

BRISBANE NORTH COAST  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER

May 2023

We are the Body of Christ

***Next Gathering***

Reunion Party to celebrate

Walks #105 and #106

(Invitation below)

**When:**                      ***Saturday, 13 May @ 5.30pm***

**Where:**                    ***Morayfield Uniting Church***  
12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield

*We look forward to seeing you*



**De Colores**

## **from the Community Lay Director**

*Hello everyone,*

*March was an exciting month for our Emmaus Community with the successful running of Emmaus Walks for over 3 years. It was a privilege to serve on the team for the Women's walk and witness the way God worked through both the team and pilgrims. It was also a joy to listen to the sharing from the pilgrims on the Men's walk. The Lay Directors, Val Handreck and Paul Smith, and their teams did a fantastic job planning, preparing and running these events. I would also like to acknowledge my fellow Emmaus Board members who put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to ensure that the walks ran smoothly.*

*We will be celebrating the walks at our next gathering on Saturday 13 May 2023 at Morayfield Community Church. I would encourage you to come and share fellowship with the newest members of our Emmaus Community.*

*A couple members of our community were able to attend the Australian Emmaus Ministries National Secretariat Convention in Toowoomba at the end of March. It was great to share the weekend with delegates from all over Australia. We were able to share the joys and struggles our Communities have faced during the last couple of years. We were encouraged by Doc Hall from the Upper Room, who shared some insights into the research the upper Room has done in relation to how healthy Emmaus Communities function. Our Board will be working through some of the initiatives discussed at the conference over the next couple of months.*

*We also have a couple of vacancies on our Emmaus board. We are currently looking for people to fill the following positions:*

- *Supplies Co-ordinator*
- *Secretary*
- *Music Co-ordinator*
- *Face to Face Co-ordinator*

*Training is provided and the time commitment for these positions is relatively low. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to find out more information, please contact me or one of the other board members.*

*Finally, our Community along with the other Brisbane based Emmaus Communities are working together to run Chrysalis flights from 21 – 23 July 2023 at Brookfield. Chrysalis is an Emmaus Ministry designed for young adults aged between 18 and 25. Please contact either myself or Leanne Close for more information.*

**De Colores**

**Michelle Krosch**



# *De Colores* *from the* *Community Spiritual Director*

(Neil is the one on the right)

The saying goes “Now that the dust on xx event has settled” we can look back and see what we learnt. Perhaps as we reflect on the recent walks it may be more a case of what did we discover when we swept the dust of the manuals and got back to the core business of inviting people to spend dedicated time with God.

Emmaus walks are by invitation only. As a sponsor you invite your pilgrim into a very special space a liminal place.

Liminal places are not necessarily physical spaces, but they are always places of transition, they are places where we are challenged to be something different to what we were. We can enter a liminal space when we have children, or suddenly get ill, or change jobs, they are places where if we pay attention to God change happens.

They are places where we have little or no control over what is happening, Father Richard Rohr tells us they are also places of Grace. Sounds a lot like an Emmaus walk to me!

Revelation 3:20 says “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock”. This is Christ’s invitation to us to enter into a real and intimate conversation with us. For many of us we keep him waiting whilst we tidy up and make things ready for the unannounced guest. This is not what God wants from us. God takes us just as we are, just like when we arrive on a Thursday night for an Emmaus walk.

Emmaus is very much a liminal space, a space where we have the opportunity to reflect on who we are and who we can become in God, if we are willing.

As a prayer director once said to me when I was preparing to be part of the leadership team on a walk and I was stressed about what was happening in and around my life they invited me to “Let Go – Let God”

**De Colores**

Neil Storey

Community Spiritual Director

PS: When I let go and let God – it was amazing what happened!

# Reflections - Emmaus Walk #106

From the Lay Director of Walk #106 Paul Smith

What a privilege it was to lead the Men's Walk #106. God called the "A-Team" six months earlier and they all rallied together through the extended lead up and training days. God used this team mightily as the 10 Pilgrims (now new Community Members) were noticeably blessed by all aspects that the Walk offered, and we were also blessed with their return enthusiasm.

The Holy Spirit was keeping very busy over the weekend, which was no more evident than at the Closing Ceremony with each person from the Tables sharing the profound impact the weekend had on each of them.

New friendships have been formed and new men's groups started. We pray more will continue. God certainly has a special place for these Emmaus Walks.

A huge thank you to the amazing Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community who supported us in all manner of ways. You know who you are. We pray doors continue to open to allow future Walks to be run like this.

De Colores

Paul Smith

Lay Director #106

# 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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## Emmaus Ministries Australia

The latest Emmaus Ministries Australia Newsletter is now available.

**Link to the National Website:** [Emmaus Ministries - Australia](http://www.emmausministries.org.au)

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



### **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: 553 890 883**

**A/c No: 554 465 053**

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

**Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator – Jenny Sims**

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**Phone: 0406 477 547**



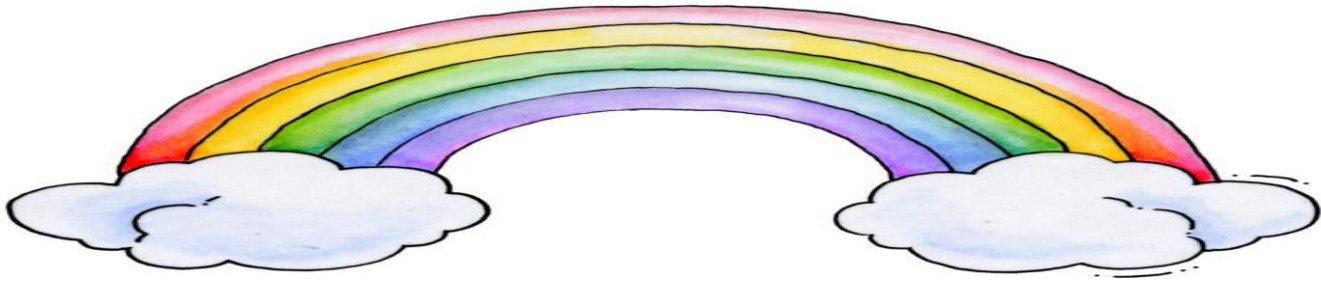
***Please uphold one another in Prayer***

***As we look forward to celebrating Pentecost remember we have this same power of the Holy Spirit available to us as the first apostles had.***

***John 14:15-17***

*"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

# You are invited to the Walk Reunion Party!



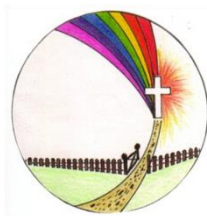
On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at  
5.30pm come and celebrate  
Walks #105 and #106

*What has happened during Walks #105 and #106 is truly an amazing Act of Gods gracious Love. Join together to celebrate and catch up with new and renewed friends. We will enjoy a fellowship time and meet members of the community. Dinner will be supplied, our new pilgrims will be our guests but a donation of \$10.00 per person is requested from other community members.*

**To be held at Morayfield Community Uniting Church  
(12-16 Weier Road, Morayfield (Behind Blue Care))**

**RSVP by 10 May 2023 for catering purposes**

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**Brisbane North Coast  
EMMAUS**

### ***CALENDAR EVENTS 2022-2023***

Date	Time	Place	Comments
Saturday 13 May 2023	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church Weiers Road Morayfield.	Gathering Reunion of walks 105 & 106
Saturday 22 July 2023	6.30pm	QCCC Brookfield 179 Gold Creek Rd Brookfield Queensland 4500	Chrysalis Candle Lighting Service for Flights 73 & 74

***Let us know if you have any prayer requests and we will pray for you***

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***Please send Newsletter Items to***

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