

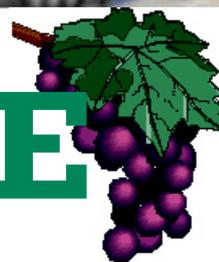


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Kairos Growth Plan

Planning is well underway for the expansion of Kairos into new and exciting areas of Australia.

We have our first Kairos Outside running in Melbourne in early June and expect to have men's programs running in Perth and Brisbane later this year.

South Australia has had good news recently and the men's program at Mobilong will recommence in October after a layoff of almost 4 years.

Once the men's program in Brisbane has been run, we are expecting to follow it very quickly with a program in the Brisbane Women's centre.

A juvenile centre in country Victoria is keen to get the Torch program operating there and discussions are underway with authorities.

All this activity is being planned and tracked from the KPMA National Office, but it is evident that each State Council will be required to play an ever increasing role in the decision making process and then in assisting the new group to get established. This handover of responsibility will be a gradual process and is factored into the project plan.

Some seed funding for these new startups has been provided by a generous benefactor and we do not anticipate it being a problem raising the funds required to run new programs.

However, all this expansion requires coordination and support and that is where we are having some difficulty in being able to provide the level of assistance required. The existing National Office staff are only just coping now and we anticipate that the extra effort required will be beyond the ability of our dedicated National Office volunteers to provide. Therefore we are looking to create 3 part-time positions.

- (a) a development coordinator, who will look after all aspect of funding
- (b) a volunteer coordinator, who will mentor, train and assist teams of presenters and who will seek new avenues for us to promote Kairos in the community
- (c) a training coordinator, who will devise, document and run new training programs (such as Ezra and Donor) and improve and support the existing programs (such as Advanced Kairos Training and Advanced Kairos Outside Training)

To fund these roles, along with the salaries of the existing office staff, means that KPMA has to raise significant sums each year to keep the National Office operating efficiently. Without this level of support, Kairos would just mark time and eventually fade out as existing volunteers grew weary.

You can make a difference by putting the National Office in contact with groups that you are associated with, who might care to partner KPMA in this exciting phase of growth. If you are not comfortable with making a direct approach yourself, a representative from Kairos will come and make a short presentation about Kairos to your group.

Carpe Diem – "seize the day"



Rick Johnson

Chief Executive Officer

Ezra on trial in Silverwater

Ezra is the name given to the updated Kairos program developed by Kairos Inc to replace the existing program. It was trialed at Silverwater Kairos 16 in April and was found to be of great assistance to both training and the short course. The program is computer based and incorporates:

- A new training program. This has changed significantly from the previous one in that there are a number of "spiritual experiences" which looks at our attitudes and feelings, and our relationship with Christ. Also incorporated as part of the training are items such as "how to greet inmates on the first day, how to dress, and, leading table discussions" which are supported by skits which help prompt discussions on the areas as well as being instructive.

The Ezra program has detailed outlines for all the training including notes which can be given to team to reinforce the training sessions.

The training can be tailored to be given over up to 8 sessions of variable duration. For Silverwater we had 6 sessions amounting to 30 hours training time. There is more involvement by all the team members in the training and this assists in binding the team together as the Body of Christ when we enter the institution.

- The short course program has not been changed as significantly as the training one. A few of the talks have been revised and there are a couple of new talks. In total there are now 11 talks. The program is such that time management is critical but even though at times we were up to 2 hours behind we were able to complete the program each day on time without cutting the very necessary discussion times.

- A one day reunion was held 4 weeks after the short course and this also followed the guidelines in the Ezra program. There were 6 talks given on that day but only of about 10 minutes duration. The outlines in the program meant that only a small amount of preparation was required by team members to present these talks.

Music plays a large role in both training and the short course in binding the sessions together as well as breaking down the barriers with team and inmates. The trial of Ezra at Silverwater was very successful and I believe will lead to more impacting Kairos Courses in the future.

Terry Clancy
Leader Kairos 16 Silverwater
April 2006

What is the Kairos National Office and What does it do for the Ministry?

Have you ever wandered down the laneway behind the Parramatta Correctional Centre and visited the Kairos National Office? If not why not come down and visit us? This wooden/clad cottage (known as Mirinda House) is the hub of the Kairos Prison Ministry in Australia and we are here to serve this community.

Some of the tasks we perform include:

- Helping to support each of the regional committees - Kairos, Kairos Outside and Torch to execute their programs – providing Freedom guides and other materials like Bibles, Crosses etc. Organise the supplies required.
- Australianing the programs
- Setting up Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside in new areas;
- Coordinating changes to the programs and the introduction of new programs;
- Ensuring that all volunteers are covered by insurance;
- Helping Regional Committees and State Councils negotiate with prison authorities and chaplains;
- Negotiating with the Tax Office and State ministries about fund raising rules and requirements; and
- Ensuring that programs and volunteers are compliant with the ever increasing raft of rules and regulations needed to do anything in our modern (and litigious) society;
- Coordinating Training Programs for all who are interested in learning more about Kairos
- We offer premises where Sydney based Regional Committees can run training for their programs.
- Organising events such as the National Conference, and
- Fund raising events to help maintain the ministry.
- We also produce the saleable items for fundraising eg. Cookbooks, T-shirts, Badges etc
- Housing and maintaining the Kairos Van.
- Promotion – producing brochures, DVD and other material required to promote Kairos.
- Organising promotional speakers and supplying materials for their talks.
- Storing Banners and other Short Course material
- Producing and dispatching the Grapevine newsletter, which helps to keep us all informed about the ministry.

and much more

We are always grateful to those who come and give their time to help in the office, so if you wish to come and visit, the kettle is always on.

Hope to see you soon!
The National Office Team

Kairos 16 Silverwater



From 4 to 7 April 2006 a group of 32 men and 7 women formed the Team to run Kairos # 16 in Silverwater Correctional Centre. There were 22 men from Silverwater who completed the 3 ½ day Short Course.

It was a wonderful time in which the Holy Spirit could be seen working in the lives of these 22 residents. The team talks and the meditations and chapel times were very moving, not only for the residents but also for Team.

We have a lot of laughs, a few tears (yes men do become emotional too), great singing and wonderful food but most of all a very spiritual time bathed in the love of Christ.

A special blessing was to have on Team, Corey Dismus who lives in Florida USA. Corey was one of many from the USA who came in July 2005 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kairos in Australia.

Corey accepted an invitation to be part of Kairos 16 and he flew out just for the Short Course. The new Ezra program developed by Kairos Inc was the basis of the training and short course and this helped in binding the team together to show the residents the love of Christ in action.

The majority of the 22 residents have formed small prayer and share groups within the Institution and are attending the weekly Journey program held each Tuesday evening. During that time we have a short talk and discussion time. It is encouraging to see the deep discussions that take place there and it is hard to ask them to stop when it is time for them to return to their wings.

This was indeed Kairos time, God's special time for all the residents as well as the team.

Terry Clancy

Advanced Kairos Training

Due to lack of numbers, Kairos Advanced Training has not happened this year. The Grafton Regional Committee, in conjunction with the Mid North Coast Regional Committee, are now planning a combined AKT and AKOT training weekend July 28- 30, 2006 at Coraki (which is north of Grafton). If you are interested in attending this weekend, please contact Graeme Beaumont, via email, on beauyy@bigpond.com.au, or ring him on 02 66573226 (h) for more information and bookings.

The Training committee are also planning to run the deferred training weekend in August at Wyee. This will only be run if there are sufficient early registrations. Please contact the National Office and tell us the names of those who would like to attend this training weekend. We will not require payment until closer the date, however we need to have a good idea of the numbers planning to attend.

It is a requirement of the KPMA Board that all Kairos Short Course Directors and Kairos Outside Weekend Leaders attend an Advanced Training course before taking on those roles. It is of vital importance for those teams who are planning to utilise the new Ezra software, and the 2006 green manual, for their upcoming Short Courses, because an introduction to Ezra is included with the AKT. State Councils will not approve new leaders who have not completed (or who are not booked in to attend) advanced training.

Leader Kairos 16 Silverwater, April 06

New National Treasurer and Auditor

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Peter Benson to his new role as the National Treasurer of Kairos.

Peter taking over from Graham Morrison, who has done a fantastic job over the last six years, keeping control of our finances and guiding us through the increasingly complex financial issues as we have grown from a fully voluntary organization, to one that now has a permanent National Office, employing people to administer and support this ministry.

Graham has worked tirelessly for Kairos over the last six years and we are in his debt for the wisdom, advice and good management of funds that he has shared with us. Thanks Graham for a great job – enjoy a well earned rest.

Kairos Outside #1 Melbourne

(2nd - 4th June 2006)

As leader of this first weekend in Melbourne I am thrilled to advise that we have now completed our all our training.

We have a fabulous team of 35 and our team includes the support of members from Kairos Outside Sydney, Adelaide, Hunter and Robyn from the National Office is also enjoying being part of a KO team for the first time.

We have been very well supported nationally as well as locally. The team have gone through a huge learning curve to understand this ministry and have demonstrated great levels of learning, caring, sharing and praying.

Our last training weekend held at Lysterfield was 'full-on' but in a sense has brought the team very close together. Most of the team are very much walking in faith, as they have not observed or experienced a Kairos Outside weekend previously and I am very impressed with the way they have picked things up so well and supported the progress of this first weekend. This team (both men and women) have sacrificed many hours to do this and I know that God will bless them for their commitment.

Guest Registration

From the start - God has placed the number 20 on my heart as the number of guests we will receive and we are getting very close to this figure! If you know a woman who has been impacted in some way by having a friend or relative in prison, then we would encourage you to talk about this ministry with her.

Louise Noorbergen is doing a fabulous job contacting the guests and ensuring they feel supported by us. It is one of the hardest tasks of this ministry as there is no sponsorship - like there is with other street movements and, as a result, some women just don't turn up. If they do, they appear very nervous on the Friday night and I think they are very brave, as they don't really know us.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist us transport these women to and from the venue on the Friday night and Sunday afternoon. If you are in a position to assist, please contact Louise on <lnoorbergen@hotmail.com> It is also important to note that guests must be accompanied by a female at all time.

Pray for our protection and the health of team and their families as we serve in this wonderful ministry and that nothing will prevent us from doing God's work.

Wendy King – Leader



Who is Peter? Peter is a practicing chartered accountant who, like, Graham, is volunteering his time to be our Treasurer. He is married to Jenny and they have two daughters Megan and (Kirsty who is married to Craig.) Peter is in partnership in his own accounting business and is known to enjoy his golf.

He has served on the Silverwater Regional Committee and has been on team for Short Courses over the last few years. He has also been the treasurer for the Silverwater Regional Committee for the last 6 months. Welcome - Peter we look forward to working with you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank B Davis & Associates and Barry in particular, who has been our Auditor over the years. Barry has done a marvelous job of auditing our accounts for the tax office.

When you think he and Graham have had to work with so many Regional Committees all with different Treasurers in bringing the accounts together at the end of each month and then at the end of the financial year working with Barry to make sure they are all in order it has been no small task. Thank you Barry for your support and efforts in making us accountable.

We would also like to welcome Todd & Niven, who is now taking over the auditing role for Kairos. Thank you for stepping up to this position. Their senior audit partner, Ron Winterton, will be our point of contact.

Ron has had an association with the Bathurst Regional Committee through his work colleague, Ivan Cunial who has been involved with Bathurst Regional Committee for some time.

NEW KAIROS PROMOTIONAL DVD

KPMA is happy to announce that we now have a new Kairos promotional DVD, which runs for 11 minutes. If you wish to share the Kairos ministry with any church groups or other groups that you are involved with, please contact the National Office on 9683 6096 or email kairospm@optusnet.com.au to arrange a speaker to attend your group.

If you would prefer, you can purchase a copy of the DVD, with a bundle of Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch brochures and a sample talk, for only \$5.00 including postage. We can also arrange for a KairosCare representative to present a 5 minute corporate version to the management of any companies or charitable foundations that you may have contact with.

Again, please contact the National Office to arrange this visit.

Donations

General donations to KPMA have been falling off for some time now and we have real concerns regarding the ongoing administration of this ministry.

We would ask that you continue to pray for us as we seek guidance on how best to finance this work and obtain more support for the administration of Kairos.

Big Band Dinner Dance

6pm Saturday
17th June



Caddies Creek Public School Hall

Tickets: \$50 ea. from Kairos Office

Phone: (02)96836096 by 9th June

Bookings essential!

Introduce a Friend to Kairos with a great night of entertainment, good food and fellowship.



Kairos Short Course & KO Weekend Dates

June				
2 - 4	KO Melbourne #1	Women	PO 1010 Mitcham Nth 3132	Wendy King
July				
11 - 14	Goulburn #13	Men	PO Box 6146 Nth Goulburn 2580	Phil Bloomfield
August				
25 - 27	KO Canb/Monaro	Women	PO Box 3961 Weston 2611	Carol Hibberson
September				
19 - 22	Emu Plains	Women	PO Box 60 Emu Plains 2750	Del Sherlock
October				
4 - 6	Torch #10	Juvenile	c/- 11 Wisdom St Currans Hill 2567	TBA
9 - 13	Tamworth #2	Men	16 Ray Carter Dr Quirindi 2343	Graham Barwick
10 - 13	Mannus #7	Men	PO Box 183 Tumut 2720	Danny Milliken
10 - 13	Junee #15	Men	PO Box 189 Junee 2663	Peter Cullen
10 - 13	Mobilong #4	Men	PO Box 242 Highgate 5063	Neil Pontifex
10 - 13	Grafton #17	Men	PO Box 1816 Grafton 2460	Jeffrey Baker
13 - 15	KO Hunter #4	Women	PO Box 200 Medowie 2318	Dorothy Hancock
15 - 20	Bathurst #11	Men	PO Box 192 Orange 2800	TBA
24 - 27	Cessnock #18	Men	Po Box 371 Cessnock 2325	Ron Doherty
24 - 27	Silverwater #17	Men	PO Box 73 Northmead 2152	Mike Kinch
November				
3 - 5	KO Qld #12	Women	PO Box 88 Morningside 4170	Toni-Sue Rutland
17 - 19	KO Sydney #16	Women	PO Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076	TBA
December				
1 - 3	KO Adelaide #6	Women	PO Box 242 Highgate 5063	Darlene Thomson-Austring
TBA				
	Acacia #1	Men	Unit 1/21 Kew Sr Welshpool 6106	Les Marshall
	Arthur Gorrie #1	Men	2 Boyandra Drive Kallangur 4503	Greg Trost

If you are asked to speak somewhere about Kairos, PLEASE let the office know. We'd like to help by sending you an Information Pack and current literature.