



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
September 2023**

We are the Body of Christ

***Next Gathering***

**When:                      *Saturday, 8 September @ 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,*

*After having a bit of a break, we are planning on finishing the year with a couple of gatherings, including our Community Vision Day. So please put the following dates in your calendars:*

- *Saturday 9 September – Gathering*
- *Saturday 14 October – Community Vision Day*
- *Saturday 11 November – End of Year Celebration*

*Gatherings are great opportunities to connect and fellowship with other members of our Emmaus Community. I look forward to hearing your stories about what God has been doing in and through you in your Forth Days.*

*The Board is also excited about running the Community Vision Day. Our hope is that this day will give the members of our Emmaus Community the opportunity to reconnect with the purpose of Emmaus Ministries. And to discern what God has done and want to do through our Emmaus Community. It would be fantastic if we could have a large portion of our Community involved in this day. God speaks to each of us in different ways. The more people we have listening and discerning, then the more detailed vision we will receive.*

*Finally, we have started the planning process for running Emmaus Walks next year. At this stage we are looking at running these walks from 23 – 26 May 2024 and from 30 May – 2 June 2024 at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregian. We would appreciate your prayers as we start the team selection process.*

*Looking forward to seeing you at the next gathering.*

**De Colores**

**Michelle Krosch**



(Neil is the one on the right)

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

The Gospel of John tells us that Simon the Fisherman became Peter the Rock. In Genesis 17 we see God changing Abram's name to become Abraham. The reality is the Bible is filled with people who have their identity changed when they have an encounter with God or Jesus.

The disciples were constantly being challenged by Jesus asking them to reflect on what had just happened, how they might act in the future, as Jesus was training them for a ministry that was going to last long beyond his few years on earth.

Sunday's lectionary reading showed us how Jesus explained to Peter that his time on earth was limited and how he was following God's plan. Even though Peter didn't get it right all the time Jesus had a job for him and as we know Peter was the rock that the church would be built upon.

We know that Emmaus walks and Chrysalis Flights can be life changing as people have their own personal encounter with God. The challenge for many though is what to do with this new relationship with God, this new space I find myself in after Emmaus.

For some they find their way onto a conference room team, others find themselves making agape gifts, others find a place in the dining room and many find themselves praying for the walks as part of the 72 hour prayer vigil.

Just as Jesus touched many lives with his physical presence, so too has Emmaus and like Jesus it needs a team of people to make it happen. As the community prepares for what the next step is I encourage you to pray about how you might become more involved in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through the ministry we call Emmaus.

De Colores

Neil Storey

Community Spiritual Director

# Reflections - Fourth Day

By Jennie Feldmeier

As I sit at my kitchen table, hearing the Flying Doctor planes go overhead I am reminded that I am now living in Charleville, Qld. A long way from Gympie but nevertheless a place that God has called me to and a place that feels so familiar it's already home.

My fourth day turned out quite different to what I imagined. When I had the privilege of journeying with so many of you during walk 106, I believed my path ahead lay in Bamaga, Cape York. I had gone for a position with the Indigenous council and had got it. But God had other plans, plans that would fill a lifelong desire to be a Bush Chaplain with Frontier Services.

So long story short, after a sister forwarded me a link to a role working in the Cunnamulla, Burke & Wills Patrol, I had to give it a shot. I am not a minister or pastor but when God has His way those things don't matter. All he needed was a child with a heart to serve and follow Him, to take up the Mantle of Safety that Rev John Flynn laid down and pioneered so many years ago. Several interviews later, a trip to Toowoomba, 7 months of waiting, a 6000 word essay and the role was mine.

This meant leaving my family behind but we all knew that this was where God wanted me to be so I was released to go. Other giants of bush chaplains have gone before me and I feel so intimidated reading their stories but I have to trust God that He knows what He is doing in calling me to this posting.

I head out tomorrow with a team to Birdsville Races, my first official role, it's a ten hour drive that we will do in two days. All I know is there is plenty of flies, truckloads of dust and heaps of yarns. There is a AIM Hospital there, no longer in use but an important part of the inland history.

I have only been in Charleville 4 days but have unpacked, (they gave me a house), spent Saturday volunteering for the Local Chaplaincy Committee in the kitchen at an Arts Festival, been out for dinner to the RSL with some locals and preached at church. Not bad for four days? Can't wait to see what's next! My area is some 450,000 sq km, in easier terms, it takes 10 hours to drive across it and 8 hours to go north to south. Phew...I am already exhausted!!

I am sad that I won't be seeing you all on the Walk to Emmaus in the future but maybe they will release me to join a Walk in Toowoomba - strangely enough the very place I did my walk in 2002. You could come visit me in the "Ville". I have plenty of beds and my door is always open. No doubt I will find something for you to do so just drop me a line and we will make a plan. You can contact me at [jennie.f@frontierservices.org](mailto:jennie.f@frontierservices.org) or my number 0400800824. Leave me a message as there will be loads of times when I am out of coverage.

So, there is my fourth day. I have been honoured to be a part of your community and the ministry team. I will miss you but who knows when we will meet again. Until then, Yours in Christ.

Jennie Feldmeier

De Colores

# 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.emmaus.org.au)**

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

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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

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**A/c No: 553 890 883**

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

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

***A Bible Verse for you to remind you of God's great love and faithfulness.***

***“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”***

***Lamentations 3:22-23***

## ***CALENDAR EVENTS 2023-2024***

Date	Time	Place	Comments
Saturday 9 September 2023	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church Weiers Road Morayfield.	Gathering
Saturday 14 October 2023	2:00pm To 5:30pm	Venue to be confirmed	Visioning Day followed by dinner
Saturday 11 November 2023		Time and venue to be confirmed	End of year celebration
23-26 May 2024		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Men's Walk
30 May-2 June 2024		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Ladies Walk

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

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