

A Word from the KPMA CHAIR

Brian Stone



My transition to the Chair of KPMA has been full-on, coming to grips with the duties and requirements of the position. I gratefully acknowledge the assistance I have received from Roberta, Derek and Ian. They have been untiring in their efforts, helping me acclimatise to the position. Of course, the Lord has been going before me, levelling some of the hills for easier going and I ask for your continued prayer for Kairos, its future and for myself.

I believe there is room for improvement in communication between KPMA, State Councils and Regional Councils, and for our volunteers to be more informed of happenings within the Kairos organisation. I would like to pay tribute to all our volunteers out there at the coalface, whether actively involved, prayers or supporters in other ways.

It's interesting that the first sign of teamwork in the Bible occurred right at the beginning. There we find the Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit working in concert at creation. Each member of the Godhead had a position to fill in the creation of the world.

In Kairos, we are one body with many parts, whether it is Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, TORCH or KPMA - we all have a job to do. We need to be aware of the need to operate together in harmony, love and unity. Philippians 1: 27 tells us: 'Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel'. Maxwell leadership Bible NKJV.

Things are happening with Kairos as we move forward to accommodate what the Lord is asking of us. The opening of a new prison in Victoria with a request to conduct Kairos Inside, interest being shown in the Northern Territory and Tasmania and also Queensland. The search for a CEO is well under way. Kairos Awareness Week has happened by the time you receive this newsletter. Helping to meet the need for finance and volunteers.

In closing, it's not a Biblical quote but Henry Ford said, 'If you think you can or think you can't you are probably right'. If we put God's will into the picture, this changes the quote significantly.

Blessings,
Brian

'I was in prison and you came to visit me' Matthew 25:36

Kairos National Conference

20-22 October 2017

"That we may be One"

Location: Ibis Eaglehawk Hotel

1222 Federal Highway Canberra 2602

Phone: Ibis: 02 6123 0100

Kairos: Barry Brown: 0435 173 354 or email
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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

+ Eaglehawk Ibis Styles 4 star

Conference venue

Web page: <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-9271-ibis-styles-canberra-eaglehawk>

Email: reservations@ibisstyleseaglehawk.com.au

Conference rates:

Queen room (1 queen bed) \$145.00 per room per night
Superior Double (2 double beds) \$165 per room per night
Family Room (5 Guests) \$205 per room per night
(bedding available: King bed + 3 singles or 5 singles)

To obtain conference rates, the code CONF3 must be used

It will be possible to obtain cheaper room rates from time to time by booking with the hotel on line and not using the conference code. **These rates are usually payable fully in advance, non-refundable and will not be eligible for the conference breakfast discount.**

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Cabins/Villas are also available prices Range between \$95 and \$159 for 2 people per night, with a \$10 surcharge for a one night stay.

A wonderful time of fellowship will be experienced by delegates from all over Australia as they mingle and worship together. Throughout the weekend our work in the ministry will be improved by the sharing during presentations and workshops. So come and be a part of this gathering.

Registration Cost: \$130.00 payable by 23 September 2017

Direct deposit: BSB 032-075 A/C 147046 Name: KPMA

Ref: Name & Region. All enquiries to Barry Brown see above



Kairos Outside for Women

Central West #2

WOW! What a weekend!! Our second KOW Central West was held from 28th to 30th April in the beautiful surrounds of “Shalom” Carcoar.



The theme for the weekend was “Free to Be Me!!!” with our bible verse John 8:32 “If you know the truth, the truth shall set you free.”

Our guests embraced the weekend and God’s love and care shown to them by the team was almost tangible. Three out of the five guests from 2016 were on our team and commented that they experienced more out of this year, from having already been. God really used these special ladies to minister to our guests.

All the talks and meditations were very powerful and certainly spoke to our guests. The expressions on the ladies faces as they were escorted into our special dinner, the look of delight as we celebrated past anniversaries, birthdays etc that they had missed, the cutting of the beautiful cake and receiving of birthday gifts, the releasing of balloons to set us free to be the women of God He made us to be, all blessed us mightily.

What a MIGHTY God we serve!!!

Some responses from the guests:

“Very welcoming, kind, warm and friendly

Non-judgemental, encouraging, shown how God can change our lives, enjoyable and uplifting; singing & dancing- a very happy relaxed activity; the brick wall as I had built a wall around myself”

I sit and wonder at the awesome way God blessed us and the way He brought the team together. What a faithful God we serve as He never lets us down and provides us with everything we need to bring about His perfect plan! We left the weekend knowing we can be “Free to be Me!!!”

Susan Jolliffe
Leader

Women’s Journey Program MNCCC

Romans 12:12

The journey teams live out this text !

There is much **rejoicing** each week with the response to the gospel-based talks and music, the interaction with the team as well as the encouraging numbers of the women who turn up for the Friday journey hour-and-a-half.

Well most Fridays – that is where the **patience** test comes in. The lock-downs. We can even travel all the way to the centre to find there is one. The respect and courtesy shown to us by the Corrective Centre’s staff underpin our patience. The resulting coffee-fests build up team camaraderie. Our prayers for the women inside to rely solely on God are lifted up in praise.

“And keep on **praying.**” Thank-you for the prayers, especially those offered up in an informal vigil on Fridays.

Helen Boutell
KIW #3 Journey Coordinator

Kairos Outside for Women Hunter #23

We had a wonderful weekend. KOW # 23. The theme for our weekend was “Come to the Living Water” John 4:10-14. We had 11 guests and 29 on Team. I am pleased how the weekend unfolded.

Everyone on team came with a willing heart to give and to serve the guests and the ministry. I was very blessed by the weekend and found out that I could do it with the wonderful team and lots of prayer. And with God’s help.

Here are some responses from the weekend.

1. *“I was really blessed by the weekend. I came home with a feeling that a load had been lifted off my shoulders.”*

2 *“I had a great weekend. I didn’t expect the weekend to be anything like it was, or the other women to be like they were. Everyone was so friendly, loving and kind. Everyone had something positive to say. I thoroughly enjoyed the talks that were given as well and I could relate to most of them.”*

3 *“The weekend away was wonderful and had a profound healing touch for me. My husband is now looking at going to the Kairos Outside for Men in June. I love this ministry and would love to part of it in the future.”*

Jacinta H
Leader

Vale – Deirdre Clift



A well-known line from the famous actor, Tom Hanks said, “Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get”. Deirdre never knew what her box of chocolates would reveal. But she sure showed me how to enjoy the good choices, and she showed me well and truly how to grapple with the hard ones. She never knew what God would give her to handle in life, nor the blessing she would be to me and to so many because of them. Deirdre will be a hard act to follow.

Deirdre joined ‘Bible Study Fellowship’ and ‘Cursillo’ Teams leading to an ongoing and absolute passion for 14 years with the ‘Kairos Prison Ministry’. Deirdre worked with like-minded team members with months of preparation, presenting women inmates in prison with the Good News of Jesus Christ in a three day program, **and** a follow-up visiting program that lasted weekly for 12 months. She loved it. She signed up year after year. She was passionate that these women who had gone off course in their lives, would find self-forgiveness, forgiveness of others, and always Christ’s forgiveness, so that they could start life afresh. Deirdre’s favourite text at the end of her life was from Philippians 1. 20: “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”.

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Vale—Kairos Graduate Bobby Veen

Robert (Bobby) Veen had a very traumatic experience as a young boy and also suffered greatly from abuse in various government homes in his teens. It is hardly surprising, then, that Bobby turned to a life of crime and hate and spent over 40 years in prison.

Bobby attended the Kairos Short Course in Long Bay in 1997, and it changed his life. He did not think anyone could love him, least of all God. During the 3½ day event at Long Bay, he found a God who loved him, and a Saviour who died for him. A Christian community that cared about him. This changed Bobby's life! He attended the Journey programme in Long Bay, and joined the Gospel choir.

Subsequently, he wanted to be baptised as a believer, as he always said that it would be the last piece in the jigsaw. Bobby was released on compassionate grounds in 2015, as he had developed oesophageal cancer. We then had the joy of witnessing Bobby's baptism at the Blaxland Church of Christ a few months later.



In March this year, our beloved brother in Christ, Bobby, had a heart attack and was called "home." We think Bobby might say that being baptised was really the second last piece of the jigsaw. The last piece has now been put in place and the picture is beautiful and complete: he is at home with his Lord and Saviour. Bobby's last tear has been wiped away, and it is the sunrise, the morning, of his eternal day.

Deanne Chapman

Torch Frank Baxter



Torch Programme #20

We are fortunate to be able to hold the Torch programme at Frank Baxter Detention centre, Kariang, on the Central Coast of NSW, twice a year. The centre is for boys from 16-18 and sometimes older, who come from all over NSW and even Qld. Our first programme is in the Easter school holidays and the second in the October school holidays. The boys are chosen by the chaplain, to attend the programme and we usually start off with 18, which can fluctuate over the few days.

The boys acted out one of the talks which involved a young person getting drunk and a mother praying and receiving a prompting from God to ring the child and go to his rescue. Boys also commented on the realisation that God loved them and would forgive them for what they had done.

Kevin Llewellyn
Leader

Kairos Inside—Arthur Gorrie #13

God is good! 18 Residents from the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre completed the Kairos Short Course which ran from 8th to 12th May 2017.

The Residents and Team members grew in their love of God and of each other. Over the week many new friends were made. The Residents quickly settled in and began sharing in family table discussions. The Residents responded positively to the love of Jesus that was reflected by the Team.

The many names on the links in the Prayer Chain was very much appreciated by the Residents. Wednesday's focus on forgiveness, culminating in the Forgiveness Service and the shredding of names, had a significant impact on the Residents with some Residents sharing that they had forgiven some people whom they had previously intended to physically harm, notwithstanding the life sentence they knew they would get.

The sharing at the Open Mic brought a tear to my eye. The proof of how well the Kairos program was appreciated by the Residents was seen in the attendance at the first Journey program when 14 of the Residents came.

Our 6th Day Speaker spoke very well. He was very passionate and spoke from the heart.

We are very appreciative of the support given to by the Management and Officers of the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre.

John Agnew
Leader

Anatomy of a Volunteer

Open minded, non-judgmental...
Matthew 7:12

Active listener...
James 1:19

Has a compassionate heart,
and cares deeply for the cause
they are volunteering for...
1 John 4:21



Speaks words of
encouragement and
prays for discernment
and wisdom...
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Dedicated hard worker,
anonymous servant...
Colossians 3:12-17

Hands and feet of
Jesus Christ...
Matthew 25:35-40

Vale—Trevor Tree MNC

Following a tragic heart attack while surfing and a period in intensive care, our good friend and team member, Trevor Tree has passed away.

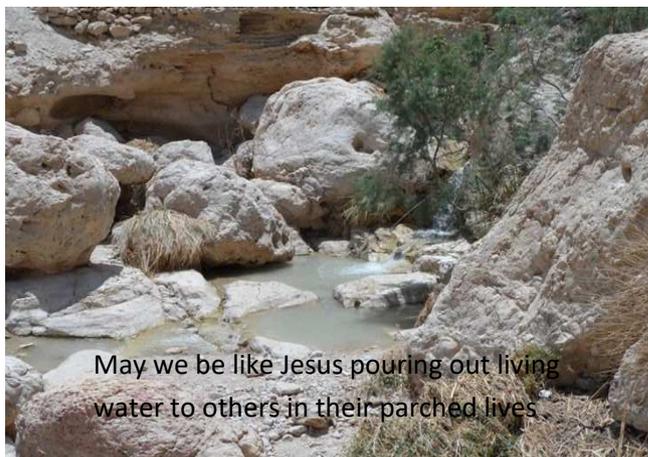
Trevor Tree was on Kairos #9. It was his first Kairos. Trevor was and always has been a very busy bloke with work, but he expressed his wish to witness to the guys in green. And he did that with zeal.

He was allocated as a Family Assistant on a table, a job he relished with all the eagerness one would expect. The guys in green appreciated his keenness to be with them and to share a journey based on real friendships.

His talk on “Christian Action” was remembered especially for his personal sharing, expressing a genuine vulnerability, which made the guys in green endear themselves even more.

Trevor's passion was evident throughout the short course and very much appreciated by me, knowing his heart was motivated for the men in green! “

Eddy Merzlikoff



May we be like Jesus pouring out living water to others in their parched lives

An important note from the Newsletter Editor.

If you move, please let us know.

If you change your contact details, please let us know.

We want to stay in touch with you and we can't if you forget to tell us.

Send any changes to the email operations@kairos.org.au.

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
Kairos Inside & Torch			
10-14 July	Port Augusta 7	P O Box 242 Highgate 5063	Gerald Whitefoot
25-29 Sep	Mid North Coast Women 4	P O Box 2604 Port Macquarie 2444	Shirley Patmore
26-29 Sep	Acacia 8	P O Box 1359 Joondalup 6919	Owen Pitts
Kairos Outside for Women			
11-13 Aug	Canberra Monaro 18	P O Box 3961 Weston Creek ACT 2611	Denise Grundig
18-20 Aug	North Coast 10	94 North Street Kempsey 2440	Carol Todd
08-10 Sep	Perth 10	P O Box 1359 Joondalup 6919	Bev
15-17 Sep	South Coast 2	P O Box 3961 Weston Creek ACT 2611	Sue Gregory
22-24 Sep	Hunter 24	P O Box 221 Kotara 2289	Robyn Wile
22-24 Sep	Wide Bay Capricorn 11	16 Bayrise Dr Urangan 4655	Julie Knight
20-22 Oct	New England 6		Kay Harman
03-05 Nov	South East Qld 34	P O Box 739 Mt Ommaney 4074	Dianne Chandler
10-12 Nov	Riverina 11	P O Box 189 Junee 2663	Marlene Collins
10-12 Nov	Adelaide 27	36 Grundel St Whyalla Norrie 5608	Kathy Moore
24-26 Nov	Sydney 38	P O Box 2178 Normanhurst 2076	Marg Irwin
Kairos Outside for Men			
01-03 Jun 2018	Sydney 8	P O Box 169 Hornsby 1630	TBA
Essentials of Kairos Outside for Women Training			
27-29 Oct	KOW Wide Bay Capricorn		Info - Gill Begbie
National Conference			
20-22 Oct	Eaglehawk Hotel North ACT/NSW Border	Register at kpmanationalconference@kairos.org.au	