



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
February 2018**

FIRST GATHERING

for 2018 will be held:-

When: 5.30pm on Saturday, 10th February 2018.

Where: Morayfield Community Church, Weier Road

Who: all members of Emmaus BNC Community, i.e. YOU

See you there!

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**THINK NOW OF PILGRIMS TO
SPONSOR FOR THE APRIL
WALKS!**



From our Community Lay Director

Happy New Year to you all. I don't know about you, but this year I hit the ground running. 2018 is well underway. Our first gathering is on Saturday 10 February at Morayfield Community Church. I hope to see you there. Please pray for our Board as we have our first meeting for the year prior to the gathering.

Preparations are well underway for our first set of walks for the year. Wayne Morrison has stepped into the role of Lay Director for the Men's Walk, as Colin Moes was unavailable to carry on after the cancelled walks last year. Thanks Wayne for stepping up. Helen Nutley has remained the Lay Director for the Women's Walk. Please keep them both in your prayers as they form their teams and prepare for these walks for the next set of pilgrims.

Speaking of pilgrims:

- *Start praying*
- *Start planning*
- *Start preparing*

Who could you sponsor?

We are also well into preparations to run the first Face to Face Encounter in Australia. We have the honour of bringing it Down Under. The eyes of the other Australian communities are on us. Please pray for the team being formed and the people who will participate in this first Encounter.

Finally, the National Secretariat will be held in Adelaide this year. Please pray for the Adelaide community which is hosting this event and the National Emmaus Board including National Lay Director, David Nivala.

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Andrew Krosch*

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Men's Walk #99

Hi Everyone & welcome back!

What can I say about the preparations for the upcoming men's walk in April.....? It certainly has been different and thrown a few challenges. We began with the team that was preparing for the walk at Campialba, but the change in dates, location & the pressures of other commitments has seen a number of team members withdraw. We have a couple of awesome prayer directors (Alan & Lee Hindmarsh) and have a nearly full conference room team. The team as it stands presently;- ALD's David Kanowski, Paul Smith and Colin Inglis. Table Leaders;- David Edgar, Bradley Lubbe and Scott Pulfer, Assistant Table leaders, Ron Hanson & Anton Fick. I am currently waiting on confirmation for another ATL. All these guys I believe have something great to bring to the table.....sorry, I couldn't help but throw that pun in. I am really looking forward to serving with these guys and seeing what God has in store for us.

What can the community do? Pray. Acts 12 tells of how a group of people were gathered at Mary's house praying for Peter who was imprisoned. We sing a song about it, His chains fell off, he rose up and walked out. That is the power of prayer. So please, pray for leading of who to sponsor and pray also, for how you might be personally involved, especially in the 72 hour vigil.

See you at the gathering

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Wayne Morrison

From our Community Spiritual Director

Margaret Niethé



May we each enjoy the blessings of this New Year....

1 Corinthians 13:13 - 'And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.'

We learn from Scripture that...

- *God's love is steadfast and unchanging*
- *God's love comforts us*
- *God's love is revealed to us through Jesus Christ*
- *God's love is poured into us through the Holy Spirit*
- *God's love compels us to love one another*

The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love.

I have found in my journey over these past years these words from -Carol Staudacher- certainly ring true. 'After a stormy period of mixed feelings of prolonged sadness there comes a calm. After we become convinced that we are at the very brink of eternal despair, or fear, or guilt, or sadness, we are given a reprieve. We have a breathing space that eventually leads to whole days that have personal value and offer us the opportunity for affection. Then we recognize that no period of misery is endless and unrelenting; it is instead, changeable.'

To embrace one's brokenness, whatever it looks like, whatever has caused it carries within it the possibility that one might come to embrace one's healing, it seems this is the journey on which I find myself, with God's abundant love and grace many of us can come to a place where we are able to embrace our brokenness.

The human being is a surprisingly resilient life form. We impel toward health, not sickness. Our spirit, as surely as our bodies, will try to heal. The question we must ask ourselves is not if we will heal, but how. Grief and pain have their own duration, and when they begin to pass, I have learnt one must take care to guide the shape of the new being you are to become. So I will say that one should not fear tragedy and suffering. Like love, they come to make you more a part of the human family, they come to make us more aware of the God who holds us and from them can come our greatest creativity.

As we together as a Community of faith begin this year a journey of new discoveries each of us will need the strength and gift of God's love grace and mercy, to be the best we can be for His task for us.

We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us. ~ Marcel Proust

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Margaret

Women's Walk #100

Our preparation for Women's Walk No. 100 is well under way. We now have a full team in the Conference Room.

We ask that you continue to pray for this Walk and the Men's Walk as our Training Days come closer for us. We ask that you pray about who you need to sponsor for these Walks. Emmaus is a wonderful way of encouraging leadership within our local churches. You may have a friend that goes to a different church to yourself, which may be a great way of spreading the benefits of the Emmaus Walks.

Don't forget to sign up for the 72 hours prayer vigil when it appears on the website. We thank you for your prayers and support as preparations continue.

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Please remember the deadline for newsletter articles continues to be 1st of each month and they should be emailed to me at helennutley@tpg.com.au



I am delighted to confirm we now have a full team for Brisbane North Coast Face to Face Encounter #1 except for a worship team. God has shown his faithfulness time and time again during the team building process. We are all very excited about starting Face to Face and really looking forward to seeing God at work through this new Upper Room Ministry

It has been encouraging to see the enthusiasm of those who have committed to go on team and be a part of the first Face to Face Encounter. A particular highlight has been to welcome team members from other Emmaus Communities. We have people from the Adelaide Community, the Sydney South Illawarra Community and one from the Darling Downs Community. These people are particularly dedicated, as they will be travelling enormous distances to be a part of it. Not only that, they have committed to be in Brisbane for the month of June while Face to Face is run.

Speakers are currently preparing their talks in readiness for training and critiquing on 6, 7 and 13 March 2018. All team members are looking forward to training and getting to know other team members. I'm sure we will all enjoy great fellowship together during these 3 days in March.

The first day of orientation/training (6 March, 2018) is open to the whole Brisbane North Coast Community. If you are interested in learning more about Face to Face with a view to being involved in the future, please join us at Sandgate Uniting Church at 9.30 am on 6th March. Please bring something for morning and afternoon tea to share and also bring your own lunch. Vince van Sant, the National Coordinator for Face to Face, will provide us with a full overview of the Face to Face program.

There is will be a pre-candle lighting community gathering at Sandgate Uniting Church commencing at 1.45pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018. In the Emmaus tradition it is essential that the community gather together to pray for the pilgrims and the team just prior to candle lighting. Whilst we recognise it is a working day, please try to set aside the time to attend. Candle lighting will be a little different for Face to Face but the impact should be the same as for Emmaus.

The closing ceremony for Face to Face will commence about 2.30pm on Tuesday 26 June 2018, also at Sandgate Uniting Church. Please support us by attending. It is always encouraging to hear what the pilgrims have to say. It is also encouraging for the pilgrims to see the Emmaus community in action.

At the time of preparing this article, I'm very happy to advise we have our first pilgrim sign up. I would ask the Community to not just consider sponsoring but to commit to praying for pilgrims for Face to Face. We will have 6 tables, 3 for women and 3 for men. That means at least 18 women and 18 men. We will be trying to keep a fairly even gender ratio.

Brisbane North Coast Community please pray, pray and pray again.

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Lyn Chalmers
Lay Director
Brisbane North Coast Face to Face Encounter #1



- ❖ For our Community and Spiritual Directors.
- ❖ For Pilgrims for Walks #99 and #100
- ❖ For Team formation for April Walks.
- ❖ For Sponsors and Pilgrims.
- ❖ For those who are ill and grieving.



For any prayer needs

that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Co-ordinator, Beryl Nielsen at berylnie@gmail.com or 0438488843

How is your Fourth Day going?

National is looking for comments from pilgrims about what the walk to Emmaus and their 4th days has meant to them.

They are about to launch our new web site, hopefully in the next couple of weeks, On the new home page there is a comment section, "What our Pilgrims say", which allows for pilgrims' comments about their walk or their 4th Days. Comments that could be inserted into the home page to help reflect what the Walk has meant to them, would be appreciated.

Send your comments to Lyn Chalmers at lynchalmers@outlook.com

2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
10 February 2018	5:30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Road, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of Lay Directors Walks #99 & #100 & Lay Director for Face to Face Encounter #1 (Board meeting prior)
10 March 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Road, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning teams for Walks #99 & #100 & Face to Face Encounter #1 (Board meeting prior)
13-15 April 2018		National Conference, Adelaide	
19-22 April 2018		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, 10 Narangba Road, Kallangur (To be confirmed)	Men's walk #99
21 April 2018		Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's Walk #99
26-29 April 2018		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, 10 Narangba Road, Kallangur (To be confirmed)	Women's Walk #100
28 April 2018		Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	Gathering and candlelighting for Women's walk #100
12 May 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)
5 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 1 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
12 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 2 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
19 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 3 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
26 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 4 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
8 July 2018		TO BE ADVISED BUNDABERG/HERVEY BAY/MARYBOROUGH	GATHERING FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK DINNER
11 August 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier, Road, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of Lay Directors for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior) (Board Nominations)
8 September 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier, Road, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of teams for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting