

### *From the Chair, Dr Vern Harvey*

The Mid North Coast of NSW Regional Committee has been my Kairos home for over 10 years now. Kairos Inside Men was invited in even before the Kempsey gaol was built. Since then we have added a Kairos Outside program and a Women's Inside program. All three programs have struggled from time to time but they have also grown to meet the needs of the region, inside and outside the gaol walls. Twenty five five-day and weekend programs have brought the message of God's love and grace to over 600 people and the weekly Journey programs and Reunions have provided many tens of thousands of support visits and messages of hope. A great relationship has grown between Kairos and the Institution.

Last week on our way to the weekly men's Journey program, as we drove down the long driveway to the gaol, past the mobs of kangaroos, we were shocked to see how extensive were the earthworks underway outside the walls for the expansion of the gaol. We have known for some time it was coming but had not really appreciated what doubling the inmate size from around 700 to 1500 would mean to us. The shock came in the recognition that if we are to keep up we need to double our Kairos input as well. What will the Regional Committee have to do to run two programs a year instead of one? Can we double our active volunteer base from around 100 to 200? And in two years?

As the Chair of the National Board I then remembered that this expansion is only one of many taking place in NSW Corrective Services. With the funds now available from the Asset Recycling Program, NSW Corrective Services describes this time as "the largest single prison expansion in the State's history." There is a new 1700 bed gaol to be built at Grafton just up the road and another eight expansions already planned.  
(<http://www.correctiveservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/new-prisons>)

And it is not just NSW, which is home to about 60% of KPMA's activities. Other States are also seeing prison expansions. As the largest provider of external Christian support into Australian prisons can we expand our vision to support this growth and to meet the growing demand? Do we have the resources in people and funds? Can we get them? How?

We don't have answers to all these questions at this stage.

We do know certain things which will be true about the future. We need younger recruits. Not necessarily youth - the pool of recent retirees has been very productive for us in the past and can still be in the future.

The future will be more digital. Our programs will be digital and supported by software and have a more international flavour. We will need to adjust some of our past policies to facilitate faster growth.

If you have been a supporter during our previous two decades whether in prayer or your time or funds you can feel proud of what we have achieved. And we thank you for that. Sadly for society our harvest is plentiful and growing. Please pray for us that we can grow with it.

God bless  
(Dr) Vern Harvey

### *Kairos Inside—John Morony #1*

We had 21 team members consisting of 16 inside team and 5 outside team. This was not an ideal number to start the course with but we managed. The ideal number would have been 26 team members, but as there was another team preparing to go into Parklea, team members available were limited.



We started with 18 and finished with 18 participants, although 2 missed the last day due to court and hospitalisation. The participants were quite enthusiastic and got involved with discussion and posters pretty quickly.

One person I do want point out for special mention is the chaplain Edwin Galea. Edwin was a fantastic help right from the beginning. Before he became chaplain, Edwin had previously been involved in Kairos and so it was great to have a chaplain who understood our needs. Right from our first TF day to the last day of the course Edwin's input and help was very much appreciated.

He was and is available at all times, even on his days off he came and helped out by meeting us at the gate to help us through security and then stayed with us until the end of the day. I cannot thank him enough for his support.

There was one team member who I would like to give special mention to and that is Terry Clancy, Terry put a lot of hard work into preparing the schedule to make it fit our time frame and was an invaluable help to me as leader.

Despite our failings God was good and the course was successful. I know of at least 2 guys who truly recommitted their lives to Christ and a few more who are genuinely seeking something better in their lives.. continue to pray for these guys and the team as we continue the exciting journey.

Phill Simpson  
Leader

## ***Kairos Outside for Women—Hunter # 25***



The theme of KOW Hunter #25 was “Hope breaks every chain” and we certainly saw evidence of God doing just that. All of the guests were keen and sometimes put the team to shame with their punctuality and eagerness to experience what came next.

The reviews on Saturday night were hilarious! Where else would you get such quality entertainment for free? The Lord provided us with not one, but two theme songs which reflected our theme perfectly. Zac Williams’ “Chain Breaker” which we sang on Saturday, describes Jesus as a Pain Taker, a Way Maker, a Prison Shaking Saviour and a Chain Breaker. Hallelujah! Then on Sunday, after the guests had experienced the Forgiveness Activity, they sang “Song of the Free” with gusto. Our key verse was John 8:36, “If the Son sets you free you shall be free indeed” and this was reflected in the chorus, “Whom the Son sets free, is free indeed, I will walk with you in victory. You have taught my soul to dance and sing, woa, this is the Song of the Free.”

Written by three young people from our church, it certainly was God’s gift to us and, praise the Lord, was the testimony of all the guests.

Sharyn Musgrove  
Leader

## ***Outside Kitchen Team — Parklea #7***

What a thrill to be invited on team! A Blokes’ team at that. An opportunity to tick an item off the ‘Bucket List’. Of course the shock to the system was how early one needed to be up and ready to help provide the breakfast to the team! (O wait on, it was already set up the night before—pew)



With the Grace of our Lord we managed each day. What a wonderful team of wonder women to serve with. Those who were seasoned ‘professionals’ assisting the ‘novice’. How I thank the Lord for each one of you. Great friendships and fellowship deepened as we shared our journeys.

A great learning curve of how much preparation goes into the planning of the menus. The actual preparation of dishes prior to the short course and the meals that needed to be prepared on site. Let alone all the shopping our able Leader of the Kitchen did prior to the week and during the course, as well as her able Assistant Leader with what she accomplished.

I think I managed to ‘earn my stripes’ as my teachers admired my knife skills. (years of practice really)

So if you have the opportunity to be invited on an Outside Kitchen Team—do grab it with both hands you will be BLESSED! Accolades from Roberta

## ***Kairos Inside—Southern Qld***



As the leader, I approached this Kairos SQCC#6 with a sense of being very dependent on God to work according to His purposes, with myself and the team being vessels that He could use in whatever way He chose to accomplish that. I had a sense that we desperately needed prayer to carry us through. Looking back I think every prayer was answered.

We were praying that the residents would get involved early in the week. By Monday afternoon, most of the men were entering into the course and starting to enjoy it.

The men got right into the singing. A highlight was singing ‘All to Jesus, I surrender’ with a couple of the residents singing the harmonies. It was a beautiful thing.

There was a situation that arose when a couple of the team and two ‘green servants’ prayed in the main corridor, arms around each other’s shoulders, heads bowed in prayer, whilst other prisoners walked past in full view of the guard’s station. The men who were praying spoke of a powerful sense of ‘anointing’ as they prayed together.

We were blessed to display a prayer chain with 647 links showing the number of people who were praying for the residents.

At the Closing ceremony, every resident spoke. Then after the ceremony, the residents decided to sing “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” to us. It was wonderful.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and delighted to report that Southern Queensland #6 went well and we trust God to accomplish His will within the prison walls. Prayer for these inmates will continue, as they choose to participate in the Kairos Journey and continue to walk with God.

Kerry Green  
Leader

## ***Relocating or Moving home***

Please advise the Kairos Support Office of your new contact details, so that KPMA can keep you informed and up to date with the Ministry.



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**‘I was in prison and you came to visit me’ Matthew 25:36**

**Kairos Outside for Women  
Wide Bay Capricorn**

Testimonial from a previous guest. Permission given to share.

“Only through God are we victorious!”

Have you ever been in a place so dark and empty that you thought you would never survive? A place where you thought everyone thought you were worthless, including yourself?

If you have never been through that kind of depression, then you have been truly blessed. If you have or you are now going through that kind of depression, I pray that this will bring you hope.

No one really knows what it is like until they are there. They say until you have walked in someone else's shoes you can't know what they are going through.

I stayed in a depression for almost 3 years. I did not want to go anywhere.. not even to church. I did not care if I lived or died. “Shame” and “Guilt” took over my whole life. I have 2 sons in prison. I kept that a secret for a very long time. I took all the shame and guilt of that on myself, even though I knew they made the choice to do the things they did. However, that really did not matter. After all, I was their mom...why couldn't I have done something to save them from themselves?

My husband made it possible for me to go on a Kairos Outside for Women weekend and it changed my life in many ways. I realised that I was not the only mom out there that had loved ones in prison.

I listened to some of the women on that weekend that cared enough to open their hearts to us by sharing their testimonies. There was one story that really opened my heart to take it all in.

Throughout my weekend, I heard testimonies that made me think that God was speaking to me. I realised that on that weekend God spoke to me in the way He knew I would pay attention...those women.

I was amazed at all the love that was felt throughout that weekend. It touched me so much to see the men in the kitchen working so hard and smiling the whole time...just to make us happy. Not only did they feed my belly, but they fed my spirit.

The chapel was where I felt God's love for me. I was overwhelmed when I saw my sons' pictures on that altar and I heard God tell me they were grown men and 'they' made the choices, not me. In that chapel I realised that no matter how hard we try to change someone, they still will make their own choice, good or bad. I felt God's love throughout the rest of the weekend and I will never forget all the love that came from the women and men. I believe they saved my life. I no longer feel alone in this world. I no longer feel unloved by God. I know now that we are all here to serve each other with love, understanding, and forgiveness. Forgiveness comes as long as we ask for it. God loves us unconditionally...we are not alone.

My prayer is that if you have a loved one incarcerated and have never gone on a Kairos Outside weekend, please consider attending. I believe you will be blessed beyond measure!

**A Thankful heart from Cessnock  
Dominic S**

Extract from a card sent to The Chapmans.  
Used with permission.

*“Honorable Sirs/Mes Dames,  
Yes, indeed, I am very tardy, Chronologically, to offer you Noble Souls, my paschal wishes, but I also wished to offer each of you “Kairos -Kinfolk”, my Gratitude from the innermost recesses of my Cardiac-Cavities for the lovely cards begot from: The Chapmans, Ms Kay, Ms Helen Drew, Hayley, Noelene, Jacinta. There was a wish from Blaxland NSW. Here I do please, seek your mercy, if I have omitted some saintly-soul, not deliberately—so help me Jesus!!. Your involvement in our lives Linda's and mine allows us to enjoy and experience many a moment of Resurrection & so ‘Kairos’ does not allow us to live in the Cave of Darkness & Doom!!*

*I cannot believe how Deanne & David drove A-L-L-L-L the way to Cessnock & brought me my own ‘Easter Egg’, my Darling wife Linda so she could wish me in person!. I call them my “Spiritual Parents” and there's Ms Elena S, who helped out & she knows how...!!*

*Like this beautiful flower on the front KPMA, allows us to Bloom & be Radiant. Help & support & guidance each you afford us! May the Jesus of Easter & Kairos, continue to be known & Loved & Adored!!!*

*Every day the Holy Spirit of Jesus reminds me to pray for KPMA.  
Thank You E-N-D-L-E-S-S-L-L-Y*

*Dominic*

*PS Congratulations to Dr Vern Harvey  
Blessings upon him & the Board”*

## IN Memoriam — John Cribb

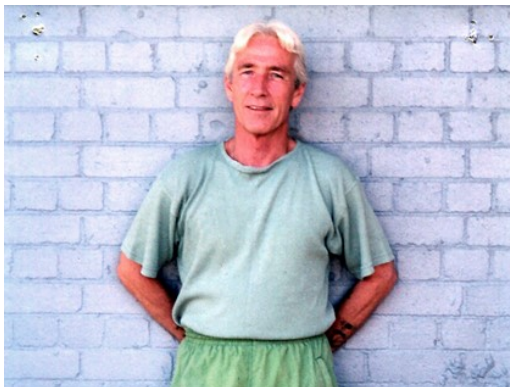


Dear Friends in Christ,  
Somehow it is very fitting that the Rev. Billy Graham and John Cribb were both called to their eternal home on Wednesday 21st February 2018. The two men were from totally different backgrounds, but each made a great impact for their Lord in this world, which only eternity will reveal.

*They are both dancing on streets that are golden. . . .*

We grieve not as those who have no hope, but our hearts are heavy nevertheless. Naturally we feel *very* sad at the loss of John, as like many of you, we knew and loved him for 22 years, having met him in Long Bay in 1996 when he participated in Kairos.

John was never to be released, but has now found eternal freedom. John will forever be praising the Lord around the throne, his last tear wiped away. The tears were *never* for himself, but were always tears of remorse and regret for the pain he inflicted on many as a result of his crimes:



although John accepted the love and mercy and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ, he never forgave himself.

We know without a doubt that the Lord Jesus has said "Well done, good and faithful servant," to John (Cribb), the disciple whom Jesus loved.

On Saturday 7th April around 50 people gathered at a memorial service for John Cribb, to remember a man who was "uniquely bad, but became uniquely good."

We released white balloons with special messages written on them, and watched as they flew heavenwards in the clear blue sky above.

Love and blessings in Christ to all,  
Deanne Chapman



***Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is an interdenominational Christian ministry reaching out to incarcerated Individuals, their families and those who work with them; to bring sustainable meaning and hope in the place of loneliness, isolation and despair. Building Christian Community.***

Course	Program	Contact Address	Leader
<b>Kairos Inside &amp; Torch</b>			
11-13 July	Adelaide Torch 4	P O Box 242 Highgate SA 5063	Alistair Thompson
13-16 August	Goulburn 22	109 Railway Ave Bundanoon 2578	Tony Molyneux
10-13 September	John Morony 2	P O Box 169 Hornsby 1630	Rick Morris
22-25 October	Parklea 8	P O Box 169 Hornsby 1630	Rob Hercus
<b>Kairos Outside for Women</b>			
06-08 Jul	North Qld 7	P O Box 441 Tolga Qld 4882	Jenni Pack
24-26 Aug	North Coast 10	P O Box 814 Woolgolga	Christine Redpath
14-16 Sep	Wide Bay Capricorn 13	16 Bayrise Dr Urangan 4655	Patti Nash
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26-28 Oct	Adelaide 29	GPO Box 945 Adelaide SA 5001	Evelyn Bourne
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