

# BRISBANE NORTH COAST EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER June 2021

### Our future is in God's hands

When: Saturday, June 12

@

5.30pm

**Where:** Morayfield Uniting Church

12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield

We look forward to seeing you



#### **De Colores**

# from the Community Lay

Hello everyone,

Thank you to those that came to the May gathering at Mudjimba Beach. Whilst we were small in number, we had a great time fellowshipping and sharing life together. We hope to do something similar later in the year when the weather is a bit warmer.

The national secretariat was held recently via Zoom. It was great to hear about what was happening in Emmaus communities around the country, including Emmaus walks, Face to Face Encounters and Chrysalis Flights that had occurred this year and others that are planned. On that note, there are Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights scheduled in Brisbane in July. Please pray for all the Emmaus Ministries planned in the next couple of months and the teams involved.

Our board is still exploring opportunities for running Emmaus ministries this year. One of the factors we are looking at is whether we have sufficient support to hold an Emmaus ministry. If you are interested in being involved, please let either myself, Paul Fletcher or David Close know.

I'd like to finish with some lyrics from a Rend Collective song, 'Build Your Kingdom Here'. This song has encouraged me to keep pursuing God's mission for not only my life but the Body Christ, which Emmaus is part of. May this be our prayer as we continue to build God's Kingdom.

Build Your Kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your Kingdom here We pray

De Colores
Michelle Krosch



## From our Community Spiritual Director

#### **Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community**

Putting fingers to computer again (rather than pen to paper) I am reminded of how powerful the Dying moments Communion was for me on my Emmaus Walk back in July 1992. That changed me deeply, restored my faith in the church and renewed my faith. How about you? How do you remember your "Dying moment"?

Sometimes we carry deep pain like a huge burden which drags us down and robs us of joy, making it almost impossible to live in the present because of endless reciting of past pain or grievances. Holding on to bitterness, revenge and unforgiveness can poison us and damage us physically, emotionally and mentally. It's like getting on the inside lane of a roundabout and being unable to get off! Letting go of those things which are barriers to God's grace in our lives is like making a decision to exit off the roundabout.



Nelson Mandela had every reason to be extremely bitter after 27 years

imprisonment. He lived all those years in a small cell, without a bed or plumbing, receiving less food than others, but forced to work twice as hard. Yet far from letting himself be broken or succumb to bitterness, when he was finally released in 1990, he focussed on healing his country's divisions and uniting old enemies in common cause.

He recalls when he was liberated, "As I walked out the door towards the gate that would lead to freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

He had more to say about this.

"Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies."

"When a deep injury is done to us, we never heal until we forgive.

"Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That is why it is such a powerful weapon."

"I cannot forget but I can forgive.

"You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy than you will through acts of retribution.

"Courageous people do not fear forgiving for the sake of peace.

"There is no future without forgiveness.

Jesus on forgiveness...

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.' Mark 11: 25

As Christians, forgiveness is an integral part of our lifestyle. May you know the continuing grace of forgiveness and freedom from the burden of unforgiveness!

May God's peace rule in your hearts today.....

De Colores,

Jenny Síms

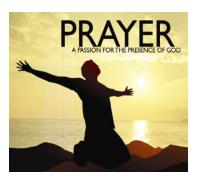
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#### **Emmaus Ministries Australia**

#### Communication

Active Prayer Vigils: <a href="https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/">https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/</a>





#### 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.

Do you now a person who might like to be a part of this ministry?

Please contact Leanne

**Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator** 

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Queries please contact Face to Face Co-ordinator

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#### 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 <u>Walk Agape Donations</u> 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: prayer@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au

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

Please pray for those parts of our country and the world who continue to experience the trials of LOCKDOWN.

Romans 15:13 May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **hope**.



**Chrysalis Flight** 

4pm July 23th till 6pm July 25th

Brookfield QCCC

Contact Alison Holcroft - alison.holcroft@hotmail.com

Chrysalis is an active ministry for our young people this team needs our support in Prayer and sponsoring Grubs!

Know someone you might Sponsor?

Start praying them into attending



#### **CALENDAR EVENTS 2021**

Date	Time	Place	Comments
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
23 July - 25 July	4pm start	Brookfield QCCC	Chrysalis Flight
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

Please send Newsletter Items to

<u>newsletter@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au</u>