

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

# ***Next Gathering***

**When: July 13<sup>th</sup> Starts 5.30pm**

***Gathering and Welcome to new Next-Day-ers  
Commissioning Walks 103 & 104***

**Where: Morayfield Uniting Church  
12-16 Weier Road Morayfield**

***Bring a plate of food to Share for  
Dinner***

***De Colores***



# *From our Community*

## *Lay Director*

*Greeting, my name is Paul Fletcher from the table of Matthew, BNC Walk #70 and the table of Servants, Face to Face BNC Encounter # 1 and I have now become the new Community Lay Director of Brisbane North Coast Community. For those who don't know me yet, I have been involved in the Emmaus community since doing my walk in 2007 taking many and varied roles on numerous walks and the first Face to Face encounter since that time. I am married to Jill and we have 3 adult children. In my Christian fellowship, I have been actively involved in leadership roles, eldership, congregation chairperson and worship leading.*

*My first role as CLD was to be at the closing ceremony for Face to Face Encounter # 2. I was impressed by the new next dayers sharing how much they were blessed by being involved in the encounter and I look forward to seeing them coming to our next gathering on the 13<sup>th</sup> July.*

*I know God is blessing all those who participate in the walks & encounters whether pilgrims or those on the team so if you are asked please prayerfully consider taking on a role.*

*A number of our members are involved in a Chrysalis flight on 12-14 July with a candle lighting service on the 13<sup>th</sup> so please uphold them in your prayers on the weekend.*

*[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E8o\\_t4Q6DpV09RkHaiEu9YzziRwIVqIRk67-sHqALJw/edit#gid=1800811873](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E8o_t4Q6DpV09RkHaiEu9YzziRwIVqIRk67-sHqALJw/edit#gid=1800811873) is the location of their prayer vigil and the Chrysalis team would appreciate anyone who is willing to be involved. The candle lighting service is being held at the Centenary Uniting Church and a number of the community are going there following the gathering. Anyone is welcome to join us in celebrating with the Caterpillars.*

*We currently have 2 walks planned for August. The Men's Walk # 103 from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and the Women's Walk # 104 from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. I believe all conference roles have been filled but I'm sure there are opportunities to be praying for the walks, being involved in the dining room, and sponsoring pilgrims.*

*We are also in the process of preparing another Face to Face Encounter in October/November to be held at Coolum and Ian Riding has accepted the role of Lay Director for Encounter # 3. Ian will be contacting people to consider being on the team so please start praying about it now.*

*Another way to be involved is to become a member of the board. There are a number of positions to be filled. Two of the positions that need to be filled are the Website Coordinator and the Gatherings Coordinator. Please come and speak to a board member about what's involved in these roles.*

*Look forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at the gathering.*

**De Colores**

*Paul Fletcher*



# ***From our Community***

## ***Spiritual Director***

*Clearing the way! Removing the Obstacles!*

When I was asked to be an Assistant Spiritual Director at the next Women's Walk in August, I asked if I could do the *Obstacles to Grace* talk. I had not done that talk before, even though I have been a Spiritual Director on many walks. I wanted to get to the root of my uneasiness about the talk's focus. There seemed to be something missing. It has been a challenge but a good one, as I have dug deep into obstacles to grace in my own life and how they can be overcome in a significant way.

From 2012 to 2015, I studied in the Spiritual Direction Formation Program at St. Francis College and was accredited in November 2015. While preparing my Obstacles to Grace Talk, I came across this quote:

**"The ministry of spiritual direction specializes in *identifying things which hinder us from living in grace*, and discovering paths that allow us to *walk in the grace of being accepted, loved and free.*"<sup>1</sup>**

I had one of those "aha" moments. Emmaus Walks focus on grace; Dying Moments communion gives pilgrims an opportunity through sharing in the bread and wine, to name their dying moment – to give up or die to their personal pain and brokenness, sin, a wrong attitude, habit, characteristic, or burden so that they can experience the resurrection power and life of Christ. The pieces seemed to fall in place for me.

The use of the term "spiritual director" in Emmaus is not accidental! The chapel visits in particular are designed to enable pilgrims to let go of all that hinders their relationship with God, others and themselves, and to be empowered to walk with a new freedom in Christ as loved, forgiven people.

A spiritual director is one who walks alongside us on our journey, who companions us, who accepts us warts and all, and loves us with God's love. There is no judgment but an unmasking of the obstacles that edge God out through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we recognise and name our sin, our failure, our shame - all those big rocks that stand in the way are removed and we find greater freedom. It's a continuing process as our brokenness is restored but we will never conquer the obstacles to God's grace in our lives by ourselves.

The purpose our monthly Gatherings and Reunion Groups is to support you, pilgrims on their Fourth Day or their Next Day. That is one key to overcoming the obstacles that hinder us in are

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<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth de Smaele. *Hindrances to grace and the path to living in freedom*

ongoing walk. It is the Holy Spirit who brings to light the obstacles and set us free but we also need each other. We are created for community, and we draw strength from one another as we share joys and burdens along life's journey.

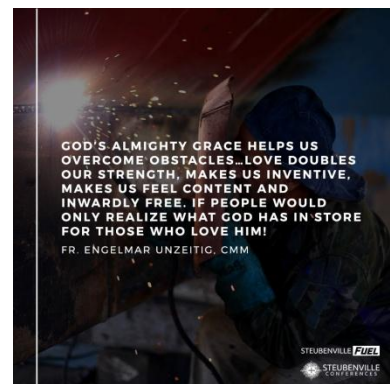
Ongoing Spiritual Direction is a significant Means of Grace to keep us free and walking in fullness of life. The obstacles are always on our side because God longs for all of us to come home! I am happy to answer any questions you may have or talk with you about ongoing spiritual direction. God bless you on your continuing journey with Christ.

*"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 (Hebrews 12:1).*

Brisbane North Community Spiritual Director

# De Colores

*Jenny Sims*



## ***Music is vital to Emmaus Walks and Gatherings***

***I am looking for people who can play music and lead worship. Please let me know if you like to lead singing, play the piano or other accompanying instrument; this can be for a walk or for a gathering.***



***Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator***

**Next Board meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3.30pm @ Morayfield Uniting Church,**

**Board Members & Co-ordinators**

Our current Board Executive members are:

Community Lay Director	Paul Fletcher
Past Community Lay Director	Andrew Krosch
Community Lay Director Elect	Michelle Krosch
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	TBA
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

*By-Laws – an Updated Version of our Community By-Laws are available on the Website*

*You are encouraged by the Board to read these prior to the Gathering July 13<sup>th</sup> as these will be voted as accepted by the Community at this meeting.*

*You will find changes around Meetings & Committees reflect the New Board Composition & updates to include the Face to Face Encounter.*

[http://www.brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au/Content/emmausaustralia/BrisbaneNorthCoast/Media/UserFiles/file/2019 - BNC Emmaus By-Laws - 2008 Final Update June \(Draft\).pdf](http://www.brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au/Content/emmausaustralia/BrisbaneNorthCoast/Media/UserFiles/file/2019 - BNC Emmaus By-Laws - 2008 Final Update June (Draft).pdf)

# Men's Walk #103

## Men's Walk 103 (15-18<sup>th</sup> August) at Glendalough

Greetings at the time of writing the Men's Walk #103 is exactly 5 weeks away. After visiting Glendalough today, I am reflecting the amount of preparation and planning that has already gone into this walk. We were blessed by the fantastic facilities of Grace Lutheran College Caboolture for our training days and our team bonded well. It has been a great blessing to me to have such a great team around me following an accident at work 4 weeks ago that saw me suffer a minor head injury and a rather significant concussion. It has been a personal blessing to me to work with many talented brothers and sisters in Christ, all working towards the same goal; to help equip future leaders of Christ's church.

Thankfully, our team is complete and we welcome those who have come on board to be part of this team. Our team as it stands is:

**LD: Malcolm James, SD: Costa Stathakis**

**SALD : Alan Hindmarsh**

**ALD: Bradley Lube and Chad Teschward**

**ASD: Neil Sims, Brian Nagel, Eric Lawson**

**TL: Scott Russell, Jono Handreck, Colin Inglis**

**ATL: Michael Ridgway, Cuan De Vries, Jason Albrecht**

**Worship: Jefferson Litchfield, David Nivala**

**Prayer Directors: Cedric and May Gowlett**

**Support: Wayne and Janelle Morrison**

**Board Rep: David Close**

**Dining Room Co-ord: Bob and Anne Maczkowiack**

*And please forgive me if I have left you off the list. Please consider who you will sponsor and start (continue) praying for both this walk and Ladies Walk #104.*

*Lay Director*

*Malcolm James*

# Women's Walk #104

## Women's Walk 104 (22-25 August) at Glendalough.

*Praise God! We had a wonderful weekend of training recently; all the talks are of a high standard and are going to bless the Pilgrims on Walk 104. There are a few pilgrim forms already in, which is amazing, and plenty of room for more; I have heard of people wishing to sponsor or wishing to sponsor someone to come on a walk. Now is the time to get those forms in so these women can have a wonderful weekend of being blessed.*

*Prepare some agape gifts, volunteer to help in the dining room, attend Candle Lighting at Coolum Uniting Church on the Saturday evening and the closing service on the Sunday. Allow these women to be blessed over the weekend with your acts of Agape love. I look forward to welcoming and journeying with them through the weekend.*

**The theme for the weekend is **Proverbs 31: 25** 'She is clothed in strength & dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.'**

*Lay Director*

*Leanne Close*



***Face to Face Encounter #2 was held at Gympie recently***

***Welcome to all our Next Day-ers***

**Blessings & Thanks from the Board to your *Lay Director Judy Ironside***

***Face to Face Encounter #3 to be held at Coolum UC***

***October 22, 29 & November 5 & 12, 2019***

*Lay Director*

*Ian Riding*



## Don't forget



*The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute.*

*Bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of- flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings, Communion Elements etc.*

General Donations

**BSB: 334-040**

Walk Agape Donations

**BSB: 334-040**

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

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

*For any prayer needs that you would like 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*



### **AN AGAPE MESSAGE FROM LU EVANS**

**Community Agape Coordinator**

#### **KNITTED TEDDIES**

Do you have a growing family of Teddies from when you were on team at various Walks? Are they looking bored and redundant?

You can give them a new life of Joy and Love by donating them back to Emmaus so they can do what they do best.... Welcome new pilgrims and team on their arrival at the walks. Please contact Lu Evans (see below)

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#### **AGAPE GROUPS**

Please bring your agape gifts for the next Walks to the Gathering on 13th July. There is no gathering in August. If you can't meet this date please arrange pick-up or delivery so that Agape can be sorted as much as possible prior to the walks. The Agape Coordinators for each Walk need to know how much agape and what type of items will be contributed. (50 pieces of each) Please phone me with any queries you may have. (see below) Thank you all once again for your support.

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#### **SPECIAL CELEBRATION SUPPLIES FOR MEN'S & WOMEN'S WALKS**

Would you like to share your gifts and time? You can be part of the support team by helping prior to the walks.....regarding the purchasing of special items for Saturday Dinner etc. and arranging delivery to the campsite either by yourself or by someone you choose to help share this important project. A great way to learn about what happens behind the scenes

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Lu Evans

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# 2019 Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Comments
13 July 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & celebration of Face to Face encounter 2 & Commissioning Walks 103 & 104
13 July 2019	9 pm	Centenary Uniting Church 37 Riverhills Rd, Middle Park	Candlelighting for Chrysalis flight
<b>15-18 August 2019</b>		<b>Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrin Beach</b>	<b>Men's walk #103</b>
17 August 2019	7.30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Gathering & Candlelighting Men's walk #103
18 August 2019	3.30 pm	Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrin Beach	Closing ceremony Men's walk #103
<b>22-25 August 2019</b>		<b>Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrin Beach</b>	<b>Women's walk #104</b>
24 August 2019	7.30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Gathering & Candlelighting Women's walk #104
25 August 2019	3.30 pm	Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrin Beach	Closing ceremony Women's walk #104
14 September 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering and celebration Walks 103 & 104
12 October 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning Face to Face Encounter #3
22 October 2019		<b>Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach</b>	<b>Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 1 of 4</b>
29 October 2019		<b>Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach</b>	<b>Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 2 of 4</b>
5 November 2019		<b>Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach</b>	<b>Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 3 of 4</b>
5 November 2019	1.15 pm	TBA	Gathering & Candlelighting Face to Face Encounter #3
9 November 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!
12 November 2019		<b>Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach</b>	<b>Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 4 of 4</b>
12 November 2019	2.30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Closing Ceremony Face to Face Encounter #3

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