



# L'Arche NSW Newsletter

## June 2025

### \*Warm Greeting Friends\*

*"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12*

Dearfriends

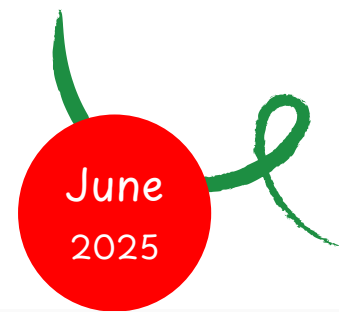
As Sydney settles into the heart of winter, with crisp mornings and early sunsets, granting us the much needed early nights. With our city on display with the Vivid Festival - it is a stark reminder us just how much the world longs for light of the body, and of the spirit.


In John 8:12, Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." These words resonate powerfully in this season, both physically and spiritually. Amid unsettling headlines and the chill of wintry June, we are called to cling to the light that never fades - the steady, guiding presence of Christ.

In this edition, we reflect on how our community can be a beacon of light and hope during these colder times. Whether it's through small acts of service, gathering together in worship, or simply sharing a warm smile and even sharing at our monthly Bunnings BBQ, we shine His light wherever we go.



# Community Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5 	6 Kathleen McCaighy 	7 Claire Galvin 
8	9 	10	11 Perpetua Rono 	12  Aileen Melzian 	13  Carla Chocron 	14
15	16	17	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24 	25  Kirsten Ritchie 	26  Barsa Gupta 	27  	28
29 Aruna Badal 	30					



Jam Band - 3pm at 306 Burwood Rd, Burwood - NSW 2134



Morning prayer at Homebush office 10am



King's Birthday - Public Holiday



Community Gathering 5pm -7pm at Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic Church Hall  
74 Underwood Rd, Homebush NSW 2140



L'Arche NSW sausage sizzle at Bunnings Gladesville 9am to 4pm 461 Victoria Rd, Gladesville NSW 2111



National Listening and Speaking  
Group Meetings - Our core members will  
representing us in Melbourne



St Edward's School Presentation  
at YHA Sydney - Central



Birthdays





# Community Gathering

Community Gathering 5pm -7pm at Our Lady of The Assumption

Catholic Church Hall

74 Underwood Rd, Homebush NSW 2140

This month, we'll come together to enjoy a shared dinner with our core members, reflect on the heart of our Charter, and celebrate the birthdays of our community members

Kathy Bourke and Elina Grauzdule

It's a beautiful opportunity to connect, belong, and live the spirit of L'Arche together.

you are welcome to bring a dish to share

We look forward to seeing you there.







## Announcing our mission and what we do

27<sup>th</sup> of June and 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2025

We're excited to be presenting to the students of St Edward's College, Gosford, at  
YHA Sydney Central

Where we'll introduce the L'Arche community and share who we are and what we do,  
building inclusive communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities  
share life together. If you'd like to join us or learn more, please feel free to reach out!

Together we create !



**ST EDWARD'S**  
COLLEGE  
WHERE YOUNG MEN ACHIEVE





*We're hosting our monthly sausage sizzles this month, and we'd love your help! It's a great chance to connect with the community and have some fun.*



# **L'ARCHE NSW SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Friday  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
9am-4pm**



**ALL FUNDS  
GOES TO  
SUPPORT  
L'ARCHE NSW  
EVENTS**

**AT BUNNINGS GLADESVILLE  
461 VICTORIA RD, GLADESVILLE NSW 2111**

**If you're interested in joining the staff for L'Arche sausage sizzle, volunteering to  
serve the local community and announce L'Arche mission,**

**please reach out to L'Arche NSW at:**

**[essa.chahine@larche.org.au](mailto:essa.chahine@larche.org.au)**



## L'Arche National listening And Speaking Group

24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

We are excited to share that L'Arche Melbourne will be hosting the upcoming National Listening and Speaking Group for L'Arche Australia.

This special gathering will bring together core members from across the country to share their stories, experiences, and hopes. It is a space where every voice matters, and where core members will be heard, respected, and empowered to help shape the life of their communities.

Their voices are not only valuable, they are vital.

Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive L'Arche, where everyone belongs and contributes.







# L'Arche New South Wales

*"An Adventure in Human Relationships"*



*L'Arche NSW Community*

*"The beautiful bond that connects us,  
creating a sense of belonging and support"*

*For donation please  
scan the QR code*



*Thank You for Your Support!*

*Follow us on:*



*L'Arche NSW*



[www.larche.org.au](http://www.larche.org.au)

**"Giving with Love,  
Growing Together"**



## **Welcoming Our Core Members to their New Home**

*Dear L'Arche NSW community members and friends*

*We're happy and excited that L'Arche NSW has recently purchased a new home for our Core Members.*

*As we prepare the house, some friends have kindly asked if there's a way to contribute.*

*If you would like to donate towards furniture, essentials or other appliances you can donate to the bank*

*account details below*

*or*

*scan the QR Code below*

*Bank Name: Westpac*

*Account Name: L'Arche NSW*

*BSB: 032-062 - Account number: 56-2822*



*Or if you have household items in very good condition that may be suitable, we'd be glad to hear from you.*

*Your kindness, whether big or small, helps us build more than just walls and rooms,  
it helps us create spaces of belonging, dignity, and joy.*

*Thank you for being part of our shared journey, and for showing the true power of  
community through giving.*



**L'ARCHE**  
New South Wales





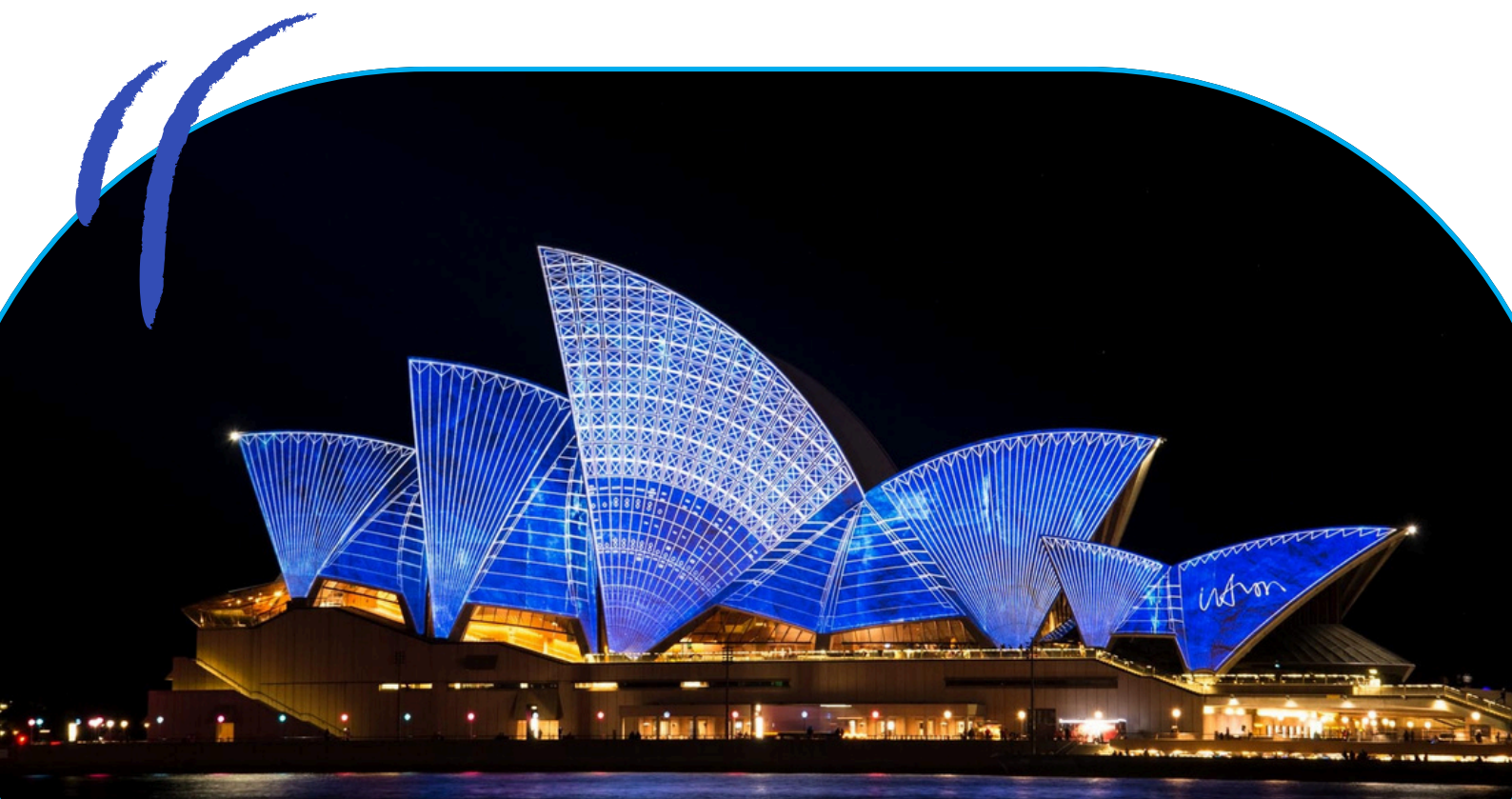


As our beautiful city lights up for Vivid Sydney, take some time to step outside and soak in the wonder! From dazzling light installations to thought-provoking art and music, Vivid is a celebration of creativity that reminds us of the beauty all around us, even in the cooler nights of winter.

Whether you explore with friends, family, or take a peaceful solo stroll, let the lights inspire joy, reflection, and a sense of connection.  
Stay warm and let yourself be amazed!

## Sydney Vivid

Friday 23 May to Saturday 14 June 2025



# We value your feedback



At L'Arche NSW, your feedback is important as it helps us to know what we are doing well, and what we need to improve on. We especially welcome feedback from our members with disabilities and their families, the community and the general public.

These guidelines explain how members with a disability, their families, friends, staff, advocates and people in the community, can give us their feedback or lodge a complaint.

If you would like to submit feedback, you can:



- Phone the office: 02 9787 8132
- Email us at: [sydney@larche.org.au](mailto:sydney@larche.org.au)
- Please send us your feedback to: L'Arche NSW Inc - 51 Burlington Road Homebush, 2140
- A discussion with our Community Leader: Krishnee Nair - 02 9787 8132
- A feedback/complaint form and a prepaid envelope have been provided to each household. Simply fill out the form and post it back to our office—no postage required.
- If you wish to be anonymous while making your complaints, please contact Community Leader directly on 02 9787 8132.

L'Arche collects and uses personal information, including sensitive information, in relation to your feedback or query and we are committed to the proper handling of personal information in accordance with L'Arche Privacy policy.



*If you would like to share a photo, story, events, news or send a greeting for someone's birthday, anniversary, seasonal greeting, Please send it to Essa Chahine*  
[essa.chahine@larche.org.au](mailto:essa.chahine@larche.org.au)