



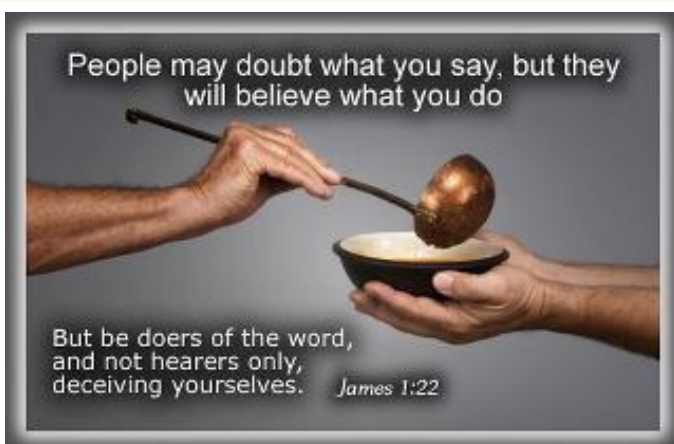
Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

October 2013

## Western Sydney Community Newsletter

**From the Word of God:**  
**Matthew 25:40 (NIV)**

**40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'**



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### UPCOMING GATHERINGS

Don't forget the gathering on 2nd November, 7.00 pm at Richmond Uniting Church. We will be welcoming the new pilgrims from walks 88 & 89 with a barbecue. Come along and give them a warm WSE welcome. Our Christmas gathering will be also at Richmond Uniting starting at 7.00pm. Bring along some Christmas fare to share. Plan to have a fun night of fellowship with each other.  
De-Colores  
**Gary Morris**

### PAT'S CHAT

*Pat Kinnear (CLD)*

A big WELCOME to the new Community members from Walks 88 and 89! I know that you have had a wonderful time renewing your Walk with the Lord and I am looking forward (I would never anticipate ☺) to seeing you at our sausage sizzle and Gathering on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Richmond Uniting Church.

We had a wonderful Gathering/Commissioning in October when about 80 people attended a night of great prayer, praise and worship. The Holy Spirit was definitely moving in that room.

And, of course, the Holy Spirit moves mightily on Walks, touching the Pilgrims in ways that are beyond our comprehension and transforming their lives as our amazing God always does.

Teams and servants also find that they are uplifted by serving: in the conference room, in support roles (including being on the Prayer Vigil and serving meals), attending Candle lighting and/or Closing. I hope all Community members availed themselves of the opportunity to serve.

Next year we will be returning to two sets of Walks, in May and October. This offers people a choice of dates and gives Community members more opportunities to be on team. Running one set of Walks has not resulted in increased Pilgrim numbers per

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<http://www.emmaus.org.au/news-from-the-national-secretariat>

## PUPPY PARABLES PHIL GREBERT (CSD)

As I was walking Angus this morning, there was a woman walking a couple of small yappy dogs. Her dogs wanted to stop and wait for Angus. (Was it hero-worship – looking up to a real dog?) As we exchanged pleasantries, we noted that dogs can have a timetable of their own. In Angus' case it's because he's a sniffer-dog. Not a trained sniffer like they use at Customs to search for drugs, or a Police sniffer-dog trained to track a fleeing suspect. Angus' sniffing skills are every bit as good, just not as specific. So as we walk, he sniffs. And as with all dogs, he sniffs scents that I can't even detect. Blades of grass which are absolutely ordinary can hold his attention for minutes.

Now of course I can use this sniffing ability to keep Angus occupied. Rather than just give him a treat I can hide it in the yard and let him sniff my hand so that he knows what he's hunting for when he launches into his treasure quest. Is it a pig's trotter, lamb's ear or a 'schmacko'? Whatever it is, he knows what he's sniffing for as he sets off. And he becomes so single minded when he's on such a quest that nothing can distract him. When we're walking I have to wait or else grab his collar and drag him away.

So what does Angus' sense of smell have to do with my walk with Jesus? You might think of any number of connections, but the one that comes to me is Paul's word in Colossians 3:1-2. *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

Are we as determined in our focus as Angus is with his? His attention is focused on things I can't see or smell – things which are invisible and of no interest to me. Are my heart and mind set so immovably on *heavenly things*? - Things that people who are not followers of Jesus have no concern for or interest in: issues like praise, justice,

## REUNION GROUPS LYNNE LE FRANC

A big hello to the newest members of our Community ~ it is an honour to have you join us and we all look forward to getting to know you more and hearing anything you would like to share with us.

Next Steps (Chrysalis), or Reunion Groups (Emmaus) are important in assisting our community members to maintain the blessings we encounter on our pilgrimage and I would like to encourage you all to join one. You will find a list on Page 4 of all the groups currently operating and I'm sure that one of the leaders in an area close to you would love to welcome you. If you would prefer to start up a group of your own, don't hesitate to contact me as we can always get another one off the ground,

Reunion Groups are safe as they are a place where you can be assured of confidentiality—where you can be yourself and share as much or as little as you want to. There will be times when you will laugh til your belly aches, or times when you cry because your heart is aching—but at all times you will be welcomed with the love of Jesus.

My prayer is that you will find a group that will be right just for you and continue your journey with others by your side.



**Lynne Le Franc**  
**Next Steps/Reunion Groups Director**

mercy, compassion, meekness and the values of the kingdom, purity and godliness – is that where our focus lies or do we need to learn another lesson from Angus about what our focus should be?

**De Colores,**

**Phil Grebert**

## IN THE KNOW

**Bill Harper—Training Director**

### **THE LOGIC OF THE MODEL**

Walk to Emmaus is a movement inspired by the Holy Spirit and demonstrated through a 72 hour retreat experience emphasizing agape love and anonymous servant hood. It is held in a cloistered environment using traditional Christianity as its structured model.

Though many feel the Spirit is constrained by the model, and thus develop local traditions in order to "loose the Spirit"; the true Emmaus model follows a carefully constructed theological outline that presents the one Spirit that is consistent with Scripture. If every community "did their own thing", what would our movement resemble in a few short years?

Rather than taking personal liberties with the Emmaus model seeking diversity of the Spirit, it is recommended each community recognize and accept there is one true Spirit; and this same Spirit, like Jesus, is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The diversity we seek comes not from the manner in which we attempt to manipulate the Spirit, but in the various reactions of each pilgrim as each is allowed to meet and recognize the risen Christ at a time and place on the Walk chosen by the true Spirit, rather than you, me or another team member.

Each of us understands "standard" or "benchmark" meaning something you relate to in order to maintain a certain level of quality assurance. There is no way any Emmaus community can maintain the desired consistency walk to walk, year to year, using unwritten tradition or the memory of present leadership. You will find universal agreement that there are many ways in which pil-

grims can be spiritually moved through events not standard to the Emmaus model, but where would it all end? When would your walks take on the personality of your community's gifted leaders? At what point does the Holy Spirit become second fiddle?

It is up to you. Will you do it your way or THE way?

**De Colores**

**Bill Harper**

### **STAYING CONNECTED**

Like much of the world the Emmaus community relies upon email to stay connected. In fact you probably heard about this newsletter via email. So what happens if you change your email address? If you don't let us know we can't keep in contact. Every month we lose contact with a few people because their email addresses are no longer valid. The chances are, they simply forgot to let us know, so if this applies to you, just contact us via our email address at [westernsydney@emmaus.org.au](mailto:westernsydney@emmaus.org.au) and we'll update your details. If you know an Emmaus community member who has changed their email address recently, why not let us know as well.

**Steve McGrath, IT Director**

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Walk, so it is hoped that having a choice will help counter this. Mind you, it's not just about numbers – sharing God's blessing is as important for 1 as for 100.

The Board is always happy to hear suggestions for improvement, so if you have ideas please contact me or one of the other Board members listed in this Newsletter.

**De Colores**

**Pat Kinnear**

**Community Lay 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**

Richmond

Nov 2nd &  
Dec 7th (Christmas Party)

### **Emmaus Walks:**

Merroo, Centre 1

Men's Walk 88                      10—13 Oct

Candlelighting                      12 Oct

Ladies' Walk 89                      17— 20 Oct

Candlelighting                      19 Oct

*Because Life is Better in Community*

## **REUNION GROUPS**

<b>GROUP NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE/ EMAIL</b> 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 <a href="mailto:helen@helendrew.com.au">helen@helendrew.com.au</a>
Currency Creekers Meets 1st Saturday of Month 3pm	Suzanne McKane, 42 Mitchell Drive, Glossodia	4576 6848. <a href="mailto:rsmckane@optusnet.com.au">rsmckane@optusnet.com.au</a>
Emu Eagles Meet 2nd Tuesday of Month 7.30pm	Keith Stubbs	<a href="mailto:k.c.stubbs@optusnet.com.au">k.c.stubbs@optusnet.com.au</a>
Glenhaven Ravens Agape only	Helen McGrath 15 Batavia Pl, Baulkham Hills	02 9674-5659 <a href="mailto:helen@jigsaw.com.au">helen@jigsaw.com.au</a>
Kurrajong Bellbirds Agape only	Jo Prunty 20 Dabage Pl Kurrajong Heights	02 4767 7152 <a href="mailto:pruntyfamily@hotmail.com">pruntyfamily@hotmail.com</a>
Rainbow Rivers Monthly 3rd Saturday	Pat Kinnear Blacktown	02 9671 2261 <a href="mailto:pdkinnear@gmail.com">pdkinnear@gmail.com</a> .
Western Wildflowers Meet 2nd Saturday of the Month for Breakfast 8am Venue changes	Allan Farrey 39 Fleurs St, Minchinbury	02 9675-3590 <a href="mailto:afarrey@bigpond.net.au">afarrey@bigpond.net.au</a>
Western Wombats Meet last Wednesday of the Month 7.30pm	Jenine Mendezona 68 Richmond Rd, Cambridge Park	02 4721-1393 <a href="mailto:jeninemendezona1949@gmail.com">jeninemendezona1949@gmail.com</a>
Chrysalis' Glad Rap Meet 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm	Adrian & Rose Harriott 90 Lennox street, Richmond 2753	0401 347 078 <a href="mailto:arharriott@gmail.com">arharriott@gmail.com</a>

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





## 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](http://www.emmaus.org.au)*

### ***We're on the web:***

#### **National Emmaus:**

[www.emmaus.org.au](http://www.emmaus.org.au)

#### **Western Sydney Emmaus:**

[www.westernsydney.emmaus.org.au](http://www.westernsydney.emmaus.org.au)

We are also on Facebook.

#### **Sydney Regional Chrysalis**

[www.facebook.com/sydneyregionalchrysalis](http://www.facebook.com/sydneyregionalchrysalis)

#### **International Emmaus:**

[www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)

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

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