



EMMAUS NEWS



Newsletter of the Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community

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A message from our Community Lay Director

Gatherings & Training

Saturday @ O'Connor UC

8 Oct: 8.30am - 1.00 pm 4th Walk
Training and 2.00pm Gathering

19 Nov: 2.00pm Post Walk
Gathering

10 Dec: 12.30pm, BBQ

Walks 2022

Men's #91: 20-23 Oct 22

Women's #92: 3-6 Nov 22

Walk Teams Reminder

Walk payments can be made
online.

BSB: 634634

Acct: 100021977

Ref - name and Walk#



The months of October and November will be busy and important times in the life of our Community. The Men's Walk is from Thursday the 20th until Sunday the 23rd of October, This is quickly followed by the Women's Walk from Thursday the 3rd until Sunday the 6th of November. Both Teams have been training well and are really looking forward to how God will bless the Pilgrims in attendance. The final training is on the morning of Saturday October 8th, this will be followed by our Gathering at

2pm where the Walk Teams will be commissioned.

The sponsorship of a Pilgrim requires commitment and extra work, however I am sure we would all like to see our Christian friends receive the same invigoration and blessing that we have! There are so many churches who have not had one member attend Emmaus to bring that blessing back to the wider congregation. Is there someone you can sponsor?

Walks do not run with Walk Teams and Pilgrims alone. Each one of us can do our bit by putting our name down on the Serving Roster and the 72 hour Prayer Vigil. There are 144 half hour spots to fill for each Walk. Go to canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au to put your name down on the Prayer Vigil, there are still plenty of spots available. Contact Kirsty Ross to put your name on the Serving Roster.

Each year in November vacancies occur on the Board. If you would like to go on the Board, or just want to know more about what is required please either contact myself or our Secretary Von Chenery. Fresh ideas and input are always welcome. The Board has begun planning for 2023, setting dates for Gatherings, Walk Training, etc.

Please continue in prayer for the many people in our Community struggling with health and family issues.

De Colores
Andrew

A message from our Community Spiritual Director

Twisted arms



As the current CSD and being involved in the Board for years trying to make sure all the little and not so little jobs get done, and with elections coming up, and finding someone to head up Going Forth next year, and remembering when I was a minister in parishes, I have been reminded of one of the, shall we say, less joyous

sides of ministry, that of twisting arms. As an individual, this is also probably something you don't look forward to with much enthusiasm either. You can get involved in Emmaus, but not everyone has the same enthusiasm, seasons change for people and getting volunteers can be a pest. Now you and I have our arms twisted all the time. Advertising bombards us from the TV, the radio and the junk mail that arrives in our letterbox and email inbox. I remember some years ago "negotiating" the purchase of my current vehicle and the trade in of my car, which can often be a not so subtle arm wrestle. Though I'm retired there is always something to be done, and for most, there is family to organise, or those who are trying to organise us. It can all get a bit much.

If you look at the Exodus stories, you can see that there was quite a bit of arm twisting going on there as well, but not the way you might first think.

*Ex 3: [10] Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt. [11] But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" [12] God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain." [13] But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" [14] God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. * Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."*

[4:1] But Moses protested again,

[10] But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words."

[13] But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else."

[14] Then the LORD became angry with Moses. "All right," he said. "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite?"

Ex 5:[1] Moses and Aaron went and spoke to Pharaoh. They told him, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Let my people go so they may hold a festival in my honour in the wilderness." [2] "Is that so?" retorted Pharaoh. "And who is the LORD? Why should I listen to him and

let Israel go? I don't know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go."

[10] Then the LORD said to Moses, [11] "Go back to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and tell him to let the people of Israel leave his country." [12] "But LORD!" Moses objected. "My own people won't listen to me anymore. How can I expect Pharaoh to listen? I'm such a clumsy speaker!"

So we have Moses, arm up his back, trying to get out of it, and also Pharaoh squirming his way out as well. Through the plagues, each time Pharaoh relented and as soon as the arm twisting let up, he went back on his word, and so the next round began.

Now arm twisting is generally bad. It is generally considered to be taking some sort of unfair advantage, and so, can we really say that God was twisting Moses and Pharaoh's arms to accomplish his will?

I think not. Rather it was the other way around. Rather than Moses living in the perfect will of God, he whined and moaned until God let him live in His permissive will and had Aaron tag along as his mouthpiece.

Pharaoh also had a choice, and God's foreknowledge of heart hardening does not amount to forcing Pharaoh to harden his heart, rather it is God allowing him freewill to refuse God's perfect will, (which he was vigorously rebelling against by oppressing the Israelites in the first place.) Time and again Pharaoh is presented with an opportunity to repent and follow God's will.

We can see in this story and many others that follow in the OT and NT that:

- Arm-twisting always stems from a self-centred motive (Num 11 - asking for meat).
- Somewhere along the line, bad fallout will always follow the twisting of God's arm (Num 32 - the 2 ½ tribes settling on the East side of Jordan).
- Twisting God's arm never results in the full blessing of God (1Sam 8 - Israel wants a king).
- Weak faith and arm-twisting generally go hand in hand (Judges 6 - Gideon and the fleece; 2 Kings 20 - Hezekiah bargained for his life and demanded a sign).
- Twisting God's arm means that we are willing to settle for God's permissive will but we are unwilling to submit to God's perfect will.

In our ministry as members of Emmaus, and indeed in any area of life it's easy to see ourselves involved in every one of these areas of discontent and arm-twisting. Whether or not we verbalize our discontent in direct prayer to God does not minimize the sins of complaining and arm-twisting. Let us diligently resist the natural tendency to push our requests, invitations and ministry opportunities to the stage of twisting the arm of our seekers, our members, our servants on Team, and especially God. May we humbly follow the supreme model of our Lord Himself who said, Mk 14:36 "Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

De Colores,

Jim



Prayer Vigils for the Walks

Sign up to Pray!

Every community member has the opportunity to be involved, through prayer, in supporting our Walks.

In particular, while the Walks are on, we should commit to praying at particular times, by entering our names in the prayer roster.

Details of the 72 hour prayer vigils are found on our websites; just open the website and click on the little box named "prayer vigils", and you will see our two Walks, as well as the Walks of other Australian communities, where we may also volunteer our prayer time.



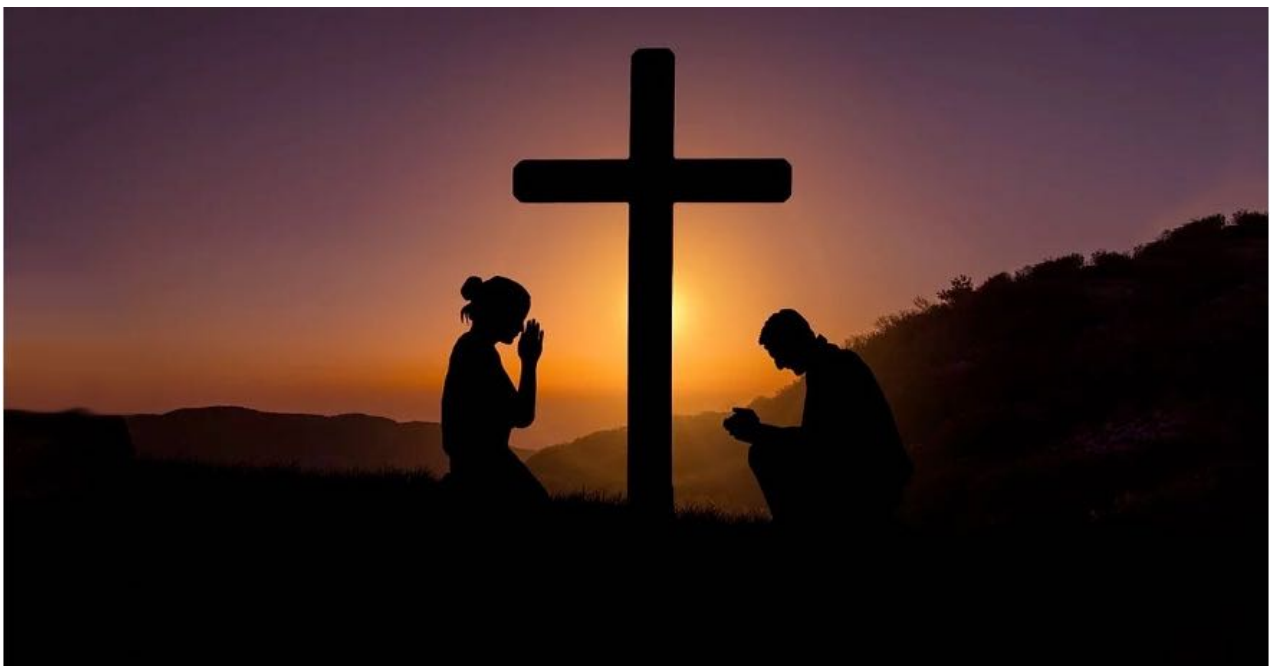
For our community, we have 72 hours of prayer available for you – 144 half hour segments – for both the Men's Walk #91, and the Women's Walk #92.

So please take a moment to select a few of the half hour slots for each Walk and enter your name for them on the website. It is quick and easy to complete.

As you will remember from your own Walk, it was a special blessing for the Pilgrims to know that community members were praying for them, around the clock.

Thank you and De Colores.

Geoff Moore



Brief Walk Overview

To help you pray for the Walks and for some of us, it has been quite a while since we took our Walk or have been on a Walk Team. Here is a brief outline of the Walk.

Thursday Evening: Men: Oct 20th. Women: Nov 3rd.

Team arrives and sets up from 3pm, shares a light meal and prays around Greenhills centre.

Sponsors with Pilgrims are greeted on arrival at 7pm. Pilgrims are allocated their room and given their name badge. They then return to the dining room for a cuppa and wait for all the Pilgrims to arrive.

Pilgrims and Team go to the conference room at 7.30pm and begin with 'new found friend', are shown the 'Pilgrim' DVD, followed by a prayer time in the chapel. A time of silence then starts until after chapel in the morning. After Pilgrims and Team leave the dining room, Sponsors go to pray in the prayer chapel.

Friday (Day 1): Men: Oct 21st. Women: Nov 4th.

Theme: God's Grace or The Offer.

5 Talks during the day. Priority, Preventive Grace, Priesthood of All Believers, Justifying Grace, Life of Piety.

Agape is introduced in the afternoon by the Justifying Grace talk. Poster Presentation after dinner finishes the day.

Saturday (Day 2): Men: Oct 22nd. Women: Nov 5th.

Theme: Our Response or Jesus Day.

5 Talks during the day. Growth Through Study, Means of Grace, Christian Action, Obstacles to Grace, Discipleship.

Dying Moments communion service is held after the Means of Grace talk. Saturday night dinner is special for Team and Pilgrims. While poster presentation is happening the Community is gathering for Candlelighting at 8pm at Weston Creek Uniting Church where the Pilgrims are prayed for by name. At around 9.45pm the Team and Pilgrims arrive and the Community leave soon after. The Team and Pilgrims remain in the church for a time of reflection before heading back to Greenhills

Sunday (Day 3): Men: Oct 23rd. Women: Nov 6th.

Theme: Sending Forth or Holy Spirit Day.

5 Talks during the day. Changing our World, Sanctifying Grace, Body of Christ, Perseverance, Fourth Day.

After the Fourth Day talk the Pilgrims receive their letters from family and friends. While they walk down to the outdoor cross area at 2.50pm to read their letters, the conference room is packed up by the Team and community members. The Team then also go to the outdoor cross area and the neck cross is presented to Pilgrims. Meanwhile the Community arrives, (seated by 3.45pm) for the Closing Ceremony.

Wanted: Suggestions for the Walk Book Table

We currently have ten books recommended for the book table for the Mens' Walk. The good thing is that they are all John Macarthur titles. The not-so-good thing is that they are all John Macarthur titles. Can I please remind the Walk Teams (and broader community) to suggest titles and I will do my best to include them. To help as a memory jogger, I've created a WORDFIND puzzle (and, to mix things up, I've included the names of our CLD, our CSD and our Secretary). Good luck solving the puzzle (clue: there are lots of diagonal answers in the solution).

De Colores, Michael

Word Search

V U W A R R E N W I E R S B E D C J K V
 V W O S W A L D C H A M B E R S S O S O
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MartynLloydJones	AndrewSouthwell	JohnVernonMcGee
JonathanEdwards	WilliamTyndale	OswaldChambers
WarrenWiersbe	JoshMcDowell	WayneGrudem
JohnMacarthur	JohnDickson	FrancisChan
VonChenery	MattChandler	JohnBunyen
CHSpurgeon	JohnPiper	RCSproul
RTKendall	JohnStott	AWTozer
TimothyKeller	BillyGraham	JohnCalvin
JimCurtis	JohnOwen	JohnFoxy
IPacker	CSLewis	ICRyle

Dining Room Serving Reminder – When can you Help?

Our Walk Teams are coming together beautifully and are excited to be doing the Walks this year. With this in mind, I would like to invite you to bless the Pilgrims by serving in the Dining Room at Greenhills for the ‘Food Opportunities’.



Below is a list of days that have spaces to be filled with your smiling faces.

Men’s Walk: Fri 21 – 23 October		
Serving – Fri 21 Oct	Serving – Sat 22 Oct	Serving – Sun 23 Oct
Friday breakfast Friday afternoon tea Friday dinner	Saturday breakfast Saturday morning tea Saturday lunch Saturday afternoon tea	Sunday breakfast Sunday morning tea Sunday lunch
Laundry Tablecloth		
Sunday set up for closing		

Women’s Walk: Fri 4 – Sun 6 November		
Serving – Fri 4 Nov	Serving – Sat 5 Nov	Serving – Sun 6
Friday breakfast Friday morning tea Friday lunch Friday afternoon tea Friday dinner	Saturday breakfast Saturday morning tea Saturday lunch Saturday afternoon tea Saturday dining room set up	Sunday breakfast Sunday morning tea Sunday lunch
Laundry Tablecloth		
Sunday set up for closing		

If you have any questions, please let me know, Serving Roster Coordinator Kirsty Ross via email on bumble_bee1983au@hotmail.com or text me on mobile 0424372010.

Thank you and talk to you soon!

Kirsty



Team Lists

<p>Men's Walk #91</p> <p>Lay Director Dean Warwick</p> <p>Assistant Lay Directors (ALDs) Andrew Chenery Mike Rowe Andrew Johnson Ken Wilson</p> <p>Table Leaders Jeff Neill Daniel Santosuosso Matt Smith</p> <p>Assistant Table Leaders Daniel Rogers Luke Pope Paul Beresford</p> <p>Spiritual Director Mark Beresford</p> <p>Assistant Spiritual Directors James Ramsay Jim Curtis John Wearne</p> <p>Prayer Directors Tom Pauletto Graham Bell</p> <p>Music Directors Steve Wray Gary Bates</p> <p>Board Representative Dale Cooper</p>	<p>Women's Walk #92</p> <p>Lay Director Trish Dooley</p> <p>Assistant Lay Directors (ALDs) Tracy Randall Jenny Ball Lynda Douglas Katrina Wilkie</p> <p>Table Leaders Liz Bates Glenise Henderson Satu Voutilainen Lyn Brown</p> <p>Assistant Table Leaders Sharon Winslade Jess Rogers Kat Santosuosso Sara Fitzgerald</p> <p>Spiritual Director Mick Brown</p> <p>Assistant Spiritual Directors Rosemary Myers Mary McNeice Debra Glassford Joy Waldron</p> <p>Prayer Directors Wayne Scott Teresa Scott</p> <p>Music Director Henna Watson</p> <p>Board Representative Beth Walters</p>
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Sponsorship Reminder - Pilgrims for the Women's Walks.

Reminding you that now is your chance to 'pay it forward' and bless someone to enjoy the Walk to Emmaus experience!

- . Don't forget to email/post in the Registrations Forms.
- . Follow-up that person you've spoken to.
- . Act on that thought, be brave and ask that person to join this year's Walk.

Women's Walk 3rd -6th November, Cut-off date for Registrations: **13 October 2022.**

Questions and Registrations can be emailed to me, Registrar Michelle Southwell:
registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au

Today is the Day! Talk to you or hear from you soon!

Michelle

Upcoming Gatherings

Gathering and Walk Teams Commissioning 8 October 2022 (2-4.30pm) @ O'Connor Uniting Church Hall

Half day of training for the Walk Teams followed by our October Gathering
Worship led by Gary and Steve
Heartfelt thanks to the Kippax Kites who are serving afternoon tea
Check your calendar and come prepared to sign up to serve in the Dining Room at the Men's and Women's Walks!

Zoom option available: (2-4.30pm)

Canberra Monaro Emmaus is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Oct 08, 2022 02:00 PM Canberra

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5303577916?pwd=ek1yNmJPR2RlMnQ3cmVRNDBlMVowdz09>

Meeting ID: 530 357 7916 Passcode: 123789

November Gathering

Saturday 19th at 2pm at O'Connor Uniting Church
Please note this is the 3rd Saturday of the month!

Both Walk Teams will be meeting at 11am for their Debrief

This will be the Post-Walk Gathering with a "Get to Know the Board" session



Get to know you spot John Wearne



Who am I? John Wearne, Walk 21 at Greenhills, Table of Mark.

Walk role: For Men's Walk 91, I will be serving as one of the Assistant Spiritual Directors

Personal Family Details: I have been married to Lenore for 21 years. Between us we have 9 children and 19 grandchildren. We live at Bega in NSW.

Favourite Food: Pavlova (instant fix for low blood sugar)!

Favourite Music: Songs by Michael Card, an American Christian musician who combines a great depth of biblical content and wisdom in his songs.

Favourite Hobby: I enjoy outdoor activities including camping, caravanning, and mountain bike riding as time allows.

What kind of work do you do? I am currently transitioning away from full-time work as a professional civil engineer with a large

consulting firm. I have been privileged to work on the design and construction of a wide variety of infrastructure projects within south-eastern NSW and the ACT.

My Christian background: My parents were committed to knowing and serving Jesus. I took Jesus as my own Saviour and Lord at a church youth group camp when I was 14 years old. I have received good teaching and mentoring and have sought to follow Jesus ever since. As I have lived in various places, I have been quick to join local churches that were committed to faithfully living out the teaching of the Bible. I am now a member of Grace Church Bega Valley.

Involvement with Emmaus: After my Pilgrim Walk in 1995, I was asked to be on Team as an Assistant Table Leader the following year. I have since served on multiple Teams as Table Leader, Assistant Lay Director, Lay Director, Board Representative, Prayer Director and now as Assistant Spiritual Director. Every Walk has brought new growth and new experiences of God's grace and faithfulness.

I have appreciated the regional reach of the Canberra-Monaro Emmaus Community while living in Bega, Berridale, Jerrabomberra and now Bega again. There have been more than a few trips to Canberra for Walks and Candlelighting.

De Colores.

John

Greenhills Outdoor Chapel Working Bee2 Report

Working Bee 2 was a blast! So much digging! Not to mention the rock lugging and laying, chipping and levelling, gravel shoveling and wheelbarrowing, sleeper cutting and positioning.

Our goal – to improve access to the Outdoor Chapel area by creating a gravel path from the Conference Centre paved area, and adding steps for easy access past the tree to the existing steps.

Let the pictures speak for themselves! Better yet – come out and see for yourself!

Before!



And after - viola!!





4th Day Speakers



Often 4th Day Talks at a Gathering are required at short notice. If you would like to present a 4th Day Talk and go on a “standby” list then please let Von or Andrew know.

Opportunity to Serve through Donating \$

Every year our Pilgrims and Team receive a copy of a Daily Devotional in the Pack handed out on Sunday. You might remember that the idea of a Daily Devotional is discussed in the Grow through Study talk. I remember being so grateful I had one to read on the Monday morning after my Walk!

This year we are going to use Vision’s Daily Devotion “The Word for Today”. Although Vision provides the printed devotionals for free, they also operate on donations. We as a Community will donate to support Vision Christian Media.

If you’d like to serve by donating \$ – you can put a Daily Devotional in the hands of a Pilgrim. Any amount is great! \$5 will cover 1 Daily Devotional (The Board has committed to donate \$5 per Daily Devotional).

Donate to the Treasurer or Board Member at the Next Gatheringor...

Direct Deposit details for Daily Devotional

Direct Deposit

BSB 634634 Account number 100021977

Account name Canberra Monaro Emmaus

Reference: Please put the words: Daily Devotional

*Note: The Upper Room Daily Devotional is not provided for free any more due to a variety of complicated reasons.



Emmaus Contact Details

We’re constantly improving our administration to keep our Emmaus Community moving. Remember the email contact details have been updated. See the new ones below.

Emmaus Role	Name	Email
Community Lay Director (CLD)	Andrew Southwell	cld@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au
Community Spiritual Director (CSD)	Jim Curtis	csd@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au
Secretary	Von Chenery	secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au
Treasurer	Phil Bloomfield	treasurer@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au
Registrar	Michelle Southwell	registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au

Noticeboard

Direct donations

Have you thought that instead of making a one-off donation at a Gathering, you could make a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly donation? By doing this, you will help ensure that we can keep supporting Pilgrims and meet the running costs of Emmaus. To make a direct deposit use the following details:

Name of bank account: Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community

Bsb: 634634, Account Number: 100021977

Reference: your name

Credit card payments now available

Our Community has introduced the use of a Square Card – tap and go service.

You don't have to pay with cash. Pay with credit or debit card at any Gathering - a Board member can help!

Emmaus Newsletters

You can opt in to receive Newsletters from both the Australian Emmaus Community and the Upper Room.

News from the Australian Emmaus Community

[News \(emmaus.org.au\)](http://emmaus.org.au)

News from the International Emmaus Community

The Upper Room Sep Newsletter is [here](#) or go to <http://emmaus.upperroom.org> - and the link 'Sign up for our Newsletter'

Reunion groups can use zoom

Emmaus has a Zoom license that is available for all the Emmaus Community. If you would like to use it to hold a Reunion Group Meeting, Bible Study, Team Meeting or to have a chat with friends over coffee, then please use it, that is why we have it.

Just contact Von Chenery at secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au to book in your meeting

Lost your Emmaus Name Badge??

You can order a new Emmaus name badge by sending your name (first and last name) to our Registrar Michelle Southwell at

registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au

2022 Emmaus Board Members and Coordinators

2022 Canberra Monaro Emmaus Board

Community Lay Director (CLD)	Andrew Southwell
Community Spiritual Director (CSD)	Jim Curtis
Treasurer	Phil Bloomfield
Secretary	Yvonne Chenery
Minute Secretary	Trish Dooley
Community Member	Kirsty Ross
Community Member	Mike Rowe
Community Member	Gary Bates



2022 Canberra Monaro Emmaus Coordinators

Registrar	Michelle Southwell
Newsletter Editor	Dale Cooper
Training/Education Coordinator	Mike Rowe
Music Coordinator	Gary Bates
Supplies Coordinator	Matthew Smith
Agape Coordinator	Deb Glassford
Reunion Group Coordinator	Jenny Best
Web Coordinator	Geoff Moore
Candle Lighting Coordinator	Jim & Jill Pearson
Walk Prayer Coordinator	Geoff Moore
Gathering Coordinator	Vacant – can you help?
International Agape Coordinator	Vacant – can you help?
Walk Dining Room Coordinator – Men's Walk	Von Chenery and Michelle Southwell
Walk Dining Room Coordinator – Women's Walk	Jan Pearsall and tba
Walk Serving Coordinator	Kristy Ross



As you can see there are some vacancies. Can you help? Would you like to know more...?
 Contact us - Speak to a Board Member at the Gathering or email:
 Andrew Southwell cld@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au
 or Von Chenery secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au

Canberra Monaro Emmaus Calendar: Oct-Dec 2022

OCT	Sat	8	4th Walk Team Training #91 & #92	8.30 - 1pm	O'Connor UC
			Gathering and Teams Commissioning	2pm - 4.30pm	O'Connor UC
	Thurs	13	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Thurs	20	Men's Walk #91 – Team 3pm onwards	7.00pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	22	Candlelighting	8.00pm	Western Creek UC
	Sun	23	Closing - Greenhills	3.45pm	Greenhills

NOV	Thurs	3	Women's Walk #92 – Team 3pm onwards	7.00pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	5	Candlelighting	8.00pm	Western Creek UC
	Sun	6	Closing – Greenhills	3.30pm	Greenhills
	Sat	19	Men's & Women's Debrief	11.00am – 1.00pm	O'Connor UC
			Gathering – meet the Board. Board Elections.	2.00pm	O'Connor UC
	Thurs	24	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom

DEC	Fri	2	Newsletter		
	Sat	10	Team Selection	11.00am	O'Connor UC
			BBQ Gathering	12.30pm	O'Connor UC

2022 Public Holidays Oct - Dec			
ACT		NSW	
Labour Day	Monday 3 October	Labour Day	Monday 3 October
Christmas Day	Sunday 25 Dec & Tuesday 27 Dec	Christmas Day	Sunday 25 Dec & Tuesday 27 Dec
Boxing Day	Monday 26 December	Boxing Day	Monday 26 December



Canberra Monaro Emmaus Calendar 2023

JAN	Sat	14	Board Workshop Board Meeting	10am-12noon 1-3pm	
			2 Weeks of Prayer Focus – via Community Email	2 weeks before Gathering	
FEB	Fri	3	Newsletter		
	Sat	11	Board Meeting	11am	O'Connor UC
			Gathering: Commissioning WLDs and WSDs #93 & #94	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	25	Going Fourth #17 Training	10am - 4pm	O'Connor UC
MAR	Sat	11	Gathering: Commissioning Going Fourth Team	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Tues	14	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Fri	24	Newsletter		
APR	Sat	1	Going Fourth #17	10am - 4pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	8	NO GATHERING Easter weekend		
	Tues	18	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
MAY	Sat	13	Board Meeting	11am	O'Connor UC
		13	Gathering	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Fri	26	Newsletter		
JUN	Sat	3	Meet with Walk #93 & #94 LDs, ALDs & MDs + WLDs Runsheet & Easy Worship Training	10am- 1pm	O'Connor UC
		3	Gathering (date changed because of long weekend)	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	10	NO GATHERING - Long Weekend		
	Tues	13	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	24	1st Walk Team Training #93 & #94	8.30am - 4.30pm	O'Connor UC
JUL	Sat	8	Board Meeting	11am	O'Connor UC
		8	Gathering	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	22	2nd Walk Team Training #93 & #94	8.30am - 4.30pm	O'Connor UC
AUG	Fri	4	Newsletter		
	Sat	12	Mega Agape Morning	10am - 1pm	O'Connor UC
		12	Gathering	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Tues	15	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	26	3rd Walk Team Training #93 & #94	8.30am - 4pm	O'Connor UC
SEP	Sat	16	4th Walk Team Training #93 & #94	8.30 - 1pm	O'Connor UC
		16	Gathering and Teams Commissioning	2pm - 4.30pm	O'Connor UC
	Tues	19	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Fri	29	Newsletter		
OCT	Sat	7	Gathering	2pm	O'Connor UC
	Tues	10	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Thurs	19	Men's Walk #93 – Team 3pm onwards	7pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	21	Candlelighting	8pm	Western Creek UC
	Sun	22	Closing Ceremony - Greenhills	3.45pm	Greenhills
NOV	Thurs	2	Women's Walk #94 – Team 3pm onwards	7pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	4	Candlelighting	8pm	Western Creek UC
	Sun	5	Closing – Greenhills	3.30pm	Greenhills
	Sat	18	Men's & Women's Debrief	11am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
		18	Gathering - Meet the Board. Board Elections.	2pm	O'Connor UC
		18	- Commissioning GFLDs and GFSD #18		
	Tues	21	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
DEC	Fri	1	Newsletter		
	Sat	9	Team Selection #95 & #96	10:30am	O'Connor UC
		9	BBQ Gathering	12.30pm	O'Connor UC

2023 Walks (booked with Greenhills)

Men's Walk #93 Thursday 19 - 22 October

Women's Walk #94 Thursday 2 - 5 November

2024 Walks (booked with Greenhills)

Men's Walk #95 Thursday 17 - 20 Oct

Women's Walk #96 Thursday 7 - 10 Nov

2025 Walks (booked with Greenhills)

Men's Walk #97 Thursday 23 – 26 October

Women's Walk #98 Thursday 6 - 9 November

2023 Public Holidays

ACT		NSW	
New Year's Day Holiday	Monday 2 January	New Year's Day Holiday	Monday 2 January
Australia Day Holiday	Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Holiday	Thursday 26 January
Canberra Day	Monday 13 March		
Good Friday	Friday 7 April	Good Friday	Friday 7 April
Easter Saturday	Saturday 8 April	Easter Saturday	Saturday 8 April
Easter Sunday	Sunday 9 April	Easter Sunday	Sunday 9 April
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April	Easter Monday	Monday 10 April
Anzac Day	Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day	Tuesday 25 April
Reconciliation Day	Monday 29 May		
Queen's Birthday	Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday / Volunteer's Day	Monday 12 June
		Bank Holiday	Monday 7 August
Labour Day	Monday 2 October	Labour Day	Monday 2 October
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December	Christmas Day	Monday 25 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December	Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December

School Terms	NSW 2023	ACT 2023
Term 1 (Eastern)	27 Jan – 6 Apr	27 Jan – 6 Apr
Term 1 (Western)	3 Feb – 6 Apr	-
Term 2	24 Apr – 30 June	24 Apr – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 Sept	17 July – 22 Sept
Term 4	9 Oct – 19 Dec	9 Oct – 15 Dec