

# Emmaus - Sydney

Community Newsletter

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## ➤ Upcoming Events

<b>August 12</b>	Gathering and Commissioning for Walks #107 & #108 at Turramurra Uniting Church <b>6:00pm</b> Tea (please bring a plate to share) <b>7:00pm</b> Worship Service
<b>August 26</b>	MEGA Gathering (hosted by South Sydney / Illawarra Community) at Bulli Uniting Church, cnr Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli <b>from 1:30pm</b> - afternoon tea, great fellowship, sensational music... <i>more details on page 2</i>
<b>September 7 – 10</b>	Men's Walk #107 <b>Candlelighting:</b> Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 8:00pm at Pittwater Uniting Church <b>Closing:</b> Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> 3:45pm at Elanora Conference Centre
<b>September 21 – 24</b>	Women's Walk #108 <b>Candlelighting:</b> Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8:00pm at Pittwater Uniting Church <b>Closing:</b> Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> 3:45pm at Elanora Conference Centre
<b>October 14</b>	Pre-Gathering and Gathering at Turramurra Uniting Church <b>5:00pm</b> Pre-Gathering for pilgrims from Walks #107 and #108 <b>6:00pm</b> Tea (please bring a plate to share) <b>7:00pm</b> Worship Service
<b>November 11</b>	Gathering at Turramurra Uniting Church <b>6:00pm</b> Tea (please bring a plate to share) <b>7:00pm</b> Worship Service

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

## ➤ From the Community Lay Director

The first 6 months of 2006 have passed in a flash and before we know it, we will be talking about Christmas - but we have a lot to deal with before then.

The teams for Walks #107 & #108 have started training and preparing themselves to serve our God in this special way. I ask you to start praying for them.

It is also time for you to be seriously praying for the pilgrims you are going to sponsor, and to send the forms to our registrar. Let's be serious about sharing this wonderful tool that we have already experienced and encourage others to experience it too – **let's fill these walks!**

I also want to encourage you to start your agape making, add your name to the prayer vigil and tell Tova Swadling the time you would like to help in the kitchen. All these jobs are vital to the smooth running of a Walk.

At the October gathering we will have the elections for the Board positions that have or will become vacant. If you are interested in serving God by making yourself available for nomination for a board position or you know of a person who would make a good board representative, or maybe you want to know how the board operates, then please get in touch with me. Phone (02) 9997 2976 or email [rsn16038@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rsn16038@bigpond.net.au). There are six positions coming up for election and we are looking for people who have a passion for Emmaus.

I am concerned about the low numbers attending the gatherings. If there is any way that we can improve the format, or you have thoughts about the content would you please get in touch with me and I will present your ideas to the Board.

It would be really special for many of us to be at the August gathering supporting teams #107 & #108 as they are commissioned.

De Colores, **Betty Snelling+**

## ☆☆☆☆☆☆ Mega Gathering ☆☆☆☆☆☆

The **South Sydney / Illawarra Emmaus** Community invites YOU to a **MEGA Gathering** to be held at **Bulli Uniting Church** cnr Princes Hwy & Point St, Bulli from **1:30pm** on **Saturday 26 August 2006**.

**Come, praise God and share with your brothers and sisters in Christ.**  
Infants crying room available, afternoon tea, great fellowship, sensational music ... we'd love to see YOU!

To assist with planning, please RSVP by 22 August to:  
SSI Emmaus Secretary, 14 Jane Place, HEATHCOTE NSW 2233  
☆☆ email: [kpringle@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kpringle@iprimus.com.au) mobile (SMS): 0425 239669 ☆☆

➤ *From the Spiritual Director*

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is time for us all to reflect on what God is doing in this world and what small part we play in bringing about God's kingdom here on earth. Do we leave it to the more powerful; the cynics; the deceptive; or those who are building their own kingdoms?

In a world where fashion does not include faith or talk of how God blesses his people, the time has come to promote Christ in our community. This conversation stopper has many risks attached to it, but when is our world going to know of the gifts of God without being totally threatened. How can we enjoy our confidence and trust in God when we feel muzzled in expressing the richness of our journey in the righteousness of Christ?

The aim of Emmaus is to develop leaders who can break out of this mould and walk closer with Christ each day. Instead of succumbing to the pressure of conforming to the conversation stoppers we need to care for those who have expelled all notion of God in their lives, because they are the ones who are forever seeking. God calls us in so many different ways and I just pray we will be able to make a difference in challenging our world for Christ.

God bless you in your journey.

*Rev Brian Jago*

How to Sponsor

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

Kim McCarthy  
5 Darcey Road  
CASTLE HILL NSW 2154

The Application Form 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@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto:registrar@sydneyemmaus.org.au)

➤ *The Greatest Gift one can enjoy is the Power and Love of God*

Through the Holy Spirit we find the ultimate in self control. No form of slavery in any human life is beyond elimination. We have the responsibility to share this mystery with others.

Let us not forget the need to gather together with our brothers and sisters. Involvement in Emmaus walks as team members, and in sharing in prayer at gatherings and in reunion groups, will continue to inspire our passion for Jesus our Lord and King.

Promote Emmaus at your place of work, your church and amongst members of your family. Be an active member and see the blessings and surprises that God has for you and your family.

De Colores

*Ken Deck* - Community Marketing Director

Donations

On behalf of the Board. I thank those who have donated in the last year to Sydney Emmaus.

As numbers have been down a little over the last few walks, our funds have been seriously affected, as quite a lot of expenses have to be covered, no matter the number attending.

We were also blessed in helping towards our Fijian friends being able to travel to Sydney, and this money was taken from our general account, as the money raised so far towards Fiji is being kept to develop Emmaus in Fiji itself.

We are therefore thankful and blessed, but would appreciate thoughtful prayer from members of the Emmaus Community in providing any financial support they may be able to give in the coming year.

★ *If you are receiving this newsletter in printed form, a donation would especially be appreciated to cover the cost of production and postage.* ★

If you feel that you can help, please complete the enclosed donation form (make cheques payable to **Sydney Emmaus**), and send to:

Di Dodds  
2 Frensham Place  
ROUND CORNER NSW 2158

Blessings to all,

*Di Dodds* - Treasurer

➤ **Walks**

**MEN'S WALK #107**

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Candlelighting:** 8:00pm September 9 at Pittwater Uniting Church

**Closing:** 3:45pm September 10 at Elanora Conference Centre

It seems only yesterday that I was invited to lead Men's Walk #107 but here we are, well into training with the weekend just around the corner. Please pray for the team. One or two have not been well. Pray that we will all be used by God to be a blessing to those he is already calling to join the Walk as Pilgrims.

Thank you for your support in so many ways.

**TEAM**

Lay Director	Ross Swadling
Spiritual Director	Peter Thomas
Assistant Lay Directors	Phil Burrows, Bob Smith, Ray Ricketts
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Immanuel Reuben, Brian Hayes, Brian Jago, Don Smallbone.
Table Leaders	Ken Deck, Michael Edwards, Roger Perry, Robert Landman, Jon Hale
Assistant Table Leaders	Hilton Terry, Paul Leary, Andrew Kentmann, Michael Young
Prayer Director	Ian Monk
Music Team	Phillip Cant, Rick Johnson
Board Representative	Graeme Dodds

*Ross Swadling* – Lay Director, Men's Walk #107

**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.***

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 details to our database. Contact Newsletter Representative **Belinda Cant**.

mobile: 0414 711027

e-mail: [newsletter@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto:newsletter@sydneyemmaus.org.au)

**WOMEN'S WALK #108**

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Candlelighting:** 8:00pm September 23 at Pittwater Uniting Church

**Closing:** 3:45pm September 24 at Elanora Conference Centre

Greetings to Sydney Community.

The Women's team is complete and we are looking forward to the last two training days on 12 and 19 August. Please pray for the team as they present their talks and bond together during this time of training.

The team is as follows:

Lay Director	Ruby Arthur
Spiritual Director	Rosalie Rofe
Assistant Lay Directors	Kay Dannenburg, Vicki Harding, Jay Cumming
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Jackie Somerville, Peter Francis, Immanuel Reuben
Table Leaders	Tova Swadling, Elva Harris, Jenny Williams, Jan Smith, Cindy Kingdom
Assistant Table Leaders	Grace Reuben, Cathy Thompson, Tiny Tse, Donna Leedow, Samantha Cook
Music Team	Rosalie Tregenza, Merrill Hillis
Prayer Directors	Sue Jago, Jeni Tresize
Board Representative	Bev Monk

Please pray for our team and for those team members giving talks. Also remember before God the pilgrims that they will experience His wonderful grace. Pray that our team will bond together and also for those of the community who will be supporting behind the scenes.

*Ruby Arthur* - Lay Director, Women's Walk #108



## ➤ *Prayer – both Personal and Corporate*

When Jesus spoke to His disciples about prayer, He said, “Go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father....Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you” (Matthew 6: 6).

The picture is one of deep intimacy. Each child of our heavenly Father is able to draw into His presence and make request of Him in the peace and closeness of our private place, our prayer room (or nook, or even seat). In stillness and quiet, we draw near to Him and share, knowing that it delights Him. Furthermore, we have the promise of His reward.

Jesus went on to share a special prayer with His disciples. He said, “This is how you should pray: Our Father...” Here is community. He is my Father, but He is also our Father. In Christ we all belong to God’s family. “Give us today our daily bread.” We may pray together. We may also pray privately. Either way, we are assured that He will hear and respond.

The Emmaus Walk Prayer Vigil gives us a wonderful opportunity to combine the personal and the corporate. In the intimacy of our private prayer chamber we can reach out to God on behalf of the community – pilgrims, sponsors, team, and support. The Vigils for the upcoming walks can be accessed on our website: [www.sydneyemmaus.org.au](http://www.sydneyemmaus.org.au). I encourage you to select a time, join in communion with our heavenly Father, and talk to Him on behalf of the Walk.

In many years of prayer activity I have never once prayed for anyone without being blessed myself.

Be blessed as you bless others with your prayer, and God be with you.

*Peter Francis* - Community Prayer Director

## ➤ *Reunion Groups*

Reunion Groups currently meeting in the Sydney region are listed on the Contacts page of the Sydney Emmaus website. If you require any further information regarding how you can join a reunion group, don’t hesitate to contact me by phone: (02) 9816 2746 or e-mail: [journey@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto:journey@sydneyemmaus.org.au).



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*Roger Perry* - Reunion Groups Coordinator

## ➤ *How you can help*

### ❖ **Agape**

The next set of walks is 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](mailto:agape@sydneyemmaus.org.au)



### ❖ **Kitchen**

Bless the pilgrims and team as you show agape love by serving in the kitchen. Look up the web, email me or ring me to see where help is needed in the kitchen for the forthcoming walks.

*Tova Swadling* (02) 9452 3793 e-mail: [kitchen@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto: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 (up to 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. Please contact one of the following:

*Jon Hale* (Music) [music@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto:music@sydneyemmaus.org.au)

*Ross Swadling* (Gatherings) [gatherings@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto:gatherings@sydneyemmaus.org.au)

*Graeme Dodds* (Training) [training@sydneyemmaus.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@sydneyemmaus.org.au).



For any further information you can go to our website [www.sydneyemmaus.org.au](http://www.sydneyemmaus.org.au)