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❖ *Upcoming Events*

February 6–8	Fourth Day Revival Conference at Meroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong NSW – Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday Contact Jon Hale on 0408 027 736 for more details
February 14	Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church 6:15pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service
March 14	Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church 6:15pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service
May 2	Celebration Gathering – 25 years of Emmaus in Australia at Turrumurra Uniting Church (as part of the National Secretariat) 2:00pm Gathering followed by Afternoon Tea
June 13	Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church Commissioning of Teams for Walks #115 and #116 6:15pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service
July 16 –19	Men's Walk #115 at Elanora Conference Centre 8:00pm Sat July 18 Candlelighting at Pittwater Uniting Church 3:45pm Sun July 19 Closing Service at Elanora Conference Centre
July 30 –Aug 2	Women's Walk #116 at Elanora Conference Centre 8:00pm Sat Aug 1 Candlelighting at Pittwater Uniting Church 3:45pm Sun Aug 2 Closing Service at Elanora Conference Centre
September 12	Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church 5:45pm Pre-Gathering for pilgrims from Walks #115 and #116 6:15pm Tea (please bring a plate to share) 7:00pm Worship Service

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

❖ *Community Lay Director*

A new year with new possibilities, opportunities and challenges!

As I reflect on 2008 I give God thanks for His many blessings showered upon our Community throughout the year, specially for the enriched lives following Walks #111 and #112 at Elanora and Walks #113 and #114 which were held in Fiji; also for the encouragement our Gatherings brought.

The commitment of so many is overwhelming and our Board and Community certainly went the 'extra mile' several times.

Our Sydney Board is an incredible group and I praise God for their commitment and perseverance throughout the past year – Sydney Walks in Fiji brought many challenges and hours of work and I do thank each and every one for the great job they did. I must also thank many members of our Community who also took on tasks to ensure that the Walks ran smoothly despite the distance.

In November the Board was sad to farewell Tova and Ross Swadling and Ken Deck and thanked Tova for her 6 years as Kitchen Co-ordinator, Ross as Treasurer at the end of his 6 years and Ken's 3 year term as Reunion Groups and Marketing – what an incredible job each has done. We welcomed Samantha Cook and Rosalie Tregenza onto our Board and are still seeking a Kitchen Co-ordinator and know that God will provide that person soon.

In 2009 we are celebrating 25 years of Emmaus in Australia and our Sydney Community is hosting the National Secretariat from Friday May 1 to Sunday May 3 at Elanora with the highlight being a Celebration Gathering to which ALL are invited – please put this date in your diary now!

25th Celebration of Emmaus in Australia at Turrumurra Uniting Church Saturday, 2nd May 2009 – 2:00pm Gathering followed by afternoon tea

What a great opportunity to reconnect with old and new friends, please spread the word and start inviting.

Now is also the time to be praying about sponsoring for Walks #115 and #116 – remember the blessings that you received when you were a Pilgrim and look to those who could be encouraged and blessed by the experience of a Walk. Please uphold Jon Hale and Susan Campbell as Lay Director's of these Walks as they form and train their Teams.

As we go into the New Year with trust and anticipation of all that God has in store for us, let us hold on to His promise in Lamentations 3:22-23 –
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases ... great is Your faithfulness."

De Colores, **Bev Monk**

❖ *Community Spiritual Director*

Cornerstone

During January each year, with the pace of life in summer mode and the year's routine not yet at the doorstep, I take some time and ask the Lord for a verse, or portion of Scripture, that will be a cornerstone for the year. Each year He has led me to a truth or promise or direction that He has unfolded as the year has progressed.

This January He has drawn me to a whole chapter; to Matthew 6. So I have read it, meditated on it, preached from it, urged my church to read it every day for a week, and I expect that as the year unfolds it will become more meaningful and directional, laid alongside the happenings of 2009.

2009 looks like it will not be a run-of-the-mill year. Changes have visited our world in the economic realm that will shake the status quo and produce a future as yet unshaped. For some we need an anchor that keeps us from being blown apart; for others we need a sail into which the wind of the Spirit can blow and lead us to new places.

The Scriptures can be this and more. Why not ask the Lord for a verse, or take up and read Matthew chapter 6 again, and again.

Blessings, *Peter Thomas*

❖ *Greetings from the Prayer Director*

It's hard to believe that another year has dawned and we only have 11 months left of 2009. Time is really flying by and to think that yesterday is history, today is present and tomorrow is a mystery.

The Sydney Emmaus Community have two walks coming up this year ... are you praying about whom to invite? Are you praying about how you can help with the upcoming walks... you know you can help in the kitchen, attend candlelighting and closing services and you could also put your name down on the prayer roster.

Do you remember how you felt when you found out that there were hundreds of people from all around the world praying for you by name during your walk. Well this is the opportunity for you to be part of that. Log onto our website a little closer to the walks and choose your slot ... it's that easy. I am sure you will find a reminder from me letting you know when the rosters are up and running. If by chance you are not on our email database please advise one of the Board Members and I am sure they will be happy to take your email address.

Come along and support your Sydney Emmaus Community at the gatherings ...

perhaps get in touch with someone you did your walk with or someone you know who has done an Emmaus Walk with the Sydney Community whom you haven't seen around for a while. We would love to see you!

Blessings, *Cindy Kingdom*

❖ *Report – Men's Walk #111 (March 27–30, 2008)*

This was one of those journeys that one had the feeling was meant to be, from start to finish. We had 8 pilgrims and although we had wished for more we all felt a completeness throughout the walk. There was hardly any feeling of disappointment on this account. Instead of four tables we belatedly had to run with three. Andrew Alder and Jon Hale left the tables having graciously agreed to serve as full time ITD and AMD respectively, and this worked brilliantly. I was told that small walks can be very powerful, and that was so. As Warren Dennis says: 'little is much when God is in it'. All the talks were excellent and very personal, and each talk suited the speaker really well.

Martin Foetschi, the LD from South Coast Illawarra Walk 43 rang me before their walk and emailed afterwards. Martin said that they also had a very strong walk with eleven pilgrims. It was good to share.

I will forever be grateful to our Father God for His faithfulness throughout Walk 111. It was one of the most awesome times of worship and brotherhood in Christ that I have known. God was moving and shaping Walk 111 from the start. The team were just a joy to be with and I am certain that the pilgrims were drawn close to the love of our Saviour.

Thanks to the board for their trust and support in allowing me this position on the team. Again, my grateful thanks to Bev Monk for turning a deaf ear to my heartfelt excuses at the beginning, and to my lovely wife Barbara who both admonished and encouraged me along the way.

De Colores, *Ray Ricketts* – Lay Director Walk #111

❖ *Sydney Board Secretary*

As secretary it is my duty to take the minutes of the board meetings held on the first Thursday of each month except January, and follow up with any correspondence or matters that arise from the meetings, such as letters and hall bookings for Gatherings and meetings.

It is a delight to be secretary to a committee where everyone does their assigned tasks on time, and is constantly seeking ways to move forward and make sure that everything can be done to make each Emmaus Walk a success.

De Colores, *Susan Campbell*

❖ Register now for Sydney Emmaus Walks in July

NOW is the time to start praying for guidance as to who you know that would benefit from attending a **Walk to Emmaus Weekend**. Then start talking to the people and if then appropriate, print off an [Application Form](#) and have them complete it and send to me.

It would be so good to start to receive Application Forms **NOW**. When you ask a person to attend you become their Sponsor – meaning a support to them. Some sponsors who are able want to help with the fees or part thereof for the weekend, but that is **not** a requirement. For many of us it's just not an option.

For more information about **SPONSORING** you can go to that page on our website, ring or email me for information. I can also send **Application Forms** and **Walk to Emmaus Information** brochures.

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❖ Upcoming Walks

MEN'S WALK #115 July 16–19, 2009

Candlelighting: 8:00pm Saturday July 18 at Pittwater Uniting Church
Closing Service: 3:45pm Sunday July 19 at Elanora Conference Centre
Lay Director: Jon Hale

WOMEN'S WALK #116 July 30–August 2, 2009

Candlelighting: 8:00pm Saturday August 1 at Pittwater Uniting Church
Closing Service: 3:45pm Sunday August 2 at Elanora Conference Centre
Lay Director: Susan Campbell

I know it seems a long way off, but can I ask you to start praying as the team is selected and for God to guide you to the right person to sponsor. This will be the only Sydney Women's Walk in 2009 so please do not find yourself regretting that you missed your opportunity to sponsor someone on this Walk.

It is a privilege to be asked to lead a Walk and I pray that as the team starts to prepare and train for the Walk that we will know God is guiding us to do the best for the pilgrims. We know we can rejoice in the blessings which the Spirit brings.

Susan Campbell – Lay Director Walk 116

❖ Fourth Day Revival Conference

Well, it's less than a week to go until the inaugural Fourth Day Revival Conference takes place at Merroo. We have been very encouraged by the response from the many fourth day movements in Australia and overseas. I believe that God is going to really bless the participants and speak through the many conference delegates. The build-up to the conference has not been without its challenges and trials. The enemy has thrown just about everything but the proverbial kitchen sink to try and derail it. But He who is mightier has sent His angels as a ring of protection. Praise God!



The delegates are coming from all over Australia. From as far north as Cairns to as far South as Tasmania with the richness of mix covering Emmaus, Anglican Cursillo, Catholic Cursillo, Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside. God is moving in this place.

We have come together with what we believe is a God-given vision for stirring revival within these beloved faith communities, and for helping their members to find encouragement and new direction, through unity of purpose and the sharing of ideas. The key purpose of the conference is to allow us freely to discuss the unique challenges faced by each of our communities, to pray for one another, to build relationships and to convey practical implementations that will support us all in our on-going journeys.

If you feel that you would like to be part of this conference through attending, or being part of the prayer vigil **it is not too late to register**. Just visit the web site at www.4thdayrevival.org. You will find all the information including contact names and numbers, registration forms for the conference and the prayer vigil.

Or, just contact your local representatives who eagerly await to be of service.

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❖ How you can help

👉 Agape

A New Year – two Walks and a National Secretariat Meeting!

Again it will be a busy year for us all, but it is never too early for getting our fingers busy preparing Agape. As you have read, we have a very special meeting of the National Secretariat in Sydney from 1–3 May and, for this, the Sydney Community would like to show their love by sharing some tangible pieces of Agape with those coming from all over Australia. This will not be in the same bountiful way as we share on Walks, but it would be good to have some welcoming Pillow Agape for the first night and at least one more item to give during the weekend. For this we need 60 pieces for each occasion. *Any offers?*



Our Men's Walk #115 and Women's Walk #116 are being held in the second half of the year, but one month has already slipped by so we need to get busy for these as well.

There was a wonderful response last year from both Reunion Groups and individuals for our Walks in Sydney and Fiji and I sincerely thank one and all. I look forward to a similar response during the coming months.

Please contact me if you have any queries or, even more welcome, offers of Agape.

Narelle Murray (02) 9651 7437 agape08@sydneyemmaus.org.au

👉 Music

Musicians, we need you! If you would like to assist with leading music at our gatherings I'd love to hear from you. Please either call or email me to let me know whether you sing and/or play an instrument.



Rosalie Tregenza (02) 9481 8713 rosenbrucetreg@yahoo.com.au

👉 Prayer Vigil

If you would like to be part of the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for any of the Walks, please sign up (for one or more half-hour slots) on-line or contact me.



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For any further information you can go to our website www.sydneyemmaus.org.au

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❖ Re-Union Groups

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Hills Sunbeams	Castle Hill	3rd Fri	Laurel Brammer	02 9639 9936
Inner West Warriors	Russell Lea	monthly	Brian Jago	02 9713 9467
Lane Cove Lanterns	Hunters Hill	4th Fri	Robyn Harvey	02 9817 5755
Living Waters	Thornleigh	2nd Tue	Dennis Lyons	02 9481 8519
Pennant Pilgrims	Castle Hill /Glenhaven	1st/3rd Fri	Kim McCarthy	02 9899 7383
Rainbow Ryders	Chiswick /Ryde /Westleigh	1st Fri	Ian Monk	02 9713 4597
Wahroonga Weavers	Turrumurra /Wahroonga	3rd Thu	Rob Williams	02 9487 2726
Warriewood Wonders	Warriewood	2nd Tue	Betty Snelling	02 9997 2976

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