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# L'Arche Perth - Update

165, Alexander Drive, Dianella



## February Gathering

On Sunday 10 Feb from 12-2.30pm our first Gathering for 2019 will be a long table lunch in the garden. The Gathering will be on the last day of the core members' live-in weekend when Pia, Sarah, Yolanda and Marie will be sharing daily life with assistants, Nora and Justina. At 12 noon there will be a welcome and sharing from the core members, followed by a sing along led by Stephen Gibbs. Lunch will start at 12.30 and Nora will lead core members in a closing devotional.

Bring a friend, a plate, drinks to share and ....a scarf!

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas party went off with a bang last year. Core member Pia invited her Catch Music group to provide the music for the night and they did a wonderful job of entertaining us. It was hard not to sing along and dance to their music.

The band brought along their supporters and families so it proved to be another way to announce L'Arche. Before they left band leader Michael Lane told us he had waived our fee for the hire of the band as they had all had such a good time and felt embraced by our community.

After the Band left we were able to share some special moments singing core members' favourite carols and sending our message of peace to the world.

## AGM November 2018

Our AGM was held later than usual last year, at the end of November. Changes to the Constitution and our name were ratified at the Meeting. Vera Waldby stepped down as Chair and Claire McGuinness was welcomed by Core and Community members with blessings as she assumes her new role.



## News from Claire and the Board

Welcome to 2019 - sending peaceful and abundant wishes for the coming year.

We have welcomed in 2019 with focused rigour by kickstarting the first of two Board strategic planning sessions. I would like to acknowledge Jess Karlsson, who has generously donated her expertise and time in facilitating our Board in this process.. Over the past 10 years, Jess has managed recreation centres, health departments and organisations across QLD, NT and WA. She relocated from her previous role as CEO of an international non-profit organisation, the YMCA, for her current position as CEO of Cahoots (previously known as Kids' Camps Inc.) in 2015. Since Jess joined Cahoots the organisation has been transformed, and continues to evolve and flourish. Jess's leadership focuses on developing teams, partnerships, and business opportunities to help organisations shine. The aim of our session was to identify, strategise and align L'Arche Perth's key priorities for the coming 12 months. We will share this information with you in our next newsletter as we envision many opportunities for us to work together to bring our vision alive.



## NDIS

Our NDIS registration process is underway and it will be one of our key priorities for the coming year. We are currently compiling evidence in support of our application to the WA Dept of Communities for verification under each category before it is sent back to NDIS. The process in WA is a little different from our partner states, given that NDIS is still in a state of transition in WA. We will keep you regularly updated on our process in each newsletter and at community events.

## **,Community Life Leader**

A teleconference with David Treanor, prospective live-in coordinator, Elaine, and I took place on 21st January to facilitate introductions and begin the discussion of Elaine taking up the position of Community Life Leader for L'Arche Perth. Timelines, funding and visas will need to be explored further but regular teleconferences have been scheduled over the coming months to get this work underway. We will keep you fully informed as we make progress.

## **New Board Members**

After interviewing four candidates for the Treasurer position, two have been invited to our second planning session and to observe our February board meeting. It is hoped that one will fill the treasurer position and the other will fill our last remaining board position. All candidates responded to the advertisement that L'Arche Perth posted in Catholic parish notices.

## **Fundraising**

At our Christmas Gathering Vice Chair Derek Meates highlighted the need for enthusiastic fundraising this year and, in particular, more regular donations for L'Arche Perth, if we are to fund the cost of bringing a Community Life Leader from London. In conversation among board members at a board meeting prior to the Christmas party an example was given about how the decision to contribute regularly to L'Arche arose for one family.

They had been supporting various causes for many years and decided to review their donations in light of disturbing revelations about how little money actually reaches the people in need, as opposed to the spend on advertising, marketing and mail-outs. They decided to put their money where their hearts are and donate an equivalent amount to L'Arche Perth. It was easy to create a Direct Debit arrangement that is administered by everydayhero which issues receipts and annual statements. If you would like to do likewise, our bank details are listed below:

**EFT:** WESTPAC Bank Account name: L'Arche Perth Inc BSB 036 302 Account 383 187. Please include your name in the transfer details.

Alternatively you can make one-off donations by

**Cheque:** payable to L'Arche Perth Inc directly into our Westpac Bank account.

**Cash:** Please make cash payments directly into our Westpac Bank Account, including your name.

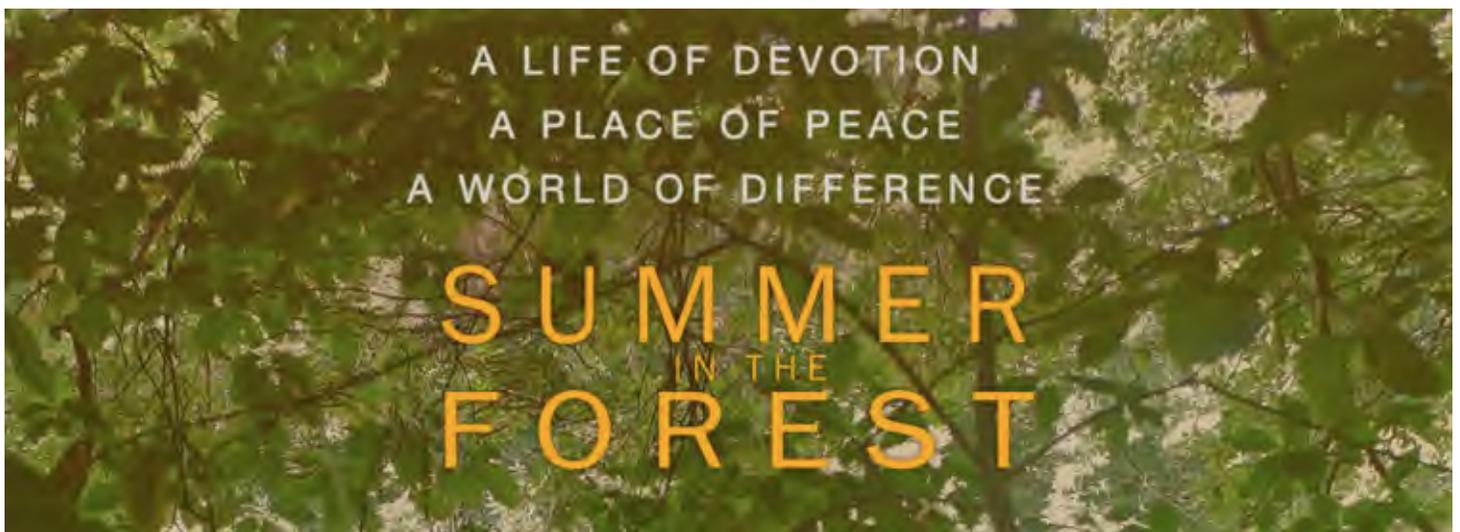
## **L'Arche International Film Release**

L'Arche Australia is releasing a new film about the life and work of Jean Vanier. Please support this event by inviting some friends from outside our community to introduce them to L'Arche and others who would enjoy having a greater understanding of the origin and the international dimension of L'Arche.

*Releasing nationally in cinemas March/April*

# **SUMMER IN THE FOREST**

*– An 'extraordinarily tender' documentary about Jean Vanier  
and the people of L'Arche –*



**SUMMER IN THE FOREST** is a moving study of an extraordinary man—Jean Vanier—and of L'Arche, the international organization of which he is the founder.

Jean Vanier single-handedly revolutionised the way in which people with an intellectual disability are seen and cared for, by the simple act of inviting them out of institutions and into his home in the 1960s. 'Meeting' some of the current residents of that home in Trosly-Breuil, France, is one of the many highlights of this beautiful film.

## WalkAbility

You will have received the notice about our major fundraising initiative, WalkAbility, from Project Coordinator Sam Tarllng. It is not too early to start drumming up support among your networks for people to donate on line and have friends set aside this date in their calendars, Sunday 7 April at Burswood Park.



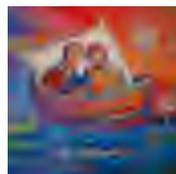
## 7 APRIL 2019 4th L'ARCHE WALKABILITY

Join L'Arche Perth as we come together again on the shores of the Swan River to take part in our L'Arche WalkAbility.

Together we can make a difference and raise vital funds and awareness.

Improve the quality of life of individuals living with intellectual disability and help us to build inclusive communities where everyone is valued.

Please support this special annual event and join us or show your support by visiting Everydayhero.



**Venue: Burswood Park,  
Resort Drive, Burswood**

**Register on the day - 8am  
Event starts at 9am**

**Walk as much or  
as little as you choose**

**FREE sausage sizzle for all  
walkers and members**

**Please support  
L'Arche Perth**

**To donate please visit  
Everydayhero**

<http://bit.ly/LarcheWAdonate>

**Visit Everydayhero and  
create a supporter page  
for WalkAbility online**

<http://bit.ly/LarcheWACreate>

**See you there!**

**To find out more email  
info@folperth.org**

### L'Arche Perth Calendar First Quarter 2019

Our Calendar is a work in progress and will appear in full in the next newsletter

January	February	March
	2 Spiritual Life Group Meeting 3 Board Strategy Meeting 5 Board Meeting	5 Board Meeting
	8-10 Core members Live-in Weekend	
20 Board Strategy Meeting	10 Gathering Long Table LUNCH, (12-3pm) Dianella house	
31 Reflection Group	28 Reflection Group	28 Reflection Group

We wish a very happy birthday to the following members of our community who have celebrated since we last got together. If we do not have your birth date, please text it to Chris King (0403 804 620) so we can update our records.



January	4 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Berg
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Perroni
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Marie Tierney
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Wilkie
February	1st	Justina Voon
	22nd	Pat Pearce
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sharyn Goode
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Brown
March	18th	Katie Pearce's 50th

