

L'Arche Australia Newsletter

June 2022

Welcome to the L'Arche Australia mid-year Newsletter. We continue to live life to the full within our communities as we live out our L'Arche Mission.

WELCOME OF TWO NEW COMMUNITY LEADERS.



Tracy Tohl was appointed as Community Leader for L'Arche Adelaide in December, 2021.



Damian Le Goullon was appointed as Community Leader for L'Arche Brisbane in January, 2022.



Members from L'Arche Adelaide Community

Tracy and Damian bring a wealth of experience that can only be a great blessing to the community's Mission and Development.



Some members of L'Arche Brisbane Community



Yolanda



Ali

**L'ARCHE PERTH
WELCOMES
YOLANDA AND ALI
TO SHARE LIFE
WITH SARAH.**

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NATIONAL LISTENING AND SPEAKING GROUP (NLSG)

The National Listening and Speaking Group (NLSG) is an advisory committee to the Board of L'Arche Australia Limited (L'Arche Australia).

A Charter has been developed outlining the role and responsibilities, composition and structure of the NLSG. The NLSG has been established to provide a consultation framework between L'Arche Australia and members with an intellectual disability who are part of L'Arche in Australia. The NLSG meets at least two times per annum (usually May and November) and more frequently as required. The NLSG reports to the Board of L'Arche Australia and will keep the Board Chair regularly updated regarding the NLSG's progress and activities.

Current Members of the NLSG:



Geoffrey



Marilena



Cathy

L'Arche NSW Members:

Cathy joined the group this year.

Geoffrey stepped down as a member. We give thanks for his commitment over the past years.



L'Arche Hobart members: Rosey and Garry.

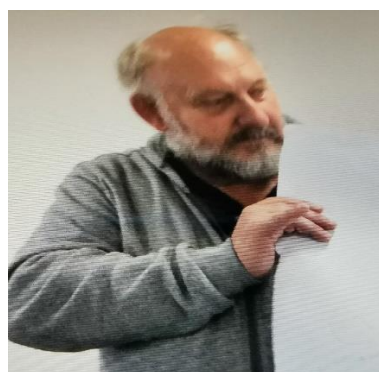


L'Arche Brisbane member:

Anne

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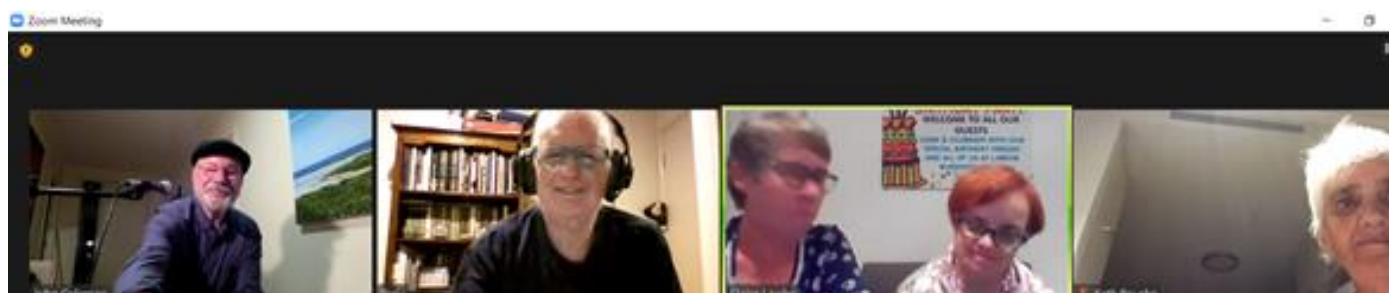
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**L'Arche Genesaret
(Canberra)
members:**
Stephen (in picture)
David

L'Arche Melbourne members: *Rose and Stewart*

L'Arche Australia Online Prayer



John, Tony, Claire, Marilena and Kath would like you to join our weekly online prayer gathering.

COVID has opened new opportunities for using technology to build connection across our communities. As well as meetings and conversations gathering online for prayer is now a feature of our spirituality.

Community members from different states bring their prayers to a Zoom event where we celebrate the joys and hopes, grief and anguish of our adventure in human relationships.

There are many possibilities for building on this new model of community prayer. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to send your prayer intention for inclusion in the intercessions. If there is a special song prayer or reflection you would like to share one Thursday evening I let me know so I can include you in the prayer time.

To receive the weekly notice about our prayer theme and the Zoom link send your email address to social.media@larche.org.au

Tony Robertson (Online Prayer Facilitator)



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L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA RETREAT

"MUD AND SUNGLASSES"

In October, 2021, L'Arche Communities across Australia took part in our very first Zoom linked retreat day. We named the theme of this day - "Mud and Sunglasses". A mysterious title - but all will be revealed on the day. One of the goals was to see in fresh new ways.

Following is some beautiful images of the retreat:



Prayer Time



Communities around Australia participated via zoom



Time to be creative



Members of the Melbourne Community



Creative minds



I was blind, now I can see



Members of Hobart Community



Beautiful in your own way!

The next online Zoom Retreat will be facilitated by L'Arche NSW in July. If you are interested in participating in the July retreat, please email Interim National Leader, Claire Lawler at leader@larche.org.au.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA!