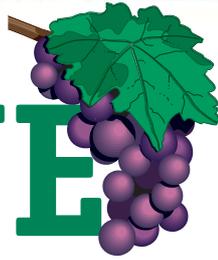




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Where Will You Be On June 17, 18 and 19?

Unless you've been living under a log in Siberia for the past few months, you will be aware that next month Kairos will be celebrating it's 10th birthday in Australia.

We've come a long way from that pilot program in Parramatta Correctional Centre in June 1995, where 22 men sampled the Kairos food and Agape love for the first time in Australia.

Now we operate in 15 men's, women's and juvenile prisons and have 5 Regional committees running Kairos Outside weekends. In these 10 years, 2,500 men, 500 women and 130 juveniles have attended the "inside" program and 500 ladies have been guests at KO.

We intend to celebrate that beginning at the conference on Friday night ("Giving Thanks for the Past"), with a number of the people who were instrumental in bringing Kairos to Australia being able to attend. We also have a man who was a team member on the first EVER Kairos in the USA in 1976. To hear Cleve Bell III speak is a rare honour and one not to be missed.

On Saturday, we will be "Rejoicing in the Present" and a number of interesting and new workshops will be run. Commander Lee Downes from Corrective Services will be a key speaker this day and we look forward to hearing how the Department views us "intruders" and "security risks" versus the benefits we provide in the form of smoother running prisons.

The day will be capped off by a lavish banquet dinner, where not only will we eat well, but high class entertainment will also be provided. To work off all those calories consumed, the Mad Hatters Bush Band will lead

us in a night of "Barn Dances", "Prides of Erin", "Stripping the Willow" and, my favourite, "The Waves of Bondi".

Assuming we can all arise in time on Sunday, we have another round of workshops and a thanksgiving service. The theme for the day is "Trusting God for the Future".

But it doesn't end there!

A number of our overseas visitors are staying on for the week following the conference and our trusty tour guide, JJ (John Jenkins), has put together a number of 1 and 2 day tours for them. If you would also like to be included in these events, please contact us at the National Office and we'll fill you in on the details.

You may be a little embarrassed to share a sleeping room with other attendees, but please don't let that stop you having what will be a great weekend. We can accommodate singles (at a very small increase in cost), so the sound of your somnambulations should not be an issue.

Unfortunately, a great event like this doesn't come without a cost and we desperately need assistance in the office, in the weeks leading up to the conference. Even an hour or two, when you are travelling past Parramatta, will be appreciated by the hard workers in "Merinda House" (which is what we've just heard is the name that DCS use for our National Office building).

Vaya con Dios
Rick Johnson,
*Executive
Director*



General News

We rejoice that Journey Programs are running in our newest prisons, Mid North Coast (men) & Dillwynia (women). Short Courses are scheduled for June/July in these 2 centres.

It seems that our prayers are also being answered in Queensland, where negotiations are underway for Short Courses in both men's and women's prisons. Please continue to pray for successful talks with the State Chaplaincy Board and the Department of Corrective Services.

Pray also for the new Victorian State Council, under the guidance of Chairman Alf Baker, as they move to expand the Kairos influence in that state.

South Australia are in the middle of negotiations with Corrective Services to have Kairos approved as a full "program". This is at the request of the Department. Pray for the team as they prepare the submission and meet with the Department.

Long time Western Australian State Council Chairman, Kath Seel, will be standing down in June and Richard Verdouw will be taking over. The committee are making great strides in deciding which will be the first prison for Kairos in WA.

We have a new Board member, Sharon Hillege. Sharon will be known to many of you through Mullawa and other Sydney based Kairos activities. Welcome, Sharon, and I'm sure that you'll bring a great deal to the new KPMA Board. Chairman George Novak retired from the Board in April, after his two 3 year terms expired. We give many thanks and prayers for his leadership over many years. John Fry (a past Chairman) and Marjorie Kerry also retired and we also extend our gratitude to them for a job well done over many years. Elections for a new Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will be held at the June Board meeting.

Doug Orr stood down from his role as NSW State Council Chairman at the meeting last Saturday and Yvonne Kinch was elected as to the position

How Wonderful Are Closing Ceremonies?

by Vern Harvey. Chairman KairosCare

Everyone who has attended a Closing Ceremony knows just what wonderful occasions they are. Inmates are given their opportunity to witness and share what they have experienced but how many of us were also drawn into the ministry by first being invited to a Closing Ceremony? I was. Some people have also felt drawn to donate to the ministry after experiencing the warmth and love of a Closing Ceremony.

After prayer, those two things – volunteers and money – are the lifeblood of the ministry. Kairos in Australia now has over 30 Regional Committees, State Councils and KO Committees bringing the message of salvation to prisoners and their families. As we approach our 10th anniversary we have been mightily blessed and I have no doubt will be again in the next decade.

As the numbers grow we need to face the challenges of managing the ministry well. Everything that is best done at the Regional Committee level should be done there but there are some things which are best done once

only for the whole ministry and that is the role of the National Office. Some of these things which the National Board address are:

- The promotion of compliance standards.
- Production of promotion and course materials.
- Tax management, such as gift deductibility.
- Funding new start-up Regional Committees.
- Running training for Program Directors.
- Liaising with our US counterparts.

One other item is the establishment of promotion and fundraising activities for the Ministry and this is where KairosCare comes in. KairosCare is the new name for the Fundraising and Promotion Committee of which I am the current Chair. Our job is to promote programs to encourage the recruitment of volunteers and to approach larger donors for support for the ministry.

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation has provided funds to enable us to have a paid, full time Chief Executive (Rick Johnson) for a year,

Time Running Out To Go To The Powerhouse !

After approaching the Powerhouse Museum to see if they could assist us with our fundraising efforts in 2005, we were given 5 family passes to the museum that are valid ONLY until 30 June 2005 and would like to offer them to anyone interested in taking their children or grandchildren.

A family ticket is valid for 1 adult and up to 5 children; or 2 adults and up to 3 children. They are normally priced at \$25.00. It goes without saying that no reasonable donation towards Kairos will be refused.

It appears that the tickets **do not** cover entry to any special Exhibitions.

Please give us a ring in the National Office (9683-0286) if you would like to help Kairos in this way.

Will You Be Celebrating 10 Years Of Kairos In Australia At The National Conference June 17-19th? Don't Miss It!

or maybe two. This is a critical step in lifting our profile and capabilities. KairosCare is working on volunteer management programs as well as our grant seeking capabilities to support a full time professional Chief Executive and help the ministry grow as much in the next decade.

Please pray for us. We are not experienced fund raisers but learning quickly. Pray for wisdom, energy and patience. Please keep your individual donations coming in; they are really needed. And finally, invite people to Closing Ceremonies, we need a steady flow of volunteers at all levels. Next time, I will tell you about our plans for the future.

Vern Harvey
Chairman, KairosCare