

Emmaus Monthly

March 2005 Newsletter

Gatherings

The Gathering for March will be run by CHRYSALIS, so come and join in the fun.

When: Saturday 12th March

Where: South Turrumurra Uniting Church (cnr Chisholm and Vernon Streets, South Turrumurra)

Time: The Community Gathering with a shared tea at 6.00 pm (please bring a plate) followed by the Worship Service at 7.00 p.m.

Speaker: Kathy Koster will be the Fourth Day Speaker

Leader: Wayne Deeth

Spiro: Steve Everist

Don't Forget

MENS WALK # 102

When: Thursday 28th April - Sunday 1st May 2005

When you receive this newsletter the men's team will be preparing for the upcoming training weekend on 4-6 March, to be held with the Women's team at Elanora. Please continue to pray for both teams and for our training this weekend.

The team held its first training session on Saturday 5th February, where we came together officially for the first time and shared in worship and communion, hearing 3 team talks, and prayer for one another, our families, the walk, the pilgrims and the Emmaus community. Please continue to hold the Team and Walk 102 in your prayers, and in particular I encourage the community to also support the walk through sponsorship. Be led by the Spirit to see whom you think would benefit from a 3 day spiritual journey with others on this next Men's Emmaus Walk.

I am conscious of the commitment of all team members to the walk and all that is involved with training and preparation time, and I wish to thank the families who have supported the men (and woman) of Walk 102 in this sacrifice. At this stage we seek one more ASD for the team, so please also pray for this situation.

Don't forget the 9th April Gathering at Turrumurra UC where both teams will be commissioned, and enjoy the "Fijian" theme for this Gathering. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

De Colores,

DENNIS LYONS
Lay Director - Walk 102

WOMENS WALK #103

When: Thursday 12th May - Sunday 15th May 2005

We have had a number of changes to the team, but the team is now complete. The team had a great first training day and is bonding well, and talks on the first day were excellent.

Please pray for the team, especially those who will give a talk on our training weekend that they will feel God's presence with them and be at peace. Please also pray for God's protection on us all as we approach the walk, especially for rest and health, and that we will recognise when the enemy attacks and we will be able to withstand these attacks and be strong, as God has led us to serve Him in this special way.

JUNE LEADBETTER
Lay Director - Walk 103

Don't forget how you can HELP...

Sponsorship: This is a big part of helping someone start their Journey to find God's Grace and Love in their hearts. We need you to sponsor a pilgrim so that they can attend a walk. For further information regarding this you can contact [Kim McCarthy](#) by E-mail or Ph: 9899 7383

Agape: Don't forget we need your Agape for both walks (approx. 60 pieces for each walk). If you need anymore agape ideas or have some agape ready and not sure where to take it, please feel free to contact [Vicki Harding](#) by E-mail or Ph: 9874 7356.

Kitchen: There is also need for people to help in the kitchen at both the walks. There will be an opportunity to put your name down at the Gathering next week or you can contact [Tova Swadling](#) by E-mail or Ph: 9452 3793.

Prayer: Spotlight on Prayer

Prayer is important. Prayer works. We are just weeks away from the first walks for 2005. Please pray for sponsors; ask God if there is someone He wants you to sponsor; pray for pilgrims - and more pilgrims; pray for great community support in the back up work - kitchen, agape, set up, pack up, prayer. The prayer vigil is linked from the [walks page](#) on the Sydney Emmaus web site. Please visit it and select a time to pray for the walks. I have not yet been inundated with response, but there is still time. Also, please let me know if you need prayer support. Let's remember that we are community, here to strengthen and support each other. May God bless and prosper you to live as wonderful witnesses of Christ.

[Peter Francis](#) - Community Prayer Director

Launch of Fiji Emmaus and Commissioning Service - Gathering April 9 2005

Turrumurra Uniting Church, Turrumurra Ave, Turrumurra, from 5.30 pm

Enjoy a night of Fijian culture, food, singing and dancing

Please note we will be starting at **5.30 pm** and samples of a Fijian lovo feast will be available. Still bring your own plate of food, as there may be many guests.

Come prepared for:

- Fijian artefacts on display
- Fijian choir
- Fijian dancing
- Prizes for best Islander attire
- Fiji's Christian history
- Video of what is happening in churches in Fiji today.
- Prayers for Emmaus and the process of establishing Emmaus in Fiji
- Commissioning of Teams #102 and #103
- Commissioning of Community: opportunity to commit to support Emmaus in Fiji
- Offering for development fund: to bring Fijians to Sydney Walks
- Special farewell song

So get your Bula gear out and let's celebrate the possibility of Emmaus going to Fiji.

[Brian Jago](#) - Spiritual Director

Warriewood Wonders

I spent a delightful evening on Wednesday, 1st December at the home of Sam, Susan and Paul Goosen with Peter, Betty, Ron, Albert, Yen and Bridget. The Warriewood Wonders started last year after Sam had been a Pilgrim.

The group does not follow a set agenda but Peter, as leader, encouraged everyone to share what God had been doing in their lives recently. Thus, although the Group does not follow the 8 points as set out in the Order of Re-union, all the points were covered in one way or another in the stories and discussions.

A 'Doors' theme developed: as you pray for guidance and listen with your heart, you will see that God is going before you, opening doors and clearing the way, that he is closing other doors and barring those ways. People related how God had opened doors and closed others, how easy it was to progress through the open doors and how tempting to force the closed doors open.

We heard a story of miraculous healing - a friend had declared to a sceptical surgeon before a cancer operation that God had healed her of the cancer. The operation went ahead and the surgeon was amazed to find the cancer gone.

We laughed together as a quirky incident was related or as the Divine sense of humour was revealed in another way. We prayed together laying hands on one member for healing. We rejoiced together at the ways God is moving in our lives, one being Paul's decision to train for the Ministry of the Word.

The Group planned a barbecue as another time of fellowship and will be inviting possible new members of the group.

Warriewood Wonders meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

De Colores

[Roger Perry](#), Re-union Groups Coordinator

Wanted

[Graeme Dodds](#) would like to hear from anyone who may be able to donate (or sell for a modest amount) a second-hand laptop computer and/or data projector to the Community for training. Perhaps your company is writing off some older but still perfectly serviceable equipment, or you may have something of your own which is no longer being used. Ph: 9651 4214

Newsletters

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