

Perth Emmaus

Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – September 2022

ATTENTION EVERYONE Perth Emmaus Walks are APPROACHING fast.

IMPORTANT DATES – to REMEMBER and SUPPORT

*CLOSING DATES for Pilgrim sponsorship. Men's Walk Thurs 1st September (CLOSED)

*Ladies Walk - Friday 9th September

Perth Emmaus Men's Walk #69.

Commencing Thursday 15th September to Sunday 18th September 2022.

At Advent Park, Maida vale

*Saturday 17th September 8pm for <u>Candle lighting</u>, at the Advent Camp site.

*Sunday 18th September 3.30pm for the Men's **Closing Service**.

Perth Emmaus Women's Walk #70

Friday, 23rdSept to Monday 26th September 2022.

At Advent Park, Maida vale WA.

*Sunday 25th September 8pm for Ladies <u>Candle lighting</u>, at Advent Camp site.

Monday 26th September 3.30pm for the C<u>losing Service</u>

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NEXT COMMUNITY GATHERINGS -

are as follows. Please place these on your Calendars with the others.

*<u>Saturday 29th October.</u> Post Walk Gathering 6pm Shared tea – with the AGM Gathering following at 7pm, at South Perth Uniting Church 5 Sandgate St, South Perth.

It is also the AGM. PLEASE see the attached <u>Board Nomination Form for interested</u> people. The Board works at its best when all the roles are done by a different person.

*Saturday 26th November at 7pm - The End of the Year Gathering "Don't MISS IT."



Community Lay Director's Comments

"God has not given us a spirit of fear and Timidity,

But of power, love and self-discipline." 2Timothy 1:7

As I watched our second training day for our Walk's this year, it was with great Joy to see everyone moving together as a Team, the friendships that start to flourish on these occasions give each Team such a powerful

Place to step into the Walks from, knowing that our lord is with us, guiding us every step of the way.

We are only a few weeks away from the Walks now, so I pray that we may be praying continually for God's presence to be amongst us in these final weeks of preparation, not only for the Teams, but also for the wonderful volunteers who take care of everything else, that often isn't seen. But wonderful to be a part of.

I pray that our lord and Saviour may continue to keep us free from Covid and all other illnesses at this time, so that we are all able to be the very servants for our Lord on these Walks.

We have lots to look forward to with the Candle lighting on Saturday Night 17th September at 8pm for the Men, and For the Ladies it's the Sunday Night 25th September at 8 pm, so all who are able to be at each of these occasion's I pray that you will be there, as it really makes the team and the Pilgrims feel really Blessed when there are lots of us there for them, I have always found it to be a very moving moment.

I would love for the Community to be at the closing ceremony also, to see just how much God has blessed each and every Pilgrim, these weekends can really change some people who attend, and it's such a Blessing When others can acknowledge it by being there.

Our gatherings may be small in number but remain a great time of fellowship, so I put it to you all that you might try and bring someone with you to the next one. It will be on Saturday October 29th at 6-7 pm at South Perth Uniting Church.

I have been truly Blessed with the Team that I work with on the Board, we always need to remember that these Walks that we love so much, are God's Walks not our walks. And to work as God's servants in all decisions, and I praise God for his direction.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1Corinthians 15:58

De colores
May God's richest Blessings be with you all
Heather Haggerty
CLD – Community Lay Director.

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Community Spiritual Director's Comment.

In John's Gospel we find three instances where people invited others to come to Jesus: firstly, in John 1: 35-42, we read how, John the Baptiser pointed Jesus out to two of his disciples saying, "Look the Lamb of God". The two followed Jesus and spent the day with him. One of them was Andrew and the first thing he did was to find his brother Simon (later named Peter), telling him, "We have found the Christ". And he brought him to Jesus. (Vv. 41)

The next one occurred the next day (John 1: 43-46). Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow me". Immediately, Philip went to his friend Nathanael and told him, "We have found him about whom Moses ... and the prophets wrote, Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see." (Vv. 46)

And the third instance is the beautiful story of the Samaritan Woman whom Jesus encountered at the well (John 4: 4-30). This passage forms part of the meditation shared during morning worship on day two of the Emmaus Walk. At first the woman mistakes what Jesus is offering: he offers living water—not something to quench her physical thirst, but a relationship that will satisfy her spiritual needs completely. Finally, she abandons her water jar, returns to her village, and says to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did". The result is that "Many... from that town believed..." (Vv. 29 & 39).

I think it was D. T. Niles who coined the phrase, "Sharing the Gospel is like is one beggar telling another beggar where to find food." What a special privilege it is to bring someone to Jesus, to invite someone to "Come and see the King of love..." (G Kendrick). To come and see the One who knows me intimately, totally; knows my sorrows, failures, and weaknesses—and still loves me unconditionally—and forgives and heals completely.

As I write, I'm aware of the great privilege we have in Emmaus to be able to invite our loved ones and friends to be Pilgrims on an Emmaus Walk. It's true, Sponsorship can be a challenge, but it is also very rewarding. By the time you read this the deadline for being a Sponsor is looming. But it may not be too late. Is there someone special to whom you would want to say, "Come and see..."?

On another note, could I remind you of the request made last month. That is, to place Emmaus on your calendar on the 1st day of each month and make it a special day to pray for all Emmaus Communities and the National Secretariat.

John Whaley
September 2022.
CSD – Community Spiritual Director

WLD Nicole Sampson's Report for the Community



The full **Women's' team** finally came together just a few days before the first team training day on 23 July and on August 20 we held our final training day. Praise God for His team and also that every team member has been well enough to attend all the training!

The team of ladies + 2 men are FANTASTIC, and I am so excited for what is to come! I've been privileged to have seen so many God moments as the team has formed. I am thankful for each and every team member and for what they each bring to the team - their many talents, gifts, strengths, attributes, personalities and also their different stories and experiences, good and hard. At team training everyone was enthusiastic, engaged, humble, servant-hearted, open, and encouraging of one another; each person delightfully eager to serve on team.

We have heard and critiqued the 15 talks which are fantastic and were very well received with lots of positive feedback. The Prayer Directors have been praying faithfully for each of us and for every aspect of the training and walks. They have been a great encouragement to us as well as encouraging us in practical ways to pray for each other. David and his team of Spiros are awesome –gentle, loving, compassionate, kind-hearted, perceptive, and prayerful in providing pastoral support to us. They bring a lot of fun too! The Music Directors have done a wonderful job in facilitating worship over the 3 training days - lots of hours of hard work behind the scenes. Table Leaders and Assistants have been paired and good relationships have been forming, which is also the case throughout the rest of the team. The ALDs are proactive and eager to assist and serve and work very well together. We know God is going to do great things through this team - please keep praying for us.

Thank you to Madeleine, Julie, Heather and the Board for all their hard work in preparing and leading the training, and for those who gave Board talks and lead worship and workshops. Every little detail was taken care of, and I was able to just sit back and enjoy!

De colores, Nicole Sampson Walk #70 Lay Director

MEN'S WALK LAY DIRECTOR'S REPORT to the Community,

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Greetings.

As we approach the forthcoming Men's Walk to Emmaus, I find myself still optimistic and buoyant in the belief that our Mighty God desires His Walk to Emmaus #69 to be successful and a blessing to His pilgrims. I also believe that in whatever the outcome the glory, honour and praise will be His as He will use the Walk and its preparation for His purposes whatever they may be.

The Training Day 2 activities saw the team draw together to present a wonderful program of Talks and a keen team spirit that was nothing short of inspiring. The lifetime experiences of these men and lady have shaped and underpinned talks that will inspire our pilgrims and team member's alike and cannot fail to leave lasting impressions on all who hear them.

In spite, of much effort to locate another musician our efforts have been unsuccessful and while the lack of another musician has been keenly felt that has now been overcome by a change of role for one of the team members who will move from an ALD position to become one of the two Music Directors.

All the talks have been critiqued and final adjustments to Power Point presentations made so the team stands ready to serve our mighty God as He directs. Team spirit is high and inspite of (as yet) low Pilgrim numbers there is a shared optimism in the outcome. Your prayers and the prayers of the Emmaus community continue to be a vital part of our preparations so please step these up as we approach the cut-off date for workable numbers.

Things I need.

My immediate concern remains the availability of Pilgrims and I would like to request the board to ask the Emmaus community to bring this matter before our Lord Jesus and to continue to pray earnestly for them. I would again also ask for prayer for both the women's and men's teams to be spared any difficulty with illness, particularly Covid.

In conclusion, as before my prayers continue for team members and their families and I continue to seek our Heavenly Fathers blessing on our efforts and to give me guidance concerning some of the issues to be confronted. Beyond that the team and I remain confident that our Heavenly Father will go before us and we look forward to serving Him as He deserves.

Thank you all for your continued confidence in me and I value your ongoing prayer support.

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Alf Standen Walk Lay Director Emmaus Men's Walk #69 28th August 2022



Questions?

It is that time again when we are looking to share the Emmaus experience with

those we know. The teams have trained and the buzz and excitement about sharing

Christ with men and women over our two weekends, grows.

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

someone who cannot afford to pay themselves but who would love to come?

Think back to your walk and the presence of God over the three days. What

were the most memorable parts of the weekend for you? Amazing, wasn't it?

Each of us is a part of the body of Christ. We each have a part to play in building

the church and supporting others in their journey with the Lord. Team members have

faithfully prepared themselves for the calling God has for them in 2022.

Will you be an encourager to the team members by nominating those God puts

on your heart to have the opportunity for an Emmaus experience? Will you do your part

to assist us to be a blessing to people seeking a closer walk with God?

Are you able to assist us to find the men and women God is waiting to receive at

the walks? Are you able to identify someone who would benefit from the experience

but who needs sponsorship to be able to attend? (Let me know)

Yes, there are lots of questions, but did you know you are a part of the answer to them

all?

Let us make 2022 a year of blessing to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us be

responsive to the call to reach out and bless others.

Cathy O'Dea

Registrar/Treasurer

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God Is Calling.

will you answer?

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INVOVLEMENT in this amazing WORK OF THE LORD.

GATHERING

DATES: -

>>COME - SING -LISTEN - SHARE -FELLOWSHIP -REUNITE <<

- 29th October 7pm at South Perth Uniting Church. 5 Sandgate St (crn Angelo St.) South Perth. This is the Post Walk gathering PLEASE COME and WELCOME the new community members.
- 26th November 7pm
 at the South Perth
 Uniting Church,
 address as above.
 This will be our 'End of the Year'
 gathering
- February 19th or 26th TBA

Prayer Vigils.

- The prayer vigils can be accessed online at: https://vigil.em maus.org.au/
- The Perth Walks only on perth.emmaus.org.
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- Our Men's and Women's Walk's prayer vigils are about 1/3 full, so I will further promote through email and if the praver vigil link can be included in the newsletter that would be great. I'll also ask the NLD to promote our vigils across the **Australian Emmaus** communities.

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- We have sent out the new Perth Emmaus posters to many communities, as well as to the NLD.
- We've received about 10 posters from other communities.

De colores Steve Charles

WALK SUPPORT



We need you – there are many opportunities to serve the Emmaus community during our upcoming walks. Some serve in the conference room but can only do so when they have an army of servants busily supporting them behind the scenes. There are so many different opportunities that everyone is likely to find something they enjoy.

We have lots of fun and work together in Community, and best of all, if you are extremely busy, you may choose to serve in a limited capacity eg. Assisting with

Walk support leaders:
Kitchen helpers
Dining Room servers
Morning and Afternoon
Tea helpers
Saturday Night:
Candle lighting:

Closing Ceremony

Being a walk support
Helper is a fulfilling
important role and it is a
wonderful opportunity to
have some fun while
serving our wonderful
conference room teams
and pilgrims.

PERTH EMMAUS COMMUNITY BOARD 2022

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AGM is on Saturday 29th	October IF YOU are	Willing	Please tell us.

2022 PERTH EMMAUS REUNION GROUPS CONTACT LIST and INFO

Joining and participating in a reunion group is a great way to stay connected within the Emmaus community.

At the present time there are FOUR reunion groups active within the Perth Emmaus Community, **ALL of whom usually meet monthly**.

Willetton Warriors -southern suburbs. Julie Marshall 0414 432 130

Meeting at 5 Corsair Drive, Willetton. Meet on the Second Monday of the Month.

Joondalup Joybells - northern suburbs.

Darren - 0404 751 981/ Carolyn 0409 901 854.

Meeting at 9 Nimrod Place, Hillarys on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7 to 9pm.

Hillbillies - eastern suburbs (Heather – 0408 565 315)

Meeting on the 1st Monday of the month, from: 7.30 to 9.30pm

Meeting at John and Anne Steeds' 12 Mustang Court, High Wycombe.

Peel Pilgrims - far southern suburbs (Joy and Eric – 0408 675 163)

Meeting at 22 Murdoch Drive, Singleton. Meeting on Sunday afternoons – usually monthly. Next meeting is on 2nd October at 2pm.

Boddington Agape group (Cathy O'Dea – 0439 696 010)

Meet the 1st Monday of the month.

Willy Wagtail - adhoc Agape Group - c/o Nicole Sampson 0433 283 893

Southern Saints - adhoc Agape Group.- c/o Ian Knight 0408 378 939

Be sure not to miss out – pick up your phone and check one of these out.

>>>Please use these <u>Gatherings</u> as Your Reunion Group – if you belong to another accountability group.

Board rep responsible for this is Joy Loughton. 08 9537 2541 - 0448 194 992

Agape Request

- * Someone to bring flowers and/or their gift of floral arranging.
- * for agape chocolate frogs, with scripture verse and group name on them.
- *To those willing little hands that make some very special 'agape' for out Pilgrims and Team we say, PLEASE bring in your agape gifts, if not before, then on the Thursday of the Walks. THANK YOU ONE and ALL,

De Colores

Joy Loughton 08 9537 2541 0448 194 992 / Eric 0408 675 163

Great Southern Emmaus Final Newsletter – IS ATTACHED to this Newsletter

Please take the time to read it, sit back and enjoy, seeing into the hearts of our country Emmaus people.

De Colores

Eric Loughton

Perth Emmaus, and now Ex-GS Emmaus Representative

Perth Emmaus Community,

If from some reason you <u>no longer wish</u> to have our Newsletter come to you. Please let us know.

If you have something to ask, say or be thankful for Emmaus.

We would love to hear about it.

If you desire to be more involved in some way, please let us know.

Throughout this newsletter we have contact numbers that you could ring or message. Please <u>don't be silence</u>. Let your voice and servanthood be heard and used – for God's glory through His work in Emmaus in our state.

Return Mail is fine at this time.

A reminder of 'The Purpose of the 'Walk to Emmaus'.

INFORMATION-

The sole purpose of the Emmaus Movement is to strengthen disciples within the ministry of individual congregations. Emmaus is in partnership with the church to inspire its leaders to become more effective and intentional in their ministry. Emmaus is neither competitive with nor a substitute for your own church. Although the Walk to Emmaus is a unique and powerful instrument through which faithful people are renewed and inspired, it cannot provide the well-rounded programs such as education, evangelism. missions, and stewardship that are provided by an individual congregation. In short, Emmaus does not intend to become anyone's "new church". However, Emmaus does have a unique role in the life and ministry of the church in the church's task of nurturing strong committed disciples compassionately serving Christ in the world. The unique role of the Walk to Emmaus is spiritual renewal.

From The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus (chapter 15)