



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

Next Gatherings

When: **August 17 @ 7pm**
Candlelighting Walk # 103
August 24 @ 7pm
Candlelighting Walk # 104

Where: **Coolum Uniting Church**
22 Elizabeth St Coolum
Both evenings

De Colores



From our Community

Lay Director

It was great to see a large number of the community at our last gathering for the commissioning of the members of the upcoming walks, 103 & 104. We were encouraged by the number of pilgrims already registered for the walks but look forward to seeing more registered by the closing dates. There will not be a gathering in August as we have the Candle Lightings for both walks, Men's 17th August & Women's 24th August. Please come and support pilgrims and the men and women of the walks. Another way to support them is to register on the 72 hour prayer vigils - see the links in this newsletter.

The team for the next Face To Face encounter is coming together and even though the purpose of the team (Emmaus and Face To Face) is to serve the pilgrims, those who have been on team will tell you that they were the ones who were blessed so if you are asked then prayerfully consider being on team. The conference room team, who have primary interaction with the pilgrims, are only one part of the bigger team. The support team support the conference team and pilgrims in other ways like praying, being part of the dining room, preparing and serving food and snacks, agape and cleaning are all equally important in representing Christ to the pilgrims.

As noted in my previous report, there are still a number of Board positions to be filled. Two of the positions are the Website Coordinator and the Gatherings Coordinator. Both positions are not onerous so if you feel lead to taking on one of these roles please speak to or phone the current board member about what's involved in these roles.

Paul Fletcher

De Colores



From our Community Spiritual Director

This month we have Men's Walk #103 and Women's Walk #104. It has been a busy few months as teams have been called together and trained for their roles. What a rich story the Community has woven over the years as people have experienced their own Walk to Emmaus and then often been invited back to serve on Team.

Every time I sing "Weave" I am reminded of that rich diversity of people and gifts which form our Brisbane North Coast Community and the joy of being part of this specific ministry.



The Emmaus movement exists to run the Walks, and our Gatherings support that ministry as we encourage the growth in leadership and renewal of leaders in their local churches.

What about your own story of your growth in Christ and your ongoing service to our Lord since your own Walk? There will be many other ways in which you have grown in your own church and through various study groups, reading, and conferences. How has your Emmaus and Encounter experience helped you to grow? How do you plant yourself in a place where optimum growth is assured?

Paul says to the Christians in Colossae, that he was thankful for their faith and for the good news of the gospel that was bearing fruit in their lives as they have come to understand the grace of God. He has heard of their faith he has not stopped praying for them.

On some of our Fourth Days and Next Days, we may feel thirsty and dried out like a withered leaf or plant. Sometimes we feel battered and fall over like a small plant knocked about by heavy rain or wind. Sometimes we are hungry for more of God.

Paul has some sound advice about how we can continue to grow in faith and strengthen our commitment as disciples.

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2: 6

Just before I sat down at the computer to write this, I was watching "Gardening Australia". They often speak about the importance of good soil structure and organic matter which results in healthy flourishing plants, fruit and vegetables.

What does it mean to be firmly "Rooted in Christ"?

Paul says live your lives in him [Christ] like a plant flourishing in good soil! We are to be firmly planted in Christ. Good soil is friable, well drained, with lots of nutrients and minerals which support strong roots and provide all that is needed for the plant to be healthy and fruitful. We are to live "in Christ" so that the support and nourishment that will make us strong, healthy and fruitful comes from him from day to day. We are to live in Christ and Christ in us! It's all about *relationship* – a recurring theme in several Emmaus talks. Christ is the substance and foundation of our Faith (Colossians 2: 17)

Australian trees of the outback survive in harsh conditions because they have long tap roots which reach down deep into the soil and rock to find the underground water. Let's learn from our harsh Australian landscape and reach down deeper into Christ as the source of our life. Take the healthy nourishment of the Means of Grace so that as you remain "rooted in Christ," you will remain strong in love, faith, in hope, in courage and in service.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE TEAM AND PILGRIMS OF WALKS #103 AND 104.
THANKS.**

Brisbane North Community Spiritual Director

Jenny Sims

De Colores

Music

is vital to Emmaus Walks Face to Face Encounters as well as our 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

'Phone 0414 768 329

From the Board

Next Board meeting September 14th @ 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 Niethé
Registrar	Rebecca Fletcher
Secretary	Linda Waldock
Treasurer	Gary Nicholls

Co-ordinators are:

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

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

Here is another opportunity to read these prior to the Gathering September 14th 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 (15-18th August) at Glendalough

Greetings! At the time of writing this article (1 August), the Men's Walk #103 is only 2 weeks away. Our preparation has gone well for this walk and the team has bonded well. There were minor changes to the team between our formation day and our training days, but our team is now complete. We have previewed many powerful talks and some in-depth personal insights into the content being covered.

It has been a personal blessing to me to be able to work with so many talented brothers and sisters in Christ all working towards the same goal; to help equip future leaders of the church. Final preparations and plans are being made to facilitate the smooth running of the weekend.

Our team is full and our walk has been covered in prayer through the great efforts of Cedric and May. We are mostly prepared and ready to serve our great God through the wonderful blessing of the Emmaus Movement. Please continue to uphold this walk in your prayers and please pray for our team.

The Team for walk #103

LD: Malcolm James

SD: Rev. Costa Stathakis

ALD's: Alan Hindmarsh (SnrALD), Bradley Lubbe, Clayton Teschward.

ASD's: Brian Nagel, Neil Sims and Eric Lawson

TL's: Scott Russell, Jono Handreck, Colin Inglis

ATL's: Michael Ridgeway, Cuan De Vries, Jason Albrecht

Prayer Directors:	Cedric and May Gowlett
Support Coordinator:	Wayne and Janelle Morrison
Board Representative:	David Close
Worship Team:	Jeff Litchfield and David Nivala
Dining Room Coordinator:	Bob and Anne Maczkowiack
Agape:	Linda Waldock and Lidde Gravett

**Helpers are needed for
Dining Room
please contact Bob or Anne**

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Here is the link to the 72 hour prayer vigil.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAFAE2AA6F85-mens> Please note that I have asked for an address (optional) when putting your name down. If you do decide to do so, please just put your Suburb and Country. This is just so the pilgrims know where people are praying

Lay Director

Malcolm James

Women's Walk #104

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

Praise God! The team is prepped, ready and we have 15 amazing talks ready for our pilgrims; there is still plenty of room for more pilgrims to join us for the weekend on Walk 104. So now is the time to get those forms in for these women to 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.

Proverbs 31: 25 She is clothed in strength & dignity and she laughs without fear of the future.

Lay Director	Leanne	Close
Spiritual Director	Lyn	Richardson
ASD 1	Jenny	Sims
ASD 2	Moira	Dodsworth
Senior ALD 1	Val	Handreck
ALD 2	Jill	Fletcher
ALD 3	Natalie	Teschward
Board Rep	Helen	Trost
Table Leader	Judy	Ironside
Table Leader	Carolyn	Dean
Table Leader	Gaye	McDonald
Table Leader	Linda	Waldock
Assistant TL	Karyn	Russell
Assistant TL	Priscilla	Hatcher
Assistant TL	Ronnie	Timperon
Assistant TL	Rachel	Holmes
Support Co-ordinator	Beck	Fletcher
Support Co-ordinator	David	Close
Music Team	Christine	Henderson
Music Team	Helen	Trost
Prayer Directors	Helen	Nutley
Prayer Directors	Ray	Nutley
Tech Support	Leanne	Close
Tech Support	Natalie	Teschward
Dining Room	Lizzie	Fletcher
Dining Room	Hayley	Eastaghffe
Agape	Carol	King
Special Agape	Dining Room	
Special Agape	Support	

**Dining Room Servers
needed**

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Lay Director

Leanne Close

Here is the link to the 72 hour prayer vigil

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAFAE2AA6F85-womens>



Face to Face Encounter #3 Coolum UC

October 22, 29 & November 5 & 12, 2019

It is about 13 weeks until Encounter #3 at Coolum gets under way, and we have around 8 weeks until Team Formation Day. It has been a busy year for me and I was initially reluctant to take on a major role. But after some prayer, I answered God's call and agreed to be Lay Director.

The Coolum venue is not ideal and presents some challenges. Unlike Gympie, there are not a lot of locals we can draw on to fill team positions, although we do expect some pilgrims. I am confident that this Encounter will be a great success if the team and the Community work together to fulfil God's plan.

Face to Face is a young and growing ministry that meets the needs of our aging congregations. To help spread awareness beyond Brisbane North Coast (and Adelaide), we have invited two experienced Emmaus members from Brisbane South to be on team. They share our vision for Face to Face. We already have the key team players but still need around 13 more.

Please continue to pray for the success of this encounter, as well as the upcoming men's and women's walks at Glendalough. Coolum UC is the candle lighting venue for those walks - it is only an hour's drive for most of us - less for some, so please seriously consider attending Face to Face candle lighting (1:30pm 5 Nov.) and closing service. (2:30pm 12 Nov.)

The team so far: **LD:** Ian Riding **SD:** Margaret Niethé

ASD Michelle Shumack - (2 or 3 more needed)

Coaches: Geoff Irwin & Pam Nalder (BN South)

TL: Brian Price, Charles Nalder (BN South) & Geoff Weston (3 more needed)

Prayer Directors: Russell Walker & Trish Collie - (2 more needed)

Music: Dawne Price & Triscia Riding **Logistics:** Moira Dodsworth - (1-2 assistants needed)

Board Rep: Karren McDermott **Media IT:** No one as yet (1 needed)

Agape and Catering - No one as yet (At least 2+2 needed)

Here is the link to the 72 hour prayer vigil.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba8aa2fa1fe3-face1>

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

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phone: 0416 070 852



AN AGAPE MESSAGE FROM LU EVANS



Community Agape Coordinator

MEN'S & WOMEN'S WALKS:

Thank you to all the groups who have already sent in your agape for the Men's & Women's Walks. If there is anyone else who wishes to contribute could you please let us know ASAP even if it can only be delivered to the Walk. The Team Agape Coordinators need to know how many pieces they will have to work with.

FACE TO FACE:

Please be aware that Face to Face Encounter#3 commences mid-October. Therefore considering the logistics of delivery etc. it would be great to have as much agape delivered by September Gathering so sorting can be done ahead of time in preparation for the smooth running of the agape during the conference room program.

THANK YOU ALL once again and in advance for your wonderful support throughout this busy year. Your contribution is an integral part of the Walks and Encounters.

Lu Evans Agape Co-ordinator

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2019 Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Comments
15-18 August 2019		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrin Beach	Men's walk #103
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
22-25 August 2019		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrin Beach	Women's walk #104
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		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 1 of 4
29 October 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 2 of 4
5 November 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 3 of 4
5 November 2019	1.15 pm	St Peter's Catholic Church, Elizabeth Street, Coolum. It is right next door to the Uniting Church you can park behind the church, entry between the two churches.	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		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 4 of 4
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

