March	Sat	17-Apr-21	8am	Rehoboth	92 Kenwick Rd, Kenwick
April	Sat	08-May-21	8am	Rehoboth	92 Kenwick Rd, Kenwick
June	Sun	06-Jun-21	8.00pm	Advent Park	Maida Vale
June	Mon	07-Jun-21	3.30pm	Advent Park	Maida Vale

Our next gathering will be this Saturday March 20 at Willetton Uniting Church from 7:30pm. For more information including a map of the location, please refer to the email sent by Natalie Bock earlier this week.

This is an important gathering as we will be commissioning the team members for the upcoming ladies walk on the night. They will be greatly encouraged by your presence, as they go forth to serve in this way.

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