

Western Sydney Emmaus Community

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Dear Community

What an absolute delight to have been part of the Chrysalis flights in April. The privilege of being able to offer prayer for the Boy's flight and team while watching from the prayer chapel as events unfolded was indescribable from Jacqui and my perspective.

Candle Lighting was an amazing event with visitors from Illawarra, Cowra, Brisbane, New Zealand, Orange and from our Sydney communities resulted in over 90 people being in attendance making the night a very special night and I am sure helped set the scene for what unfolded after we left the Chrysalis teams to reflection and prayer.

Spontaneously and without leadership the Boys formed a circle and began to pray that they "might know how to be Men of God". What followed next was totally unexpected. The Girls and again without leadership or direction formed a larger circle around the Boys and started praying for the same thing.

Without question the Holy Spirit was with them all that night and I believe we will see the results of this very special night in the weeks and months to come.

For the first time we held a Going Forth on the same site in an effort to build our community and to support the Chrysalis walks. For more detail on this event see Janine's report.

During the Chrysalis walk we posted on the <https://www.facebook.com/SydneyRegionalChrysalis/> a brief comment about each talk along with a Meme that symbolised (where possible) the essence of each talk.

Our Weekly visitor reach as a result of this activity was 2,033 and a staggering 50,725% increase which is a great encouragement to everyone. If you have not already done so now is an excellent time to visit the Facebook page and "Like" us.



Upcoming Gatherings

May 7

Gathering

Richmond Uniting Church – join us in welcoming the butterflies of the recent Girls and Boys Chrysalis Flight. BBQ starts at 5:30pm, Gathering at 7pm

June 4

Gathering

Christ Church Anglican Blacktown, begins at 7pm.

July 2

Gathering

Christ Church Anglican Blacktown, begins at 7pm.

August 6

Gathering

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Similarly, I encourage you to visit <https://www.facebook.com/WesternSydneyEmmaus/> and "Like" Western Sydney Emmaus as well.

Finally, our next gathering will be at Richmond Uniting Church, West Market Street Richmond, and will be the first opportunity to meet our latest Chrysalis Members welcoming them into our Emmaus Community.

Please make an effort to come along to this event, I know you will not be disappointed. The music teams will literally rock the house with songs of praise.

Robert McAnderson
Community Lay Director

IT Matters

Get on the Gatherings roster - we need your help

Can you operate a computer? I am sure almost all of you can. Help be a blessing to others by serving in IT at a Gathering. We use Presenter and PowerPoint, the software is easy to use and others will help you get started.

Please email steve@jigsaw.com.com (or my wse.org.au) if you are able to help

Walk IT Directors Needed

Would you like to be considered for the position on IT Director on a walk? You might not be being asked because we don't know you're interested. Contact Steve McGrath now (steve@jigsaw.com.au) if you'd like your name put forward.

2016 Walk Updates

The past weekend saw many blessings in the peaceful surroundings of Kurrajong.

Prayer Points

The Butterflies from our recent Flights.

Respite for the Flight Lay Directors – Glenda and Justin and Members of the Teams.

Thankfulness for two very special Flights.

Thankfulness for the Going Forth. Prayers for continued perseverance and wisdom for those who attended.

IT support for the Community and Walks,

Helen and Keith as they prepare with their Teams for the Mens and Women's Walks in October.

Those who are sick or in difficult circumstances particularly Phil Grebert.

Strength and unity within the Community

Other Emmaus Communities in Australia and Overseas

Reunion Groups within our Community

Meroo Centre 3 provided the location for our Two teams, led by the spirited and humble Glenda Downey and Justin Dacey, to be the instruments of Gods work.

These humble servants guided participants through their three day journey, with many breakthroughs in faith witnessed.

Due to the small number of Caterpillars there were a number of activities that combined the two flights, including two hugely entertaining poster parties.



Candlelighting had a large turnout, and we were blessed with such an enthusiastic welcome.

I don't think any of us were quite prepared for how the Holy Spirit was going to work through us, and after candle lighting both flights felt the hands of angels on their shoulders.

We were joined on Saturday by the new National Community Lay Director, Alison Holcroft. It was great to meet her – she came all the way from Brisbane!

Closing gave those who were not on team a taste of the feel of the weekend – much joy, tears, healing and rejoicing. Lungs seemed to increase in capacity for a particularly thunderous song as well.

As we have seen so often, the Lord used us as his instruments, hearts were opened, lives were changed, and lifelong friendships began.

The entire team (not just the conference room team – everyone who had a part in the flights) deserves our thanks for making this possible.

Fly with Christ!

Malcolm Schmid

Community Chrysalis Director

Be at Richmond Uniting
Church

on Saturday May 7

to welcome and bless the
new Butterflies to WSE
Emmaus

Going Fourth - "God is good"

About 25 people attended our recent Going Forth at Meroo. The theme for the day was God is Good. Thank you to our wonderful speakers - Michael Edwards (Sydney community), Dele Riley, Faith Blake and Mark Creighton who challenged us with their insights and wisdom. Thank you also to everyone who helped on the day with set-up, IT and serving.

About 20 attendees stayed on for Candlelighting and were a huge blessing to the Butterflies. It was wonderful to know they came into a room full of candles, smiling faces and God's love personified.

Emmaus

Walk Lay Directors Helen McGrath and Keith Stubbs have



begun putting their teams together. Please be praying for them and those they ask support them in the October walks. Please also be praying the Pilgrims who will attend. Pray also for how you can Sponsor.

Time to Sponsor

The Board has committed that all Walks and Flights will go ahead regardless of numbers. Please be praying for who you can sponsor on a Walk. Start now to 'pay it forward'.

- Walk (Men's) October 20, 2016
- Walk (Women's) October 27, 2017

If you have any questions email Peter Smith at registrar@westernsydneyemmaus.org.au or go to westernsydneyemmaus.org.au to register on-line.



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