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# L'Arche, Perth - Update

165, Alexander Drive, Dianella



## Barbecue welcome for David Treanor

Join us on **SATURDAY 16 June, 12 - 4pm** for a special long lunch at the Dianella house to welcome David Treanor, our National Leader, who is coming from Hobart to spend a week with us. We have moved the Gathering to Saturday because core members Sarah, Yolanda and Robbie will be enjoying a live-in weekend in our house with Nora and David, which ends at noon on Sunday.

David will be showing the recently launched video that features the Hobart community in the international 'As I Am' series. He will also share his experience of the L'Arche Australia pilgrimage to the red centre.

We'll be cranking up the barbecue for a sausage sizzle so please bring a salad or dessert to share.

## Mothers Day

Our May Gathering coincided with Mothers Day this year and, while numbers were down because so many had family commitments, we had plenty of reason to celebrate. Evelyn led us in sharing the name and a special memory of our own mothers and then taking time to honour all the mothers in our community.

We also took the opportunity to wish Happy Birthday to two of our best loved and hard working community members, Nora and Justina.

Justina was celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup>, just one of the many afternoon teas, parties, lunches and dinners that her close family and wide circle of friends and colleagues had planned for her.

## News from the board

Last month saw the departure of two valued board members, Treasurer Damian Cooper and Katy Howes. Damian joined the board in 2016 at short notice and as a favour to a friend. While he has been unable to attend community events Damian has been a loyal and steadfast Treasurer. A lawyer by profession, his common sense, wisdom and humour has contributed much to our discussions on the board.

Katy came to L'Arche through her long association with the Berg family. Her contribution at board meetings as well as her willingness to contribute to Community events has made her and her family valued members of our community. She has managed our facebook page and is a Heart2Heart volunteer, warmly embracing Ali into her family life. We look forward to continuing to see her at Gatherings and fundraisers and welcoming her boys to all our events.

We are fortunate to have two new board members who have stepped up to fill their places: Melinda Nota, CFO at VisAbility, Guide Dogs WA has agreed to be our new treasurer and Claire McGuinness, CEO of Independent Living Centre is our most recent recruit. Derek Meates has stepped up to the Vice Chair position.

## L'Arche Australia

Claire attended the most recent National Board meeting in Sydney at the end of May and reported to our board meeting on 5 June. She agreed to comment on L'Arche and the NDIS:



'While full of invigoration after attending the L'Arche National Board meeting last month, it highlighted the critical importance of unpacking how the L'Arche model of shared living can translate into NDIS funding. Friends of L'Arche Perth have the significant advantage of learning from other L'Arche communities currently operating in the NDIS model. Regrettably, the shared experience from communities to date has highlighted confronting challenges in building a sustainable model of shared living through individualised funding. The Board is committed to working collaboratively with our core members, families, other L'Arche communities and industry experts to gain a comprehensive understanding of NDIS, develop a sustainable shared living model and collectively educate and build in the 'L'Archness' into NDIS planning. The Board will provide regular updates on how we are progressing and believe our collective shared commitment will provide endurance as we journey.'

## NDIS Planing Opportunity

Nicola Weinman, a consultant in shared living arrangements and the NDIS, has been contracted to WA Individualised Services (WaiS) to assist families with their NDIS planning. We were fortunate to have Nicola's guidance with our road mapping exercise so she has a good understanding of the challenges that L'Arche faces in the NDIS world. Families who have expressed interest in living in the L'Arche house have been put in touch with Nicola.

## New Project Coordinator

After a long search following Emma's illness last August, the board is delighted to announce the appointment of Samantha Tarling to the position of Project Coordinator. Samantha has had a long career in local government and is looking for community. She has friends who work as L'Arche Assistants in Stratford, Canada who encouraged her to apply. Samantha will come on board as soon as she has completed a handover with Emma. Please make her welcome at our next Gathering

## Share a Meal for L'Arche

This fundraising initiative from L'Arche Australia is a really good way to get the word out about L'Arche in a relaxed and informal way. Materials have been sent to all communities to help individuals and groups organise their own events. For more information please contact Chris King if you would like to host a morning tea at your work or among your friends.

While August is the month chosen to launch these events because that is when L'Arche started in Trosly, the board would like to use the fundraising dinner dance on **6 October** as our way of announcing L'Arche in the Dianella area and beyond. We will extend an invitation to Eileen Glass to come to Perth and speak at this event.

## House Modifications

It is hoped to use the proceeds from WalkAbility and the \$1800 raised by L'Arche Australia with the Giving Circle online fundraiser to pay for modifications to our Dianella house. This will give us a much needed second bedroom downstairs and a fully accessible bathroom and toilet. Building could start as early as August.

## L'Arche Perth Calendar

January	February	March
		6 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
	11 <sup>th</sup> Gathering LUNCH, Visioning day	18 <sup>th</sup> Agape Meal, St Nicholas Church Hall, 5-7 pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting		
31 <sup>st</sup> Reflection Group	30 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group	28 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group
April	May	June
3 <sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Board Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> WALKABILITY, Burswood Park, 9am	13 <sup>th</sup> Gathering	16 <sup>th</sup> Gathering LUNCH
25 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group	30 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group	27 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group
July	August	September
3 <sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> EVENSONG, St George's Cathedral, 5pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> Gathering	7 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> Gathering LUNCH
21 <sup>st</sup> Core Members Retreat	12 <sup>th</sup> Gathering	
25 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group	29 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group	26 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group
October	November	December
2 <sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> <b>DINNER DANCE</b> , Our Lady's Assumption School, Dianella	10 <sup>th</sup> AGM, Gathering	9 <sup>th</sup> Christmas party
14 <sup>th</sup> Gathering – L'Arche Family Day		
31 <sup>st</sup> Reflection Group	28 <sup>th</sup> Reflection Group	

