



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
April 2021**

***Welcome***

***Sadly due to Covid\*19 Restrictions our  
April gathering has been CANCELLED***

**Together we are the Body of Christ**

***THE GOOD NEWS***

**When:**

***Saturday, May 8***

***@***

***4:00 pm to 6:00 pm***

**Where:**

***Mudjimba Beach,***

***Mudjimba Esplanade, Mudjimba***

***This will be a family friendly gathering. BYO chair/rug,  
afternoon tea and something suitable for communion.***



**De Colores**

**from the  
Community Lay Director**

*Hello everyone,*

*At the end of an Emmaus Ministry experience, participants are invited to reflect on two questions:*

- 1. What has this experience meant to me?*
- 2. What am I going to do about it?*

*I did my Emmaus walk 22 years ago. I was a tragically single, fiscally impaired, unemployed 23 year old who was trying to figure out what God had planned for my life after what I thought was Plan A fell apart. Through my Emmaus experience God showed me that he had lifted me out of the slimy pit of despair I was in and set my feet on solid ground. He placed a new song in my heart, a song of praise. He restored my creativity and he began the process of rebuilding my confidence and self-esteem.*

*To be honest, I found my Emmaus walk to be very overwhelming and it took me awhile after the walk to fully process what my Emmaus walk had meant to me and figure out what I was going to do about it. Since my Emmaus walk I have continued on my journey with God and he has led me down an amazing path. I am now married to a wonderful Christian man. I am Mum to 5 children and mother-in-law to another two. I have three grandchildren. I can tell you that my Plan A did not include having three grandkids by the time I was 40! I have a career in an industry I was adamant I would never work in. But one in which I am able to help people and share God's love. I have been in leadership roles within my church that I would never even have considered before I did Emmaus. My life has changed significantly over the last 22 years. But my Emmaus experience has helped equip me for the journey God is taking me on.*

*I would encourage you to spend some time remembering what your Emmaus experience meant and what you had planned to do about it. The purpose of Emmaus Ministries is to strengthen the Christian community and develop Christian disciples who will give their lives to sharing Christ. We all have a part to play in God's amazing plan.*

**De Colores**

*Michelle Krosch*

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



How did you enjoy the Easter break? As I write this the gentle rain continues to fall and it seems that my plants are growing by the centimetre overnight.

I find it interesting that when the women returned from the tomb to tell the disciples that Jesus was risen, they did not believe the women until they too had seen and come to believe. It's interesting that in our current climate of domestic violence, workplace abuse and rape, women's witness is still not respected.

When John entered the tomb "he saw and believed." Some of us need evidence. Peter was one who when he saw the head bandages folded separately from the other burial linen, then he believed.

In John's version of the resurrection in chapter 20, he uses three different Greek verbs for seeing: the quick glance that takes in the general picture, the eye for the details and the eye of faith. [With Love to the World, April 4<sup>th</sup>]. The risen Lord is with us but we may be unaware of his presence because we see with a casual glance. We may see some detail but miss the deeper revelation that comes from the eye of faith.

If our faith only on the evidence we see or the assent of our minds, we may miss the deeper dimensions of our faith that only the heart can appreciate.

Lord open the eyes of our hearts, that we might see you and believe. Thank you for your life poured out for us on the cross, for laying down your life so that we might be restored to you as children of God. Thank you that you rose again and live forever in the hearts of those who believe. Lord we believe. Please nurture our faith so that we grow closer to you and walk more carefully in your footsteps. Amen.

Rev. Jenny Sims [Brisbane North Coast Community Spiritual Director]

# ***IMPORTANT MESSAGE from our NATIONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR***



Emmaus Ministries Australia

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## Communication

Dear Paul,

It has been a very challenging year for everyone worldwide and continues to be so for many. There is a ray of hope as the vaccine is rolled out however as I write this I have heard that some European countries are once again facing lockdown as a third wave takes hold.

I am aware that our Emmaus ministries have, like most things, been significantly disrupted. For many across the globe, particularly those of faith, it has been a time of bringing it all to God in prayer. The old hymn says it all really:

**"What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear,  
What a privilege it is to carry  
EVERYTHING to God in prayer."**

Some Australian communities have been able to think about planning for some walks, flights or other Emmaus ministry experiences later in the year. I am not aware of any possibilities of physical walks in other countries as yet.

Prayer is vital to Emmaus as we all know.

On the Emmaus website there are some prayer vigils up for us all to be involved in. These prayer vigils are fairly empty of names at this point so could I invite you to go

on to the sites to see what is happening and commit to praying.

May God bless you all as you commit to praying for each other and those who will have their faith deepened through the Emmaus ministries....

**Active Prayer Vigils:** <https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/>

Blessings all

Bruce C.

Rev Bruce Cornish

National Spiritual Director

Emmaus Ministries Australia

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Prayer Vigils



*Music*

***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 and Encounter or for a gathering.***

***Should you now a person who might like to be a part of this ministry please contact Leanne.***

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

***'Phone 0414 768 329***

## ***From the Board***

**Next Board meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3.30pm Board  
Members @ Morayfield Uniting Church,  
& 4.30pm Co-ordinators**

### **Board of Directors 2021**

Effective Date: 13 February 2021

#### **Board Executive**

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#### **Co-ordinators**

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***Queries please contact Face to Face Co-ordinator***

***Karren McDermott - 0423767496***



**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,**

**Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator - Margaret Niethe**

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



*Please uphold one another in Prayer as we continue as a community to face the trials of Covid-19*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*It is with great sadness that I have received information that our sister in Christ Wendy Wieland passed away early on April 6.*

*Please pray for her family at this sad time.*

*Please pray for **Mary** most of us do not know this lady however, God knows her and her needs please lift Mary before the throne of **His Grace.***

*Please lift one another in prayer as we continue to experience the trials of LOCKDOWN.*

"Therefore encourage **one another** and build **each other up**, just as in fact you are doing." "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward **each other** that Christ Jesus had." yes, establish the work of our hands."

1 Thessalonians 5

### **CALENDAR EVENTS 2021**

Date	Time	Place	Comments
8 May 2021	4-6pm	<b>Mudjimba Beach, Mudjimba Esplanade, Mudjimba</b>	Gathering <i>This will be a family friendly gathering. BYO chair/rug,</i>



			<i>afternoon tea and something suitable for communion.</i>
12 June 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
10 July 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14 August 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
11 September 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
9 October 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
13 November 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering

**REMEMBER BE COVID SAFE as you ATTEND**

**all GATHERINGS and EMMAUS EVENTS**

**Maintain Social Distancing**

**Wash hands**

**Please stay at home if you are unwell!!!**

**Let us know and we will pray for you**