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## Doing whatever it takes

**D**oing whatever it takes. It's a phrase which is being used with increasing regularity across The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, primarily in connection with its Mission Priorities.

It rolls off the tongue quite nicely and is a call to action which can be quite effective in stirring passion for mission. But have you ever stopped to consider for a moment the gravity of these four simple words in the context of our service for God? Doing whatever it takes. Doing whatever. *Whateverz*

To utter these words is to signal our absolute abandonment to God. "Take me, Lord, I am yours. I am willing to go wherever and do *whatever* to further your Kingdom." They are words which must not be spoken lightly before a God who, Scripture tells us (Matt 12:36), will hold us accountable for every careless thing we say.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, as part of our preview of this year's Self Denial Appeal campaign which begins later this month, we bring you stories of "doing whatever it takes" in action. These "Self Denial Stories" are an example of sacrificial service by The Salvation Army – and individual Salvationists in particular – in going into dark and desperate situations to shine the light of God's love.

Over the next few weeks as you spend time in God's Word and praying in preparation for the Self Denial Appeal – and you should prepare – take a moment to consider whether you really are "doing whatever it takes" to further God's kingdom. Is your support of this vital annual appeal really "self-denial", or more a comfortable act of giving which doesn't demand genuine sacrifice?

## Challenging journey

Also in this issue, we begin our countdown to Easter by way of the first of a three-part "Lenten Reflections" series written by Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Clarke.

At the church I attend, we recently were shown a short yet confrontational video which depicted a conversation between Jesus and Satan. In it, Satan, in taunting Christ about the fall of man, tells Jesus that to redeem humanity will cost him everything – that he must be prepared to lay down his life. Christ's simple response was to say, "I am willing to do whatever it takes".

For Jesus, "doing whatever it takes" meant laying down his life – a journey to a cross which Lieut-Colonel Clarke's articles over the next few months will help sharpen our focus on.

As followers of Christ we, too, are told to daily take up our cross (Luke 9:23). For most of us, this journey won't lead to a literal cross, but it is a path that calls us to self-denial. It's a road you must take before you can truly say you are "doing whatever it takes". Are you willing to take the journey?

**Scott Simpson**  
Managing Editor



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## Recharging spiritual batteries allows God's power to flow

**Commissioner JAMES CONDON** says Christians can become ineffective in thier service of the Lord unless they continually refresh their spiritual lives

**A**s I consider this year of 2012, I reflect upon the past month or so and thank God for being able to have some time away from the office between Christmas and New Year. This was a special time spent with friends and time with God.

It is important that we all schedule time for rest, renewal, reflection and refreshment. Each of us needs these times and we need to be intentional about it.

Our first Mission Priority says we want to see "a territory marked by holiness and prayer" and surely if this is to happen we need to take care of ourselves spiritually.

One of our songs calls us to "Take time to be holy". I quote from verse 1, "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord" – and from Verse 2, "Take time to be holy, the world rushes on".

This means making time for moments of refreshing and renewal and waiting on God to recharge our spiritual life. During my time away, I also prayed the prayer of the psalmist from Psalm 139 – "Search me, O God, and know my heart".

In Acts 3 verse 19 we read – "repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." I experienced refreshing from the Lord.

I was given a book as a Christmas present and the reading for today asked the question – "Have you paid attention to yourself lately?" and focused on the verse in 1 Timothy 4:16 which says "Take heed unto thyself".

The writer asks the question – "are you constantly serving others without giving yourself needed times of rest and refreshing? Or do you remember that you have spiritual needs too?"

This question applies to each of us who are involved in serving God. Timothy needed to take notice of this advice from Paul because as a young pastor he was "burning the candle at both ends" for a successful outcome. He was pastor of the largest church at Ephesus when this was written and was learning how to cope with the problems associated with pastoring such a large church. It was a huge task in caring for his flock, and he was

so busy looking after everyone else that he neglected to care for himself.

This can happen to any one of us if we are not careful to ensure that we spend time with God personally. How is your daily devotional time with God? Is it happening for you or are you feeling drained? Timothy must have felt drained, trying to pastor such a huge church and that's the reason Paul wrote to him as he did in verse 16.

So many things scream out for our attention – diaries, family, leisure, to name a few – but if our relationship with God suffers because we are giving more attention to things other than our relationship with him, then we will run out of energy and passion and feel totally drained and feel we have nothing to give.

The writer of the book said that Paul's words to Timothy could be translated as follows –

*"Get hold of yourself"*

*"Make your own spiritual life a priority"*

*"Don't get so busy that you forget you have spiritual needs too ..."*

It is good to be passionate about serving the Lord but never forget that we all need to care for our spiritual health. Someone once said to me that the spiritual life of the church is only as good as that of its leader. How is your spiritual barometer right now?

May we not forget our own spiritual life and make our daily devotions a priority so we are spiritually empowered to serve the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.



**Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory**

# Tell the truth, live the truth

This month *Pipeline* begins a three-part Lenten Series, written by **Lieutenant-Colonel DOUGLAS CLARKE**, based on the Sermon on the Mount and focusing on Matthew 5:33-37

**T**his short Lenten series of Bible studies seeks to provide opportunity for the Christian disciple for self-examination and penitence in preparation for the observance of God's redemptive work at Calvary and the resurrection of our Lord.

The 17th-century English parson and poet, George Herbert, in concluding his poem on Lent, wrote:

*Yet, Lord, instruct us to improve our fast,  
By starving sin and taking such repast,  
As may our faults control:  
That ev'ry man may revel at his door,\*  
Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,  
And among those his soul.*  
\*Refer to Isaiah 58:6-7

What, then, is an oath? It is a solemn calling upon God as a witness to the truth of a statement.

It should be understood that both a

vow and an oath are essentially the same, and to this extent the terms could be interchanged without affecting the basic thrust of the Old Testament references. However, oaths rather than vows fit the context of Matthew 5:33-37.

The Old Testament law clearly taught: "When a man makes a vow to the Lord or swears an oath ... he must not break his word. Every word he has spoken, he must make good," (Numbers 30:2 *New International Version*).

Old Testament evidence reveals that oaths as such were viewed positively.

Psalm 15:1-2 says, "Lord, who may lodge in thy tabernacle? Who may dwell on thy holy mountain? The man of blameless life, who does what is right and speaks the truth from his heart," (*New English Bible*).

Human cultures have developed oaths because people could not trust their neighbours without calling upon the

gods to witness. Perjury is a most serious offence in any law code and was forbidden in the Ten Commandments: "Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God," (Leviticus 19:12 *NIV*).

The writer of Ecclesiastes comments on this commandment: "When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it, fulfil your vow," (Ecclesiastes 5:4 *NIV*).

## The Lord's teaching on vows

Whereas the Old Testament law assumes dishonesty to be a given and forbids swearing a false oath, Jesus forbids the use of any false word at all, and thus demands unrestricted truthfulness in word and deed.

Jesus is saying that the true disciple will not require making an oath for the truth of their speech and promises require no such guarantee.

Sadly, oaths are still necessary and as such are proof that a person's word so often cannot be trusted.

Our Lord taught that it is the condition of the human heart that decides whether the "yes" is really a "yes" and the "no" really a "no".

In Mark 7:15 Jesus establishes the principle, "Nothing that goes into a man from the outside can defile him; no, it is the things that come out of him that defile a man," (*NEB*).

Over against the use of oaths to

confirm truth, Jesus' teaching is to stand on one's own utter sincerity and integrity. The Christian disciple's word and promise should have no need for an oath to support it.

The Apostle James, as he so often does in his letter, reflects Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. "Brothers, do not swear – not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your 'yes' be yes, and your 'no', no, or you will be condemned," (James 5:12. *NIV*).

Clement of Alexandria, in 190AD, wrote that Christians must lead such a life and demonstrate such a character that no-one will ever dream of asking an oath from them.

The radical Christian disciple of the 21st century should be a rebuke to all falsehood and infidelity by their life of transparent goodness. Living a life of utter integrity and truthfulness.

## Complete truthfulness

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, whose citation for the 1970 Nobel Prize for Literature simply yet powerfully stated, "For the ethical force with which he has pursued the indispensable traditions of Russian Literature", concluded his Nobel Lecture (delivered in his absence at the Nobel Banquet in Stockholm on 10 December, 1970) with these memorable words: "Proverbs about truth are well-loved in

Russia – 'One word of truth shall outweigh the whole world'."

And Jesus said: "Simply let your 'yes', be 'yes', and your 'no', be 'no'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one," (Matthew 5:37 *NIV*).

In conclusion, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German Lutheran pastor, theologian and martyr, in his important book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, reminds us that complete truthfulness is only possible where sin has been uncovered and forgiven by Jesus.

Only those who are in a state of truthfulness through the confession of their sin to Jesus are not ashamed to tell the truth wherever it must be told.

Bonhoeffer then goes straight to the nub of the matter when he states, "The cross is God's truth about us and, therefore, it is the only power which can make us truthful".

Part two of the Lenten Series will appear in the March issue of *Pipeline*.



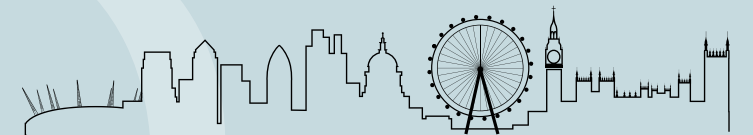
Lieut-Colonel Douglas Clarke is a retired officer of the Australia Eastern Territory.





Australia's Sarah-Jane Alley has been appointed to coordinate The Salvation Army's involvement at this year's London Olympics and Paralympics. Photo Shairon Paterson

# London calling



On the surface, Sarah-Jane Alley appears to be another sports fanatic in the crowd, but when **BILL SIMPSON** went deeper he found a young woman literally living out Hebrews 12, running with perseverance the race marked out for her by God

She wasn't far into last year's 42km London Marathon before Aussie Sarah-Jane Alley's thoughts turned from the rigours of the race itself to an even bigger event.

Only a few kilometres confirmed for Canberra-born Sarah-Jane that she was on the right track – not only in one of the world's top five marathons, but her personal life choice.

She looked around. There was plenty to see. Thirty-six thousand runners were taking part. Thousands more cheered from the sidelines. There was a potential television audience of millions.

Everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. Sarah-Jane was, anyway! The atmosphere and colour were spectacular. Geographically, Sarah-Jane was so far from home in Australia, yet so close to where she wanted to be at this stage of her life.

"I was thinking while I was running about how many people were watching. There were loads of people with banners and it just showed me that this is where the church should be, as well," she says.

"It shows that we cannot deny the power of sport as a ministry." >>>





Photo: Shairon Paterson

## Sports ministry

Sport as a ministry is where Sarah-Jane is right now in her life.

The 31-year-old daughter of Australia Eastern Territory officers Majors Kelvin and Julie Alley, Sarah-Jane has been specifically selected to coordinate The Salvation Army's involvement at the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics.

Her three-year appointment is with the United Kingdom with the Republic of Ireland (UKI) Territory, based in London. It requires her – and a team – to enthuse Salvationists across the country to involve themselves to such an extent that, well, people will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord.

While Olympic athletes will go for gold, Sarah-Jane and her team

will be going for More Than Gold – the official title of a Christian-wide campaign based on 1 Peter 1:7 ... faith more precious than gold.

More Than Gold has been around since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. The organisers encourage individual churches around the world to celebrate international sporting events by staging activities in their own communities and inviting members of the public to participate.

Involvement can mean anything from staging junior sports clinics to community fun days, handing out water bottles and providing music during the torch relay, showing Olympic events on a big screen or providing ongoing sports competitions.

Christians are also encouraged to open their homes to the families of overseas athletes while a major event like an Olympic Games is in progress.

Another Aussie – Graeme Hodge – who is the UK with the Republic of Ireland Territory's Assistant Director for International Development based in London, is helping with the athlete's family housing program for the Olympics. Graeme was also involved in the 2000 Sydney Olympics and 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Australian Salvationists will be given the opportunity to travel to Britain this year to add support to the host of programs that will be in place.

Sarah-Jane and her team have

# SALVOS TO HOST OLYMPICS COMPETITION

The Salvation Army's Hadleigh Farm, in Essex, England, will host the mountain bike competition at this year's Olympic Games.

The venue recently had a trial run for its Olympics involvement when it staged an international mountain bike competition (pictured below).

The sold-out Hadleigh Farm Mountain Bike International attracted more than 4000 spectators to see 82 of the world's top mountain bikers get to grips with the London 2012 course. Two-time Olympic champion Julien Absalon, of France, won

the men's race and described the course as "difficult technically and also physically".

The women's race was won by Catharine Prendel from Canada.

The mountain bike course sits on part of The Salvation Army's 900-acre Hadleigh Farm, which has a long history of helping unemployed people and adults with special needs into training and employment. The land was bought in 1890 by Salvation Army founder William Booth as the location of a farm and training centre to help poor people from industrial London.

Today, the site includes The Salvation Army's Hadleigh Employment Training Centre – providing employment and life skills for a wide range of vulnerable adults – as well as tea rooms run by the trainees which are open to the public.

The Salvation Army and Essex County Council are developing legacy plans for the course to ensure not only a great Olympic event, but also long-lasting benefits for the local area and community.

Find out more about Hadleigh Farm and its association with London 2012 at [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/london2012](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/london2012)



"It provides us with a tremendous opportunity to share the message of Jesus with millions of people ..."

been working with Salvation Army corps and centres throughout the territory for the past 18 months. Activities, including sports-based and general community events, are already happening. They will increase as the London Olympics (July-August) gets closer. Sarah-Jane is hopeful corps and centres will keep the programs going even when the Olympics is over.

"The Olympic Games is the biggest sporting event in the world. Everyone watches it and talks about it while it is on," she says.

"It gives us a perfect opportunity for both mission and service, and is a great starting point for new relationships. It provides us with a tremendous opportunity to share the message of Jesus with millions

of people who will be competing, attending and viewing on television – even just talking about the event.

"Sport is just so relevant in the UK today. Eight out of 10 people either watch, play or read about sport every week. That's millions who don't know Jesus; who don't go to church, but are interested in sport.

"That's a massive number of people and why it's important to continue beyond 2012. That [2012] is really only the beginning; just the catalyst to engage with our communities and have a go at doing something in that environment where people are celebrating and wanting to be involved in the hype around the Games.

"The church has a really big >>>



# More Than Gold

## London 2012

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory is sending 2 mission teams to London in 2012

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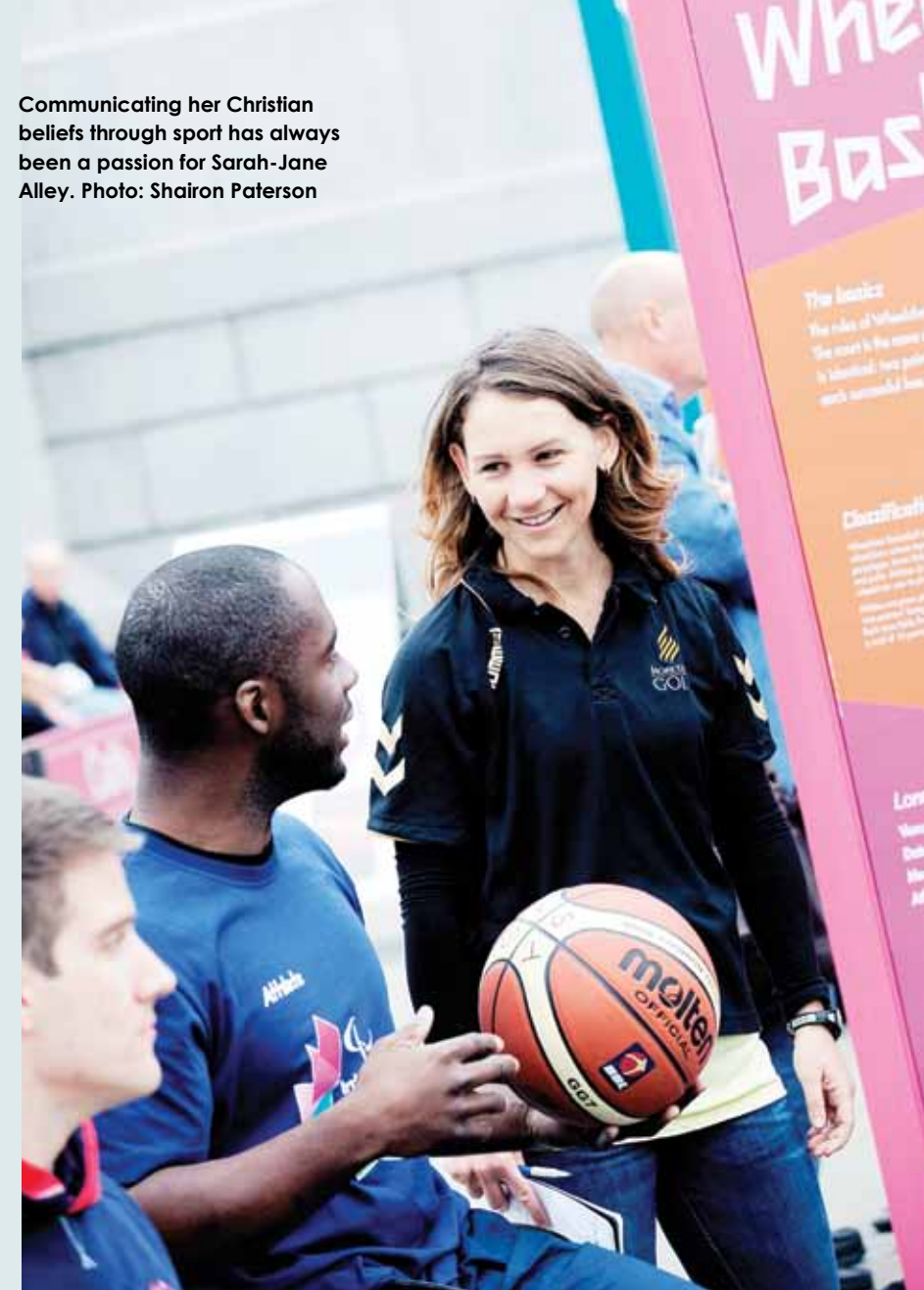


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Communicating her Christian beliefs through sport has always been a passion for Sarah-Jane Alley. Photo: Shairon Paterson



opportunity to start something that they can see going beyond 2012."

### Gifted leader

London is Sarah-Jane's fourth Olympics with the More Than Gold team. She first assisted in Sydney in 2000 and at Athens four years later. She has also taken part at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games and other world events.

Sport is essentially her second language. She is a competitor – always has been. Even personal worship involves sport.

"Running, to me, is a form of worship. I love to start my Sunday mornings by going for a run in the park with my iPod in, listening to Christian music and sometimes singing away with the music."

Back in Australia, she was playing competition netball by

nine and often made regional representative teams. She was a regional representative in swimming and athletics, including cross country, and started touch football at 15.

According to her father, Salvation Army National Secretary Major Kelvin Alley, SJ – as he calls his daughter – has always been naturally gifted in any form of sporting activity.

"I would have said that her natural game has always been netball. She has excelled, but if it involved a ball, a competition and/or a team event, then SJ was in the middle of it."

She was also a naturally gifted leader, drifting into captaincy roles. Even at school (Chatswood High in Sydney) she was vice-captain.

"Julie and I are very proud of SJ," says Kelvin. "She made a significant

decision to leave an extremely highly paid physical education position at a girls' school in Sydney to follow what she believed was the call of God to this sports ministry position.

"For many gifted sports people, sport is god; sport is usually No.1 in their life. For SJ, God comes first. But she shows by her life that when her passions and natural gifts are surrendered to God, it is God who multiplies the gift.

"I can see how this is manifest in what she is doing in the UK with the Republic of Ireland Territory."

Personally, accepting the job was not difficult. It was advertised only in the UK with the Republic of Ireland Territory, but passed to her by friends.

"For the previous 10 years, I'd had amazing experiences with both sports and major event outreach," says Sarah-Jane.

"So, when I read the advertisement for the position, I felt almost that the job was made for me. I was a bit reluctant because I loved my teaching job in Sydney and honestly hate [Britain's] cold weather.

"However, God confirmed that this was the next adventure in my life with him. So, I applied and got the job."

Being in and around sport for almost all of her life, did she ever dream of being an Olympian herself?

"Of course! Still do," she says, emphatically. "I've wanted to represent [my country] for running middle to long distance, but only because netball is not an Olympic sport."

Sarah-Jane's London Marathon time was three hours and 47 minutes. The current women's world record is two hours and 18 minutes – but set by a "professional" runner who starts from the front of the field rather than somewhere among 36,000 others, as Sarah-Jane did.

Incidentally, the bigger event mentioned in the introduction is eternity – certainly worth more than Olympic gold! □



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# SELF DENIAL STORIES



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## Tales from across the globe



**L**axmi, Roberto, Charlotte, and Mandy. These four people will feature prominently in Salvation Army corps and centres throughout Australia and the South Pacific from Sunday, 26 February, when their stories are told as part of the Self Denial Appeal DVD series.

The appeal is an annual opportunity for Salvationists and friends to support The Salvation Army's work in countries that struggle to obtain funds.

The DVD series will be shown over a period of six weeks in the Australia Eastern, Australia Southern, and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories.

Australia Southern Territory Salvationists Mark and Kylie Hamilton introduce the series in week one by sharing their thoughts about the Self Denial Appeal.

The second week tells the story of Laxmi, a young woman in Nepal who has a cleft palate and is unable to obtain work because of illness. Laxmi shares how Majors Lalsangliana and Lalnunsangi gave her the opportunity to obtain employment skills through The Salvation Army's free tailoring classes.

Roberto features during the third

week, sharing how he lost his home and possessions in The Philippines during Typhoon Ketsana in September 2009. This story shows how Captains Rod and Debbie Serojales helped Roberto and his family to recover from the floods by providing financial assistance.

The fourth week follows the story of Charlotte in The Democratic Republic of Congo. She lost her home and parents during the war between the rebel movement CNDP and the Congolese government troops in 2007 and 2008. Captain Dieudonné Tsilulu assists Charlotte and her family by building them a new home.

New Zealand Salvationist Mandy Carian tells her story during the fifth week of the series. Mandy spends her time at the Ramoth Children's Home in Suriname, in the north-east corner of South America in The Caribbean Territory, caring for and rebuilding the lives of 30 children who have been abandoned, abused and neglected by their parents.

The final week is a music video containing footage from the first five weeks of the Self Denial Appeal. Two musical items have been chosen to accompany the video and every corps has

the opportunity to choose the one they feel is most appropriate to their church community. The appeal will conclude with an altar service and opportunity to give on Sunday, 1 April.

"It would be great if everybody just got involved and really took up the challenge of sacrificial giving – denying yourself until it becomes a challenge," said Steve Burfield, the Australia Eastern Territorial Appeals (Internal) Operations Manager.

"I would like to thank people for their donations from last year. We really appreciate their giving."

A separate Self Denial series has again been prepared for children, featuring the Agents of T.R.U.T.H. Agents Bally, Eva and Logan team up with new recruit Harry, an Indigenous agent, and a new character called Cat, who was rescued from her rebellious ways by the Agents of T.R.U.T.H. Each child will also receive a workbook, have the chance to make their own money box and be encouraged to give at the altar service.

More than \$2.5 million was raised last year and Steve believes the territory will exceed that amount in 2012 as soldiers and friends grasp the opportunity to make a difference for good.

### SELF DENIAL APPEAL DVD SERIES

#### WEEK 1 – INTRODUCTION

Salvationists from the Australian Southern Territory, Mark and Kylie Hamilton talk about why they give to the Self Denial Appeal.

#### WEEK 2 – NEPAL

We meet Laxmi who, with the help of The Salvation Army and a new sewing program it has developed, has been able to establish her own small business and begin to break the cycle of poverty.

#### WEEK 3 – PHILIPPINES

This week features the story of Roberto and his family, and how Captains Rod and Debbie Serojales have helped them rebuild after devastating floods in 2009.

#### WEEK 4 – THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Charlotte is just 21 and is the sole carer for her five siblings and her own son. They are the beneficiaries of a Salvation Army housing program which also provides them with farming land.

#### WEEK 5 – SURINAME

New Zealand Salvationist Mandy Carian works in Suriname as the Director of the Ramoth Children's Home, a place for young people who have been abandoned by their parents.

#### WEEK 6 – MUSIC VIDEO

Featuring footage from the previous five weeks, including a music video set to the accompaniment of either The Salvation Army's Canadian Staff Band or The Paradise Band from Adelaide.



# Have camera, will travel

**Lieutenant-Colonel PAM HODGE** journals her experience of accompanying a Salvation Army film crew on a whirlwind tour of three continents to produce the 2012 Self Denial Appeal DVD series

"After twenty-four hours of travel with stops at Bahrain, Addis Ababa and Brazzaville, we finally arrived late Saturday at Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo [DRC]. The airport was a preview of the chaotic nature of the DRC. The non-arrival of my suitcase created some need to assess what I had, and then some strategic planning."

This was the entry in my journal on the second leg of my journey accompanying The Salvation Army's video production team members, Peter March and David Scarborough, on the tour to film the 2012 Self Denial Appeal promotional material.

Up to this point we had spent five days in Kathmandu, Nepal, filming the inspiring story of Laxmi, a girl whose life had been transformed because The Salvation Army had come to her country. Those five days had created their own experience, and again from my journal:

"Saddened by the futility of the temple worship and struck by the simplicity of my faith. Blessed by the joy of new Christians sitting

and singing Christian songs by the hour. Touched by the joy of seven women who graduated from the (Salvation Army) sewing school and the fact that they would not leave the sewing machines that had been presented to them. A lesson - simple kindness means so much - Laxmi's joy that I would walk with her and hold her hand."

And so to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This section of the trip created some real challenges, but God never fails and at this time he gave me a promise which I held onto very tightly, particularly through the next couple of days: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand I will not be shaken," Acts 2:25.

My journal records again:

"Sunday saw us back at [Kinshasa] airport. We were grateful for Captain Tsilulu to steer us through the unclear process of getting to the plane. Arriving in Goma, we were met on the tarmac by three men who turned out to be Salvationists, or agents for

The Salvation Army. They took our passports and disappeared. A car arrived on the tarmac and we were bundled into it and drove past the terminal to a gate guarded by UN peacekeepers. A man stood in front of our car, a soldier spoke to our driver, money was handed over. The man in front of the car was forced away with guns coming out and quite a fight. Welcome to Goma!"

The next day, after two hours of bone-rattling, dusty travel we arrived in Masisi-Ruabya Village, where Charlotte lived. This girl, who now had the responsibility for five brothers and sisters and her own son, had experienced and witnessed the most horrific atrocities of war and yet had the most beautiful face and a sense of peace.

We filmed that day her "home" built with Self Denial money. For our own safety, we had to be off the roads by 4pm so we scrambled to leave Masisi-Ruabya by 1.30pm.

From my journal:

"We travelled again out to the village to rendezvous with Charlotte and travelled



Snapshots from around the world - (Clockwise from top left) Lieutenant Pam Hodge walks with Charlotte in the Democratic Republic of Congo; with Charlotte again; at the sewing school in Kathmandu, Nepal; meeting Mandy Carian who cares for 30 children at the Ramoth Children's Home in Suriname; being fitted out in Nepal.

up to her field. The 1km drive to the field turned out to be a 40-minute roller-coaster ride on a deeply rutted track. On arrival at the top of the mountain we took a five-minute walk to a very large, well-kept field of potatoes, part of the Army's provision for Charlotte. The view was incredible. Then the rain came. The filming continued. As always we were followed by a large group of children who were quite undeterred by the rain. We finished filming and prepared for the hairy ride down the mountain. The car was like a bucking

bronco and the driver did well to control the vehicle. The journey back took two hours, making it five hours of travel for an hour and a half of filming!"

We went on to film stories in Suriname (Mandy) and The Philippines (Roberto). Both places were "homecomings" for me, having served in both countries, and both stories gave a real sense of pride in the work that The Salvation Army is doing right around the world.

I am grateful for the incredible privilege that was mine to share this experience of seeing the Army's work and with two very talented and professional employees. Peter and

David have captured in a beautiful way the stories of four people whose lives and families have been changed because The Salvation Army came to their place.

Our gifts to the Self Denial Appeal have made an incredible difference to the lives of Laxmi, Charlotte, Mandy and Roberto. May I encourage you to give generously.



Lieut-Colonel Pam Hodge is the recently retired former Director of The Salvation Army International Development office.



# Online door to Salvos heart



A new Salvation Army website called mySalvos will go live this month. It will provide reliable, up-to-the-minute information on news, events and resources coming from the Australia Eastern Territory and be a central online hub for The Salvation Army community. **SIMONE WORTHING** spoke with the mySalvos coordination team Major Colin Daines and Mel Cotton



Major Colin Daines and Mel Cotton who are the architects of the mySalvos project. Photo: Shairon Paterson

The mySalvos website project has been two years in the making. Its purpose has been to create a site that will advance, shape and support the life and mission of The Salvation Army.

"The site achieves this by providing a place for Salvationists, employees and volunteers to explore, discover, engage and share effective resources for developing our spiritual life, advancing our mission and service and to communicate news and events that enrich Salvation Army life," says Major Colin Daines, the officer charged with bringing the project to reality since January 2010.

The vision for the site is one of ministry – a proactive and strategic on-line ministry that advances, shapes and supports the life and mission of The Salvation Army.

"In essence, mySalvos is all about helping Salvationists, employees and volunteers engage with the heart of the movement," Major Daines says.

"We aim to equip and inspire everyone who visits our website to be a part of the mission of The Salvation Army."

The mySalvos site is aimed at an internal Salvation Army audience, but is fully accessible to the public. The existing [www.salvos.org.au](http://www.salvos.org.au) site will remain as the public face of The Salvation Army with a broader audience and content.

"mySalvos is similar to the [www.salvos.org.au/MORE](http://www.salvos.org.au/MORE) youth website, but for all ages," says Mel Cotton, mySalvos Web Content Manager.

"We wanted to provide one central place for everything for everyone and mySalvos will do this over time.

"The website will provide a place for Salvos to meet and share their experiences, read captivating articles on mission and spiritual growth, and discover excellent resources to equip for mission.

"It will also open up communication channels and provide a place for Salvos to connect and share."

## Growing resource

The website will also promote and link to the resources offered by The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory.

"We also plan to feature international contributions and make the site worldwide in that sense," says Major Daines, who has a background in project resourcing and mission development.

"This is a great opportunity to link people to the heart of the Army and to connect with them in a way that makes sense to them.

"The site will definitely raise awareness of what is happening in the wider Army, and be a tremendous, and growing, resource for people."

Mel joined the project in August 2010 and serves as researcher and administrator, as well as maintaining and developing site content. Her initial work, though, incorporated researching which client groups would need representation on the site, exploring possibilities for the content these groups wanted to see, and to interview employees, divisional staff and corps as to their particular needs and goals for the site.

"It's been a long process, but we've done extensive research and testing and are confident that what we're developing is what people need and will use," she says.

"We have an amazing team of contributors and people who've taken up the vision and without them the site wouldn't be what it is and is becoming."

The team is confident that, although the mySalvos audience is broad, the website is a good representation of the Australia Eastern Territory as a whole and, particularly with its "customised" areas, will have something relevant to everyone.

The main customised area will be "myCorps" where users can specify which corps they attend and the website will update with information from their corps' Scribe site.



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## mySalvos: The Vision

A proactive and strategic on-line ministry that advances, shapes and supports the life and mission of The Salvation Army.

## mySalvos: The Purpose

The purpose behind mySalvos is to create a site that will advance, shape and support the life and mission of The Salvation Army, by providing a place for Salvationists, employees and volunteers to explore, discover, engage and share effective resources for developing our spiritual life, advancing our mission and service and to communicate news and events that enrich Salvation Army Life.

## mySalvos: The Goals

The website will be a place that:

- Salvationists, employees and volunteers use as their primary faith and mission resource and news page for all things "Salvos";
- Nurtures our spiritual life and facilitates a sharing of knowledge and know-how by access to the latest resources;
- Enhances internal communication about Salvation Army life and ministry through news, events, topical articles and discussions;
- Develops an internal Salvos community, building connection, belonging and ownership of our faith and mission;
- Creates a greater awareness and understanding of Salvos faith, ministries, services, resources and outcomes.

## mySalvos: Key Features

### Find the Salvos near you

Using this feature on the home page, a search of any suburb or postcode will show a listing of every expression of the Salvos in that area with an option to click on the one that is wanted. A list of activities will then appear for further information.

### Inspire

Full of engaging articles on topics relating to mission, spiritual growth, and stories of what God is doing around the Australia Eastern Territory, this section of the website will edify and inspire readers.

### News

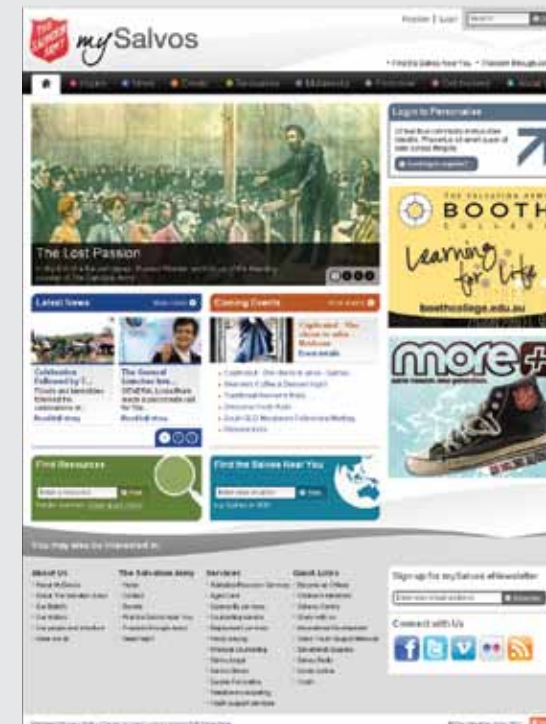
The news section will provide up-to-date reports on what's happening in The Salvation Army on territorial and international levels, as well as online versions of territorial publications and messages from territorial leadership.

### Events

mySalvos will be a valuable tool for those looking for details on divisional and territorial events.

### Resources

A central location for all resources produced by the Australia



Eastern Territory, this section will feature a broad range of downloadable resources and advanced search functions so it's easy to find what you're looking for.

### LeaderSpeak

Every week a short, topical video message from the territory's leadership will be available. This series will feature Commissioners James and Jan Condon, Colonel Wayne Maxwell and Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas in a casual, interview-style.

"Our territory is big, but it's a community and the whole community is represented," says Mel.

## Connecting

One of the biggest challenges facing the mySalvos team was how best to structure the huge volume of information on the website.

"We've had a lot of good creative advice from our web team, who built the site, which has been invaluable," says Major Daines.

Stewart Brown, Online Communications Coordinator, and his team have been instrumental in designing and building the mySalvos site. Stewart's role has been oversight, technical direction and back-end development of mySalvos.

"The mySalvos site is one of the largest, most customised sites to be built on the Scribe platform," Stewart explains.

"From a design perspective, we have gone in a really fresh and upbeat direction, with colour playing a big part in communicating this."

Team members include Esther Baggott, Lead Web Designer, involved in creative direction; Kaoru Tydeman, Web Designer involved in design concepts and front-end coding; and Nisha Gajjar, Web Developer, involved in back-end development of custom components specific to mySalvos' needs.

The mySalvos team believes that providing access to information and resources through "one door" will enable everyone, particularly those in more

isolated areas, to connect to the wider Army world.

"Part of the site's success now depends on people accessing the site, joining in and having something to say," says Mel.

"It's not just the territory talking – this is our site."

mySalvos is due to go live in mid-February.



Simone Worthing is a writer for Pipeline and supplements.





# Holy Habits

with Major Barbara Sampson



## Habit 14

# The discipline of celebration

### Philippians 4:4-7

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (v. 4, NIV).*

**"T**his is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." So sang the psalmist (see Psalms 118:24). And so sang Mary as she stood at the empty tomb on that day of days. She had come to anoint a dead body; she found instead her living Lord.

That is what sorrow and joy do – they often come arm in arm as if friends. Certainly they are companions on the journey, one never far behind the other.

Before he died Jesus warned his disciples that sorrow, struggle and suffering lay ahead. "But there is no need to be overwhelmed by them," he said,

"because I have overcome the world. So you can rejoice, be glad, celebrate" (see John 16:33).

The discipline of celebration reminds us of the true nature of God's kingdom. When we pause to celebrate we acknowledge that work, struggle and heartache are not the full story. Celebration as a spiritual discipline is always "in spite of" something. Karl Barth said that God-given joy refuses to surrender to bitterness and resentment, even when they do their harshest work.

Turning our hearts to celebration reminds us that God has broken in. Beyond the reality of days that are ordinary, routine, mundane and at times filled with questions, there is a larger reality, a greater truth that woos and

beckons us. Life will one day be free of death, free of tears, free of pain and loss and parting (see Revelation 21:3-4).

I glimpsed this deep truth one Easter when my first baby was born and then, two weeks later, my mother died. Joy and sorrow came hand in hand. Tears of welcome mingled with tears of farewell. A glorious beginning overlapped with a gentle ending.

Mary experienced the overlap of sorrow and joy at the tomb. One day we will all experience it. In celebration we catch an echo – God knows how the story ends and the ending is very good!

### To reflect on ...

*"To miss out on joy is to miss out on the reason for our existence." – Lewis Smedes*

## SALVOS LOAN SCHEME LOOKS TO EXPAND

By ESTHER PINN

**T**he Salvation Army's No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is celebrating its first anniversary after a successful year of providing small loans to low-income individuals and families unable to qualify for other affordable loans.

"They're the very sort of people who can't go to a bank and get a loan. They are often rejected by banks," says Tony Devlin, the Army's Australia Eastern Territory Moneycare Consultant.

"What we often see is that when people get desperate and need money to either get the car repaired or they desperately need a new washing machine or fridge, they might go to a pay-day lender who charges exorbitant interest rates. And they end up getting themselves into further and deeper trouble."

Over the past 12 months, NILS has given out almost 200 loans of up to \$1500 each to help people obtain household items such as beds and computers or pay living expenses including medical bills, funeral expenses and car repairs.

NILS has assisted a variety of people from all different types of life situations including a 38-year-old woman on a disability support pension who obtained a loan for a computer and printer to help her with a university course.

Tony also tells of a 36-year-old man living in NSW Housing accommodation who obtained both a fridge and washing machine, items he previously did not own.

So far Tony says they've had a positive response to the scheme within 15 communities in NSW where The Salvation Army has welfare centres.

"It's been a very good first year. We've provided more loans than expected and the demand's been quite high," he says.

"We've found that instead of giving



**Moneycare Consultant**  
Tony Devlin has overseen the development of a new Salvation Army loans scheme over the past year.  
Photo: Shairon Paterson

welfare hand-outs, we give them a loan and clients really seem to respond to that. They like the idea that they will pay it back and won't be in debt to anybody."

### Holistic approach

While many of the NILS clients are low-income earners, Tony asserts that this doesn't always mean they are poor money managers.

"We find that a lot of our clients are good money managers, they just don't have enough or often something has happened in their life to throw things out. So we go through a budgetary process with people to help clarify where they are up to."

Tony believes the most beneficial part of NILS is its ability to connect clients with other Salvation Army services.

"NILS can be the first point of action

for a lot of clients to The Salvation Army and we can refer them off to a lot of other areas as well as looking at the holistic approach to helping people," he explains.


Looking to the future, Tony says NILS is keen to expand across the whole Australia Eastern Territory, moving next into Maroochydore and Toowoomba in Queensland.

"Our model is based on skilling-up existing [Salvation Army] welfare workers. We'd like to develop the service right across the territory and have a NILS [program] at any welfare centre that wanted it," says Tony.

Along with the existing welfare workers, a team of four volunteers come into Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters in Sydney every week to complete all the administration work for NILS.

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# COLLARROY

## THE JEWEL IN

# ARMY'S CROWN

By ESTHER PINN

School camps. Corporate functions. Mission groups. It's a place where memories are made, friendships are formed and ministry is completed. What is this place, you ask? It's The Salvation Army's Collaroy Centre.

For more than 100 years, Salvationists, Army employees and members of the community have been enjoying the centre's high-quality facilities and the spectacular views of Sydney's northern beaches.

"The view speaks for itself," says The Collaroy Centre's new manager Richard Javor. "We want people to come and experience it again."

For the past eight months The Collaroy Centre has been upgrading its catering, accommodation, adventure activities and staffing services.

"Just a couple of things we've changed," Richard says, laughing. "It's a work in progress. Rather than saying that we are going to stop making changes, we're constantly going to seek to improve."

Along with Richard as the new Centre Manager, Mission Executive Sherrie Cocking, Director of Program Adam Gallagher and Director of Operations Jarrod Mercer lead the Collaroy team. The centre employs 45 staff.

The seven Mission Priorities of the



Army's Australia Eastern Territory have also taken a front seat as part of rebranding the mission of The Collaroy Centre.

"We have taken a bigger focus on the Mission Priorities," says Richard. "First and foremost to give back to The Salvation Army, the people who have supported The Collaroy Centre for quite some time."

### New pricing

Richard says he is eager for The Salvation Army to fall in love with Collaroy again and believes this will be possible through the new discount prices on offer for all

Army employees and Salvationists.

"We've repriced all our offerings to The Salvation Army to make sure it's not just 20 per cent off, but it's better pricing in winter," says Richard.

The Collaroy team is also keen to refocus its vision on the importance of reaching people with the message of Christ.

"And the second thing is to reach more people through the camps," says Richard.

"Not only do we want to reintroduce it as a fun place, but as a place where you can find God again or possibly discover a relationship with him."



The Collaroy Centre has taken several steps to upgrade its facilities including refurbishing the 30 hotel rooms – rendered walls, new furnishings sleeping up to three people, a fridge, television and DVD player.

Richard adds that they now have "real coffee" with the introduction of a new espresso coffee machine.

Ensuring that guests start their day with quality, Richard explains that they can now enjoy a fresh cup of quality coffee while relaxing in the new "ocean view" lounge area.

A new 12-seater bus has been

purchased to offer airport transfers and a fine dining option has also become available.

"Jarrod Mercer and I, we are from a fine dining background ... so we've taken a lot of influences of menus and worked with our chef here to provide something that's competitive," explains Richard.

Adding to the centre's extensive list of camp activities is the new and popular Laser Tag.

If you would like further information about The Collaroy Centre's improvements and pricing packages, go to its website at [www.collaroycentre.org.au](http://www.collaroycentre.org.au)

## Centre built on generosity of one woman

The Collaroy Centre has a long history of impacting lives through the various camps and conferences held at the centre. But without the generosity of Elizabeth Jenkins, those experiences would never have been realised.

While it has been assumed in the past that Elizabeth bequeathed her estate to The Salvation Army in the late 19th century, she actually gave it as a gift – generously donating more than 500 acres of her property.

Elizabeth strongly approved of The Salvation Army and initially donated a small farm and 400 pounds for a "Home of Rest" for sick and injured officers in 1892. This building still stands as part of the Army's aged care facility in Dee Why.

However, due to a period of financial depression during the 1890s, Elizabeth was faced with financial loss and sought advice from The Salvation Army. The Army agreed to take responsibility for her estate's liabilities and negotiated a cash annuity and "undisturbed possession for life". Thus, when Elizabeth passed away in 1901, the estate came into the Army's hands.

Her final resting place is within The Collaroy Centre's grounds.

Through the generosity of Elizabeth Jenkins, many lives have been touched and many souls have been won for God's Kingdom.



The picturesque Collaroy Centre offers a range of activities (top) which surround the main refurbished building. (Left) Campers pose for a group photo in the middle of last century.





# Fellows program comes of age

A new scholarship program is encouraging people within The Salvation Army to fulfil their potential. **LAUREN MARTIN** profiles three of the first beneficiaries of the scheme

When Aged Care Plus launched its Fellows Program to reward talented individuals within The Salvation Army, it was blown away by the number of outstanding applications. So, instead of awarding the scholarship to just one applicant, it awarded 12 scholarships!

"The Fellows Program is about encouraging our people to pursue professional development that will benefit both them and the wider Salvation Army," says Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister.

Applications included proposals for further education, research projects and requests to attend relevant seminars and conferences.

Last year was the first time the new Aged Care Plus initiative was offered. "We expect more people will apply this year and we're looking forward to reading their applications and hearing about the exciting ways our people want to benefit The Salvation Army and society in general," says Ms Callister.

Applications for the 2012 Fellows Program will open in August this year.

## Case study – Vic Singh

When Vic Singh came to Australia from India in 2008 he was looking for a better life. He found one through employment with The Salvation Army's Aged Care Plus. Now he's the recipient of an Aged Care Plus Fellows award to study nursing at Griffith University, Queensland.

"I feel so special," says Vic Singh, personal carer at The Salvation Army's Aged Care Plus Cairns Centre in Chapel Hill, Brisbane.

"I was encouraged to apply for the Fellows Program by other Aged Care Plus staff and it's really going to help me with my studies."

Vic (pictured with Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister and Commissioner James Condon) will put his fellowship grant towards the cost of a Bachelor of Nursing which he will start studying full-time at Griffith University, Queensland, this year.

He will continue to work part-time at

the Cairns Centre: "I enjoy working with the elderly and see my long-term future with Aged Care Plus."

Back in India, Vic's mother is a midwife and his grandmother is a nurse. He says he's proud to be carrying on the family tradition and doing so with The Salvation Army: "When I say to my family and friends that I work with The Salvation Army they feel proud because everyone knows the great work and influence The Salvation Army has on changing people's lives for the better."

And he's already planning for bigger and better things: "Once I have completed my studies as a registered nurse I want to remain with Aged Care Plus and after a few years I would then like to do my Masters in Nursing."

"Vic Singh's passion for The Salvation Army and his determination to educate himself for his own benefit and that of The Salvation Army made him an ideal candidate for the Fellows Program," says Aged Care Plus Executive Manager Vicki Simpson.



## Case study – Laura Vidal

Case-worker Laura Vidal has been working with human trafficking victims at The Salvation Army for the past three years. She and The Salvation Army's Social Justice and Community Development Coordinator Robyn Evans have been awarded a Fellows Program Scholarship to attend the United Nations Status of Women Conference in New York. They will also visit various United States human trafficking service providers.

"I think attending the conference and doing some site visits to other human trafficking organisations is going to build into the larger picture of work we're already doing with trafficking victims at Samaritan Accommodation," says Laura (pictured, right, with Robyn Evans).

The Salvation Army operates Australia's first human trafficking safe house. The 10-bed facility opened in Sydney in 2008 and offers victims a safe place where they can pursue justice and rebuild their lives.

Last year, Laura helped to create a new Salvation Army anti-trafficking initiative – a first in Australia – the Freedom Advocates Project. Its aim is to train and empower human trafficking survivors to become advocates in community and government discussion and will ensure that survivors themselves have a voice

in the creation of programs and policies designed to help others in the same situation.

"The context of human trafficking is so different in Australia than anywhere else in the world," says Laura.

"So it's really exciting to see how we can build on our current programs so that

we can deliver best practice."

She says she's thrilled to be a recipient of Fellow Program funding: "It's amazing that Aged Care Plus has committed the funding and time and energy into this ... and into valuing the people that work for The Salvation Army and the opportunities that we can bring to the organisation."



## Case study – Kristen Cairns

Booth College Website and Online Education Coordinator Kristen Cairns has a passion. She wants to see The Salvation Army making the most of current and future mobile and wireless technology.

"With the rapid development in the area of mobile devices and online communication technology, I think we as an international organisation have the potential to really revolutionise the way that we communicate with each other, share information and network together," says Kristen (pictured).

"But I think that without some sort of intentional strategy in this area we do run the risk of missing the opportunity that a lot of mobile devices have to offer."

Kristen's role at Booth College has seen her expand the education provider's online education program to a level where it's now being used as a benchmarking example by other Christian colleges in Australia. She was also involved in the selection and implementation of The

Salvation Army's new web-conferencing system and sits on the Territorial Website Committee.

"I was really attracted to the Fellows Program initiative," she says. "I felt that I could make good use of the Fellowship funding, not only for my direct area of work but for the broader Salvation Army."

Part of her Fellows Program application was to conduct a research project into current mobile technology development within The Salvation Army and to put together a strategy for its future use.

She also applied to attend the 2012 Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education conference in Canada. The Fellows Program has awarded her a scholarship to attend the conference and seed funding for the research project.

"I'm really thankful to Aged Care Plus for being so innovative and making this opportunity available," Kristen says.

"I think that in years to come if the program continues I think we'll see a lot of benefits in a wide variety of areas within The Salvation Army."





# Disciples of the Cross enter Booth College

With 20 newly commissioned Salvation Army officers from the *Friends of Christ* session recently taking up their first appointments, another 17 new cadets are beginning two years of study at the School for Officer Training in Sydney as part of the *Disciples of the Cross* session. The cadets are:



**Winnie Ng,**  
Burwood Corps,  
Sydney East & Illawarra Division

Also entering the School for  
Officer Training this year is:

**Andrew Jones,**  
Taree Corps,  
Newcastle & Central NSW Division



**Bradley and Helen Whittle,**  
Townsville Riverway Corps,  
Central & North Queensland Division



**Mark and Tamaryn Townsend,**  
Hurstville Corps,  
Sydney East & Illawarra Division



**Heath and Asena Firkin,**  
Townsville Faithworks Corps,  
Central & North Queensland Division



**Bradley and Joycelyn McIver,**  
Darwin Corps,  
Australia Southern Territory



**Troy and Donna Munro,**  
Emerald Corps,  
Central & North Queensland Division



**Nicola Stowe,**  
Parramatta Corps,  
Greater West Division



**Ian and Suzanne McIver,**  
Mudgee Corps,  
Newcastle & Central NSW Division



**Sean Li and Lydia Hong,**  
Burwood Corps,  
Sydney East & Illawarra Division



## Getting to heart of General's vision

*Love – Right at the Heart*, by Robert Street

General Linda Bond recently launched the International Vision Statement for The Salvation Army – “One Army, One Mission, One Message”.

Any good vision statement needs to be resourced appropriately and so Commissioner Robert Street's *Love - Right at the Heart* has been published as the first resource towards realising that vision.

Centred on Jesus' words in John 13:34, “love one another, as I have loved you”, this book promotes “love” as the “major resource”. Divided into four parts, the first section is made up of 12 chapters, best described as “sermonettes”, teaching on this central Christian tenet.

Their brevity prompts thinking and makes them suitable for personal reflection, small group study, or as an inspiration for a sermon series. Each chapter concludes with a conversation between two fictional characters.

I found “Sam and Joe's” conversations to be a distraction as they tended to be simplistic and artificial. Other readers may find their contribution beneficial. The “Heart to Heart” questions were helpful for further reflection and discussion, as were the suggested Scripture passages.



Part two expands on the “Six Principles” of *Right at the Heart*.

The content of these chapters will be beneficial for all Salvationists to consider. For example, the following is undeniably critical to our movement: “As The Salvation Army thrives on the dedication of its officers, soldiers, adherent members and volunteers, it needs to pay close attention to ensuring that people know they are valued – and not taken for granted.”

Because all Salvationists are at the

heart of our ministry, not just officers, the content of these chapters is by and large applicable to all members of our international Army.

On this point, I would have preferred the use of language which included all Salvationists. Instead, the principles are focused upon officers, albeit with a clarifying footnote suggesting that this means “All personnel at the heart of the Army's ministry”. Perhaps this footnote would be better located in the main body of the text.

Parts three and four contain further resources, including a new song.

Lyrics and music have wisely been made available online. Here Commissioner Street has applied the genius of the Wesley brothers who benefited immensely from communicating their theology through song.

As a short and accessible read on this important topic, I would commend it to all Salvationists.

- Captain Adam Couchman

*Love - Right at the Heart* is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney ([www.salvosuppliesyd.com](http://www.salvosuppliesyd.com)) for \$6.50.

## Inspiring messages from the feminine heart

*Called to Preach: Sermons by Salvationist Women*

I will never forget the conference where I heard a female minister share her story.

She belonged to a church that ordained women and accepted that they were able to lead and preach. However, what was “said” by the church and what was “practiced” was vastly different.

Was she ordained? Yes! But the rub came as she began to take on the tasks of leading and preaching.

She and her family often faced opposition to her role in the church, with verbal and, on one occasion, physical abuse being experienced.

One can hardly believe that such a thing would happen.

The Salvation Army has a rich heritage of female ministry including the right of women to preach the Word – may we cherish this distinctive and never lose it!

The book *Called to Preach: Sermons by Salvationist Women* is a testament to this heritage. Containing 35 sermons by

women from some 16 countries, it is also a witness to the internationalism of The Salvation Army.

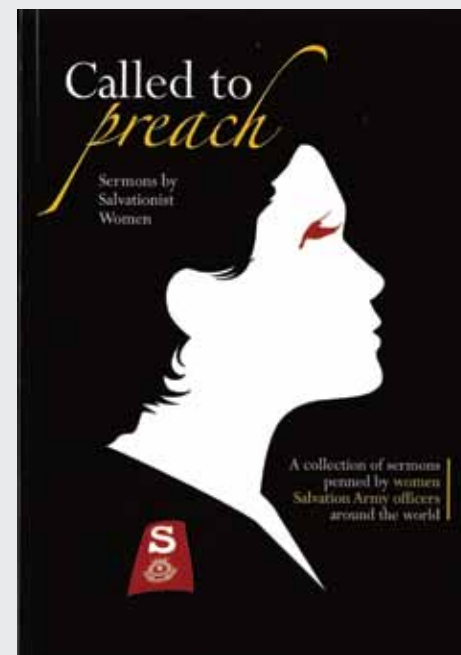
Is the book an inspiring collection of messages? Yes! Could this book be used as a devotional? Yes, indeed! For me, the only disappointment was that I did not “hear” these wonderful women preach – there is something powerful about the spoken word.

A short bio would have been helpful so we could find out a bit more about the women who wrote these sermons.

The book is dedicated to the memory of Commissioner Helen Clifton who initiated the project which is “heartily recommended” by General Linda Bond in the foreword.

- Major Donna Evans

*Called to Preach: Sermons by Salvationist Women* is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney ([www.salvosuppliesyd.com](http://www.salvosuppliesyd.com)).



UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES  
WITH MAJOR FRANK DURACHER

## ARMY LINK TO HEROIC SAILOR THrice BLESSED



Frank Tower's introduction to The Salvation Army was brief, but it was an incident he remembered for the rest of his life.

As a younger man he found a steady line of work by signing aboard steamers that crisscrossed the Atlantic. A tough fellow with a strong back who was not afraid of hard work, he became a “stoker”, shovelling coal into the ocean liners' insatiable boilers.

And so it was that on one of the many ships on which he worked through the course of his life, that Frank Tower would achieve a most unusual reason for celebrity, plus a link forever forged with Salvation Army history. What we are about to learn about this “thrice-blessed” man qualifies his story as part of the Army's archives.

It was 28 May, 1914, and Frank arrived at the dock where the RMS Empress Of Ireland was moored. He had made the trip across the ocean many times before – and aboard more ships than he cared to count. But this voyage was ill-fated. During the small hours of 29 May, the Empress Of Ireland would go to the bottom of the St Lawrence River, taking with her more than a thousand souls.

There were 200 Salvationists on board, taking passage to England and the International Congress being held in London. But 167 Salvationists were promoted to glory in the disaster – among them the Territorial Commander for Canada and Bermuda, Commissioner David Rees, other high-ranking officers, and most of the renowned Canadian Staff Band.

In fact, the Staff Band gave an impromptu concert on the deck of the ship before they set sail. One can only imagine the excitement filling the air as passengers and crew members boarded, while hearing the lilting melodies played by some of the best musicians Canada offered. It is almost certain that Frank Tower heard the music, either as he arrived at the dock or even as he went about his many duties before the voyage could begin.

It is also certain that with so many Salvationists about, that Frank had ample opportunity to speak with some of them before his shift in the engine room began later that evening.

### Heroic actions

Until this point, Frank Tower's association with his new friends was a happy one, sharing in the excitement and adventure of the trip that lay ahead. But joy turned into sorrow just hours later as Frank helped pull several of the dozens of surviving Salvationists into lifeboats.

Frank was in the engine room when calamity struck. Fog had enveloped most of the river. The Empress and the SS Storstad suddenly were engaged on a collision course. The Storstad rammed broadside into the Empress, leaving a huge gash below the waterline. With water surging in, Frank and his workmates dropped their shovels and made for the nearest vertical ladder.

As he ran for his life, Frank must have been thinking, “Oh no – not again!” For he also survived, in similar fashion, the same nightmare only two years earlier, when he worked aboard the RMS Titanic!

In the event of emergency, Frank's crew was instructed to proceed to Lifeboat No.5, which they did. But due to the extreme tilt of the ship, the lifeboat swung out, slipped off its davits and dropped into the water. Fortunately, it fell upright – but now it was drifting away.

Frank dived into the water, secured the lifeboat, and spent the next few hours plucking Salvationists and other survivors out of the cold water.

Sure, Frank Tower was a hero. But he achieved a celebrity he'd rather not have endured – having been “twice blessed” in surviving two maritime disasters. And the Army thereafter held Frank Tower in high esteem, not just for his heroism but for his friendliness before and after the disaster – a bond between the two until his death a few decades later.

No doubt Frank Tower was blessed – but not just “twice blessed”. For you see, his next assignment was aboard yet another ill-fated vessel, the RMS Lusitania, sunk by German U-boats at the outset of World War One! Yes, he survived that one as well in nearly identical fashion.

So we leave him “thrice blessed” – and we are blessed as well, now that we know this story from the Army's archives.



Major Frank Duracher is the editor of *Warcry* in Australia.





## ~~What~~ <sup>How</sup> would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



## When Christianity gets technical ...

Australia's consumer electronics devices market is booming and projected to grow to more than \$16 billion in 2012. **MARK HADLEY** looks at what a sensible Christian might put their tech dollars toward in the coming year



### THE DVR

Don't let anyone confuse you with technical talk about Digital Video Recorders (DVRs). They're really nothing terribly different from the VCR many of us grew up with. However, where the humble VCR used to record to a tape, the DVR records to a hard disk similar to the one in a computer.

The DVR uses a thing called an Electronic Program Guide, or EPG, that not only lists everything in a neat chart format, but everything that's likely to air for weeks to come.

One click of the remote and you've recorded the program; another couple of clicks and you can record every episode of a series. This might seem like a minor development, but for a Christian it represents the difference between the worst and the best television habits.

Do you look at the television the way I do? Sometimes it's entertainment; at other times it's purely a form of relaxation. I want to let my mind rest, so I flop down in front of the box and watch ... well, whatever is on. Often I discover that there's nothing much that I'm really interested in but because I'm committed to relaxing, I'll watch almost anything. This surfing the TV schedule is not only sad, it can actually expose you to some serious temptations.

The alternative is intentional viewing.

You decide that you're only going to watch programs that are beneficial or at the very least benign. The EPG makes it possible. Instead of tuning into live-to-air TV and getting locked in to what the networks think you should be watching, spend 15 minutes at the beginning of the week selecting the best stuff on the box. It will be waiting for you the next time you turn on.



### THE SMARTPHONE

There was a time when mobile phones were just ... well, phones. Now every glass-and-alloy device comes with so many features you could be forgiven for thinking you'd bought a small piece of the space shuttle. What's more, with the added complexity has come an additional level of confusion. But allow me to give you a couple of reasons as to why upgrading your phone might be a good idea.

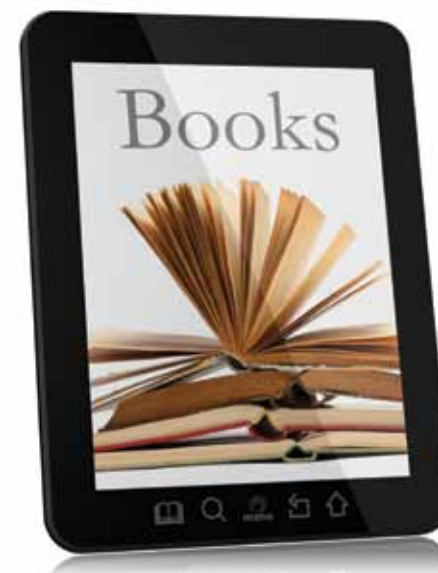
To begin with, upgrading to a new phone is unlikely to cost you anything at all as telcos are keen to keep as many customers as possible.

More importantly, the way Australians

use mobile telephones has changed. Making calls is in fact just one many ways you can communicate. Smartphones employ "Apps", simplified computer programs to send SMS messages, emails, Facebook updates, even check into social groups at your favourite cafes. Their emergence marks a difference in the way Australians form friendships.

Generation Y has led the way in the development of what I refer to as the "thousand touch relationship". A quick email in the morning ... a Facebook status update to express some joy or frustration ... an SMS invite for a get-together after work ... an uploaded photo of those who showed up ... a late-night Tweet to friends about the film they saw after. Internet-based communications are allowing Australians to build relationships incrementally, rather than by dedicated slabs of time. It's how we're learning to sustain friendships that might otherwise suffer from distance or a lack of time. Our younger generations are becoming used to electronically wandering in and out of the lives of friends and families as though they were occupying different rooms of a digital house.

The quality of those relationships is a question for another day, but there's no doubt that the smartphone, not the computer, is increasingly the means by which people build these "thousand touch" relationships. It's portability means people can share personal details wherever life takes them. If you have younger people in your life that you want to develop a relationship with, you could do worse than invest in their technology of choice.



### THE E-READER

Have you heard of the Kindle? The Kindle is the most prominent of a range of e-readers, electronic devices designed to let you read digital books and periodicals. Why would anyone exchange a big, reassuring bundle of paper for an electronic version? Well there are a number of reasons that might lead to an investment on your part.

To begin with, once you buy an e-book it's yours forever. You might say the same of a book, but can you actually put your hand on every one you own? Many of the publications we've purchased over the years end up loaned out without hope of return, lodged in the back of a shelf somewhere or simply lost between moves. However, companies like Amazon, the world's biggest book retailer, keep a record of every e-book you purchase so that you can access any one you choose, on any number of devices. You can even loan copies out, knowing they will have automatically returned to your device the next time you go looking for them.

That leads me to the second advantage. Often reading drops off as we get older because life itself becomes more complicated.

We don't have the leisure time to sit down with a good book; our time is taken up waiting in front of screens, waiting in queues, waiting in cars – a thousand little tasks that consume our leisure time. However, the ability to install e-reader "apps" on computers, smartphones and various other devices means we can transform waiting into reading. New cloud-based reading services make it even easier by allowing you to read your book on a number of devices simultaneously. Amazon's Kindle App checks where you're up to at start-up and automatically takes you to the furthest page read, regardless of whether it was your computer, your phone or your Kindle you were last reading on.

If you find yourself hearing about good Christian books and despairing over when you will find the time to read, then an e-reader might be the next item to add to your tech wish list.



### THE TABLET

Personal computing is nothing new for the average Australian. According to the World Bank there are more than 12 million

PCs in our nation, around 64 devices for every hundred people.

Traditional computer sales are being significantly impacted by the rise of the tablet. The most popular example is the iPad, though other devices include the recently released Samsung Galaxy Tab, the Motorola Xoom and the Lenovo ThinkPad. They sport different features but the basic design is a touch-sensitive screen with significant computing power, storage and Internet connectivity crammed into the back. The result is a highly portable entertainment and information device.

But what are the applications for the average family? Well, to begin with, you might want to consider rethinking plans to buy the kids a portable DVD player for long trips in the car. Tablet computers can store or stream movies and television programs. They also add the ability to play games, trade emails, even take and post holiday snaps to the net. Now you might consider that much connectivity to be the exact opposite of what you want to achieve on a family getaway, but I can think one way it might come in handy.

Packing a tablet computer is like carrying all of the brochures you'll ever need on things to do in any location you find yourself. We've used it to check ferry times and amusement park opening hours, as well as plan rainy-day activities for shut-in kids. Most importantly, though, it's allowed us to connect with Christians during our time away.

A friend once told me that he didn't miss church on holiday because he couldn't think of a time God had taken a holiday from him. The practical difficulty for families, though, can be discovering a suitable Christian community in unfamiliar circumstances.

However, now that the Internet has become the front door for so many congregations, the ability to go online is all you need to ensure your holidays include time with spiritual brothers and sisters you've yet to meet.



# On your feet, soldier; it's time for action

BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MIRIAM GLUYAS

**I want you to imagine with me. Imagine a day when The Salvation Army is known as a people who help, lead and walk alongside all people in the community on a journey of freedom.**

Imagine a day when our stories are filled with people finding freedom; finding Jesus.

Imagine a day when people join us in action to see people set free.

Imagine a day when people join us in the journey of community where people are loving and being loved, serving and being served, knowing and being known, celebrating and being celebrated.

Imagine a day when people join us and meet our magnificent Jesus and find freedom from the things that bind their spirit.

Well, friends, imagination needs feet; demands action. The territory's new hubs missional project is the strategic plan of action. It's the strategic fulfilment of Save Souls, Grow Saints and Serve Suffering Humanity.

Our mission priorities will be a reality when this is happening.

It is the fulfilment of the prophetic announcement of One Army One Mission. It is the modernisation and contextualisation of our founder's *Darkest England and the Way Out*.

It is our release for this day for us in Jesus' ministry manifesto: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*.

It is our engagement with our **sending** God who calls us to go into the world.

This is not the latest undertaking of the latest leadership. It is the advancement, permission and resourcing of the grassroots movement the Spirit has been raising up.

It's not new. It is the principles of the birth of our movement finding modern day expression.

The key undertakings of the hub missional project; the values that will inform and direct our behaviour on this journey, are:

**Firstly, holistic missional engagement.** The focus is on holistic mission being undertaken in every expression of The Salvation Army.

That means every expression focused on leading people on a journey of freedom through action, community and, ultimately, and most importantly, through Jesus.

Imagine the day when every Salvationist wakes up and thinks: *Today I am going to pray for opportunities to do life with people, to share faith in Jesus, and to inspire people to serve alongside me.*

"...every expression focused on leading people on a journey of freedom through action, community and, ultimately, and most importantly, through Jesus."

**Secondly, unity.** We will become unified as a movement. Every expression, service and place where the Red Shield is seen, every corps, officer, soldier and friend of the Army, will be unified to see holistic mission released.

Corps, centres, Aged Care Plus, Employment Plus, chaplains, Salvos Stores, etc, will partner and unite in purpose. Partnering will see whole cities and regions reached for Jesus. We will also call for unity of the body of Christ and unity of the community stakeholders to join us as we holistically serve the communities of our missional areas.

**Thirdly, this action will require bravery.**

We will need to be brave in our innovation and creativity, in our accountability and relationships and in our trust of the Holy Spirit. We can't, but he can!

**Fourthly, we will need to be strategic** – in undertakings, our sacrificial sharing of resources and our prayer. The time for imagining has reached the time for action. Nine trial missional hubs will launch in early 2012.

The first nine will pave the way and as we learn from experiences, we will develop further rollout.

Your leaders are casting the vision. They are providing the permission and are releasing the resources. But how it is realised lies in the hearts of our people at the grassroots of every hub missional area.

The how lies in you with them, in unity journeying with the Holy Spirit and following his lead.

Today, we must stand and realise the wealth of Kingdom resources that God has blessed us with. We must repent for the days of under-utilisation and we must move into the fulfilment of release for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in our lives and the lives of our families, communities, cities and this nation.

One Army, One Mission, One Message – unashamedly about Jesus, compelled by Jesus and focused on freedom through Jesus. That is the heart of the hub missional project.

We invite you to join us in the journey. Speak it up, pray it in, and believe with us. The best days of God's Salvation Army are ahead of us. Keep watch for further information and bless you on the journey! ➤



Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas is the Australia Eastern Territory's Secretary for Program.

## 7 MISSION PRIORITIES

1. A territory marked by prayer and holiness
2. Our whole territory – in every place – involved in evangelism
3. Corps – healthy and multiplying
4. Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world
5. The territory passionate about bringing children to Jesus
6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission
7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers

## More than 2700 new decisions highlight 2011

**Being intentional about bringing people to Jesus – a key platform of our Seven Mission Priorities – is producing exciting results.**

Nobody is more excited about the prospects than Territorial Program Secretary Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, who provided the following report:

Salvation is our motto, salvation is our song ... is a great rallying cry. We love to sing both the old and new version of the song.

We are The SALVATION Army! Salvation is in our DNA.

Our founder, William Booth, reminded us that we are about "... getting saved, keeping saved and getting someone else saved".

We are a people who were raised up to see people come into relationship with Jesus; to become like him and to live for him.

For the past three years, we have been celebrating new salvations reported in regular Ring the Bells stories published through information emails around the territory.

These stories, alone, advised of 2704 people committing to Christ in 2011. We know there are many more commitments that have not been reported.

So, when your corps or centre becomes aware of commitments in 2012, let us know so that we can Ring the Bells and let everybody else know. We want to join in the celebration.

Of course, General Booth reminded us that it's not just about people coming into relationship with Jesus and finding that magnificent freedom, but it's also about keeping saved, growing as disciples, growing in Christ's likeness, living like him and for him.

We need to continue the journey with people. We thank God for all that he did in 2011. He is the one who saves!

And we believe for even greater things in 2012. ➤



# Donna connects Taree community through Facebook page

By SIMONE WORTHING

When Donna Douglas created her Pay It Forward (PIF) Facebook page to connect people with The Salvation Army in Taree, she wasn't quite sure how people would respond.

But respond they did and within three months the group had attracted almost 300 members. People were offering to help, asking for help, making new friends and connecting with each other.

Several people have also begun attending Taree Corps as a result.

"I never expected it to take off like this, especially over Christmas," said Donna, a soldier at Taree Corps. "It's created a ripple effect throughout Taree."

Donna was inspired to create the group after a fellow Salvationist, Lyn Jones, supported her practically and emotionally after the birth of her second child and subsequent depression.

"Some time later, we were studying the book of Acts in our women's Bible study and I started to think about what I could do instead of just sitting in church each week," said Donna.

"I responded by paying it forward and helping another lady with a new baby and doing for her what Lyn did for me.

"I wanted to build this into the community, so I set up the Facebook page with my husband, Craige, and it grew from there."

PIF members on the Facebook page now communicate their needs, and offers of help, directly with each other. Donna is the page administrator and also coordinates many of the connections that are being developed.

"The only condition of the group is that, if you accept help, you must return that help in some form to someone else. You must pay it forward," said Donna.

## Corps support

The Taree Corps, and officers Captains Roscoe and Melanie Holland, have offered their support and been involved with PIF from the beginning.

"The Pay it Forward group is not an official ministry or program of the corps though, it's an organic movement," Captain Melanie Holland said.

"People from the corps are involved through the Facebook page and it gives us a pre-evangelism focus and opportunity as well. We often have events for Pay It Forward at the hall and will support it with resources as we are able."

Later this year a small space at the corps will be allocated to the PIF group and a soon-to-be-established committee from both the corps and community will coordinate activities from there.

"It will still be the Taree Pay It Forward group, but it will be run through The Salvation Army," said Donna.

The community has offered many goods and services to PIF, including clothes, furniture, homemade meals, knitted garments, gardening and runs to the tip.

A personal trainer has started a fitness club for women and families who can't afford to join a gym but want to be more active. A block of land was donated for a community vegetable garden. A local wedding reception venue has offered a room where families can come for dinner and a disco for \$5 a person or \$20 per family, with no alcohol or gambling.

"This has become a regular event on Friday and Saturday

nights, with people from the corps also attending to reach out to others," Donna said.

"We are connecting with all these families, many of whom were too scared to come to church, but we are showing them that we are normal people and we share common ground.

"This makes it more comfortable for them to come and fellowship with us. You never know how big this can go, and it can happen in any church, in any community."



Taree residents enjoy the street barbecue hosted by Salvation Army Corps members Donna and Craige Douglas before Christmas.

## Street barbecue raises awareness

The Taree Pay It Forward group and The Salvation Army's Taree Corps hosted a street barbecue in early December to both celebrate Christmas and to raise awareness of how many people in the town are struggling.

"Many people who had been contacted through PIF came to the barbecue, as well as some from our corps," said Captain Melanie Holland, Taree Corps Officer.

The Salvation Army Emergency Services team put on a sausage sizzle, with proceeds going towards Christmas food and toy hampers that were locally distributed.

Corps members Donna and Craige Douglas, who are also the founding coordinators of PIF, hosted the barbecue at their home.

"Many of those who'd been helped by PIF donated strings of lights so the Douglas family could join the rest of the street and decorate their home," said Captain Melanie.

"A Salvation Army Christmas kettle on the front lawn received many generous donations from those who came to look at the lights."

# Condoms open new Toowoomba crisis centre

By SIMONE WORTHING

Territorial leaders Commissioners James and Jan Condon opened and dedicated The Salvation Army's new crisis centre in Toowoomba on 20 December.

"My prayer as I officially open this new centre today is that there will be many who will find hope and a future – a better way of life through the services of The Salvation Army in Toowoomba and this centre," said Commissioner James Condon.

Commissioner Jan Condon cut the dedication cake. "As we celebrate the opening of the new centre, we give thanks for the past, celebrate the present and look to God for future guidance," she said.

Also attending the crisis centre opening were past and present clients, Toowoomba Mayor Peter Taylor, regional manager of the Department of Communities Tim Wilson, state member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine and Opposition member for Toowoomba South Mike Horan.

Aboriginal elder Zella Duncan spoke on behalf of the



Stan Gittins, manager of the Toowoomba Men's Crisis Accommodation and Lana Luxford, manager of the Toowoomba Crisis Centre, outside the new complex. Photo: Bev Lacey, APN

Aboriginal clients of the crisis centre.

Children from the crisis accommodation, including some now living back in the community, presented a warm welcome to the Condoms.

The new Toowoomba crisis centre acts as an administration hub for 17 crisis houses for homeless families, six units to accommodate 12 homeless single men in crisis and a wide range of case managers and services. Some office space is also rented out to other complementary services, which brings in extra income.

Centre manager Lana Luxford said the new offices would allow both employees and volunteers to better help the growing number of homeless and other needy Toowoomba residents.

"Our service has grown and grown over the past few years and people are looking for help more than ever," Lana said.

"While it would be lovely if homelessness wasn't an issue and our services weren't needed any longer, we are so thankful for our new centre and the impact it will have in the community.

"We now have more suitable interview offices and a new section upstairs with our new, expanded and free Moneycare financial counselling service."

The new centre also features areas for youth and community outreach, a playroom for children, a reception area and large storerooms for essential supplies for families.

In 2011, the Toowoomba Crisis Centre accommodated 103 families, including 316 children, and also assisted 146 homeless men.

The centre also works intensively to encourage and support clients to deal with the issues that brought about their homelessness.

"For some families, poverty and dysfunction is deeply ingrained," Lana explained.

"We can help some of these families with such things as parenting, budgeting and lifestyle skills. Even if clients are in the service for only a few short months, changes can be profound."

The crisis centre also assists clients affected by anxiety, relationship breakdown and domestic violence.

"It's all about presenting them with options and choices, showing clients that they can get themselves back on track and supporting them in doing that," Lana said.

# Carpenters head for mission in the Caribbean

After nearly 20 years of officership in The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, Majors Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter are taking up new overseas appointments, in The Caribbean Territory, on 1 March.

Major Bruce Carpenter says a passion for international work has been stirring in their hearts for many years, particularly for his wife who remembers watching a Self Denial Appeal video about a hospital when she was younger and recalls God calling her to work for the Army overseas.

Leaving their home on Sydney's northern beaches, where they have most recently been the corps officers at Dee Why, the Carpenters will spend the next three years in the Caribbean.

Major Bruce Carpenter has been appointed as Territorial Development Secretary/Coordinator of Family Stores in Jamaica and Territorial Disaster Services Coordinator for The Caribbean Territory, while Major Cheryl Carpenter will work as a nurse at the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Kingston, Jamaica.



Majors Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter have been appointed to the Caribbean Territory for a three-year term.





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## World-renowned Christian group to perform in Australia

One of the world's most celebrated vocal ensembles, The King's Singers, will make their long-awaited return to Australia for the first time in almost 30 years.

The group will perform for one night only at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday, 16 February. Then, in a Brisbane debut, The King's Singers will perform at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), accompanied by The Queensland Pops Orchestra, on Sunday, 19 February.

With a vast repertoire that ranges from medieval to renaissance, romantic to contemporary, folk and pop, The King's Singers are instantly recognisable for their spot-on intonation, impeccable vocal blend, flawless articulation of the text and incisive timing.

Among their many recordings, the British-based group has made two albums of Salvation Army songs and has performed at numerous Army events in the UK.

Conductor of Queensland Pops and former Salvation Army bandmaster Barrie Gott said he was thrilled that The King's Singers accepted his invitation to perform with the orchestra in Brisbane during their 2012 international concert season tour.

"When I first experienced The Kings Singers in 1982, their impeccable vocal artistry took my breath away," he said.

"On their first tour of Australia in nearly three decades, the Queensland Pops are delighted to be accompanying The King's Singers in QPAC's Concert Hall, as they perform a wonderfully varied orchestral program of classical, jazz and pop favourites."

With a prolific discography of over 150 recordings, The King's Singers have garnered both awards and significant critical acclaim. Their studio album *Simple Gifts* was awarded a Grammy in 2009 and they won Best Concert DVD at the MIDEM Classical Awards for their BBC Proms performance at the Royal Albert Hall in 2010.

The Kings Singers ensemble comprises David Hurley and Timothy Wayne-Wright (countertenors), Paul Phoenix (tenor), Chris Bruerton and Christopher Gabbittas (baritones) and Jonathan Howard (bass).



Popular British vocal group The King's Singers will perform in Sydney and Brisbane later this month.

## Cycling challenge helps fund anti-trafficking initiative

Project Futures raised \$39,109 from its Sydney to Canberra cycle challenge late last year in support of The Salvation Army's new human trafficking initiative, the Freedom Advocates Project.

This project will train and empower trafficking survivors to share their experience, with the aim of ending human trafficking and slavery.

"We would like to thank the riders for their efforts so our voices can be raised," said Janice, a freedom advocate who was trafficked to Australia for domestic work.

"We know it was very hard work for them; it's not easy to ride but still they went on to complete it."

Janice and her fellow advocates are passionate about using their training to make a difference. The week after the ride, the freedom advocates spent three days in Canberra engaging with government and community agencies involved in anti-trafficking, including the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Brendan O'Connor, and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Dr Joy Ngozi Ezeilo.

Some of the issues addressed included the need for police training at state level, reforms to the trafficking visa framework and the introduction of a forced labour offence in the Commonwealth Criminal Code.

The advocates plan to return to Canberra to discuss federal anti-trafficking policy issues and will also engage with state governments about how they can contribute to the response.

For information on Project Futures and upcoming fundraising initiatives, go to [www.projectfutures.com](http://www.projectfutures.com)

## Dooralong centre a step closer to reality

The Salvation Army is nearer to moving residents to the site of the Dooralong Transformation Centre on NSW's Central Coast after a court decision in its favour in late December.

Justice Nicola Pain dismissed the case against The Salvation Army and Wyong Council in the Land and Environment Court, brought by a local resident group which appealed against the Army's development application.

Wyong Council and The Salvation Army were awarded costs.

"We are very pleased with this decision," said The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Property General Manager Peter Alward.

The Salvation Army purchased the Dooralong Valley Resort site in late 2009, with the expectation of relocating recovery services from Miracle Haven at Morisset and Selah at Berkeley Vale.

"We saw this as a gift from God, a site that would accommodate all of our needs in recovery services in one location," said the territory's Program Secretary Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas.

"Please continue to pray as work and preparation of this beautiful place is completed for it to emerge as The Salvation Army Dooralong Transformation Centre."



## Army opens community house for Indigenous students

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army launched its innovative Indigenous Community House program in Sydney last month.

This program supports Indigenous students from rural areas as they complete their high school studies at Northern Beaches Christian School.

There are three students receiving full scholarships at the school, with an extra student to be added each year as the program progresses.

An Indigenous trainee youth worker, Jessica Smith, is also a part of the program.

The students and Jessica will live in a home close to the school, provided by The Salvation Army.

Adrian Kistan, Territorial Indigenous Ministry Coordinator, his wife Natalie and their three sons will also live in the house. The Kistans will serve as house parents to the students.

“Natalie really identified a need for this program as she was seeking God in relation to what were the next steps for the ministry,” Adrian said.

“As we took those steps of faith, God’s confirmation and his provision followed.”

The Salvation Army’s Aged Care Plus has partnered with the program, providing some financial support. The Collaroy Centre has donated gifts in kind and corps and individuals have raised funds to cover uniform and other expenses for the students.

“This initiative aims to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage and to see a generation of Indigenous young people rise up into leadership and be a positive difference among Indigenous people across Australia,” Adrian said.

“They will carry a message of salvation, hope and restoration.”

The initial three students are from Moree: Ida-Rose who will begin Year 8, and Kyle and Jeramy who will go into Year 11.



Jessica Smith will move from Moree to Sydney’s northern beaches where she will be employed as an Indigenous trainee youth worker. Photo: Shairon Paterson

Adrian and Natalie, who worked for the Army in Moree for six years and were instrumental in developing Indigenous ministry there, have developed a strong relationship with Northern Beaches Christian School.

“Teachers and students from the school regularly served on our holiday programs in Moree and, as our relationship developed, they now send their own fully functioning teams each July, as well as raising additional funds to support the ongoing Indigenous ministry in Moree,” Adrian said.

“It’s a brilliant and innovative school with a passion for mission and engaging with Indigenous students.

“They now have placed Aboriginal Studies onto their curriculum and have asked us to facilitate cultural awareness training for students and staff at the school.

“We are confident that amazing relationships will develop throughout the school community and are excited about the potential ministry opportunities as well.”

## Woden Valley comes clean with Messy Church concept

An enthusiastic team helped coordinate the first “Messy Church” at The Salvation Army’s Woden Valley Corps in December.

Families from the corps’ Mainly Music and Kids Club programs attended the service, which made for an even noisier, more vibrant and kid-filled church than usual.

People of all ages mingled, playing board games, enjoying coffee, making Christmas cards, adding glitter to the playdough, watching as the nativity story was acted out by some willing volunteers and listening as Leanne Midgelow spoke from her heart about the need for Jesus to be Lord of life.

This day for celebrating youth and children at Woden Valley Corps concluded with a fabulous fellowship lunch.



Board games were a popular activity at Woden Valley where the corps hosted its first “Messy Church”.

## New faces on territorial leadership team



Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon (left) and Chief Secretary Colonel Wayne Maxwell (right) welcome two new appointments to The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory’s leadership – Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, who is the new Secretary for Personnel and Lieutenant-Colonel Kerry Haggar, who has been appointed Secretary for Business Administration. Photo: Shairon Paterson

## Award achievement at Pine Rivers

Junior Soldier Gold Awards were presented to Amy Wallace and Melodey McGregor at The Salvation Army’s Pine Rivers Corps on Sunday, 4 December.

Corps Officers Majors Rodney and Leonie Ainsworth handed out the awards during a service which also included

a segment acknowledging people who had completed their training in the Salvation Army Emergency Services.

Accreditation and Identification certificates were presented to Esther Howell, David Bryant, Gavin Howell, Billy-Dean Howell, Scott Schrader, Irene Newman and Mel Schrader.

This group recently completed their training in Salvation Army Emergency Services, operating out of the Pine Rivers Corps.



Salvation Army Emergency Services personnel who received Accreditation and Identification certificates – (from left) Esther Howell, David Bryant, Gavin Howell, Billy-Dean Howell, Scott Schrader, Irene Newman and Mel Schrader.



Junior Soldier Sergeant Major Jenny Peterson with Gold Award recipients Melodey McGregor and Amy Wallace, and Corps Officer Major Rodney Ainsworth.



## Stronges honoured for 42 years of faithful service

More than 150 people attended the retirement service of Majors Bob and Estelle Strong at Dubbo Corps on 8 January to show their appreciation for the couple's 42 years as Salvation Army officers.

Majors Bob and Estelle were praised for their faithfulness by all guests who spoke, including Commissioner Les Strong (Ret) who led the morning celebration.

"The word that kept coming up time and time again through the service was faithfulness. They got on and did their job. They didn't spend a lot of time grumbling. They were very faithful and inclusive in what they did," said Major Colin Young, Dubbo Corps Officer.

For the past five years, Majors Bob and Estelle have been ministering to the Newcastle and Central NSW Division as rural chaplains. The Stronges estimate they have driven 350,000km in their travelling ministry, visiting many rural farmers to offer anything from physical assistance to counselling.

"They got really involved in their lives," said Major Young. "Not just doing the functionary job but getting on and helping in the practical side with what was going on in the lives of the farmers."

At the service, both Majors Bob and Estelle shared about their upbringings. Major Estelle spoke about being an officer's child and how that impacted the calling upon her life.

Major Bob shared how God brought him back to his roots as he initially intended to become a farmer when he was younger, but became an officer instead and concluded his ministry visiting farmers.

Following his testimony, Major Bob then shared a message with the congregation.

"The point of [Major Bob's] message was that in everything we do we [should] turn our eyes upon Jesus, just as the chorus says," said Major Kate Young, Dubbo Corps Officer.

The Stronges' two daughters, Leanne and Kaylene, also shared.

"Their daughters spoke just about the influence their parents

had on them and the fact that [it] wasn't just their appointments but the children were included in everything they did," said Major Kate.

Dubbo Corps member Howard Evans spoke on behalf of the corps, sharing how the Stronges' travelling ministry rarely affected their attendance on Sundays and at band practice.

Along with their family, officers who graduated alongside the Stronges at The Salvation Army School for Officer Training in 1970 also attended the service as well as Major Ray Allen, the officer who sent them off to Booth College.

Commissioned in the *Evangelists* session, the Stronges completed a variety of appointments including divisional appointments, aged care, rehabilitation services, chaplaincy and other social services.



Major Ray Allen holds the Salvation Army flag over retiring officers Majors Bob and Estelle Strong during their appreciation service at Dubbo Corps.

## Mainly Music program celebrates its little graduates

Four children from The Salvation Army's Raymond Terrace Mainly Music program graduated during a special ceremony to mark the occasion in December.

Corps leader Envoy Ron Petterson presented Charli Codrington, Emelia McKenzie, Jack Durham and Felicity Morgan, dressed in their tiny caps and gowns, with their graduation certificates. The youngsters are now able to "step up" to the weekly Kidzone Club program.



Charli Codrington, Emelia McKenzie, Jack Durham and Felicity Morgan proudly show off their Mainly Music graduation certificates presented by Envoy Ron Petterson.

"Up to 45 people attend the Mainly Music program each week," said Envoy Petterson.

"We have really strengthened the program by adding a full-on Bible story for children, introducing the singing of grace before eating, and extending the morning tea.

"Now the fellowship is more like church on Sunday, just that it's held on a Wednesday morning."

Ellen Lilley and her dedicated team run the program which is aimed at local families from the community. One family has started attending the corps as a result of the program while another is involved through Mainly Music.

"We hope this is just the beginning, that this will increase and we can become even more of a bridge to local families," said Envoy Petterson.

Linda Gardnir and Megan Walker run the Kidzone Club for primary school-aged children once a week during school terms.

The club was initiated after the Army's School for Youth Leadership ran a day camp for children at Raymond Terrace in the September school holidays last year. The 27 children who attended all wanted the club to continue during the school term.

More than 90 percent of the children who attend are from the local community.

## Monument honours Riverview children

By SIMONE WORTHING

"Never to be forgotten" was the overriding theme at the official unveiling of the commemorative monument to all children who had spent time at the former Riverview boys' and girls' homes in Queensland between 1897 and 1977.

The ceremony, attended by Salvation Army and Ipswich City Council personnel, as well as a number of former residents of the homes, took place at the now Riverview Farm outside Ipswich, Queensland, on 14 January.

Some of the children at the home were victims of abuse.

"This monument is for all the boys and girls who came through here," said Bob Toreaux, a former resident and organiser of both the monument and the "Old Boys" network for the homes. "They will never be forgotten."

The Deputy Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Victor Attwood, reiterated this message.

"We want to remember the boys and girls who came through here and what happened to them here, but we also want to put the past behind us and move forward," he said.

"We want to recognise you and your great contribution to Australia at a tremendous personal cost."

After a minute's silence, Cr Attwood presented a plaque to Mr Toreaux on behalf of himself and Ipswich Mayor, Councillor Paul Pisasale.

"This is to congratulate the Riverview Old Boys on the unveiling of the monument, and is a tribute to those who passed through these gates as children," he said.

Ipswich Councillor Paul Tully spoke about the need to continue meeting and working together for a positive future. "We would also like to commit to a public memorial in the heart of Ipswich to honour those who came through here," he said.

South Queensland Divisional Commander, Major Mark Campbell, thanked Mr Toreaux for his work in organising the monument, and the "Old Boys" for their support.

"Together we journey into the future," he said. "You've done well in your lives and we pray for the grace of God for the future. We regret much of the past, we ache with you at times but the grace of God will always reign and we will continue to

listen to you, to pray for you and to do what we can to support our future journey together."

Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, Secretary for Personnel, assured former residents that they would never be forgotten.

"We are proud of you and thank God for who you are. We want to love, support and pray for you in the future."

Peter Hatte, Internal Investigator and Trainer for the Army's Territorial Professional Standards Office told the audience how humbled and inspired he was by hearing some of the "Old Boys" stories and also committed to continue praying for them.

A lunch and concert took place after the ceremony.

The next "Old Boys" reunion is scheduled for 5 August.



Left to right: Councillor Paul Tully, Major Mark Campbell, Brad Strong, Councillor Victor Attwood, Lieut-Colonel David Godkin and Bob Toreaux unveil the monument to the former residents of the Riverview boys' and girls' homes.

## Premier meets Moneycare staff

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh met with Salvation Army Moneycare staff and clients at the Moneycare Toowoomba office on 9 January.



Katie Erbacher, advisor to the Office of the Premier; Major General Richard Wilson, Chairman, Queensland Reconstruction Authority; Brooke Winters, Regional Executive Director, Department of Communities; and Terry Flanagan, Regional Director, Sport and Recreation and Community Participation, also attended.

The meeting highlighted the challenges faced by Moneycare staff and clients after the 2011 Queensland floods, as well as the need for effective and efficient financial counselling services to equip Queenslanders in financial crisis after a disaster.

"We are sincerely thankful to the Moneycare staff for their contribution, efforts and commitment during the course of 2011, and your work has not gone unnoticed," said Premier Bligh, pictured left with staff and guests.

"We look forward to our continued working partnership during the course of 2012."



## ENROLMENTS

## Greater Liverpool Corps

Majors Lynden and Belinda Spicer, Greater Liverpool Corps Officers, recently enrolled three senior soldiers and six adherents at a special celebration service at the western Sydney corps. "The new Salvationists, (pictured from left) Lachlan Burke and Shane and Amy Thomas, are engaged in ministry within the church and community and are living out God's calling in their lives," said Major Belinda Spicer. "They have hearts totally for God and serving and adhering to the mission of The Salvation Army along with the vision of the corps." The new adherents are John and Jean Harrington, Darian and Caitlin Naidoo, Lukhana Ingram and Ohan Tran. All the adherents are new to The Salvation Army and are involved in ministry in the church and the wider Liverpool community.



## St Marys Corps

St Marys Corps Officer Major Tony DeTommaso enrolled Quita Cox, John Mundell and Gaynor Pitt as senior soldiers at a special celebration meeting on 11 December at the Sydney corps. During the service, Major DeTommaso interviewed the three new soldiers. "My life has changed since God and Jesus Christ came into my life many years ago," said Quita. "I encourage you to get to know Jesus and open your heart." Both Gaynor and John spoke about the impact that the fellowship they have found in The Salvation Army has had on their Christian walk. "One of the main things that has touched my heart is the love and warmth of The Salvation Army and through this I have made many true and valuable friends," said Gaynor. "The love and fellowship of The Salvation Army is one of the reasons I stand here today," John testified. Pictured (from left) are Gaynor, Major DeTommaso, Quita, flagbearer Laurie Hodge, John and recruiting sergeant Ken Macklyn.



## Cairns Corps

Mia Bragge and her granddaughter, Leonella Vanua, were enrolled as soldiers of the Cairns Corps at a special service attended by family and friends in November. This vibrant and multicultural corps has become known as the "Church for all Nations". "During the service both Mia and Leonella (pictured), who had both attended Christianity Explained and soldiership classes, shared their salvation story and desire to serve God through The Salvation Army," said Envoy Max Moore, who at the time of the enrolment was the Cairns Corps and Far North Queensland Cluster leader.



## Gosford Corps

Gosford Corps on the NSW Central Coast, has celebrated the enrolment of another senior soldier. Phil Baker was surrounded by family and friends as he signed his Articles of War. Phil's daughter, Kelly, spoke of her love for her dad and how proud she was of the step he was taking. Phil, pictured with Camilla Hall, another recent new soldier at Gosford, has spent much time in prayer and searching for God's will before taking this important step into soldiership. He is a much-valued member of the Gosford Corps family and band and uses every opportunity he has to share his love for Jesus.



## Pine Rivers Corps

There was a great sense of excitement as people gathered for worship at Pine Rivers Corps, north of Brisbane, on Sunday, 4 December. Having completed their soldiership classes (pictured from left) Nathan and Davinia Pic, Valda Lee, Jessica Arthur, Gemma Walker and Lauren Daly were all enrolled as soldiers. For Nathan and Valda this is not their first time as soldiers but, after a time away, they have returned to The Salvation Army and have committed themselves once again to serve the Lord in this way. Following the enrolment of the new soldiers, (pictured, bottom, from left) Lydia Kennedy, Tanu Kaur, Brenda Kanofski and Debbie O'Brien were accepted as adherents, each of these ladies also sharing their testimony.



## Goulburn Corps

John and Isobel Croger were recently accepted as adherents at Goulburn Corps. The couple (pictured with their adherent certificates) have been actively involved in the life of corps ever since deciding to "check out" The Salvation Army 18 months ago, and were very happy to sign up to the Army's mission.



## ENROLMENTS

## Appointment changes

*Effective 12 January:* Captain Merissa **Holland**, Glen Haven Manager, South Queensland Division; Lieutenants David and Tahlia **Grounds**, Corps Officers, Gunnedah Corps, North NSW Division; Major Frank **Moxon**, Director of Mission and Strategic Manager, Bethany Residential Aged Care, Aged Care plus; Major Steven **O'Neill**, Director of Mission and Strategic Manager, The Cairns Aged Care Centre, Aged Care Plus; Major Gary **Masters**, Director of Mission and Strategic Manager, Inner West Aged Care Services (including Maybanke and Macquarie Lodge), Aged Care Plus; Lieutenant Vanessa **Kohler**, Far North Queensland Hub Team Member, Cassowary Coast, Central and North Queensland Division; Captain Wendy-Sue **Swann**, Divisional Womens Ministries Secretary, South Queensland Division; Major Craig **Walker**, Productions - Mission Team, Program Department, Territorial Headquarters; Major Roslyn **Walker**, Residential Manager, School for Leadership Training, Booth College; Captain Joy **Morgan**, Acting General Manager, Weeroona Village Aged Care Services, Aged Care Plus; Lieutenant Craig **Sutton**, Assistant Officer, Waterloo Community Ministries, Samaritan Services, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Lieutenant Teena **Hughes**, Courts and Prison Chaplain, Kempsey, North NSW Division; Captain Lenore **Pack**, Corps Officer, Ipswich Corps, South Queensland Division.

*Effective 23 January:* Major Maurie **Clarke-Pearce**, Technical Support Officer, North NSW Division; Major Kay **Clarke-Pearce**, Assistant Divisional Mission and Resource Officer - Social, North NSW Division; Major Debra **Friend**, Assistant Corps Officer, Wagga Wagga, ACT and South NSW Division; Lieutenant Joe **Clark**, Property Officer, Hunter Region Recovery Services, Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Lieutenant Bev **Clark**, Manager, Central Coast Recovery Services (Selah), Newcastle and Central NSW Division.

*Effective 31 January:* Envoys Lucas and Angela **Cairns**, Divisional Youth Secretaries, Newcastle and Central NSW Division.

*Effective 1 March:* Major Bruce **Carpenter**, Territorial Development Secretary/Coordinator of Family Stores in Jamaica and Territorial Disaster Services Coordinator, Caribbean Territory; Major Cheryl **Carpenter**, Nurse, School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Caribbean Territory; Majors Brian and Clair **Smith**, Corps Officers, Dee Why Corps, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Envoys Marcus and Lois **Young**, Corps Officers, Casino Corps, North NSW Division.

*Effective from a date to be announced:* Commissioner Lyn **Pearce**, Team Member of the Spiritual Life Development Team.

### Additional Appointment

*Effective 12 January:* Major Wendy **Walters**, Divisional Candidates Secretary, Central and North Queensland Division; Lieutenants Ged and Jeanie **Oldfield**, Corps Officers, Armidale Corps, North NSW Division; Lieutenant Katherine **Mills**, Assistant Director, School for Youth Leadership, Booth College; Major Hwan-ki **Kim** Chaplain - Detention Centres.





## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Salvationists make impact for Christ at Mexican Games

Like The Salvation Army's founder, William Booth, whose goal was not fame or fortune but to win souls for Christ, so too was the goal of officers, cadets and Salvationists on the streets of Guadalajara, Mexico, during the Pan American Games late last year.

More precious than the gold, silver or bronze medals won by the 6000 athletes from 42 nations participating in 36 sports was the "gold" won for Christ – the souls of men, women and children.

Twenty-two cadets of the *Friends of Christ* and *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* sessions took part in daily outreach activities during the early days of the games. The cadets had personal evangelistic conversations with people of all ages and prayed with many. These contacts made a great impact on the lives of the people, and the cadets were blessed themselves.



Captain Luis Camarillo prays with the people of El Salto community.

A second delegation of more than 60 Salvationists took over the baton from the cadets, participating in many activities throughout the week-long Games. The delegation was composed of officers, territorial headquarters staff, young Salvationists from corps throughout the Mexico Territory and seven Salvationists from Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile.

"Young Salvationists, many of whom had no previous experience of street evangelism, preached the word of God with courage and commitment," Leadership of Programme Secretary Captain Luis Camarillo said.

"They were driven by a passion for souls in need of God's love. The group distributed brochures, bookmarks, *War Crys* and other evangelistic literature, buttons and stickers.

"Every avenue of ministry brought opportunity to have direct contact with people, giving them the message of salvation and praying for their needs. One man who was spoken to said he had been considering suicide. His life was changed through prayer."

A novel evangelism method was the "Prayer in Motion" which targeted the motorists of Guadalajara. Salvationists carried on their shoulders large advertisements with phrases such as "We will pray for you" or "Let us pray for your family". When motorists stopped at red traffic lights Salvationists spoke with them, offering intercessory prayer for expressed needs. There was less than a minute until the lights changed to green but in that time some motorists were weeping because someone had prayed for them.

"God worked through the dedication and passion of officers and young Salvationists who preached and witnessed fearlessly," Captain Camarillo said. "In total more than 40,000 pamphlets or other items were given out. Direct contact and prayer were made with more than 14,300 people. Some people contacted are now worshipping at The Salvation Army."

## Celebration weekend recognises Army work in Togo

The commencement of Salvation Army work in Togo was recognised in a program of events which included the marriage of six couples and culminated in the enrolment of 144 senior and 112 junior soldiers.

The formal commencement of the work in Togo was symbolised during a five-hour service of celebration on Sunday 15 January, by the raising of the Salvation Army flag of the Ghana Territory which oversees the new ministry in Togo. The event was broadcast on national television.

Salvation Army work in Togo officially began in April last year. Since then, it has grown under the leadership of Captains Herve Michel and Naty Dorcas Ahouyanganga, originally from the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory, with oversight and support given by the Volta Division in Ghana.

During the celebration meeting the status of existing Salvation Army centres in Togo was formalised, with eight being elevated to corps status and six recognised as societies.

Territorial leaders Colonels Charles and Denise Swansbury led the activities.

Six couples took part in a special marriage ceremony to recognise their relationship in the sight of God prior to them becoming soldiers.

On Saturday a march of witness through Atakpame by more than 200 uniformed Salvationists – the first event of its kind in Togo – preceded an open-air meeting.



Seekers are counselled during the open-air meeting in Togo.

In his Bible message at the celebration service, Colonel Swansbury challenged the new soldiers to be living stones laid on a good foundation rather than stumbling blocks to growth.

At the conclusion of the meeting almost the entire congregation moved forward to dedicate themselves to the exciting task of building God's Kingdom in Togo.

### Role model



Danny Hampton was promoted to glory on 1 July 2011, aged 89.

Family and friends gathered at Centenary Corps in Brisbane for a thanksgiving service for the life of Danny.

The service was conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Greentree and included tributes from family and a Salvationist tribute from Mavis Ford.

A tribute from England from Peter Long (nephew) was read on behalf of relatives unable to be present.

Daniel Henry Hampton was born on 14 September 1921, and grew up in Battersea, London, in humble surroundings.

His mother Rose, a Salvation Army Home League member, sent Danny and his siblings, Ronald and Queenie, to Sunday school at the local Salvation Army corps. It was here they learnt about the love of God and Danny responded to God's call on his life.

The Sunday school was numbered in the hundreds and each year 10 buses were hired for the annual Sunday school picnic at the seaside. The Hampton children all became junior soldiers and members of the young people's band.

When Danny's father, Dan, passed away, Rose stepped up to become an active uniformed soldier in the Battersea Corps. This commitment from his mother helped Danny through his teen years and, when old enough, he graduated to the Battersea Corps Senior Band. It was at this time that Danny met Joyce Messenger who also started attending the corps and their courtship began. They were married on 1 March 1947.

During the years of World War Two Danny enlisted, in the REME's (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers). His war service included various camps in England and Palestine.

Danny celebrated his 21st birthday on a troop ship with thousands of military personnel. At the end of the war, Danny's release certificate read: "Danny Henry Hampton, Army No.10580984 Rank – Craftsman, is a keen and willing worker, loyal, punctual and well-mannered. He is honest, trustworthy and gets on well with his comrades."

The same was said of Danny when he completed his employment at KLG/Smith & Sons in England and Australia and then at QANTAS Technical College where Danny taught for about 25 years until retirement.

Danny's love of singing prompted him to become the songster leader at Battersea

Corps and later at Kingston-Upon-Thames Corps.

Danny and Joyce had two sons, Daniel and Keith, five years apart. Both boys followed in their father's footsteps and were taught by him to play a brass instrument. They joined the YP band which was led by Danny. Both boys still maintain their link with banding.

In 1964, the Hampton family emigrated to Australia and were met at Sydney's Circular Quay by Salvationists who welcomed them to their new life. Danny and Joyce and the boys immediately became part of the North Sydney Corps, Danny joining the band and songsters.

The family began to expand when Daniel (jnr) met and married Linda (nee Worsnop) and their three children were born, Kate, Mike and Jen. Keith married Ruth (nee Terracini) and another Daniel was soon born, followed by Rachel.

Danny enjoyed making music for his Lord and participated in overseas trips with several corps band and songsters. He also enjoyed being part of performances of *Handel's Messiah* and a number of Gowans and Larsson musicals. He was an active soldier in several corps, including Parramatta, Gosford, Earlwood, Brisbane City Temple and Centenary.

He was never more fulfilled than teaching young people at music camps and tutoring young musicians – sharing the legacy that had been handed to him at Battersea Corps.

Danny and Joyce retired to Sinnamon Retirement Village in Brisbane's south-west where they spent 26 years in active retirement until Danny was affected by dementia and Joyce cared for him at home.

Danny's family has grown from the four who arrived by boat in 1964, with the addition of two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren and their families which added three great-grandchildren. To them he was a loving and caring father-in-law and "Pop" and "Poppi".

### Faithful soldier



Arthur Edward Vaughan was promoted to glory on 1 October 2011, aged 81.

A committal service held at St Patricks Chapel, Nulkaba, on 10 October was led by Maitland City Corps Officer Lieutenant David Grounds.

A thanksgiving celebration of Arthur's life was then conducted by Lieut Grounds at the Maitland City Citadel where the band accompanied congregational songs *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*, *How Great Thou Art* and *I Stand Amazed*.

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Grandson Phillip McQuiggan and Arthur's brother-in-law Reverend Albert Wever (Ret) read from Scripture.

There were several tributes, from Silver Threads leader Kay Jenkins (read by Ken Cocking), Corps Sergeant-Major Darrell Walz (corps tribute) and family tributes from Arthur's eldest daughter Carolyn and her husband John McQuiggan.

Lt Grounds gave a gospel message before a final song and benediction concluded the service for the life of a true soldier of Christ.

Arthur Edward Vaughan was born in Kurri Kurri on 22 April 1930, the seventh child of Margaret and Edward Vaughan who had emigrated from Wales.

The Vaughans had eight children but Edward died of cancer when Arthur was only six, leaving his mother, an invalid, to rear the family during the Depression years. Despite the hardships, Arthur's mother remained loyal to God and The Salvation Army, holding her role of Home League secretary of the Kurri Kurri Corps until her death in 1965.

Along with Arthur, his sister Audrey and brother Terry were born in Kurri Kurri and they all became active in the corps, Arthur becoming a junior soldier, corps cadet and bandsman. On leaving school, Arthur commenced his working life as a poultry farmer at Sawyers Gully. He also worked in Newcastle at General Hardware Store "Ginge" and later on the NSW railways at Broadmeadow.

At 18, he met Lorna Watson, who attended Adamstown Corps, and boarded with her family. After they married, Arthur and Lorna attended Adamstown Corps. Arthur and Lorna celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary shortly before his death. Arthur and Lorna settled in Cardiff, building a house and raising three children – Carolyn, Geoffery and Michelle.

Arthur held a variety of local officer roles in a number of corps including Cardiff, Kandos and Dee Why in Sydney. He was a great encourager of young people wherever he soldiered.

In retirement, Arthur and Lorna returned to Kurri Kurri and linked with Maitland City Corps, joining the band and songsters.

In April 1992, they commenced the ministry of the Silver Threads over-50s group. Arthur wrote many skits which he and his brother Trevor performed to the enjoyment of all who attended the group on the first Thursday of each month.

He also continued to play in the band until ill health prevented him from doing so in his final 12 months of life.

We now say "Well done, good and faithful soldier, enter into the joy of thy Lord".



## PROMOTED TO GLORY

## Godly example



Lorna Mary Vaughan was promoted to glory on 10 November 2011, aged 80, from Calvary Care, Cessnock.

A private commital service was conducted by Lieutenant David Grounds at St Patricks Chapel, Nulkabah, prior to the thanksgiving service at Maitland City Corps.

Favorite songs of Lorna's were sung including *On God's Word Relying, Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* and *Thine Be the Glory*, all accompanied by the band.

Scripture readings were given by brother-in-law Reverend Albert Wever and grandson Philip McQuiggin and tributes by Silver Threads leader Kay Jenkins, Home League secretary Nancy Bower and family members Carolyn and John McQuiggin (daughter and son-in-law).

A visual presentation of Lorna's life, with the backing of *In the Beauty of Holiness*, was also shown, before Lt Grounds gave a gospel message.

Lorna Mary Watson was born in Cardiff, NSW, on 1 January 1931, the second daughter of Adam Watson and Phyllis Anderson, a Scot from Larkhill, Lanackshire.

Adam Watson served in the British Army in France in World War I, then emigrated to Australia where he met and married Phyllis Anderson, an English migrant from Durrahham on Tyne.

Adam and Phyllis settled in Adamstown where they started raising a family. Phyllis began attending The Salvation Army Corps with her daughters. Lorna and her three sisters loved The Salvation Army. Lorna become a junior soldier, corps cadet and then a senior soldier, Sunday school teacher, songster, and a member of the guitar band.

During a youth weekend, the Watson family billeted a lad by the name of Arthur Vaughan. At age 20 Lorna began a friendship with Arthur which eventually led to more than 60 years of marriage and three children – Carolyn, Geoffrey and Michelle.

In the early days of their marriage they lived in Kurri Kurri where they both became involved in the corps activities. Further moves saw them involved with corps at Adamstown, Cardiff, Mudgee and Dee Why.

During the family's time in Kandos, Lorna ran an op shop and a Sunday school for the Mudgee Corps.

She also taught Scripture at the local school and became the president of the Mothers Club as well as being involved in

the P&C and Meals On Wheels.

On leaving Kandos for employment in Sydney and living in Narrabeen, they met up with Brigadier Marge Osborne who had been the divisional youth officer in Newcastle when they were young. At the brigadier's invitation, Lorna and Arthur began attending Dee Why Corps.

On retirement, Arthur and Lorna returned to Kurri Kurri, attending Maitland City Corps. Lorna joined the songsters, and became Home League secretary and prayer group leader.

With Arthur, Lorna commenced the Silver Threads over 50s group.

We now say "Well done, good and faithful soldier, enter into the joy of thy Lord".

## Deeply caring



Envoy Kay Henderson was promoted to glory on 27 November 2011, aged 63.

A service of celebration was held on 5 December at Lismore Citadel, led by Major

Phillip McLaren, North NSW Divisional Commander, supported by Lismore Band and Corps Officers Major Lindsay and Lieutenant Jennifer Reeves.

Major Chris Witts represented Australia Eastern territorial leadership. Major Nancy McLaren read from Psalm 138, one of Kay's favourite Scripture passages.

Kay's family and friends joined with fellow officers and members of the Lismore, Maclean and Glen Innes corps to celebrate her life and remember this wonderful lady and give thanks to God for her life and commitment.

Kay was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, to William and Annie Henderson. As a young woman Kay worked in a bookshop where she became manager. She married and had three sons, and in that time she travelled around the British Isles, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. She eventually settled in Lismore. Over time she married again and had a fourth son.

Kay first came into contact with The Salvation Army in Lismore at the time of a devastating flood period where members of the Lismore Corps were able to help and support her family. Kay came to worship at the Army and developed some real friendships through Home League. She also loved to sit in on the women's singing rehearsals.

There was a lot going on in Kay's life at this time which encouraged her to reach out to God. In the latter part of the 1990s she made a real and genuine surrender

of her life to the lordship of Jesus Christ. With the commitment of senior soldiership, Kay became more involved in the Army, joining the welfare team. She also taught junior soldiers and learnt to play the timbrel.

Kay quickly became part of the corps life at Lismore, leading and participating in a life recovery group and hotel ministry. This dedication and ability did not go unnoticed and resulted in Kay being asked to consider a non-commissioned officer's role as an envoy.

She was accepted and posted to Glen Innes in 2009. Kay quickly took corps leadership in her stride which included corps meetings and Family Store management. She was passionate about people and Recovery Services for which she was training.

Kay was appointed to Maclean in 2011, but her ministry was cut short due to the quick onset of a terminal illness. Despite this, Kay showed her continued passion for God's people and strived to do all she could by keeping in close contact with the corps and her ministry.

She was always professional in her manner and performed her duties as an envoy with compassion for God's people. She had a wonderful ability to accept people and situations as she found them, choosing to always look on the positive side. This was very evident in the months of her illness and she was never heard to complain.

Kay was generous with her time and deeply cared for others. Being a patient listener, she placed little expectation on others; emotionally honest, she was herself. Kay was an important part of the mission of the North NSW Division and she will be sadly missed by her close friends and her four sons and their families.

Following the celebration service a burial service was held at Lismore Memorial Gardens Lawn Cemetery, Goonellabah, conducted by Major Phillip McLaren.

## Reports

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## about people

## Bereaved

Lieut-Colonel Joyce **Newman** of her sister Major Jessie **Rablin**; Major Denise **Strong** of her mother Norma Ardrey on 22 December.

## Marriage

Lieutenant Nathan **Hodges** to Lieutenant Kylie **Maxwell** on 30 December.

## Promoted to glory

Major Jessie **Rablin** on Tuesday 20 December; Major Allan **Armstrong** on 27 December.

## Reinstated Ranks

To Major: Envoy Joy **Wilson**.  
To Captain: Lenore **Pack**.

## Retirements

Majors Bob and Estelle **Strong** on 31 January; Lieut-Colonels John and Pamela **Hodge** on 31 January; Major Marina Randall on 31 January.

## Territorial Promotions

To Lieutenants: Envoys Joe and Bev **Clark**.

## Long Service Awards

The following officers have received their Long Service Award for 35 years: Major Lyn **Cook**, Major Judy **Knight**, Major Lorraine **McLeod**, Major Norm **Beckett**.

The following officers have received their Long Service Award for 30 years: Majors Barry and Pam **Nancarrow**, Major Heather **Gill**, Majors Frank and Narelle **Moxon**, Major Amanda **Choy-Show**, Major Marilyn **Edwards**, Major Cheryl **Hall**, Majors Kevin and Jacqui **McGrath**, Majors Peter and Jean **Ridley**, Major Gwenda **Pratt**, Majors Lyndsay and Dawn **Smith**, Major Debbie **Hindle**, Major Beatrice **Kay**, Majors Kevin and Heather **Unicomb**, Lieut-Colonels Phil and Jan **Cairns**.

The following officers have received their Long Service Award for 25 years: Majors Glenn and Lynn **Whittaker**, Major Christine **Ivers**, Majors Kelvin and Julie **Alley**, Major Neil **Clanfield**; Lieut-Colonels David and Sandra **Godkin**; Majors Lyall and Susan **Reese**; Major Julie **Radburn**.

## time to pray

## 29 January – 4 February

Business Administration, School For Officer Training, both THQ; Caboolture Corps, Qld; Woden Valley Corps, ACT; Hornsby Gateway Corps, Cardiff Corps, both NSW; World Wide Prayer Meeting (2); MASIC (Moral and Social Issues Council) Meeting (4); ACT and South NSW Division Youth Councils (4).

## 5-11 February

Central and North Queensland Divisional Headquarters; Toowoomba Crisis Centre, both Qld; Weeroona Village, Tweed Head Corps, St Marys, Newcastle Welfare Centre; ACT and South NSW Division Youth Councils (5); World Wide Prayer Meeting (9); Captivated, Brisbane (11); Welcome Weekend to 'Disciples of the Cross' Session of Cadets (11).

## 12-18 February

Coolum Mission, Noosa Corps, both Qld; Hawkesbury City Corps, Bega Corps, Long Jetty Corps, Armidale Corps, all NSW;

Welcome Weekend to 'Disciples of the Cross' Session of Cadets (12); Captivated, Brisbane (12); World Wide Prayer Meeting (16); Candidates Board (16); Captivated, Sydney (17-18); Central and North Qld Division 2020 Task Force (Southern) (18).

## 19-25 February

Captain Kaye Barber, Australia Southern Territory; Batemans Bay Corps, Ulladulla Mission, Fairfield Corps, Newcastle and Central NSW Division Chaplaincy Services, all NSW; North Brisbane Corps, Ayr Corps, both Qld; World Wide Prayer Meeting (23); Captivated, Sydney (19); Zonal Leader's Conference (20-25); 'Back to the Beaches' – 100 years of TSA in Northern Beaches (25).

## 26 February – 3 March

Counselling Service, Moneycare, Spiritual Life Development, Property Department, all THQ; Toowong Student residence, QLD; ACT and South NSW Division Chaplaincy Services, ACT; Launch of the Self Denial Appeal (26); Zonal Leaders' Conference (26-27); 'Back to the Beaches' – 100 years of TSA in Northern Beaches (26); World Wide Prayer Meeting (1); World Day of Prayer (2); Ignite Children's Conference (3).

## 4-10 March

Petersham Corps, Gosford Corps, Rockdale Corps, Orange Corps, all NSW; Canberra City Oasis Corps and Oasis Support Services, ACT; Pindari Women's Accommodation, Qld; Public Welcome to 'Disciples of the Cross' Cadets (4); The Greater West Division Officers Fellowship (4-8); South Queensland Division Officers Fellowship (5-9); ACT and South NSW Division Fellowship (5-8); Administrative Leaders Training Course (6-10); Central and North Qld Division Northern Mission Days – Townsville (8-9); World Wide Prayer Meeting (8); Central and North Qld Division 2020 Task Force (Northern) (9-10).

## engagement calendar

## Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Bexley North: Wed 1 Feb – Welcome Lunch for Cadets  
Hurstville: Sun 5 Feb – Retirement meeting for Lieut-Colonels John and Pamela Hodge  
#Brisbane: Fri 10-Sun 12 Feb – Captivated  
#Collaroy: Fri 17-Sun 19 Feb – Captivated  
\*Stafford: Sun 19 Feb – South Queensland Divisional Rally  
New Zealand: Tues 21-Mon 27 Feb – Zonal Leaders Conference  
\*Sydney: Wed 29 Feb-Thu 1 Mar – National Council of Churches Executive meeting

#Commissioner Jan Condon only  
\*Commissioner James Condon only

## Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Canberra: Sun 5 Feb – Installation of Divisional Leaders – ACT and South NSW Division  
#Brisbane: Fri 10-Sun 12 Feb – Captivated  
#Sydney: Fri 17-Sun 19 Feb – Captivated  
New Zealand: Mon 20-Mon 27 Feb – SPEA Zonal Conference – Rotorua

# Colonel Robyn only



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