

L'Arche Brisbane News



Cheers to 50 Years!

After the L'Arche Australia National Assembly, a very special dinner was held to celebrate Eileen Glass and her incredible 50 years in L'Arche. This photo captures everyone from Brisbane who attended this memorable evening.

We are so fortunate to have Eileen as part of the Brisbane community, where she continues to share her wisdom and experience with us.

A Message from the Community Leader

This AGM we welcomed four new members to our Board : Hamish Baird, Natasha Hall, Letwin Gurupira and Jasmine Tan. Each one of them bringing a unique set of professional qualifications and experiences. Nigel Lewin, Carmel Towler, Colin Chapman and Craig Ray have agreed to continue in their current roles. This new team will assist the community navigate the many challenges and opportunities before us. Members of the

community will also have a chance to guide our direction as our Claire Lawler visits the community to assist with discerning a new mandate in January. Please keep our community in your prayers. The Spiritual Life Group has been collecting prayers to share with the community. God bless you, try not to worry too much. God is in our heart. Find God at night and in the morning, God is there

Damian Le Goullon

Greetings from the Chair Person

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM and met with all the new board members. We are so thankful for having eight skilled members of the board with abundant energy and enthusiasm. Nigel is chairperson, Carmel, secretary, Col treasurer, Letwin, board representative for community council, Tash risk and compliance, Hamish grants and fundraising Craig advises on legal matter and Jasmine NDIS advisor. The assistant chairperson is to be appointed at the next meeting.

A great thanks goes to Damian, Michael and the management team for successfully guiding us through the NDIS audit. The audit team were very impressed with the level of training, particularly in the areas of medication administration and quality of care given to our core members. They had the opportunity to meet with core members and assistants at the office.

We are looking forward in the new year to putting into place the strategic plan and developing our new L'Arche Brisbane mandate.

As you will be aware, Damian is not seeking a new term as community leader.

Claire Lawler will be joining us from 13th January to help us develop the mandate and discern a new community leader. The discernment team will be Claire, Nigel, Annie and Pierre. In the interim, while a new leader is found, the management team will oversee the community and therefore for a time there will be no community leader; Michael will oversee NDIS and have his hours increased from

18-25 hours a week, Jackson will be responsible for the Morningside house, Martin will be responsible for the Carina house, Megan will continue as Life Coordinator and Pierre will be our spiritual director. In emergencies or challenging events Nigel Lewin and the executive will be contacted.

All in coming emails to Brisbane leader will be checked twice weekly and forwarded to the relevant people.

We will introduce you to each new board member during next year.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Nigel Lewin
Chairperson

National Listening and Speaking Group

Peter McMeekin represented our community at the National Listening and Speaking Group in Melbourne this November. He enjoyed participating in meaningful conversations and making new connections with people in other communities. He also took some well-deserved holiday time afterward.

Also we would like to extend a special congratulations to Anne for her tremendous work as the previous representative!



If you would like to donate your containers for change to L'Arche Brisbane you can use the following code C10087265 when recycling your bottles or cans.



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Uniting in Prayer: December Prayer List


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

- *For all our community members, families, and friends, that this Christmas may bring renewal and gratitude.*
- *For those experiencing stress, grief, or loneliness this season, that they may find calm and comfort.*
- *For people experiencing homelessness, hunger, or hardship this Christmas.*
- *For peace in our world, especially in places of conflict and suffering such as Ukraine, Palestine and Syria.*
- *In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received this year, both big and small and for the moments of grace and generosity that remind us of the goodness in our lives*

JANUARY



2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1  New Year's Day BBQ @ Carina from 1:30 pm	2 	3	4 
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15  Meeting with Claire: Members with Disabilities @ Morningside - 4pm	16	17	18  Mandate Development - Members and Families @ Justice Place - 2 pm
19	20	21	22  Draft Mandate Presentation @ Carina House - 4:30 pm	23	24	25
26  Australia Day Shared Meal @ St. Oliver Plunkett's from 5 pm	27	28	29	30	31	

NOTES



Kevin Lewis - January 2nd



Peter McGowan - January 4th



Sue Lewin - January 5th



Courtney Pierce - January 5th



Claire Lawler Visit from January 13th - 23rd

FEBRUARY



2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Listening & Speaking Group @ Morningside from 4:30 pm
9 Gathering @ St. Oliver Plunkett's from 2 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Peter's Birthday Bash (TBC)	24	25	26	27	28	

NOTES

Tess Goulsbra - February 1st

Tony Robertson - February 23rd

Tim Wallis - February 6th

Chris Whitaker - February 29th

Lyn Kwant - February 7th

Loise Aguirre- February 7th

Megan Dodd - February 10th

MARCH



2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Clean Up Australia Day	3	4	5	6	7	8 Listening & Speaking Group @ Carina from 4:30 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Membership Gathering @ St. Oliver Plunkett's from 2 pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Dinner @ the Carina Leagues Club from 5pm	31					

Peter McMeekin- March 1st

Alhassan Jalloh - March 3rd

Sheena Idago - March 8th








Julie Moran- March 11th

Dechen Zangmo - March 19th

Harpreet Sharma- March 29th

APRIL

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12  Listening & Speaking Group @ Morningside from 4:30 pm
13	14	15 	16  Washing of the Feet @ Justice Place from 5pm	17	18  Station's of the Cross @ York Street Morningside - 10 am	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26   Carina Games Night @ Carina House - 5 pm
27	28	29	30			

NOTES

 Eileen Glass - April 15th

 John O'Shea - April 20th

 Pam Kerr - April 26th