

# L'Arche Brisbane News



## Greetings From Spokane!

Colin and Sydney Moore, former L'Arche Brisbane assistants, are sending love to all in the L'Arche Brisbane and L'Arche Australia communities! Sydney's living her dream, interning at a zoo with wild cats, while Colin's busy apprenticing as a cobbler. Best of luck to these two as they continue their journey together!

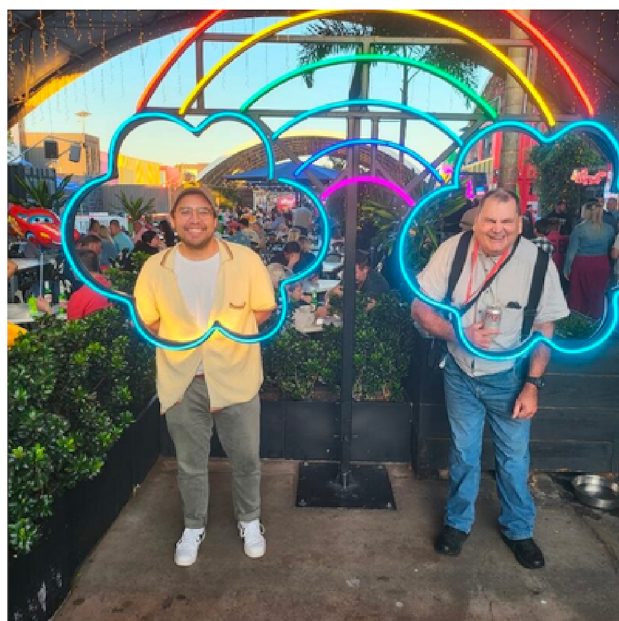
## A Message from the Community Leader

As our community prepares to mark our 21st Anniversary it reminds us that all of us are ageing. Mindful of this Catherine who attended Hazel Bradley's online retreat on 'S-aging' has begun a community conversation on life stages, how we age, change and prepare for deepening our life experiences. Some of our core members discuss getting older, preparing for retirement, and taking on new roles. Care and support roles inevitably change as people move through different life stages. If you would like to be part of our community's meditation and discussion on this topic, please feel free to email me to your interest in attending one or more of these sessions at Eileen's place on Sundays in lent between 5pm -6pm ( 3/03, 17/03, 24/03). These dates replace the Wednesday 13th workshop which has been cancelled as many can interested could not make this date.

In January Sheena Idago and this month Chris Austin both discussed life changes contributing to the need to resign from their assistant roles.

Both have brought so much life to our community. Gordon Zhuang also leaves us due to study commitments in another state. In the upcoming gatherings I look forward to expressing our appreciation to these assistants.

Damian Le Goullon



# From your Community Council

L'Arche Brisbane Community Council met on Friday 16 February. The Council discusses the journey and growth of the community, and advises the Community Leader on operational issues.

As at each and every meeting, the welfare of people in the houses - core members and assistants - was the major topic.

Among other issues, the need to upkeep the houses in top condition was discussed, as was the importance of having photos and personal items in each house to make it feel at all times like a home. Solving the issue of water leaking into one of the houses in the recent very heavy storms was discussed.

Also discussed were the two empty rooms in the houses. In the past these were sometimes used by Companions, and this idea was covered, for further discussion at Board level.

In the last Newsletter I listed the members of the Council, and I now will introduce them one at a time. In this Newsletter we meet Sue Lewin.

*Sue Lewin is a teacher and singer/songwriter, specialising in early years education. She was born in London and is married to Nigel. They have three adult children and three grandchildren. She first became interested in L'Arche and its philosophy whilst living in an intentional Christian community in London.*

*On moving to Brisbane, Sue, with her husband Nigel joined the 'Faith and Light' group and worked with other like minded folk to develop what became L'Arche Brisbane.*

*She was a member of the spiritual life group until last year when she was asked to join the Community Council.*



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## Uniting in Prayer: March Prayer List

This month we invite our members of the community to pray:

- *For the physical and mental health of all our community members, that they may experience strength, healing, and resilience*
- *That our assistants, Gordon Zhuang and Chris Austin have safe travels and are blessed with exciting opportunities as they move somewhere new.*
- *For Chris Douglas, as looks for ways to stay connected to the community*
- *Thanksgiving for our members with disability as they continue to call us into community*
- *For the L'Arche community in Bethlehem as they live through a time of war and turmoil.*



# MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1	2  Strategic Planning Workshop @ St. Oliver P;lunkett's from 9:30
3  Clean up Australia Day  Alhassan Jalloh	4	5	6	7	 Peter McMeekin	9  Listening & Speaking Group @ Carina House from 4:30 pm
10	11  Julie Moran	12	13	14	15	16
17  L'Arche Brisbane Anniversary Gathering	18	19  Dechen Zangmo	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  Washing of the Feet @ Justice Place - 5pm	28	29  Stations of the Cross @ York Street Morningside - 10 am  Harpreet Sharma	30
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