



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM



1996 - 2023

## Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter

August 2023

### GATHERINGS

Come – Sing –  
Listen – Share –  
Fellowship – Reunite

#### August

Normal Gathering –  
No AGM!

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm

South Perth  
Uniting Church.

#### September

Candlelighting & Closing

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 8pm

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm

Advent Park

#### October

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm

South Perth  
Uniting Church

#### November

No Gathering

#### December

Christmas Celebration  
& AGM

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm

South Perth  
Uniting Church.

*“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”*

*1 Peter 4:8*

It is that time of our Perth Emmaus year, when we have held the Orientation Day and our Training Day 1, And it starts to get real the fact that our Walk's are getting ever closer, some of the Talks have been heard, and the teams start to get a feel of how God is leading these Walks.

I pray that all of you in our Community have started asking the People who God has laid on your hearts to invite to be on Men's Walk 71 or Ladies Walk 72.

We have all done a Walk, and I remember just what it meant to me, Do you remember what your walk meant? I have seen the walk really change peoples lives in wonderfull ways, wouldn't we all like to give someone that same chance as we had.

We are getting close to having our AGM meeting of The Perth Emmaus Community, and we need people to come forward and Volunteer to come onto the Board.

Volunteers for working on one of our Walks are always needed so don't be shy, let us know if you can help in anyway please.

I gave you the Bible reading 1 Peter 4:8 to begin with as for me the Walk's to Emmaus are always so fall of love that is given freely in so many ways throughout the weekend. And that is something that you never forget. The feeling of being held in our fathers arms because of the many people who are surrounding us and keeping us safe in prayer.

Many thanks to all of you that help in some way with The Perth Emmaus Community, as with out helpers we cannot function. Many hands make light work, and the more people who come to our gatherings the easier it is to select our teams.

God's richest Blessing's

de Colores

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## Community Spiritual Director's comment

Regrettably, this is the last time I will write this contribution to the Perth Emmaus newsletter as the Community Spiritual Director. I say regrettably, but have to admit that my feelings are somewhat conflicted. If I'm honest, I am looking forward to handing over the responsibility after three years as I'm needing to concentrate my time elsewhere. However, the role has brought great joy as I have had the privilege of working with wonderful brothers and sisters who love Jesus first and seek to serve him thru the Emmaus ministry. Also, any contribution I've been able to make has been rewarding and satisfying. So, I want to acknowledge the faithfulness and commitment of those I've been privileged to work with and encourage other members of the Community to step up and be involved at the Board level. You will find great blessing in serving God as you hear his call and respond to his grace.

One of the most powerful passages of Scripture that has (and continues to) inspired me is Hebrews 12: 1-3 (NIV).

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

The writer imagines a sporting contest in some famous stadium. And the athletes (or witnesses) are the heroes of the past (see chapter 11 for the list). They weren't mere spectators, but inspiring participants, continuing the race God had set for them, each one bearing witness to God's faithfulness. The likening of a race to persevering in our faith, is mentioned often in Scripture, most notably in Acts 20: 24, "However, I [Paul] consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." This race is more a long-distance endurance than a short sprint—and we are all invited to participate.



I can think of no better example of this than Frank Hays who passed away after suffering from Leukemia and more latterly Lymphoma. Frank and wife Joan were pilgrims on Perth Walk 7 and 8 held at Baldvis. Frank immediately became a passionate supporter of the Emmaus ministry serving as Community Lay Director and Walk Lay director on many occasions. Frank and Joan were part of the Esperance contingent who lovingly travelled the many kilometres from Esperance to Perth and return to participate on Walks, or sponsor Pilgrims, or serve on Teams (both in the conference room and serving on tables), as well as being Board members. Frank also dreamed of a new community in the Great Southern and worked tirelessly to see the Great Southern Emmaus Community realised. He continued to support the GSEC for several years until he and Joan retired to live in New South Wales.

Franks passion and enthusiasm motivated and inspired many. But his love for Emmaus was simply a reflection of his deep commitment and love for Jesus. His endeavours in serving God in many facets of the church has been exemplary and a witness to us all of God's love in action. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:7)

Our love and prayers are with Joan and the family at this sad time.

Rev John Whaley  
August 2023

## Kairos

Dear Perth Emmaus Community,

The **Kairos Outside** weekend recently went beautifully with a completely united team. We did have a few little setbacks which we managed and overcame, which I am sure the Lord sent us to learn from.



Despite the minor problems, we are very pleased to be operating again, after a four-year break, and this fresh start is very encouraging for the future as we have learnt how to grow from it and continue.

We had a few team dropouts at the last minute and a few guests too but everyone the Lord meant to be there was.

**We would love to work in partnership with Perth Emmaus, especially as most of the team are Emmaus ladies.**

We will be applying for grants for AV equipment, and this was a challenge although we had borrowed stuff, it did not necessarily go well together. I now realise you may have already had all this available to us. Our biggest challenge was music because we did not have a Music Team and all the recorded music needed a lot of AV work.

Our next planned weekend is 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Our team formation will start after your ladies' weekend in September this year although team maybe approached earlier. Team formations meetings are held once a month usually on a Saturday, but final dates have not yet been decided.

Thank you for your support and blessings.

De Colores and Blessings

Kind regards

**Sue Arthurs**

From the Kairos Outside Board

## WLD Neal Leggo's Report to the Community.

The conference room team for the Men's Walk of 2023 has formed and undertaken 2 training activities, with ALDs doing 2 additional sessions on how to operate the computer systems used at the Walks. The final training will be held in mid-August, to ready us for the Walk which starts on Thursday 14 September. Please keep the team in your prayers.

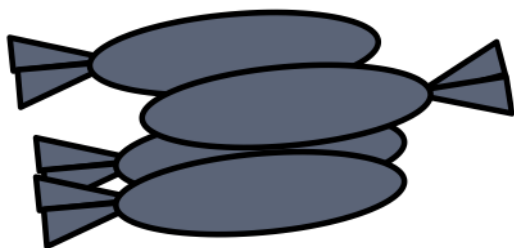
I urge you to think about men in your circle of acquaintances who would benefit from an Emmaus experience – a blessing like no other. Talk to them about how wonderful a Walk is and invite them to attend. I can assure you that the team assembled will provide 15 inspired talks and a great Christian environment over the weekend to bring the pilgrims of 2023 towards a deeper faith and expand their spiritual lives.

De Colores  
Neal Leggo  
Walk # 71 Lay Director

Please pray for the team by name! The team for Walk #71 are:

Lay Director	Neal Leggo
Spiritual Director	Ross Patterson
Prayer Directors	Denis Burdinat, Janice Burdinat
Asst Lay Directors	Gareth Stafford, Doug O'Dea, Bill Fraser
Asst Spiritual Directors	Gray Blattman, Paul Mulrone, Glynis Turpin, Les Marshall
Table Leader	Arthur Pederick, Darren Gibbon, Alan Creaser
Asst Table Leader	Sean Flanigan
Musical Director	Phil Corlett
Asst Musical Director	Clayton Sampson, Rob Plester
Board Rep	Eric Loughton

## WLD Sonya McNicol's Report to the Community



Jesus called out to them "Come ,  
follow me, and I will show you  
how to fish for people!"  
**(Matthew 4:19).**

Since my last communication prior to orientation, I have seen God go before me, giving me peace and assurance as I wait His timing. We now have a complete team, which God in His provision provided 15 hours before training on 22nd July. Where we heard the first 7 talks and the speakers all did a wonderful job. May God continue to pour out his blessings of grace, wisdom, time and energy to the team to enable them to fulfil His purpose for this walk.

Thank you to the board members, for their input, support, encouragement and running various upfront and behind the scenes activities.

It would be great to see lots of the community at the next gathering on 26th August, the final one before the walks #71 and #72.

Please keep us all in your prayers: - for the team to be kept safe from illness (as some have missed training due to ill health) and any other of the enemies attacks. Pray for good team bonding and that many pilgrims will say yes when sponsorship is offered.

We really value the communities support with fellowship, prayers and sponsoring, without which the walks would not go ahead.

De colores  
 Sonya McNicol  
 Walk #72 Lay Director

Please pray for the team by name! The team for Walk #72 are:

Lay Director	Sonya McNicol
Spiritual Director	Wendy Pederick
Prayer Directors	Lyn Scurry, Glenys McKinnon
Asst Lay Directors	Narrelle Parker, Dee Fletcher, Val Roberts
Asst Spiritual Directors	Teresa Beaglehole, Gillian Allen, Chris Butler, Genni Curtin
Table Leaders	Mary Roberts, Julie Davies, Kylie Stryder, Paula Poletti
Asst Table Leaders	Julie King, Shelley Ongkilli, Carrie Penman, Ursula Eschenburg
Musical Directors	Maria Price, Laura Hamilton
Board Rep	Cathy O'dea

## Sponsorship

The 2023 Walks to Emmaus are fast approaching. The teams have been commissioned and much prayer and preparation has gone into these walks. As a community, our support is required through the most important role of sponsorship.

We should prayerfully consider the following questions when praying for someone as a potential new Pilgrim. This will help you decide if a person is ready for the Walk to Emmaus and will persevere in their Fourth Day discipleship.

1. Is the person a committed Christian?
2. Can you talk to this person about Jesus Christ?
3. Is the person someone who will bring Christ into their work, home, church and society-at-large?
4. Is the person open to living in Christian community and fellowship?
5. Is the person mature and responsible?
6. Is the person someone who is respected and has a positive impact on those around them?
7. Is the person mentally and emotionally ready to participate in the walk?
8. Is the person able to participate in the Walk weekend without physical hardship?

Sponsorship forms are available on the website – [perth.emmaus.org.au](http://perth.emmaus.org.au)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

De Colores  
 Carolyn Gibbon  
 Walk Sponsorship

If you have already submitted your sponsorship forms – thank you. Below is a checklist that you may like to consider:



### *Sponsorship Checklist*

1. Information has been given to my new Pilgrim about the weekend –
  - What the weekend is all about; what to expect
  - What to bring; comfortable clothes, personal care items, toiletries, etc.
  - Sleeping arrangements
  - Transportation to and from the weekend arranged
2. Written Agape –
  - My own letter for the Pilgrim
  - From new Pilgrim’s family and friends
  - My own for team members
3. Special help my Pilgrim may need –
  - Babysitter
  - House sitter
  - Mail/newspapers
  - Support of spouse in my new Pilgrims absence
  - Meals etc.
4. Attendance at special events –
  - Thursday 8 PM meet to pray for Pilgrims
  - Saturday PM (Men’s walk) or Sunday PM (ladies walk) at Candlelighting
  - Sunday afternoon (Men’s walk) or Monday afternoon (Ladies walk) at Closing
  - First gathering after the Walk

## Prayer Vigil, Palenca and Walk Application Forms

In the Assistant ‘off the board’ role is Steve Charles

1. **Please feel free** to dabble in Making a Poster to be sent to encourage other communities.
2. **Please be in PRAYER** for these coming walks, for the WLD’s Neal Leggo and Sonya McNicol and **their teams; Support team; Sponsors;** and the **prospective PILGRIMS, for us all** to be accepting and receptive to hearing the Lord’s voice. And for The Board and the Community’s active support and encouragement.
3. **Add your name and see the numbers grow.**

 Australia	Perth Emmaus	<a href="https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/PrayerVigil.php?ID=123">Emmaus Walk #71 (M) - Advent Park</a> <a href="https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/PrayerVigil.php?ID=123">https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/PrayerVigil.php?ID=123</a>	14/09/2023, 7:00:00 pm
 Australia	Perth Emmaus	<a href="https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/PrayerVigil.php?ID=124">Emmaus Walk #72 (F) - Advent Park</a> <a href="https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/PrayerVigil.php?ID=124">https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/PrayerVigil.php?ID=124</a>	22/09/2023, 7:00:00 pm

There are 22 Australian Communitiess having their Emmaus Walks on from 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> November listed on the Emmaus website. **Get in first to choose a time to suit YOU!**

4. **Application forms** will also be found here and **info for Sponsors.** >>> BE ACTIVE on this.

**Have a bit of fun and spend a few extra minutes on the website - [www.perth.emmaus.org.au](http://www.perth.emmaus.org.au)**

## Agape

Reunion Groups – keep up your good work of providing their meaningful, useful, colourful, creative items of agape – *all with a suitable Scripture verse and the Reunion Group name* on the back or in smaller print on the front.

>>>>>> This month I would like to hear from one or two people who can .....Make up some **Agape bags**. I would like some *in stock* before I hand this role over to a new Board Member.

>>>>>> ARE YOU THIS PERSON?????????

Ask Joy Loughton for a pattern or details **please call** 0448 194 992 or text.



Willetton Warriors busy making Agape last meeting and having fun at the same time.

## Walk Support

The anonymous servanthood of those behind the scenes helps to ensure that the conference room team can best support the pilgrims at the Walk to Emmaus weekends. The walk support encompasses the following areas:

- Walk support co-ordinator and assistant – to ensure the smooth running of the behind the scenes for the walks, including dining room, candlelighting, meals, teas etc.
- Chef, assistant chef and kitchen hands – prepare all meals on a timely basis, responsible for washing dishes and ensuring tea and coffee always on hand
- Front of house co-ordinator – arranges the dining room, responsible for managing the decorating for the celebration meal, ensures other non-conference room team members are aware of their responsibility to attend meals after team and pilgrims have left
- Morning and afternoon tea co-ordinator – responsible for setting up and cleaning up morning and afternoon tea
- Candlelighting and closing ceremony – responsible for setting up and ensuring that everything is ready and working for the ceremonies

- General assistant - Assistance with shopping, cleaning, vacuuming (including chapel and conference room when team and pilgrims are not there), ensuring clean handtowels in the bathrooms, washing of table cloths etc.
- Waiters and waitresses – for celebration dinner on the Saturday night (mens walk) or Sunday night (ladies walk)
- Clean up crew – from 12 noon on the last day of the walk to vacuum all rooms, assist with packing down the kitchen and ensuring the grounds are clean and everything is packed away.

Thank you to those who have already put forward their names for walk support. We are still requiring a few extra people, particular for the last two roles described above. If you are willing to assist and feel called to it, please email me at [Carolyn-2014@hotmail.com](mailto:Carolyn-2014@hotmail.com)

De Colores  
Carolyn  
Walk Support Co-ordinator

## Gatherings

### COME – SING - LISTEN - SHARE – FELLOWSHIP – REUNITE

At our gatherings we have a times of praise and worship; Communion; being encouraged by our Fourth Day speaker; a reflection and prayer time followed by a time of fellowship over supper. PLEASE PLACE THESE DATES on your CALENDARS, freeing you to come to encourage others.

**AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>** 7pm at the South Perth Uniting Church – 2 Sandgate St. South Perth.  
The AGM is no longer part of this gathering! **Hosts: Willetton Warriors**

**SEPTEMBER** \*See Walk dates, **Candlelighting (8pm) and Closing (3.30pm) services information.**  
>>> *Please plan to be at least one of the Candlelighting and Closings and - Stay connected* <<<

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>** 7pm at the South Perth Uniting Church – 2 Sandgate St. South Perth.  
POST WALK GATHERING as above in South Perth. **Hosts: Hillbillies**

The gathering on **NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>** has been cancelled so we can have a Christmas Celebration and AGM on...

**DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>** 6pm at South Perth Uniting Church for a *Shared Christmas Celebration Dinner*.  
Following dinner, there will be our **AGM** followed by **Commissioning the Board Members** for the year ahead and will finish by **Celebrating in Worship, Weave and supper** (of course).

**PLEASE, PLEASE** endeavour to ask one person to be in prayer for God's will for their lives, to be nominated for consideration for membership of the Perth Emmaus Board. **SEE attached Nomination Forms for your use.**

Please use **Gatherings** as 'Your replacement Reunion Group' if you belong to another accountability group.

Board rep responsible for these, is Joy loughton, 08 9537 2541 [ericjoy1@tpg.com.au](mailto:ericjoy1@tpg.com.au)



## Perth Emmaus Board Secretary Report.

Acting Secretary Joy Loughton reporting.

On the Board, we currently have NINE active members, with three loyal members assisting in OFF board roles, one being assisting the CSD when absent, one doing the Prayer Vigil and the Palenca roles of Agape, and a third mans the website. Plus, our managing IT guru.

**Our current Board members are: -**

**Community Lay Director** - Heather Haggerty

**Community Spiritual Director** - John Whaley (retiring this month), with Ross Paterson in the wings.

**Treasurer / Registrar** - Cathy O'Dea

**Secretary (Acting)** - Joy Loughton while Neal Leggo covers the Walk Lay Director #71.

**Team Training / Selection** - Karen Handley – was new this year.

**Database** - Darren Gibbon - Was new this year.

**Sponsorship and (retiring from?) Walk Support.** - Carolyn Gibbon

**Communications** via Newsletter and Facebook. - Darren Sampson – was new this year

**Gatherings / Reunion Groups / Agape** - Joy Loughton

**Prayer Vigil and Palenca** *Off Board* - Steve Charles / Joy

**Supplies** - Eric Loughton

**Website Manager** *Off Board* - Greg Corlett.

**Support IT – Support Community Spiritual Director** – Off Board Paul Mulroney (and Caroline)

**Music** – currently vacant.

### A PLEA to the COMMUNITY

We have gaps in the full coverage of all the board roles. We have had a vacancy in Music all this year

**The Time on the Board is regulated - 3 years plus an optional 3 years –then one year off minimum time off before re applying.**

Some board roles as you can see are doubled up with the one person, this is not a good practice to follow for too long. Next year there will be more vacancies.

**IF YOU can see** that you may be ready to fill in any role, **maybe ask about** coming along this year sometime, to 'work with one of the people who will be leaving the board' – then you won't feel like 'being thrown in the 'deep end' so to speak next year.

Another area for concern is the sparse number of Clergy to adequately fill the roles available each year. Having the same people too frequently on the walks year by year, Clergy or lay team, allows compliancy to enter the scene – this also is not a good practice. PLEASE pray about sponsoring a Pastor/Minister as a Pilgrim – the way we all start in Emmaus.

de Colores

**Joy Loughton**

## Perth Emmaus Reunion Groups

Staying accountable before others, is good discipleship. Reunion Groups help us to stay connected within the Emmaus community, especially when we miss any Gatherings.

Each reunion group can host one or two of the Gatherings each year, this assists the Board, adds variety, and is a tool for learning the Emmaus way.

The reunion groups below are active within the Perth Emmaus Community, mostly meet monthly.

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

Please Keep the Board updated of any changes that you make or if you have or wish to start a reunion Group in your area.

<p><b>Willetton Warriors</b> Southern suburbs. Julie Marshall - 0414 432 130 Meeting at 5 Corsair Drive, Willetton Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month.</p>	<p><b>Joondalup Joybells</b> Northern suburbs. Darren - 0404 751 981 Carolyn - 0409 901 854. Meeting at 9 Nimrod Place, Hillarys Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9pm CHECK ANY CHANGES BEFORE YOU GO.</p>	<p><b>Hillbillies</b> Eastern suburbs Heather - 0408 565 315 Meeting at John and Anne Steeds' 12 Mustang Court, High Wycombe. Meeting on the 1st Monday of the month, 7.30 to 9.30pm</p>	<p><b>Peel Pilgrims</b> Far southern suburbs Joy and Eric – 0408 675 163 Meeting at 22 Murdoch Drive, Singleton. Meeting on Sunday afternoons (2pm). Next dates: 20th August; 29th October; then lunch on 3rd December</p>
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## Perth Emmaus Community

If from some reason you no longer wish to receive our Newsletter, please let us know by return email.

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 can ring or message. Please don't be silent. Let your voice and servanthood be heard and used – for God's glory through His work in Emmaus in our state

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