

Central West Emmaus Newsletter July 2021

Meet us at the Gathering:

Dubbo Church of Christ, Saturday 17th July

57 Peel Place Dubbo

12.30pm Lunch – 2pm Gathering

BYO Lunch

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

Please note access from the Highway has been closed.

Access via Sheraton Road, turn R into Castlereagh Avenue
and third R into Peel Place.



Five P's to consider:

Prayer - for the upcoming Walks

Pilgrims - who will you sponsor?

Presence - at CandleLighting and Closing

Presents - in the form of Agape

Participation - CandleLighting, Closing and all of the above.

Walks Update: from your CLD

Look at the beautiful rainbow
candles chosen and prepared for
The Walks.

Dates: Men's walk: 26-29 August,

Women's Walk: 2-5 Sept

Candlelighting - Saturday 7.30pm

Closing - Sunday 3.30pm



From your Community Lay Director

We were talking at church a couple of weeks ago, discussing what it is we like about our church, and then we looked at what the Bible says about the early church, in Acts 2 and in some of Paul's letters.

The model for the early church looked like this:-

- Meeting with like-minded Christians for fellowship
- Knowing and experiencing the love of God and of each other
- Prayer
- Music and Singing to the Lord with joy in our hearts
- Sharing meals together
- Enjoying Scriptural teaching
- Sharing in Holy Communion together

At the recent Board meeting, just before the first training day, the Board members enjoyed sharing a meal together, enjoyed fellowship, love and prayer as we worked through the final details for the training – it was a lovely evening together. The teams met the next day for the first day's training, already supported by their prayer directors, and now talks based on sound Scriptural foundations are being written and practised, whilst team members prepare themselves for their roles in modelling Christian community.

We experience this fellowship as members of the Emmaus Community, and with our Walks coming up very quickly, we are inviting others to join our community when we sponsor them to join us at Ridgecrest. The three day experience allows both team and pilgrims to be immersed in living together in community, in sharing fellowship over meals, in worship through singing and prayer, and growing through Scriptural teaching and sharing Holy Communion.

Have you prayed about who you could sponsor? The Sponsorship and Medical /Dietary forms were emailed out recently and are also available on the Central West Emmaus website. If you have Medical or Dietary needs, please return the form to Don at butlerdgal@ozemail.com.au

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Agape for the Walks

Has your reunion group made Agape? What a great reason to get together for fellowship with each other and an opportunity to bless our pilgrims

Our Agape fairies are very keen to hear from you—they would love you to notify them of what you have prepared, so they can start planning the distribution of these precious signs of God's love to the pilgrims of Walks 43 and 44.

Please contact Jenny Gilbertson at jennyg4@bigpond.com

A message recently received from Helen Drew of Western Sydney Emmaus

For those of us who have had the joy of working alongside Peter Francis on team, the sad (but joyous) news came through Saturday morning that - after a long battle with brain cancer - he has gone to be with his beloved Jesus.

**I can hear that infectious laughter ringing through the halls of Heaven now!
I know that Peter's brothers and sisters in Christ in CWE will be saddened by this news, but will remember with great joy how Peter simply radiated the love of Jesus.**

Please pray particularly at this time for Peter's children - Louise, Joshua and Dan. It's been a very rough time these past few months, especially for Louise, who has virtually been Peter's carer.

**Love and blessings,
Helen**

The Story of the Cracked Pot -

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Author Unknown

See II Corinthians 12:9

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.

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
Treasurer, Registrar & Ridgecrest Liaison— Don Butler	Training – Helen Harris & Avril Butler
Reunion Groups and Newsletter— Vacant	Website - Michael Flack & Andrew Alder
Prayer – Andrew Alder	IT Oversight - Vacant
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—0411 636016

Orange Blossoms—6361 0127

Parkes Stargazers—6869 1969

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

WWW.com Wellington—6845 2404