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Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – March 2022

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Perth Emmaus Walks Postponed

The Board has made the decision to postpone both Men and Women's Walks until later this year. This is due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in WA and the expectation that numbers will accelerate over the next few months. It was decided that proceeding at the present time would be too much of a risk for all involved and that we need to be responsible in caring for pilgrims, team members and members of our community.

The new Confirmed Dates are

Perth Emmaus Men's Walk #69.

Will be from **Thursday 15th September to Sunday 18th September**

At Advent Park, Maida vale

Perth Emmaus Women's Walk #70

Will be from **Friday the 23rd Sept to Monday the 26th September** At

Advent Park, Maida vale WA.

Community lay director

Dear Perth Emmaus Community,

I spent a wonderful weekend away in Wagin on the 18th, 19th & 20th of February, attending the Walk, Stroll, Stride Great Southern Emmaus weekend. It was truly a wonderful gathering of Emmaus people, and we heard some great talks and experienced some wonderful fellowship and Worship.

It was great to see & catch up with everyone. We rounded the weekend off by going to the Wagin Uniting Church and joining their weekly Church Service.

Unfortunately, the Walk, Stroll, Stride weekend, ended up with everyone there able to vote, voting for the great Southern Emmaus Community to be Wound-up. This was a very Sad moment for those eager to keep God's work alive through the Great Southern Emmaus Walk's. There just weren't enough people who wanted to keep it going.

Time will tell if God has other plans.

Now as we in Perth Emmaus community find ourselves postponing our walks to later in the Year, praying that by then the Covid Spiral will have subsided, and the weather will be better, I wonder just what part each one of us who are Perth Emmaus Community Members can do to make these walks a real success.

I pray that you will find ways to support Nicole, and I pray that God will find a way to keep the currant Teams available to be on the Walks later this year.

Our faithful Neal has persevered over the past few years in his role to lead a Men's walk to completion, but sadly circumstances have denied him of that blessing. He now finds his circumstances and the altered dates require him to step down in the Walk Lay Director role.

News of his replacement will be announced as the Lord reveals that person to the Board. Please be in prayer for God's choice in this matter, that we will correctly hear His voice.

May the Lord already be laying the seed in that man's life as you read this.

Let us turn to the people we have met in Emmaus and really encourage each other. Is there more that God would like to see us do? Please pray about this, how can we be more prepared for the Walks, could we help and support each other more by attending more gatherings? You might decide to invite a friend you know that belongs to Perth Emmaus Community to come with you to the next Gathering, make an outing of it.

Pray about the people you go to church with, is there anyone there that you believe would get a great deal out of going on an Emmaus Walk and make a time to have a friendly chat about it.

We are always short of volunteers on the Walk weekends. Please Volunteer if you can. You may be surprised how much fun it is.

Where is God leading the Perth Emmaus Community in 2022?

'Lord Jesus, may we see you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day.'
Amen.

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Heather Haggerty

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Spiritual Director Comment

As I sit here, I contemplate the situations we all face as citizens of this world.

A half a world away, a megalomaniac wages his war on a neighbouring sovereignty, having no regard for their independence or freedom. Vladimir Putin not only devalues Ukraine's autonomy, but he has no regard for human life, especially the innocent lives of children. His war-machine is relentless in the pursuit of, not only expanding Russian borders, but of satisfying his unsatisfiable ego. The cost of this war is counted in the mass destruction of property and infrastructure, in the separation of families, as fathers, husbands and sons stay to defend their homeland and mothers and children flee, creating the largest humanitarian crisis in Europe since WW2. And more sobering is the tragic and unnecessary loss of lives on both sides.

Closer to home, we see images on TV of the floods on the Eastern seaboard. Houses, businesses, communities in Queensland and NSW are drowning under the deluge—the results of a one in 500-year storm event. While many suffer the loss of homes, property and income, 1000s are without basic amenities and services, and many are accommodated in makeshift shelters. And again, there is the tragedy of the rising death toll.

In stark contrast, in WA we have experienced the threat of bush fires, as we pushed through the hottest summer on record. And we continue to face these challenges amid the ever-changing landscape of the COVID pandemic.

Perhaps insignificant in comparison, but because of the climbing cases numbers, the PEC Board has had to take the hard decision to postpone the Emmaus Walks this year—again. This is particularly disappointing for the Walk Lay Directors (especially Neal, who for the third-year running is having to set aside his hard work). So, all things considered, we may feel inclined to cry out with the Psalmist, *"How long Lord, how long?"* (Psalm 6: 3). In the face of all these issues (big and small) it's comforting to remember Jesus' words to the Apostle John who, at the time, was living in exile, *"Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever!"* (Rev. 1: 17-18)

Jesus is Lord! Lord of our world, Lord of our history, and He is Lord of our future. Everything began in Him and will have its end in Him. And in the meantime, nothing surprises God; His purposes are being worked out day by day.

And Jesus is the Lord of life: His death on the cross defeated death, so He is *alive for ever and ever* to help and intercede for us. The Living One is with us. And the destiny of our world—and every minute part of your life—is in His hands.

Rev. John Whaley

Community Spiritual Director.

March 2022

By now you will all know that both the Men and Women's Walks have been postponed until later this year, due to increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in WA and the responsibility to protect the health and well-being of pilgrims, team members and members of our community. The Team was near complete as the news came to light and just as we were preparing for our Orientation and Commissioning that was to happen at next week's Gathering. I pray that most will be able to find a way to stay on team for the new dates and I want to thank the team for their commitment to the Walk and Pilgrims so far. I've been excited about every single "Yes" as I take a backseat and watch God put his team together. A totally fantastic team I might add! Whilst I and others in the Women's Team are really disappointed about the postponement, I know it wasn't an easy decision for the Board to make, and it is the wisest decision. We know that God has the big picture that we can't always see or understand. We know we can trust him with his plan. We know he wants what is best for us. And we know that *all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28)*.

Please continue to pray for us and the Men's Team as we keep pushing on to put our team together, and for keeping up the enthusiasm and momentum within the team. Please pray for team members as they try to juggle other commitments and make all the new dates work for them. Also pray for all of those who will still be busy planning and preparing for Training and Walks for later this year. More time to make it all happen can only be good! And finally, please pray about who God is nudging you to sponsor as a pilgrim on Team #69 and #70. De colores and God bless :-)

Nicole Sampson

Lay Director Walk #70, 2022

Sponsorship

Here are some **TIPS FOR SPONSORS** *Being a sponsor is the most important job of all in Emmaus*

- **Prayerfully** consider anyone who may come to mind. Remember that Emmaus is a weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people to develop Christian leaders.
- **Explain** what sponsoring means – praying, cost contribution, transport, family support, etc.
- **Give** frank honest answers to all questions about the weekend, especially the first night when everything is new.
- **Discuss** your Emmaus experience (without overloading the Pilgrim).
- **More information** is available at perth.emmaus.org.au
- Give them **time to consider**. Speak to them after further prayer.
- **"Walk" your Pilgrim through the preparation**, pray with them, attend as a support person, be at the closing to take your Pilgrim home, follow up their Fourth Days, take them to any Emmaus Community Activities.

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 candelighting or helping out with cleaning at the end of the walk. We ask you to prayerfully consider the following roles:

- Walk support leaders: Someone who leads all the roles below (preferably someone who has previous experience in this role)
- Kitchen Helpers: Help the cook ensure meals are served on time
Prepare and serve meals
Keep the kitchen clean, wash up and fill the dishwasher
- Dining Room: Change table positions each day
Set the tables and clear after meals
Make sure everything is ready for each meal.
- Saturday Night: Decorate the dining room for the evening meal
Serve each table their meals and clear up afterwards
Set up ready for breakfast the next morning
- Candle lighting: Help set up the chairs for the community Service prior to Candle Lighting.
Pack up after community service and help set-up chairs for candle lighting.
Help put out all the candles along the walk into Candle lighting.
Help hand out the candles for the community to hold
- Cleaning: Vacuum and tidy each and every room that we use.
- Morning & Afternoon Tea Helper: Ensure that there is enough food each day
Set up the urns etc in time for morning & afternoon tea each day
Clean up afterwards
- Closing Ceremony Set up and pack up

We are also seeking a cook for both the men's and ladies walks. If you know anyone who may be interested in this important role please contact me with their details.

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.

Give me a call or drop me an email, if you would like to be a part of this team.

God is calling on you.

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PERTH EMMAUS COMMUNITY BOARD 2022

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 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.

Next meeting dates :- 11th Apr. 9th May, 13th June.

Joondalup Joybells - northern suburbs. Darren - 0404 751 981/ Carolyn 0409 901 854.

Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **7 to 9pm.**

Next dates: **19th Apr. 17th May, 21st June, at 9 Nimrod Place, Hillarys.**

Hillbillies - eastern suburbs (Heather – 0408 565 315)

Next dates **April 4th , May 2nd , 6th June. Time: 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. Mostly the 4th Sunday of the month.

However the Next dates: **2pm on 3rd April and 1st May, and 29th May.**

Boddington Agape group (Cathy O'Dea – 0439 696 010) Meet the 1st Monday of the month.

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

*If you would like some help starting a new group in your area, please contact Joy Loughton (08 9537 2541) (0448 194992) the reunion groups coordinator on the Board.

*Each reunion groups above, are currently hosting two of the Board Gatherings this year, together with the ones that the Board itself host for you all.

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

Board rep responsible for this is Joy Loughton, 08 9537 2541

GATHERING DATES:- >> COME – SING - LISTEN - SHARE – FELLOWSHIP – REUNITE <<

March 19th 7pm at Willetton Christian Fellowship, Crn Portcullis Drive and Gloucester Crt, Willetton. .

April 30th 7pm at South Perth Uniting Church, 5 Sandgate St (crn Angelo St.) South Perth

(Men's and Ladies walks have been postponed until September, the dates elsewhere here.)

May 28th 7pm at South Perth Uniting Church, 5 Sandgate St (crn Angelo St.) South Perth.

June: 25th 7pm at South Perth Uniting Church, address as above,
The Commissioning Service, the September Walks.

****Current Covid restrictions are to always be followed – thank you.**

The Board member responsible for this is Joy Loughton. 0448 194 992

Prayer Vigil and Palencia - taking care of this is Steve Charles > reporting to Joy Loughton
The Walks **Prayer Vigil Sign Up sheet** can be found online at perth.emmaus.org.au Usually a few months before a walk.

Different words will still get you there TRY IT OUT.

Eg. Active Prayer Vigil / perth.emmaus.org.au prayer vigil > active prayer vigil
perth.emmaus.org.au / <https://vigil.emmaus.org.au> Currently there are four Australian Walks to sign up for. So give it a go. for the International Emmaus site > not currently updated.

Other Communities around the world DO SEND US REQUESTS for PRAYER.

These Communities will be displayed in our Newsletter as below,

So, just as they pray for our walks PLEASE consider praying also for, and with them, for their Walks. ALSO, as they send us Agape called **Palencia** – to be shown as encouragement to the Pilgrims on our Walks, SO we send out to them items as well. **IF YOU WOULD like to** use your artistic skills in preparing one of those for us to send. If you would like to see things that we have previously sent out, please ask.

>>> **PLEASE submit to** 'Attention: Joy and Steve' at cld@perth.emmaus.org.au

The PERTH EMMAUS WEBSITE found at perth.emmaus.org.au **From HERE - you can click on prayer Vigil at the very top.**

- You can click on one of our walks
- You can print out an **Application form** – for that person whom you are praying for before you ask them, also while they are thinking about it, their situation, and following along the way with them.

International Walks to LOG ONTO to ADD your name and to be in **Prayer for them.**

Lourie Emmaus South Africa asked for Palencia - and Son Valley requests Prayer as below

Good day,

We are Son Valley Emmaus community in Benoni, South Africa and request that your members sign on to our planned walks prayer schedule. Because of Covid we have not had our usual gatherings and it's over two years since we had a closing, hence we are short of prayer warriors.

*Please note that in March we shall be 1 hour ahead of GMT. = -9hrs behind us Here are the links to sign up.

Men's walk 156. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49aca72eaafe3-prayer1> (be patient with this). 10th to 13th March – so guys we have probably missed this one.

Ladies Walk 157 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49aca72eaafe3-prayer> FULL NOW
Thank you. Dave Bell Son Valley walk 103

There are several in the USA but the Walks finish on the 20th March – so will be full by now.

Agape Report

*To those willing little hands that make some very special 'agape' for our Pilgrims and Team we say

*A Big THANK YOU once again. KEEP UP the lovely work that you all do – in love.

*Great Southern Reunion Groups – if you are willing to continue to support the Perth Walks in this way, PLEASE forward me your contact details – so that you are not forgotten THANK YOU.

>> **Please consider 'new agape' especially for the Women's walk, but not exclusively of course.**

Please check that others are not doing the same thing.

SO, Reunion and agape group leaders – PLEASE **email your Scripture verse**, (or finished example, but not necessarily) to me

At ericjoy1@tpg.com.au and **I will circulate it** to the other groups.

Any double ups – will **sadly not be used** this current year.

PLEASE be sure that you have a Scripture verse and your Reunion Group name somewhere attached to your agape pieces.

THANK YOU ONE and ALL, for your prayerful consider of these requests.

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

Great Southern Emmaus report

March 2022

At a Great Southern Emmaus Gathering at Wagin on the 19th February 2022, the collected community voted to close the Great Southern Emmaus Community.

This situation is the result of failing interest and support of the Great Southern Community over time and the rising costs of Walk Facilities in the Great Southern. Attempts to find suitable alternative facilities has not been productive.

Details of the closure are to be formulated by the Great Southern Emmaus Board.

Some members of the GS Emmaus Community have voted to join or support the Perth Emmaus Community, and they will be welcomed.

Eric Loughton

Perth Emmaus, GS Emmaus Representative
