

**BRISBANE NORTH COAST  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
March 2019**

***Next Gathering***

**When:**      *The Candlelighting for Mens Walk # 101*  
**March 16 @7pm**

**Where:**      *Coolum Uniting Church,*  
*22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach*

***Looking forward to seeing  
you there!***

# De Colores



## ***From our Community Lay Director***

**Hello Emmaus Community,**

Isn't great that we are able to have the Men's Walk this time around. The upcoming Men's walk is one of the largest Men's walks we have had for a long time. I pray that this Walk will be a fantastic experience for the Pilgrims and that they encounter their living God on this weekend. Thank you to the team and the volunteers who have stepped up to become God's hands and feet for this walk.

I would also like to thank Margaret Niethé for all the hard work and wisdom she has brought to the BNC Emmaus Board for the last 18 months in her role as Community Spiritual Director. Margaret will still be involved as our Prayer Coordinator, supporting the prayer needs for our community and will also be part of the team ensuring our Newsletter occurs every month. We welcome Jenny Sims into the role of Community Spiritual Director and hope she enjoys her time in this role.

I encourage members of the Community to attend the Candlelighting Service for the Men's Walk on Saturday 16 March at Coolum Uniting Church and the Closing Service at Glendalough Outdoor Centre on Sunday 17 March.

With this Emmaus Walk nearly upon us our attention will turn to finding teams for our second Face to Face Encounter, which will be held in Gympie in June and the Emmaus Walks in August. I encourage you if asked to seriously consider accepting the role that is offered, as the Selection Committee has prayerfully considered the people for the various roles.

**De Colores**

*Andrew Krosch*



## ***From our Outgoing Community Spiritual Director***

To my Emmaus Friends,

What a joy it has been as I have willingly participated as Community Spiritual Director watching new pilgrims become active community members. Being active in your Emmaus community is the joy in serving our God, receiving His Grace as you journey on the pathway with this amazing tool, being blessed with using it to grow our Christian communities.

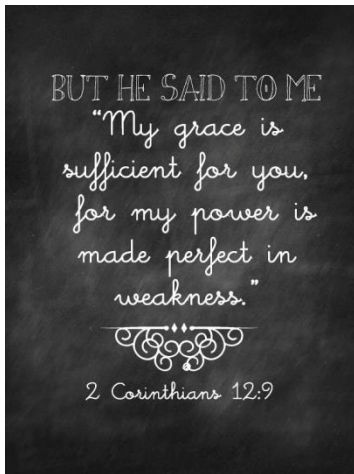
Participating in the first Face to Face Encounter in Australia was certainly a gift from our Lord. I would encourage as many of you as can; to pray about being available in the next Encounters (Gympie June & Coolum Oct/ Nov) as I would also encourage you to pray where God wants you to serve this Emmaus community. There is a barrage of times and places where you can serve, from being a part of the cleanup team at a walk site to serving as a Board member, what is your gift, where might you serve; for wherever you give your time you give it joyfully to God. There will be Walks in August 2019.

The future holds for our Emmaus Communities uncertainty at similar levels as it does for our churches; to face this uncertainty, we need to be bold; being faithful in prayer and in action, as God is faithful in all things to us. For it is God who gives us this future; I pray as a community we will be wise in its teaching and its



resourcing. Be brave my friends step out and step up in faith, and in the knowledge that in all things God holds the key; let us turn it astutely.

The strength I have gained through your prayers and encouragement can never be measured; for they have lifted me when I have struggled, when I have been sad and blessed me in the joy. I have learnt that God's Grace is abundant in the good times and in the sad times. I have felt what it means to be upheld by the prayers of the faithful, I would now encourage you to pray for your next Community Spiritual Director Rev. Jenny Sims, to uphold her in all the activities of this community role.



Thank you Brisbane North Coast and Blessings as we journey onward.

*Margaret Niethe*

# NEWS

*From the Board*

Saturday February 9 a meeting of the Community Board Executive was held and this was followed by all Co-ordinators; joining the Executive to renew their commitment to our community for 2019.

There has been a change in how we do the business of Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community; the changes will hopefully and prayerfully bring about a streamlining of our activities and reflect our National Body's request that we 'get back to Basics'.

Over the next few months the Board News will endeavour to reflect this new way in how we operate within the programs undertaken and by inviting you to ask about the new way. The Board News will also print Board Positions and Duties, particularly to educate us all in 'Emmaus Ministries'. Now, if you haven't heard this term before 'Emmaus Ministries' is how we now operate under the umbrella of the Upper Room.

Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Ministries endeavours to present 'Walk to Emmaus' and 'Face to Face Encounter' ... to find out more we invite you to speak with Walk Co-ordinator Michelle Krosch and Face to Face Co-ordinator Lyn Chalmers, these ladies will be the pivot of a 'Walk to Emmaus' and a 'Face to Face Encounter'.

Our current Board Executive members are:

Community Lay Director	Andrew Krosch
Past Community Lay Director	Christiane Nivala
Community Lay Director Elect	Paul Fletcher
Community Spiritual Director	Rev Jenny Sims
Past Community Spiritual Director	Ps Margaret Niethe
Registrar	Rebecca Fletcher
Secretary	Linda Waldock
Treasurer	Gary Nicholls

Co-ordinators are:

Prayer	Margaret Niethe
Walks	Michelle Krosch
Face to Face	Lyn Chalmers
Supplies	David Close
Music	Leanne Close
Dining Room	Wayne & Janelle Morrison
Agape	Lu Evans
Gatherings	Ian Riding
Website	Paul Fletcher
Newsletter	Helen Nutley; Margaret Niethe

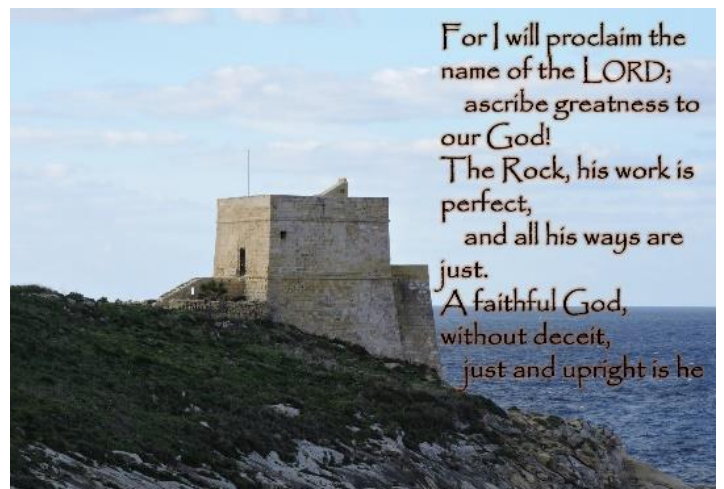
## Report for Men's Walk # 101

Men's Walk # 101 is on track for 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The team is now complete and ready and rearing to go. We had our final training on the weekend and we are looking forward to the upcoming walk. Please continue to uphold the team and the pilgrims in your prayers that God

will work mightily through the talks presented.

We currently have 12 men registered for the walk and registrations have now closed. There will be a Men's and Women's walk being held in August so if you still have pilgrims in mind then you can register them for the August walks which will also be held at Glendalough.



Don't forget to come along to the candle lighting service on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at Coolum Beach Uniting Church, 22 Elizabeth Street, Coolum Beach to support the pilgrims on the walk. Look forward to seeing you there.

De Colores

Paul Fletcher (LD)



**Don't forget**



***The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute. Same bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of- flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings, Communion Elements etc.***

**General Donations**

**BSB: 334-040**

**A/c No: 000 0553 890 883**

**Walk Agape Donations**

**BSB : 334-040**

**A/c No: 000 0554 465 053**

**For any prayer needs that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Co-ordinator, Margaret Niethe**

**email: [pmniethe@hotmail.com](mailto:pmniethe@hotmail.com) or**

**phone: 0416 070 852**





Face to Face Encounter #2 will be held at Gympie Regional Uniting Church, Red Hill Road, Gympie on Tuesday 11, Saturday 15, Tuesday 18 and Saturday 22 June 2018.

Don Ironside is the Lay Director for Face to Face Encounter #2 and is currently in the process of building a team. He is being ably assisted by his wife Judy. I know Don and Judy are excited about what God is planning for this Encounter.

Brisbane North Coast Emmaus community members who might be interested in being involved with Face to Face Encounter #2, please contact Lyn Chalmers on [lynchalmers@outlook.com](mailto:lynchalmers@outlook.com), Don Ironside at [don@ironside.id.au](mailto:don@ironside.id.au) or Judy Ironside at [ironside2@bigpond.com](mailto:ironside2@bigpond.com)

Candlelighting for Face to Face will be held on Tuesday 18 June at Gympie Regional Uniting Church so please keep that day free so you can come and join in.

We ask that the community to start praying for Face to Face Encounter #2, pray for Don and Judy as they step out in faith and pray for pilgrims.

As with Walks to Emmaus, Face to Face cannot succeed without lots of prayer and the support of our community.

*Lyn Chalmers*

*Face to Face Board Coordinator*

# Agape

There is a need for people to work with the Agape Team, firstly as Co-ordinators on site for this event. Please contact Elizabeth Fletcher ([lizr1389@gmail.com](mailto:lizr1389@gmail.com)) or Lu Evans ([lmevans711@gmail.com](mailto:lmevans711@gmail.com)) if this is a call God is putting on your heart.

## Training Opportunity

As a Community we are looking for anyone who has been a Walk Lay Director and may like to be involved in delivering Training for Team Training please contact either Christiane Nivala (0434 211 223) or David Nivala (0401 146 411 or 07) 5449 0278).

# 2019 Calendar

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
14 –17 March 2019		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Men's walk #101
16 March 2019	7:30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church, 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's walk #101
29 –31 March 19		Tamworth	National Secretariat
8 April 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street Morayfield	Walk Celebration
11 May 2019	5:30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Gathering –Chrysalis Commissioning of Face to Face Encounter #2 team
8 June 2019	5:30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Gathering
11 June 2018		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Face to Face Encounter –Session 1
15 June 2019		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Gympie Face to Face Encounter –Session 2
18 June 2019		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Face to Face Encounter –Session 3
22 June 2019		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Face to Face Encounter –Session 4
13 July 2019	5:30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Gathering, Face to Face Encounter celebration & Commissioning of Walks #103 & #104

***God Bless You as you Walk with Him***