

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year 2005.

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➤ **Upcoming Events**

August 6	Mega Gathering at Blacktown Anglican Church 27 Richmond Road (cnr Orallo Road), Blacktown 6:00pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service
September 10	Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church 6:00pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service
September 22 – 25	Men's Walk #104 Candlelighting: Sept 24th 8:00pm at Pittwater Uniting Church Closing: Sept 25th 3:45pm at Elanora Conference Centre
October 6 –9	Women's Walk #105 Candlelighting: October 8th 8:00pm at Pittwater Uniting Church Closing: October 9th 3:45pm at Elanora Conference Centre
November 12	Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church 5:00pm Pre-Gathering for pilgrims of Walks 104 and 105 6:00pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service
December 10	Last Gathering for 2005 at Turrumurra Uniting Church 6:00pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service

(At time of printing these dates and times are correct)

➤ **From the Community Lay Director**

Greetings,

Half the year has gone in just the blink of an eye, and teams #104 & #105 have started training; I ask that you uphold them in prayer. To the first-time team members, our thoughts are with you as you venture into new territory. To Mike Delahunty and Kim McCarthy our prayers are with you also as God prepares you in this leadership role. These walks are being held in September and October, so please start sponsoring and consider how you can be of help during these walks, e.g. prayer vigil, agape, kitchen, attending the candlelighting and closing for both walks.

Another reminder is that the Sydney Community is holding an Alarga Walk in March, 2006. Please give consideration to whom you could sponsor for this walk, remember that

1. this is a mixed walk, meaning that both men and women attend together. This enables the carer to experience the Walk to Emmaus at the same time as the person that they care for.
2. this walk is for able-bodied persons as well, meaning that couples can experience their walk at the same time, but they will be on different tables and have different sleeping quarters.

Alarga has the same format as Emmaus but with three of the talks being blended with three other talks, so there are only four talks each day. This results in a long break after lunch for a good rest.

I ask that you please be supportive of all Emmaus events but encourage you to go the extra mile with Alarga.

I also want to encourage you all to attend the MEGA GATHERING where the three Sydney Communities come together for a combined gathering. This year it is being held at Blacktown Anglican Church - 6th August 6:00pm for Tea and 7:00pm for the service, finishing by 8:30pm (more information in this newsletter).

De Colores

Betty Snelling+

To the Sydney Emmaus Community

I am writing to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the wonderful support and love that was given to the Kairos Outside #13 guests on the night of the Candlelighting ceremony on Saturday 28th May. The attendance was phenomenal, with record-breaking numbers attending. I cannot begin to explain the amazement of the team to see such a large number of people attend both the Candlelighting and the Closing ceremony. The way we had to weave our way through the guests was incredible and just a joy. The guests were in awe as we explained to them the love that was shown to them by all the attendees.

Once again thankyou and God bless you all,

Lenore Nelson Kairos Outside

➤ *From the Spiritual Director*

I'd like to thank the Community and particularly the Board of Sydney Emmaus for the support that has been given to the promotion of Emmaus going to Fiji during the past year. There will never be a night quite like the Fiji Gathering we had in April, when Fijian congregations from Rooty Hill and Parramatta Uniting Churches combined to give us a taste of the Pacific, with food, singing and dancing.

This helped put us in the mood for Commissioning the teams, and the attendance of three leaders of the Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma at the Men's Walk #102 in late April. It was with some trepidation that, as sponsor, I waited to find out what God was saying to these men in their own lives, and for Emmaus being introduced to Fiji. Their response turned out to be very positive and I was greatly impressed with the depth of leadership and understanding that was shown in the following week about how they would conduct Emmaus in Fiji.

On 1st July the Methodist Church decided to invite Emmaus to Fiji and they will now go through the process of writing to Emmaus in Nashville to begin the follow-up and training necessary for this to happen. Australia's role from this point on is unclear and will be dependent on how Nashville runs with it. When Ireland started earlier this year, five countries made up the team, and this may be the way it is done for Fiji.

The prayers of many have been answered and the wives of the three Fijian men will be coming to the Women's Walk in October – Mrs Ringa Langi, Mrs Grace Reuben and Mrs Vunisuwai.

In Christ

Rev Brian Jago

Community Spiritual Director

WEB-SITE UPDATE

If you haven't seen the Sydney Emmaus Community web-site yet, please have a look at www.sydneymmaus.org.au

Here you will find the latest news and information about our community, including walks and gatherings. You can also read previous newsletters.

You can now add your name to a **72-hour Prayer Vigil** via a form on the web-site for Walks 104 & 105. We are also going to put a music roster on the web-site so that if you are able to help out with the music at gatherings or walks, you will be able to show your interest.

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions for additional content, please contact Phillip Cant, Webmaster on 9683 4784 or e-mail: webmaster@sydneymmaus.org.au

➤ *Walks*

MEN'S WALK #104 22nd – 25th September 2005

Now that another set of walks are completed and many have experienced the joys and excitement of their three-day journey with the Lord. I would like to thank Dennis Lyons for his great leadership role. I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Lay Director for the next Men's Walk #104, which will be held from 22nd to 25th September 2005.

At this stage I ask the Community to pray for the next walks, and in particular the men and women they can consider sponsoring for these walks. Please take the time over the coming weeks to seek God's guidance and leading in this matter. I also ask for prayer for wisdom and guidance in building the team, for those who will accept the call to serve God on the team, allocation of roles and talks, team training, and general understanding and discernment in fulfilling this leadership task. There are still team allocations available, for those diligent servants.

As I journey these next few months, with my fellow leader Don Smallbone as the Spiritual Director, I pray that we will seek and do God's will for the pilgrims whom God is calling and will continue to call for these walks.

As we know, it is the faithfulness of prayer that will uphold these walks, as with all other walks, and your support in this area would be appreciated.

De Colores

Mike Delahunty

Lay Director

HOW TO SPONSOR

If you know of anyone who would like to experience the Emmaus Walk, you will find Application Forms enclosed for Emmaus and Alarga Walks. Please complete pilgrim and sponsor sections and send to Kim McCarthy, our Community Registrar:

Kim McCarthy
5 Darcey Road
Castle Hill NSW 2154

These Application Forms and the Alarga Information sheet can also be downloaded from the web-site.

If you have any further enquiries please contact Kim on (02) 9899 7383 or via e-mail: registrar@sydneymmaus.org.au

WOMEN'S WALK #105 6th – 9th October 2005

Greetings to Sydney Community,

The Women's team is complete and we are looking forward to the training on 2nd & 23rd July and 13th & 27th August. Please pray for the team as they present their talks and bond together during these days.

The team is as follows:

LD: Kim McCarthy

SD: Jackie Somerville

ALDs: Ruby Arthur, Susan Campbell and Kay Dannenberg

ASDs: Alistair Christie, Robyn Collins, Rosalie Rofe and Sue Waugh

TLs: Elva Harris, Margaret Stapley, Beverley Sutherland, Susan Goosen and Jan Smith

ATLs: Berni Joubert, Cindy Kingdom, Gloria Attwooll, Zita Compton and Tiffany Yeo

Music: Rosalie Tregenza and Amy Stowe

PDs: Di Dodds and Margaret Duckworth

BR: Al Boon

Please also pray for the pilgrims who are registered and for more people to come for both the Men's and Women's teams. Our God is an awesome God and his love and wisdom continue to flow as we bind together as a team.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

De Colores

Kim McCarthy

Lay Director

DONATIONS

Thank you to all those who have contributed to covering the ongoing costs of the newsletter. Donations towards the cost of the newsletter will always be welcome - no matter how you receive it!

If you feel you can help with the printed newsletter production costs, please complete the enclosed donation form (make cheques payable to **Sydney Emmaus**), and send to our Treasurer:

Di Dodds

2 Frensham Place

ROUND CORNER NSW 2158

or alternatively, see her at a Gathering.

➤ *The Team selection process*

The team selection process begins several months before a walk.

1. The Emmaus Board approves the selection of the Lay and Spiritual Directors for each walk.
2. Then the "Team selection committee", (whose members are Susan Campbell, Tom Knox, Al Boon, June Leadbetter and Dennis Lyons) meet with the Lay Directors for the next walk and the Lay Directors of a previous walk, plus the Board Lay Director, Betty Snelling and the Spiritual Director, Brian Jago to select a list of names for presentation to the Board.
3. Through prayer and spiritual discernment, 16 names are chosen from which to select five or six Assistant Table Leaders, 16 for the Table Leader positions, and 6 names from which to choose three Assistant Lay Directors.
4. Names of potential team members are taken from community membership records indicating a person's progressive team experience, and from other lists indicating a person's support of Emmaus through attendance at gatherings, prayer vigil and kitchen rosters, agape, and reunion group membership.
5. Names are presented to the Board for approval after which the Lay Director of the walk can invite the people on their list to join them on the team.

The purpose of an established progression of responsibilities is twofold: leadership training and spiritual development. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular assignment effectively often depends on and is always enhanced by prior experience in another position. The progression of responsibility starts with support roles.

The use of a Team selection committee has only been in place a few years, and consists of a Board Representative as chairperson and four non-board members. The selection committee is approved by the Board of Directors to recommend to the Board names of members to be considered for walks during the year.

The basis of the selection committee is to ensure:

- a. the choice of a strong and balanced team.
- b. broad involvement by the Emmaus community on teams.
- c. cultivation of new leadership for future walks by developing new Emmaus leaders and encouraging people to move through progressive team positions and servant roles over several walks.
- d. attention to what people need to grow in grace and authentic servanthood.

The Weekend Lay Directors are chosen by the Board Lay Director, and the Spiritual Directors are chosen by the Board Spiritual Director.

➤ *How you can help*

❖ **Agape**

The next set of walks are drawing near, so please get together with your Reunion Group and start making your agape.

Please remember to name your reunion group on the back of the agape or put your own name and walk number. We have had a little mix-up with agape getting to the centre; so if you cannot have it at Elanora by **7:45pm** on the Thursday night of the walk, please contact me before Wednesday to arrange delivery/pick-up time.

I require a description of the agape you are making, what it is (including verse), one week prior to a walk for easy distribution over the weekend. Please remember, 60 pieces per agape for each walk. If you need ideas, I have plenty!

Vicki Harding (02) 9874 7356 e-mail: agape@sydneyemmaus.org.au



❖ **Kitchen**

If you would like to be part of the kitchen team on a Walk, please contact our Kitchen Board Representative to put your name down for this rewarding ministry.

Tova Swadling (02) 9452 3793 e-mail: kitchen@sydneyemmaus.org.au



❖ **Music**

If you are a musician or have computer/technical skills, the Emmaus Board would love to hear from you.

We need musicians/worship leaders for every Gathering (approx. 10 per year) as well as the walks themselves.

And to make the musos heard and the words seen, we need computer/projector operators and audio operators. Training is available, so increase your skills and help the Emmaus community at the same time.

You can contact one of the following:

Jon Hale (Music) music@sydneyemmaus.org.au
T.B.A. (Gatherings) gatherings@sydneyemmaus.org.au
Graeme Dodds (Training) training@sydneyemmaus.org.au



❖ **Prayer Vigil**

If you would like to be part of the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for any of the walks, please contact Peter Francis, Community Prayer Director on (02) 9997 8995 or e-mail: prayer@sydneyemmaus.org.au



➤ *The Privilege of Prayer*

Just recently I visited with some friends and, before I left, they asked if I would pray with them. We prayed for some deep and significant issues in their lives. I was aware of sharing with them in a very special way. I felt the privilege of prayer. How precious it is to join with people in bringing their needs before God and communing with them and with Him.

At other times I have prayed for people and not been aware of the details of their circumstances. This is perfectly all right, for I bring them before God and He knows their deepest needs. Again it is a privilege to call out to God on behalf of others.

Many times I have prayed for pilgrims and team members on Emmaus Walks, both in Sydney and other locations. Some of the names I know or recognise, others are complete strangers – to start with. But, as soon as I begin to pray for someone, I feel an affinity with them.

It is interesting on occasions that the Holy Spirit will bring a specific focus to my prayer. Once more I am aware of the great privilege afforded to me to speak with our great God on behalf of others.

The prayer vigils are now open for the upcoming Sydney walks – Men's #104 and Women's #105. I urge Community members to select times to pray for these walks either by generating an email to me (prayer@sydneyemmaus.org.au) through the Sydney Emmaus web site or by telephoning me on (02) 9997 8995.

It is thrilling to see the vigils fill up. Please help me to see if we can complete these present vigils in record time.

God Bless.

Peter Francis

Community Prayer Director

➤ *Reunion Groups*

Rainbow Ryders

On Friday 6th May I visited the Rainbow Ryders at the home of Judy Cross. The Group values the close fellowship that they share in their meetings. While the leadership rotates to a different member at each meeting, the format of their re-unions is similar. Beginning with the prayer to the Holy Spirit, the Group usually focuses on another page of the Pilgrim Guide to stimulate discussion, and one or two questions from the order of the re-union. The discussions will always throw up prayer points for the closing prayer.

We also talked about the ways in which a Re-union Group meeting was different from other small group meetings. In a Re-union Group one can get ideas from others who attend a different denominational church, there is a strong prayer support for each other and this arises out of the depth of the intimacy one feels within the Group.



Rainbow Ryders usually meet on the first Friday of the month, but currently the meeting place is uncertain. The co-ordinator is Ian Monk, phone (02) 9899 7383.

Li'l Green Apples

On Monday, 23rd May I visited the Li'l Green Apples at the home of David and Lena Reichardt and with Keith and Linda. In the discussion, led by David, everyone shared what had been happening in their lives recently. Although we did not work through the order of the re-union, we all kept the questions in mind and we certainly followed their intent. There was plenty said about the growing awareness of healing through faith in the church and the rise of healing ministries. We spent quite some time identifying prayer needs and finished the evening with a wonderful time of prayer together.

De Colores

Roger Perry

Reunion Groups Co-ordinator (02) 9816 2746 e-mail: journey@sydneyemmaus.org.au

Current Reunion Groups (as at June 2005)

Status A = Active
R = Recess

<i>Group Name</i>	<i>Meeting Nights</i>	<i>Co-ordinators</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Status</i>
Dee Why Doves	1st Wednesday, 4:00pm	Muriel Jones	9982 7508	A
Forest Flames	2nd/4th Thursday, 7:30pm	Phil Burrows	9451 3119	A
Hills Sunbeams	3rd Friday, 7:30pm	Laurel Brammer	9639 9936	A
Inner West Warriors	Monthly	Brian Jago	9713 9467	A
Lane Cove Lanterns	3rd Friday, 7:30pm	Roger Perry	9816 2746	R
Li'l Green Apples	4th Monday of the month	David Reichardt	8819 6549	A
Living Waters	1st & 3rd Friday, 7:30pm	Dennis Lyons	9481 8519	A
Pennant Pilgrims	1st Friday, 8:00pm	Kim McCarthy	9899 7383	A
	3rd Friday, 8:00pm	Margaret Duckworth	9634 3290	A
Rainbow Ryders	1st Friday, 7:45pm	Ian Monk	9713 4597	A
Terrigal Treasures	4th Sunday, 2:00pm	Aileen Reeves	4381 2707	A
Turramurra Kookaburras	4th Saturday of the month	Rick Johnson	9449 1611	R
Wahroonga Weavers	2nd & 4th Thursday, 8:00pm	Rob Williams	9487 2726	A
Warriewood Wonders	1st Wednesday, 7:30pm	Sam Goosen	9979 3304	A
Warringah Waves	4th Saturday, 5:00pm	Karen Meredith	9907 2428	A

➤ *Chrysalis*

Events for 2005/06

- **23rd – 25th September 2005 Flight 32**
Led by Lindsay Spence
Western Sydney, Grose Vale
24th – **Candlelighting** – 8pm at Richmond Uniting Church
25th – **Closing Ceremony** – 3.30pm at Gross Vale Conference Centre
- **April 2006 Flight 33**
Led by Jeremy Koster
Sydney, Elanora Heights
- **July 2006 Flight 34**
Led by Matthew Deeth
South Sydney / Illawarra, Stanwell Tops
- **February 2006 Beyond '06 Conference**



Western Sydney Flight #32

We have been really, really blessed. The training day dates and the Commissioning Service have been booked in for the Western Sydney Emmaus Gathering on Saturday 3rd September at Blacktown Anglican Church. Apart from this, planning and preparation are on track and the support, encouragement and prayers of the Western Sydney Emmaus Community and the Sydney Chrysalis community have been overwhelming and much appreciated. We are already receiving registrations for the flight (Friday 23 September – Sunday 25 September, Grose Vale) and have really felt God's hand in the preparation.

Prayer is still needed however in finding both a Spiritual Director and three Assistant Spiritual Directors for the flight. I am still also searching for one female table leader and for the music team a drummer, guitarist and possibly a keyboardist.

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The Chrysalis Board invites you to accept our challenge of sharing the blessing of a Chrysalis weekend with young Christians in your church or community. The testimony is clear and very obvious that God has used Chrysalis as a tool to deeply impact many young adults. In fact, you can probably testify to God using Chrysalis in your own life.

Why not share that with others?

Lindsay Spence

Lay Director, Flight #32

For more details or to send the application form please contact Lindsay Spence on registrar@sydneychrysalis.org.au

Flight Assistance

Assisting on a Chrysalis Flight is a special gift of agape for the caterpillars. By sponsoring a caterpillar, serving throughout the weekend, praying, making agape gifts and attending candlelightings and closing ceremonies, you are demonstrating the love of God to the young adults on the flight. If you would like to assist in any way on the flight please contact the board members below for details.

- **Prayer:** Tiffany Yeo
tiffany@sydneychrysalis.org.au
- **Agape:** TJ Spence
jspence@sydneychrysalis.org.au

NEWSLETTER INFO

If you know of anyone in your Reunion Group who does not have an e-mail address, and therefore does not receive the monthly newsletter or prayer requests, please print a copy for them.

Would you please advise us of **anyone** you know in the Community who does not receive either the posted newsletter or the monthly e-mailed newsletter, and we will add their contact details to our database.

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