

# EMMAUS NEWS

Newsletter of the Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community

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## Gatherings 2024

### Saturdays 2pm-4pm

10 Feb: @ O'Connor UC

9 Mar: @ O'Connor UC

13 Apr: including Walk Team Commissioning @ O'Connor UC

15 Jun: @ O'Connor UC

13 Jul: including Going Forth Commissioning @ O'Connor UC

10 Aug: Country Gathering @ venue tba

12 Oct: @ O'Connor UC

9 Nov: @ O'Connor UC

14 Dec: 1230 pm BBQ Gathering @ O'Connor UC

## Events 2024

9 Mar: 10am-1pm Mega Agape Morning @ O'Connor UC

14 Sep: 10am-4pm Going Forth @ O'Connor UC

## Walks 2024

**Men's #95:** 2 - 5 May 2024

**Women's #96:** 16 - 19 May 2024

(Detailed calendar is at the end of the Newsletter)

## A message from our Community Lay Director



### The Who Am I Bit

Hi, my name is Yvonne Chenery (Von), Walk 76, Table of Mary in 2013. Andrew and I have been joyfully married for 30 years. We have two very talented, good looking sons (I can say that coz - I'm their Mum) plus a furry four-legged princess Cavoodle called Honey. We moved to Canberra from Dubbo in 2005, living in Evatt, McKellar and now in Nicholls.

Since moving to Canberra, I've worked as a High School Teacher, a Training Designer on many different Government projects, an Educator in a Toddler Room and now as a Trainer/Assessor for a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). I work 4 days a week, 3 days from home and one day in the office (where I have to put 'real' pants on).

We attend a small group, which is now full of Emmaus folks, so we are a Reunion Group too – making Agape and serving Afternoon Tea at Gatherings. Our Small group is where Andrew and I heard about Emmaus and accepted the invitation to be a Pilgrim on a Walk... and what an experience!

In my fourth days, this Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community has been a constant faithful source of opportunity to learn about our God. I'm honoured to step in and take on the role of Community Lay Director, working with our Board and you as Community to maintain and grow the amazing opportunities held within this Emmaus family.

### The CLD Update Bit

This year, we've hit the ground running, with the Board meeting earlier this month for a Workshop to review our approach to 'doing Emmaus'. What is our purpose? Is it 'about the Walks' or is it about the Gatherings? Can we do Gatherings differently? Hmm... please have a think about that... we'll talk more later! But May 2024 is about the Walks!

The Men's Walk will be held on the 1st weekend (2-5 May) and Women's on the 3rd weekend (16-19 May). Our Walk Lay Directors are finalising their Conference Room Teams, to begin Training on 3rd February.

***The Walks are coming - there is joy to be shared!***

So who will you Sponsor? Who is on your mind and heart to ask? Who needs the opportunity to 'hang out with God for 72hrs and be rekindled'?

***There is Agape to make, Serving Rosters to fill, a Prayer Vigil to sign up on and Support roles to fill!***

Community...Family – we have God's work to do – so in these well-known words let us pray...

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**De Colores  
Von**

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**First Gathering of the Year  
10 February 2pm - 4pm at O'Connor Uniting Church**



## A message from our Community Spiritual Director



There was a TV show in the 2000s called “24 Hours” which followed 24 hours of Agent Jack Bauer’s life battling overwhelming odds as he fought the baddies in a variety of improbable situations over 9 seasons. The episodes take place over the course of one hour, depicting events as they happen, in real time, and so time seemed to stretch out dramatically.



We have just entered Lent which is a time to focus on the last 24 hours of Jesus life. As we read it in our Bibles, “Snap”; 24 hours goes just like that. It is told in stark detail, yet with a brevity and economy of detail that leaves us a little shell shocked.

The Good Friday story packs a punch, and the focus is on Jesus, his Kingship and what suffering and pain he went through to save us. There is a sense of Jesus being in charge. He comes forward out of the garden and asks who it is they want; he stops Peter from defending him; he makes sure the followers get away; he gives considered answers to the High Priest and Pilate; he considers his mother, and he decides when to give up his spirit.

But these are not the only things he has endured. Jesus has experienced it all as a man. He started out a baby, and was a refugee in a foreign country when the Government had a price on his head. We don’t know all that much about his early years, but it was clearly a learning experience as the incident at Jerusalem shows when he went AWOL, but when he returned home he was obedient to his parents. Learning involves an often difficult process, even painful and in learning

obedience to his parents he prepared for obedience to his Heavenly Father as well.

Think of his other struggles: the 40 days in the desert and his temptations; his difficulties in leading and teaching a bunch of raw recruits; his run in’s with the religious authorities; his growing awareness of God’s call and what that entailed for him; the Gethsemane crisis. All this involved lots of pain and suffering which culminated in the experiences we read about through Lent.

Some Christians seem to gloss over the issue of pain and suffering. And in general we do our best to avoid it. But pain is necessary, for without it we don’t know something is wrong. A leper loses fingers, not because of the leprosy, but because they feel no pain and can’t tell they have an infection or that they have damaged themselves.

Similarly, spiritual pain is necessary to alert us to something that might be a problem with our spiritual welfare. Psychic pain is necessary as well as a warning system against the things which can be hurt or even kill our spiritual nature. The pain of the spirit can be as real as the pain of the body. The two were mixed on the Cross: Jesus certainly suffered the pain of the crucifixion, but he also suffered the psychic pain of spirit that caused him to cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!”

So we don't like suffering. We want to get out of it, we want to escape, to be rescued, which is what the tele-evangelists promise, but there is a new and radical insight in Isaiah 53 and on into the NT, that salvation is found in voluntarily and spontaneously accepting the sufferings of sin in silence, not struggling against it or demanding vindication. We read in Heb 5:7ff " *While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. [8] Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. [9] In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.*" Jesus prayer to the one who could save from death did not mean "escape from", but "deliverance through", and this is what he went on to do.

C.S. Lewis in his book "The problem of pain" says this: "the Christian doctrine of suffering explains, I believe, a very curious fact about the world we live in. The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world: but joy, pleasure, and merriment, He has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we crave would teach

us to rest our hearts in this world and impose an obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with our friends, a bath or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."

So if home is beyond, suffering prepares us somehow for a vision and hope that will propel us forward. Just as they say, "No pain, no gain", so God has ordained that suffering will spread our horizons beyond the physical world, and we can catch a glimpse of the kingdom which is to come and for which we work in bringing our walks to fruition. We can share out of our own pain and suffering as we minister to others, remembering that we walk in the footsteps of One who calls us to bear each other's burdens and empowers us to be priests of great holiness and deep humanity.

## Blessings and De Colores

Jim

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# Walk Reflection

## Women's Walk #94 Lay Director Report - Tracy Randall

It was with both prayer and anticipation that I arrived at Greenhills on the Thursday afternoon to start Walk #94. Training was completed and the phone and email were now out of action so it was now all in God's hands and the willing servants of the Emmaus community. The verse I had chosen as a theme for the Walk was from Psalm 91 '*He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge*', as I was looking for time separate from the world and its demands for the three days of our Walk, and God

demonstrated this protection to us throughout the Walk.

The very start of the Walk asked the team to trust God as our 9 pilgrims arrived, but we were down a team member. Some plans were quickly crafted – 'just in case', but were not needed as our group was completed just as we started the roll call for the new found friend's activity. The pilgrims were accepting of the early requests for phones off, watches away and a time of silence in preparation for the next three days.

Friday arrived with the bell. The silence was broken with Chapel, song and breakfast – the cooked food was appreciated by all. And then we began. The pilgrims listened, discussed, created and sang. The tables jelled with the table leaders and assistant table leaders commenting on how prepared the pilgrims were to think deeply about the talks presented and talk about them. Any worries about what was happening on the tables by those observing from the back were dissipated quickly and there were many prayer points sent to the prayer team in the community prayer chapel.

The request for creative responses to the talks was eagerly accepted by the pilgrims and significant talent was demonstrated with posters, sculpture, song, skits and dance all making appearances during the evening presentations. There were even expressions of disappointment when tables were informed there were no more creative responses required on Sunday morning.

The worship throughout the Walk was uplifting and I observed both laughter and tears during a number of songs. And whilst everyone joined in song from the start of Friday morning, there was a point late that afternoon where the intensity of response increased and from then on whenever there was song, I was lost in the emotional response that was given from pilgrims and team. I noticed the dining room coordinators enjoying the worship from the conference room stairs on a couple of occasions as well.

Agape was received with amazement – prayer roster, letters from other communities, laughter – emmaus watches, then incredulity as it continued to arrive and arrive to eventually an understanding that this was an expression of how incredible God's love for us as expressed

by others can be. By Sunday many of the pilgrims and team bore a strong resemblance to Christmas trees decorated by someone with rather eclectic taste.

All the big moments of the Walk occurred with the pilgrims continuing to accept and join in receiving more and more of God's love. Dying moments with the team and pilgrims handing their moments to God to deal led to personal breakthroughs and a more contemplative discussion at lunch; the wonderful dinner with beautiful music on Saturday evening and the beauty of candlelighting which blew many away and as always (no matter which side of the service I am on) brought me to tears. Then there were the personal letters bringing everything back to a more personal level, resulting in tears for many and closing where they were asked to share their responses to the weekend.

Any issues that occurred on the weekend were able to be dealt in a timely manner, be it recalcitrant locks on bathroom doors or computer software having a moment with help being available and work-arounds found. Clear evidence of God's protection and care for us all.

I would like to finish by saying that being a Walk Lay Director has been a privilege and an opportunity not to be missed. I thank all of the pilgrims for trusting us for this small step in your Christian journeys. Working with the Walk #94 team of women over the time spent in training, and team and pilgrims during the Walk itself has been both a chance to reflect, a blessing and a journey of growth as we all continue on our fourth days.

De Colores,

Tracy



## 2024 Walk Team Update

Our Walk Lay Directors Andy Flemming and Jane Barr have been busily drawing together the Teams that God has planned for Walks #95 and #96. The teams are almost complete, with just a couple of roles to finalise.

- On Sat 20 Jan, the ALD Teams attended their pre-training workshop to focus on some of the technical aspects of the weekend.
- Training Day 1 kicks off on Sat 3 Feb at 8.30am.

Please keep the Teams in your prayers as they work together in preparation. The Team members are listed below.

Men's Walk Team #95				Women's Walk Team #96			
WLD	Andy Flemming	SD	James Ramsay	WLD	Jane Barr	SD	Joy Waldron
ALD	Andrew Johnson	ASD	Andy Robb	ALD	Lynda Douglas	ASD	Debra Glassford
ALD	Dean Warwick	ASD	Gary Barkley	ALD	Jill Pearson	ASD	Wendy Bloomfield
ALD	Tom Pauletto	ASD	Jamie Van Heel	ALD	Glenise Henderson	ASD	Vanessa Crimmins
ALD	Dan Rogers			ALD	Andy Visser	ASD	<i>tbc</i>
PDs	Owen & Susie Graham			PDs	Wayne & Teresa Scott		
TL	Luke Pope			TL	Beth Doyle		
TL	<i>tbc</i>			TL	Liz Bates		
TL	<i>tbc</i>			TL	Denise Grundig		
ATL	Rob Stevenson			ATL	<u>Veera Lehtimaki</u>		
ATL	Andrew Carroll			ATL	Kirby Fraser		
ATL	Tim Newnham			ATL	Kirsty Holmes		
MD	Steve Wray & Mick Brown			MD	Trisha Winterbotham		
BR	Andrew Chenery			BR	Miriam Carrick		

## Who can you Sponsor?

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Who can you Sponsor?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;"><b>Frequently Asked Questions</b></p> <p><b>Q:</b> How many Pilgrims can I Sponsor?  <b>A:</b> One Pilgrim per Walk is ideal.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Can I be on Team and Sponsor?  <b>A:</b> Not ideal... be invisible to Pilgrim - allow them to be themselves.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Could I sponsor a couple?  <b>A:</b> Yes – try and get them in the same year to enable open discussion between them.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Could I Sponsor Clergy?  <b>A:</b> YES!</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Can I co-Sponsor?  <b>A:</b> Yes, share the mission and the organizational tasks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remember the Steps</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;"><b>Sponsorship</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>
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Registration forms are available online at: [Pilgrim Registration Forms \(Word and PDF\)](#)

### Men's Walk #95

- Thu 2 May: 3pm onwards - Team meets; 7pm Pilgrims arrive. Greenhills.
- Sat 4 May: 8pm - Community arrives for Candlelighting Service. Western Creek UC.
- Sun 5 May: 3.45pm - Community arrives for Closing Ceremony – Greenhills.

### Women's Walk #96

- Thu 16 May: 3pm onwards - Team meets; 7pm Pilgrims arrive. Greenhills.
- Sat 18 May: 8pm - Community arrives for Candlelighting Service. Western Creek UC.
- Sun 19 May: 3.45pm - Community arrives for Closing Ceremony – Greenhills.

## 72 Hour Prayer Vigil

Do you remember as a pilgrim the impact of seeing all those names on the Prayer Vigil up on the wall in the Conference Room?

Do you agree that covering the Walk in constant prayer is important?

If you said yes to either of these questions, how about you do something about it!

In 2024 put your name down on a spot(s) for this year's Walks.

- Go to Active Prayer Vigils ([emmaus.org.au](http://emmaus.org.au)) and find the Canberra Monaro Walks 95 & 96.
- Click on them and up pops the Prayer Vigil.
- Put your name down on a vacant time 30 min spot that works for you. By providing your email address you will receive an email confirming the date and time.
- Easy! Write it down on your calendar or your phone to remember to pray.

### How can you pray for 30 min?

- Find a couple of worship songs you like, listen to them with the Team and Pilgrims in mind.
- Print out the list of Team members to prompt you.
- The Pilgrim first names will be available too.
- Think about the tricky things or the wonderful things on your Pilgrim Walk or time on Team and pray on those topics.
- Pray for the Dining Room Coordinators and Dining Room Servers, the Agape Fairy/s, the Sponsors.
- Pray for the Greenhills Kitchen Staff and the Host Coordinators.
- Praise God for His faithfulness and ever-present blessing over the weekend!



## CMEC Reunion Groups – What are they exactly...?

We know that the Emmaus Walk provides the 3-day experience to revitalise our Walk with Christ.

A Reunion group is collection of like-minded people with a shared experience, who can sustain us through our Fourth days.

Are you part of a Reunion Group?

If not – you might like to join one!

or

You might like to start your own...

You can also be hands and feet in our Emmaus Community. Some of our Reunion Groups create Agape for the Walks, serve Afternoon Tea at the monthly Gatherings, or serve as a group in the Dining Room for the Walks.

### Current Reunion Groups are:

- *The Butterfly Bunch*
- *The Honey Joys*
- *Northern Lights*
- *Progressing Pilgrims*
- *Queanbeyan Quolls*
- *Rye Park Reflectors*
- *Sunflower Sisters*
- *Tuggie Treasures*
- *Yass Valley Victors*



For more information about Reunion Groups – talk with our Reunion Group Coordinator:

Jenny Best 0406 379 058

***Reunion Groups Are A Fantastic Way  
Of Keeping In Touch With The Community***

## Happy New Year!

### Mega Agape Day 9 March 10am @ O'Connor UC

While it might feel like we are still in post-walk/Christmas mode, it's time to turn our attention to the upcoming Walks, which are only 3 months away.

Coming up on the 9th March is our Mega Agape Day, starting at 10am at O'Connor Uniting, one of my favourite days of the year. Come and help finish Agape; bring your own Agape and get help from others; help finish Community Agape (like notebooks); have a chat and a cuppa. Bring or buy some lunch and stay for the Gathering starting at 2pm. Craft skills not needed, just a willingness to help. If you need anything printed, laminated, or something else, please contact me prior to the Mega Agape morning in March, and I can bring supplies that day.



With sites like Temu, Wish and Shein popping up, it's easier than ever to create Agape, without being a crafty-type person. Lots of little gifts can be bought cheaply, and just need a tag added. Agape does not have to be complicated or expensive; it just needs a little thought, a little time, and a little money to buy supplies. Some reunion groups make Agape, but individuals can as well. One Agape we made involved printing a tag, cutting it out, and sticking a lolly to it. Simple!

I also find the following searches in Google helpful, when looking for ideas of what to make:

- Agape gift ideas
- Gifts for him/her under \$1
- Small Bible gifts to make
- Guides swaps
- Scouts swaps
- Sunday school gifts



You can start with an item you find, add a Bible verse and make Agape. Or you can start with a Bible verse, and buy/make something that goes with it. Also, you could think along the lines of the following to produce Agape: useful Agape, wearable Agape, edible Agape, fun Agape.

Agape can be just for the pilgrims, or can be for the whole team. Pilgrim numbers vary, but if you aim for 12-14 pieces, that should be enough, and if you are doing them for the whole team, aim for 35-40 pieces. We need Agape for both the Mens' and Womens' walks, so please consider doing some for both. If you are tight for space, bring any completed Agape to any of the gatherings, and I can store it until the Walk.

If you have an Agape that you'd like to be handed out at a specific time over the weekend, please mark it clearly. Our fairies will do their best to meet your request.

Thank you to everyone who made Agape for last year's Walks. It was beautiful again to see the pilgrims completely overwhelmed by the quantity of Agape they received, through gifts, prayer and service over the weekend.

I'd also like to thank those who have now stopped making Agape, for their faithful service, and gifts of love that they have showered onto the pilgrims over the years. My hope and prayer is that others will take up the mantle and we can continue serving the pilgrims through Agape. Even if you aren't in a reunion group, please consider making an Agape item for the walks, and coming to the Mega Agape Day.

If you haven't made Agape before, for any reason, please consider making some this year. If you need any help, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

De Colores

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## 'Parish' Notices

### Database News

Work has been underway for some time now to streamline how we manage our Community Contact list.

In collaboration with Emmaus Ministries Australia, we are using a custom designed database built for Emmaus communities. It has some great features allowing easier updating of details, preparation of Team lists for Walks, a quicker way to search and even a Newsletter email function.

This year's Walk Lay Directors have done an excellent job in pioneering its use in collating their teams!

Our resourceful and persistent Registrar will continue to work on updating the contact details.

registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au

As always – if your email, postal address or mobile details have changed, let Michelle know.

## International Virtual Gathering: April 20, 2024 at 10.00am our time

This yearly event will bring together Emmaus Ministries community leaders and members from across the globe. Together, we will praise God in song, hear from lay and clergy speakers as they share their Fourth Day experience. We will meet in small groups to share and encourage each other on the journey. The session will end with a love feast that will provide us with an opportunity to continue to open ourselves to God’s grace.

[Register for the Virtual Gathering Here](#)

## Our Community NEEDS us in 2024

### Candlelighting Coordinator

Help to bless our Pilgrims, Teams and Community...

There is a full Job Description with steps to follow.

If you want to serve but need a role with a shorter time commitment – this is the one for you.

Are you Interested? Is this the mission for you?



### Serving Roster Coordinator

Do you have a passion for organising? Do you have skills in helping others... to serve others?

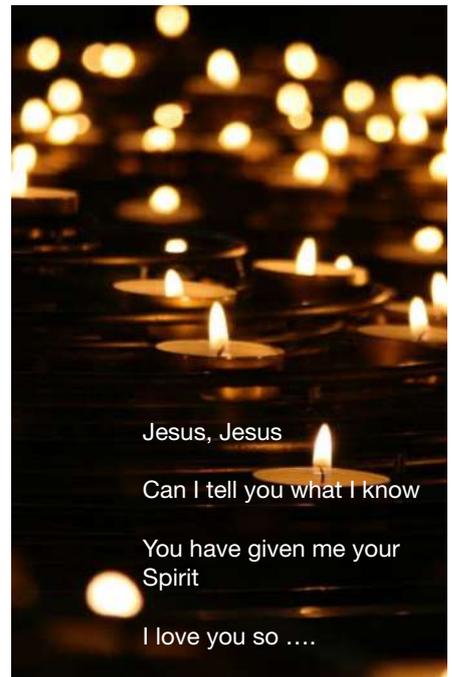
This is the job for you! We need a Serving Roster Coordinator to gather Servant Teams for each meal for the 72 hours of the Walk.

- You will have support from past Coordinators
  - The Serving Rosters are created and yours to command
  - There will be a Manual to follow

We all know that an Emmaus Walk cannot run well without the Dining Room Servants! The smiles, the warm greetings, the cheerful service, serving food, serving coffee and tea, cleaning up.

These are ALL gifts of Agape to our Pilgrims and Team.

Can you help?



Email CLD: [cld@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](mailto:cld@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au)

Email Secretary: [secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](mailto:secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au)

## 2024 Emmaus Board Members

<b>Community Lay Director (CLD)</b>	Von Chenery
<b>Community Spiritual Director (CSD)</b>	Jim Curtis
<b>Secretary</b>	Andy Visser
<b>Gathering Coordinator</b>	Kat Santosuosso
<b>Music Coordinator</b>	Gary Bates
<b>Training and Education Coordinator</b>	Mike Rowe
<b>Community Member</b>	Dean Warwick
<b>Community Member</b>	Andrew Southwell

## 2024 Emmaus Contact Details

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# 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**

Our Community utilises 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 Newsletter can be access through their website [here](#)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au)



## Canberra Monaro Emmaus Calendar 2024

JAN	Sat	13	Board Workshop Board Meeting	10am - 12noon 1pm - 3pm	CLD House
		20	Meet with Walk #95 & # 96 WLDs, ALDs & MDs Runsheets & Easy Worship Training	10am - 1pm	O'Connor UC
	Fri	26	Newsletter including 2 Weeks of Prayer Focus		
FEB	Sat	3	<b>1st Training #95 and #96</b>	8.30am - 5.30pm	O'Connor UC Hall/Church
	Sat	10	Board Meeting	11-1pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	10	Gathering	2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	24	<b>2nd Training #95 and #96</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	O'Connor UC Hall/Church
MAR	Sat	9	Mega Agape Morning Gathering	10am -1.00pm 2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC O'Connor UC
	Mon	11	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	23	<b>3rd Training #95 and #96</b>	8am - 4.30pm	O'Connor UC Hall/Church
	Fri	29	Newsletter – Email to Community		
APR	Sat	13	<b>Final Training #95 and #96</b> Gathering & Walk Team Commissioning	8am - 1pm 2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC Hall/Church O'Connor UC
	Mon	15	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
MAY	Thurs	2	<b>Men's Walk #95 – Team 3pm onwards</b>	7pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	4	Candlelighting Service – Community	8pm	Western Creek UC
	Sun	5	Closing Ceremony – Greenhills	3.45pm	Greenhills
	Thurs	16	<b>Women's Walk #96 – Team 3pm onwards</b>	7pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	18	Candlelighting Service – Community	8pm	Western Creek UC
	Sun	19	Closing Ceremony - Greenhills	3.45pm	Greenhills
	Mon	20	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
Fri	31	Newsletter – Email to Community			
JUN	Mon	10	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	15	Men's & Women's Walk Team Debrief Gathering – After Walk Celebration / Meet the Board	11am - 1pm 2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC O'Connor UC
JUL	Tues	9	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	13	Walk Team Selection #97 & #98 (2025)	11am - 1pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	13	Gathering – Commissioning <b>GFLDs and GFSD #18</b>	2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	20	Going Forth Team Training	10am - 4pm	O'Connor UC
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	Sat	10	Country Gathering	2pm - 4pm	tbc
SEP	Mon	9	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	14	<b>Going Forth</b>	10am - 4pm	O'Connor UC
	Fri	27	Newsletter – Email to Community		
OCT	Sat	12	Board Meeting	11am-1pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	12	Gathering	2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC
NOV	Sat	9	Board Meeting Gathering – (Board Elections if required)	11am-1pm 2pm - 4pm	O'Connor UC O'Connor UC
	Fri	29	Newsletter – Email to Community		
DEC	Sat	14	BBQ Gathering	12:30pm	O'Connor UC

## Canberra Monaro Emmaus Walks

**2024 Walks** (booked with Greenhills)

- **Men’s Walk #95** Thursday 2-5 May
- **Women’s Walk #96** Thursday 16-19 May

### 2024 Public Holidays

ACT		NSW	
New Year’s Day Holiday	Monday 1 January	New Year’s Day Holiday	Monday 1 January
Australia Day Holiday	Friday 26 January	Australia Day Holiday	Friday 26 January
Canberra Day	Monday 11 March		
Good Friday	Friday 29 March	Good Friday	Friday 29 March
Easter Saturday	Saturday 30 March	Easter Saturday	Saturday 30 March
Easter Sunday	Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday	Sunday 31 March
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April	Easter Monday	Monday 1 April
Anzac Day	Thursday 25 April	Anzac Day	Thursday 25 April
Reconciliation Day	Monday 27 May		
King’s Birthday	Monday 10 June	King’s Birthday/Volunteer’s Day	Monday 10 June
Labour Day	Monday 7 October	Labour Day	Monday 7 October
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December	Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December	Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December

### 2024 School Terms

School Terms	NSW 2024	ACT 2024
<b>Term 1 (Eastern)</b>	30 Jan – 12 Apr	Mon 29 Jan – Fri 12 Apr
<b>Term 1 (Western)</b>	6 Feb – 12 Apr	-
<b>Autumn Holidays</b>	Mon 15 Apr – Fri 26 April	
<b>Term 2</b>	29 Apr – 5 July	Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 July
<b>Winter Holidays</b>	Mon 8 Jul – Fri 19 Jul	
<b>Term 3</b>	22 July – 27 Sep	Mon 22 July – Fri 27 Sept
<b>Spring Holidays</b>	Mon 30 Sep – Fri 11 Oct	
<b>Term 4</b>	14 Oct – 20 Dec	Mon 14 Oct – Tues 17 Dec
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	Eastern Mon 23 Dec – Thur 30 Jan 2025	
	Western Mon 23 Dec – Thur 6 Feb 2025	