



THE GRAPEVINE

FIRST NATIONAL KAIROS CONFERENCE

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Special points of interest:

- Kairos launches a Prayer Calendar for Jan/Feb 2003
- First National Conference June 2003
- Advanced Kairos Training in Victoria –30 Jan –1 Feb 2003
- Chairman's Address

The Board of Kairos has approved and announced the first ever National Conference between 7.30 pm Friday 27 June to 1.30 pm Sunday 29 June 2003.

The Conference to be held at the Pennant Hills, Baden Powell Scout Centre, will bring together an expected 200 to 300 Kairos volunteers and supporters.

In announcing the Conference, the Chairman of the Board, George Novak said "we see 2003 as a year of unity, and for that purpose have declared the theme of the Conference 'One in the Lord'. Kairos means so much to all those associated with it. We have all seen so many miracles of lives changed, lives given to the Lord. What an excellent opportunity to come and share the many gifts in the one body of Christ. People from Queensland meeting and talking to people of South Australia. Our new Tasmanian Committee meeting with Victorians and those of NSW. This time together will serve to bond us further to our mission. We will re-

ceive encouragement from each other. Whilst most of our work is done in Prisons, so many of our volunteers will have the first opportunity to see and understand the excellent work of Kairos Outside. The work with the Torch Program at the Juvenile Detention Centre will also be explained".

The Conference will feature a few guest speakers. Cleve Bell, a member of the first ever Kairos in Raiford, Florida USA, will address the delegates at a special "Green and White" dress banquet. Cleve has many stories to share about Kairos in the USA over the last 27 years. The spread of Kairos in the USA now extends to some 300 Prisons in 30 different states.

Our musicians will gather in an ongoing workshop and will prepare many items for the general assembly. They will lead us in praise and worship and feature prominently at the Banquet with their entertainment.

Treasurers will be able to meet with the National

Treasurer at a Workshop. The importance of food in Kairos will be highlighted to those attending that workshop. Some 10 workshops in all will give much choice to the delegates present.



A number of Keynote Speakers are invited, including Cleve Bell, member of the first US Kairos.

A brochure is available complete with application form. A copy is sent out with this mailing. Please complete it. If you are a Sydney delegate, why not offer your home for billeting. We need accommodation for 100 people travelling interstate and far wide country areas. Another opportunity to make new friends and to travel home together on Friday and Saturday night.

THE GRAPEVINE

This publication replaces the standard Kairos Newsletter sent in the past.

We will continue to send "The Grapevine" every two months, with the Prayer Calendar.

A recent publication called "The Vine" is not meant to create confusion with two

publications bearing similar names. Rather, it is intended to emphasise the same theme, drawing heavily on words that Jesus spoke in John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches..... For cut off from me you can do nothing."

"The Vine" is an internal

publication for the purpose of communicating matters of progress or change to our State Councils and Regional Committees.

The Grapevine is to reach you, the wider audience of all those on our current mailing list. ■

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To all our readers:

A Happy and Holy Christmas

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FEATURE - KAIROS IN GRAFTON

.Grafton Kairos, on the North Coast, has been functioning for over four years now. With the first Kairos being held in Nov 1998. Since that time there has been just over 200 residents go through the program, and over 120 volunteers serving as team members. The team members are drawn from an area covering over 150 kms. Grafton jail accommodates both maximum and minimum-security prisoners. We only have minimum-security inmates on Kairos. The situation at Grafton jail is unique in that the team is able to live in for the three days. They are accommodated in the Weekend Detention Unit.

Grafton is a men's jail, but our Kairos is also unique in that women are involved on team and in contact with the residents, ie. Kitchen, agape, and prayer room.

In the time of the ministry of Kairos in Grafton we have seen much fruit.

A number of those who attended even as far back as Kairos #1 we have seen go on in their Christian faith, Also from Kairos #7, there emerged a strong spiritual leader among the residents, who has encouraged and organised an ever growing number into a strong supportive group. They meet together each Sunday morning, having a scripture reading with discussion, and sharing time then praying together. And at the end of last year we had our first baptisms 'inside', at the request of two of the residents from the recent Kairos. This was sure a great blessing. indeed.

Up till now we have not done any serious fund raising apart from the usual avenues of donations and sales of souvenirs, and T-shirts. However this year we are having a day Bus Tour, by which we hope to raise some hundreds of dollars. If successful we are hoping to make this a

regular feature.

We are blessed to have a very supportive chaplaincy presence There is one full time Chaplain, and two who are part time. These three chaplains have given much of their time and energies to Kairos, and two have served on team on the tables. We have also had some very good support and cooperation from the Governor at Grafton.

There is a strong and active committee who all have a real heart for the ministry and give one hundred percent dedication.

On Kairos #9 we had 11 different denominations represented, which is typical of the overall real unity of vision for the

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ministry that is present.

We look forward to witnessing the ongoing work of the Lord in the lives of our men in green, through the instrument of the ministry of Kairos in Grafton jail.

CLOSING CEREMONY AT GRAFTON

From the Governor
"Congratulations to the men for volunteering for the program, and for staying the whole time. The Kairos program really makes a difference in the yard. The men who are in jail keep a wall of protection around them, number one priority is survival.

It is an amazing feat to

break down these walls, but Kairos seems to be able to break through these walls. This is a pretty tough group of guys here. I have seen no other program as effective as the Kairos program. Bring on Kairos #10".

Inmates comment

"For us in here we tend

to feel rejected by society. The world runs you down, and can make you feel not worth being on this planet because you are locked up. But you came in and shared your lives with us, and t"

helped us re-find our faith. It's blown me away. I've seen the guys drop their guard, because these people got to our hear

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and 4 January 2003.

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