



Western Sydney Community Newsletter



**Boys and girls
flights**
11–14 July 2013
Merroo Centre 3

Bless the young people in your life by showing them God's grace. Sponsorship forms are available on the website. Download and post or complete online.

But do it now.....only 4 weeks to go.

From the Word of God:

Proverbs 3:1-4 (NIV) Wisdom Bestows Well-Being

¹My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ²for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. ³Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.

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PAT'S CHAT Pat Kinnear (CLD)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Wow! Did you attend the May Gathering? What a wonderful night of praise and worship, great talks and fellowship with Emmaus community members from Australia, New Zealand and USA. One aspect of the Gathering was particularly remarked on by delegates from other Communities: it was "inclusive". What did they mean?

- All delegates received the same enthusiastic welcome into the Gathering as each other.
- Chrysalis and Emmaus combined in the Music team.
- There were two Fourth Day/Next Steps talks: one from Chrysalis and one from Emmaus.
- Everyone was able to receive Communion together – there was no "leper line" for the gluten free.

The recent National Conference was conducted in a spirit of "co-operation and charity" and I hope that this will continue in our Community. I would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS:

I'm sure you're all aware that Chrysalis Flights are happening on July 11th to 14th at Merroo Conference Centre 3. The Boys and Girls Flights are on the same weekend but in separate conference rooms and prayer chapels. They will share the dining room, Candlelighting and Closing. Because we are, in effect, running two Flights (Walks) at the same time, we need lots more volunteers than usual. Please get in touch with our Prayer, Kitchen and Agape Directors ASAP so that they can sleep again without worrying about whether they will have enough help.

**Kitchen Servers
Needed—contact
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PUPPY PARABLES—PHIL GREBERT (CSD)

One of the problems with owning a Golden Retriever is the fact that they shed hair.



They shed lots of hair. They shed lots of hair all the time! All around the house and yard, all through the car, Angus has left his mark – is constantly leaving his mark. For all that he gives in affection, wagged-tail greetings, company, helping with my daily exercise, keeping pests out of the yard – for all that he gives in so many healthy and helpful ways, he matches with shed hair.

It's not like birds which go through a moulting season and for a couple of weeks their old feathers fall out as new ones push through. Dogs that shed hair – and Retrievers are not the only breed – need constant grooming so that we at least control where all that excess hair ends up: in the garbage bin rather than over our clothes and furniture. Dog hair is obvious, visible, tangible. It drifts on the gentlest breeze as well as rubbed off on the carpet and the hand.

As I was cleaning up some of Angus' hair last week, my mind turned to Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 2:14-15 *But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.*

So here's the thought: If I equate angus' shed hair with the fragrance of Christ Paul mentions, is it as easy for people to detect where Jesus has been as we brush past them in the course of life? Are we spreading the aroma of the knowledge of God as readily as Angus sheds unwanted hair? Or is our presence like some half-bred 'groodle' – nice dogs that just don't give so obviously of themselves...

De Colores

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT



Musicians are talented people.

They have been blessed by God with an awesome gift. We all know that God doesn't bless us with a gifting for own own benefit. He gives us these gifts so we can bless others!

Our musicians have blessed our community already this year (at the Mega Gathering, and monthly gatherings; some are in training now for Chrysalis flights and others will be asked to lead worship at the upcoming walks) and we thank them for their commitment and for the great pleasure they give us all. This is a huge undertaking and if we keep calling on the same people, we run the risk of burning them out. Similarly, our entertainment group, needs some backup.

So if you play an instrument, are a budding "Bunky", "I.D.I.O.T", or have impeccable timing and can deliver a joke well, give me a call. I'll find plenty of gigs for you within the Emmaus/Chrysalis family.

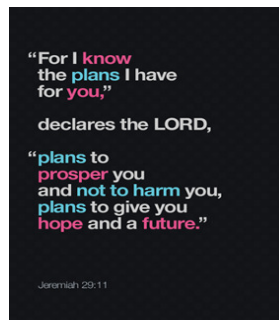
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Liz Bates (Entertainment Director)

Dear Friends,

As some may know, I have been struggling with health and emotional issues. Yet every day, I can look at the day that was, and I can see the times God has been there. I still may be unwell, or upset, yet I can see his work in my day. It helps me face tomorrow.

May you, at the end of each day, whether good or bad, see His hand in your day. Jeremiah 29 is one of my favourites.



De Colores / Fly with Christ
Liz Bates

IN THE KNOW

'GUIDELINES' - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Guidelines - Flavours

Some people refer to our documentation as guidelines. The word 'guideline' is derived from an activity used by cave explorers and refers to the line that they anchor at the entrance to the cave and then play out as they explore the unknown. This is their 'guideline' which when followed, will lead them back to the entrance. It is not a suggestion, nor something to be 'tweaked' - but their only way to ensure survival.

The term guideline means an indication of future conduct. Synonyms for guidelines are rule, law, regulation, standard operating procedures, etc. If we look at 'rule', the definition is a 'prescribed guide for action' and one of its synonyms is guideline. The word 'law' means a 'binding practice of a community' and a synonym for law is guideline. Thus, to say that the Emmaus/Chrysalis materials are guidelines is saying they are rules or laws.

Each Emmaus Community signs a Letter of Agreement (LOA). 'Agreement' means 'a contract duly executed and legally binding on the parties entering into it'.

A covenant is a legal contract, a binding agreement. The LOA is a binding legal contract. We refer to it as a covenant because of the use of the term covenant in the Bible. When a community signs the covenant, they agree to follow what is in the covenant. Part of the agreement is that communities will conduct the Flights/Walks according to the latest editions of The Upper Room materials and that interpretation of the materials is vested in the staff of the International Emmaus/Chrysalis office. Therefore what one calls a "flavour" needs to be interpreted by this office. Flavours can become changes and therefore problematic for the community. If there were to be no consistency in the Emmaus/Chrysalis program, what would it be like? It would be like the description in the Old Testament about the period of the Kings-----everyone was doing what was right in his own eyes-----and the nation was pulling apart at the seams.

EMMAUS TALKS – MUSIC SOLOS DURING AND AFTER TALKS

The question was raised about speakers singing during their talks and/or playing music or CDs as they leave the room – is this proper?

The talk outlines are provided to the speaker, who is encouraged to add personal testimony to illustrate or enhance a point in the outline.

Music is provided during the 72-hour experience and that music is led by the music directors.

The talks are prepared from the talk outlines and then delivered as talks. Persons are invited to be speakers for the event and those speakers are expected to speak. There are many gifted people who are invited to prepare and deliver talks. The talk is not about their gift. Each team member is expected to stay within the role assigned. They are not to try to operate in other roles, even though they may be gifted for other roles.

Some examples may help to emphasize the point. Preachers are asked to give a talk, not to preach. Musicians are asked to lead music, not to give talks. A preacher may be a very good musician and may even serve as a musician on a walk. The role assigned is musician and those preachers serving as musicians stay within the role of musician. If a gifted musician is asked to speak, and accepts the offer, then that musician stays in the role of speaker. As a speaker, she/he does not move over into the realm of musician and does not assist the musicians in leading music. An artistic painter may be a speaker, but that person does not paint a canvas as part of the talk. These persons can talk about their giftedness without demonstrating the gift. By demonstrating the gift, they are extolling the gift, and themselves, instead of lifting up the giver of the gifts.

There are 15 talks and not one of the talk outlines has a section titled or indicating music solo. If these gifted persons can't speak about their gifts to emphasize a point in the talk, then they are using the gift to lift up themselves. Emmaus is about providing the pilgrims an opportunity to interact with Christ as the Spirit leads. We do not help the process by trying to do the Spirit's job.

It is inappropriate for a speaker to play a CD at the end of his/her talk as they leave the room. The talk is not about music and not about a particular song. The talk needs to end with the speaker speaking the ending. The CD will be a distraction and will divert attention from the talk contents to the music. This will result in a stilted or skewed discussion time about the message of the talk.

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(Bill Harper; Training Director)

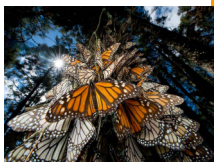
FLY WITH CHRIST

Why you should sponsor a young person to attend Chrysalis?

I heard recently that 85% of our children will have seen pornography on the Internet by the time they are 8 and 95% by the time they are 12. So what about the age of 17? I would be confident to say it is probably 99.9%.

Then there are the remaining deadly sins; the TV and the infamous Facebook are full of pride, gluttony, peer pressure and language that 'would make a sailor blush' and yet our young people are exposed to this environment time and time again. What about their computers, smart-phones and video games? These are devices that show images of violence that often go unregulated by us? They are being numbed by it, they are becoming blind to it.

So ask yourself this, "could your child, one of their friends or that young person you were speaking with at your church 'who showed an interest in who Christ is'; would they be blessed by experiencing a 3 day event like Chrysalis?" Would they be blessed by receiving God's grace in a safe environment with other young people their age?



I beseech you to pray for them now, ask them with passion to attend and register them without delay. Your child, their friend, or that young person in your church community is at a far greater spiritual risk than you may realise.

Do it now; pray, invite and then register. There is no excuse for not sponsoring a young person 17 to 25 to be blessed by a Chrysalis weekend on July 11 to 14 at Merroo, Centre 3.

Forms and more details at:
<http://www.westernsydney.emmaus.org.au/sydney-regional-chrysalis>

Fly with Christ!
Peter Smith (Chrysalis Director)

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Serving behind the scenes is a wonderful blessing – if you haven't tried it, please step out of your comfort zone and **sign up now!** This is also a great way of starting your journey onto a Walk/Flight team.

VIDEOS BY GEORGE DREW

George has made some great Emmaus promotional videos for our Community as well as some suitable for showing to prospective Pilgrims. Have a look at them at <http://www.youtube.com/user/vidozgeorge?feature=watch>.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thank you to everyone who helped with the National Conference. A small band of servants went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that everything that had to happen, happened and that no need went unmet. Once again, a great big thank you to all of you.

Some points of interest that arose during the Conference are:

- It is hoped to establish an Emmaus Community in Papua New Guinea in the next few years. Northern Inland (Tamworth) is the sponsoring Australian Community.
- A new purple Worship Booklet is to be introduced from 2014. This booklet has been in use overseas since 2008 and Australia is now required to introduce it. The October Walks will still use the green booklet and supplies of the purple booklet will be available for all Community members towards the end of this year.
- A reminder that Sponsors **do not** have to pay Pilgrims' Walk fees. Please talk to me if you wish to sponsor and investigate alternative ways of paying fees.

If you would like a copy of my full Conference report, please email me at pskinne-ar@exemail.com.au and I'll send it to you.

Pat Kinnear
Community Lay Director

NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 BOARD



Nominations for the 2014 Western Sydney Emmaus Board of Directors open at the Gathering on the 6th July. A number of current Board members have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election for next year's Board. It is therefore vital that every member of the Western Sydney Community consider whether God may be calling them to serve on the Board.

What is required of a Board member?

Attend the monthly Board meetings held on the Thursday before each Gathering (February to November). Undertake the duties of a portfolio to be agreed between the Board member and the Community Lay Director. Support the activities of the Western Sydney Emmaus Community as much as logistically possible. Serve a 3-year term commencing in January 2014. However you will also be required to attend a meeting in November 2013 for hand-over.

What Portfolios Are There?

These, along with the current directors, are listed on the back page.

For further information, please talk to Pat Kinnear Community Lay Director, or any member of the current Board. The Board can only operate effectively with enthusiastic people using their God-given gifts. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you, or someone you know, to serve Him at Emmaus for the next three years then copy, fill out and post the Nomination Form on page 7 to our postal address.

Laraine Monaghan
(Community Secretary)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The Aussie Blowfly! One of those icons of our culture that are attracted to our BBQs, perspiration, cuts and scratches etc etc etc.

I was collecting the dog-poo before garbage night and thought one piece was unusually coloured, or even moving. When I moved it with the spade, what seemed to be hundreds of flies flew off into the distance. These flies hang around because there is something that attracts them – whatever that may be. No matter how hard we try to 'shoo' them away, they keep coming back or turn up at the most inconvenient times, such as under the sunglasses while walking along with your hands full; or just as you open your mouth to bite an apple ... in one flies!!

"What has this got to do with prayer?" you may be asking. Good question; I am about to explain that.

Recently, our pastor likened Satan to the Aussie fly; he explained that Satan will hang around us if there is something in our lives that he likes or is attracted to. What about feelings of rejection, bitterness, a quarrelling attitude, gossip, a stronghold or addiction that is being faced or trying to break?? There are more examples I am sure, but I hope you can see the imagery here.

Satan hangs around in places where he is invited and with these examples above, we give him the legal right to do so.

Use the fly spray! Attack Satan with the words from Scripture, remind him that he is defeated by the cross, and declare your allegiance to Christ and His armies will fight for you. I have found that by speaking out loud the words of truth, or making a declaration in the name of Jesus, Satan literally has to 'buzz off' (pardon the pun); you have the power of the Holy Spirit within you, so use it to attack the enemy.

In your prayer life this week, practice thankfulness every day, say it out loud, declare it and believe it. This is one type of weapon (fly spray) the enemy does not like.

Be blessed as you pray and 'spray'.

Richard Gilfillan (Prayer Director)

Gatherings' Roster **Group Leaders**

Have you checked the Roster?

[Click](#) Here:

- ✓ Can attend?
 - ⇒ Please bring milk.
- ✓ Can't attend?
 - ⇒ swap with another group
 - ⇒ advise Director
- ✓ Details incorrect?
 - ⇒ advise Director

Your Reunion Group Director for 2013 is
Lynne LeFranc

DATES TO REMEMBER

Gatherings

Jul 6th	Aug 3rd,	Sep 7th
Oct 6th	Nov 2nd,	
Dec 7th (Christmas)		

Chrysalis Flights:

Merroo, Centre 3.
Boys and Girls 11—14 July

Emmaus Walks:

Merroo, Centre 1
Men's Walk 88 10—13 Oct
Ladies' Walk 89 17— 20 Oct

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REUNION GROUPS

GROUP NAME	CONTACT	PHONE/ EMAIL Use the Ctrl key + email address
Blue Mountain Mistrals 7.30pm last Monday every other month	Helen Drew 30 Sunland Cres, Mt Riverview	02 4739-3224 helen@helendrew.com.au
Currency Creekers Meets 1st Saturday of Month 3pm	Suzanne McKane, 42 Mitchell Drive, Glossodia	4576 6848. rsmckane@optusnet.com.au
Emu Eagles Meet 2nd Tuesday of Month 7.30pm	Keith Stubbs	k.c.stubbs@optusnet.com.au
Glenhaven Ravens Agape only	Helen McGrath 15 Batavia Pl, Baulkham Hills	02 9674-5659 helen@jigsaw.com.au
Kurrajong Bellbirds Agape only	Jo Prunty 20 Dabage Pl Kurrajong Heights	02 4767 7152 pruntyfamily@hotmail.com
Rainbow Rivers Monthly 3rd Saturday	Kathryn Smith 27 Livingston Ave. Dharruk	0409 368891 kathryn.smith1960@yahoo.com.au
Western Wildflowers Meet 2nd Saturday of the Month for Breakfast 8am Venue changes	Allan Farrey 39 Fleurs St, Minchinbury	02 9675-3590 afarrey@bigpond.net.au
Western Wombats Meet last Wednesday of the Month 7.30pm	Jenine Mendezona 68 Richmond Rd, Cambridge Park	02 4721-1393 jeninemendezona@optusnet.com.au
Chrysalis' Glad Rap Meet 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm	Adrian & Rose Harriott 90 Lennox street, Richmond 2753	0401 347 078 arharriott@gmail.com

*Please remember when making agape, to include the Bible reference.
Please contact our Agape Director, Rosemary King, if you need assistance, ideas, etc.*



Western Sydney Emmaus Nomination Form Board Elections 2013



BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED FOR A THREE YEAR TERM AND ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Accept a task as arranged between the Board Chairman and the Board Members
- Attend Board meeting regularly (generally the Thursday evening immediately proceeding the first Saturday of each month- excluding December and January.
- Attend Community functions- Gatherings, Closings, Candle-Lightings, Reunion groups.
- Actively promote the spirit of Emmaus.

N O M I N E E	Name: (print)	
	Phone:	Mobile:
	Email:	
	Address:	
	Signature:	Date:

N O M I N A T O R	Name: (print)	
	Phone:	Mobile:
	Email:	
	Address:	
	Signature:	Date:

Please return nomination forms before Friday 16th August 2013, to:

**Community Secretary,
Western Sydney Emmaus Community, PO Box 423 St Marys 1790
secretary@westernsydneyemmaus.org.au**

Key Dates:

Nominations open:	Gathering – 6 th July 2013
Nominations close:	Friday 16 th August 2013
Voting will commence:	Gathering – 7 th September 2013
Voting will conclude:	Saturday – 5 th October 2013
Results announced:	Gathering- 2 nd November 2013, by the Community Lay Director
Effective date of appointment:	1 st January 2014
First Board Meeting:	Thursday 30 th January 2014

Note: An election will only be held if nominations exceed the number of Board vacancies available.



THE PURPOSE OF EMMAUS

The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world, through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

Emmaus expands participants' spiritual lives, deepens their discipleship, and rekindles their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities. These aims are accomplished not only during the three-day Emmaus Walk, but also through participation in group reunions and community Gatherings, sponsorship and support of Walks, and service on teams.

Persons whose spiritual lives are renewed and strengthened through Emmaus are called to share the grace they receive in their community and to be leavening influences in their local churches. The purpose of Emmaus is not fully realised during the three days of the event itself, but, rather, in the Fourth Day.

The above extract was taken from the Australian Emmaus primary site. For full details, visit www.emmaus.org.au

We're on the web:

National Emmaus:

www.emmaus.org.au

Western Sydney Emmaus:

www.westernsydney.emmaus.org.au

We are also on Facebook.

Sydney Regional Chrysalis

www.facebook.com/sydneyregionalchrysalis

International Emmaus:

www.upperroom.org

**GOD
DOES NOT CALL
THE QUALIFIED,
HE QUALIFIES THE
CALLED.**

2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Com. Lay Director	Pat Kinnear
Spiritual Director:	Phil Grebert
Secretary:	Laraine Monaghan
Treasurer:	Mark Creighton
Prayer :	Richard Gilfillan
Gatherings:	Gary Morris
IT:	Steve McGrath
Music:	Liz Bates
Reunion Groups:	Lynne Le Franc
Newsletter:	Sandra Smith
Agape:	Rosemary King
Facilities:	Terry Boddy
Kitchen:	Jenine Mendezona
Registrar:	Russell McKane
Training:	Bill Harper
Chrysalis Director	Peter Smith

From the Editor

If you would like to see something in particular addressed in this publication, or if you have an article you would like to submit, please contact the Editor via our web address. All articles are thankfully received, but the Editor reserves the right to discard any item submitted if not deemed suitable, or edit any article printed in this publication.

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