

**Welcome to our newly appointed
Spiritual Director & Board Member
Peter Woodward**



Peter Woodward belongs to the baby boomer generation. After Nambour High he went to University to study Mathematics; but that all changed when he sensed a call to ministry which led to ordination in 1973.

His ministry has included rural, regional cities and a lengthy time as an Army Chaplain. That has meant many moves up and down the eastern states; but Queensland remains home. He commenced Kairos ministry with Silverwater 1; followed by several at Goulburn; and then Arthur Gorrie 11, 12 and 14. He retired from full time ministry in 2012; but keeps active with Kairos, University chaplaincy, supply ministry from time to time, and continuing studies. He married Joan in 1971 and they have three adult daughters and eight grandchildren.

From the CEO

CEO's Reflection on KPMA's National Conference 2017

Since the conference, I have felt energized, motivated and inspired!

Many thanks to the Conference Planning Committee; you are all blessings to this ministry.

"That We May Be One" was our theme and was appropriate and very thought provoking. While reading some of the feedback forms they gave me confirmation that we are on the right track and it is my prayer that we can keep that momentum going.

There were wonderful testimonies throughout the weekend. I am sorry that more of our Kairos family could not attend. I pray that at the next conference we'll see more of you there. With that said; we will have available for you on our website: www.kairos.org.au footage of our plenary sessions of this year's conference for your use. You will be able to access this with a special access code. This will be available to you soon!

Unity in the Three Kairos Programs --- Braid the three cords and remember; KI, KO & KT

A cord of three strands is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

I loved meeting all of you; it was great FUN, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE!

Renee Lumpkin

Kairos Outside for Men #7

We indeed worship and follow an amazingly faithful God! While we have struggled to find guests in the past, KOM#7 was the first weekend where we had permission to invite men who had served time in the past, not only those who had been or were presently supporting someone in prison. This meant that the team of 15 enjoyed the fellowship of 13 guests. And these guests came from far and wide – as far north as Narrabri, as far west as Wagga Wagga and as far south as Eden!

The most amazing thing was that the guests started to share their journeys almost from the first session on Saturday morning and by the end of the weekend, experienced Kairos team members said that the table dynamics were some of the best that they had experienced – the team also included a couple of former guests. Because the guests are widespread geographically, our challenge now is to maintain contact with these men and hopefully, keep them in touch with each other.

We have taken the lead from KOW and will be trialing what we call "Blokcs & Coffee Groups" where men that live relatively close to each other can meet with each other & former team members, to share how their walk with Jesus is progressing and to seek encouragement in that. Your prayers for these groups would be much appreciated. KOM#8 will be held from June 1-3, 2018.

Greg Tebbutt

If you would like any brochures and/or the weekend details for KOM#8 just email komsydney@kairos.org.au



Vale Glen Elizabeth Banks

Glen was involved with Kairos in Western Australia since its inception in 2007, and had been on team for most of the weekends in its ten years since. She took the leadership role for Kairos Outside for Women #4 in 2010, been on the Regional Committee in various capacities including chair person, treasurer, supplies and newsletter. She served as chair, secretary and member of the WA State Council since 2012 and became a KPMA board member in 2015. Apart from filling these roles with devoted enthusiasm, Glen also committed to many fund-raising activities and ensured we met regularly in our small groups to share with a purpose. A very real and painful loss to many Kairos and Emmaus community members. We were blessed having her part of our lives. She was Jesus with skin on to us.

*On behalf of Kairos Western Australia
Jenny and Ben Bothma*

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

Report from our intrepid travelling

Volunteers The Buchanans & The Turks into NT



Keith & Vicki

"It's Time!" might have been an effective political statement but not this time. This "Its time!" Is for Darwin.

A team of Kairos volunteers had been in Darwin gathering contacts, asking questions and meeting with pastors and visiting churches.



Chris & Annette

The situation in Darwin is dire on the prison front. There is one chaplain for approximately 1,000 inmates and to say he is snowed under would be an understatement. The prison is 40 minutes drive out of town and has no public transport near it so visitors must catch the Salvation Army bus or pay big money for a taxi. 95% of inmates are Aboriginal from all over the Northern Territory.

You don't have to talk to too many people before you find someone impacted by imprisonment in some way.

A meeting was held in June to gauge the level of interest in running a Kairos program in Darwin. Of course, the locals here must 'own' the dream of establishing a program or we are all dreaming in vain. Exciting Times Ahead! Pray as an Ad Hoc Committee is formed for Kairos Outside for Women.

Torch Adelaide #3

Day 1: The boys arrive; very brief hello from each host to his/her guest; and straight into the first lite 'n lively: a basketball version of "Golden Child" (one team of shooters, one team of runners). The boys quickly start to try to help the team members who are obviously no good at shooting a basketball. After the lite 'n lively the usually awkward initial host/guest "getting to know you" is far more relaxed. Perhaps through playing a game together the boys are finding that this bunch of mainly older Christians are great fun and ordinary people (who don't mind making a fool of themselves). The first talk: a video entitled "Creation" – which includes a photo of each boy: "He formed me, he formed you, he knows your name". Re-introductions (team and guests): "My name is ...and I am God's created treasure". Boys starting to think: "this program is a bit different"?

The concept of masks we wear is introduced in the second talk. After lunch an opportunity for the boys to both think about who they are and to express their creativity as they draw their own mask; and are asked to get up in front of everyone to describe their mask; a bit daunting at this early stage for some boys to speak in front of the group.

Another lite 'n lively (not quite so active and challenging for the team this time!); and some singing: a song they may know first up: "I'm a believer" (modified words: "Then I sought His face, and now I'm a believer...").



Torch Adelaide #3 Continued

Another talk: the powerful impact of the personal story woven into the talk topic; followed by family table discussion: "did that story really happen to her?". Relationships and trust are developing; more participation in the singing.

End Day 1 and back to the church base for team debrief. Then home to finish writing a letter to each boy (that he will receive on Day 3), and to get some sleep before the alarm goes off at 5:45, ready for Day 2....

Days 2 and 3: so much happens; a few highlights:

. The Forgiveness Service: the masks drawn on Day 1 are handed over to God (placed in the "God Box"); their forgiveness lists on dissolving paper disintegrate before their eyes; all the boys (and team) step forward to have the Spiritual Leader speak the Aaronic Blessing over them – including the 2 Muslim boys; a moving experience for us all.

. Family Table prayer time (with the Chaplain): each boy is encouraged to pray; all participate.

. The boys are presented with a special birthday cake (decorated by their host); they want to see what their friends' cakes look like; they don't want to cut them. They read their letters (from the team); it's time for them to go back to their Units; one boy hugs his bag of letters – he doesn't want to leave the letters behind.

. Boys get to nominate which team member they would like to have as their mentor. Some boys choose a father figure; some choose a grandmother figure. It's a privilege to be asked to share in their struggles and hopes.

A week later: back to the Centre for the first mentoring session: all the boys are there; great to re-connect and to share how their week has gone. Some are keen to tell us that they have started to read their Bibles. We're looking forward to catching up again next week ...

Jean & Scott Hutchinson #3

Vale Susie Hirst

My life has been all the richer for knowing Susie Hirst, and ministering with her to the 'girls' at Emu Plains, and is all the poorer because she is no longer with us.

Susie's gentleness, Godliness, friendship, perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, encouragement and many other qualities are well known. Her capacity to love was extraordinary, and she had the gift to make you feel the most important person when you were with her.

We know that Susie now is in Glory, reunited with her precious husband, her grandson and all those who had gone before her. "Well done, good and faithful servant"

She will be missed by us all.

Unchained. To God be the glory.



Jan Syme

(On behalf of the Emu Plains Kairos team)

Elena's Testimony at the National conference

Good evening. My name is Elena and my journey with Kairos and more specifically KO for Women began 13 years ago. Out of the blue my son in law lost his job due to white collar crime and the family of 4 moved back into our house. Our household of 4 became 8. The lengthy court process took its toll on us all. We were led to believe by solicitors that it would result in some type of Community service. That was not to be. It was a terrible shock when he was eventually sent to jail for 2.5 yrs leaving my husband and I supporting and caring for our eldest daughter and her 3 children aged 3, 2 and 4 months.



My daughter & I arrived on Kairos Outside Sydney # 12, weary and feeling broken, carrying heavy burdens and wondering what these women could possibly know about what we were going through and what they thought they could offer us. We literally hid in our room after arriving avoiding conversations until dinner time.

That weekend I found a new family, a safe place to break down, to share with others what I was facing and feeling without being judged or rejected. It was a place of healing, where I could begin to be put together again. I was thrilled to witness my daughter begin to unravel the tensions and anger that had built up, to relax with people who understood her situation, to smile and even laugh again. The theme of our weekend was 'Hope to carry on' and that is exactly what I found.

On returning home - back to a full house with grandkids, work etc I was in a pretty good place emotionally. However, whatever my home situation looked like I was still returning to face everyday life and needed to put in to practise the things I had discovered over the weekend. Those at home expected the 'old me' angry and withdrawn and avoiding people to return. I found it important to be gentle with them and myself as I adjusted.

When things happened, doubts sprang up, I was travelling to jail visits, family tensions - whatever life brought, I found I needed to pause and remember the message of KOW that "I am not alone and had experienced genuine 'hope to carry on'". I used the contact list I was given in the Going Forth book to reach out to those I met that weekend who understood the journey I was on. I met up for a coffee and chat, (and still do). I thought about the team talks I heard. I attended (and still do) the Reunions to catch up with our KOW community that I had become a part of. My Kairos Outside Family have been there for me through some really tough personal times.

I have served on many KO Weekends. It has been a joy to be able to serve and give back to those who opened their arms and hearts to us in our time of need. Without our son in law's prison journey I would not have met many people who are so very important to me. I truly thank Jesus for allowing this in our lives and the opportunity to be part of Kairos Outside for Women.

Testimony of Rob Young at the National Conference

I'm a 50 year old man and I've spent my life in institutions from the age of 12 years old. I was born in Wollongong NSW and I burnt a house down when I was 12 years old, I didn't mean to but it put me in detention and from then on I kept getting into a mass of trouble and I had the devil come and visit me one day when I was a 17 year



old, God revealed to me later on, and I had a little puppy that was given to me and I lived up in the mountains and he was the only friend I had.

I had him for about a year and I came home from school and I found him in the dam in a sack, someone had killed him. After that, didn't know how to love after that. I just bumbled through life, in and out of relationships, in and out of jail, and ended up spending 17 years of my life in institutes. My daughter had an accident in a car and I said "Don't worry about it, I'll buy you another car" cause I was dealing drugs, I was making drugs, I was on top of it all, at the time. She said "Dad I'd rather you be out of jail than doing what you're doing you know" and it really hit me at the time cause I didn't know anything different and, um, I went to my Parole Officer and at that stage and I said "I'm dirty, I'm going to be dirty, I've rung up Rehab, they're going to accept me, can you help me, and I put my hand out to get some help off them AGAIN.

"I've had enough of everyone out there and the life" so I picked up the Bible, I was in my cell, and I challenged God, I said "Right, so I wanna know what you've got for me, show me what you've got, you show me, I'll take it. And off I went to church and I sat in the back of the church then one of the ministers came up to me and said "Hey mate do you wanna go to this course." I said "What is it?" and he said "Oh! Kairos Course." And I said "Why not" I don't know what it is, so off I went and I met these blokes in there and I started to listen.

I was starting feeling pretty good about it and I had a visit during the Kairos week, my daughter came to visit me, and I put my arms around her—everything just stopped—there was only me and her in that room at that stage and I could smell like a fresh born baby and everything, and I heard God's voice believe it or not, he spoke to me, I couldn't believe it, and he said "I'll show you how to love again". I went back to my cell and I shed a tear for the first time in about 25-30 years. I never felt freedom until I walked out of them doors and I had the Kairos blokes, but all of a sudden I had this other family and its all you people, and all the Kairos to me, and then I went on The Emmaus Walk and my life is just getting better and better and, yah, He's blessed me with a grandson and now my family talks to me. He's showing me how to love again, learning to love people again and love my community. If we don't have love we've got nothing so I just want to let you all know at Kairos that I love youse all, thank you very much for what Kairos and everyone's done for me.

Kairos Inside—Arthur Gorrie #14
“God is good -all the time”

The final number of residents who attended was 12 although 19 started the course on the Monday.



Some pulled out due to various reasons. The number of team members did affect the way the programme ran, and had we had a full team we would have had more flexibility on the team roles. In a ideal world the minimum number of team should be 24.

The deputy governor spoke and gave his support to Kairos and encouraged the residents to stay with the programme.

One of the residents shared that after the short course he met someone on the walkway who shouldered him. Normally he would have reacted and attacked the person, but instead he walked away. He remembered what he learnt and the outcome was he did not injure anyone and was not breached.

Another resident said he received unconditional love for the first time in many years . Residents were encouraged to inform their families of Kairos Outside so they can experience unconditional love.

Thank you for the privilege of leading AG 14

Bill Pennings

Vale Suzy Molyneux



Suzy became a volunteer with Kairos when the Berrima Correctional Centre opened for women inmates and for 10 years until the Centre closed she was on teams, chaired the Berrima Regional Committee and also compered sessions for the KPMA National Conference. In 2015 she moved across to Kairos Outside for Women and was on the Sydney KOW team on two occasions before joining the Far South Coast KOW in 2016. Two weeks before she died she was OL1 for South Coast in September and was, as always, amazed to watch God’s love impact the lives of the 12 ladies who attended.

Her joy and exuberance has been boundless. She received a Centenary Medal for the Early Intervention facility she set up in Bowral – Toybox – where families with children who had developmental difficulties found support and professional services.

Suzy loved and served others endlessly, she worked tirelessly, she celebrated life continually and she expended her energies sacrificially. Above all else she was committed to the God who had loved and saved her and her whole life was a dedication to her Lord. We thank God for her and for the example she is to us of a truly joyful, faithful Christian.

An update from the Treasurer

Our funding target for 2017 was \$203300
Our estimate for the year is \$158300
Anticipated shortfall \$45000

We are grateful to God for the loyal support we receive from our donors. We would encourage our supporters to prayerfully consider, where they are able, to assist in reducing the shortfall.

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.

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31 Dec-5 Jan 2018	Wolston 9	P O Box 312 Springwood 4127	Brian Stone
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