

# ACMN NEWSLETTER

## 2026 #1

### Tony Horsfall visits the ACMN

On 10 March our Professional category members had the privilege of meeting with author Tony Horsfall at our first Masterclass for 2026. He has written several books about mentoring, all highly recommended. Tony shared his perspective on Christian mentoring ministry in the UK. He is particularly keen that mentoring be encouraged in its grass-roots, non-professional form, available to and practiced by virtually every Christian as a normal part of following Jesus. He was encouraged that in Australia we do have some training available for informal mentors in local churches, and encouraged us as professional mentors to invest in this.

In its professional form, Tony reported that in the UK mentoring has taken a step back, often being bundled together in the phrase 'coaching and mentoring' where mentoring is the junior partner. However, Tony has observed that the highest take up of highly skilled mentoring is among cross-cultural mission workers. He thinks the reason for this is that the stakes are extremely high for these Christian leaders, and mentoring is the discipline that most effectively meets their pressing needs for spiritual accompaniment.

Tony also answered questions about listening, spiritual discernment, mentoring for different passages of life and adopting a multi-modal approach to walking alongside others. A recording of this session will be made available for our Professional members included in their annual subscription fee. Now we are looking forward to the next Masterclass with Evi Rodemann, director of Lausanne Germany and a long-time mentor and champion of young adult leaders in the global Lausanne Movement.

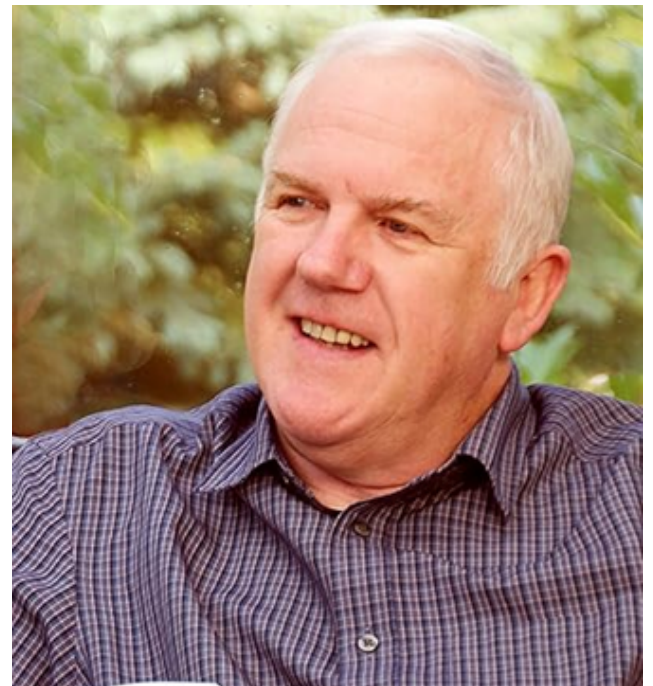
### 2026 MEMBERS ZOOM NETWORKING

TUESDAY	21 <sup>st</sup> APR	1-2:30pm
THURSDAY	28 <sup>th</sup> MAY	1-2:30pm
TUESDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup> JUN	7-8:30pm
THURSDAY	27 <sup>th</sup> AUG	7-8:30pm
THURSDAY	24 <sup>th</sup> SEP	1-2:30pm
THURSDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> OCT	7-8:30pm
TUESDAY	17 <sup>th</sup> NOV	7-8:30pm

All Times In AEST/AEDT

### The next 2 zoom networking meetings are...

**APRIL:** When trauma comes to town - How to walk with a mentoree in the aftermath of a traumatic event.  
**MAY:** Back to Basics



Rick



Angela



Kylie



Tim



Jeff



Ngaire



Luke



Carmen

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### Interview with Steve Shooter

I am based in Wagga Wagga in the Riverina area of NSW.

*Membership Category?*

Informal. This gives me the flexibility to freely minister to many people in different situations.

*How long have you been a mentor?*

8 years

*What do you love about mentoring?*

I am able to share my experience and bible knowledge to bless the upcoming generation. My wife, Kaye and I have helped to build up the number of people available as mentors to support the local gathering of "Bush Apprentices" - an extension of the Vocational Bible College here in Wagga.

*Favourite book or resource you've recently used?*

Sometime back, Tim Dyer and Rick Lewis led an excellent ACMN workshop on establishing mentoring in the local congregation. Next time it runs, I encourage all member to attend. It was gold. My daughter in law introduced me to the workbook Getting over Yourself by Carolyn Spencer. Using this tool, I helped a mentoree gain insight to the broader issues surrounding his breaching of protocols in the organisation who employed him. Such a good tool for personal growth.

This is our first newsletter for 2026 but we have already had 2 events to keep us learning in community. It is such a privilege to have access to such gifted people.

Carmen, our coordinator has stepped down from this role but is still part of the committee. She is having a sabbatical and rest from the community after serving our community so professionally and diligently. At our first committee meeting of the year, she passed on wonderful briefing documents for those continuing her work. It was staggering to realise the breadth of her understanding of the organisation. We thanked her and it is fitting to acknowledge to you the committee's admiration for her service.

Thank you for the many people who have paid their membership fees. If you have not already done so. Reach out to us if you have matters that concern you in this area.



### These are our office bearers for 2026:

Chairperson: Kylie Brown

Vice Chairs: Angela Jolly and Luke Morgan

Secretary: Ngaire Moore

Treasurer: Carmen Wagenaar

Public Officer: Rick Lewis

**We are thankful to God that he has granted us these people to serve in our network.**



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