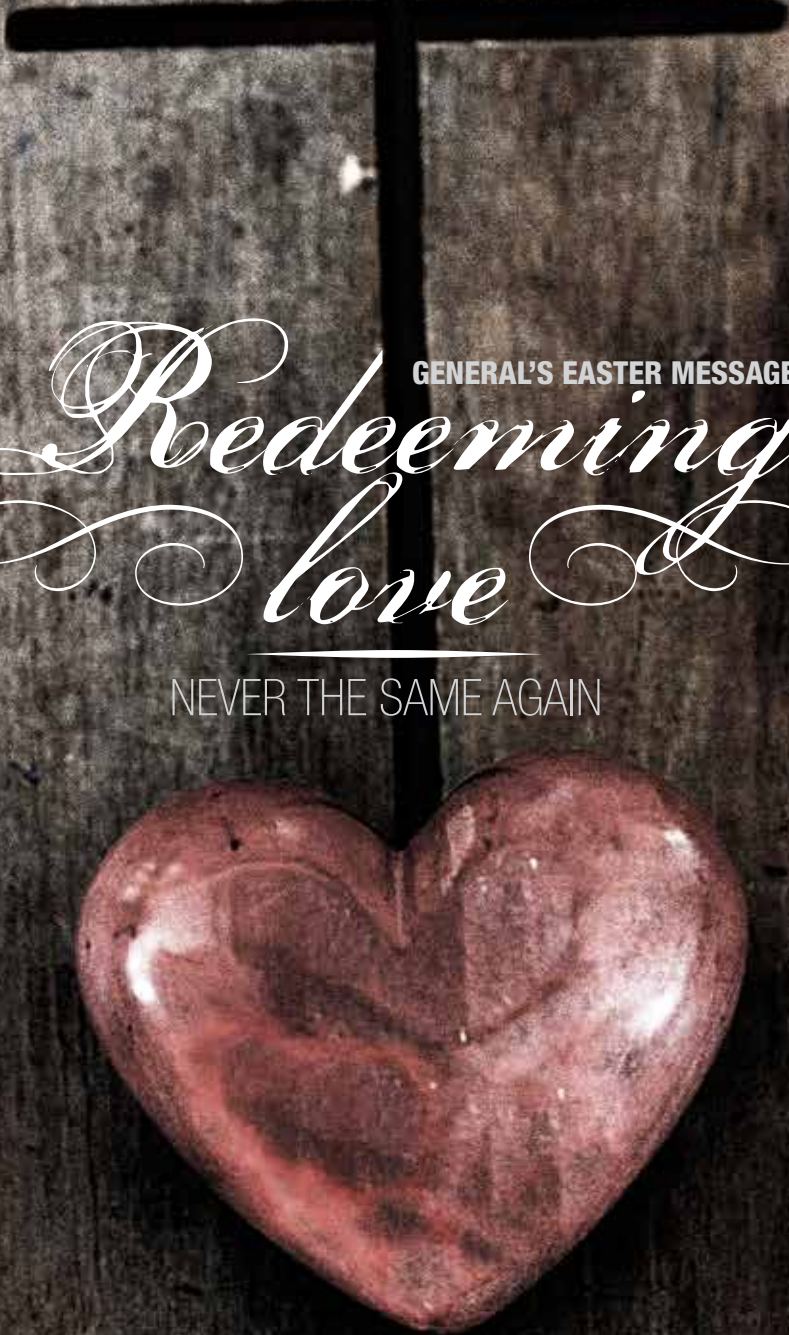


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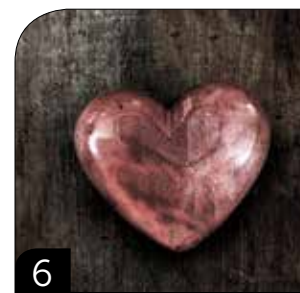
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## Events that changed the course of history

**W**e approach Easter each year with an expectation that we'll once again be reminded of the magnificent exhibition of love that Jesus displayed as he selflessly walked to his own crucifixion as the spotless lamb of God.

We approach Easter prepared to recount the scenes that are so well known to us. The arrest of Jesus, his subsequent trial, the choice made by the people to release Barabbas, the crucifixion of Jesus, lots cast for his clothes, the wine vinegar and the spear in his side.

How well we know these accounts that remind us of a depraved world in such great need of redemption; a redemption that has been secured for all time through the personal sacrifice of a remarkable Saviour.

We gather together at Easter and speak of the tremendous price paid by Jesus, the carpenter who would eventually be labelled King of the Jews by a Roman centurion.

We listen with anticipation as Jesus' tomb is found to be empty. As Jesus walks in the garden, the anticipation increases until we see him appear to his followers. What a blessed moment it is when they see for themselves the resurrected Christ.

## Boundless grace

In this issue of *Pipeline*, we bring you a series of articles which are designed to sharpen your focus once again on Easter.

There are articles by the world leader of The Salvation, General Linda Bond, Colonel Richard Munn, Principal of the Army's International Centre for Spiritual Life Development, and we delve into the archives to bring you a piece penned by one of the Army's great theologians, Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle.

Why, one might ask, do Christians recount the events of Easter? What is it that invites us to engage with these accounts anew every year and in doing so, breathe new life into the actions of our Lord and Saviour?

Is it that in remembering Jesus' sacrifice we fall in love with him again? Does the recollection of the Easter story evoke within us a passion to share the good news of salvation with others?

Whatever questions may arise from the observance of Easter, there is no doubt that these events changed the course of human history.

They have provided for all mankind the possibility of reconciliation to a loving God who through his Son, responded to a hurting world with a stunning display of his boundless grace and forgiveness for a lost and sad world.

This Easter holds an opportunity for us as individuals to encounter Jesus and his unconditional love. May you, through the retelling of the Easter events, meet Jesus in a fresh, new way.

May his grace and sacrifice stir you to action and prompt you to step out and engage a hurting world with the love and grace you have received from our risen Saviour Jesus.

**Major Bruce Harmer**  
**Communications and**  
**Public Relations Secretary**



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say...

## Pastoring is being, not doing

It was about 40 years ago – my pre-training college days – when my then-corps officer Captain Earle Maxwell, gave me this advice. “Warren, when you are in your corps appointment remember to preach to your people, teach your people and pastor your people.” I have never forgotten those well-chosen words.

While the preaching has taken a back seat, teaching, and particularly pastoring, is to the front. I seem to have always had a passion for pastoring – visitation.

It was during out-training that the officer of the corps said to me, “How did you get an invite to their place?” My reply was that “I just went and knocked on their door”. Looking back now, that wasn’t what I should have said, but he was gracious to accept my words.

Although many years have passed, I find myself with the time to visit those not bound by church walls. I think of Les, a former bandsman now in care. Then there is Frank. He was one of those quiet achievers, now also in care. After a number of strokes, he just wants to be with his Lord.

But the reality check came last year when I visited Mrs Commissioner Orsborn. As I looked around her room, what had the past given her? Certainly not possessions, but a beautiful, caring, pastoral attitude which just flowed from her heart. We shared for two hours then it was time to leave. I was so blessed.

For years, I was content in the fact that I was one of the sheep (Matt 21:31-46). Then, recently, I was reading the same passage and I noticed it said, “When did we see you?” It is all about people who were doing the will of God and did not know it. So my dilemma – am I a sheep or goat?

I firmly believe it is those who are living in the will of God – those who have become so accustomed to just *doing*, a natural response, who are the sheep.

Am I a sheep? I don’t know. What I do know, however, is that it is all about *being* and not about *doing*. And so my journey continues.

**Warren Ravenscroft,**  
**Carindale Corps**

## Sign lacks purposeful message

How wonderful it is to be back in our corps buildings after more than a year of renovations. Everything is shiny and new and we even have air-conditioning.

One odd thing is the statement over the entrance: “The Love of Christ Compels Us ... 2 Cor 5:14”. I understand this is to be the standard text for all Salvation Army buildings. For a start, the word “compels”, without any context, has negative associations. Like the word “conscripted”, compels implies reluctant compliance, not joyful obedience. This is definitely not the spirit of Salvationism.

Furthermore, the truncated verse gives no clue as to what the love of Christ compels us to do. Nor is it clear what is the purpose of the building the visitor is now entering. It would be even more confusing if they had used the complete verse. 2 Cor 5:14 is not about doing

anything. Look it up for yourself and consider.

The Salvation Army has a whole range of great banner statements that proudly proclaim who we are and what we do. Generations of Salvationists have been proudly “Saved to Serve”. Equally clear is “Heart to God and Hand to Man”. Popular in recent years is the Gowans trilogy, “Save Souls, Grow Saints, Serve Suffering Humanity”.

The most common banner statement on all our early citadels was “To the Glory of God and the Salvation of the People”. Here is a statement that nails our colours to the mast. Here is a statement that is unambiguously Salvation Army. A visitor would have no doubt as to the purpose of the building.

**Ron Inglis,**  
**Campsie Corps**

## Cross and loss

When I accepted Christ at 10 years of age, I knew little of the road ahead; the narrow path on which I would travel. It was an unknown way.

But I soon learned “the road less travelled” was fraught with “tribulation, trials, distress and frustration ...” (John 16:33, *Amplified Bible*). A long way down this road and many years between, have taught me to trust my Saviour: “a Man of Sorrows; acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3). He was not immune to suffering and trials, for he was truly God and man and his humanity gave him the qualifications to identify with my life’s pain and suffering. He is mighty to save and mighty to emphasise. His power and divinity are juxtaposed with his empathy and humanity. He endured (Hebrews 12:3), wrestling against the flesh and the devil, to be my example.

I have learnt that there is no resurrection without the cross. But also, the blessed assurance that I have with me, travelling on the narrow way, the merciful and faithful Great High Priest, interceding for me and touched with the feelings of my infirmities (Hebrews 2:17-18).

Looking back, the fiery trials and afflictions have burnt the dross that clings so readily to the soul; refining my life, producing more fruit and drawing me closer to him on whom I depend. Trial is the pruning knife, sanctifying and testing that my faith is real, not just an outward profession.

Crosses and losses are an unsavoury but necessary aspect of faith. I know this personally; it is not a new thing. But God encourages me with “cheer up ... I have overcome the world,” (John 16:33). In the words of Paul: “I have been crucified with Christ ... and the life I now live in the body I live by faith ... by adherence to and reliance on ... the Son of God ...” (Galatians 2:20). His grace is sufficient for me.

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# Easter the doorway to Heaven’s resources

Jesus opened not only the tomb, thus defeating Satan and death, says **Commissioner JAMES CONDON**, but he opened new possibilities for everyone who would follow him

Will it be just another Easter? A Bible verse that I have sought to understand over the years is Romans 8:11: “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

As we approach Easter this year, are we celebrating sacrifice without empowerment? Are we celebrating history without receiving the promised Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead?

Holy Week is filled with powerful images of the Christian life. Jesus shared in a covenant meal on Thursday night and that same night he experienced severe betrayal.

On Friday, he suffered such agony and death and paid the price for the sins of the whole world.

On Sunday, he rose from the dead with resurrection power and glory.

We can and should celebrate his death. His death on the cross is unique because of who he is – the sinless, perfect Son of God: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

No-one else could accomplish what Jesus did on the cross. His sacrifice was for the sin of all people, in all times and in all places.

His death was unique. One time. Once. For all.

### New possibilities

Here is one of the secrets of the resurrection: on that first Easter Sunday Jesus opened not only the tomb, thus defeating Satan and death, but he opened new possibilities for everyone who would follow him.

The resurrection was not only a supernatural event for Jesus, it also opened up the possibility for all who would follow

him to have the same victory over sin and death through the power of the same Holy Spirit.

Verse 11 in Romans chapter 8 is not about being raised up after we die, it’s about the power of the resurrection working in us now, giving us power to minister in his name.

He opened the way for us to continue his Kingdom mission. Heaven’s resources are available for us right now.

Jesus relied upon the Holy Spirit to walk in obedience and he sent the Holy Spirit to help us do the same.

He relied upon the Holy Spirit to do powerful works that authenticated his message, and he sent the Holy Spirit to do the same for us.

Jesus indeed came to save us from our sins, but he also came to empower us to live godly lives – lives of holiness.

The first Mission Priority of the Australia Eastern Territory – “A Territory Marked by Prayer and Holiness” – begins with you and me. Holiness begins with the Spirit’s indwelling.

Just another Easter? I hope not.

May it be a powerful Easter as we each seek the power of the Spirit in our own lives.



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



# Never the same again

**General LINDA BOND** says the stories of Jesus may seem simple, but they all contain the powerful message of Christ's redeeming love

Several years ago, when attending a Sunday morning worship service at a Salvation Army corps (church), I heard one of our leaders preach.

It was not a typical sermon, in fact it seemed too simple, especially for this seasoned preacher. But his first language was not English so I suppose for this English-speaking congregation, he had to play it safe and not try to be too theological, using words that he was unfamiliar with.

He simply told stories about Jesus. It may not have been a sermon that won a best preacher's award but it was one that moved me to tears and remains an unforgettable experience.

Such stories not only make for powerful sermon material but are at the heart of Christian music. The Salvation Army, like most of the Christian churches, loves to sing what it believes. Stories about Jesus, put to music, are forever etched in our memories. As we sing them we are called again and again to reflect on him, his life, death, resurrection and what this all means to us today.

One line of an Easter song keeps playing in my mind: "Alone on the road, oppressed by my load, Jesus himself drew near and walked with me." This line captures the event recorded in Luke's Gospel (Luke 24) and it also speaks powerfully to us today.

The story is of two followers of Jesus returning home after his crucifixion, with their hopes dashed. The horror of the crucifixion was enough to shatter anyone, but when it happened to one you loved, one who was innocent, not only innocent but absolutely perfect in

your eyes, then how could you put it all together? Their grief was compounded by the fact that they had believed Jesus was their Messiah, the hope for their world. The light for which they had waited for so long was now snuffed out. Everything was darkness and despair. They were overcome and overwhelmed, blinded by this ghastly and unexpected reversal.

## Relationship restored

Perhaps for many reading this article, this Christian story does not make sense: God loved us so much that he sent his Son to earth. Jesus comes in flesh as the babe in the manger, lives an exemplary life, healing, preaching, performing miracles. Then he dies the criminal's death, takes our sin upon him and breaks its power by his sacrifice.

Through him a relationship is restored with God and through him we can know forgiveness, freedom and life to the full. And maybe the biggest stretch is this belief that he rose to life again and appeared bodily, to his followers. No ghost or apparition but a real live Jesus! Please don't dismiss these facts as either fanciful or irrelevant. Just for this moment, hold on to them as truth, real Truth. Not fiction but facts.

Now here in Luke's story is the Lord, the Saviour of the world, the resurrected Jesus, taking time to walk down a lonely road with two shattered people, to open their eyes, to give them cause to hope again. This same living Jesus spans the ages. He walks your path today, hoping only that you will open your eyes to see him, your ears to hear him and your heart to receive him.

That song's phrase "alone on the road, oppressed by my load" may be describing you today. "Aloneness" is not numerical. If I am by myself, then I am alone.

No, you and I know of times when we were surrounded by people and felt an "aloneness", an emptiness that all the human bodies in the world could not fill. The weight on our shoulders, the burdens we were carrying seemed to separate us from the smiles and light-hearted fellowship experienced by others.

Perhaps illness, financial worries, family concerns, addictions, failure, or even limitations imposed by others contributed to dreams unfulfilled. Maybe we have felt deluded by life and by people.

Friend, Easter is about life, life with its tragedies and triumphs. Despair need never be an option. You don't need to be a theologian to understand Jesus. Let his story be your story, Jesus himself is with you.

He draws near as the song says. Not at a distance, shaming you for your depression or your limited expectations. Not at all! He died for you, and believes in you. He wants you to believe in him, to see him as the Constant Companion, your Saviour.

Don't take my word for it. Take his – and life will never be the same again.



**General Linda Bond** is world leader of The Salvation Army

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# Resurrection power of seismic proportions

**Colonel RICHARD MUNN**, who next month takes up a new appointment as Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, compares the earth-trembling events of Jesus' death and resurrection to the explosive transformation that takes place when a person accepts Christ as their saviour

*"There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men."* - Matthew 28:2-4

A phenomenon of nature observed by farmers and sailors particularly, is "the calm before the storm". As two great and opposing forces of nature begin an irreversible journey toward each other it seems that all other minor distractions step aside in anticipation of the impending conflict.

People whose livelihoods are intertwined with weather conditions learn over the years to instinctively sense "the calm before the storm".

During the calm of early dawn, in the garden of a Jerusalem enclave, two

obscure women quietly wind their way to pay respects to a person they love laid to rest in a tomb.

Matthew records that they go to "look at the tomb". They seem almost curious. A wealthy man provided the tomb, something they were not expecting, and so maybe they just want to look at the finery of it. Standing outside are Roman soldiers, men hardened from the fray of battle, presumably delighted at the softness of the assignment. Guard a tomb? Not much action at a tomb.

Here is the calm before the storm. Unknown to this cast of unlikely characters, massive forces - forces untravelling through the corridors of time to this point - are about to be unleashed.

The sudden eruption is seismic in scope. The earthquake is violent, an angel appears, a two-metre high boulder is rolled back, the angelic figure assuming the position of dominance sits on the boulder and there is the appearance of lightning.

The sum reverberation of this "storm after the calm" is that the battle-hardened soldiers are so afraid they "shake" and become like dead men, and tender, grieving women are left standing. Matthew is very careful in his choice of words here - the ones appointed to guard the corpse - strapping, living, armed men - are now the ones described as being like "dead men". Subtle biblical comedy.

A bit more humour. The method of their collapse is fearsome "shaking". The very same word used to describe the violent earthquake - seismic. The earth shakes - the men shake. The earth tremors - the men tremble.

This seismic activity has been recorded before. The city of Jerusalem is "stirred" when Jesus rides through her gates on a donkey. The earth shakes and rocks spilt at the moment of Jesus' death on Mount Calvary. And now there is seismic activity again.

If at the cross the earth shakes because she is receiving Christ into her bosom, in the garden the earth shakes because she is unable to contain him.

In retrospect, the sealing of the tomb and the posting of the guard are humorous human devices when contrasted with the seismic power of the divine.

Sometimes we just don't get it. Centuries later, history records that Saladin wrests control of Jerusalem. Over the gate Beautiful - the gate through which Jesus had entered on a donkey - a new gate is built, now called the Golden Gate.

It was said by the people that when Christ returned he would enter again through that gate. Saladin was uncomfortable with this and to this very day you can stand by the city wall of Jerusalem and see the crude concrete filling in the Golden Gate. The notion of a brick wall thwarting the returning Messiah is amusing. Saladin's folly.

## Explosive new life

This seismic resurrection power is dogged in its fortitude. People appropriating new life in Christ through the ages similarly demonstrate tenacity against all the odds. When opposing devices - human institutions, evil forces, family, peer or political pressures - rise as brick walls to entomb and impede the light and life of the gospel, seismic resurrection power will find a way to shake them aside and emerge triumphant.

Incarcerated Vietnam veterans clasped to life by remembering Sunday school verses, writing them down on scraps of paper and devising a Morse Code tapping system to share life-giving scripture down the corridor of cell blocks.

Even when the tomb seems unshakable and the edifice too powerfully erected, the faintest tremors of the gospel can ultimately bring down the most influential forces that oppose it. The shaking soldiers didn't undo the might of Rome, but the earthquake unleashed a presence that would one day bring it down.

The heralds of this seismic news are two women. They are the apostles to

the apostles. They go to the tomb out of curiosity and, having connected with the living Christ, emerge commissioned to take this news to Galilee. The journey of the women that dawn of the first day of the week is the journey of the person finding new life in Christ.

Moving from simple curiosity, a glimmer of interest, wanting just to look, the sedateness of our lives is so shaken up that what is dormant now explodes with vibrancy and new life. Old orders come tumbling down and the angelic hosts sit triumphantly upon them. They are seismically shaken out of our lives.

The risen Christ stands as a reality before us while the constricting forces of the past tremble as discarded entities cast off to the side.

"Greetings!" says Christ in a language we can understand. "You are now my brothers and my sisters." This connection with Christ drives us to his feet in worship and adoration. Faced with such startling purity and holiness we can do no other.

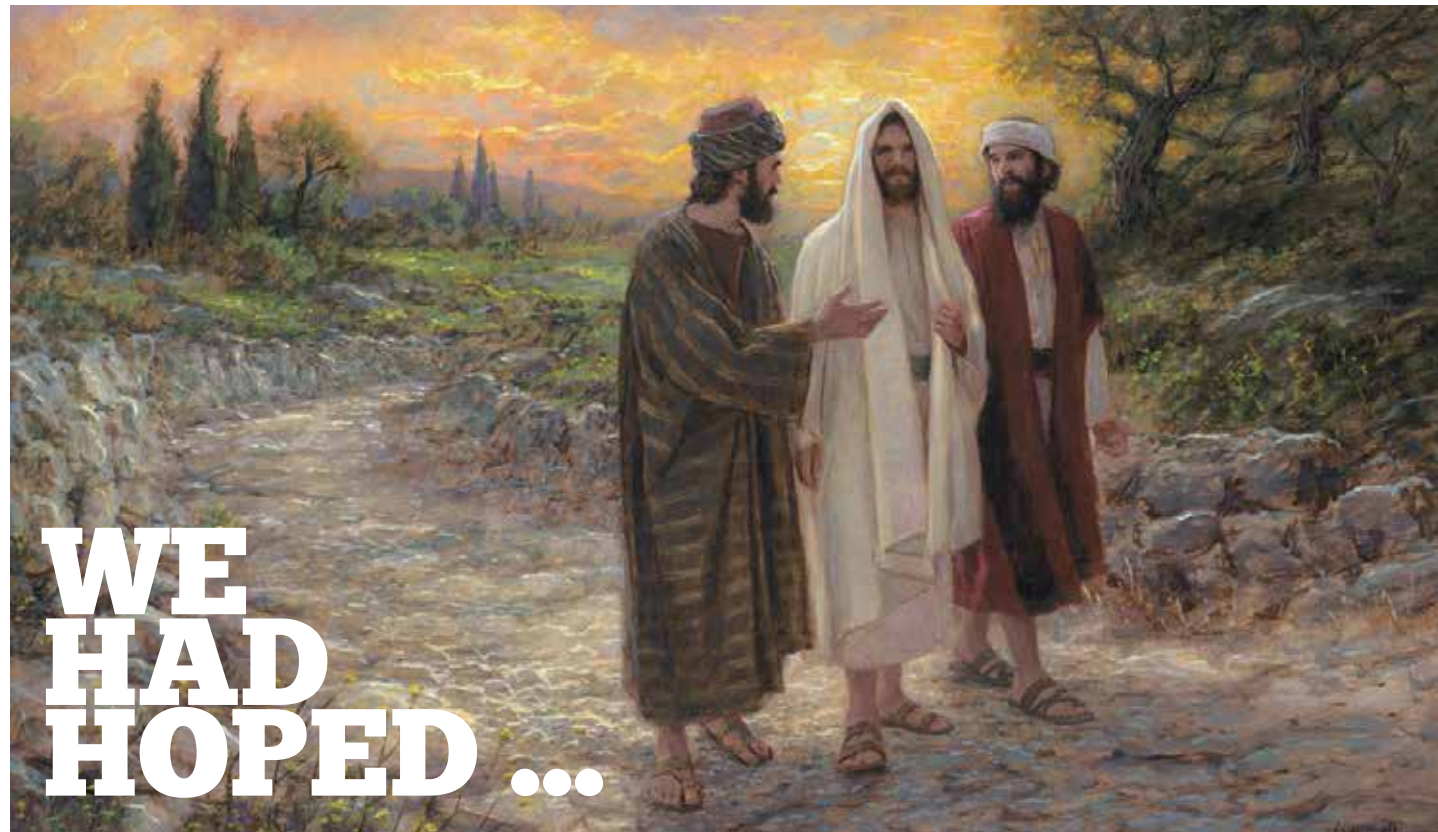
Opposing forces without and within will sometimes attempt to thwart this explosive life, but "he who began a good work in you will be sure to complete it".

Lord, this Easter, shake us up!



Colonel Richard Munn is principal of the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development





By Lieut-Colonel NEIL YOUNG

**T**he gospel of St Luke, often referred to as “the loveliest story in the world”, gives an account of Jesus’ life and ministry with great precision.

Luke was a doctor, and may have attended Mary in her pregnancy since he includes the story in full. His gospel includes Jesus’ ministry to all people, so it has a universal appeal.

One of the features of his account is that it includes longer stories and parables than the other three gospels (Matthew, Mark and John). The parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, in Luke 15, are told in detail.

After Jesus’ death on Good Friday, the disciples and all those who believed in him were devastated. Luke records an incident when, on the Sunday morning, a man named Cleopas and his companion were walking back to their home village of Emmaus, about 10km west of Jerusalem. Like the other disciples of Jesus they were disillusioned. As they walked with heads down, and probably with bloodshot eyes, they suddenly found themselves accompanied by a third figure.

Luke cleverly records that it was “Jesus himself” who drew near. The pronoun “himself” is what is referred to as an emphatic pronoun. It is there for emphasis. Luke is emphasising the point that this third figure is not one of the disciples, but “Jesus himself”.

There was probably nothing miraculous about the failure of Cleopas and his companion to recognise Jesus, because of their deep sorrow. Jesus, now having a spiritual body, could appear anywhere at any time.

Jesus knew the reason for their distress, but he still asked them why they were so sad. Jesus, the master counsellor, already knew the reason but he wisely “drew them out” to recount their story by asking “What are you discussing?”. Good counsellors know that when people are broken, it is good to get them to speak out their own story. It is a healthy and objective thing to do and we can learn from this.

Their reply is significant. “We had hoped ...”

### Tale of disillusion

Over many decades of service for God, how many times have I heard these or similar cries. “We used to be Salvationists but ...”; “We used to attend church but ...” There follows a tale of things that had gone differently from what had been expected.

How many people out there have a similar tale to tell. It must be one of God’s greatest disappointments to know that there are so many who, through disillusionment with the church, no longer believe. I meet them almost every day.

The sad trouble is that, like Cleopas and his friend, they do not fully grasp the whole story. If the death of Jesus was the

end then they would have reason to be disillusioned. But Jesus kindly explained that “beginning with Moses and *all* (emphasis mine) the prophets” that “Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”.

Then, as it was getting towards evening when they arrived at Emmaus, Cleopas and his friend, still not recognising who their new travelling companion was, asked Jesus to “Abide with us”. Thus the origin of that great hymn *Abide With Me*. It was only when Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread with his nail-pierced hands that their eyes were opened and they understood why their “hearts burned within us as we walked”.

They rushed the 10km back through the dust to Jerusalem to confirm to the disciples that Jesus was alive and they’d had a personal encounter with him.

Luke certainly knew how to tell a story under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We need to get the whole of peoples’ stories and understand the nature of our two worlds we have to live in, that of the Christian way and the opposition we have to face until Christ comes again.

But God is still waiting his time. Be patient, my friend.



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## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Commissioner SAMUEL LOGAN BRENGLE, one of The Salvation Army’s great theological minds of the late 19th century and earlier 20th century, says without the resurrection the impact of Christ’s coming to earth would have been lost

**T**he resurrection changed everything for the disciples. And we know it remains crucially important; we sing about it and celebrate it every Easter and mention it in our prayers. But what did the resurrection of Jesus really mean for the disciples? What did Christ’s resurrection achieve? What is its significance for today?

### 1. The resurrection was God’s complete vindication of Jesus as the Christ of God

How do we know for sure that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God? How did the disciples know? Even John the Baptist grew uncertain at one stage and sent messengers to ask Jesus: “Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?” (Matthew 11:3). But the resurrection was God’s complete answer.

As Paul declared (in a complex but wonderful sentence), the crucified Jesus was “declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4). “His unique identity as Son of God was shown by the Spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead, setting him apart as the Messiah, our Master,” (Romans 1:4 *The Message*).

### 2. The resurrection was God’s evidence that Christ had atoned for the sins of the world

The resurrection was God’s vindication of Jesus. Christ came through. He conquered. The victory had been won. Man was reconciled to God. The price had been

paid so all people could be made right with God (justified) through his grace. And God the Father proved all of that when he raised the Son to life.

### 3. The resurrection gives hope for life beyond death

“Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life,” (1 Corinthians 15:20 *Contemporary English Version*). He led the way!

In the presence of the risen Jesus we can confidently say death does not end all. There is life beyond the grave.

Our loved ones die, but believers do not mourn like those who have no hope. The people we love are “absent from the body, but present with the Lord,” (2 Corinthians 5:8). They are with Jesus, and they see his face (Revelation 22:4).

### 4. Christ’s resurrection provides life to you now

The apostles worked tirelessly to help people see that now, while they were still in this life, they could enter into the resurrection power of Jesus. They could walk with him with new life (Romans 6:4).

Paul says we are reconciled to God by the death of Jesus, but we are saved by his life (Romans 5:10). You see, he does not only provide pardon for our past, he brings new life and power for our present. That is, resurrection life. We can die to sin and live the life of heaven here upon earth, filled with a constant sense of the

favour of God, having power to overcome sin, and to do the will of God on earth as it is done in heaven.

A brilliant young minister came to one of my holiness meetings and later asked to talk with me. He told me what an awful struggle he was having with temptations, so much so that he would walk the streets almost in agony. He had been reconciled to God by the death of Jesus, but he had not yet learned that he was also saved by his life. But after having the way explained to him he began to give himself to that resurrection power Christ had brought into his life. He asked God to fill him. And God did. After that, the minister began to truly walk with new life.

So then, that is why the resurrection is so significant. First, it was God’s complete vindication of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Second, it is God’s evidence that Christ atoned for the sins of the world. Third, it is God’s victory over death – and therefore it gives hope for us beyond our final breath. And fourth, the resurrection releases life for now, for all who will trust in Christ.



Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle, 1860-1936.



# MARKED BY GOD FOR SERVICE

**BILL SIMPSON** speaks to Lieutenant Matt Ryan about his battle as a teenager for acceptance and how he was led to become a Salvation Army officer through a process of validation in God's eyes





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"It was in 2006 that I began to take a look at my life and wonder if there was anything more to it than vices and validation.

"Addiction and near-homelessness drove me to seek employment with The Salvation Army at one of its many American youth summer camps.

"It was at one of these camps in 2007 that I began to re-evaluate my relationship with God and my source of self-worth."

#### God's validation

A young Salvationist from Sydney was also on staff at that summer camp. Katie Reid, daughter of Majors Chris and Stuart Reid, fell for Matt Ryan and Matt Ryan fell for Katie Reid.

It was like a Hollywood movie scene only more – much more – meaningful.

"I had a very strange experience," Katie explains of her first meeting with Matt. "I didn't notice the tattoos and body piercings until somebody mentioned it to me. I just said: 'Oh, yeah'. When I met Matt, it was his eyes that attracted me."

Their relationship blossomed and they were married in Australia in 2009. Matt had become a Salvation Army soldier the previous year in the United States.

"The person I see [in Matt] is someone with a heart of compassion and love for those in need of compassion and love," Katie says.

"Matt is a man of justice. He shows the love of Christ. Loving God doesn't mean having to change the way you look."

Understanding this was the turning point in Matt Ryan's life.

There was a six-month period after meeting Katie and becoming a Salvation Army soldier when Matt removed all of his many body piercings to challenge their need.

"Contrary to what some people may think, my tattoos have never been about rebellion. They have always been about self-expression and belonging. Each one tells a story.

"I actually got permission from my mother for each and every tattoo, just to make sure I had the opinion of someone I trusted; >>>

Accepting the salute from Commissioner James Condon on being commissioned as a Salvation Army officer.

Lieut Matt Ryan and his wife Katie are the new officers at Queanbeyan, their first appointment after being commissioned in December.

Photos: Shairon Paterson

Multiple tattoos, body piercings, alcohol and drug abuse, and near homelessness dominated Matt Ryan's life for almost a decade of his late teenage years and early 20s.

He thought he needed adornments – he calls them body modifications – social substances and certain attitudes to validate who he was. They would, he thought, gain him acceptance in the communities in which he lived, studied and worked.

Matt Ryan was trying to be somebody that he wasn't nor needed to be.

Now, at 29, he knows who he is and who he is supposed to be. And he is comfortable with that, even though he understands that some people may not be as accepting of the way he looks.

"Everyone's past is a part of their present, whether we like it or

not. I have embraced mine and it is simply more colourful than some," he told *Pipeline*.

He still has the tattoos. He is still working on new ones. His body piercings have been reduced. But earrings still stand out. Like Matt, they're big and hard to miss.

So, who is he now? He is Matt Ryan, newly ordained and commissioned Salvation Army lieutenant, who, with his wife Katie, is commanding officer of Queanbeyan Corps near Canberra.

#### Acceptance issues

He was a pretty average kid growing up around Seattle, in Washington State, north-west United States – quiet, imaginative, adventurous. He loved to climb trees, ride his bicycle and play with friends.

Family life was warm and supportive. There were typical family conflicts. But a family

resolution system was in place in the home to deal with the issues. It usually worked.

His life had a firm Christian foundation, affirmed by loving parents.

"I believe that each and every life has difficulties of some sort. It is only when we begin to compare ours to another's that the degrees of hardship begin to stand out as different," he says.

"I, like most, had hard times. Health and income were not abundant in our home, but the love and support of my parents saw me through as a child that wanted for nothing."

His Christian involvement began to grow in high school. Church activity, especially youth group, was exciting. But maybe, he says now, his Christianity was built on something other than faith.

In hindsight, he says, the excitement may have been

motivated by the validation he received from his friends and family for his church involvement.

After high school, he moved away from home and to a new city to attend college. This is when the desire for validation intensified.

"Unlike my church friends, my new friends had a different way of assessing the value of a person. Over time, I became very good at being that [different] person.

"I adapted to the people around me. There was a work Matt, a school Matt, a church Matt and a Matt for my friends.

"With time, the Matt that was with his friends became the Matt I was all the time. The other [Matts] became masks I would wear to be accepted, depending on where I was at the time."

This was the period of drug and alcohol abuse that, on several occasions, drew him too close to homelessness for comfort.





Lieut Matt Ryan has an ability to connect with troubled youth, having experienced turbulent teenage years himself.

who would tell me the truth.”  
Matt’s mother didn’t see her son become a Salvation Army officer. She died six years earlier. A significant tattoo on his neck is a tribute to his mum. It combines a heart and an anchor, for that is what his mum was to him.  
“One day I was doing my devotions and I sensed God challenging me to take them [piercings] out until I felt comfortable with who I was.  
“For a while, I felt a loss. I went through a grieving process. But, then, I came to the realisation that I was okay with what God had made me. I left most of my piercings out after that. I didn’t need the validation of others any more. I had God’s validation.”

**Army of love**  
Before entering The Salvation Army Officer Training College in Sydney with Katie, he sought official response to retaining his earrings. They were approved.  
He would have had surgery to remove his tattoos, if it was necessary. “That decision showed

me that I had moved on in life.” He was told removal of the tattoos would not be necessary.  
Matt is working on a new one – an image of Salvation Army founder William Booth on the sea of “Boundless Salvation”. Katie, too, now has two small tattoos, reflecting her need of wisdom, knowledge and child-likeness.  
“There have been problems along the way, yes,” Matt confesses of his journey.  
“I expected the addiction to be a problem getting a job with the Salvos. But God helped me with the addictive behaviour and the Salvos kept on giving me chances when, by all rights, I should not have been trusted.  
“God led me to Katie and showed me that I was worth being loved. That message has been my war cry: ‘You are worth being loved’.  
“I did not believe I could finish the academic side of officer training. But, again, God saw me through despite a faith that needed to be reworked.  
“This, for me, is proof that

[officership] has been God’s will for my life. It is only by the grace of God that I have been able to come this far.”  
It’s a message Matt Ryan hopes Salvationists will accept, as people with “a difference” seek a place in the Army.  
“The thing is that if The Salvation Army is daily working with, loving and lifting up the marginalised, some of [the marginalised] will rise up and take their place in the ranks of soldiers and officers,” he says.  
“They are to be welcomed with open arms. The day that none among us have come from where our people [the marginalised] are is the day we have, in my opinion, lost our way, for it will mean we have stopped loving others.”



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# DOORALONG CENTRE TAKES RECOVERY TO A NEW LEVEL



Craig Stephens has been appointed manager of The Salvation Army's new Dooralong Centre.

By ESTHER PINN

The Salvation Army's Dooralong Transformation Centre on the NSW Central Coast is a state-of-the-art facility that's remarkable in every way, according to newly appointed manager Craig Stephens.

The Army's Miracle Haven (Morisset) and Selah (Berkeley Vale) Recovery Services centres have merged to form one service on a property at Dooralong. Residents have been moving in at various stages over recent weeks.

Craig, who has spent the past 12 years overseeing The Salvation Army work at Macquarie Park, is confident the new centre will offer an even higher standard of recovery care for those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions.

On 345 acres of land, the Dooralong Transformation Centre was previously a luxurious holiday resort. Craig says it features cabins which are comfortably fitted out, a commercial cafe, timbered floors and brass fittings.

Dooralong also provides a number

of recreational activities including horse riding, canoeing and aqua golf. Along with the on-site residents, Craig hopes that the local community and businesses will engage with the recreational activities on offer.

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While farm-work therapy activities were a focus at Miracle Haven (see story on next page), a program that provided residents with employment skills, Dooralong will continue work therapy activities through the centre's cafe. There are also plans to offer horticultural and wildlife protection programs.

Many of the male residents at Miracle Haven, who have now transferred to the new Dooralong site, have a spring in their step about the new facility, says Craig. A number of the men, as part of the Miracle Haven work therapy program, have spent time at work stations on the Dooralong property helping to prepare for its opening.

While men and women have been separated previously between the two sites at Miracle Haven and Selah, Dooralong is bringing a fresh change by combining them at one centre. Cabins will remain divided by gender, but there will be some shared activities including group counselling sessions. Up to 115 residents can be housed at Dooralong.

"We are looking to bring men and women into a freedom story and looking to see them walk in the freedom that's made available to them through Christ," says Craig. "We think we've got the perfect facility for that."

An official opening for the Dooralong Transformation Centre will be held on 11 May.

## MIRACLE HAVEN'S PLACE IN HISTORY

By ESTHER PINN

Since 1969, The Salvation Army Miracle Haven Recovery Centre for men has been highly regarded as an exceptional residential recovery program within Australia.

"Miracle Haven is one of the iconic drug and alcohol services in the NSW drug and alcohol sector. It's been held as a place of prominence, not only just a bit of a name in the Army, it's a name in the broader sector as well," said Gerard Byrne, the Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Recovery Mission and Resource clinical director.

Along with exceptional counsellors and a successful program, more than 10,000 men have come through the Miracle Haven centre over the years. It is an historic site, being among the first Army recovery centres to be opened outside Sydney.

Before the Army purchased the property, Miracle Haven had been a holiday camp called Lake Lodge. It came fitted out with an auditorium, boat shed, swimming pool, dining facilities and living quarters.

In 1977, a chapel was added to the Miracle Haven property as a place for spiritual development and growth for the men participating in the Bridge Program.

Affectionately known as "The Farm" by residents, Miracle Haven became a large-scale farming operation and was used as part of the work therapy Bridge Program. This program provided employment skills for the residents with an emphasis on agriculture. For a number of years, Miracle Haven ran a dairy farm, commercial piggery, seedling nursery and bush nurseries.

"The Army's model of working with people with drug and alcohol problems has always been to give people employment skills. So when they go back into the community, at least they have developed some sort of skills or work ethic," says Gerard.

More recently, Miracle Haven has offered different work therapy activities for residents because most of the farm activities had been closed down.

Up until the move to Dooralong, Miracle Haven residents were involved with breeding and selling Angus beef cattle, cleaning, maintenance, housekeeping and working in a commercial kitchen that fed up to 100 people a day.

"There's a whole range of things that teach people transportable skills that they can utilise and get themselves a job," says Gerard.

The merger with Selah Recovery Services at Dooralong is not the first time Miracle Haven has joined with another service.

During the mid-1900s Endeavour Farm, a recovery centre for drug and alcoholic addicts suffering from mental health issues, located at Chittaway Point on the Central Coast, moved to the Miracle Haven property.

The recovery centre was then renamed as the Lake Macquarie Recovery Services Centre.

Interestingly, Selah, a recovery centre for women, opened in 1966 at Chittaway Point as a recovery centre for men.

When Miracle Haven opened in 1969, the men transferred there and Selah was re-opened in 1974 as a women's program. The name carried on when Selah moved to Berkeley Vale.



(Top) The Salvation Army band plays during the official opening ceremony in 1969; (centre) Construction work being carried out by residents; (bottom) Serving fellow residents during meal time. Photos supplied by The Salvation Army Heritage Preservation Centre



# THY WILL BE DONE

*Pipeline's* **ESTHER PINN** speaks to Tim Hood about his role heading up The Salvation Army's Wills and Bequests department



The Salvation Army's Wills and Bequests Department (from left) Rosemary Reay, Graham Cooke, Marie Mangion, Tim Hood, Tony Welsh, Captain Darlene Murray and Glen Evans. Photo: Shaaron Paterson

**W**hen you think wills and bequests, it's not often the words "missional opportunities" follow.

Tim Hood, Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Wills and Bequest Director, says otherwise.

While raising money is a key priority, Tim and his team have found many opportunities for ministry within their line of work.

"I think that's [ministry] one of the things that differentiates us from most other charities," he says.

"Yes, we are about trying to raise money to support the mission and ministry of The Salvation Army, but we're here to interact with these people and share the love of Jesus in our everyday work."

Part of the Wills and Bequests Department's role is to maintain relationships with its "honoured friends". An honoured friend is a person who has included The Salvation Army in their will and

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has advised the department about this decision.

"We are able to pastorally support them," says Tim. "We pray for them and we send them a prayer card and keep in regular contact with them."

"One of the things I've experienced is that a lot of people

are confused about their will. We actually give people a sense of peace about getting their affairs in order."

Since 1900, The Salvation Army has been encouraging Salvationists and friends to leave a bequest to the Army in their will. Tim explains it is quite common for many

people not to organise a will. He says approximately 50 per cent of Australians don't have a will.

The Wills and Bequests Department hosts many Wills Days around the Army's Australia Eastern Territory to simply raise awareness about the importance of having a will.

The Salvation Army is privileged to have many solicitors around the territory who give their time pro bono on these days. Wills are offered at a reduced price and all the money raised is given to Salvation Army centres.

Last year, the Wills and Bequests Department helped over 1200 people obtain a will, many people left a bequest to the Army on the Wills Days and \$52,000 was raised for Salvation Army centres.

## Significant impact

While the Wills and Bequests Department may not have a large profile within the community, it raises a significant amount of money for the Army.

Almost \$26 million was gathered in the last financial year.

"Many people do not consider leaving a bequest because they don't think they have anything to offer," says Tim. "People think that they have to be rich or have to leave everything. Every bit contributes." While some people leave their whole estate, others just leave their furniture, explains Tim.

"It's not something everybody realises they can do. I just really encourage people to consider the difference they could make. This is a unique opportunity to have a significant impact beyond their lifetime."

From wartime supporters, families with children, and widowers, Tim says bequestors come from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Some are supporters of The Salvation Army, some are from Army corps' and there are even individuals who consider it their philanthropic contribution. Tim asserts that while their >>>

## WILLS DAYS IN 2013

Miranda – 26 February  
Petersham – 14 March  
Hurstville – 23 April  
Burwood – April  
Campbelltown – 1 or 2 May  
Townsville – 5 June  
Parramatta – 25 June  
Gatton – 23 July  
Cairns – 7 August  
Toowoomba – 21 August  
Bayside – 12 September  
Port Stephens – 24 September  
Caloundra – 16 October  
Umina – 14 November

Further Wills days will be added to the calendar. Check the Wills and Bequests website, [salvos.org.au/wills](http://salvos.org.au/wills) for details.



job entails them to produce revenue, they never pressure potential clients into giving.

“With bequests, you’re dealing with people who are making life decisions and it can be a sensitive issue,” he says. “Part of what we do is sow a seed for them so they can give some serious consideration and think about the difference they could make in this unique way.” Tim believes many Australians choose to bequest to The Salvation Army because it is considered to be a trustworthy charity within the community.

“For a lot of them it’s the way they’ve seen The Salvation Army in action in their communities. They believe the Army will use their money in good faith.”

There are four Wills and Bequests team members - Graham Cooke, Rosemary Reay, Marie Mangion and Glen Evans - based at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney. Tim and Tony Welsh are based in Queensland and Captain Darlene Murray in Canberra. In addition, there are eleven Wills and Bequests representatives who are retired officers, and a number of Salvationists who are scattered around the territory.

If you are considering leaving a bequest to The Salvation Army, go to [salvos.org.au/wills](http://salvos.org.au/wills) for further information or contact a member of the Wills and Bequests team on 02 9266 9631.



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# Where there’s a will there’s a Reay

Rosemary Reay is one of a number of long-serving members of the Wills and Bequests team.

Just under 15 years ago, Rosemary (pictured right) was presented with an opportunity for a couple of days work in the Wills and Bequests department. It eventually developed into a full-time role.

Having worshipped at The Salvation Army for as long as she can remember, Rosemary says working for the organisation seemed a natural fit. Employed as the department’s secretary, Rosemary is often the first point of contact for individuals who are either interested in leaving a bequest or need assistance with creating a will.

“Many people who contact us are worried about the will-making procedures and need direction and reassurance about the steps they need to take,” she explains.

While she has been in the department for a long time, Rosemary says she has job satisfaction, believing that her contribution adds value to the Army’s wider mission.

“The work we do can result in individuals becoming more aware of the many needs in the community and that they are compelled to support the Army in a very practical way,” she says. “That is exciting.”

While 17 years is a long time working for one organisation, Graham Cooke, a Wills and Bequests team consultant, says he doesn’t regret one day working for the Army. For Graham, the experience has been rewarding.

Leaving behind a printing business, Graham explains he couldn’t anticipate



his future career in the Army.

“It was a life change,” he says of his decision to join the Wills and Bequests Department. “It coincided with an empty nest and shutting down the business. I was in printing and wedding stationery – through the mail. I couldn’t foresee winding up in what I see as quite a rewarding role.”

When Graham started working for the Army, his role was similar to Tim Hood’s current position as head of the Wills and Bequests Department, but with a much smaller team.

Graham describes his role now as a consultant, as a representative for the department. He maintains relationships with donors, non-donors and solicitors to enhance their understanding of the Army and how they can give.

Graham has found his career at the Army to be fulfilling, having been given many opportunities to minister to clients and potential clients through prayer.

“I’m gifted for this role, it’s a great place to be at. It brings me great satisfaction.”



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# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION HELPS FRANCES FIND HER SPIRITUAL HOME

By FRANCES HAYWARD

It was New Year's Eve 1999 and I did something I'd never done before. I made a New Year's resolution.

My resolution was to find Jesus. It wasn't that Jesus was lost ... I was.

My mum had raised me in the Catholic faith, so I knew about Jesus, but I had drifted away from church in my early 20s. I was doing my own thing, and I was falling apart after my first marriage had ended because of my unfaithfulness.

On that New Year's Eve I was desperate to change my life. I knew I needed to find the Lord. I asked myself: "Where would I find Jesus if he were alive today?"

I thought: "He'd be out there with the ordinary people, he'd be with the poor and the marginalised, he'd be with the sinners and the drunks, in the pubs - with the Salvos."

So I knew I had to go to the Salvos, and there was one in the next suburb at Dulwich Hill. The sign (out the front of the building) said the service was at 10.30am.

## Determined

I arrived on the first Sunday in January 2000 only to discover that the service had already started and indeed only went for another 10 minutes.

People greeted me warmly and informed me that in January the service started at 9.30am!

But I wasn't going to let that deter

me, so back I came the next Sunday.

Well, the welcome was like the prodigal daughter coming home. I never looked back from that Sunday. As I kept attending, I felt that I had found my spiritual home. I came to know Jesus as my personal Saviour through the wonderful teaching and the love, warmth and acceptance I found from the people here.

That acceptance was important. I was living with someone at the time (I wasn't married) and the people at Dulwich Hill Corps knew this. Never once did anyone judge me or criticise me. They just loved me and allowed the Holy Spirit to do his work. In time, I left that relationship as it was not a good one.

No judgment, just love.

I was so excited when I was invited to join the songster brigade. I was an adherent by this stage and it meant a lot to me that I could join. As the Holy Spirit continued his promptings, I commenced soldiership classes and on 16 September 2001, was enrolled as a senior soldier.

I was encouraged in my growth and joined a Bible study. That's what people at Dulwich Hill Corps do - they want to see you grow and be nurtured and be given opportunities.

There is so much love and support here at Dulwich Hill. People came alongside me at the mercy seat and I was able to find, and more importantly accept, Jesus' forgiveness for my past failings.

A fellow Salvationist at Dulwich Hill at the time, Peter Hobbs, asked me to join pub ministry. I said "no" as I didn't like all the cigarette smoke. I quickly discovered that Peter doesn't like no for an answer, so I decided to go one night just so I could prove to him how much I didn't like the smoke and then he'd stop pestering me! Well, I loved it and I didn't even smell the smoke. I've been doing pub ministry ever since.

## Missional heart

I got involved with band carolling in the streets, meeting and greeting the community. There is a real heart for mission here at Dulwich Hill Corps which I love.

In December 2002, I met my (now) husband Bruce. I made him wait two weeks before my carolling calendar was free before we could even go on a date! Bruce and I were married at Dulwich Hill in 2005 and many of our corps family shared the day with us.

It was a difficult year in 2012 for both Bruce and myself. Both of our mums have gone to be with our Lord in heaven.

The people at Dulwich Hill have supported us with gifts of food, much prayer, words of kindness and with phone calls and visits.

And to think for me, it all started with my question: "Where would I find Jesus if he were alive today?" Now I can say: "He'd be with the sinners and the drunks, in the pubs, with the Salvos at Dulwich Hill - and with me!"

Photo: Shalton Paterson





# SALVOS COMMITTED TO HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS

By SIMONE WORTHING

In late January, ex-tropical cyclone Oswald began its deadly and destructive path down the east coast of Queensland and into northern NSW. It brought record flooding in many places, including Bundaberg in Central Queensland where more than 40 homes were simply washed away.

Hundreds of Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) staff and volunteers were deployed to evacuation centres to provide vital services to those affected by the floods and wild storms. Thousands of meals were served over several days, from Cairns in North Queensland to Grafton in northern NSW, with teams working around the clock to meet the needs.

"We deployed over 300 volunteers on the ground across Queensland and northern NSW," says Norm Archer, Salvation Army Director of Emergency Services.

As homes, businesses and infrastructure are assessed for damage, and as people begin to rebuild their lives and properties, thousands are now in need of ongoing support. Salvation Army staff will be engaged in the months ahead to assist physically, emotionally and spiritually for as long as is required.

At Bundaberg, where the Burnett River peaked at a record 9.5m, thousands of people were evacuated when their homes faced inundation. Many more were rescued by helicopter as rapidly rising floodwaters left them stranded.

"The Salvation Army responded immediately," said Major Glenn Whittaker, Central and North Queensland Divisional Secretary.

"SAES crews were running evacuation centres and welfare was organised to move to the [Army's] undamaged Tom Quinn centre."

Throughout the crisis, which extended to over two weeks, SAES workers and volunteers responded to over 30 evacuation centres and sites and provided more than 20,000 meals.

The Salvation Army's welfare centre and furniture warehouse in Bundaberg were destroyed, while the corps hall and band room was flooded and extensively damaged.

"We are now providing furniture, clothing, whitegoods and care packs to those moving into alternative accommodation as well as those who have lost everything and going back to their own homes," says Major Kevin Unicomb, Bundaberg Corps Officer.

Further south, and floods have wreaked havoc in the Lockyer Valley town of Laidley, 100km west of Brisbane, for the second time in two years.

More than 100 homes and businesses have been inundated, while The Salvation Army hall has sustained minor damage.

"Emotionally, for many the shortness between this time and last time in 2011 is really hard," says Major Marie Gittens, Lockyer Valley Corps Officer. "It's the most devastating for those who've had the water come through their homes."

The Salvation Army responded to immediate needs and is now providing ongoing care for local residents.

The Salvation Army's Moneycare financial counselling service is assisting residents, and Major Gittens is also hopeful a professional counsellor and rural chaplains will also be involved in the recovery process.

"This is a fabulous community that looks on the bright side and helps each other," says Major Gittens.

"It's been two floods in two years and for many, especially our devastated farming community, it's almost too much."



Linda McNeish shows Salvation Army officer Captain Emma Johnson the flood damage to her home in Laidley, as friend Milissa Scott looks on.

## Down again, but Linda refuses to go under

By SIMONE WORTHING

Salvationist Linda McNeish has been one of the many Laidley residents to suffer the heartbreak of seeing their home flooded for the second time in two years.

"This flood was harder," Linda says. "We had just recovered from the 2011 flood ... and then it all got flooded again."

"There was a sense of 'not again' and a sense of denial that it could possibly happen a second time, and worse as well."

"I still feel God watching over us though, and many others are far worse off and are devastated."

In this most recent flood, the level of water that rushed through Linda's house was almost three times higher than in 2011. Subsequently, the damage has been greater and more of her possessions have been lost.

"Last time we just hosed out the mud that the water didn't take with it, but this time we were shovelling it out before we could clean," she says.

Linda is thankful that, although she has lost so much, most of it can be replaced.

"Precious things, like the timbrels that belonged to my mother and grandmother, were still here, caked in mud, but a friend cleaned them up and they came out fine," she says. "Everything else can be bought again."

Linda's husband, Gary, owns a computer shop in Laidley. It, too, has been flooded again and his losses have been more extensive this time.

"We are insured and, like last time too, the community support here has been amazing," Linda says.



Linda discusses support options with The Salvation Army's Moneycare financial counsellor George Nathan. Photos: Dean Saffron

"The fires hosed out places, the Bundamba and Riverview Salvos and other organisations helped with clean-up and serving food, and people just did what they could for each other."

"I feel so blessed and so supported. I am not emotionally scarred, I am joyful; I have so much support and love around."

Overall everyone is doing well and we have each other ... and I certainly know God loves me and looks after me."



(Top) An aerial view of the flood devastation in Bundaberg; (centre) the Bundaberg Salvation Army centre under water; (bottom) Damage to a house and surrounding property in Burrum Heads.



Every Christian seems to have a favourite Bible verse that has either impacted them at one stage in their walk with Christ, or continues to encourage and nourish them on their spiritual journey. In this *Pipeline* column, selected people share their favourite piece of Scripture.

## My Favourite Verse – Major Peter Davey

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)**

I’ve grown fond of a few favourite things in my life. Like a true Queenslander I love Sarsaparilla (diet), State of Origin, the Broncos and the Cowboys.

And that gold Parker pen given to me by the young congregation at Burwood when I left in 2009 brings back special memories. The new blue suede boat shoes

I just recently purchased were an instant favourite!

But it is an old Bible I bought from the Bible Society in Townsville when I was exploring my faith as a young man, that holds special memories. It was not a large book and the font size would defy my current powers of vision. I devoured that little book and in the process Paul’s incredible words in Ephesians 2:8-10 leapt from the page and embedded themselves within my heart and mind. I am constantly amazed at the wonderful gift God gave to the church in the Apostle Paul. What a God-inspired man.

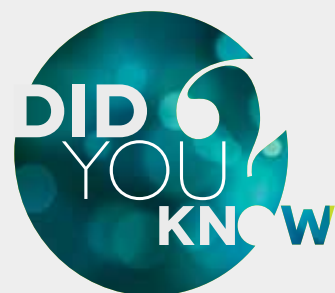
Those Spirit-inspired words quickly revolutionised my heart and mind. My salvation did not depend on anything that I had done or would do. It remains God’s great gift, inexpressible, sublime, magnificent. I’ve realised that it’s a crying shame to abuse that grace. Heaven forbid

that I should meander along in a sinful direction where I cannot or will not make my way back to God. To avoid such a pathway my relationship with God in Christ needs constant nurture and that comes by recognising the cost of grace.

Paul goes on to speak of God’s workmanship in verse 10. My grandfather was a carpenter, a craftsman who produced fine work. It is my prayer that God’s masterly work will be evident in all that I do and become.

The great thing about these verses is that they speak of “good works” and there are so many expressions of that amongst the followers of Jesus Christ. For me, they have meant obedience to the call of God to officership, celebrated this year with 30 years of service. What will they be for you?

Out of all the fabulous, heart-touching, inspiring verses that the Bible has to offer, I choose these few as my favourites.



## EASTER AROUND THE WORLD

**ENGLAND:** According to Bede, the English monastic historian, the English word Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon name for the month of April, which was known as “Eostremonath” in the AngloSaxon tongue and since Pascha was most often celebrated in Eostremonath, the English Christians began calling it “Easter”.

**GERMANY:** The myth of the Easter Bunny dates back to an old German tale about a woman who used to decorate eggs and leave them for her children to find. This

story was based in a time when a famine was plaguing the land; therefore the eggs were considered a valuable and surprising gift. It is reported that as her children found the eggs they saw a bunny rabbit hopping away. Naturally, the children thought the bunny had left the eggs for them. Chocolate eggs also date back to Germany, first being made in the 19th century.

**EGYPT:** The custom of giving eggs at Easter time has been traced back to the Egyptians, to whom the egg was a symbol of life. There’s also evidence that the Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans also traded eggs at Easter.

**EUROPE:** In medieval times, a festival of egg throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choirboys. It was then tossed from one choirboy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner and retained the egg.

**GREECE:** The Greeks paint hard-boiled eggs red and bake them into sweet bread loaves on the Thursday before Easter. The red colour stands for the blood of Christ.

**NORWAY:** Reading detective novels and crime thrillers has become a popular Easter occurrence in Norway. Paaskekrim (Easter crime) refers to the new crime novels available at Easter. It is believed the growing tradition of reading about crime at Easter stems from the violent nature of Christ’s death.

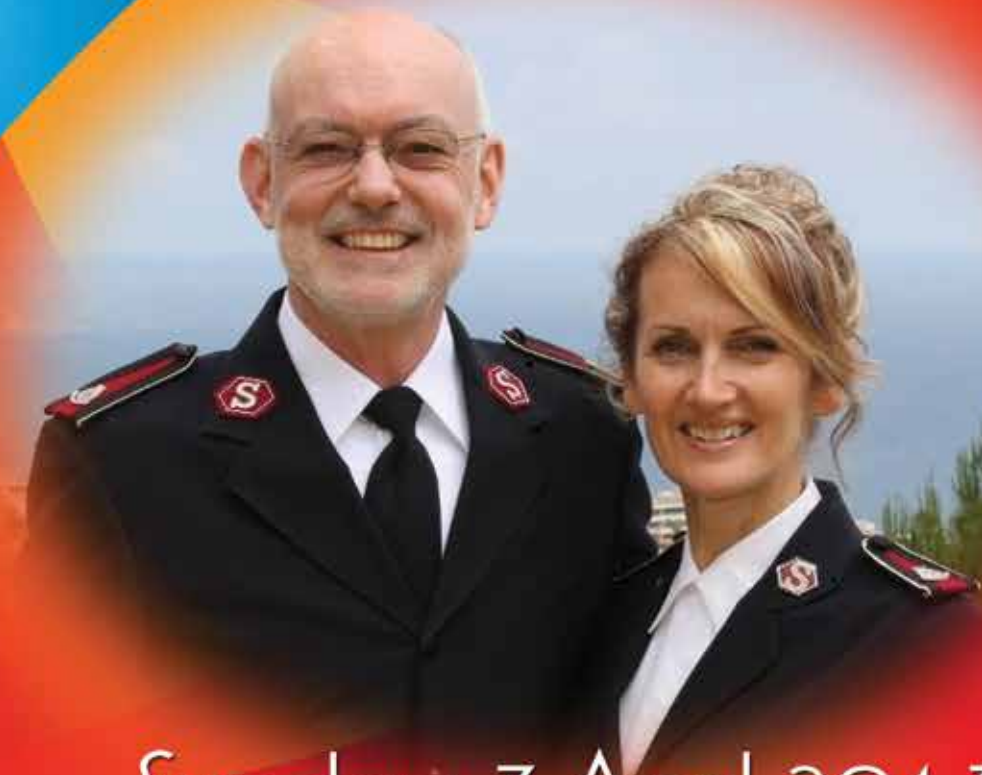
**GUATEMALA:** Children in Guatemala go out onto the streets on Good Friday to remember Jesus’ journey to the cross. People bang drums and let off fireworks. This starts at 5am and goes on until after midnight!

**IVORY COAST:** The Ivory Coast in West Africa has a huge role to play in the production of chocolate Easter eggs, being the world’s leading producer (43%) of cocoa.

AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY

# Welcome

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Sunday 7 April 2013  
6:00 pm

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Each month, *Pipeline* goes behind the scenes of Salvos Legal to bring you a story from the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army. **DAVID HUANG** and **BRENDAN ELIAS** share the story of James and his successful battle to overcome a life of alcohol-fuelled crime

*“There is no-one who cares for my soul. There is no creature who loves me, and if I die no-one will pity me,’ is surely one of the bitterest cries that can burst from a breaking heart. One of the secrets of the success of The Salvation Army is that the friendless of the world find friends in it.” – William Booth*

Imagine this. You are alone, aged in your 30s, and have a long criminal record. You are also an alcoholic. No matter how many times you have checked yourself into a detoxification program, you return to your old alcoholic self.

Your “alcohol-fuelled” criminal record is getting longer and longer. You are estranged from your family. You are facing another conviction, this time with a strong possibility of receiving a custodial sentence. Legal Aid has refused to provide you with representation and you have no money to fund a private lawyer.

This is the story of James.

James first approached Salvos Legal in February 2011. Alison, the program co-ordinator at the Attorney-General’s “Court Referral of Eligible Defendants Into Treatment” (CREDIT) program, referred him to us. He was considered a hopeless case for a hopeless client.

When James walked into our office, he was a pale-looking young man in poor physical shape. Although he was living in housing commission accommodation and had a low-income job working as a machinist, he did not qualify for Legal Aid. James desperately needed legal representation in court.

As we went through his court documents, it was evident that alcohol was a major contributor to his criminal charges. James had also breached a previous good behaviour bond in addition to his current charges.

We had doubts whether we could make a difference in James’ life because there was nothing to satisfy us that he would not reoffend.

Most importantly, James had many opportunities before the court previously, but this time there was very little evidence to suggest that he was going to make substantial changes in his life.

James believed this was the “final straw” and that he was going to gaol – but he said he wanted to change. He just hadn’t taken any such steps yet.

### Bridge to recovery

We acknowledged what James was saying but were conscious that talk is cheap and that actions speak much louder than words. We agreed to help him, but only on the basis that he accepted responsibility for his actions, addressed the underlying causes of his problems and was willing to seek change for the better.

The Salvation Army’s 10-month residential drug and alcohol Bridge Program was the only chance James had to change his life.

If he was to make progress in the program then perhaps the magistrate would give him a chance to avoid a custodial sentence.

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James recognised the extent of his addiction and agreed to become a resident of the program.

We arranged for his immediate admission at the only available placement, in Canberra. We told James to pack a bag and he agreed.

Unexpectedly, James changed his mind a few days before his admission because he did not want to lose his NSW Housing accommodation, furniture and his new-found job.

He saw the residential program as another form of gaol for him.

During one of our long conferences, it became apparent that he was going through an intense period of detoxification. His underlying emotions and feelings surfaced and he became angry and distressed.

James was confident that detox alone would be sufficient and he no longer wished to proceed with the longer-term rehabilitation.

From past experience, we knew that James’ completion of any short-term detoxification program would be ineffective to address his life-long struggle with alcohol, and would be unlikely to persuade the court of any true rehabilitation due to his long criminal record of alcohol-related offences. We sought to address each of the reasons James was putting forward as barriers to him going into the program.

With the help of the program staff, we responded to James’ concerns by trying to find secure housing for him, and Salvos Legal offered to pay for the storage of his furniture.

He gave up arguing with us and agreed to move to Canberra to start his recovery process.

### Huge progress

James’ case involved a racially motivated act of threatened violence against a woman. It was a disgusting and cowardly act that he acknowledged was inexcusable.

As a private law firm Salvos Legal can choose which cases we support, based on a means and merits test. For James, we saw the opportunity to intervene to change his whole approach to women and to certain cultures, by addressing his case holistically through the assistance of the Bridge Program.

James agreed to plead guilty and we approached the court to seek a three-month adjournment for final sentencing. In the meantime, James was making progress in the program.

During our follow-up telephone conversations, James sounded happier and shared how profoundly he understood the harm he had caused and how that had changed him.

He told us that he was now motivated to become a new person.

We were delighted when James called to say he had been sober for 90 days.

We saw James again shortly before his sentencing in July 2011. He smiled a lot more and looked physically better, speaking to us with a sense of insight and clarity.

### Promising future

James’ recently reunited family in Sydney was there to support him on the day of his sentencing. He had good progress reports from his clinicians, especially from the CREDIT program co-ordinator, in support of a sentencing option which avoided full-time gaol.

Luke Geary, a managing partner in Salvos Legal, represented James in court and persuaded the magistrate to allow him to complete the Bridge Program.

He received a two-year good behaviour bond instead of a custodial sentence.

James remained in Canberra for a further seven months after his sentencing to complete the Bridge Program. He is now employed by the service to

**"JAMES REMAINED IN CANBERRA ... TO COMPLETE THE BRIDGE PROGRAM. HE IS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE SERVICE TO ASSIST OTHERS IN THEIR RECOVERY PROCESS."**

assist others in their recovery process.

He has also gone back to TAFE to become a chef and now works full-time in a bakery. Illiterate, James has started reading and writing classes.

He has also reconnected with his Sydney-based family and has reunited with other Canberra-based family members he was previously estranged from.

He has remained sober since commencing the Bridge Program.

James tells his story (the good and the bad) regularly to men in addiction in the hope that they, too, will make changes in their lives.

We are grateful to have played a part in James’ recovery and are proud to have him as a friend.

## Salvos Legal

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# UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES

WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

## From humble beginnings

For most Australians The Salvation Army has always been a significant part of the fabric of society. But, says **Major DAVID WOODBURY**, its ministry of heart to God and hand to man is reflected in its low-key origins

The Salvation Army's typically Australian-style commencement, under a gum tree in a park, was epitomised by a characteristic act that was to symbolise the ethos of organisation in our country.

Standing on the tailboard of a horse-drawn cart, Salvationist John Gore issued an invitation: "If there is any man here who hasn't had a meal today, let him come home with me." With a strong social conscience, The Salvation Army in Australia was born.

Gore and fellow pioneer Edward Saunders had been converts of The Salvation Army in their native England

and had migrated to Australia, settling in the city of Adelaide. While attending a temperance meeting in the Pirie St Wesleyan Church during May 1880, they discovered their common Army connections and departed that very evening to hold an open-air meeting at 8pm at Light Square, an infamous part of the city.

Although Adelaide was ringed by churches, Gore and Saunders felt there was a need for an organisation like The Salvation Army to minister to those whom the churches overlooked.

Both men started writing to William Booth, the founder of the Army, asking

for officers to commence the work in Australia. Saunders wrote that he was willing to pay the fare of any brother or sister who Booth thought competent to come, and said he had already encountered 12-15 persons who had been soldiers of The Salvation Army in England.

**Official launch**

Gore and Saunders continued to conduct open-air meetings and after receiving an encouraging response from Bramwell Booth, the Army's Chief of the Staff, decided the time had come for them to officially launch The Salvation Army in



John Gore, one of two Salvationists credited with starting The Salvation Army in Australia.

Australia. Following a half-night of prayer in the dining room of the Saunders home on 31 August, 1880, they nominated 5 September, 1880 as the date of the first official meeting of The Salvation Army.

A notice, placed in the *South Australian Advertiser*, promoted a meeting in the Labour League Hall in Hindley St, Adelaide, on Sunday 5 September 1880, at 7pm. Prior to meeting, in true Salvation Army style, they went first of all to the place where people of Adelaide congregated – Adelaide Botanic Park – and declared the good news of God's love and salvation under a red river gum.

Standing on the tailboard of the horse-drawn cart, Gore commenced the meeting with the words of the song, *We're Travelling Home to Heaven Above*. It is unclear whether anyone took up his invitation to a home-cooked meal, but what is clear is that on that day, The Salvation Army in Australia was born.

Gore and Saunders continued to further expand their fledgling Salvation Army. In hired halls, open-air meetings, and even in a stable at the Saunders home,

they continued to win new converts and develop a company of committed Salvationists.

Although other Salvationists from England continued to carry out Salvation Army ministry in Sydney and Brisbane, the work in Adelaide seemed the most effective and it was General William Booth's decision, in January 1881, to dispatch Captain and Mrs Thomas Sutherland to be the first officers in Australia.

From these humble beginnings under an Adelaide gum tree, The Salvation Army spread its roots throughout Australia and the entire Western South Pacific, flourishing as one of the most unique and adaptable churches the region had seen.



Major David Woodbury is Pipeline's founding editor



Salvation Army pioneer Edward Saunders (front row) in an official family portrait taken around 1895.

### POSITION VACANT – MINISTRY ASSISTANT

The Salvation Army Petersham Corps, in the inner-west of Sydney, is seeking a ministry assistant. You will take a main role in building a team of volunteers to develop and lead an additional congregation, and build upon and expand existing children and youth ministries. This will be achieved through administration, worship, preaching, mentoring, discipleship, pastoral care and research in line with the values and mission of The Salvation Army.

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- Have an ability to offer pastoral assistance and prayer, and explain the Christian Gospel;
- Have ability to develop research and initiate and develop ideas in guiding and encouraging people, using available resources;
- Have proven leadership skills and experience;
- Be self-motivated with a high level of initiative and strong work ethic and have a minimum 2 years' experience working with children and youth and leading worship meetings;
- Have a current drivers' licence.

For a full copy of the position description and essential requirements and qualifications, contact Major Miriam Sutcliffe at [miriam.sutcliffe@aue.salvationarmy.org](mailto:miriam.sutcliffe@aue.salvationarmy.org)

**Applications close 22 March 2013**







# What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



## Great Expectations



Jeremy Irvine (right) plays the lead role of Pip in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*

**RATING: M**  
**RELEASE DATE: 7 March**

*Great Expectations* is one of the finest coming-of-age stories ever written, making it to the big screen seven times since 1917. This latest version, directed by Mike Newell, makes much of the sinful choices that can steer an entire life off course.

Charles Dickens' epic story traces the life of an orphan boy named Pip who is living a peasant's existence in his sister's home. He appears set to become the apprentice of her blacksmith husband, the kindly Joe. However, trips to decadent Satis House plant seeds of discontent in his heart.

The eccentric Miss Havisham engages him to play with her adopted daughter, Estella. Pip falls in love but Havisham is training her ward to break hearts, not fill them.

When a lawyer arrives at Pip's home to announce a mysterious benefactor is determined to make him a gentleman, our hero sees his chance to finally have everything he wants. He throws over the

salt-of-the-earth Joe in favour of the class that can take him in reach of Estella. He begins a life of "great expectations", but sadly, that's all they end up becoming. By the end of the film, Pip has learned that dreams are not always delivered on and we can come to sincerely regret the most "sensible" decisions we make.

Much of *Great Expectations*' appeal rests on its perfect casting. Pip is played by *War Horse*'s Jeremy Irvine, and its childhood scenes by his little brother, Toby. The ghoulish Miss Havisham was a role written for Helena Bonham Carter, and her beautifully cruel Estella is equally matched to Holiday Grainger. Robbie Coltrane and Ralph Fiennes round out the cast as Mr Jaggers and Magwitch, mean and malevolent characters who mould Pip's life. But the brightest star is Dickens' moral.

Newell's version strives to faithfully deliver Dickens' warning that good blessings can make bad gods. Pip's love for Estella is pure, but the steps he takes to attain her end up twisting his character. The tragedy at the heart of the film is Pip's mostly unrequited love for Estella, and the

damage that desire does to the hero's life:

Estella: "You must know that I have no heart."

Pip: "I don't believe it. How can there be beauty without a heart?"

Estella: "I've been made that way."

But the truth is Estella is as culpable for her choices as Pip. Taking the wrong path and refusing to take the right one, are equally bad. Though many adults shamefully manipulated them, Pip and Estella remain responsible for their active and passive decisions, and this is one of the conclusions Dickens writes for his hero: "In a word, I was too cowardly to do what I knew to be right, as I had been too cowardly to avoid doing what I knew to be wrong."

Dickens was more a moralist than a Christian preacher, but Newell has revived for a new generation the author's original caution to consider where our choices will take us: "Pause you who read this, and think for a moment of the long chain of iron or gold, of thorns or flowers, that would never have bound you but for the formation of the first link on one memorable day."

## Save Your Legs

**RATING: M**  
**RELEASE DATE: 28 February**

Cricket is the perfect background for tales of childhood ambition. In every Australian generation there have been boys who've longed to grow up to be the next Donald Bradman, Dennis Lillee, Steve Waugh or Ricky Ponting. *Save Your Legs* follows the trajectory of those dreams well into adulthood, and wonders when it's a good time to wake up?

Stephen Curry of *The Castle* fame presents viewers with another quintessential Aussie man-child. Teddy Brown has been leading the charge at his suburban cricket club since he was in short trousers. He's the most dedicated member of a Melbourne XI who are all now on the wrong side of 30.

Enthusiasm is beginning to flag, especially as key members like mates Rick (Brendan Cowell) and Stavros (Damon Gameau) start paying more attention to life off the pitch. However, when an A-grade team drops out of an upcoming tour of India, Teddy sees an opportunity to live the dream of representing Australia. He sweet-talks Sanjeet the promoter and they set off on a trip that



The bumbling Melbourne XI, living the dream of representing Australia on a cricket tour of India.

will showcase not only their lack of skill but their personal problems as well.

*Save Your Legs* falls neatly into that category of quirky Australian comedy. This style's stock in trade is the stereotype, so it's not surprising that Rick is a boozier who most mornings is seedier than the grassy Indian ovals, or that Stavros is a ladies' man with a penchant for peach shirts.

Promoters have characterised *Save*

*Your Legs* as "... an inspirational journey from the heart of Australia to the soul of India," - which is largely marketing guff. This is not Muriel's Wedding where the lessons line up next to the laughs. In fact the jokes are often as tired as the players, the plot as predictable as their losing streak. But Curry's character is the redeeming factor: a man who is forced to come to the sobering realisation that he has actually been "living the dream" for about 10 years too long.

In one scene, *Save Your Legs* turns from a David-and-Goliath struggle into a Pontius Pilate wake-up call. Jesus stood before that particular Roman potentate and asked him to recognise the truth of his situation, that he was the one who needed to be set free.

Teddy is the tail-end when it comes to realising that their boyhood days are over and he has to start making adult choices. He tells his team: "You only get one innings at life. There is a time to stop being a boy and start getting on with life."

The film can't resist the last-minute victory that's such a staple of its genre, but the clear implication in the title is that you have to "save your legs" for the real game, the rest of your life.

If it succeeds in making one viewer realise that sport is not the God they should be serving, then that's more wisdom than the cricketing "Bible" *Wisden* ever contained.



Damon Gameau plays Stavros, a flamboyant character who likes to think he's a hit with the ladies.



# Local Corps GLOBAL Mission



## Self Denial Appeal 2013

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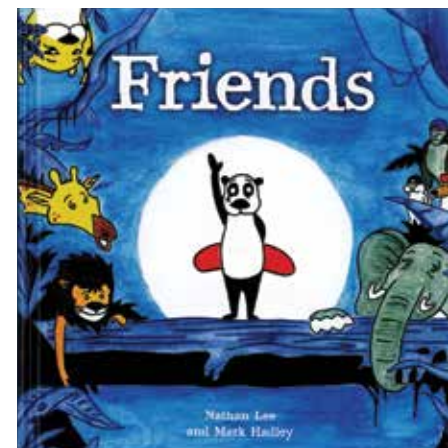
one week's salary on missionary service

### Altar Service 7 April

[www.selfdenial.info](http://www.selfdenial.info)



## BOOKS



### **Panda - Friends**

(Mark Hadley and Nathan Lee)

Panda loves to paint and play the drums, but most of all he loves to skate! So when he meets some fellow skateboarding enthusiasts, Panda just knows they'll become good friends. But is shared passion the best foundation for friendship? In *Friends*, a tale that most kids aged 4-8 will identify with, Panda learns that inward-looking friends who

show no concern for our identity or desires are hardly friends at all.

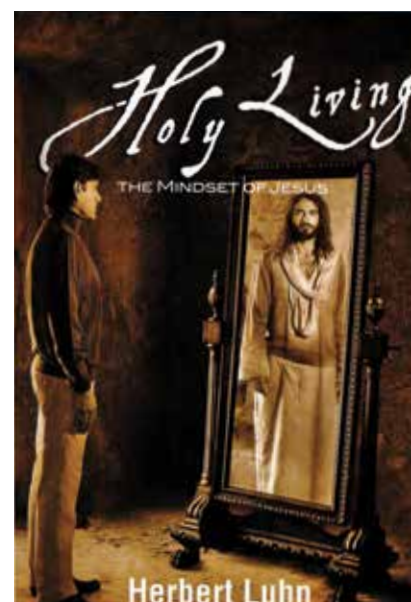
This second book in the Panda series beautifully illustrates the Christian view of friendship, teaching kids to love others the way that God loves us.

Available from Christian Education Publications ([www.cepstore.com.au](http://www.cepstore.com.au)) for \$9.95.

### **Just a Moment - Lord**

(Flora Larsson)

This is the first of five books of prayer poems written by Commissioner Flora Larsson, a British Salvation Army officer who was promoted to glory in 2000 at the age of 95. These conversations with God highlight the author's gift for seeing eternity in the down-to-earth and have captivated readers by their insight, honesty and humour. Of these writings, General Linda Bond says, "Readers need to hear from our godly Salvationists of the past who lived out their faith and wrote about it with conviction and humility." Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney ([salvossuppliessyd.com](http://salvossuppliessyd.com)).



### **Holy Living - The Mindset of Jesus**

(Major Herbert Luhn)

Seekers who are intentional about being transformed into the person God created them to be will be delighted with this guidebook. The key to real change, writes Major Herbert Luhn, who served as a Salvation Army officer for 42 years, is to develop the mind of Christ through humble, persistent effort and the power of the Holy Spirit. Disciples who long to emulate Jesus will be encouraged and inspired by this thoughtful guide to obedient living. Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney ([salvossuppliessyd.com](http://salvossuppliessyd.com)).

### **Reunited**

(Dr Peter Willmott)



A family reunion prompted Dr Peter Willmott to use this life-changing experience to highlight the wonderful work of The Salvation Army's Family Tracing Service. The book covers a brief history of the service, examples of some of the service's case files and tips on how to commence your own search for missing relatives. But the backbone of the book is Dr Willmott's own story of his brother and he travelling from England to Sydney, Australia, to be reunited with their father after an absence of 60 years. Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney ([salvossuppliessyd.com](http://salvossuppliessyd.com)).





Central Coast Hub co-leader Captain Melissa Humphreys (centre) in her role as a director for the School For Youth Leadership at Lake Munmorah.

# Hubs concept central to coast response

A local teenager drowned on the NSW Central Coast early last year. The Salvation Army got involved, providing assistance and support in a number of ways. Local Salvation Army emergency services personnel, officers and lay people from four corps and staff from Oasis Wyong were all part of the help project. It was The Salvation Army, as a whole – not sections of it – that was seen by the public as providing a valuable service. The combined effort also showed Salvationists and other members the value of bringing Salvation Army services together in one big effort for a significant cause. A tragedy and how The Salvation Army on the Central Coast handled it had proven that the new Hubs concept could work. If Salvation Army services could come together so well in tragedy, they could come together for anything. The incident occurred a few months before the Central Coast Hub was introduced. The success of The Salvation Army's involvement has made it easier for the Hubs plan to be implemented,

The Salvation Army's response to a tragedy on the NSW Central Coast proved how valuable the new Hubs concept can be when put into effect

according to Hub co-leader Captain Melissa Humphreys. Melissa leads the local hub team with husband Andrew. They are Corps Officers at Long Jetty and Directors for the School of Youth Leadership at Lake Munmorah. Their hub leadership team consists of around 50 people representing Salvation Army expressions on the Central Coast. While the hub is among the smallest in the Australia Eastern Territory in terms of land space, it is one of the biggest in regard to the number of Salvation Army services. Almost 30 Salvation Army expressions are represented, including four corps, four welfare centres, six Salvos Stores offices and shops, two Family Stores, three Employment Plus centres, and counselling, youth, aged care, family support,

emergency services, chaplaincy, public relations and rehabilitation programs. Captain Melissa Humphreys is upbeat about the hub's progress. It's mainly positive. "So many people are excited that the hub is happening," she says. "Hubs connects the dots between what we do as The Salvation Army. When we work together, we have so many more resources at our fingertips. Our biggest issue is being patient and not getting ahead of the Holy Spirit. "We need to set the right foundation, form a strategic (leadership) team and build a prayer network of intercessors." The 50-member initial leadership team is working on formation of the strategic team to guide the hub's focus and decisions. "Already, there is so much energy in the room when the leadership

team meets every six to eight weeks. Our managers and leaders want to work together. That is a really positive sign. We couldn't even imagine the potential that is going to explode when we as a movement start really working together. "We see people going to their local Salvation Army, whether it be a Salvos Stores shop, aged care facility, corps, welfare centre, or whatever, and being advised how to access emergency assistance, find out about Jesus, join a Bible study or Christianity Explained group, or be put in contact with other services. "There is so much we can offer each other. Some corps have a great volunteer base, as does Employment Plus. They can band together to help out other centres that desperately need extra volunteers. "Salvos Stores have so much expertise to offer our Family Stores that are struggling. We all have strengths that we can offer and weaknesses that can be supported." The hubs concept is about The Salvation Army working as one rather than individual expressions alone.

## FREEDOM STORIES

Corps and centres are encouraged to send reports of changed lives under the heading of Freedom Stories. Here are some recent stories ...

### Blacktown City Corps

Great morning at Blacktown Salvos for the Spring Muster. A young man came forward to ask Jesus to be Saviour and Lord of his life. The bell was literally rung during the appeal time. God is at work in magnificent ways. – Miriam Gluyas.

### Red Shield Defence Services

RSDS has agreed to run a Positive Lifestyle Program at the Holsworthy Military Correction Centre, at the request of the Commanding Officer of the jail. Di Lawson has a Kids Club on the base at Puckapunyal after mothers asked for Bible teaching for their children. Four women have volunteered to be helpers. Meanwhile, Holsworthy Correction Centre has enquired of The Salvation Army about alcohol and other drugs rehabilitation. – Barry Nancarrow.

### Campbelltown Region Court Chaplaincy

There are times when I feel that court staff need us more than those appearing on matters. Almost every day one month late last year, I had staff in my office talking about their personal issues. Two staff came with electricity accounts and threats of disconnection. One agreed to help from our local Community Welfare Centre. The second was too embarrassed to go, so was offered personal assistance. It was a similar story with a young woman whose husband suffered a slight stroke. Again, in a very personal way, we were able to discreetly hand her a food card. We have had referrals for the Positive Lifestyle Program. The referrals came from people who had completed the program and were expressing

### 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

"freedom" through a new lifestyle. A woman due to appear before court was so stressed, an ambulance had to be called. I went in the ambulance with her to hospital. I thank God every day for the opportunities he provides. – Cheryl Hall.

### Greater Liverpool

The new year began with God's favour being poured out on his church. Using the theme The Power of Brokenness, followers of Christ were ministered to about new beginnings. Before Christmas, a young woman made her way to our week-day corps cafe Embrace. Under addiction and bondage, she was ministered to, prayed over and shown love. She left experiencing freedom. In the first month of the new year, the woman attended Sunday church for the first time and accepted the invitation to receive Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. – Belinda Spicer

### The Hub Vision Statement

Unify all expressions of The Salvation Army in defined missional areas, supported by local front-line leadership for holistic mission



# Maxwells honoured with farewell service

By ESTHER PINN

“We go in peace, knowing that God is in control,” said Colonel Wayne Maxwell on behalf of he and his wife, Colonel Robyn Maxwell, at a farewell service at Parramatta Corps on Sunday 10 February.

The service was held to honour the Maxwells’ service over the past two and a half years as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women’s Ministries, respectively, for the Australia Eastern Territory.

They have been appointed to The Philippines Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women’s Ministries, respectively, and will begin their new roles on 1 April.

In front of a packed hall, Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, offered words of praise to the Maxwells and spoke candidly about their relationship.

“I want to thank God for the relationship Wayne and I have had,” he said. “I would describe it as a relationship of prayer and unity in the spirit. I thank God for them.”

Major Peter Farthing, the territory’s Publications Secretary and Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, was invited to offer words of farewell to Wayne.

He spoke of his exceptional work as Chief Secretary and listed numerous attributes that equipped him as a leader.

“Wayne has been watching over the people and programs of the territory,”



Colonels Robyn and Wayne Maxwell during their farewell service at Parramatta Corps. Photos: Carolyn Hide

Major Farthing said. “They [Colonels Wayne and Robyn] guard the Army’s good name. Wayne, we want to thank you for doing it [your job] so effectively.”

Robyn was then honoured by Major Sharon Clanfield, Miranda Corps Officer and Pastoral Care and Well-Being team member.

She spoke about Robyn’s exceptional

qualities as a female leader over the territory.

“You are a woman of prayer,” Major Clanfield said. “A woman of laughter ... you are a woman of the word. You are a woman who is passionate about women reaching their God-given potential. In farewell, be yourself, continue to laugh; be the person God called you to be.”

In response, Robyn then spoke of her memories as Territorial Secretary for Women’s Ministries and shared about both the challenges and excitement for the journey ahead.

The Maxwells’ son, Jonathon, then walked to the platform and, with emotion stirring in his voice, praised his parents for responding to God’s call. He then prayed a blessing over them.

A message was then presented by Wayne who spoke about the cost that comes with following Jesus and the price we need to pay in order to live out God’s calling for our lives, acknowledging his personal journey as he moves to the Philippines.

The evening concluded with a benediction from Commissioner Earle Maxwell, Wayne’s father.

The farewell service coincided with a public welcome to the 15 new cadets of the *Heralds of Grace* officer training session.



Commissioner Earle Maxwell, father of Colonel Wayne Maxwell, address the congregation.

# New cadets officially welcomed into session

By ESTHER PINN

The *Heralds of Grace* session of cadets has been officially welcomed to The Salvation Army School for Officer Training at Booth College in Sydney.

The session, comprising 15 cadets, features a heavy representation from Queensland. Ten members of the new session come from either the Army’s South Queensland or Central and North Queensland divisions.

The School for Officer Training Principal, Major Stuart Evans, welcomed the cadets to the college at an official lunch on 30 January.

Majors David and Shelley Soper, the Army’s Australia Eastern Territory Candidate Secretaries, then introduced the cadets individually and spoke of how they had been impressed by the quality of each. In particular, they said the cadets should be congratulated for their obedience to God.

“They’re all unique, diverse and all have different passions,” said Major Shelley Soper.

“One thing they have in common is that they’re all excellent people who have character. [They’re] all people of obedience in the first step [of their training], all people with incredible capacity for service and ministry.”

Chief Secretary Colonel Wayne Maxwell then highlighted the significance of the *Heralds of Grace* session name. He encouraged the cadets to embrace their name as they prepared for ministry as Salvation Army officers.

“What a great name,” he said. “You have the opportunity as *Heralds of Grace* to live out a great Christian truth and that’s our desire, that we are servants of God. We’re heralds of a message that has implications for the whole world.”

With the assistance of Cadet Nicole Park, the session’s official flag bearer, Colonel Robyn Maxwell, Territorial Secretary for Women’s Ministries, then placed the *Heralds of Grace* pennant on The Salvation Army flag.

The celebrations continued with a public welcome for the 15 cadets at Parramatta Corps on 10 February. The cadets entered the hall one-by-one, accompanied by the Parramatta Band.

Major Shelley Soper introduced the cadets individually, acknowledging their obedience to God for following his calling. “They have been willing to step forward for God’s kingdom,” she said.



The 15 cadets who will form The Salvation Army’s *Heralds Of Grace* session.

Cadet Stewart Hartley shared his testimony of how his love for sport took priority over his desire to meet with God, and how God used sport to connect him with church.

“I have struggled at times and my human nature likes to take back control, but I have turned my life over to God and I am willing to go wherever he leads me,” he said.

Struggling with self-confidence and being bullied at school, Cadet Erin Horton spoke of her journey to Christ, how she dealt with her self-esteem battle and her time at the Army’s School For Youth Leadership at Lake Munmorah.

“I learnt that it’s okay to let people love you and let them see who I really am,” she said. “Once I was able to fully

accept who I am, it was easier for others to see the real me and to be the real me around others.”

In his message, Colonel Maxwell honoured the cadets for their obedience in following God’s calling for their lives and challenged them in their journey ahead.

“*Heralds of grace*, there is a cost,” he said. “There is a cost to serving the Lord. I have witnessed what it means to be a follower no matter what the cost, whatever that means.”

Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon also took the opportunity to welcome Captains Laithe, Assistant Field Program Officer and Training Officer, and Kaelene Greenaway, Training Officer and Child Care Coordinator, to Booth College.



Colonel Robyn Maxwell (left) places the *Heralds of Grace* pennant on The Salvation Army flag during the Booth College welcome; (Above right) the Hartley family from Stafford Corps during the public welcome of cadets at Parramatta Corps. Photos: Carolyn Hide and Shairon Paterson





# Army honours dedicated service of

A number of retirement services have been held around The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory in recent months, honouring officers who have served for many years.

**SIMONE WORTHING** has compiled this report

## Majors Barry and Pam Nancarrow



Majors Barry and Pam Nancarrow show their retirement certificates, presented by Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas.

Family, friends, Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) representatives from around Australia gathered for the retirement service of Majors Barry and Pam Nancarrow at Gold Coast Temple Corps on 27 January.

Major Barry Nancarrow, Chief Commissioner for the RSDS, and Major Pam Nancarrow, Assistant Chief Commissioner for the RSDS, are retiring after 31 years of active service. They have served as corps officers in NSW and Queensland, and in RSDS appointments since 1999.

From May to November in 2000, the Nancarrows received military appointments – Barry to East Timor and Pam to Military East Timor home support committee.

During the retirement service, Major Kelvin Alley, National Secretary, spoke on behalf of Salvation Army officers, thanking the Nancarrows for their devotion, faithfulness, passion and enthusiasm.

On behalf of the ADF, Colonel Shaun Love, from the Australian Army headquarters in Canberra, thanked the Nancarrows for their “tireless and selfless dedication to supporting the soldiers and looking after their welfare”.

Colonel Love presented them with a certificate of appreciation signed by Lieutenant-General David Morrison, Chief of Army.

RSDS representative Major Sue May, thanked the Nancarrows for their walk with God, their care for RSDS families and their mission focus.

“The RSDS focus on ‘Saving the soul of the soldier’ is your legacy,” she said.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Findlay from the ADF Support Services, who served as the link between the RSDS and the

ADF, read part of a letter from General David Hurley, Chief of Defence Force, thanking the Nancarrows for their long and distinguished Christian service, their teamwork, and their focus on the well-being of soldiers.

Salvation Army Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas presented retirement certificates to the Nancarrows.

## Major Christine Stiles



Major Christine Stiles receives her retirement certificate from the Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon.

Commissioners James and Jan Condon conducted the retirement service for Major Christine Stiles at Springwood Corps on 3 February, celebrating her 43 years of active service.

Throughout her officership, Major Stiles, with her husband Major Innes Stiles, who retired a few years ago, served in corps, social, welfare and chaplaincy appointments in NSW and Queensland.

During the service, Major Judy Hutley spoke on behalf of officers. “Above all, you have been faithful to your calling – ‘Undaunted’ in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging people to see that a personal relationship with God was essential to living life in the present and in the future,” she said.

Major Stiles’ daughter, Jodi, spoke for herself and her sisters Tresna and Katrina. “The grace of God is seen and felt through you; congratulations, mum, on a job well done!”

## Major John Wiseman

Major John Wiseman’s retirement after 22 years of service was recognised with a celebratory afternoon tea at Glebe Corps on 27 January. Captain Robyn Black, former Glebe Corps Officer, led the celebration.

Major Wiseman, with his wife Major Allison Wiseman, served together in corps appointments for more than 10 years.

# retiring officers

John has also served at ACT and South NSW Divisional Headquarters, at the School for Officer Training, and in Planned Giving at Territorial Headquarters.

Serving as a corps officer was particularly meaningful for Major Wiseman. “Being with people over a period of time and getting close to them, seeing their lives change, was just amazing,” he said.

## Major Christine Mayes



Captain Keith Atkinson presents Major Christine Mayes with her retirement certificate. Mervyn Smidt is holding the flag.

Major Christine Mayes’ officership experience came full circle with her retirement service at Grafton Corps on 16 December, the corps from which she left to enter the School for Officer Training 25 years ago.

Captain Keith Atkinson conducted the service, with assistance from Major Phil McLaren, North NSW Divisional Commander.

Major Mayes shared that it was the power of God that had been with her during her officership, and had confirmed her calling many times over.

“God is still leading me and any ministry I might find myself involved in, because God is still at work in my life,” she said.

## In addition

Major Ron McMellon, an officer of the Australia Southern Territory, retired 23 December, 2012, after 22 years of service, including appointments in Queensland as chaplain to rural areas and Salvos stores. Majors Allan and Christine Daly retired on 31 December; Major Judy Knight, Captain Maureen Nancarrow, and Majors Cecil and Cath Woodward, retired on 31 January; and Majors Chris and Laurel Witts retired on 28 February.

# Help for the homeless in a time of transition

By **SIMONE WORTHING**

The Salvation Army has received three years of State Government funding to offer a personal support program to families living in temporary accommodation through the Caboolture Supported Accommodation program in Queensland.

The support service, which helps people transitioning from homelessness to independent living, became possible after the Army was awarded the local tender, applied for through its South Queensland Divisional Headquarters. The funding is provided through the Department of Community Services.

“The supported accommodation is for people who are homeless for a period of up to 12 weeks,” explained Major Bruce Ellicott, Caboolture Corps Officer.

“During that time, a professional case manager will work with our clients to get them back into the general housing population and rented accommodation. That is the goal.”

Additional client needs are provided through the local Salvation Army welfare office and Family Store.

Joseph Phillips is program coordinator for the service and works directly with the case workers employed by The Salvation Army.

“The case management is a vital part of this service,” he said.

“The case workers help clients identify and address whatever issues are causing or keeping them homeless and works with them to overcome any barriers.”

There are different types of housing available to clients including properties for families with children.

“We also have transitional housing for clients who have shown they are progressing and are meeting the criteria to move on but are not quite ready to go into private rental,” said Joseph.

“These clients can go into transitional housing.

The Integrated Family and Youth Service leases these transitional properties, the clients pay rent and, if they do well and achieve their goals, will eventually take over the lease.”

The Salvation Army offers outreach support to all clients, the amount of which is determined by the clients themselves.

“We are receiving very positive feedback from the clients about the service and they are very appreciative of the help we are giving them,” said Joseph.

“They are setting realistic goals they can achieve and it’s making a difference in their lives.”



## Conference double the fun for Salvo youth

By ESTHER PINN

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Youth Ministry Conference, hosted by the MORE youth team, will be held for the first time on Queensland's Sunshine Coast as well as its usual location in Sydney.

"It's a big territory," said Shandri Brown, Territorial Youth Leadership Mission Consultant.

"We've got all these fantastic, gracious Queenslanders who have travelled down to this event in the past. We want to be a bit closer to home for them.

"By being in Queensland and NSW this year, we hope more people are going to have access to come to the conference."

The Sunshine Coast conference will be hosted at QCCC in Mapleton from 2-4 August, and in Sydney at The Collaroy Centre from 9-11 August.

Shandri said the conference will have a two-fold focus this year, also being aimed at children's leaders. The Sydney conference will feature a number of children's speakers including Becky Douglass from Gympie Baptist Church, and a specialist in developing children's resources for Logosdor.

"I'm hoping that people who have an interest or curiosity about children's ministry will come, get excited and feel equipped to go and do something in their local church," said Shandri.

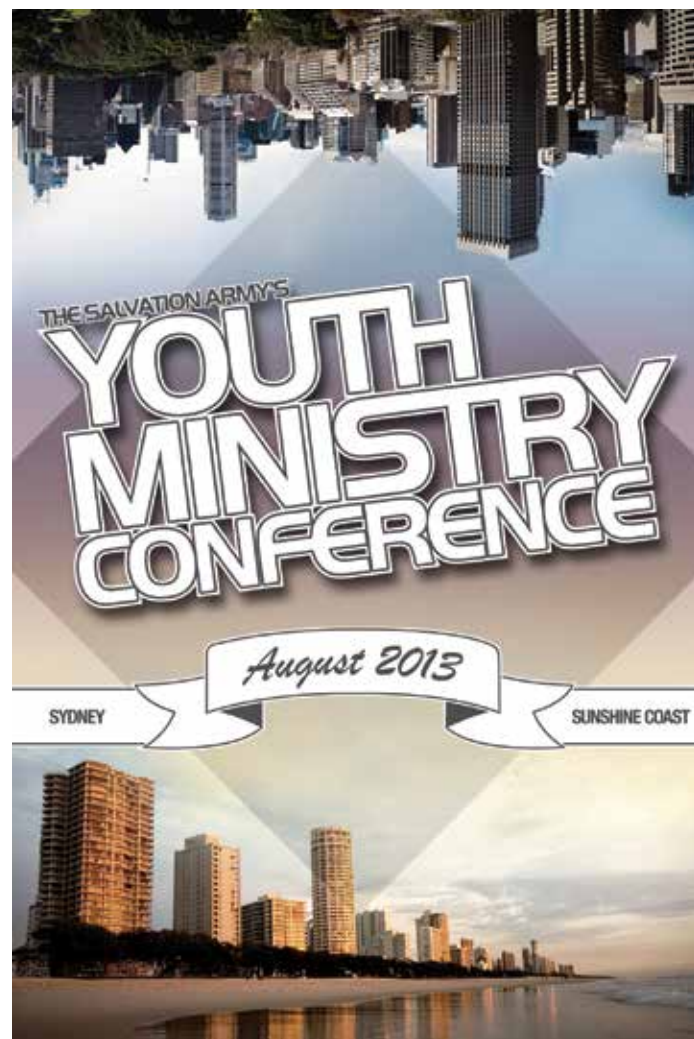
Expecting at least 400 leaders to attend, Shandri is hoping for new ministries to develop out of the conferences and to see existing ones strengthened.

Queenslanders will benefit from the appearance of magician and evangelist Christopher Wayne, who was a favourite last year. Claire Hill, Territorial Youth Mission Coordinator, and the MORE team, will be taking part at both conferences.

Mike Hardie, a leadership expert from Thrive Church in Sydney, and Scott "Sanga" Samways, NSW Youth Alive Director, will be speaking in Sydney.

Dustan Bell, pastor at Calvary Christian Church in Townsville, and Letitia Shelton, founder of City Women in Toowoomba, will both be sharing at the Queensland conference. More speakers will be announced throughout the year.

"I would encourage people to come [to the conferences] because their churches need them to be the best leader that they



can be," said Shandri. "I see these conferences as an incredible investment into personal and spiritual leadership."

The conference costs \$140. Go to [salvos.org.au/ymc](http://salvos.org.au/ymc) to register.

## Community funds emergency trailer for Dubbo Corps

The Salvation Army's Dubbo Corps recently received more than \$23,000 in funding to purchase new emergency services equipment.

Donations from the Rotary Club of Dubbo, Dubbo RSL and local politician Troy Grant, have made possible a new trailer, barbecue and generator that can be used in natural and other disasters.

"This equipment will enable us to carry out our responsibilities to respond in emergencies," said Major Colin Young, Dubbo Corps Officer.

"Our first responsibility in disasters is evacuation centres, but we are often called to other situations such as supporting firefighters in the field.

"We get floods and fires out here and, in the light of recent natural disasters in NSW and Queensland, the whole community will ultimately benefit from this new equipment."



The new emergency services trailer for Dubbo Corps.

## Mission trips challenge young Salvationists

By ESTHER PINN

Whether ripping up building foundations, running a sports program or hosting a kid's club, 23 young Salvos and six leaders got their hands dirty while on recent mission trips to Papua New Guinea, The Philippines and the Australian Outback.

These young missionaries, ranging in age from 13-25, were thrown in the deep end and were faced with both spiritual and physical challenges during the trips, held between 30 December and 23 January, says Territorial Youth Mission Coordinator Nathaniel Brown.

In particular, they were challenged in their faith, which has sparked determination in each one of them to live out a missional lifestyle, Nathaniel said.

"They're coming home with a new determination to live differently because of what they've seen and who they've met."

The 13 members of The Philippines team, led by Captains Philip and Rebecca Inglis, were confronted with challenges



The Philippines team spent time at The Salvation Army's Joyville Children's Home and visited families in nearby communities.

on a daily basis while working and ministering to the children at Joyville Children's Home in Manila.

Captain Philip recalls how impacted his team members were when they spent five hours walking through a local village meeting members of the community and encouraging them by listening to their stories.

"The biggest emotional challenge was walking through the neighborhood of communities that surround Joyville. Just seeing the living conditions of some of those people is just shocking, challenging and confronting," he said.

"For 16 and 17-year-old kids to see and [realise], what they've grown up with is not normal."

Whether helping with the children's homework or painting a swing set, Captain Philip says team members immersed themselves in the life of the children's home.

The Australian Outback team, led by Nathaniel, and Lynnelle Jellyman, who attends Hamilton City Corps in New

Zealand, drove 3000km between rural NSW towns Bidwill, Tenterfield and Nyngan.

Spending a week in each community, Nathaniel and his 10 team members ran a sports-themed holiday program for local kids and young people.

"There are so many kids in isolated communities who don't have anything to do during school holidays," said Nathaniel.

"Obviously boredom is a big issue but that can lead to antisocial behaviour. Just giving them one week of a healthy, positive environment was so beneficial."

Led by Lieutenant Narelle Unicomb, South Queensland Divisional Youth and Candidates Secretary, and Lieutenant Paul Kurth, Port Kembla Mission Officer, six young Salvos also visited Kalo Corps in Papua New Guinea. They helped renovate the corps building, coordinated kids clubs and participated in prayer meetings, holiness services and Bible studies.

For information about next year's mission trips go to [salvos.org.au/more](http://salvos.org.au/more)



The Australian Outback mission team ran a series of holiday programs for children.





## Streetlevel Brisbane kicks off neighbourhood banquet

By SIMONE WORTHING

For a number of weeks, The Salvation Army's Brisbane Streetlevel Mission team, now settled into their own property, had been praying about and planning Sunday church and a meal to follow.

"We definitely didn't want it to be standard, though," explained Major Bryce Davies, Streetlevel team leader.

"We had been challenged by the parable in Luke 14 where rich people didn't come to the banquet they had been invited to, so their host invited the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. That is the heart of what we call our Sunday banquets."

More than 70 guests attended the first banquet on Sunday 3 February.

"At 11am we headed out into the neighbourhood, to the streets and boarding houses, to invite people to our roast dinner banquet, and the people came," said Major Davies.

"We had been praying at noon each day about this lunch, for provision, the money we needed, manpower and for guests to come. The banquet was an amazing success and our prayers were wonderfully answered.

"We wanted to introduce people to Streetlevel and make them aware of what we are doing through the week, to serve them and let them know they are valued and loved.

"The people that organised the meal, they are not that far off the streets themselves. They need a mission and purpose and they are keen to help The Salvation Army help others.

"After the meal, the guests asked what they could do to help and we got them washing up! The positive energy in the place was fantastic."

In the weeks following the banquet, more people have been

coming to Streetlevel meals, activities and chapel services.

The Streetlevel team is planning to hold the banquets monthly and will be exploring possible corporate support and assistance to do this.

The Streetlevel kitchen caters comfortably for up to 40 people, but long term the team hopes to be serving up to 130 people each time so further resources will be needed.

"There is a perception out there that church isn't welcoming and we want to change that," said Major Davies.

"We are called not only to sing and worship Jesus but also follow him into uncomfortable places of service and sacrifice."



Brisbane Streetlevel team members help prepare a banquet for more than 70 people.

## Collaroy staff run up \$1700 in donations for Salvation Army

A focus on developing healthy living habits and a passion for the work of The Salvation Army prompted 12 employees from The Collaroy Centre to enter a team in the annual 7km Sydney Morning Herald Sun Run in February.

Team co-ordinator Kristy Franks said \$1700 was raised for The Salvation Army through personal sponsorship.

"We all became competitive as to who could raise the

most money for the team," she said. "Each team member was responsible for their own training schedule, but competed together on the day.

"It was a great build-up to the event day. Everyone got the satisfaction of participating and completing a race that they may have thought they couldn't complete or have never done before."

She said poor weather on the day of the event didn't deter team members from achieving their goal.

"It was pouring down rain and everyone showed up at 6.30am Saturday, began the race with smiles and completed it with an even bigger one," said Kristy.

"The satisfaction of completing it together as a team was very rewarding. It really brought us closer together and we have been researching constantly what events we can work towards next."

Kristy said The Collaroy Centre was working to increase an awareness of a healthy lifestyle in its programs and among its staff. The centre has also formed a partnership with celebrity chef and nutritionist Zoe Bingley-Pullin and hopes to conduct cooking demonstrations and workshops throughout the year encouraging the importance of healthy living.

The team is already preparing for its next challenge – a "Tough Mudder" event on 13 April.

For more information on The Collaroy Centre's upcoming healthy lifestyle activities and events, check out their facebook page at [www.facebook.com/thecollaroycentre](http://www.facebook.com/thecollaroycentre)



The team from The Collaroy Centre that competed in the Sydney Morning Herald Sun Run.

## One hundred guests help Brigadier Stockall celebrate 100th birthday

The 100th birthday of Brigadier Flo Stockall was celebrated at "The Lodge" at Stanmore in Sydney, where about 100 invited guests gathered from far and near.

The celebration, held in November, was led by Major Shelley Soper, who invited guests to share briefly about Brigadier Stockall's influence on their life. Many took the opportunity to speak about her love, care and encouragement.

A powerpoint presentation displayed photographs of the brigadier's life and she received many gifts and greetings, including a letter from General Linda Bond.

Music was supplied by Ian Jurd on the keyboard, who also accompanied Ron Storey as he sang *I'm in His Hands*.

Commissioner James Condon shared an epilogue in which he recalled his own friendship and association with the Stockalls, before everyone joined in

singing one of Flo's favourite choruses *Just Where He Needs Me*.

The commissioner especially acknowledged and thanked Beverley Stockall for her loving care of her mother over many years.

Flo Stockall (pictured right) was born into a Salvation Army family in Rockhampton on 22 November, 1912, the youngest of eight children.

It was during her teenage years that she felt the hand of God upon her life calling her to be a Salvation Army officer. In 1938, Flo entered the *Guardians of the Covenant* officer training session and was commissioned later that year.

She married Captain Percy Stockall in 1940 and together they served faithfully in various appointments including five years in New Zealand.

Home League was a real passion of Flo's and she was very successful in this ministry.



Flo testifies that her life has been very fulfilling and every day she is amazed at the opportunities to serve and witness that come her way.

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## General leads spiritual celebrations in Asia

General Linda Bond got her year off to a vibrant start with a colourful Asian tour which incorporated visits to India, Japan, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

Representing The Salvation Army as its world leader, General Bond preached the One Army, One Mission, One Message to thousands of people during her month-long trip which resulted in hundreds dedicating their lives to Christ.

Thousands of Salvationists from across the vast India Central Territory gathered for the visit of General Bond in early January.

The visit was a time of spiritual renewal for many people and included the awarding of The Salvation Army's highest honour.

The General received an enthusiastic welcome at Chennai Airport before attending her first official duty, opening and dedicating to God a new Human Resource Development (HRD) building in Periamet.

A highlight of her visit was the youth congress held at the officer training college compound in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh which was attended by thousands of young people. Crowds cheered the international leader's progress to the venue and in some places young people presented items of cultural dance by the roadside.

The Territorial Commander, Commissioner M.Y Emmanuel, led the youth congress, which featured a song by young people from Vijayawada Division and cultural items from Chennai Division and Rebala Corps.

Captain Elizabeth Nelson (International Headquarters), who accompanied the General throughout her visit, encouraged the young people to commit themselves to the Lord.

The General told the young people: "You are the Army!" She then commended them for being from a generation which treated women with dignity, which stood for social justice, and which



The General acknowledges the cheering crowd at Chennai Airport on her arrival in India.



General Linda Bond is greeted by a number of young people during her visit to Tokyo in January.

brought people to faith. "This is your day," she said. "Stand for Jesus!"

After the General's message, hundreds of young people made their way to the mercy seat in acts of consecration and rededication.

In the evening, the General awarded The Salvation Army's highest honour, the Order of the Founder, to Corps Sergeant-Major N.L Victor from Hyderabad Temple Corps, in recognition of his exceptional service to God through The Salvation Army.

In her Bible message the General told the congregation that everyone needed God's salvation, irrespective of their place in society. She explained that God didn't call people to be religious but rather that they should be relational, passing on the love of God to others.

Hundreds responded to a mercy seat call – many with tears rolling down their cheeks – and at the end of the meeting the General took time to meet many members of the congregation.

General Bond's visit concluded with two sessions of officers councils.

Tokyo was the next stop for a series of meetings in the Japanese capital.

In the Sunday morning holiness meeting, the General commended the impact of relief efforts that were carried out in the country after the earthquake and tsunami of March 2011, supported and prayed for by the worldwide Salvation Army.

The General enrolled nine senior soldiers before giving her message in which she challenged the congregation to pursue holiness. At the altar call, 56 people came forward for prayer.

General Bond also oversaw the installation of new territorial leaders – Commissioners Jiro and Keiko Katsuchi; and Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Lieutenant-Colonels Kenji Fujii and Chiaki Fujii.

By late January the General was in Sri Lanka for a commissioning weekend, followed by a quick trip to the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu where she was encouraged by the fledgling Army work that has been operating in this country for only two years.

## New Chief of the Staff lets actions do the talking

The Salvation Army's new Chief of the Staff, during his official welcome meeting at International Headquarters (IHQ) in London, said he was a strong advocate of the saying "actions speak louder than words".

Commissioner Andre Cox, following in the footsteps of his father Commissioner Ron Cox who served in the role from 1987-1991, said the world would be a different place if Christians truly reflected what they believed.

"We are called to be witnesses of another Kingdom, another reality and higher way", he said, urging Christians to strive to emulate Christ's example. He also warned that "faith can be a veneer when it should go deeper".

Commissioner Cox concluded his message by saying: "We are called to be one Army, to speak with one voice, to serve with undivided hearts, to be one people."

The welcome meeting to Commissioner Cox and his wife, Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries), had an upbeat atmosphere and sense of affirmation.



General Linda Bond offers words of welcome to the Chief of the Staff and Commissioner Silvia Cox. Photo: Berni Georges

Among those present were the Chief of the Staff's mother, Mrs Commissioner Hilda Cox, cousins Jean-Daniel and Annette Chevalley – who had travelled from Switzerland – and former colleagues and Salvation Army leaders including General John Larsson (Ret.), Commissioner Freda Larsson and Commissioner Gisele Gowans.

Welcoming Commissioners Cox to IHQ, General Linda Bond said God had equipped them for these appointments because between them they have a wealth of cross-cultural experience.

In taking up their new appointments, she added, they become part of a unique IHQ family where Jesus Christ is central and there is "a unity that comes from the Holy Spirit".

Commissioner Silvia Cox shared some Scripture which has both helped and shaped her life. For her appointment as World President of Women's Ministries she shared with the congregation her favourite verse from Isaiah 43:1: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

### Swansons farewelled

A few weeks earlier, the departing Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Barry Swanson, and Commissioner Sue Swanson, World President of Women's Ministries, had been farewelled from IHQ.

Commissioner Barry Swanson said it had been a "tremendous privilege to serve with two Generals" (he was appointed as Chief by General Bond's predecessor, General Shaw Clifton). He gave words of challenge as he explained what it meant to be a follower of Jesus, committing oneself fully to Christ.

Commissioner Sue Swanson referred to The Salvation Army as a "beautiful community" and told how she had been "blessed to have been given a bigger and bigger and bigger family" while fulfilling her role at IHQ, referring personally to many members of the IHQ "family".

General Bond told the congregation that the Swansons had been "exceptional" in carrying out their roles.

The Swansons have taken up new appointments as leaders of the USA Eastern Territory.

## International Congress planning underway

The Congress Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC), which represents the five international zones of The Salvation Army, recently met at International Headquarters for a two-day exchange of ideas and strategies for the 2015 International Congress, which will be held 1-5 July at the O2 Arena in London's East End.

The Council considered topics ranging from Accommodations to Travel, Schedule to Outreach and a host of other issues that will constitute the building blocks of the observance of the 150th anniversary of The Salvation Army.

Recommendations from the CPAC will be presented to General Linda Bond for her input and decisions and will be implemented by the Congress Office.

The CPAC was chaired by the Congress Executive Officer, Commissioner Bill Cochrane, International Secretary to the Chief of the Staff.



The planning team includes (first row, left to right) Commissioner Jim Knaggs, Commissioner Deise Eliassen, Commissioner Bill Cochrane, Lieut-Colonel Eddie Hobgood, and (second row, left to right) Major Drew McCombe, Lieut-Colonel Keith Conrad, Lieut-Colonel Kathy Hobgood, Captain Mark Hall, Nick Simmons-Smith, Lieut-Colonel Alan Read, and Lieut-Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz.



## PROMOTED TO GLORY

## Selfless life



Maud Dovey was promoted to glory on 1 December, 2012, aged 102.

Her funeral service was held at Redcliffe City Corps on Friday 7 December and conducted by Major Norm Beckett, her son-in-law.

Many family members took part in the service – Maud's son, Captain Mervyn Dovey, prayed and presented the trombone solo *It Is Well With My Soul*, grand-daughter Elissa Portillo read a scripture passage from Psalm 91, words of tribute were given by grandson Ashlyn Dovey and grand-daughter Ngaire Beckett and various grandchildren presented the song *Blessed Assurance*.

Maud Isabel Dovey was born at Cooksley Street, Hamilton, in Brisbane, on the 26 November, 1910. She was the first daughter and the fourth child of William Ernest Woodward and his wife, Maud.

She had six brothers and one sister. In 1913 the family moved to Sunnybank, in Brisbane's south, where her father became a successful poultry farmer.

Maud's early years were happy ones, being reared in a Christian home with Bible readings each night before bed. Every Sunday the family attended the little United Protestant Church nearby.

Maud attended the Runcorn State School but left after fifth class so she could care for her disabled mother. Her job was washing, chief cook and housekeeper for the large family. Maud accepted this responsibility willingly.

On 20 April, 1940, she married Ernest Wilfred Dovey in the United Protestant Church at Sunnybank. The wedding took place at 6pm as the fowls had to be fed and the cow milked first!

Maud and Ernest raised three children – Raymond (deceased), Mervyn, Glenys and Isabel. Maud was a good homemaker, a godly woman, gracious, genuine and generous.

In April 1952, Maud's life and that of her young family took a new direction. Through the dedication of her baby daughter, Isabel, the family became linked with The Salvation Army. As a result, her husband was converted and the next Sunday the family attended the Salvation Army at Woollongabba. This pattern of worship and fellowship at The Salvation Army has continued ever since.

In the mid 1950s, the family transferred to the corps at Mt Gravatt (Holland Park) and Maud worked with children in the Sunday school. Her

service for God was always a number one priority, and she happily served as a Company Guard, YP treasurer, Junior Soldiers' prayer pal, Home League member, Colour Sergeant, corps pianist and League of Mercy worker.

In latter years she visited a nursing home on a weekly basis, walking there and back, a distance of about six kilometres. She maintained this ministry for 20 years.

In 1972 she became a member of the Order of The Silver Star as three of her four children are Salvation Army officers.

Maud had a genuine interest in people. She's been described as helpful, energetic, consistent in her faith and always cheerful. She would use her telephone and letter-writing skills to communicate with many. When John Howard was elected to the office of Prime Minister, Maud wrote to him assuring him of her prayers. She was so happy when he responded with thanks to her letter.

Families who had been bereaved and who lived locally would receive a note in the mail from Maud, and some would ultimately be linked to the Salvation Army. She would always encourage and show intense interest in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Maud was one very special lady who lived a selfless life and was content to "fill a little space, if God be glorified".

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all ... a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." (Proverbs 31: 29, 30 –NIV)

Servant of God, well done. Enter into the joy of your Lord!



## Faithful servant

Athol Buttenshaw was promoted to glory on 17 September 2012, aged 92.

He was born in Grenfell in 1920 to Essie and George Buttenshaw, wonderful loving parents with a strong Christian heritage. Athol had two older brothers, Norman and Harold, who passed away in 1922 with meningitis.

Athol attended school in Grenfell, and then commenced his cutting apprenticeship in 1936. After cutting for some time, Athol bought the business and was soon called for military training in World War II.

On 28 February 1942, Athol was given three days leave from the military to marry Marie. They were married at the Hurstville Corps of The Salvation Army

by Captain Packer who once served in Grenfell.

When the war ended they made their home in Grenfell, and in 1946 Athol reopened a barber shop and continued there until 1992. They had two children, Marie and David.

Athol always greeted his customers with a friendly smile. He was awarded the Lions Club Citizen of the Year for 1997-1998, and the Premier's Award in 1999.

His submission read: "Athol is a husband, father, and grandfather who loves his people and his church. He has spent his life caring for and giving to others. This man who represented The Salvation Army has been a regular hospital visitor on a weekly or fortnightly basis for 10 years. He has distributed white flowers to hospital patients and staff every Mother's Day for the past 30 years, and he also plies his famous trade as a barber for the long-term benefit of his patients. He has been involved in a range of other community work with The Salvation Army, assisting with the maintenance of the church, collection for the Red Shield Appeal and has been a member of the band for 52 years."

Every second Friday Athol would sit in the main street of Grenfell doing street ministry and talking to people. He was a fine Christian man who rendered years of dedicated service to the Grenfell community.

Athol was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year in the Weddin Shire Australia Day awards. He also received an Appreciation Certificate for service to The Salvation Army.

Athol was one of the original Senior Citizens Welfare Committee members who started meals on wheels in Grenfell in 1962. He also delivered meals to clients in their homes for many years.

Athol loved playing in the band and was diligent and faithful in his service for God and The Salvation Army. Even when Athol shut the doors of his shop he would still cut hair for people who were house-bound.

Athol and Marie, who was promoted to glory in September 2011, were tireless workers in the community. They both felt very lucky to have lived a full life with each other by their side, along with their family.

As time went on, Athol was unable to attend church, therefore every Sunday morning was set aside to watch *Hymns of Praise* on TV.

And we know today that Athol is in God's hands and that he has gone to live with his Lord and Saviour.



## Good friend

Robyn Kay Morrison was promoted to glory on 7 December, 2012, aged 62, from her home in Nambour.

Following a graveside service at Kulangoor a capacity congregation of 400 gave thanks for her life at Gregson and Weight Funeral Directors chapel in Nambour. The services were conducted by Major Bill Hutley.

Born the fourth child of Vic and Eva Flatt on 27 November 1950, Robyn grew up on the family sugarcane farm at Bridges on the Sunshine Coast. She attended Yandina State School and Nambour High School, before commencing work aged 14.

On 30 August 1969, Robyn married Jim Morrison. Apart from being a wife and mother, Robyn was an active soldier and local officer of the Nambour Corps. She was a timbrellist, songster, corps cadet counsellor, assisted in the Family Store, and was a confidante to many of the youth within the corps. Robyn's other interests in life were gardening, quilting, sewing, cooking, flower arranging and travel.

Robyn was always a very fit and healthy person but was diagnosed with multiple myeloma leukaemia in 2008. She fought a long, hard battle but eventually it was just too much for her and she passed away peacefully.

Prior to the service celebrating Robyn's life, The Salvation Army Nambour band provided prelude music. Songs chosen by the family for the service all had a note of testimony, hope and assurance. Major Rodney Ainsworth, a former corps officer at Nambour, prayed and Major Rodney Strong, a peer of Robyn's and with whom she used to travel to work, read from Scripture.

Supported by their children, Dean and Jodie, Jim brought a sincere and at times humorous, tribute for his wife of 42 years. Jim told of their courtship and how they worked together as a team. He spoke of her infectious smile and highlighted Robyn's ability to get alongside people, to organise events, her administration skills, and her work ethic. Robyn's three grandchildren were the light of her life.

Tributes were brought by Robyn's sisters, Coral Davies and Major Judy

Hutley, and her brother, Victor Flatt, and her cousin, Meredith Moore, in which they spoke of their childhood and adult memories and Robyn's passion to help young people in their journey through life.

In her tribute on behalf of the corps Margaret Kenyon summed up the person Robyn was when she said: "Vital, energetic, thoughtful, efficient, fun, sincere, reliable, organised, committed, caring, practical, game, kind, a good friend."

In his message, Major Hutley emphasised that regardless of her heritage and service record, Robyn's ministry would not have been effective for the kingdom but for the fact that she had a personal experience of Jesus Christ as her Saviour and allowed him to guide her.

The celebration of Robyn's life concluded with a song chosen by Robyn and sung by Ivan Parker, from the *Gaither Homecoming* DVD series, *When I Get Carried Away*.

Robyn will be missed by many but we rejoice that she is with Jesus. "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."



## Christian example

Les Brennan was promoted to glory on 25 May, aged 91.

A celebration of Les' life was conducted by Captain Derek Whitehouse at Centenary Salvation Army. During the service a small combination band, led by Gary Rule, assisted the large congregation in singing some inspiring Salvation Army hymns.

A visual tribute was presented by Les' grandchildren showing their memories of "Fa". Stephen Cardiff (son-in-law) gave a family tribute and shared some of the events that had influenced Les throughout his life.

Les was born in Bundaberg on 31 January 1922, and lived with his parents at Fairymead close to the sugarcane mill where his father and later himself, worked.

Every Sunday, the Brennan family would take the five-mile horse and sulky trip to The Salvation Army in Bundaberg where they worshipped. At the age of 10, Les made a decision at the Army to

become a Christian. He saw the Christian example that his parents were living and wanted to be like them.

Les become involved in church life and for a number of years faithfully served in the corps as a bandsman, playing the trombone. Through his involvement in the church he established many strong bonds and friendships that survived all his life.

Les was called up for service during the Second World War with the 47th Infantry Battalion and spent most of his time in New Guinea. He later joined the 47th Battalion Signal Section providing vital communication between headquarters and frontline forces. He also served with the military band with other Salvationists stationed in Bougainville, before being disbanded and sent for action in Milne Bay and Nasua Bay.

At the conclusion of the war Les returned to Bundaberg where he married Thelma Murray. He obtained a position with radio station 4BU as a technician. With his work he moved to Rockhampton for a short period before returning to Bundaberg for a number of years.

In 1964, the family moved to Brisbane where Les had secured a position with the ABC. Over time, Les applied for more senior positions within the ABC and after 22 years retired as head of the installation section.

In Brisbane, Les served at Toowong Corps (now Centenary Corps) supporting it with his consistent, faithful service. Even in later life and suffering from ill health he continued to provide support to the corps officers by assisting in keeping records up to date or updating the corps directory. For many years Les looked after the operation and maintenance of the sound desk and outdoor public address equipment at both Toowong and Centenary.

Over the last few years Les' health would not let him do all that he wanted, but this did not stop him enjoying life. He still continued to drive his car, listened to brass and classical music, meditated daily on the word of God, regularly attended Sunday worship, and kept in touch with family and friends using the latest technology available.

Before his passing Les wrote a memoir of his life and in his own words concluded: "I am very thankful to God for the life that has been given to me."

## REPORTS

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## about people

## Appointments

*Effective 10 January:* Envoy Melissa **Gillies**, Team Leader, Hannam Vale Corps, Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Envoy Leica **Lauder**, Team Leader, Hannam Vale Corps, Newcastle and Central NSW Division.

## Bereaved

Cadet Heath **Firkin** of his mother Jacqueline **Firkin** on 13 January; Major Bruce **Stoltenberg** of his mother Mary **Stoltenberg** on 22 January; Major Bruce **Stoltenberg** of his brother-in-law on 25 January.

## Births

Lieutenants David and Lara **Sutcliffe**, a girl, Anastasia Kate on 27 January.

## Promotion

Melissa **Gillies** and Leica **Lauder** to Territorial Envoys.

## time to pray

## 24 February –2 March

Ipswich Corps, Bundaberg Corps, both Qld; Territorial Candidates Department, Aged Care Plus Head Office, Salvation Army International Development Officer (SAID), all THQ; Wider Cabinet (24-27); Territorial Advisory Board (28); World Day of Prayer (1); Territorial Mobile Mission Team (combining with Southern Territory) (1-24).

## 3-9 March

Orange Corps, Maitland City Corps, Umina Beach Corps, all NSW; Pastoral Care and Officer Well-Being Team, THQ; Gympie Corps, Townsville Faithworks, both Qld; Self Denial Appeal Launch (3); School for Youth Leadership Welcome Sunday (3); Divisional Youth Secretary Consultative Days, Stanmore (5-7); Administrative Leadership Training Course, Sydney (5-18).

## 10-16 March

Granville Corps, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Headquarters, both NSW; Coolum Mission, Mackay Northern Beaches Mission, Brisbane Central Community Welfare Centre, all Qld; Red Shield Defence Services, THQ; North NSW Division Officers Fellowship (10-14); South Queensland Division Officers Fellowship (11-14); HR Conference (12-15); Young Adult Big Vision Conference (16).

## 17-23 March

Narelle Gurney, Malawi Command; Raymond Terrace Corps, NSW; Yeppoon Mission, Charter Towers, South Queensland Divisional Headquarters, Ipswich Community Welfare Centre, all Qld; The Greater West Division Officers Fellowship (18-21); South Queensland Division Youth Councils (22-24)

## 24-30 March

Majors Robert and Leanne Duncan, Taiwan Territory; Emerald Corps, Nerang Community Welfare Centre, Centennial Lodge, Atherton Tablelands Corps, all Qld; Inner West Aged Care Services, NSW; Good Friday (29); ACT Easter Conference (29 March –1 April); Easter Saturday (30).

## 31 March –6 April

Booth College, Legal Department, both THQ; Caboolture Corps, Palm Beach Elanora Corps, Carindale Corps, Brisbane City Temple Corps, all Qld; Easter Sunday (31); International Annual Day of Prayer for Children (31); Easter Monday (1); Young Adult Big Vision Conference, Brisbane (6).

## 7-16 April

Glen Haven, Family Tracing Service Brisbane, Townsville Recovery Services Centre, Wynnum Corps, Toowoomba, all Qld; Burrangiri Aged Care Services, ACT; Self Denial Appeal Altar Service (7); Discipleship Training Practicum (8-10); Territorial Policy and Mission Council Retreat (8-10); Red Shield Appeal Launch, ACT (9); Red Shield Appeal Launch, Sydney (11); Decision Week (12-19); Red Shield Easter Camp, Collaroy (13-20).

## engagement calendar

## Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Papua New Guinea: Sat 9-Mon 11 Mar –Installation of Territorial Leaders

Chatswood: Sun 17 Mar –Corps Meeting

Sydney: Mon 18 Mar –Inter-Territorial Executive

Bexley North: Thu 21 Mar –School for Officer Training Retreat Day

\*Brisbane: Tues 26 March –Red Shield Appeal Brisbane Launch

Parramatta Corps: Fri 29 Mar –Good Friday Meeting

Parramatta Corps: Sun 31 Mar –Easter Sunday Meeting

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