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Tree of Hope

The **Tree of Hope** (ToH) is a CatholicCare service which provides emotional and practical support to people living with HIV, their family and their support person. This service is open to people of any faith or no faith.

We are based in Lewisham, with outreach at Surry Hills and Liverpool. The ToH is a place of hospitality and welcome, and offers a space for reflection, support and friendship.



From the Coordinator ...

Welcome to the Tree of Hope's Winter newsletter!

I am pleased to say that our regular gatherings at Surry Hills, Liverpool and Lewisham are going very well and that attendance has been consistent. It has been really wonderful watching people making connections in a supportive way.

When Bishop Terry Brady joined us at the Drop-In Time in May, he couldn't emphasize enough, how important community is. He said, "We are meant to be with other people - in community. Don't be alone." It warmed my heart to hear him say this—as it is what Tree of Hope is all about. It was the reason that Sr Margaret Mines started the Tree of Hope in 1996, so that people living with HIV/AIDS, their family and support person could feel connected with others and have a sense of belonging with people in a similar situation.

Eighteen years on, we are proud to be continuing Sr Margaret's

mission. I recently spoke with her and she passes on her very warm regards to all.

Efrem (volunteer, editorial assistant) and I have been very fortunate to be sponsored by the Sydney Archdiocese, to attend the 20th International AIDS Conference in Melbourne from 20-25 July. **Please note there will NOT be a Drop-In Time at Lewisham on 23 July.**

On Saturday 23 August, John Charadia will be facilitating a Photographic Digital Workshop. The event will be held at Tree of Hope, Lewisham from 10 – 4pm. Without giving away too much about the day, it promises to be creatively different. Participants will be working individually and in small groups to create a digital story. Attendance is by registration and the application form will be distributed by the end of June.

For more information about the Tree of Hope or the upcoming activities please do not hesitate to call me on 9509 1240.

Warm regards
Marg

Up Coming Events

SURRY HILLS:

- 13 June - Social Gathering
- 11 July - Social Gathering
- 8 August - Presentation by Efrem on International AIDS Conference

LEWISHAM:

- 25 June - Drop In Time (incl light lunch)
- 23 August - Photographic Digital Workshop (Saturday 10-4pm)
- 27 August - Drop In (incl. light lunch)

LIVERPOOL:

- 31 July - Social Gathering

For more information or to RSVP please call Marg on 9509 1240 (direct) or treeofhope@catholiccare.org

Some food for thought....

- ♦ *To keep a constant hold on your peace, be able to let go of everything else.*
- ♦ *If I keep the weaknesses of others in my mind they soon become my weaknesses too.*
- ♦ *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*