

# Central West Emmaus Newsletter April 2021



## Meet us at the Gathering:

At Orange Church of Christ on Saturday 24th April  
12.30pm Lunch – 2pm Gathering

BYO Lunch (we cannot share food, but tea and coffee are available)

The church is on Burrendong Way, Orange.

Gathering will also be available via Zoom

It is my sad duty as your Community Lay Director to inform you of the passing of Sally Vincent earlier this week. We hold Allan and his family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

## Prayer Points:

Allan Vincent and his family, Ruth Harrison, Helen Paine (who has been in hospital), others known to us with health concerns.

Upcoming Walks, Team formation, Pilgrims

## Walks Update: from your CLD

I had a lovely talk with Inge Ramisch-Baker, the Lay Director for the Women's Walk, and am excited to report that her team is almost complete with only a muso to be found (suggestions and offers please). There are still plenty of opportunities for team members to join Andrew Baker who is Lay Director for the Men's Walk—if you feel that God is calling you to be a part of this year's Walks please pray about it and email me at [cldcwemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:cldcwemmaus@gmail.com) and I will pass your contact details on.

**Training Dates:** Saturday June 19th & Saturday 31st July -Sunday 1st Aug

**Walk Dates:** Men's walk: 26-29 August, Women's Walk 2-5 Sept

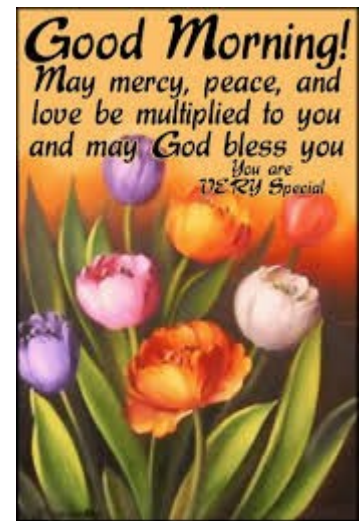
## From your Community Lay Director

I spent a very pleasant evening recently with Helen Paine, our CSD, who has been visiting Dubbo and the Central West, and we talked about the up-coming Walks, and how things are coming together, how well the Walks will work at Ridgecrest this year. Both of us are excited and enthusiastic to see what God has in store for us in the coming months.

Talking of enthusiasm, I came home from work recently to be greeted enthusiastically by our little dog. He snuggled round my legs, and pushed at my feet, and I knew exactly what he wanted. So I changed my shoes and got the lead out, and he became even more excited – and Don said “But I only just got back from walking him.” He seemed to have forgotten, so off we went, with him pulling on the lead and trying to race ahead as he usually does, up to the golf course where he ran round in circles and raced ahead and back again at top speed.....and still had the energy to pull all the way home again! I thought about his enthusiasm and how we maintain our enthusiasm for Emmaus. I have been re-reading the talk “Life of Piety” that I gave at Emmaus a few years ago – it spoke to me afresh and reminded me of the importance of “Being transformed by the renewing of my mind” as it says in Romans 12:2, and changing our mindset to see things from God’s perspective.

Have you thought about reviewing your notes from your Walk, or re-visiting your Agape, or re-reading a talk you have previously given?

De Colores Avril Butler



Good Morning! You are VERY Special

### **Positions Vacant**

**Board Members—Your Emmaus Community is led by a Board of dedicated people, whose desire is to see the Community grow in faith and obedience to God. If you feel called to assist the work of the Board in running the Community, please speak to any Board member about nominating.**

**Newsletter editor—we are seeking a new editor for our Newsletter. Please contact Avril for more information.**

## Contributed article—did you know?

Charles Schulz was the creator of Peanuts (Snoopy, Lucy, Charley Brown, Linus etc) in 1950. He was a Christian but was strongly advised against including religion in his comic strips as it would “never work”. No other mainstream cartoonist dared to include religious references in their strips at the time, so Schulz revolutionised his industry, he was a Christian pioneer.

“I preach in these cartoons, and I reserve the same rights to say what I want to say as the minister in the pulpit,” Schulz once said.

“Little things we say and do in Christ’s name are like pebbles thrown into water, the ripples spread out in circles, and influence people we may know only slightly and sometimes not at all” Charles Schulz said.

“You can grind out daily gags, but I’m not interested in simply doing gags. I’m interested in doing a strip that says something and makes some comment on the important things in life.”

More than 560 of Schulz’s nearly 17,800 *Peanuts* newspaper strips contain a religious, spiritual, or theological reference.

A Charlie Brown Christmas is a 1965 animated television special in which Charlie Brown searches for the meaning of Christmas and ends with Linus reading Luke 2. Originally rejected as “too religious” it became the top rating Christmas Special and has had over 50 years of success.

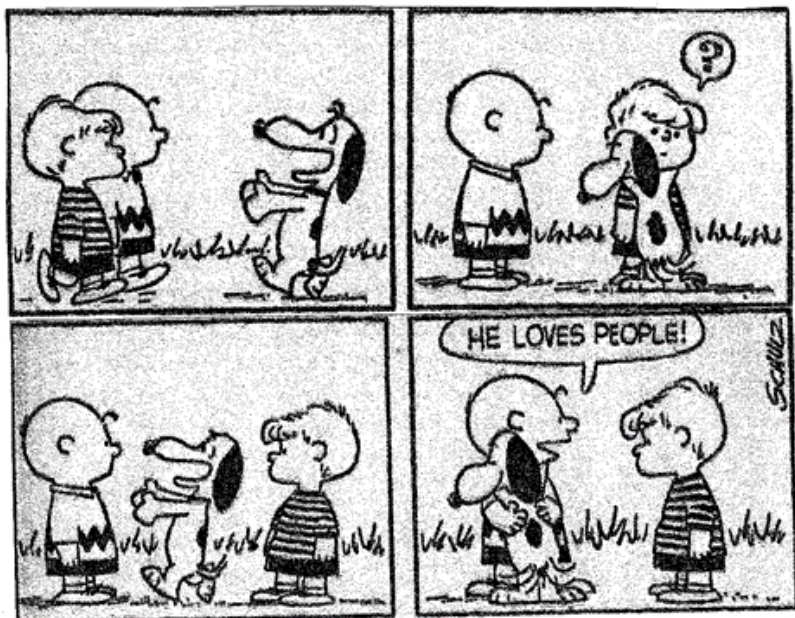
Given the success of *Peanuts*—at its peak read daily by 355 million in 21 languages across 75 countries—quantifying the true impact of Schulz’s religious content is difficult. How many conversations around water coolers or dinner tables during the last half of the 20th century were shaped by Schulz’s strips? How many were taped to cubicles or refrigerators as spiritual encouragements?

Schulz is still the third top-earning deceased celebrity, trailing only Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson.

An incredible achievement for someone prepared to listen to God and not the world.

(based on an article by Jonathon Merritt, the author of [Learning to Speak God from Scratch](#))

*John 13:35*



## Current Board Members

Community Spiritual Director—Helen Paine	Community Agape & Walk Agape - Jenny Gilbertson
Community Lay Director— Avril Butler	Gatherings - Geoff Hoskins
Secretary— Sandra Mudford	Candlelighting – Avril Butler
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Prayer – Andrew Alder	IT Oversight - Andrew Alder
Supplies - Helen Harris	Sponsoring – Jenny Gilbertson
Copyright - Ann Fragar	Book Table—Michael Flack
Music Coordinator – Leisha Chaseling	

## Reunion Groups

***Bathurst Butterflies (First Sat of month)—0417 479 676***

***Bathurst Gold—6331 2729***

***Bathurst Rainbow Connection—6331 9241***

***Dubbo Zooey Zebras—6882 2639***

***Dubbo Wild Ducks—6885 4454***

***Misfits—Dubbo 6887 2191***

***Hassans Walls (Last Sat of odd months)—***

***Lithgow Zigzags (Last Sat of odd months)—***

***Mendooran Doers—6886 1265***

***Narromine Sunflowers—6889 1791***

***Nyngan Nutmegs—6832 1339***

***Oberon Pine Nuts—***

***Orange Blossoms—6361 0127***

***Parkes Stargazers—6869 1969***

***Peak Hill Gold Seekers (First Sun of month)—6869 1784***

***WWW.com Wellington—6845 2404***