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Being ripe to the Good News

I've been thinking a lot about apples over the past month. Strange, I know, but please let me explain.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, we feature several articles on a variety of missions Salvationists from our Australia Eastern Territory have been involved in recently. We've sent mission teams to London for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, another group from a Sydney-based corps has been in Fiji, and yet another team, from a Recovery Services program, spent a weekend serving the people of the Blue Mountains.

Preparing these stories for print has focused my mind on the question of why we "do" mission. We do it because, ultimately, we want others to know the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and, as a result, come into relationship with him. And that's where the apples come in.

Practical approach

A number of years ago, while living in Scotland, I attended a week-long conference for people involved in ministry. During one of the sessions, the main speaker for the week, James MacDonald, shared his "red apple, green apple" approach to evangelism. It went like this:

"When speaking about heady or theological ideas, I've always tried to adopt the most biblical and practical language possible. So when I think of evangelism, I refer to people who are ready to respond to the gospel now as red apples – they are ripe to the good news. Similarly, I refer to people who aren't yet ready for the gospel as green apples.

"Jesus Christ constantly cut through the crowds filled with green apples in order to focus his energy on the red ones already ripe for his message. He left a crowd of green apples to talk with Zacchaeus (Luke 19), for example. He turned to the desperate woman with the bleeding issue (Matthew 9) even though he was surrounded by masses of other people. He talked at great length with Nicodemus (John 3), who longed for more than his formulaic religiosity.

"In every instance Jesus invested in the ripe, red apples – those who already possessed a strong readiness to abandon the life they knew for something better."

Do you get it? Can you see it? If not, take some time to re-read the gospels and in particular focus – really focus – on the way Jesus went about his ministry. Allow it to sink in because it has the potential to revolutionise our mission.

Red and green apples. As James MacDonald says, "It may seem simplistic, but when you apply that filter to the way Jesus interacted with people, it changes the way you see the gospels and gospel work today".

Scott Simpson,
Managing Editor

your say...

Finding a purpose in life

God's call to "Be ye holy as I am holy", without which "no man shall see the Lord" is a dilemma for us "born in sin". The Oxford Dictionary defines "holy" as: "consecrated; sacred; morally and spiritually perfect; belonging to, commissioned by, devoted to, God; of high moral excellence". Is this a bridge too far?

Attending a Gospel Hall (Brethren) Sunday School as a child, I accepted Christ at the age of 10 and felt the call of God to full-time service at 12. Attending both the Church of England and the Gospel Hall simultaneously, I was posed with limited opportunities for a woman to serve in either denomination. However, I remained faithful through the ensuing teenage years, without clear direction. I continued to live with the assurance of being justified by faith, but felt no power to live out my salvation.

It wasn't until I was primary teaching as a young adult that I encountered the Salvation Army at a young peoples' anniversary. God spoke clearly to my heart, that this was the avenue through which I could serve Him. Sworn in as a soldier and mentored by a very godly Brigadier not long after, I attended a Divisional Youth Councils weekend at West End, in my third year, where I committed myself to full-time work.

On entering the Eastern Territory Training College in Sydney upon completing my four-year teaching bond, it was in one spiritual meeting that I was moved to seek more of God at the Mercy Seat, not knowing what it was that I lacked and yearned for. Under the guidance and counsel of Lieut-Colonel Wally Greentree, the "Blessing of Holiness" was explained. Here was a concept totally foreign to me.

The doctrines were specifically taught; I came to an understanding of "holiness" as a command; as a state of being "holy".

The 10th doctrine: "We believe it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.", now opened a whole new chapter in my aspiration "to be like Jesus" was now clarified. The Covenant of Grace, a synonym of the work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Grace, was my spiritual inheritance, through no merit of my own.

I appropriated the culture and embraced the spiritual teaching of the Salvation Army with gusto, and found my life had purpose and direction under its auspices.

The power to live a fruitful life, pleasing to God, growing in grace and the knowledge of him: "To be like Jesus, this hope possesses me", is his work in me. The fruits (Galatians 5:22) are slowly developing, as discipline and trials develop by degrees, his character in me.

Eloise Rowe,
Maroochydore Corps

Music must aid gospel message

What is it about brass band music that creates among us much more debate than it probably should?

I've listened to the brass band debate go around and around in circles for the past 30 years that I have been involved in the Salvation Army and yet it seems that we have resolved nothing.

It seems yet again we find ourselves as a movement locked into developing one genre while simply assuming that the many other genres that exist are okay but don't need to be taken too seriously.

While I understand the territory's willingness to develop brass band learner programs, are these only a part of the solution? Our history is quite clear when it comes to music. Both music and the Salvation Army have had a long and wonderful relationship with each other. Sometimes, though, we seem more passionate about the music we play rather than the gospel we proclaim.

Certainly, there is a need to develop music programs within the Salvation Army, however, it cannot be the exclusive right of the brass band fraternity.

It needs to be an inclusive program that looks at developing available resources in each and every worshipping community.

In addition we need to be developing resources for a wide variety of local and regional purposes. It needs then to embrace a variety of styles and have the capacity to create opportunities to share resources when needed.

Our music is supposed to be about supporting and enhancing the corporate worship experience. It is not dependent upon a particular style or genre. Yet somehow the style rather than the purpose has become the priority.

Don't get the wrong idea, I enjoy playing in the band. What if God is calling us to seriously look at how we come before him in worship?

Are we inferring that those many corps without brass bands are not worshipping God properly? No, we aren't, so why then do we focus on the music and not on the condition of our heart when we are talking about our corporate worship experience?

Captain Peter White,
Blacktown City Corps

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Make a difference

In the face of evil, **Commissioner JAMES CONDON** says we are called to be the voice, hands and feet of Jesus

On a recent Sunday night, I decided to watch a movie - Machine Gun Preacher - which a friend had loaned to me.

It is a confronting movie which is summarised as follows: "Gerald Butler lives the role of an ex-bikie gang member and former drug dealer, who undergoes an astonishing life transformation and finds his unexpected calling as a saviour to hundreds of kidnapped and orphaned children from war-torn Sudan. He makes the life-changing decision to go to East Africa to help repair homes destroyed by the civil war. Outraged by the unspeakable horrors faced by the region's vulnerable people, especially the children, he ignores the warnings of more experienced aid workers and breaks ground for an orphanage where help is most needed. It also happens to be in the middle of territory controlled by renegade militia force the LRA - the Lord's Resistance Army - which enlists children before they even reach their teens."

It is, as I say, a confronting, challenging and inspiring movie which left me in a very reflective mood, responding in prayer to the Lord asking, "Can I make a difference?"

Freedom communities

Recently, my wife, Jan, and I were privileged to share dinner with people involved in a community detention housing program. It was a most inspirational time as we conversed with asylum seekers and their case workers. What stories we heard of persecution, separation from loved ones, horrific boat

trips with very little food for survival, the pain and heartache, the experiences of war in their country!

But there was also the joy of freedom - finding a safe place, new friends, new community, opportunity to learn English, case workers to support them in so many ways. We enjoyed food, fellowship, singing and dancing and it was very moving to share this with our new friends.

I thank God for the dedicated members of staff who care for these people. They are passionate and display a real interest in their clients and really enjoy their ministry. They are advocates for these people who are seeking a new life of freedom.

Lift your voice

When I came into the office the morning after watching the movie, I read, on Facebook, the following quote by Dietrich Bonhoeffer which was so relevant for my thinking on that Monday: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

The Salvation Army needs to be a voice for the voiceless, a hope for the hopeless, bringing compassion to those who are hurting, healing for the broken, and seeking justice for those who are abused.

The Bible says, in Isaiah 1:17 (NLT): "Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows." *The Message* paraphrases it this way: "Say no to wrong. Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down and out. Stand



Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

up for the homeless. Go into bat for the defenceless." And the writer of Proverbs says in chapter 31 verse 9: "Speak up for the people who have no voice, for the rights of all the down and outers. Speak out for justice! Stand up for the poor and destitute."

We cannot be silent in the face of evil as Bonhoeffer reminds us. Let us be the voice, hands and feet of Jesus and make a difference.

God help us.



Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

Old wells and new wineskins in the mix

Lieutenant-Colonel MIRIAM GLUYAS

rallies modern-day troops of The Salvation Army by recalling the early days of the movement when representing the name of Jesus with boldness was the norm

Mixed metaphors! Some people don't like them at all. When a friend of mine, Major Stuart Reid, talked to me about this recently in relation to The Salvation Army, it started me thinking.

I am not one to look back. Most of my thinking time is spent focusing on the present, or the future, but there are things to be learned from the past. Old wells that need new wineskins.

So what are some of the "old wells" that may need "new wineskins" in The Salvation Army today?

1. The poor and the marginalised

God has a place in his heart for the poor and the marginalised. He raised up both a movement and a family for this very purpose, and more. He put it in the heart of William Booth. Almost 150 years ago, tired of the way the poor and the marginalised were being treated both inside and outside the church, Booth took a walk through the East End of London. He returned home and said to his wife, Catherine: "Darling, I've found my destiny."

A handful of years later, two young Salvationists, John Gore and Edward Saunders, arrived in Australia, preached

under a gum tree in Adelaide and offered an invitation to anyone who was hungry to come home with them for dinner.

This behaviour is in our DNA – "Heart to God and hand to man" or to put it another way, "Christianity with its sleeves rolled up".

What are the new wineskins? What is my part?

2. Innovation

The early Salvation Army was marked by innovation. When they saw a need they met it, doing whatever it took.

The Army established a match factory in London's East End which adopted safer worker practices. They did this so that workers wouldn't be exposed to "phossy jaw", a potentially fatal condition contracted from the phosphorous in the match heads that were being produced at the time. When that injustice was solved, the Army sold the factory.

William Booth was the first Christian leader to use a motor car in extending his ministry. The Army had the first homeless hostels and established one of the first movie companies. Catherine Booth preached as women took their place in ministry. The Army took the tunes of the day and wrote Christian lyrics. People

were getting saved and giving up alcohol. The list goes on.

But the early Army knew it didn't need to keep programs going forever. When the need was met, something new was put into place.

What are the new wineskins? What is my part?

3. Soldiers/Laity

The Salvation Army's soldiers/laity were fully engaged in the mission – the Army believed in the "priesthood of all believers". This wasn't about professional clergy, it was frontline mission and it was self-sacrificing.

There was so much to do and everyone had a part to play.

It was a big vision with two expressions: win the world for Jesus, but more commonly "Jesus Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth" (Catherine Booth). Today, we still have the same vision.

The focus was soldiers who were on a mission to bring the lost to Jesus. Officers were visionaries and strategists who motivated, but the focus was on soldiers who were soul winners.

Officers were facilitators/strategists who motivated and directed the soul-winning soldiers. They moved regularly to keep the soldiers' vision fresh and sharpened by a variety of leaders. It was the soldiers who stayed and carried out the vision.

We need to recapture the place of the soldier.

What are the new wineskins? What is my part?

4. Youth movement

The Salvation Army was a young movement, both in establishment and age of its officers and soldiers.

In 1882, the Bishop of Durham, Dr Lightfoot, observed that it was testimony to the effectiveness of the Army that it "should have been able to call to its banner the fiery and adventurous spirit of early manhood".

The majority of officers in those early days were youths of 17 and 18 – men and women – who commanded corps with hundreds of soldiers. They were sure in their convictions that they were called by God. (*The Salvation Army History Vol 2*, p.59). The stories abound:

Aged just 19, Florence Soper, with two other women, one the Founder's daughter Kate who was only 22 herself, was sent to France to start the work of the Army.

Eliza Shirley was converted in Coventry and accepted for officership with the rank of lieutenant although only 16 years of age. With special dispensation from the General, she migrated with her family to the United States and commenced the work in Philadelphia in October 1879.

Thomas and Ann Sutherland were the first officers to come to Australia, to be joined by James and Alice Barker. James was 27. They arrived in Melbourne on 21 September, 1882. On New Year's Day 1884 the first congress was held in Melbourne. The Salvation Army by now was operating in three colonies, with 133 officers spread over 56 corps.

In June 1884 Thomas Coombs was appointed as the Territorial Commander of Canada, overseeing 200 corps. He was only 24. His next appointment was Territorial Commander for Australasia in 1889. He was only 29 when he took up this post.

In the West today, we are an aging Army.

Who will raise up young leaders, mentor them, engage them?

What are the new wineskins? What is my part?

5. Salvation

William Booth changed the name of the Army from the Christian Mission to The "Salvation" Army with the stroke of a pen in May 1878. He believed the whole world would be saved in his lifetime.

"Others" were on his mind. "Salvation" was on his mind. "Get saved, keep saved, get someone else saved" was his motto.

The gospel spread like wildfire in the early days. New corps and new works were planted everywhere. People were coming to Jesus. The Army served the poor, people found Jesus and corps grew. "Salvation" was always on the mind of the early Army soldier!

What are the new wineskins? What is my part?

6. Spiritual Power

The Salvation Army preached full salvation. It was understood that the work of the Army was supernatural work. Every soldier was compelled to seek a deeper holiness, engage in the battle and not be content to settle for safe salvation.

That prayer was a natural outcome of a dependence on God because only his power could transform the alcoholic or the prostitute or the corrupt businessman.

The original holiness meeting was called "Baptism of Fire". This was where the soldiers called out to God for spiritual power to be a "salvation army".

In a Western world where we have so much, how do we learn to totally depend on God again?

What are the new wineskins? What does this mean for me? I could go on.

There are things that we have learned along the way and we can't afford to put

our focus on our internal culture.

Salvation must stay at the heart of our movement and in turn we must serve the poor and the marginalised.

We cannot get stuck in a time warp and we cannot rely on professionals and not engage soldiers/laity.

We must engage the youth because everyone has a part to play.

Now, just a few things on well and wineskins.

Old wells are reliable. They are a long-term source of sustenance and refreshment. Jacob's well was in use for 1800 years (John 4:12).

In 2 Kings chapter 3, God told Elisha and the people to dig the ditches and to get ready for him to fill them. He is the source!

And, wineskins ... the old became brittle and would break. The contents would be lost. The new are pliable.

And for those who are not coping with the mixed metaphor. Then what about "new wells"? They are to be dug, too.

What are the new things that God is doing?

What are the wells to be dug?

Who will dig them, in obedience to Him?

These are exciting days because God is doing a new thing. There are things to repent of and it is a time to re-engage.

"Old wells ... new wineskins". What does the Spirit say to us? What will do?



Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas is Secretary for Program in the Australia Eastern Territory

Rising Suns

Paul makes mark as chaplain

Paul Maunder has a passion for football, family values and following Christ, so being appointed chaplain of the Gold Coast Suns AFL team seems a perfect fit for this Brisbane Salvationist. *Pipeline's* **BILL SIMPSON** spoke to Paul about his new role

It's the closest he will get to his boyhood dreams, but Paul Maunder will take it, anyway. Growing up in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs, the young Paul often dreamed of running onto the hallowed turf of the Melbourne Cricket Ground in front of 100,000 frenzied fans decked out in the yellow and black colours of his favourite Richmond Tigers Aussie Rules football team.

Running alongside him, in his dreams, would be the greats like Royce Hart, Richmond's 1973-74 premiership winning captain, and the legendary Kevin Sheedy and Kevin Bartlett.

Paul, the boy, had a huge poster of Hart on his bedroom wall. "I would kick a footy around and imagine what it would be like to play in a grand final," he says.

"I grew up thinking the footy players were like giants. I was a good player - above average - but not good enough to make it to the top."

He was at the MCG in 1980 when Richmond last won a premiership flag.

Decades later and with two grown-up children of his own, Paul (pictured left), now an outreach worker at The Salvation Army's Streetlevel centre in Brisbane, has taken an extra role that didn't take too much convincing for him to accept.

He is chaplain of the Gold Coast Suns in the Australian Football League. He gets to meet and mentor some of the rising stars of the AFL.

"I wouldn't consider myself quite the football tragic," Paul says.

"Rather, I would be a passionate believer. But, yes, I will have

divided loyalties whenever the Suns play the Tigers, to be honest. But I will be hoping for a Gold Coast win."

He got his wish in July, when the Suns kicked a goal seconds from time to defeat the Tigers. It was the Suns' only win of the season.

Being a football chaplain allows Paul to get alongside people and share their journey with them.

"I love sport," he says. "I have always loved kicking and hitting and throwing things, and I love the challenge of competition and being part of a team."

"Some of my best times in life and best memories are sport related. I am aware there are great opportunities to get alongside people who share a common passion and mindset, and encourage them to be winners in life as well as on the sporting field." >>>

Suns chaplain Paul Maunder gets to share life with some of the AFL's stars, including Gary Ablett. Photos: Shairon Paterson



To understand Paul's Christian and football passion requires a knowledge of his past. He was born in Melbourne – the AFL capital of the world! His parents, Bruce and Doreen, are long-serving soldiers of Camberwell Corps.

ARMY UPBRINGING

Paul grew up through the corps sections and became a soldier in 1983 – enrolled, he boasts, by General Eva Burrows, then Southern Territory Commander. "The most important decision I ever made in life was to believe and accept the offer that God made to forgive my sins through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. "I realised that I had the chance and choice to be a winner in life and be able to live life to the full instead of feeling and living like a loser. I hate losing! I am very competitive. I want to encourage others to be on the winning team in life."

Paul has always been passionate about football. From early days, he would be out kicking a ball by himself or with his brother, Steve, or in a neighbourhood game or with a team at school. He joined the Burwood Football Club in Under 13 grade – wearing the Collingwood colours! He stayed with Burwood through to senior grade in Melbourne's South East Suburban League. He also played with the Leven

Hawks in Tasmania's northern league – winning a premierships – and Salvation Army teams in Melbourne and Adelaide, hanging up the boots in the late 1990s. By then, he was married with two children, Britney and Brenton.

"I have ... taken on a chaplaincy role seeking to encourage people to not only play as winners but also discover their purpose for living and to reach their full potential."

"Another great decision I got right was to ask my beautiful wife, Tracey, to marry me. I remember at a youth group sports night spotting this lovely looking figure with a pony tail moving around on a squash court below. "I felt called to a ministry of making sure that young ladies who came to youth group events were made to feel welcome. My flatmate and I invited Tracey and a few other girls home for a meal.

"Tracey and I were married at Camberwell in 1987." As a couple, they spent nine years in Salvation Army officership in the Australia Southern Territory.

SPORTS CHAPLAINCY

They moved to Brisbane in 2000. Paul was appointed Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator at Carina (now Carindale) and took on his current Streetlevel role in 2009. He has completed a Sports Chaplaincy Australia training and accreditation program to equip him for the position with the Suns. His responsibility is not only to the players, but also their families and the club, generally. "I will usually be at the club one morning a week and attend home games on a Saturday afternoon or evening, as well as catching up with players and others at the club for special occasions and informal chats, as required. "My focus is on developing good relationships with people and providing an extra support person with a particular focus on life and faith issues outside football. These early stages for me are all about building trust and credibility within the club. I sense the acceptance and understanding of what a chaplain does and why a club should have one is growing and reasonably positive. "There will always be those



who are not interested or are anti anything to do with faith. I am aware that it takes time to build trust with people and that this needs to be earned and should not be taken for granted or taken advantage of. "I have been involved with sports ministry most of my adult life and have taken on a chaplaincy role seeking to encourage people to not only play as winners but also discover their purpose for living and to reach their full potential."

Paul was encouraged to take the Suns chaplaincy role by former Suns chaplain and now Brisbane Lions (AFL) chaplain Paul Reis, and Brisbane Broncos (NRL) chaplain Bill Hunter. A Salvationist in Brisbane, Bill Hunter has been involved in sports chaplaincy for many years – 15 years at the Broncos. He is mission leader of a Salvation Army initiative called God's Sports Arena, which is behind Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium and holds church services every

Sunday night. Christian sports stars are among the speakers. Bill says most major sporting teams in Australia now have a chaplain and Sports Chaplaincy Australia, of which he is Queensland network coordinator, is moving at grassroots (local) level to involve chaplains. To achieve that, he says, requires the interest and involvement of local churches. "Footballers, in the main, are most accepting of having a chaplain around the club (as) a listening ear, confidante, helper, encourager and positive role model. At the Broncos, I have performed weddings, funerals, christenings and baptisms. In some cases, I am the only Christian they may know. It's an awesome privilege and honour to be Christ's representative." □

Paul Maunder (above) overlooks the Suns' ground at Carrara on the Gold Coast. (Below) With three of the top players at training.



Bill Simpson is a staff writer for Pipeline and supplements

Stepping out for worthy cause no mean feat



Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, Colonel Wayne Maxwell, laces up for the Aged Care Plus walkathon. Photo: Shairon Paterson.

Get involved at Aged Care Plus

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus has centres across NSW, Queensland and ACT. Staff would love to hear from Salvationists who are interested in becoming involved in the various ministry and volunteer opportunities available. To find out more, contact your local Aged Care Plus centre.

JOANNE BRAIN outlines why The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus walkathon needs more feet to raise \$70,000

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus is this month encouraging people to put on their walking shoes to help disadvantaged communities both locally and internationally.

On 14 September, hundreds of people

across the Australia Eastern Territory will be taking part in the annual Aged Care Plus Walkathon, which this year has a fundraising target of \$70,000.

“Each year we are supported by countless Australians who are willing to give up their time and resources to help us raise much-needed funds for those less fortunate than ourselves,” says Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister.

In Sydney, participants will join in a 5.4km walk from Hyde Park to Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, while many other centres across the territory will host their own walkathon.

Money raised this year will go



Get your shoes ready! Friday 14th September Aged Care Plus

towards a Salvation Army International Development (SAID) office project in Malawi. SAID will use the funds to purchase bush ambulances for use in remote districts of the impoverished African nation. A bush ambulance is a bicycle connected to a trailer on which a mattress is installed. The patient is placed on the mattress and transported to the nearest medical centre.

Money raised will also help train 450 volunteers to manage, sustain and repair the ambulances – a service that will prevent about 80 per cent of deaths related to a lack of emergency transport in Malawi.

A portion of funds raised will also go towards supporting The Salvation Army’s Streetlevel centres in Sydney and Brisbane. These centres focus on empowering the broken, lost and lonely to bring lasting change to their lives.

“The Aged Care Plus Walkathon is a fantastic event on The Salvation Army calendar,” says walkathon patron and Chief Secretary of the Australia Eastern Territory, Colonel Wayne Maxwell.

“I’d love to see as many people as possible taking part in this event which is now in its fourth year and growing all the time. I’ll be putting my walking shoes on and I invite people across the territory to join me in raising money for these vital projects.”

With its most ambitious fundraising target to date, Aged Care Plus is this year inviting all members of The Salvation Army to get their shoes ready and join in the 2012 walkathon.

For those in the Sydney CBD who

Walkathon popularity improving in leaps and bounds

Aged Care Plus is passionate about One Army One Mission and is committed to bringing this to life in a number of ways. The walkathon is one of them.

For the past three years the annual fundraiser has exceeded all expectations. The first walkathon was held in 2009, raising \$8000 to assist university students and their communities in Papua New Guinea.

In 2010, the challenge was to complete a nominated 5.4km walk in around an hour, and the fundraising target was far exceeded with more than \$22,000 being raised to supply 200 Indigenous children from six Far North Queensland communities with badly needed basic necessities, including school items and Bibles.

Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister says each year they conduct a survey amongst staff and

residents to determine which cause their fundraising efforts will go towards.

“The impact of the walkathon is very exciting,” says Ms Callister. “Residents and staff in all of our centres take part and members of the community support them by joining in and raising money.”

Funds raised last year went towards building a school in Auburn Corps community project in war-torn Sierra Leone. “We are delighted to be part of Auburn Salvation Army’s project in Sierra Leone,” Ms Callister says.

The 14 September walkathon is a great way to meet the staff and residents of local Aged Care Plus centres while raising much-needed funds for Salvation Army projects.

“The walkathon is a way of giving back to the community,” says Ms Callister. “Thanks to the support of the Australian community we were able to raise far above our target last year and we are ready to do it all again this year.”



A fleet of bush ambulances which play a vital role in Malawi.

would like to take part, go to the Army’s Territorial Headquarters at 140 Elizabeth St to join in a 5.4km walk from Hyde Park to Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, starting at 10.30am on Friday, 14 September.

To donate or find out how you can be involved in your local area log on to salvos.org.au/walkathon or call 02 9779 9423. □





GENERAL EVA BURROWS (RET.) WAS RECENTLY HONoured BY HER HOME STATE, BEING INDUCTED INTO THE QUEENSLAND BUSINESS LEADERS HALL OF FAME. PIPELINE'S **SIMONE WORTHING** CAUGHT UP WITH THE FORMER WORLD LEADER OF THE SALVATION ARMY AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY



Hall of Fame honour for General Burrows

State Governor, Penelope Wensley, inducted General Eva Burrows (Ret.) into the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame on Thursday, 2 August.

More than 800 people filled the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre's Plaza Ballroom for the Induction Dinner. Six individuals and organisations were recognised for their exceptional and inspiring business leadership, and their contribution to the Queensland economy and the growth and development of the state.

Max Walters, Managing Director of Channel Seven Brisbane, a sponsor of the Hall of Fame, introduced General Burrows as she stepped onto the platform to accept her award. "This award is in recognition of General Burrows' far-reaching contributions to the community through exceptional global and national leadership of The Salvation Army," he said.

A short video featuring snapshots of a two-hour interview with General Burrows was shown on the four large screens in the ballroom. The General spoke about her early education and leadership opportunities at Brisbane State High School, her work and ministry around the world and the strength of her beliefs in truth, honesty, courage and prayer.

"I am honoured to receive this award in my home state of Queensland," she said during her acceptance speech. It was here that I learned many of the management and administrative skills and standards that are an integral part of The Salvation Army today. We are not just a movement with an enviable reputation, we run on sound fiscal



General Eva Burrows with her Hall of Fame induction award.

principles and an effective management culture. We are accountable to our donors, the people we serve, and to our God."

General Burrows admitted to being surprised when Peter Little, Professor of Business Law and Executive Dean of the Queensland University of Technology Business School, first contacted her about the award.

"I've been more known for my preaching and leadership of The Salvation Army than for my administrative skills, but I always tried to keep up with management and administrative principles to be as effective as possible for our movement," General Burrows said.

"The Queensland Business Leaders Hall

of Fame awards show that not-for-profits can be just as effective as any business in their administration and management."

The Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame was established in 2009, to recognise the public contribution made by leaders of business to the reputation of the state and its economic and social development.

A central repository of digital stories and accompanying historical data has been established in a purpose-built space at the State Library of Queensland. An online presence, where the digital stories are also available, complements the project. For more information, go to <http://leaders.slg.qld.gov.au/>

– Simone Worthing

SW: You have just been inducted into the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame. How important do you think it is for Salvation Army leaders to be educated about business?

EB: Salvation Army leaders are a massively busy people. Apart from their ordination to preach, teach and inspire, they have to run a big business, even when they haven't had experience. This means they have to develop skills in business through books, courses and other means. It's important for a religious charity to show that you are extremely well run from a management and administrative perspective.

On the ethical side, we have to show that we are ethical about everything. We also have to show accountability – to our donors, the needy people we help, and to God.

SW: This induction is a significant achievement. As you look back over your life to, what other achievements or events would you consider particularly significant or influential, and in what way?

EB: Awards, and I have many from around the world, have a low level of importance to me. In all that I do, my great reward is to glorify God.

Colonel Henry Garipey (1930-2010), who wrote my biography, once asked me what I wanted written on my gravestone. I'd never really thought about it before to be honest, but straight away I said: 'She pleased God.' That is my reward, that God might be pleased with what I am doing in my life.

So for me, my small Bible study group is just as important as being a Territorial Commander or General.

SW: Being motivated by the needs of people has always been a driving force for you. When did this start to be such a priority in your life?

EB: After 17 years in Zimbabwe, I was appointed as Vice Principal and Principal of the International College for Officers. Five years later I was appointed to oversee the women's social program in the UK and Ireland. I shared many moments of people's loneliness and feelings of having nowhere to belong.

I remember a women's hostel in Dundee, where I saw a Christmas card hanging on the locker of one of the women. I thought it was good that at least she had someone who loved her, until the supervisor told me that she had probably sent that card to herself. This ministry had a huge impact on me and gave me a new outlook on Salvation Army ministries and

insights into relationships with people.

And around the world I've seen the impact we have on people – we are there with people and in places where nobody else is. Wherever I have gone, people have sidled up to me and told me how they, or someone they know, was helped by The Salvation Army.

SW: You don't appear to have slowed down much in your retirement. What are some of the ministries and activities you are still involved in?

EB: I am recruiting sergeant with Project 614 in Melbourne. Because of my illness last year, I can no longer go out into the parks and streets, but I am still very much involved in the corps where so many of the homeless and marginalised come to worship. I have also trained adherents who now volunteer to help those who are

on the streets where they came from.

Working with the street teams on Friday and Saturday nights is something I love. Young people from The Salvation Army and other volunteers walk the streets, with a couple of vans also moving around, to help the young people who are drunk. We have a good relationship with the police, and they often call us if they find someone who needs help.

I had a quadruple heart bypass operation last year and was in hospital for many weeks. I now have difficulty with my balance and with walking. I might fall over and be one of the people they have to pick up, so I don't do street teams anymore! I am, however, very well within myself and my mind is sharp and active.

Another part of my ministry is to help the volunteers from The Salvation Army and other churches who come and work with us for a year and also do a Certificate

IV in Urban Mission. This group is called Order 614. This is a transformational experience for the volunteers and they become totally unselfish and involved with people whose lives have been sad, disappointing and lonely. They seek God for the strength to give to these people. It really develops them spiritually.

I also have Bible study in my home once a week for young professionals. They all attend worship at 614, and two of them have become soldiers.

This is a small, thoughtful and contemplative group and I have to be on my toes! After all my years as General and preaching to great crowds, I enjoy small groups.

I am also chairman of the advisory board of 614. We have a vast number of programs and help and advice is needed to put them all together and run them.

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General Eva Burrows has met with many world leaders including (clockwise from top left) Pope John Paul II, current Salvation Army world leader General Linda Bond, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

SW: General Linda Bond has recently completed her first year as world leader of The Salvation Army. Are you able to support, encourage, advise or keep in touch with her in any way?

EB: I do have frequent contact with her. I pray for her every day, and am available to her if she needs my help. I became General 50 years after General Eva Booth, and General Bond became General 25 years after me. The time between female generals is getting shorter, so maybe we will have a married woman commissioner become general next!

SW: Jesus is obviously the focus of all you do. How have you maintained a Christ-centred life over many years and in many different circumstances?

EB: I have a rich devotional life. I'm a Holy Spirit person. I believe he guides me and makes Christ more and more real to me. You could call me a Trinitarian. All three are real. When I was General I would do my devotions at 6am. That was when I was in London. When I was travelling

it wasn't so easy. When I was a cadet, I received a great Bible verse, Colossians 1:18: "And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence." And this is what I do – give him the pre-eminence.

SW: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time, and just to relax?

EB: I enjoy music, going to concerts, especially symphony concerts, and finding out what is happening in the world. I have also discovered a new talent! When I turned 80, an old school friend of mine heard an interview I did with John Cleary [ABC Radio] where he asked me was there anything I had never done that I'd like to do. I said I'd never done painting and this friend contacted me and said she knew some painters near where I lived. She kindly pays for my painting lessons and it turns out I'm quite good! I do landscapes or seascapes, and paint mainly from photographs that inspire me. They usually end up looking quite different than the photos, but quite good!

SW: If you could choose a few people from throughout history to be your guests at a dinner party, who would they be?

EB: Nelson Mandela would be one. Winston Churchill. Abraham Lincoln. Commissioner Karl Larsson, the grandfather of General John Larsson, who started The Salvation Army in then Czechoslovakia and Russia. I have many heroes of the faith in The Salvation Army, and so William Booth must be there. I wouldn't have too big a table. General Evangeline Booth would keep the table going, as would my mentor, General Arnold Brown. I'd have my mother, Senior Major Ella Burrows. She would be all ears but probably wouldn't say a thing. I'd also invite 'Fighting Mac' – Commissioner William McKenzie who was the chaplain at Gallipoli and was awarded a Military Cross in 1916. And then there's Martin Luther King and I'd have Mikhail Gorbachev too – he and Mandela would have a great conversation and both would be somewhat in awe of William Booth! □

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What's coming up on mySalvos this month

Salvos Housing Opening
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in the life of the territory, Commissioner Jan Condon reminds us that everyone has the power to make a difference, and Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas challenges us to play our part in taking the gospel to every child in Australia.

ARMY LEADERS INSPIRED BY ONE VISION

In July, more than 120 of The Salvation Army's international leaders met for a week-long conference in Canada. *Pipeline* spoke to the Australia Eastern Territory Commander, Commissioner James Condon, about this significant gathering of the Army's senior personnel



Delegates gather for the official International Conference of Leaders photo.

"The prayer meeting ... was like I imagined it would have been for Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room."

Pipeline: What was the purpose of the International Conference of Leaders?

James Condon: The purpose was to bring together Salvation Army leaders from around the world, meeting under the leadership of General Linda Bond and Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Barry Swanson. The aim of the conference was to further explore the One Army One Mission One Message vision, and this was done through Bible study, prayer, fellowship, visioning and the delivery of papers.

P: What was the program of a typical day?

JC: At 8am we started with prayer and Bible study in small groups which was very helpful. Following this one of the eight

key papers were presented. The papers focused on the Army's International Mission Priorities and the subjects included were:

- Women, Ministry and Leadership – presented by Commissioner Sue Swanson
- Self-Denial and Self-Support – presented by Commissioner William Roberts
- Teaching Resources – presented by Commissioner Robert Street
- Youth and Children – presented by Commissioner Clive Adams
- Evangelism and Discipleship – presented by Colonel Naomi Lalngaihawmi
- Leadership – presented by Commissioner Kenneth Hodder

- We Will Stand For and Serve the Marginalised – which was presented by myself
- Integrated Mission – presented by Commissioner Vinece Chigairo

After the presentation of the papers there was time for clarification from the floor. We then went into discussion groups to examine the paper further and respond to questions that were submitted by the presenter of the paper.

We were also asked to spend time personally to consider our response to the paper and what we would do in our territory when we returned home. And we were given the opportunity to indicate how International Headquarters could support us in the particular area referred to in the papers presented. I was privileged to present the paper on serving the marginalised. This is something I am passionate about.

P: What were the highlights of the conference?

JC: The inspirational messages from General Linda Bond which are so challenging. The prayer and Bible study groups included representatives from several different territories and the different cultural backgrounds brought a greater understanding and acceptance.

The 7.30am prayer meeting on the Thursday of the conference was like I imagined it would have been for Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room. The prayers offered in so many different native tongues were powerful and fervent. The fellowship of the whole group was warm and enjoyable.

The challenge of the papers which were presented was also a highlight for me. It was also good to connect with our partners in mission and one evening we had dinner with the territorial leaders of our partners in mission. Following the meal we spent time in discussion about the Australia Eastern Territory's support for our partners in mission and then prayed together. This was a most insightful time for us all.

P: So where to now?

JC: It is now over to my wife [Commissioner] Jan [Condon, Territorial President of Women's Ministries] and me to move forward with what we feel appropriate for our territory, as we take action regarding specific challenges from the papers that were presented. This we will do in consultation with the members of the Territorial Policy and Mission Council. We also look forward to International Headquarters' response regarding the things they are able to action.

It [the conference] was truly a God-glorifying time. Everyone had the opportunity to be involved and have a voice. I think the final session summed it all up as the General's message was about the Mercy Seat. General Bond reminded us again that the one thing that will unite us as One Army with One Mission and One Message is prayer around one common Mercy Seat. We need to be people of prayer and holiness. □

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Menai on a mission

Remote Fijian corps benefits from Sydney team's visit



Mission team members with some of the locals they partnered with at Taveuni Corps.

Nine Salvationists from Sydney's Menai Corps recently spent almost two weeks ministering on the small island of Taveuni, north-west of the main island of Fiji.

Led by Mark Soper, Ministry Assistant at Menai Corps, they were the first mission team to visit Tavenui, which has a population of only 5000, and partner with the local Salvation Army corps.

"We spoke with the Divisional

Commander in Fiji and asked was there a corps in Fiji with limited resources that is quite removed and hasn't had a mission team come to them before," Mark said.

"We were looking for a corps in need which we could encourage and help support."

This enthusiastic group of missionaries ran two kids clubs, prayed for patients at the local hospital, ran the corps youth group, painted and cleaned church chairs,

hosted an open-air meeting, visited families living in the nearby mountains, ran a Bible study and gave out 55 Bibles to members of the corps who could not afford one.

"When you see God move and change people and bring people closer to him, well, yes, it was a great success. We built such close relationships with the corps folk and officers and learnt so much from them," Mark said.

Team members Melissa Murphy and Lyn Beasy share with *Pipeline* their experiences of the mission

MELISSA'S STORY:

"This is a special part of the world. We left our mobile phones and iPods at home, no TV, no Internet just ourselves. Captains Vakatoto and Seva WaWa, the officers at Taveuni Corp, took us all in as if we were family. Their hospitality and kindness was beyond what we could have ever asked for. Sleeping on the hard floors, no hot water, inconsistent running water and a toilet that didn't always flush meant that this was going to be a challenge. But instead it was a blessing.

"Up at 4am every day, the people start singing their praises to God until the late hours of the night. Here there is Fiji time: time to enjoy every minute of every day in God's presence. As we take the 3km walk to church on a dusty road, the locals take their guitars so they can sing praises to God as they go. Taveuni Corps consists of about 60 members who praise God in song and spirit under a tin roof held up by a few bamboo poles. The hearts of these

people are full of passion and love for Jesus Christ.

"We visited schools – Christian and Hindu – where we were able to sing songs, tell Bible stories, play games and bring hope to these children. Their beautiful smiling faces I will never forget. Such joy when they have so little. We visited hospitals where we were given the opportunity to pray for many sick people, we cleaned windows, painted chairs and did life with the people in the community.

"We held an open-air meeting with Taveuni Corps, where I was asked to give my testimony. I had prepared one before I came, however, I knew for the crowd that I was speaking to – Indians, Hindus and Muslims – that the one I had prepared earlier was not what God wanted me to share. The next morning I got up early to spend time with God and he gave me the words to say. God moved through the street that day. I felt like I reached into the hearts of the people and was so blessed to be part of it."

Melissa Murphy shares her testimony during an outdoor meeting.



LYN'S STORY:

"Until four years ago (my husband) Rod and I loved Fiji as a great place to have a family holiday. But God had other things in store for us, as we began to make heartfelt connections with people. Little did we know then that God was preparing us for a ministry that would not only impact the lives of people in Fiji but our corps, too, as we partnered with Taveuni corps.

"Life is challenging for Fijians with an unstable government, high unemployment and high costs of living. While there are avenues of child sponsorship, there seemed to be little in the way of funding higher education. God birthed a vision in us that contained the verse from Proverbs

14:34 'righteousness exalts a nation'. We wanted to raise up young educated Christians to take their place in Fijian society and to stand for righteousness and integrity.

"We began with sponsoring just two young people through their university studies. Since that time, our sponsorship has grown to 15 young people from most of the Army corps around Fiji. We're hoping to increase that number by inviting others to partner with us in this vision.

"Students apply for the funding through their corps which is determined by their divisional funding board. With the funding there is an expectation that they will be active members of their corps and will give back by supporting others.

"We have students studying courses in

child care, road and aviation engineering, hospitality, music, electrical, IT and human resources. It's a great blessing to see how the results are being realised.

"On our recent trip to Suva we met with one graduate who is now working as the HR manager of a telecommunications company. Another graduate is currently the highest qualified musician in Fiji and is lecturing at the university. Seeing how he was supported, he is now sponsoring two of his 14 siblings through university.

Through our sponsorship we have made many friends throughout Fiji and their stories of freedom, transformation and living out their ministry are inspiring and refreshing. For the last three years we have been blessed to invest into their lives by sharing life with them and conducting seminars with officers, cadets and soldiers teaching stress management, study skills, discipleship and self development. After the recent mission trip in Taveuni, we spent a day with the cadets at the training college in Suva and 40 people attended a seminar based on the Life Keys material.

It's exciting to see what God has next in store and now how our corps is also embracing the vision for partnering with the corps in Taveuni both spiritually and financially. We have been so blessed and our lives have been enriched by these opportunities for ministry and can't wait until we can return!"



Lyn (left, bottom row) and Rod Beasy's (right, top row) sponsor student, Adi Luse Qereqeretabua (left, top row) and her family at their home.

Reaching out in Blue Mountains

By Lieut-Colonel KERRY HAGGAR

I was privileged to participate recently in a Salvation Army REACH mission trip to the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, which was led by Ben Moyes from the NSW Hunter Region corps of Bonnells Bay.

The mission group consisted of 14 guys from the Army's Lake Macquarie Recovery Services program, seven leaders from Bonnells Bay Corps and a couple of ring-ins including myself.

Our destination for the trip was Leura. There, we would join with a group from Hadleigh Lodge Recovery Services.

The focus of the weekend was service – how could we actively and intentionally serve the people we meet in the name of Jesus? A time of fun, fellowship and random acts of kindness was how Ben described it to me. I was up for that!

After some great fellowship on the Friday night, we split into three groups on the Saturday morning and were assigned gardening and yard maintenance jobs. Rain and cold weather did not deter us. It was wonderful to be part of a team and doing something worthwhile for others.

On the Saturday afternoon, we visited a local nursing home where we sang and chatted with the residents. Other activities included fellowship and worship with people at Hadleigh Lodge Recovery Services and at the nearby Springwood Corps.

There were some amazing God moments – times where I felt I had a front row seat watching God at work – including the whole group of us singing *Amazing Grace* acapella with the beautiful sight and sounds of the Katoomba Falls



The REACH mission team which recently spent a weekend in the Blue Mountains.

as a backdrop; looking around the room and seeing the recovery services guys kneeling next to nursing home residents, deep in conversation; witnessing God being honoured in the sharing time at Springwood Corps on the Sunday morning; and hearing one of the young guys in recovery, Justin, preach one of the most powerful sermons I've ever heard.

To see God continue to transform lives – in particular the lives of the guys who are on the journey of recovery – was brilliant. To see what this time did for them, how they grew and went beyond themselves ... it was a privilege to be part of that.

And, of course God was also at work

in my life, reminding me of the key role service has in my own walk with him

So did the experience tick my pre-mission "boxes"? Was I blessed? Did I see God at work? Was I inspired to serve? Yes, yes, yes, and yes!

I'm now looking forward to the next mission trip.



Lieut-Colonel Kerry Haggard is Territorial Secretary for Business Administration



Aussie Salvos go for More Than Gold at Olympics

By ESTHER PINN

While the world was watching the 2012 Olympic Games on their television screens, Salvationists from the Army's Australia Eastern Territory were venturing onto the streets of London to serve local residents and the hundreds of thousands of visitors who were there to witness the world's biggest sporting event.

From 22 July to 5 August, Major Trevor Nicol, Corps Officer at Hurstville in Sydney, and his team joined with More Than Gold – an outreach organisation that aims to engage local churches in sports mission – and participated in programs run by The Salvation Army.

"Our mission was to work closely with the [local] corps and to build relationships with people who had some contact with these corps, so that the corps could continue to work with those people," said Major Nicol.

Over the two weeks of the Games, the Australian team handed out copies of the UK with the Republic of Ireland (UKI) Territory's *War Cry* and *Kid's Alive* magazines, as well as giving hundreds of bottles of water to spectators lining the streets of London.

The team also visited The Salvation Army's Edward Alsop Court Men's Hostel and participated in sports programs, rock climbing, a trivia night, bible studies and built relationships with the men living at the hostel.

"It was great getting the men involved because most of them don't usually like to get involved in anything there. We had a number of the guys come to the events we had. So we were able start something that the workers will be able to build on," said Major Nicol.

They also assisted at SAFE, a Salvation Army disability camp for teenagers and

adults, by hosting a mini-Olympics. On the last three days of the mission trip, the team visited The Salvation Army corps at Hastings, south of London, and helped run trivia nights, sports programs and worship meetings.

A total of 17 Salvation Army territories from around the world joined with the More Than Gold program at the London Olympics. They were led by an enthusiastic Australian Salvationist, Sarah-Jane Alley, who was specifically selected to coordinate the UKI Territory's involvement at the Olympics and Paralympics. Passionate about both sport and mission, Sarah-Jane firmly believes The Salvation Army made an impact on the community during the Games.

"Sport affects everyone whether they believe it or not and through sport we can link all the work of The Salvation Army for the glory of [God's] kingdom," she said.

"In every case, regardless of location, the community has responded very positively to The Salvation Army and a lot

of people now know a lot more about the organisation and the services we provide."

Sarah-Jane coordinated 22 Salvation Army teams at the Olympics. Between them they distributed more than 385,000 bottles of water to spectators and visitors, performed musical entertainment at The Salvation Army's Hadleigh Farm, where the Olympic Mountain Bike race was held, hosted Kid's Clubs with an Olympic theme at corps', handed out maps to tourists and much more.

"Every program we [were] involved with has been a success. It has enthused our own people, engaged local people with our corps' and centres [and] helped us to increase our image in the community," said Sarah-Jane.

Another Salvation Army mission team from the Australia Eastern Territory, led by Eastlakes Corps Officer Major Mark Brooks, is currently in the UK working with More Than Gold and Sarah-Jane, from 28 August to 11 September, at the London Paralympics.



The mission team was involved in a number of sports-based outreaches during the Olympics.



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New DVD on life of Salvation Army Founder

The Salvation Army UK Territory with the Republic of Ireland is marking the 100th anniversary of the promotion to glory of General Booth with the release of a DVD called *William Booth: A Passion for the Poor*.

Put together by the territory's video production unit, the 30-minute programme is narrated by TV presenter Sue Radford and includes comments from Majors Anne Read and Mark Sawyer.

"The stars of the show are restored film footage (including a couple of clips which will be new to most people) and the amazing 3D treatment that has been given to old photographs," said video production unit director, John Anscombe.

A trailer for the DVD can be seen at sar.my/passion4poor

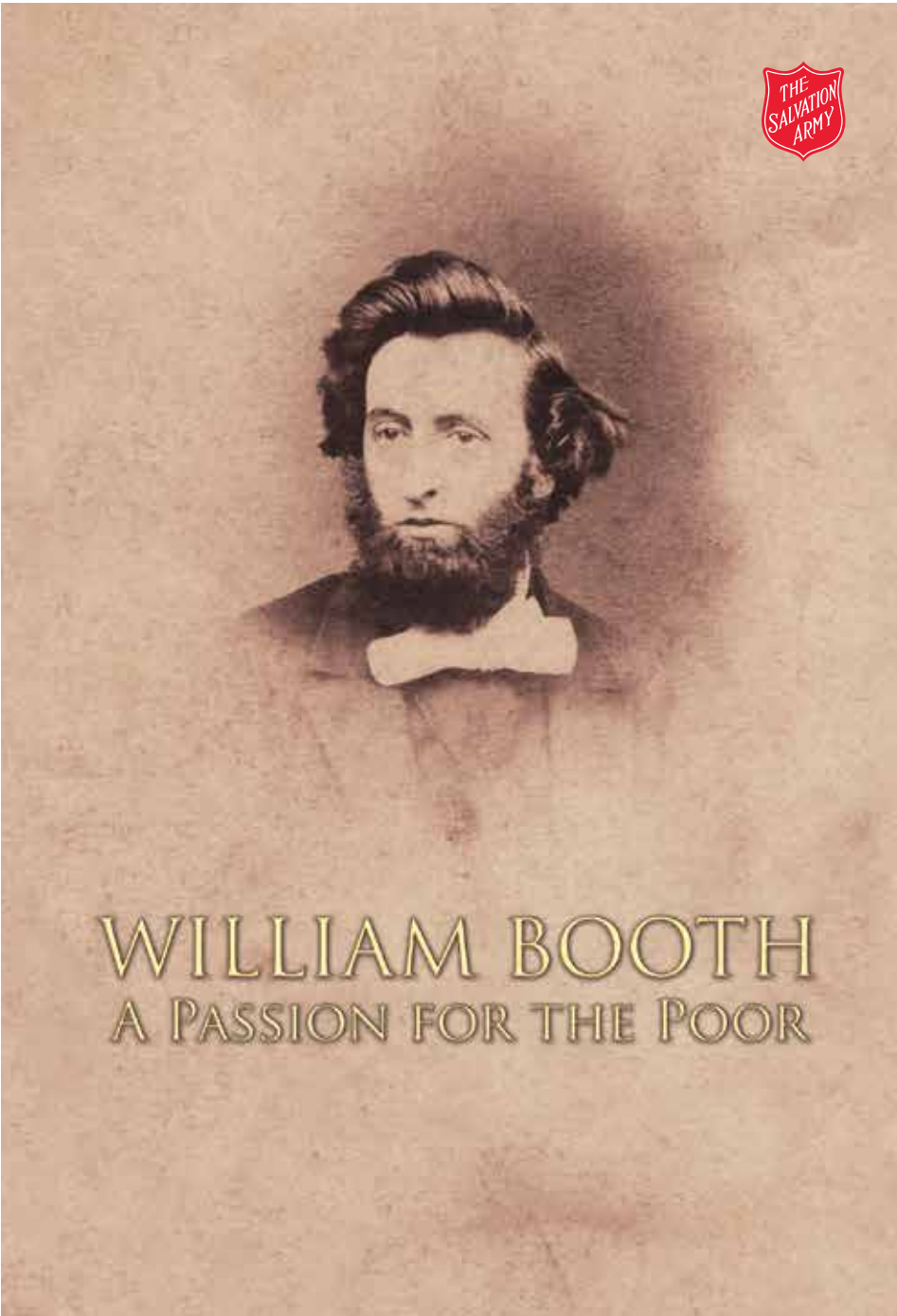
William Booth: A Passion for the Poor can be purchased from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosuppliessyd.com) All DVDs will include a high-definition video file that will play on any modern computer.

"One of the remarkable things about William Booth was that he saw something that needed doing and he got on and did it. He made things happen. And I think that should be our inspiration now. See an injustice, see something that is wrong in society, see an individual who needs help, and rather than bemoan the fact that we can't do anything actually get on and make a difference."

Major Anne Read, interviewed on *William Booth: A Passion for the Poor*



General William Booth's funeral procession moves through the streets of London. His death and funeral 100 years ago sparked massive public interest with hundreds of thousands of people witnessing the event.



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 issue, *Pipeline* introduces a new feature in which selected people share their favourite piece of Scripture

My Favourite Verse – Lieutenant Joanne Catalano

"And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize – a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion.]"

Matthew 11:12
(Amplified Bible)

In different seasons of our lives, Scripture speaks to us and has a message for us. It is real and living for each situation and season.

In this season for me, Matthew 11:12 is holding spiritual food and meaning. In the *Amplified Bible*, it says "And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize – a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion]".

For me, this means with everything I have, with everything I am, with all my passion, I must seek the Kingdom of God. I must seek Jesus and advance his

Kingdom here on earth.

So it means that I make decisions on how I act and think with a Kingdom approach. Which kingdom am I living in? Which kingdom am I serving; myself, the enemy's or God's?

It changes the way I act and react. My choices are kingdom choices. And I want others to know what it is like to live and be in this beautiful Kingdom of God that we have the privilege and honour of enjoying.

So I am chasing after the kingdom, and I am helping others to do so as well. I am building a kingdom culture here on earth.

That is my mission – my passion – and I am seeking it with ardent zeal and intense exertion.



ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE

- There are approximately 125 animals mentioned in the Bible.
- Samson used the jawbone of an ass to kill 1000 men (Judges 15:15).
- Ostriches are mentioned only twice in the Bible: (Job 39:13-18) (Lamentations 4:3). They are described as cruel and harsh towards their young, having no wisdom or

- The raven is the first bird mentioned in the Bible. It appears in Genesis 8:7, when it is sent out from the ark by Noah to see if the floodwaters have abated. The second bird was a dove, in verse 8.
- Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible, lions 55 times and horses 150 times, but domestic cats are not mentioned at all.
- The covering for the tabernacle was made out of ram skins and sea cow hides (Exodus 36:19).

understanding, but faster than a horse.

- There were four creatures sent as part of the 10 plagues which afflicted the land and people of Egypt: frogs, lice, flies and locusts.
- When the king of Nineveh called the people to repent, even the animals were to fast and be covered in sackcloth (Jonah 3:7-8).
- Job at one time had 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 oxen, and 500 female donkeys (Job 1:3).
- Elephants are never mentioned in the Bible. However, ivory, which comes from elephants' tusks, is mentioned 13 times.

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The tour group at the partly restored Roman baths in Sardis.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF

Paul

By Lieut-Colonel LAURIE ROBERTSON

As the 31 Salvation Army officer participants of this year's Australia Eastern Territory Paul's Journeys' Study Tour in Greece and Turkey discovered, walking in the footsteps of others can be both helpful and hard.

The 15-day study tour incorporated visits to places from the apostle Paul's second missionary journey as well as Patmos Island (where the apostle John wrote the book of Revelation) and the sites of the seven churches written to by John as recorded in chapters two and three of Revelation.

To actually stand in the places Paul and John stood, to hear the historical, cultural and spiritual background from our tour leader Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Hood and the local guides, to experience the distances and terrain these two apostles travelled, to see the magnificence of past civilisations, to hear of the fledgling Christian religion growing amid seemingly overwhelming odds and to share in relevant devotions in significant biblical places, were all extremely helpful in bringing words from the Bible into experiential context.

However, following in the apostles' footsteps was also hard as God challenged each of us concerning our commitment to him and the spreading of his saving message today.

Paul and John suffered as they stood against cultures and religious teaching that valued and extolled totally different practices to what Jesus taught. They were focused on being God's people in every circumstance. As each of us made our personal comparisons with these two early disciples, Jesus brought us into deeper relationship with him.

The participants agreed that, because our understanding of Paul's and John's letters has been greatly enhanced, our Christian living and ministry now has a deeper foundation.

And the positive impact of the ancient world on our lives wasn't the only blessing received. The four modern world officers who are passionately pioneering the work of The Salvation Army in Greece were inspirational. When we met them in Athens and Thessalonika our hearts and minds were greatly stirred as they described their grassroots ministry to the poor and homeless.

In Turkey, the acceptance of Jesus as friend by our local guide was a major highlight. During the week some of the group had shared their faith with him and Major Peter Pearson gave the guide his personal (well used and written in) Bible.

We thank God and the Australia Eastern Territory for the opportunity to be part of this life-changing spiritual, emotional and physical (we walked loads of steps) experience.

PARTICIPANTS' COMMENTS

"We've seen some amazing things but one thing is clear - buildings, towns and civilisations come and go but the Word of the Lord stands firm." - Majors Ross and Jo Brown

"The Scripture has been brought alive and placed into perspective. This helps to understand and apply it." - Major Karan Ross

"The ruins confirm again that Christianity is relational, not structural. Faith not works." - Major Peter Pearson

"Walking in the steps of Paul has given me a deeper understanding and appreciation for God's Word." - Major Trevor Strong

"Seeing ancient ruins increased my realisation of God's greatness. Historical significance of spread of Christianity now has new meaning." - Major Joy Goodacre

"The entire pilgrimage has been a great blessing and growing experience. The highlight has been to witness our Muslim tour guide confess Jesus as friend." - Major Jean Ridley

"From many perspectives the tour has been an awe-inspiring, breathtaking and God-glorifying experience." - Major Maree Strong

"Devotional times were rich with blessing, especially the singing of the group in some of the most significant churches and sites of the early church." - Major Graeme Ross

We were born to soar

By Major KELLY MULLIGAN

Two years ago, amidst a stressful and difficult time in the early hours of the morning, I felt the need to open my heart and share with God my anxieties and fears.

I don't remember his reply, but I do remember the peace and comfort it brought. As I drifted off to sleep, I started dreaming almost immediately. It was like watching a movie, and God and I narrated it. It was an incredibly powerful dream and I knew that God was showing me my life – my past, my present and my future.

The next day, responding to a friend's suggestion, I wrote about my dream – a story that took me an hour to pen. As I shared it with Major Peter Farthing and friends, I found great encouragement.

With confirmation of the power of the story, I sought the Lord on what to do next and felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to publish and share it more widely.

For the next 18 months I tried unsuccessfully to publish the story and slowly began to believe that perhaps I wasn't meant to. But the Holy Spirit continued to push and I could not

longer ignore, so in October 2011 I took a huge step of faith and signed a contract to self-publish my book, *The Monster Who Learnt to Fly* (see story right).

I have been asked who I wrote the book for; who is my target audience? Simply put, I wrote the book for God, obeying his urging. It is a gift from him.

My target audience? In September 2011, I joined a talented group on a mission trip to Joytown School for Disabled Children in Kenya. What could I offer but the story God gave me. I was nervous and unsure as I read to the children, with the school chaplain translating for me. I wondered whether it would be relevant and understandable to children and adults in another culture?

When I finished the story and sat down, the chaplain leaned over to me and whispered, "I was a monster, too". The story is universal, and we all need to hear the truth – that we were born to fly.

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The Monster Who Learnt to Fly

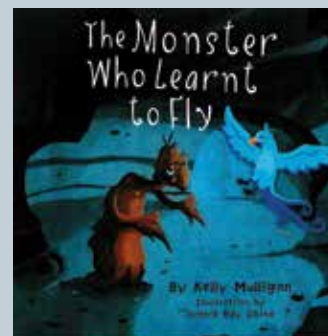
This is a story about a sad and lonely monster who finds an unexpected friend who changes his life.

The characters may be pure fantasy, but the message is real. Although presented as a children's book, it is a story for everyone. It is a journey of self-discovery and finding the truth of our identity.

The heart of the story is hope, something that is missing from so many lives.

It is time to come out of our caves and into the healing Sonshine, because we were born to fly.

The Monster Who Learnt to Fly is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosuppliesyd.com) for \$19.95.

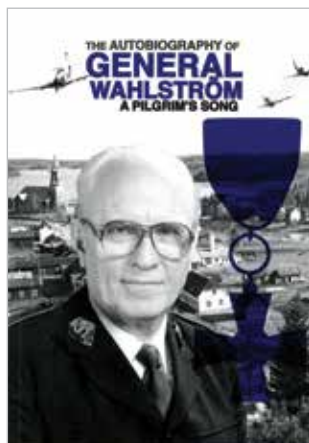


A Pilgrim's Song – The Autobiography of General Wahlstrom

A Pilgrim's Song is the English language edition of the autobiography of Jarl Wahlstrom – the 12th General of The Salvation Army and the first Finnish officer to be elected to that role.

In this book, first published in Finland in 1989, the author describes in detail how, as one of God's pilgrims, he was uniquely privileged to witness the work of The Salvation Army in some of the remotest parts of the world.

Jarl Wahlstrom served as General from 1981 to 1986, and throughout these pages the reader will sense how the writer thanks God for his pilgrimage and the hope of an eternal goal.



A Pilgrim's Song – The Autobiography of General Wahlstrom is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosuppliesyd.com).

Agents in Mission – Simple Steps to Save the World

Agents in Mission contains almost 100 bright ideas for making the world a better place.

The ideas came from a group of 20 children at a camp who were given the task of brainstorming simple actions that would – in their own small way – help to change the world. The children were then told that they shouldn't sit back and wait for someone else to take on the challenge – they could be "agents in mission" themselves. Read this book and be inspired to change some habits ... and change the world!

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UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

The day the Army marched on Manly

Great spiritual assemblies such as territorial and international congresses have long been part of Salvation Army tradition and even in the earliest days of the organisation in Sydney, such gatherings occurred.

One of the most notable was held in 1897 in the seaside suburb of Manly.

Little development took place in Manly until 1855, when Henry Gilbert Smith saw the resort potential of the area and purchased several tracts of land. Smith commenced a ferry service to the suburb and built recreational attractions and hotels. In 1877, Manly Council was incorporated and by 1880 it had become Sydney's favourite seaside resort.

The Salvation Army soon saw the possibility of open-air evangelism among the seaside crowds at Manly. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of Tuesday, 4 October, 1892, reported that: "A large contingent of The Salvation Army conducted religious services on the ocean beach."

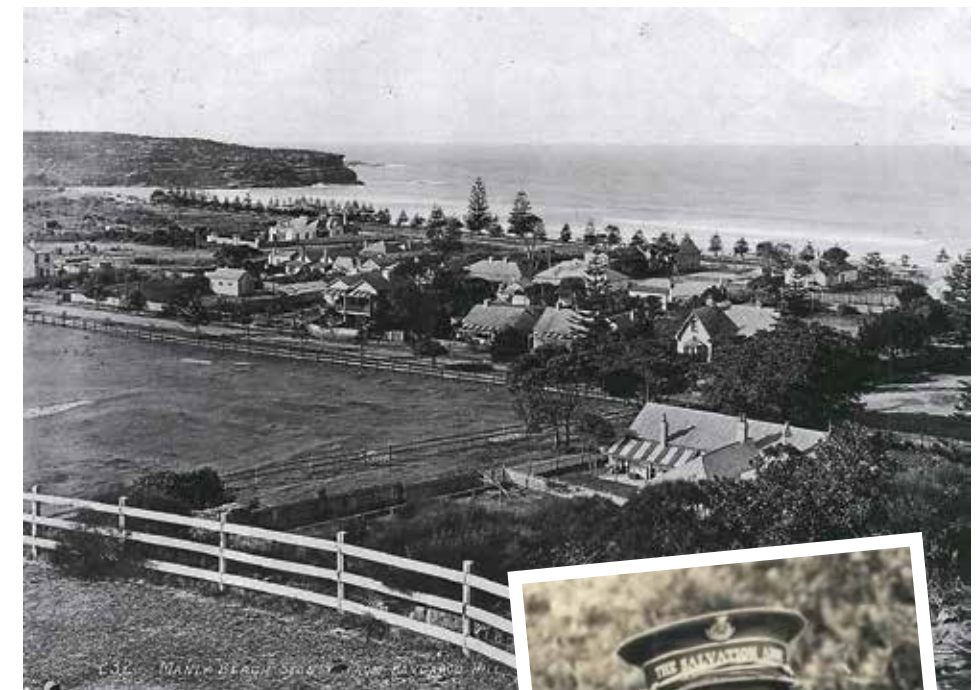
Salvation Army ministry in Manly officially commenced on 1 April, 1894, on a site in Raglan St. Two sisters were appointed as the first corps officers. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of 7 April, 1894, reported: "On Sunday last a corps of The Salvation Army was started at Manly by Major Unsworth. There were large attendances and there was is great promise of success. Captain Smith and Lieutenant Smith will be in charge." On Saturday, 14 September, 1912, a new hall was opened for the Manly Corps.

Manly also became a popular site for Salvation Army gatherings with a large, congress-like camp being held there at a site called Fuller's Paddock.

During the final weeks of 1897, under the direction of Colonel Estill, the entire area was transformed into a canvas city by The Salvation Army, with a large marquee and numerous refreshment and accommodation tents erected.

About 800 people encamped for a three-day weekend led by Commandant Herbert Booth, who had been appointed in 1896 as the Australasian Commander by his father, General William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* of 3 January 1898 reported: "The canvas town comprises one huge meeting tent or



Fuller's Paddock, site of congress-style Salvation Army meetings in 1897. Photo courtesy the Manly Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society.



Commandant Herbert Booth, leader of the 1897 meetings. Photo courtesy The Salvation Army Heritage Centre

marquee, tents for the sake of refreshments and army accessories, guernseys, hymn books, literature, 20 military bell tents lent by Government, 20 others hired out by the army, and yet more privately owned, so that the usually quiet locality has suddenly become the scene of much life and activity."

No doubt the residents of the area may well have been somewhat surprised when their local rugby ground became a hotbed of enthusiastic Salvationism.

With the influx of visitors the numbers had swelled to around 2000 by the Saturday with a march past by bands, soldiers and adherents. Unfortunately, rain on the Sunday resulted in lesser attendances.

During one of the meetings, "the Commandant made a call to arms, which means an appeal to Salvationists who feel themselves adapted for missionary work either here or abroad to offer themselves for the work. Twenty responded to the call, and were set apart, and in the evening a Salvation meeting was held in the tabernacle, when [80] went to the penitent

form." *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 3 January, 1898.

As Manly's popularity grew as a resort location, Salvation Army open-air ministry became an important part of not only the corps agenda, but also a focus for divisional and territorial initiatives with other corps.



Major David Woodbury is the founding editor of *Pipeline*.



What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Beasts Of The Southern Wild



Beasts is the story of a young girl struggling to survive on the edge of the Louisiana bayou.

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 13 September

Beasts Of The Southern Wild is the struggle of one young girl to come to terms with two apocalyptic events – the death of her father and the demise of the land she grew up in. In the face of twin tragedies such as these audiences may well ask, what enables a person to carry on?

Beasts is the debut feature of American writer/director Behn Zeitlin, better known for his short film successes. However, this production has already been earning honours at film festivals around the world – the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, the Caméra d’Or at Cannes to name a couple. At its heart, it’s an emotive tale that manages to be both local and global in scale.

Beasts’ story centres on Hushpuppy, a six-year-old girl who living in “The Bathtub”, a defiant community of misfits on the edge of the Louisiana bayou. Her mother has “gone swimming” some time past and now her father, Wink, raises her

on a junk heap of a property that’s fast being reclaimed by the wild. Hushpuppy sees her father, her community and the natural world as a delicate balance of destructive and productive forces: “The whole universe depends on everything fitting together just right. If one piece busts then everything falls apart.”

Wink’s parenting is unstable at best and often abusive. He chooses to remain rather than evacuate when a 100-year storm floods The Bathtub. When it becomes clear he is dying, Hushpuppy links his slow demise with the death of her community. The film begins to turn on the question, what do you have to become to survive such events? Hushpuppy’s teacher tells her about the aurochs, extinct creatures that once roamed the southern wild. Magically, the film resurrects these animals so that their struggles can be intercut with Hushpuppy’s. The implication is clear: Hushpuppy will have to take on their strength if she’s to endure the disasters engulfing her and survival, Wink says, begins by accepting the reality of death: “Everybody loses the thing that

made them. This is how it’s supposed to be, even in nature. The brave man stays and watches it happen.”

The Bathtub community gives substance to this philosophy, refusing to mourn when friends die but laughing, drinking and celebrating instead. *Beasts* don’t waste time grieving. But it’s a lie that can only be sustained by *Beasts’* energetic music and beautiful lighting. Remove those elements and you’re left with an irresponsible father whose naturalism turns tears into sin. The truth is every fibre of our beings recognises that death is an unwelcome stranger, and an orphaned child is not part of God’s good design.

Beasts shines when it highlights the thriving beauty of nature, but blinds when it suggests death is a part of the natural order. Zeitlin is right in saying it’s the unarguable full-stop to this life, but only because our strength is insufficient to take us beyond it. Yet Jesus, the one who has conquered death, can overcome it for us. Rather than live defiantly in its shadow, we can look to the one who promises to carry us through.

The Bourne Legacy

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 16 August

We seem to be in the year of the re-booted franchise. In July, the webbed wonder made his return to the big screen but this time with Andrew Garfield as *The Amazing Spiderman*. Fans of *The Dark Knight Rises* will know Joseph Gordon-Levitt is likely to be wearing a cape soon instead of Christian Bale. And now Jeremy Renner will pick up the mantle of programmed killer from Matt Damon as the curtain parts on *The Bourne Legacy*.

Renner stars as Aaron Cross, a marine recruited during Operation Iraqi Freedom to take part in a special defence project. While Bourne was manipulated psychologically to become a conscienceless killer, the CIA dosed Cross with DNA-altering drugs to enhance his skills as an intelligence asset.

The fiasco that develops from the conclusion of *The Bourne Ultimatum* envelops Cross’s program as well. Enter Edward Norton

as the retired Colonel Eric Byer, the man charged with cleaning the slate. Byer decides to eliminate all evidence of the government’s experimentation, beginning with the human elements. Cross quickly finds himself on the run with program scientist Dr Marta Shearing (Rachel Weisz) – and the clock is ticking. If Byer’s clean-up doesn’t kill him, Cross will fall victim to the very drugs that enhance his abilities.

The Bourne Legacy is a considered foundation for what is obviously

going to be a new cycle of films. Director Tony Gilroy lacks the European sensibility that Doug Liman injected into the original Bourne series, but the characters are engaging and it’s early days yet.

What it certainly preserves is the familiar “secret pragmatics” formula that made author Robert Ludlum’s series so compelling. The government is once again trying to carry off a good result with bad methods. Norton’s character draws on a Christian illustration in order to try and justify the idea that evil can be excusable: “Do you know what a sin eater is? We take the morally questionable and bury it way down deep ... we are morally indefensible and absolutely necessary.”

But the audience knows that nothing can really be that necessary. Governments don’t get to redefine right and wrong for the sake of expediency. However, *The Bourne Legacy* goes further than political accountability, agreeing with the Bible that we can all be held accountable not only for what we’ve done wrong but what we might have done right. Cross castigates

Dr Shearing for designing the drugs that fundamentally changed who he was and now threaten his life:

Cross: “Who tells you this is OK?”

Shearing: “I just do the research!”

Cross: “You just load the gun?”

The Bourne Legacy is first and foremost an espionage thriller, but it adds a moral sharpness to its cutting-edge action. The film insists that the first consequence of making mistakes is admitting ownership of those mistakes. An admiral overseeing the CIA’s human trials reminds an executive that evading responsibility won’t help them find a solution: “Your people were given a Ferrari and you treated it like a lawnmower. You break it, you bought it. It was ever thus.”

That’s a remarkably accurate description of where we stand in God’s world. If we’ve disregarded the Maker’s instructions and brought down ruin on ourselves, healing can’t begin before we acknowledge our responsibility. We broke it – we bought it. Now all we can do is ask God to fix it.



Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz star in the latest incarnation of the Bourne franchise.

Hub of matter is winning hearts and souls for Jesus

GREIG WHITTAKER writes about achieving The Salvation Army's best days

The Salvation Army is at its best when we see people meet Jesus as their saviour, grow in his intimate love, live in the principles of his kingdom and then introduce others to him.

To quote our founder, William Booth: "Our specialty is getting saved, keeping saved, getting someone else saved."

I hear people passionately say that the best days of the Army are still ahead. I want to believe them.

They mean, I assume, we will see General Booth's dream happening in all expressions of The Salvation Army on a regular basis. But before we can have the celebration, we need to face our reality. We are not seeing this in all places where people meet The Salvation Army.

Yes, occasionally, in some places, we do. But not enough to have us plan the celebration. The first step to our best days must be accepting the reality of our present days. So, friends, with excited anticipation and faith-filled prayer we must embark together on a journey of change, for something has to change to see our best days.

What does it take to see people meet Jesus as their saviour? A compelling introduction! What does it take to make an introduction? Proximity, and a compelling story in language that can be understood.

Is that over-simplifying the issue? Well there are three parties involved in this introduction. Firstly, there is Jesus. We know that he is passionate about



being introduced and that he is already present to be introduced. So we are confident that one party is in the game.

Secondly, there is the person who does not yet know Jesus. Now we know that people are looking to be rescued from a life that does not make sense. We know that they know there is something missing.

We know that they cannot fully explain what they are missing, but that it has something to do with love, peace, purpose, meaning, healing, home. They are searching for Jesus and his kingdom. They just don't have language to tell the story and, hence, call on his name.

Please don't cop out by telling me they don't have the will. The will is there! The introduction; the story, is absent.

That leads me to the third party in this story of introduction - us.

As the people with the "ministry of reconciliation" - the ministry of introduc-

tion - we need proximity and a compelling story in language that can bridge the gap between the desire of both parties to be introduced.

The song goes: "Two out of three ain't bad". But in this story, it spells disaster.

How do we make the change? What do we have as our strengths and what do we need to equip ourselves for introduction engagement?

Building on strengths

While most of the church is challenged to jump the hurdle of creating spaces where proximity between those who know Jesus meet people who are searching for answers - for introduction - The Salvation Army has proximity everywhere.

Bold statement? No! It's our reality. In expressions of The Salvation Army such as EPlus, Salvos Stores, Aged Care Plus, counselling services, recovery and MoneyCare, we have proximity to people who are on a journey searching for life.

So, the opportunity for proximity is not our issue. The issue is engagement in the spaces that allow proximity. We are not in these spaces with the story of introduction. In many cases we have given over our proximity to be filled by people with a passion to serve but who don't have the story of introduction.

Let me share a story from Cairns of this in action. Ali came to us through a community detention program. He started volunteering at the Family Store and attending the corps.

Centennial Lodge crisis accommoda-

tion centre also got involved, introducing English lessons for the community detention guys. Ali recently received a visa to live in Australia. He needed to find work. The Family Store had a position available as warehouse supervisor. Ali had been working as a volunteer every day in the store and was successful in getting the job. Our warehouse has never been so well organised. Ali has been doing Christianity Explained classes and meeting with Salvationists for prayer.

Recent research undertaken to understand how the community views The Salvation Army revealed that the Army is trusted, non-discriminatory and does not beat people over the head with its faith.

While we would question whether we deserve the accolades, they mean we have relationship capacity.

So our strengths are opportunity for proximity and relationship capital for making the introduction.

Equipping for engagement

The first challenge is to enter the proximity space. To this end, the Australia Eastern Territory has created the Hub initiative. Jesus is at the centre of this initiative - and must always be. The passionate desire of Jesus is unity.

The strategy is to create unity between all expressions of The Salvation Army so we can enter into our already existing spaces; that is, to enter the spaces where proximity is already present.

The focus of the Hub initiative is holistic mission. By that, I mean to see every expression of The Salvation Army as a place where people can find freedom to explore faith in Jesus (to be given the introduction), where people can engage in freedom through community (to grow in love) and to be inspired to find freedom through action (to be served and to serve someone else).

The Hub initiative is creating the opportunity to engage in the already available proximity for the ministry of introduction. Imagine the day when every place where people meet The Salvation Army is a place where they can engage with us at our best; where people can be saved, grow and serve.

Now the corps - our church expressions - are critical to holistic engagement.

We are the people with the compelling story. Our service expressions must be in unity of relationship and vision with our corps expressions to ensure that we can create the pathways and opportunity for introduction.

So what will this mean? It will mean that we will have to introduce every employee, every volunteer, everyone who represents The Salvation Army to Jesus. If we expect every expression to be engaged in the holistic mission of freedom through Jesus, community and action, then we will have a mandate to introduce them to what this means.

It will mean that every expression will have a strategic plan that is understood by every person involved in the expression.

It will mean we will become unified and strategically focused so as to present ourselves at our best in every expression of The Salvation Army. It means we will have to leave our church-centric mindsets to enter our missional spaces, so as to see our worshipping communities grow. It means we will maximise our proximity and relationship capital to introduce people to Jesus and life in the magnificence of his kingdom.

But hang on, it's still two out of three and that's bad. We have entered the proximity space, we are making good use of our relational capital for introduction, but what about the compelling story in language that can be understood?

While the Hub initiative will do everything it can to enable us for introduction, there is no introduction without you. Without you living in the kingdom and being a preview to its brilliance and ready with a story to share, there is no initiative that will see us at our best.

Our best days are ahead and they can be experienced together as we embrace the unity of the Hub in holistic missional engagement with our introduction story.

Three out of three = souls, souls, souls. I am in. Are you?



Greig Whittaker is the Territorial Project Development Coordinator

FREEDOM STORIES

Corps and centres are encouraged to send regular reports of changed lives to the Territorial Mission and Resources team under the heading Freedom Stories. Pipeline will pass on a selection of stories each month

Moorland

A lady who has been associated with Hannam Vale and Moorland through Playtime, Mainly Music and KidZone for five years recently began doing Christianity Explained. At the same time, she was having many complications during her pregnancy. She has now given her life to Christ and been blessed with a beautiful daughter. Please join us in praying for the healing of her health problems and for her baby. Pray also that she can lead her husband and young children to Christ.

— Moorland Team

Hannam Vale

A 15-year-old girl made a commitment to Christ during morning tea after church. She comes from a family history of alcohol and drug addiction, but has chosen to end the cycle. Pray for her as she prepares to lead her whole family to Christ.

— Hannam Vale Team

Far North Queensland Cluster

Another one for Jesus. A guy came in seeking food, clothing and assistance with accommodation. We gave him food, money, clothes and freedom through Jesus.

— Darren Kingston

Aged Care Plus

In June, we had three new commitments, bringing the number for the year to 20. We also had 183 recommendations, which is 1419 for the year so far.

— Beatrice Kay

Territorial Recovery Services

We heard the bell ring 67 times in June, bringing the year's total to 323.

— David Pullen

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Key leaders of The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory are paving the way for the Hub initiative to reach its full potential.

Woden Valley makes mission a top priority

Lieutenant BRONWYN WILLIAMS, says the community is the main focus for Canberra's Woden Valley Corps

Woden Valley Salvation Army Corps in Canberra began life as Mawson Outpost in the 1970s. It is characterised by a friendly, casual, family-focused atmosphere and community outlook.

The corps' vision is: *Church for the community; church in the community.*

God is at work in many ways through our commitment to the seven Mission Priorities.

MP1: We know about prayer. It is the foundation for all that we do.

MP2: Each person and family is encouraged to view themselves as being divinely placed; to be Christ to their families, workplaces and neighbourhoods.

MP3: Woden Valley has a number of groups which meet every week, each being viewed as a community of faith. Some people meet at the traditional Sunday meeting. Others meet at Ladies Time Out, Men's Group and Kids Club.

MP4: Things can look a little different as people are given opportunity to take leadership in their own communities. One couple is involved in a Jayco caravan club, which means they are not at church on Sunday as often as they used to be but are making friendships with other caravanners; being Jesus to them. One older lady has started a prayer group in the retirement village in which she lives, sharing Jesus by who she is.

MP5: Kids Club meets every Friday afternoon during school terms. School-age children enjoy games, are disciplined and have dinner together.

Parents have become involved taking assistant leadership roles. Some of the mums now come to Ladies Time Out, the Women's Refresh weekend or to church.

Some of the 'graduates' from Kids Club are the nucleus for our newly formed youth group and are taking on helper roles at Kids Club, doing modified Caring For Kids training.

Twice a year, we hold Messy Church on a Sunday morning. This involves games, food, craft and an upbeat service and message.

Families from Kids Club and Mainly Music have attended. The mornings are lively and the presence of God felt very strongly. There truly is joy in the presence of the Lord!

MP6: A youth discipleship group is in the planning stages for late 2012. The young people involved all come from the community. Although very few come to Sunday meetings, they do go to Youth Councils and identify Woden Valley as their corps. One young man is very keen to be involved with an overseas mission trip.

MP7: In July, a Junior Soldier Bootcamp was held at the corps over two days. This was to enable corps with interested young people but who were short on leaders to allow the young people to discover what being a Junior Soldier was all about.



Families from the Woden Valley Corps and community share board games during a fun night at the church.

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

Nine people aged from seven to 14 attended from our corps.

To sum up: God is at work in our world. In the 21st century – 20 centuries after the church came into being – the opportunities to be Christ in our communities are endless.

God is not looking for more programs.

He is just looking for people whose hearts are toward him; holy people to use as salt and light in a world he loves and died for.



Lieutenant Bronwyn Williams is the Woden Valley Corps Officer

Counselling Service

Personal, relationship and family counselling



Caring for the community

The Salvation Army Counselling Service provides counselling and support to individuals, couples, families and children.



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QLD Brisbane | Stafford | Bayside
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Mobile Flood Relief Services
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NSW Sydney | Gosford
Phone (02) 9743 2831
Penrith | Campbelltown
Phone (02) 4731 1554



Giving voice to survivors

Australia is considered to be at the forefront of the suicide postvention field and one of the few countries to hold national postvention conferences, which are organised by The Salvation Army. **ANNA THOMPSON** reviews the latest conference

The movement toward reducing suicide – a prominent public health concern in Australia – recently gathered momentum with the third Australian Postvention Conference held at the University of NSW in Sydney.

In a spirit of collaboration about 250 delegates attended the conference entitled “Hope, Meaning and Direction” from 28-30 June. It was chiefly organised by The Salvation Army’s Hope for Life program and delegates included international experts, key Australian figures, professionals working in the field, as well as people bereaved by suicide.

“Postvention” is the term used to describe the provision of crisis intervention, support and assistance for those bereaved by a suicide (also called “survivors”). Postvention and suicide prevention are closely related as it is thought, with increasing evidence, that postvention lessens the rate of suicide.

According to the World Health Organization, every year, almost one million people die from suicide; or one death every 40 seconds. In Australia, over the past five years, the average number of people dying each year by suicide is around 2100. The most recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed that in 2010 suicide ranked 15th in the overall causes of death. It remains a major external cause of death, accounting for more deaths than transport accidents.

Following a message of support from Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek, Professor Ian Webster, chair of the Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, opened the conference with optimism about recent progress in the field.

“In the past two years ... there have been dramatic changes in the area of our interest. There’s been extraordinarily strong advocacy for mental health. The Commonwealth Government has made major commitments to reform mental health, of the order of \$2.2 billion [over five years.] Those bereaved by suicide, have been defined nationally, as one of the risk groups which needs special attention,” said Professor Webster, emeritus professor of Community Medicine and Public Health at UNSW.

The three-day conference involved pre-conference workshops, followed by plenary and elective sessions. The plenary

sessions were chaired by the eminent Professor Graham Martin, director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Queensland and clinical director at the Royal Children’s Hospital Child and Youth Mental Health Service.

Speakers for these sessions included four visiting experts from the USA: Professor Madelyn Gould, a professor in psychiatry and epidemiology, and deputy director of Research Training in Child Psychiatry at Columbia University; Jerry Reed, vice-president and director of the Centre for the Study and Prevention of Injury, Violence and Suicide; John Jordon, a psychologist specialising in work with survivors of suicide and other traumatic losses, and professional advisor to the Survivor Council of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and Michelle Linn-Gust, a survivor, international author and president of the American Association of Suicidology.

Memory quilts

The final day was especially focused on those bereaved by suicide and included the emotional unveiling of Lifekeeper Memory Quilts – hand-stitched quilts with photos and short messages about those lost to suicide across Australia, made in honour of their lives. Heart-wrenching sobs were heard as survivors gathered around the quilts. The quilts – established by Hope for Life – are a creative outlet for survivors’ grief as well as a powerful visual reminder of the many faces behind the suicide statistics.



Commissioner James Condon, Wayne Koivu, Major Paul Moulds and Envoy Alan Staines.

The unveiling of Lifekeeper Memory Quilts by the lady who stitched them – Lorraine Ekin (left) – and Lois Staines (right). Photos By Anna Thompson



The Army was involved in a moving Healing and Remembrance Ceremony. Wayne Koivu introduced the ceremony and Major Paul Moulds shared a reading. Commissioner James Condon gave a welcome address. During the service a string trio played as delegates were given gum leaves on which to write their loved one’s name and to tie onto a bare tree, representing the seasons of grief.

The importance of contribution to the field by survivors was acknowledged. Stephanie Wilks, Hope for Life national coordinator and conference committee member, presented an elective session on “The Importance of Recognising a Lived Experience in Postvention”.

Mr Reed gave a keynote presentation on the role of the survivor community in advancing suicide prevention efforts in the US. Using a slide to illustrate how the majority of advancements had been made with survivors at the forefront, he said: “So many of those bereaved by suicide shared their stories publicly, making the rest of us more aware of what we might do because of those losses, to prevent future losses. We cannot change the past, but we can change the future, and I would say it’s the voice of those bereaved that are making sure we get it right.”

During the plenary sessions, a number of survivors shared their experiences. Estelle Dragan, mother of the late Perth journalist Charmaine Dragan, and a member of the WA Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention, spoke about her experience following the suicide of Charmaine in 2007.

“I was shocked and I felt like someone had delivered a blow with a sledgehammer to me ... I felt utterly shattered. My husband, son and father were equally affected, and Charmaine’s death had a profound effect on us all,” she said. “The journey is a tough one, and a day does not go by without reliving some of the tragedy.”

“Charmaine resided and worked in Sydney as the Peth anchor for news at Channel 10. She missed her family and friends back in WA and found it increasingly difficult to feel worthwhile about her life; suffering depression, frequent mood swings and panic attacks. She was actively seeking medical advice and help, but with little success. The last 10 days of her life were quite horrendous, and I can only imagine the emotional and intellectual pain she must have suffered.”

Australia leading way

Mental illness is a major risk factor for suicide, with psychological autopsy studies showing that up to 90 per cent of people who suicide may have been experiencing a mental disorder at the time of their death.

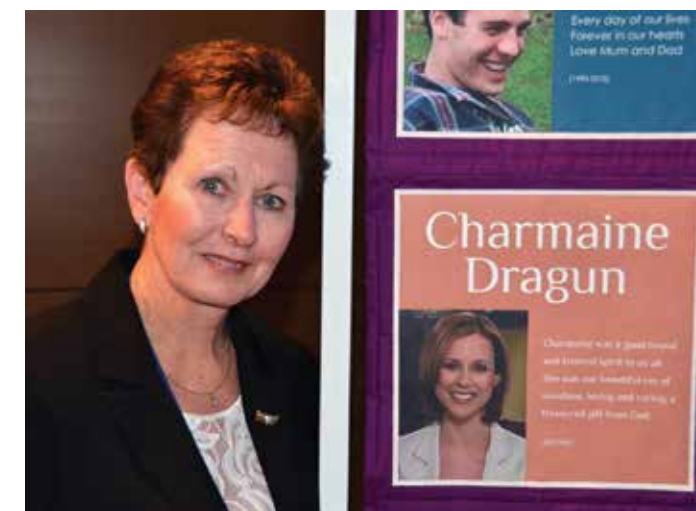
The Indigenous community was identified as a high-risk

group, with the suicide rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being more than double the general population rate. Another high-risk group identified was males, who account for over three-quarters of all suicides. Awareness and interventions for children and youth was also an area of focus.

The conference was represented by several other Salvationists, including Envoy Alan Staines, director of Hope for Life and chair of the conference organising committee, and Wilma Gallet, project manager and conference committee member. Other board members present were Gary Raymond (chaplain for the Police Post Trauma Support Group), Major Kelvin Alley (national secretariat) and Karen Lattouf (Salvo Care Line NSW manager).

The conference was organised by The Salvation Army’s Suicide Prevention – Bereavement Support Services (Hope for Life), with the support of the Federal Government’s Department of Health and Ageing, Suicide Prevention Australia, Lifeline Foundation, Wesley Mission, and several other organisations.

For anyone needing help and support, call the National Hope Line 24/7 on 1300 467 354 (1300 HOPE LINE), or visit www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au



Estelle Dragan with daughter Charmaine’s picture on a Lifekeeper Memory Quilt.

Preaching bootcamp keeps Salvo leaders a step ahead

By ESTHER PINN

"In many ways the church has been falling behind," says Richard Nauck. "We spend a lot of time talking about how to study Scripture [and] how to develop that knowledge, [but] we don't actually spend a lot of time learning how to communicate it better with our audiences."

Richard and his business partner, Rob Harley, are experts in communication. And for the past four years they have been teaching Salvation Army leaders from the Australia Eastern Territory how to improve their communication skills through their Preaching Bootcamp.

"Communication is the choke point for every organisation, whether you happen to be accountants or be The Salvation Army. It really doesn't matter what knowledge we have in our heads or what passion in our hearts if we're not able to communicate in a way our audiences grasps it, engages with it and gets it," says Richard.

"IT'S BROKEN SOME OF THE STEREOTYPES OF PREACHING BEHIND THE PULPIT. AND IT'S GIVEN US A LOT OF OTHER TOOLS ... THAT CAN HELP US ADD TO OUR PREACHING."

Fourteen Salvation Army leaders and envoys enrolled in the Preaching Bootcamp at Stafford Corps in Brisbane on 18-20 July. Another 15 participated in the course at The Salvation Army School for Leadership College in Stanmore from 23-25 July.

Across three days, the course looked at non-verbal communication skills, how the brain works and retains information, the art form of storytelling and how to use emerging technologies for ministry beyond the Sunday service.

"It's broken some of the stereotypes of preaching behind the pulpit. And it's given us a lot of other tools, multimedia and social media that can help us add to our preaching," says Vic Keenan, a Salvationist from Narellan Corps.

Another delegate, Leica Lauder, leader at Moorland Outpost, which is part of the

Hannam Vale Corps cluster, says the course has given her a new confidence.

"I need all the help I can get with preaching. I don't like writing them [sermons]. It's been really helpful in the way I write sermons – and liberating, too. It's allowed me to do things that I've felt I wanted to do but too afraid to try."

For many of the delegates who attended the course, the highlight was the practical component. Each delegate had the opportunity to watch themselves on camera after being filmed delivering a mini-sermon, and then received feedback about their preaching styles.

Jon Gilles has been preaching sporadically at Hannam Vale Corps for the past three years and says he took home some valuable tips on improving his preaching style.

"I just wanted to work better on being a better preacher – getting skills and confirmation on what I was doing and where I was right or wrong."

Envoy Penny Williams, Corps Officer at Maclean, also enjoyed the coaching and feedback.

"It's been very informative with being able to look at myself. I got to look at myself and how I presented. And the feedback from Rob and Richard was very helpful."

Major Peter Davey, Ministry Worker Training Coordinator at the School for Leadership College, would like to encourage any emerging preachers, developing leaders and new envoys to sign up for Preaching Bootcamp next year.

"I think people will learn a lot from it," he says. "They will gain an awareness of the things that make a good public speaker and they will be shown some techniques that will improve their speaking skills."

The next course will be held in Brisbane on 10-12 July and in Sydney on 15-17 July next year.

Preaching Bootcamp is also held in the Australia Southern Territory, New Zealand and England.

For more details about the course and enrolments, email Major Davey at peter.davey@aue.salvationarmy.org



Delegates of the Preaching Bootcamp session which was held at Stanmore in Sydney in July.

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Youth conference delegates plug into higher power

By ESTHER PINN

While a blackout swept across the Collaroy Centre on the first evening of The Salvation Army's Youth Ministry Conference, the spirits of the 300 youth leaders did not dampen. Instead, they lifted their voices and praised God through an unplugged acoustic worship set.

On 10-12 August, the third annual Youth Ministry Conference saw leaders attend from right across the Australia Eastern Territory to hear challenging messages from youth ministry experts such as Dave Reardon, Generations Pastor at Shirelive Church in Sydney's south and Tim Hawkins, Youth Pastor for "Crossfire" youth at St Pauls Anglican church in Castle Hill, Sydney.

"We wanted all youth leaders to come away feeling empowered and encouraged and equipped for their ministry. So many leaders mentioned they [were] given practical advice for how to do ministry better," explained Shandri Brown, Territorial Youth Leadership Mission Consultant.

Delegates were also privileged to hear from Buhle Dlamini, Territorial Director of Youth Work in the Southern Africa Territory. Along with his passionate preaching, Buhle also brought passionate worship, teaching the youth leaders at the conference a South African worship song called *Bumbalela*, which means hold on to Jesus.

"I was buzzing," said Shandri. "Buhle was amazing and to be reminded of God's love for us and to be challenged to love others in that way was so timely."

The 32 workshops were also popular with delegates, hearing from well-known speakers such as Andy Gourley, leader of Red Frogs chaplaincy ministry who spoke on community outreach and Melinda Tankard Reist, author and advocate for removing the objectification of young women and girls in the media.



Buhle Dlamini gives an enthusiastic performance of the South African worship song *Bumbalela*

Along with some inspiring messages, there was plenty of entertainment across the weekend including two hip-hop performances by Inspired Avenue dance crew and a number of shows by Christopher Wayne, magician and illusionist.

While many jaws dropped throughout his performance, it was Christopher's testimony that really captivated the audience. Only six years ago, Christopher was working at the Arnott's Biscuits' factory practising tricks with cookie dough. Now he travels all around the world performing magic and sharing the message of Christ.

While there was lots of laughter and entertaining games played across the weekend, Shandri believes that many life-long relationships were built throughout the conference.

Lincoln Prollecks, Youth Leader at Carindale Corps said he particularly enjoyed networking with other leaders: "I loved the chance to get amongst other people doing the same thing. Just being able to sit down one-on-one with other youth pastors and leaders around the territory and getting to know them, their journey, their mission and passions."

Matt Godkin, Youth Leader at Menai Corps echoed these same sentiments: "I just love being around people who do a similar thing and learning from other people's mistakes. And while the teaching's gold, I've really enjoyed networking with other leaders."

Next year's Youth Ministry Conference will be held at two locations, one in Sydney and the other on the Sunshine Coast.



Praise and worship was a big part of the weekend.

Rockhampton celebrates 125 years of service

By Major PETER McGUIGAN

"We love the Salvos because they always show up – during war and peacetime supporting our troops, during disaster supporting victims and workers, and, perhaps most importantly, week-in-week-out coming alongside people with all kinds of needs. In Rockhampton, they've been showing up for 125 years and this weekend The Salvation Army celebrates this milestone."

So read the opening lines of a full-page article in the Saturday August 4, 2012 edition of The Morning Bulletin, Central Queensland's daily newspaper.

The article focused on both the history of the Army in the Rockhampton region, and the 125 years celebrations that would take place that weekend.

And celebrate they did. Praise and thanksgiving filled the Capricorn Region Corps worship auditorium all weekend. From the opening strains of a gala concert on the Saturday afternoon to a powerful celebration service of worship on Sunday morning, more than 400 people were caught up in an environment high in energy and the Lord's presence.

Guest visiting group Jazz Effect (led by Nathan Drury), from Bundamba Corps in the Army's South Queensland Division, brought outstanding musicianship to the weekend. They were joined at the gala concert by the Capricornia Silver Band and the corps' own band and timbrels.

On Saturday night, the auditorium was turned into a café for an evening of coffee and jazz. In between, approximately 200 people enjoyed a celebration dinner in the corps' youth barn. Following the worship on Sunday morning, the celebrations moved to the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens, where Jazz Effect presented an hour of jazz, complimented by families from the corps' Mainly Music programs presented some of their songs.

Popular throughout the weekend were electronic displays of photos of The Salvation Army and its people – from the early days in Rockhampton till more recent times. At one stage the Army operated from six locations in the Capricorn Region – Rockhampton, North Rockhampton, Hillside (Murray Street), Mount Morgan, Kabra and Keppel Sands.

Through a series of amalgamations, the latest in 2003, The Salvation Army in Rockhampton now operates out of a large, multi-functional centre in Park Street, North Rockhampton, with satellite units (outposts) in Kabra and Mount Morgan, and an independent mission on the Capricorn Coast.

But it all started way back on 2 September 1887 when two Salvation Army officers, Captain Buckingham and Lieutenant Redmond, "opened fire" on the district with their take-it-to-the-streets style of religion.

Within a year many had been impacted by their work and a 20-strong brass band was conducting open-air meetings in the heart of Rockhampton with their officers.

These were still pioneering days for the town and the Salvos' efforts met with both support and opposition. One record in the movement's official history tells of how Captain Buckingham



The Mainly Music group (above) celebrates the 125th anniversary.



The Rockhampton band (above) takes part in an Anzac Day march; (right) the corps band circa 1890.



was "lashed by a cabman trying to disrupt an open-air meeting, and stabbed by a drunken man". "But even amid these trials," it goes on, "he still found time to marry!"

The Salvation Army today runs multi-faceted services across the Capricorn Region of Central Queensland. These include employment, aged care and welfare services; financial counselling; spiritual counselling; crisis accommodation; worship services in Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Kabra; multiple activities for children, youth and families; women's ministries, men in sheds ... The list is a long one.

Guest speakers on the weekend were Majors Kelvin and Cheralynne Pethybridge, recently appointed leaders of the Army's Central and North Queensland Division. In his message on Sunday morning, Major Kelvin Pethybridge challenged the corps to be a people of faith and adventure, and filled with the Spirit of God for the future.

Sargents' support keeps doors of cafe project open

By LAUREN MARTIN

A generous donation to The Salvation Army's Cafe Horizons will allow it continue to train and support some of western Sydney's most marginalised young people.

Sargents Pies has donated \$100,000 to Youthlink, The Salvation Army's specialist youth service in Greater Western Sydney. It will use the funding to continue operating its Cafe Horizons programs in Cabramatta and St Marys, providing vocational training in hospitality to at-risk young people.

"Cafe Horizons St Marys does not currently receive any core government funding," said Youthlink's Janine Tomkins. "This donation will enable it to operate for the next 12 months while we continue to seek long-term government funding support."

The cafes not only provide much-needed vocational training, they also assist students with personal issues, professional development opportunities and life skills training. In addition to providing accredited training, the cafe youth worker also offers personal support throughout the program and job-seeking assistance.

One recent student, Jenni (not her real name) is now in full-time employment as an apprentice chef.

"When Jenni was referred to Cafe Horizons last year she had a dream of becoming a chef, but a lack of support and



Sargents Pies recently donated \$100,000 to The Salvation Army's Cafe Horizons. Pictured (left to right) are Jesse Fox (Cafe Horizons), Daryl Smiles (Cafe Horizons), John Drew (Youthlink), Karl Fretwell (Sargents Pies), Brian Andrews (Sargents Pies), and Phil Wilson (Salvation Army public relations). Photo supplied by Youthlink

circumstances at home were holding her back," said Janine.

"Jenni was quite anxious and lacked confidence in herself when she started, but with the successful completion of each unit of theory work and with support from the cafe staff she gradually began to gain confidence in her ability."

After Jenni completed all of the units for her Certificate II in Hospitality, her hard-working nature prompted Cafe Horizons to keep her on staff after her graduation while she looked for employment.

"With her new-found confidence and skills gained from the cafe, Jenni has now successfully gained full-time employment as an apprentice chef – the start of realising her long-held dream," said Janine.

Youthlink is encouraging other corporations to partner with it in working to break the cycle of disadvantage and give hope to marginalised young people in western Sydney.

For more information about the cafe program, please contact Youthlink on 02 9725 7779.

Bundamba honours dedicated SAGALA leaders

Bundamba Corps recently celebrated a combined 65 years of service by two individuals to its SAGALA sections.

Major Russell Adams presented certificates to Lynelle Lines, acknowledging 35 years of service in the SAGALA sections, and to Merle Faulkner, acknowledging 30 years of service with the SAGALA Sunbeams.

SAGALA Leader Marilyn Rule said that Merle, who is now retiring, had spent all her life in children's ministry.

"She is uniquely gifted, playing the piano and leading the children in singing when SAGALA sections presented concerts. Merle loves the children and is a great team player with countless skills she shared as the girls worked through their badges: cooking, sewing, craft, camping and first aid."

Merle is devoted to Jesus and would bring Bible stories to life for the children, many of whom came from non-Christian homes.

"Just last Easter, one of the mothers had thought that Easter was about Easter eggs until her Sunbeam daughter went home and told her the real story of Easter," Marilyn explained. "The mother immediately went out and bought a family Bible to read the truth for herself. Now the whole family reads the Bible!"



Lynelle Lines (right) and Merle Faulkner, whose SAGALA long service awards represent 65 years of combined service.



Cookie decorating was a popular attraction at the kids' breakfast in Cairns.

Centennial Lodge breakfast a big hit with kids

Cookie decorating and ice carving were among the highlights of the recent monthly kids' breakfast at The Salvation Army's Cairns Centennial Lodge, when a team of five local chefs joined the group for its special theme for the day - Master Chef 2.

The event opened with a banquet of sausages, eggs, omelettes, salads and fruit platters, followed by biscuit decorating and ice carving.

The chefs also spoke to the children on the importance of food and good nutrition. Salvation Army head chef Jos Thys and Australian Culinary President Brian Down led the team.

"The highlight for the kids was decorating the cookies," said Elizabeth Marshall, Centennial Lodge team leader.

"They drew faces on the cookies and there was lots of colour.

They also loved watching the ice sculpting."

The monthly breakfast for kids is free, and open to anyone from the community.

"We have a different theme every month which always includes breakfast and games," said Elizabeth.

"Our Master Chef 1 last year was sushi making, and last month we did a rock and roll theme."

More than 60 children, plus adults, attend the breakfast each month including children from Cairns Corps, current and former clients with their children and the community.

"The kids from the community interact with the kids from Centennial Lodge, so it gives them a great sense of community," Elizabeth said.

Training day unites northern leaders

Thirty-two Salvation Army leaders from northern NSW gathered at Lismore Corps recently for a regional leadership training day.

Organised by the Northern Rivers Corps Based Transformation Team, the event on 30 June was attended by corps leaders from Lismore, Ballina, Casino and Byron Bay Streetlevel under the theme of "Transforming Leadership".

The aim of the training day was to bring regional leadership teams together and expose them to a range of leadership principles and perspectives, and to further develop a collaborative regional approach to ministry.

The Northern Rivers Corps Based Transformation Team has

already begun engaging the territorial discipleship trainers to prepare for the next regional training day called "Transforming Discipleship", to be held on 17 November. The aim of this event is to engage all Salvation Army regional personnel in discipleship training workshops.

Officers based at Casino, Lismore, Byron Bay and Ballina have been meeting together on a regular basis since November 2011, to develop ministry approaches and collaborative resourcing from a regional perspective.

During the past 10 months there have been some significant steps taken, such as sharing resources and ideas through emergency services, youth ministry and Family Stores.

Conference outlines plan for generous giving



Brian Kluth (wearing red tie) with some of the delegates, including those from the Australia Eastern Territory, at the planned giving conference.

By Major CAROLYN HARMER

We've all heard the saying "it's better to give than to receive". Well, just imagine being able to receive life-challenging teaching ... about giving. This was the case for a group of delegates at The Salvation Army Tri-Territorial Planned Giving Conference last month.

Almost 50 Salvation Army personnel from the Australia Eastern, Australia Southern, and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories gathered in Auckland for the conference. They were there to learn from Reverend Dr Brian Kluth about living a generous life.

Brian was released by his Colorado-

based church several years ago to become a "generosity minister at large" to the body of Christ worldwide. Complementing his teaching was Bible instruction from Auckland-based Salvationist, Coralie Bridle.

Coralie focused on the generosity of God through his infinite forgiveness, healing and redemption continually satisfying and working for us. She spoke of the generosity of Jesus through the cross and how we, as a church, impart that generosity.

Through Scripture and great storytelling, Brian taught about helping people discover God's plan for their finances and generosity. He challenged delegates to

transform their lives and glorify God as they travel on a journey of generosity.

"God wants everyone in the world to become more generous with what he has given them," said Brian.

Throughout the conference, delegates were shown what it takes to grow a harvest of generosity in their churches, drawing on the inspiration of Bible characters to take their giving to a greater level of generosity.

On the final night, delegates were able to enjoy a cross-cultural experience at The Army's Waitakere Corps. They participated in a Maori welcome ceremony, sampled traditional food and were entertained through song and dance.

Army presence at Mind, Body, Spirit festival

By LAUREN MARTIN

Roll up! Roll up! Get your faith here! The annual Mind, Body, Spirit Festival in Sydney sells everything from healing to mapping people's destiny. But at The Salvation Army stall, seekers discover that the best thing in life is free.

In November, more than 10,000 people will flood into the Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre to find the meaning of life. The Mind, Body, Spirit Festival offers herbal supplements, psychic readings, spiritual teachers and body detoxification. Its website promises visitors that they will "discover new ways to strengthen your body, mind and spirit".

And in amongst it all is The Salvation Army.

The Army's stall has been running for the past five years and features some comfortable couches, a water cooler, and free lollies and toys for the kids.

"People ask, 'what are you selling?' and we say, 'absolutely nothing'," says the Army's Mind, Body, Spirit Festival mission organiser Lauren Howes. "We invite people to take a seat and have a rest and they think that's fantastic."

"Some people want to know about a particular Salvation Army social service, others want to just talk about how The Salvation Army has helped them in the past. Some say, 'I want to go to a church, is there somewhere where I can go?'"

Last year, 20 people who visited The Salvation Army stall became Christians and were followed up by the Mind, Body, Spirit mission team. Some of them now attend Hurstville and Auburn corps.

The Mind, Body, Spirit mission team is looking for volunteers to spend four hours at The Salvation Army stall during the second weekend of the festival. To find out more, contact Lauren Howes: lauren.howes@aue.salvationarmy.org

Salvos connect with homeless in Rockhampton

Working in conjunction with Centrelink, Rockhampton Regional Council and other community services, The Salvation Army was a key participant in the third Homeless Connect event on 9 August at Rockhampton Showground.

"It's a space where we can help those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, reach all the services they need to reconnect into a sustainable lifestyle," explained Phil Sutcliffe, Team Member at The Salvation Army Yeppoon Mission.

About 130 homeless people attended the event and were given access to 35 different services including Centrelink, Medicare, hairdressers, dentists, optometrists, massage therapy, shower facilities, toiletries, free trips to medical centres, free prescription refills, legal advice, and financial counselling. They were also given two hot meals – breakfast, which was catered by The Salvation Army Emergency Services, and lunch.

"We questioned, what other services do homeless people not get on a daily basis that we can actually put in a space and give them free access to? And it was a day where we could give them a pampering as well," Phil said.



Capricorn Region Corps Officer Major Peter McGuigan joins Bob Johnson and Desley Vanderwolf in serving breakfast to the homeless at Rockhampton Showground.

The Salvation Army's Rockhampton and Yeppoon Mission Family Stores also set up a space called "The Closet" which allowed homeless people to take for themselves whatever clothes they needed.

Phil said the event has seen positive results already and in particular, the local services in Rockhampton are now collaborating to assist this area's homeless community.



Commissioner James Condon installs Majors Kelvin and Cheralynne Pethybridge as Central and North Queensland divisional leaders.

New leaders for Central and North Queensland Division

Majors Kelvin and Cheralynne Pethybridge were installed as The Salvation Army's new Central and North Queensland divisional leaders last month.

The service was held at Capricorn Region Corps in Rockhampton and was conducted by Australia Eastern Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon.

The Pethybridges have most recently been serving in the Sydney East and Illawarra Division. They have moved to Rockhampton to take over leadership of the division from Lieutenant-Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters who have been appointed to the Army's Eastern Europe Territory.

Major Kelvin Pethybridge will serve as Divisional Commander, and Major Cheralynne Pethybridge as Divisional Director of Women's Ministries.

Increase in Self Denial Appeal giving

The Salvation Army's annual Self Denial Appeal has seen yet another rise in giving this year.

The final amount raised, inclusive of interest, is \$2,133,447, an increase of \$39,577, or 2 per cent, on the 2011 result. The money will be split between The Salvation Army's evangelical (\$1,204,562) and development (\$928,885) work.

"Appreciation is extended to everybody who gave to the 2012 Self Denial Appeal," said Steve Burfield, the Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Appeals (Internal) Operations Manager. "I am sure that this money will be used in a mighty way to extend God's kingdom throughout the world."

Steve has also highlighted the fact that people can make their Self Denial Appeal dollar go further by committing to be a regular contributor.

"Please can I encourage all our donors to consider how they can effectively increase their donation to the Self Denial Appeal without actually increasing their gift," he said. "They can do this by becoming part of the 'regular giving' program. By becoming a regular donor, additional interest will be gained on the monies donated over the year."

For more information, please go to www.selfdenial.info, or call the Donor Services team on 02 9266 9701.

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Palm Beach-Elanora Corps

"No, not me Lord, I will never go into uniform! And for the past 10 years that is exactly what I meant," shared Robin Martin as she testified to the work of God in her life at her enrolment as a senior soldier at Palm Beach-Elanora Corps on 8 July.

However, January this year was the turning point for Robin (pictured).

"Ten years ago I walked into this church. I was bruised, hurting, damaged, defeated and betrayed," she said. "The fellowship I had enjoyed in another place had disappeared. My support area was gone and the only constants in my life were my Lord and my husband. Jesus is a healer and he provided help. But when the commitment to become a soldier was made in January, the windows of heaven were opened for me. He restored all that had been taken away. Absolutely numberless events have happened since January that cause me to believe that God has started budding those branches that were cut away. So I stand before you today and say unashamedly, 'Yes, it's me Lord. You have made a difference in my life. You have taken me down a different path and I will follow.'"



Wollongong Corps

Three teenage senior soldiers were enrolled at Wollongong Corps on 29 July. Pictured (from left) are Connor Hutchinson, Kyle Walker and Noah Rzeminski who have grown up in the corps and are from Salvation Army families. The three young people are corps cadets and members of the senior band. In public testimony at their enrolment, Connor, Kyle and Noah told of personal issues they had faced and how knowing God helped them cope.



Cootamundra Corps

Ayla Collins was enrolled as a junior soldier on 25 June. It was the first enrolment at Cootamundra Corps for many years and a good number of people from nearby Young Corps also travelled to attend.

During her enrolment, Ayla (pictured with prayer pal Grandma Dot and Corps Leader Margaret Robinson) gave a powerful testimony and declared her commitment to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.

"After making a decision to become a junior soldier at the Cootamundra Corps, I have learnt how to trust people and these are some reasons why I want to follow Jesus," she said.

"I want to be a follower of Jesus Christ and choose to worship him and serve him. I look forward to playing an active role in the corps and encouraging others, my friends and family to know about Jesus as well."



Maroochydore Corps

Lieutenant Ashley Barkmeyer enrolled Shanae Pinkerton (middle) and Danielle Starr (right) as senior soldiers on 8 July.

Shanae came to the corps through SAGALA and youth group three years ago. In that time has developed a strong relationship with Christ, culminating in her answering God's call to soldiership. Shanae's parents, Dana and Mick, attended for the first time to witness her enrolment.

Danielle has had a long association with the Army and has since returned with her three children to commit her ministry to the corps. Danielle was supported by her parents, Cadets Ian and Sue McIver. Each testified to the grace of God in their lives and assurance of a future with him.



Gosford Corps

Joan Reading has been enrolled as a senior soldier of the Gosford Corps. Joan and her husband, Alan, began attending three years ago and have become a much-loved couple within the corps family.

Joan (pictured with Corps Officers David and Lea Palmer) has joined the songsters and is involved in street ministry. She expressed her joy at coming to The Salvation Army and finding acceptance within the corps family. Alan also shared that he was glad they had come to Gosford Corps and fully supported Joan in the commitment she has made.

Noosa Corps

Noosa Corps had the privilege of enrolling two junior soldiers and three corps cadets on 1 July. Pictured with corps officers Lieutenants David and Lara Sutcliffe are (back row) corps cadets Andrew Charles, Monique Davies and Sarah Charles, and (front) junior soldiers Hayley Shultz and Mikaela Sutcliffe. Each are keen to learn and study God's word, his will for their lives and the role they have to play in the corps.



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Lecturer links 'shalom' with community

Dr Donald Burke, biblical scholar and President of Booth University College in Winnipeg, Canada, was guest speaker for the 2012 Booth College Frederick Coutts Memorial Lecture.

Dr Burke presented the lecture – “Shalom, The Biblical Vision in a Broken World” – at Booth College Conference Centre at Bexley North on 26 July, with a live online stream, and at Carindale Corps, Brisbane, on 29 July.

“The lecture explores the vision of human community encapsulated within the Hebrew term “shalom” and its implications for The Salvation Army ministry,” Dr Burke explained.

He began his lecture speaking about William Booth’s “second conversion experience” in 1889 and 1890, where Booth spoke and wrote about a dual ministry for “both worlds” – saving souls from the miseries of the next world, and from those of the miseries currently faced, with one gospel that applied equally to both.

Throughout the lecture, Dr Burke put forward the argument that within the Scriptures there is a compelling vision of community that can ground our integrated mission and inform a broader theology of salvation for both worlds. In the Old Testament, one word has come to characterise this vision of community: shalom.

To listen to the lecture or download the notes, go to <http://salvos.org.au/boothcollege/events/archives-coutts-memorial-lecture/>

For they are jolly good Fellows



The 2012 Fellows scholarship winners with Commissioner James Condon and Aged Care Plus CEO Sharon Callister (both pictured front row centre).

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus has awarded 15 scholarships to officers and employees of the Australia Eastern Territory, as part of its 2012 Fellows Program.

The program awards individuals who have displayed exceptional creativity and have made a positive difference to the Army.

At the awards ceremony on 30 July, 2011, Fellow Robyn Evans spoke about how her scholarship has changed her life and helped shape the direction of anti-trafficking services in The Salvation Army.

“People in our services are not only going to get a better quality of service but they will get a broader range of services,” said Robyn, who is the territory’s Social Justice Coordinator.

“I have been able to develop my skills in pioneering new work ... so I am very grateful to the Fellows Program.”

Many of the 2012 Fellows will travel overseas to attend conferences and undertake study tours. Among them are

Captain Cheryl Kistan, Corps Officer at Auburn in Sydney, who will attend a Salvation Army multicultural ministries conference in the United States; Aged Care Plus Chaplain, Captain Mavis Salt, who will attend a conference on ageing and spirituality in Scotland; and Murray Ackman, Project Assistant in the Territorial Mission and Resource Team, who will travel to Indonesia to present a paper at the Human Development and Capability Association 2012 International Conference. “This conference will be invaluable in shaping the direction of The Salvation Army’s social services,” Mr Ackman said.

Others will use their Fellows Program scholarship for further study.

Before presenting the Fellows Program certificates, Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon commended Aged Care Plus on the initiative. “The slogan of the Fellows Program is ‘Better yourself. Better the mission’ ... and how true that is.”

Applications for the Fellows Program open in May every year.



Emerald shines with SAGALA service

Majors Glenn and Lynn Whittaker conducted the inauguration of the SAGALA program at Emerald Corps on 31 July.

As part of the service there were a number of SAGALA enrolments including one Explorer, four Sunbeams, three Adventurers and one Ranger (pictured right).

Two young Moonbeams were also present, having recently moved to the area. The corps also has another seven children finalising their enrolment badges.

It was a great night for the Emerald community with support from parents and members of the local corps in attendance. Corps Officers, Captain Gaye and Lieutenant Richard Day, thank God for the blessing that he is bestowing on the corps at this time.

General inspires with international message

By WARREN MAYE

General Linda Bond delivered three stirring messages that challenged Salvationists to embrace the Army’s global theme of “One Army, One, Mission, One Message” at the USA Eastern Territory’s annual camp in Maine. Territorial Commander Commissioner

Steven Hedgren echoed the General’s emphasis when he said: “From the smallest village in Africa to the toughest urban centre, we want to express a message of love and hope to people in a way that they will clearly understand.”

USA national leaders Commissioners William and Nancy Roberts also participated in the meetings during the

first weekend of the camp, held at Old Orchard Beach.

Spirited vocal music was provided by the International Staff Songsters, the Adult Rehabilitation Centres Command Choir and a united choir. The New York Staff Band accompanied the choirs and ministered with an array of selections that set an arresting tone for worship.

In her Bible message, the General told the congregation that she sees “an Army that is really convinced of its calling”. She also said: “We need to be an Army of peace and an Army at peace ... We are not a federation of states, or a mixture of territories. We are not a combination of commands, or a multiplicity of divisions. We are an international Salvation Army – we are One Army!”

At the holiness meeting on the Sunday morning, General Bond spoke about God’s grace, warning the congregation: “Sometimes we do so much work for the Lord, we lose our intimacy with him.” She challenged Salvationists to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit, “The power that sanctifies, energises – the power that releases us to the world.”

In response to her call, many people streamed forward to the altar to seal new commitments to the Lord.

The General again brought another challenging message on the Sunday evening, making clear the need for every Salvationist to answer the call to win souls. “If we don’t do that,” she said, “we are not The Salvation Army.”



Flags, flowers and confetti welcome the General to Old Orchard Beach. Photo: Kris LeVasseur

Historic Army property outside London to be redeveloped

The Salvation Army’s Sunbury Court property near London is set to undergo a major redevelopment.

This will secure the provision of a venue for all high councils – the body that elects the General of The Salvation Army. Subject to the necessary planning permission being granted, work will begin in January.

In addition, the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development will move permanently to Sunbury Court from The Cedars in Sydenham Hill. This will take place during mid-2014.

Sunbury Court and the ICO/CSLD are important to the international Salvation Army and have a special place in the hearts and minds of Salvationists around the world.

Redevelopment and relocation of these venues will enable the restoration and improvement of the Grade 2 listed mansion at Sunbury; the construction of sufficient accommodation for all members of future high councils; a location with the appropriate space, facilities and ambience for the ICO/CSLD and; the demolition of unused buildings and landscaping to enhance the environment of the whole site.



Sunbury Court, which is the venue for The Salvation Army high councils, is set for a makeover to improve the standard of facilities.

Soldiers' mentor

Alfred Anderson was promoted to glory on 6 July, aged 85.

A funeral and thanksgiving service was held at St Marys Corps in western Sydney, on 12 July, conducted by the corps officer, Major Tony DeTommaso.

Major DeTommaso gave a reflection on Alf's spiritual journey, from dedicating his life to Jesus in the 1950s at Penrith Corps to becoming the first senior soldier at St Marys and his many years of service in that corps until the day he took his last breath at Nepean Hospital.

Through the service the congregation shared in The Lord's Prayer and heard a reading from Psalm 23. There was an RSL tribute before Major Yan DeTommaso stirred the soul with her rendition of *Amazing Grace*. The service concluded with *The Founder's Song* and a guard of honour.

Alfred Henry Anderson was born on 13 February, 1927, in Gunnedah but grew up in the St Marys area of Sydney.

After making his commitment at Penrith Corps, Alf was sent to the St Marys outpost to teach Sunday school in a house on Melbourne Street.

A building from Richmond air base was donated and placed on Chapel Street, then moved to Fleming Street, St Marys.

Alf was credited with rescuing the corps drum from being damaged in the move.

On 6 January, 1961, St Marys outpost opened as a corps and Alf taught in the afternoon Sunday school until 1972.

It was during a Christmas service at the corps that he accidentally kicked Pansy Patricia in the ankle. A relationship developed and he proposed not long after. There followed many years of marriage before Pat was promoted to glory on 4 May, 2004.

Over the years Alf helped send some 30 soldiers to training college from the corps and they were represented at the thanksgiving service.

Alf was the Corps Treasurer for many years and gave thousands of hours to hotel and shopping centre ministries.

He had a good Aussie sense of humour, often saying "I don't know what I would do without you!" Then in the next breath, "But I can't do anything with you either".

We will all miss his cheekiness and wit. We can just hear him saying, "I have had all I can get here; I may as well go all the way home!"

"To Heaven!"

Well done good and faithful servant.

Alf has taken up his new residence with "Aunty Pat", receiving the Crown of Glory that the Lord, whom he so faithfully served during his life, gives to those who love him. May you rest in peace.

Alf is survived by his two sisters, Mary in Perth and Jean in Queensland.

Faithful servant

Edith Joyce Wilson was promoted to glory in early July, aged 79.

Edith's cremation service was conducted by Major Brenda Stace on 12 July, where tributes were given on behalf of the CWA, the Broken Hill Historical Society and the Home League.

Major Stace spoke about Stephen the Martyr – how he saw heaven opened and the Son of God standing at the right hand side of the Father, God.

Edith was planning to speak on Stephen during an upcoming Holiness Meeting, and Major Stace believes that Edith experienced a similar vision as she left this earth for her heavenly coronation.

Edith was born and raised with her sister, Barbara, on a sheep farm outside Bathurst before moving to Sydney as a result of the Depression, where they found work at the Speedo factory.

The sisters moved to Broken Hill when Barbara's health was declining and Edith faithfully nursed her sister until her death several years ago.

Edith remained in Broken Hill, becoming involved in the community in many ways – through the Historical Society, the CWA, the book club, and The Salvation Army.

On 22 October, 2009, she was enrolled as a Senior Soldier of the Broken Hill Corps.

Edith regularly attended Home League and would share a wealth of knowledge with the ladies about her travels overseas and about God's Word, which she's learned to love from a very young age.

She would attend the monthly visit to the Nursing Home with the Majors, sitting with the residents and chatting about whatever they wanted to talk about.

Her love of people was clearly evident in everything she did.

Sister Edith Wilson will be sadly missed from not only the Broken Hill Corps, but also from the Broken Hill community.

Soldier of Christ, well done!

Upholder of truth

Major Rodney Darral Towerton was promoted to glory on 30 March, aged 78.

A thanksgiving service was held on 3 April at the Bundamba Corps, near Ipswich, Queensland.

Born in Rosewood, 60km west of Brisbane in the Bremer Valley, on 14 August, 1933, it was listening to the Salvation Army Open Air Meetings that drew Rodney and his family to the Ipswich Corps.

As the highest junior collector for self-denial, Rodney's photo appeared in the Salvation Army's Young Soldier magazine and so began his dedication and service in The Salvation Army.

Music became a large part of his life and he enjoyed many band trips and concerts with his xylophone, piano accordion and cornet.

Entering the *Shepherds* session of cadets in 1954, he was commissioned a Pro-Lieutenant in 1955.

He married Lieutenant Glenda Gowlett at Albion Corps in Brisbane on 11 January, 1958, and together with their family they served throughout the Australia Eastern Territory.

The Towertons retired in August 1998 back to Ipswich and began attending the Bundamba Corps.

The words of Song 534 were a heart's prayer for Major Towerton's life; in the final verse: "By the love that never ceased to hold me, in a bond nor life nor death shall break."

Major Towerton loved and upheld the truths of the Bible and enjoyed teaching the Word of God. Prayer became his emphasis when he no longer felt able to "Preach the Word".

Reports

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Appointments

Effective 30 July: Envoys Vic and Vicki **Keenan**, Assistant Officers, pro tem, Narellan Corps, The Greater West Division.

Effective 3 August: Stuart Glover, Hub Leader, Sunshine Coast Hub, South Queensland Division; Envoys Stuart and Heidi **Grice**, Additional appointment, Team Leaders, Charters Towers, Central and North Queensland Division; Major Lynn **Whittaker**, Divisional Community Care Ministries Secretary and Divisional Seniors Ministry Coordinator, Central and North Queensland Division and Team Member, Spiritual Life Development; Major David **Soper**, Territorial Candidates Secretary, Personnel Administration.

Effective 20 August: Major Paul **Kinder** Director – Salvo Assist, Westpac, pro tem, Territorial Communications and Public Relations Department; Major Romona **Kinder**, Associate Director – Salvo Assist, Westpac, pro tem additional appointment, Territorial Communications and Public Relations Department. *Effective 3 September:* Captain Mavis **Salt**, Ageing Australia Research and Resourcing Officer (with relief chaplaincy responsibilities as a component).

Effective 14 September: Captain Evonne **Packer**, Assistant Manager Salvation Army Individual Support Services (SAILSS), South Queensland Division.

Bereaved

Major Leanne **Lock** of her father, Karl **Huttinger** on 24 July; Envoys Ernie and Judith **McAvoy** of their niece and nephew.

Births

Lieutenants David and Tahlia **Grounds**, a girl, Celeste Jemima on 13 August.

Promoted to glory

Major Ralph **Cathcart** on 30 July; Mrs Brigadier Sadie (Sarah Robina) **Dunster** on 8 August.

SAGALA Awards

The following people have received the Commissioner's Challenge Award: Codelea **Amson**, Ipswich Corps; Brittany **Pratt**, Elizabeth **Cowburn**, Brooke Sutton, all Carindale Corps; Chloe **Spence**, Caitlin **Cairns**, both Rockdale Corps.

time to pray

2-8 September

Blackwater Corps, Samaritan House Mackay, Gold Coast Temple Corps, all Qld; Canberra Community Welfare Centre, ACT; Cessnock Corps, NSW; Father's Day (2); Territorial Seniors Event Hervey Bay (3-6); Territorial Headquarters Officers Retreat (3-5); Counselling Service Retreat (5-7); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Social Retreat (5-7); ACT Divisional Review (6); The Greater West Division WOW Weekend (7-9); Central and North Queensland Division Youth Councils (7-9)

9-15 September

Lieut-Colonel Geanette Seymour, International Headquarters, New York; Palm Beach-Elanora Corps, Logan City Community Welfare Centre, both Qld; Narwee Corps, Job Link, both NSW; School For Youth Leadership, THQ; National Wider Cabinet, Collaroy (10-13); School For Leadership Training Certificate in Spiritual Formation Intensive 2 (10-14); Territorial Communications and Public Relations Conference (10-14); World Wide Prayer Meeting (13); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Strategic Planning Day (13); Candidates Weekend (14-16).

16-22 September

Nathaniel and Leonie Moore, PNG Territory; Wollongong Corps, St George Community Welfare Centre, Kempsey Corps, Griffith Corps, all NSW; South Queensland DHQ, Qld; Sydney East and Illawarra Division Women's Retreat (17-19); Salvos Stores Territorial Area Managers Conference (19-21); Central and North Queensland Division Southern Mission Days – Yeppoon (19-20); World Wide Prayer Meeting (20); Aged Care Plus Review (21).

23-29 September

Envoy Joy Johns, Korea Territory; Central Coast Recovery Services Centre (SELAH), Forbes/Parkes Corps, Salvo Care Line Sydney, all NSW; Overseas Service Personnel Office, THQ; South Burnett Region Corps, Qld; South Queensland Division Kids in Ministry Conference (25-27); World Wide Prayer Meeting (27); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Couples Weekend (28-30).

30 September – 6 October

The Greater West Chaplaincy Services, Lismore Corps, Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, Deniliquin Corps; Nambour Corps, Longreach Corps/Rural Chaplaincy Base; Gospel Arts Camp (1-7); World Wide Prayer Meeting (4); MASIC Meeting (6).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Wollongong: Mon 3-Wed 5 Sept – THQ Officers Retreat

Woonona: Sat 8-Sun 9 Sept – 125 year celebrations

Collaroy: Sun 9-Wed 12 Sept – National Wider Cabinet

#Collaroy: Wed 12-Thu 13 Sept – Women's Ministry Executive Conference

Sydney: Fri 14 September – Aged Care Plus Walkathon

Bexley North: Sat 15-Sun 16 Sept – Candidate's Weekend

Brisbane: Sun 16 Sept – Divisional Rally

Brisbane: Mon 17 Sept – Officer's Council

***Stanmore:** Tues 18 Sept – First Year Officer Review

***Canberra:** Wed 19 Sept – Edenfest Launch

#Canberra: Wed 19 Sept – Floriade Rally

Bexley North: Thu 20 Sept – School For Officer Training Retreat Day

Kingaroy: Sat 22-Sun 23 Sept – South Burnett Opening

#London: Mon 24-Thu 27 Sept – General's Consultative Council

Armidale: Thu 27-Fri 28 Sept – North NSW Divisional Review

Wynnum: Sun 30 Sept – Majors Kevin and Glenda Hentzchel Retirement Service

**Commissioner James Condon only*

#Commissioner Jan Condon only

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Wollongong: Mon 3-Wed 5 Sept – THQ Officers Retreat

Collaroy: Mon 10-Wed 12 Sept – National Wider Cabinet

***Collaroy:** Thu 13 Sept – Divisional Commander's Consultation

#Collaroy: Thu 13 Sept – Women's Ministry Executive

Sydney: Fri 14 Sept – Aged Care Plus Walkathon

Canberra: Sat 15-Sun 16 Sept – Canberra City Corps visit

***Canberra:** Mon 17 Sept – National Prayer Breakfast Parliament House

#Wollongong: Mon 17-Wed 19 Sept – Divisional Women's Retreat – Sydney East and Illawarra Division

***Stanmore:** Wed 19 Sept – First Year Residential Dinner

**Colonel Wayne Maxwell only*

#Colonel Robyn Maxwell only