



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

**We are the Body of Christ
NEXT GATHERING**

**Due to these restrictions the
Executive have decided to CANCEL**

Our August Gathering

**We look forward to seeing you
hopefully in September**





From our Community Lay Director

Hello everyone,

Many of you know that I am a bit of a sports nut. So, I've spent the last couple of weeks glued to the TV watching as much of the Olympics as I am able. I loved watching the amazing athletic ability of the competitors, the beautiful sportsmanship, and heartfelt interviews. The Women's High Jump final last Saturday night captivated me as Australian, Nicola McDermott, jumped higher than any other Australian female had jumped before to claim a silver medal. In her post competition interview, Nicola was asked what her faith meant to her. She responded:

'I think as a teenager, I was always an outcast, and I got welcomed into a faith community that loved me. And I just remember encountering God's love and it changed the way the I thought of myself – as a misfit, why was I created so tall and stuff – and it gave me passion and purpose to use it.'

A couple of weeks ago, we had the privilege of sharing in the Candlelighting for the Chrysalis Flights. Emmaus ministries provide us with the opportunity to create faith communities where people can encounter and be transformed by God's love. We are hoping to be able to run some Emmaus walks next year. Please keep this in your prayers. But I also want to encourage you, whilst we are unable to do the traditional Emmaus stuff, to continue to share God's love with those you journey with and create faith communities where others may encounter the Living Christ.

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Michelle Krosch

From our Community Spiritual Director



August 2021 Newsletter

The last 3 weeks have provided us with a positive diversion from the constant concern about CoVid and the pandemic updates. I guess you have all been watching Olympic athletes giving their best in the hope of winning a medal after years of persistent training. What dedication! The Sport Climbing and the skate boarding, new sports included in the Olympics, particularly interested me. The speed those athletes climbed the wall was very impressive. I don't think I would be able to even get myself up to the first notch! 😊 I can't believe how fast the hurdlers run their race. Awesome!

This morning I watched an interview with John Coates, Vice-president of the International Olympic Committee and President of the Australian Olympic Committee who was congratulated for the success of the games when so many thought it should not go ahead. At one point he said the games were for the athletes! True. Virtually no spectators to cheer them on and simply one athlete's skill and endurance pitted against another. They have continued to train so that they would be ready if the Games went ahead. Here is one thing that has united the world at a time when so many events, plans and agendas have been put on hold and conflict continues.

The amazing thing of course is that the Olympic Games were able to go ahead while there is a world pandemic raging across national boundaries. There have been so many restrictions, so many changes to how we do things, new protocols, and new ways of living together. It will take more perseverance for us all to continue to combat CoVid. I admire the political leaders, chief medical officers and all the people working to test, process tests, vaccinate people, those continuing on the front line to treat patients to "manage" the Virus. I wonder how many press statements have been made over the last 18 months.

Emmaus has also been "on hold" in many communities as we wait hopefully and patiently for the time when we can resume this significant ministry to encourage and renew Christian leaders. But we have not been idle. Life had continued, and we have persevered through these long months trusting that when the time is right and ripe, we can resume offering Walks to those God is calling.

Some verses to reflect on which are relevant to athletes of the Spirit.

Eph. 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

I Cor. 9:24 “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.” 2 Tim. 4:7 “I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

I Cor. 9:25 “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training...”

Heb. 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...”

Phil. 3:14 “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

See you at the next Gathering

Come and be encouraged in your journey as we meet together around the Lord’s Table.

Some questions to ponder:

How has God upheld you and helped you persevere during these long months?

Would you like to share that with the Community? Please email me so that we can encourage one another.

God bless you and keep you looking to Jesus and trusting in his never-failing love and grace.

De Colores,

Jenny Sims

Community Spiritual Director

Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community.





Communication

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



Music

Music is vital to Emmaus Walks, Face to Face Encounters as well as our Gatherings

Always 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 could be for a Walk an Encounter or for a gathering.

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

Please contact Leanne

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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

Walk Agape Donations

BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0553 890 883

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For any prayer needs that you would like to share with the Emmaus Community,

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator - Margaret Niethé

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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**.

CALENDAR EVENTS 2021

Date	Time	Place	Comments
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 Wear Your Mask

Please stay at home if you are unwell!!!

Let us know and we will pray for you

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