

L'Arche Brisbane News



Games Night at Carina

Our annual games night once again proved to be a fantastic evening filled with excitement, laughter, and friendly competition. Our annual games night is more than just an evening of entertainment; it's a celebration of our community spirit and the bonds that tie us together. We look forward to many more such nights of fun and laughter in the years to come!

A Message from the Community Leader

Anthony asked me to sit and listen to a track he has composed with Emma (both musicians) with the uplifting chant "I've got a bright, bright future". It lifted my spirit as did integrating the many contributions into our Strategic Plan, a process of listening on future hopes. Listening is an important part of our 'Remembering, Celebrating and Dreaming' process. Welcoming potential members into our community involves deep and nourishing listening. Peter and Anne both gave a whole day this month to participate in an online National Speaking and Listening Group. Assistants in formation identify what they value about L'Arche and listen to each other's hopeful insights on striving for greater competence and shared learning. Finally, I was fortunate enough to attend an International Formation on The Charter of the Communities of L'Arche and Governance. The workshop affirmed our core practices of making time and space to listen to each other. Thank you to all that have shared life and listened to each other this month. These core practices look forward to a more loving and sustainable world, a bright future.

Damian Le Goullon

L'Arche Australia Retreat: The Journey to Community

Members with a disability and their companions from across Australia gathered together to reflect on answering the call to community. We shared a bit of our personal journey by discussing where we came from, the unique gifts we bring and the burdens we need to leave behind as we commit to sharing life with one another. Through heartfelt conversations and mutual support, we deepened our connections with one another.

Thank you to Claire Lawler and John Coleman for all their work in organising this event.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Greg: Celebrating His Service

As Greg steps down from his long-standing role on the community council and board, we pause to extend our deepest gratitude for all of his contributions to our community.

As Greg transitions from his role on the community council and board, we are excited for him to embrace the joys of being a grandfather. This new chapter in his life is undoubtedly well-deserved, and we know that his grandchildren will benefit immensely from the same love, wisdom, and dedication he has shown us.

Thank you, Greg, for everything. Your presence on the community council and board will be deeply missed, but your impact will forever be remembered. On behalf of the entire L'Arche Brisbane Community, we wish you joy, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.



Meet Our Assistants: Albert Kipruto



My name is Albert Kipruto, assistant support worker in L'Arche Brisbane. I am from Kenya a town called Eldoret which is located west part of Kenya. I choose to work in a disability sector because it is a joy to put smile on people and to make them feel that they are part of the society. Most of my free time I normally go for a road trip and visit my friends.

Uniting in Prayer: June/July Prayer List

During these months we invite our members of the community to pray:

- *For the physical and mental health of all our community members and a speedy recovery for those who need it*
- *For those looking to join our community, we pray that they find welcome.*
- *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.*









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JUNE

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6  Daniel Bishop	7	8 Danny's 60th Birthday Party  Kay Bradnock
9	10  Chris Douglas	11	12	13	14	15  Stephen Murnane Marie-Christine De-Greef
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25  Carmel Towler	26	27	28	29
30  Community Gathering @ St. Oliver Plunkett's 2:30pm	1	2	3	4	5	6

JULY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5  Sheena Semple	6
7	8	9  Cathy Harbeck	10	11	12	13  Listening & Speaking Group @ Carina House from 4:30 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Marie Pemberton	26	27
28  Multicultural Dinner @ St. Oliver Plunkett's from 5pm	29	30	31	1	2	3




AUGUST

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Community Gathering @ St. Oliver Plunkett's from 2:30 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10  Catherine Carah
11  Thelma Woldron	12	13	14	15	16	17  L'Arche Bush Dance
18	19  Kimberly Webb	20	21	22  Richard Ni Santiago Diaz Torres	23  Jenny McGowan	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5  Martin Falcongreen	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13  Pierre Scholtes	14  Walking Together With L'Arche  William Semple
15	16  Jason Palethorpe	17  Clive Tillman	18	19	20	21
22  Alison Semple	23	24  Letwin Gurupira Chinamaringa	25	26  Chris Austin	27	28  Listening & Speaking Group @ Carina House from 4:30 pm
29  Dinner at Carina Leagues Club	30	1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5  L'Arche Community Day
6	7  L'Arche Festival of Light	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18  John Coleman	19
20	21	22  Anne Lowe	23	24	25	26
27  Community Diwali Celebration	28  Alan Palethorpe	29  Lynne Eisentrager Claire Lawler	30  Greta Webb	31	1	2