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L'Arche Perth - Update

165, Alexander Drive, Dianella



Agape Meal

In the lead-up to Easter, St Nicholas Church welcomed parishioners and Friends of L'Arche to a memorable agape supper on 18 March. Around 50 people participated in the age-old ceremony of the washing of hands as a humble act of service to another.

Rev'd Stephen Gibbs and Deacon Les Marshall assisted Rev'd Jack Thompson conduct the simple service and communion. Contributions from all who attended resulted in a delicious three course meal. Hopefully this will become an annual event on St Nich's calendar.

Special thanks to parishioners who prepared the tables, served the food and cleared up after.

Next Gathering

Join us on **Sunday 13 May** for an afternoon tea **Gathering** at the Dianella house to celebrate Mothers Day.
2-4pm.

Bring a plate and drinks to share.

News from the Board

In June we hope to welcome our national leader, David Treanor, to Perth. In the meantime we have sent him our Constitution, Strategic Plan and Lease and a list of questions about the possibility of bringing out a Community leader from the UK.

Board members have attended an NDIS Providers workshop and are participating in fortnightly teleconferences with eastern states Communities to share information about the NDIS in practice. We have also joined an online information sharing forum called Disability Services Consulting, Victoria, a site which specialises in all things NDIS, from strategy and transition to new business models and training, supporting organisations to succeed in NDIS complexity.

We are investigating the possibility of working with Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre to enable families to access respite funding while they wait for their NDIS funding.

ABC Compass has screened a two-part documentary about three people with Down Syndrome making their way in the world of living more independently. It's called Going Solo and is well worth watching. It can be seen at <https://iview.abc.net.au/programs/compass/RN1711H006S00>

Fundraising

In line with our Community's desire to engage more with the community around our Dianella house, Anabelle has laid the groundwork for a new fundraising event to be held at the local school. With the enthusiastic cooperation of the principal and deputy of Our Lady's Assumption School we will hold a dinner dance in the school hall on 6 October. Sweet Jarrah, the band that played at our Christmas party, will play the music. We will be looking for raffle prizes and sponsors for this event so please contact Anabelle if you can help.

L'Arche Australia is encouraging Communities to 'Share a Meal' to announce L'Arche. This initiative is along the lines of the Cancer Morning Tea, whereby individuals can host a fundraising event, a morning tea at your workplace or at home, a lunch, afternoon tea or dinner which you use to tell people about L'Arche. An information pack and materials will be supplied to each host and Communities can decide where in L'Arche the money raised will go: to the local Community, L'Arche Australia or the international federation.

Our friends at St Nicholas Church, Floreat are also fundraising with a Walker Trio Concert on 6 May 2-4pm. Tickets are \$30, \$25 concession. Bookings on line: <https://www.trybooking.com/374128>
Phone: 9387 1304. Email: stnichsfloreat@inet.net.au

I know many of you are fans of the Walker Trio and will not want to miss this special afternoon of jazz, classical and original music played by musicians at the top of their game.



Stephen Gibbs, Jack Thompson and Les Mashall

Agape Meal at St Nicks



Pia and Ali waiting for the food



Sausage Sizzle in full swing

WalkAbility



Celebrating the end of the walk

L'Arche Perth Calendar

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