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Responding to God's call

Charles Finney was a man who understood the urgency of the call of God on the life of a Christian.

Known as the "Father of Modern Revivalism", more than 500,000 people are believed to have come to faith through his preaching in the 1820s and 30s in the United States. He was also famous for reportedly ushering new converts straight from the "altar call" to a side room where they were expected to then and there, sign up for mission work.

Finney, whose life had a significant influence on Salvation Army founder William Booth and even beyond the grave to the likes of the great 20th century evangelist Billy Graham, was a man who believed that salvation in Christ demanded an immediate response to service.

Life of service

In this issue of *Pipeline*, we turn the spotlight on the latest session of cadets to be commissioned as Salvation Army officers, focusing on a group of people who are responding in a very obvious way to the call placed upon them by God.

The *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* have spent the past two years at the School for Officer Training in Sydney. It's been a time of intensive training during which they have studied subjects as diverse as theology, pastoral care, community development, public relations, world religions and ethics.

On 2 December they will be commissioned as lieutenants and then, a little over a month later, they will scatter across the Army's Australia Eastern Territory to take up their first appointments as officers.

Each of them has made sacrifices to answer this call upon their lives but, and as I have written before, they are by no means unique. Anyone who says they are a follower of Christ has, I believe, a threefold call on their life.

We are called to *know* Jesus personally through faith. Responding to this call changes everything for us, but it's only the first step.

We are called to *follow* Christ. It's a call to discipleship, and just as Christ's disciples were able to walk and talk with their Lord we, too, if we take up this invitation to follow him, have the same opportunity to get to know our Saviour intimately.

Finally, we are called to *serve*. It's something we often struggle with and yet is essential to experiencing the fullness of life that God promises (John 10:10). Working for God, you see, is not an optional extra for Christians. Why? Well, because God wants to bless us. Just ask anyone who has dedicated their life to serving him and they will tell you about the abundant joy there is in working for God.

Where do you stand in relation to God's call on your life? Do you *know* Christ? Have you obeyed the call to *follow* and *serve* him? It takes obedience in all three aspects to experience the abundant life Christ promises.

Scott Simpson
Managing Editor

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Saying sorry a healthy option

It was commendable that Commissioner James Condon said sorry for past actions of The Salvation Army, leadership and individuals. Part of the process is "Welcome Home".

Pipeline (August edition) included stories of people who received an apology and returned to The Salvation Army after years of absence. These people suffered hurt for various reasons.

The value of an apology by present command for past leadership implementation of doctrines and regulations or the behaviour of Salvationists, while honourable, is questionable.

From my experience I would offer:

While the territorial commander has taken the first step, it does not release us from apologising, to say sorry to those we/I feel offended us.

Why this need? I refer to Matthew chapter 6. How often are we required to do this? Matthew 18:21-22 tells us.

Who first showed the way when faced with trespass we will never face? The answer is in Luke chapter 23.

It may be a physical impossibility to apologise to those who offended us, but we/I can forgive through prayer.

A reliance on the territorial commander's apology alone, will make it impossible to achieve The Salvation Army Mission Priority 3 that aims for "healthy and multiplying corps".

The "Welcome Home" program refers to the Prodigal Son. The prodigal sought forgiveness, the father forgives.

What of the older son? Does he say sorry for his bitterness and resentment held towards his father and brother? If he did not, it's questionable how healthy the house was on the prodigal's return.

1 Peter chapter 4 (KJV) states, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it."

If we/I practise the Bible teachings, a healthy corps will exist, Mission Priority 3 will be achieved and possibly a high-ranking apology will not be required.

Keith Mackie,
Newcastle Worship and Community Centre.

Staying power of abiding

"Abide". Not a word in the popular vernacular, with the possible exception the reference to *Abide With Me*, the traditional Anzac memorial service hymn. "Abide": to dwell, remain, continue, submit to, tolerate.

Teaching grammar and rote learning, sadly, are also not in the popular education methodology. Those who appropriated grammar teaching from the past know about verb tense, and the "present continuous". This implies "abiding", continuing and staying power.

This concept can be spiritualised, as implied in the parable of the vine and branches in John 15. The "present continuous" conveys an ongoing process: "If you live in me – abide vitally united to me and my words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7 *Amplified*). Here is the secret of victorious Christian living!

Learning the word of God by heart, week after week, as a child in a Brethren Sunday School, has been a lifeguard in troubled times throughout my life. I may not recall the particular references, but the words remain, and are life, meat and drink to me in times of need.

I remain clinging to the vine for nourishment, knowing that my life is hid in Christ. Joyce Meyer reiterates the words of Christ himself, "Any branch in me that does not bear fruit, he [God, the vine dresser] cuts away" (John 15:2) ... "and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit ... for more excellent fruit." She says, you are pruned if you fail to produce and if you do produce. But you must abide in him and his words remain in you. Why? Because "apart from me ... you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

The benefits of remaining close to Christ, living attached to the vine, are legion: his grace, flowing in and through me, faith to remove mountains, proof you are his followers, continuing in *his* love, empowerment, appropriating *his* joy, guaranteed *his* peace, bearing fruit and being effectual in service, glorifying and honouring God through a living relationship with the Creator; modelling our lives on *his* life.

Paul knew the benefits of abiding, "For I am confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you, will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus". (Philippians 1:6), concurring that God is at work in committed hearts and lives, bringing us to maturity to that day! Like Christian in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, we are on a pilgrimage from the time of conversion, manifesting that mystical relationship as "living epistles, read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).

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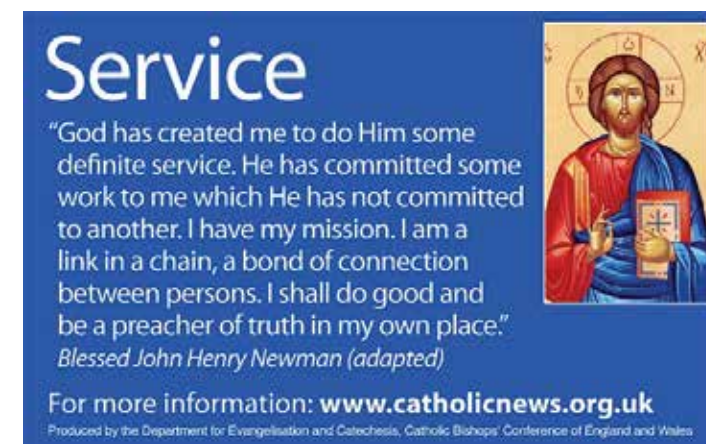
Putting our faith into action

As The Salvation Army sends out its latest session of cadets into the mission field, **Commissioner JAMES CONDON** says, as Christians, we are all called to serve and share our faith

I recently had my attention drawn to an article on the website of the British newspaper *The Telegraph* about Catholics being given "faith cards".

The article stated that "every devout Roman Catholic in the country (United Kingdom) is to be given a credit card-sized reminder to share their faith with others".

The initiative comes after Pope Benedict XVI announced a "year of faith" in which Catholics will be called to do more to spread the gospel.



The faith card for Catholics aims to offer a daily reminder of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. This is certainly a bold step of faith and a timely reminder that we are all called to serve and share our faith.

Our Mission Priority Two says, "Our whole territory in every place, involved in evangelism". If every Salvationist were to embrace this, what would The Salvation Army look like? Now there's a challenge for us all, but do we – should we – need to be challenged about something that should be the normal lifestyle of every Christian?

Leslie Brandt, in his paraphrase of the Scripture *Jesus Now*, wrote under the heading "Following Boldly", "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me," (John 12:26).

Jesus' first disciples literally left everything - their homes, families, jobs, property - to follow after him. He promised them that in the new world, the kingdom of God, they would receive a hundred-fold more than everything they left behind (Matthew 19:27-30). This is still his promise to those who follow him.

If you are intent on serving Christ, you must follow him. You must go where he goes, be where he is, do what you know he would do. Then, wherever you are, there he is also. Inasmuch as you follow and serve him by being the loving servants of people around you, you are honouring and serving your Father in heaven (John 12:26).

Bolstering forces

This month's *Pipeline* features the testimonies of a number of the cadets of the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session. Next month, along with five others, the members of this session will be commissioned as Salvation Army officers with the rank of lieutenant. They are welcome reinforcements.

Our Mission Priority Seven says that we will do whatever it takes to see a significant increase of new soldiers and officers, and we want to see this. But I also want to remind you that all of us are called to serve and share our faith. What are you doing about this?

God promises the help of his Holy Spirit for the task. We are in it together and we are in exciting days.



Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

Holiness as a modern-day lifestyle

Major CEC WOODWARD offers a life of holiness as the answer to the social questions of the 21st century

To state the obvious, we live in a world where not only is knowledge exploding but the application of those insights is quickly absorbed into everyday living. We readily accept space travel, global electronic conversations and images, instant news, frequent career changes, and so on.

It has been rightly said that each generation must reinterpret Christian living, placing it within its contemporary context. This contextualisation doesn't result in conformity to the prevailing culture but, as modelled by Jesus and the New Testament writers, it is expressed in an up-to-date lifestyle – holy living in the 21st century.

The Salvation Army has always taught and advocated holy living. Some social historians have even identified this as being the core-defining characteristic of the Army within the wider universal church.

Our heritage is rich in its exploration of what the life of holiness means both theologically and experientially. The core of what we believe is that holy living is the outworking of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. It is God at work within us and through us as we offer ourselves completely to him.

Catherine Booth, wife of The Salvation Army's founder William Booth, declared that God does his work in us to the extent that we surrender to him and as we align our will with his. The outworking of that alignment is seen in our behaviours – our actions, our words, our lifestyle.

The lifestyle descriptions of the holy life taught by John Wesley often drew a

criticism that he was teaching a salvation and sanctification by works. His reply was that such behaviours were the product of God's work in one's life producing certain types of fruit. It was the positive lifestyle of the kingdom of God, not imposed externally, but emerging from an inward desire. "Holy living is the expression of our walking with Jesus day by day."

"WE OFTEN FAIL TO SEE THAT OUR PRACTICES ARE MORE OFTEN BASED ON OUR WESTERN OR GENERATIONAL CULTURES RATHER THAN ON THE GOSPEL."

These themes are succinctly intertwined in the current Handbook of Doctrine: "A Salvationist understanding of holiness expresses itself as practical and social holiness as well as spiritual experience and development."

Our view of the gospel, including its message of holiness, is that it is for every aspect of life. This is very clearly outlined in the words of Catherine Booth at the wedding of her daughter Emma. "What I consider the first and fundamental and all-comprehensive principle of Christ's salvation – of real Christianity – [is] that every act of our lives, every relationship

into which we enter, every object at which we aim, every purpose that inspires our soul, should be centred and bounded by God and his glory, and that, ... whatsoever we do, ... we should do all to the glory of God."

For her there was no secular-sacred divide – the whole of life was sacramental. Or as Commissioner (later General) Paul Rader said, "When our hearts are made holy, all of life is a sacrament."

As nineteenth-century Scottish poet Horatius Bonar wrote, "So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free; But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with Thee."

Within this context, the instructions (orders and regulations) given to officers and soldiers in The Salvation Army can be understood not simply as behavioural rules to be complied with. Rather, their intention, besides consistent organisational practices, was to encapsulate how the life of holiness would be displayed.

"The holy life is recognised by its fruits:

Right attitudes and relationships with others;

A genuine love for all people – the unlikeable as well as the likeable;

Personal integrity;

Consistent hard work;

The consideration and respect shown to colleague[s];

Humility in success."

The above is a partial listing from Orders and Regulations for Officers but every one of these points is made within the context of reliance on the empowering grace of God. However, these fruit are not merely a peculiarity of The Salvation

Army, they are part of the scriptural portrait of a life redeemed and sanctified – of a truly Christian lifestyle.

So are there particular ways that we would recognise a holy life in 2012? If every activity is "centred and bounded by God and his glory" and comes from a conscious decision to commit to that, how will that be evidenced?

We could consider concrete examples of the sample of fruits noted above. Alternatively, (and this is the option chosen in this article), we could take time to reflect on some of the social themes of this new century and question what lifestyle fruit would emerge as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us away from being conformed to the dominant mindsets and lifestyle of our society to the ways of God's kingdom.

ENVIRONMENT

The hymn-writer wrote, "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, ... the Lord God made them all." If we accept the truth of that statement, the question we have to answer is, 'How do we show respect and care for his creation gifts?' We wouldn't accept a gift and then proceed to smash it with a hammer, and yet at times we seem to treat the diverse gifts of God's creating in that manner.

Our collective action which has resulted in the extinction of certain species seems to say to God, "We don't care that you designed and brought life to these creatures as part of your 'good' creation."

We are very knowledgeable about our bodies becoming sick if we take in hurtful substances such as cigarette smoke but we are equally concerned

that the waterways of our country and across the planet are unhealthy? As we continue to make them receptacles for the waste products of our lifestyle – whether domestic, industrial or international – we destroy their health.

MULTICULTURAL

We acknowledge that there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female because we are all one in Christ, but in many places there is little or no evidence that we fellowship with those of a different ethnicity, or those of a different social standing.

"THE CORE OF WHAT WE [THE ARMY] BELIEVE IS THAT HOLY LIVING IS THE OUTWORKING OF THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

Even worse than avoiding them, when we do come together, why do we require that "they" fellowship on our terms? We often fail to see that our practices are more often based on our western (often British) or generational cultures rather than on the gospel. Why do we devalue the contributions of other traditions by expecting everyone to worship and serve in the ways we do – our style, our music, our customs?

RIVALRIES

We know that scripture tells us that there is diversity within the church as the Spirit gives his different gifts for the common good. Why then are there rivalries which are effectively saying the eye is more important than the foot or the hand saying it doesn't need the ear? Are we failing to heed what the Spirit had to say to the Corinthian Christians 2000 years ago about the unity within the body?

CITIZENSHIP

The election processes of our political system have become a forum to promote self interest. What will the health care system changes mean to me? How will these new taxes affect me? What benefit will I receive from the new education policy?

If our greatest motivation is love to God and neighbour, when does our expression of holiness prompt us to stop to ask what the impact of these 'promises' will be on my neighbour, on that rural township, on the fifth-generation crop farmer, on that single dad, on that labouring family in Bolivia, and so on?

THE MARKET PLACE

"Buy now: pay later." "Three years old you say; time to upgrade." "This latest model has all these extra features plus essential safety features." "The fashion has changed so throw out the old." "To be younger looking, to replace the dull routine with excitement, this offer will transform your life."

Such are the messages, sometimes

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Answering *the* call

Each year, men and women who have been drawn together from all walks of life are commissioned as officers of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

It follows two years of intensive training, during which they study subjects as diverse as theology, pastoral care, community development, public relations, world religions and ethics, among others. They are also exposed to practical out-training and regular pastoral and public-speaking ministry.

On Sunday 2 December, cadets of the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session will be commissioned at the Sydney Convention Centre. Over the next few pages, five of the cadets tell the story of their calling and time in training.



Photo: Shairon Paterson



Lesley Newton believes God's timing was perfect for her to enter college to become a Salvation Army officer.

Cadet Lesley Newton

My life prior to college was very different to the past two years. I loved the work that I did – administration – but after about 25 years it eventually got to the point where I wasn't being fulfilled in the role. It was the perfect opportunity to finally leave work and spend time studying what I had always wanted to do.

I wanted to own and run my own catering company. There was just one problem; all of a sudden I couldn't think of anything worse. The whole idea suddenly became repulsive to me. This truly made no sense at all. I had wanted to do this for more than 10 years, so why did it repulse me now?

It was because God had something else planned for me life. The time had come: it was time for me to go to college and train to be an officer in The Salvation Army.

This step had not been anywhere on my radar for life. People had said to me over the years about becoming an officer, but I didn't feel called. In fact, at times my responses to people were quite rude because I felt there was an expectation that I would do this. There was no way I was going to become an officer without God in the midst of it; it is way too hard to do this in my own steam. It came down to the fact that it wasn't the right time.

But the time did eventually come, and I found myself in the 2011-12 session along with 18 other people who will be forever known as the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection*.

We are now on the final, steepest climb up the mountain college-wise. We are almost at the precipice, at which point we step off the edge and trust God for what it is he has in store for each us as we face life as officers in The Salvation Army.

What that looks like for me ... let's face it, God is the only one that knows that. I have to hold on for the ride and see where it takes me. But the best thing is, even though I am a single woman heading out into ministry, I won't be doing this alone. Why? Because I know that God has gone before me, is going with me and will be in every circumstance that I find myself.

experience with God. I continued doing just what I wanted.

I had conveniently pushed the idea of officership out of my mind until one night in the year 2000. My husband, Steve, mentioned that he felt he had been called to become an officer. I just sat there, stunned. What a terrifying thought!

My initial reaction was, "no way!" God, though, was patient and he continued to guide my growth in him. When I had the opportunity to attend a youth councils in 2008, I was able to experience God in a very real way. I felt him with me and I clearly heard, "Stop telling me no!" I was unable to stay in my seat, and I went forward to pray about it. I decided that I could not ignore his call anymore and began the process of

able to participate in all the activities that my local Salvation Army corps offered a young girl.

I was aware of God in my life and that he had a plan for me, yet I was quite happy to ignore what God's plan could be for me. While I believed what I had learnt, I was yet to gain a deeper



Samantha Wallis says she and her husband Dominic felt a strong call to become Salvation Army officers. All photos: Shairon Paterson

I came to college, with my husband, Dominic, and our two beautiful girls, Hannah and Abigail, from Tamworth, NSW. Before that, I grew up in a country town called Dubbo in NSW where for as long as I can remember my family and I attended The Salvation Army corps.

All my life I have had a passion for working with children, and most of my ministry life has been with children and youth, both of which I have enjoyed and learnt so much from.

If anyone had asked me two years ago if I would ever consider going to college, I would have said no. Surely God has got

better speakers and more equipped people in mind than me to become an officer!

It was just after my husband and I had built our first house that I felt a strong call to be an officer. With some hesitation, I filled in the forms, all the while expecting to be turned away, saying that I was not good enough. This, for me, meant that I had done what God had asked and I could now go back to my normal life. Instead, the "no" never came and in no time at all my husband and I were accepted and packing up our house and family to move to Sydney.

In the two years that I have been at college, I have seen God transform me

and give me the strength to do things that I never imagined I could. I am reminded countless times in my quiet times that God did not always call the person that society viewed as the best leader. He called people who had a heart for him and were the best for the job.

These leaders in the Bible, like me, made excuses, but God stuck with them, patiently reminding them that with him all things are possible. These leaders reminded me that I am never going to be that perfect person who has it all together, and I am going to make mistakes, but with God as my strength, I can do all things through him.

entering college. The journey of college has not been an easy one. There have been times where I have felt frustrated, isolated and alone, yet these are the times when I have drawn closer to God.

It has been a roller-coaster of experiences; some good, some not so enjoyable. Yet all of my experiences have taught me something.

God has shown me time and time again that he is with me in everything that I do; that he is with me in the good and bad times. God has gone before me and all I need to do is step out in faith.

Now, as I am about to leave training college, one thing remains certain and that is God is with me. I do not need to fear what the next part of my journey is because he is beside me.



Lydia Spencer felt she had ridden a roller-coaster of emotions leading up to becoming a cadet with her husband Steve.

Cadet Lydia Spencer

My story begins in what many would call a "country" town.

I was born and raised in Grafton, NSW, and lived there for many years. I was comfortable there, or so I thought. I grew up with the influence of a godly mother and, thanks to her, I was

It is almost impossible to recognise the person who came to college in 2003 to join the *Bridgebuilders* session. And it's because of the changes that God has done in my life.

At the end of the first year of training, I left college for personal reasons and returned to serve in a local corps. The following eight years was a journey where, in looking back, I can see God's faithfulness to both my wife, Debbie, and I shine through. In situations which in the moment for us seemed quite painful, God was the giver of hope when all seemed hopeless and the bringer of light when there were dark moments.

Debbie and I shared in many joys in ministry in the local corps in Bundaberg, and further when we served as divisional envoys in the role of Corps Officers in Bowen, North Queensland.

In returning to training at the beginning of 2012, I have continued my journey alongside the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection*, and have enjoyed (mostly) the study that has continue to stretch and challenge me in developing me firstly as a Christian and secondly as a leader within The Salvation Army.

The School for Officer Training is not just academic education, though. Training is also provided in field program and spiritual formation. All three elements are



Wes Bust has experienced God's faithfulness during his time at college.

so vital and I can testify that I have grown through each of the elements and can see God's guiding hand in using training staff to assist me in my growth, both in 2003 and this year as well.

I look forward to what God is going to do through Debbie and I as we partner in his mission to his people wherever that might lead us in our officership. There

are many unknowns with regards to the locations in which we will serve, but one thing is certain, that God will continue to be faithful as we serve him in his church.

2 Timothy 4:17: "But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth."

years managing a Family Store, I was back in school. Considering that I had been away from study for over 30 years, this was definitely a shock to the system.

It was tough getting back into the books again, and there was much prayer focused on coping with the academic side of college. With the help of God's Holy Spirit and through an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, all of my prayers have been answered. I have found myself focusing upon one of my favourite Bible verses, Romans 15: 5-6: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Throughout this college journey, I have made friends who will be friends for life. Not only are these people fellow session-mates, but they are people who have stepped out in faith and followed Christ's call on their lives as well.

As we talk among ourselves, I find the topic of appointments and commissioning coming up more and more and it is somehow exciting, not knowing where God will send me. But one thing is sure, no matter where he sends me, I will go, and I will go a *Proclaimer of the Resurrection*.

life to officer training as well. We were embarking on a journey into the unknown and even though we were feeling apprehensive, this was the way it was supposed to be, we had made it to college and God had brought us here.

The first six months were like a whirlwind, I felt that my feet hardly touched the ground. After 25 years in the engineering trades and more than three



Rod Parsons initially found it hard hitting the books again when he and his wife Deb entered training college. All photos: Shairon Paterson

I remember turning into the driveway at the School for Officer Training some 21 months ago and thinking to myself, "this all seems so surreal, I wonder what lies ahead?" I was apprehensive and maybe even a little scared, but I knew that this was the place that God had called me to.

I was encouraged by the fact that my wife, Deb, was fulfilling God's call on her

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

As the latest session of cadets prepare to be commissioned as Salvation Army officers, another group is getting ready to enter the training college for two years of study. **SCOTT SIMPSON** meets one of the new cadets, a young man who is already very familiar with officership

His mum and dad are officers as are his two brothers and their wives. Now Philip Sutcliffe and his wife, Donna, are preparing to enter the School For Officer Training in Sydney next year.

It was, he admits, inevitable.

Philip and Donna, both 26, will go to college from the Capricorn Region Corps in Rockhampton, although for the past year they have been overseeing the nearby Yeppoon Mission. That experience, they say, has been invaluable.

"Initially we went to Yeppoon, in August last year to start a Kids Club, to help Matt Gluyas who was then divisional youth secretary," says Philip. "Matt's role incorporated oversight of Yeppoon Mission."

"We felt a real connection to the area and then we were made aware of a ministry worker position at the mission to assist Matt in ministry. We went to the then Divisional Commander Major [now Lieut-Colonel] Rodney Walters and expressed our heart to work in Yeppoon and also work as a couple and we got the job."

"It's been a steep learning curve. As an officer's kid I'd seen and experienced what it was like being an officer, but it's not until you do the role yourself that you see exactly what's involved. It's deepened my passion to become an officer."

Contrasting childhood

Philip has been in "Rocky" since 2004 when his parents, Majors Peter and Miriam Sutcliffe, were appointed to positions at Central and North Queensland Divisional Headquarters.

As an officer's kid, The Salvation Army has always been a big part of his life.

Donna, in contrast, had her first contact with the Army, through SAGALA activities, when she was 10. She became a Christian in her late teens.

Her parents divorced when she was two and she hasn't had much contact with her dad since. Her mum now lives in Cairns and attends The Salvation Army.

"My mum is very supportive about the



Philip and Donna Sutcliffe will swap the Yeppoon Mission for The Salvation Army training college in Sydney.

fact I'm becoming an officer, but it's my grandad in particular who's really excited about it," Donna says. "He still lives in Rockhampton and thinks the world of The Salvation Army."

Philip and Donna have been married for six years. Prior to moving to Yeppoon, Philip was managing one of the Army's Family Stores in Rockhampton, while Donna was working for Employment Plus.

"Officership was on the radar for both of us even before we were married - we'd actually discussed it while we were going out together," says Donna.

"Then at Easter two years ago, while I was sitting in church, I heard a voice in my head - the best way I can describe it is that it was just short of being an actual audible voice - telling me that God wanted me for officership."

She told Philip about her experience and while skeptical about the call to officership initially, he got his confirmation a couple of months later.

"We still fought it [the call] for a while," Philip says. "We asked for officership application forms, but still procrastinated about it for a few months."

"Then one day we both got home from

work and felt convicted that it was time to fill the forms out. So that night we sat down and applied to enter The Salvation Army training college."

Family support

The move to Sydney will reunite the couple with Philip's parents. Major Peter Sutcliffe is the Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Public Relations Secretary, and Major Miriam Sutcliffe is Corps Officer at nearby Petersham.

Philip's eldest brother and his wife, Lieutenants David and Lara Sutcliffe, are Corps Officers at Noosa in Queensland, while another brother, Matthew, and his wife, Jodie, are envoys in the Army's Australia Southern Territory.

He also has two sisters, Deborah and Diana, who with their husbands attend the Salvation Army.

"At no stage have I ever felt any pressure from my parents to take this step [into officership]," says Philip. "They've always supported me whatever I've chosen to do."

"Naturally, though, they're very excited that Donna and I are doing this. I guess you could say that I'm joining the family business."

Bringing the future into focus

It's the little centre with the big vision. **ESTHER PINN** profiles The Salvation Army's youth leadership school on the Central Coast of NSW

Waking up to spectacular views across Lake Munmorah every morning, students agree that The Salvation Army School for Youth Leadership is a fantastic way to spend a year of your life.

From February to December every year, young Salvos aged 18 to 28, by enrolling in an intensive discipleship course at Lake Munmorah, on the NSW Central

Coast, and completing a Certificate IV in Youth Work, also get to enjoy the added benefit of their spectacular surrounds.

"Our vision for the school is to develop young people for their calling in ministry, build foundations for their life and see them grow with a passion for God," explains Jake Horton, Ministry Assistant at the school.

"Knowing God, knowing yourself and knowing your

destiny," adds Captain Melissa Humphreys. "You can get discipleship in your own church but this course is intensive discipleship. This is where God can absolutely pull you apart and put you back together again. Who you come as and you leave as are completely different."

Captains Melissa and Andrew Humphreys have been the Directors at the School for Youth Leadership since 2009. >>>



SCHOOL FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP

OUR MISSION

To create a learning environment that will train, disciple and equip young people for a lifestyle of ministry and mission, as a Salvationist in contemporary society.

OUR VISION

To see young Salvationists impacting the world for the Kingdom of God and being agents for positive change and healing.

OUR STRATEGY

We will fulfil this vision by:

Living as a community of people, totally committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:42).

Utilising selected speakers and teaching tools to equip each student to effectively communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:17).

Encouraging students to discover God's purpose and dream for their lives, and provide opportunities for them to serve him in leadership roles (Jeremiah 29:11).

Committing ourselves to their journey with Jesus, their wholeness in him and their ongoing ministry within The Salvation Army (Philippians 1:6).



Drew Williams (left) and Nathanael Hardaker have sacrificed opportunities with their chosen passions to follow the path of youth leadership. Photos: Shairon Paferson

Melissa says they have a strong connection with the school, having completed the course themselves (see her testimony on next page).

"We have the DNA," she explains. "The school is part of us and has been the foundation of our lives as [Salvation Army] officers. Who I am as a person is because of what God has done through the school in my life."

Working alongside this dynamic couple is Lieutenant Katherine Mills, Assistant Corps Officer at Long Jetty, and Jake and Erin Horton.

Life-changing

Apart from its discipleship focus, the course also covers topics such as public speaking, mentoring, being culturally relevant, professional and personal boundaries, sharing the gospel, how to write a sermon and how to lead a group of people.

The course also offers a practical component which allows the young people to either nominate a corps to work at or go on a mission trip to gain hands-on experience.

"If someone asked me why I

should come, I'd say, 'It will change your life'," says Melissa. "If you're serious about your future with God then this is the platform to launch into any kind of ministry or learn how to just be a disciple in the workforce. You get the skills and the foundation here that will set you up to do that."

Nathanael Hardaker, from Forster-Tuncurry Corps, is a student at Lake Munmorah.

He decided to forego the offer of a football scholarship to an American college, to follow God's calling for his life.

"It was a calling and I had my sights set on it [the youth leadership school] for a couple of years," the 20-year-old says. "I was on a scholarship program to go to an American college to play soccer, but I followed God's calling to come here instead of following my own dreams."

Next year the course will cost \$6500 which includes all study, most meals and accommodation. To enroll for 2013, go to: salvos.org.au/boothcollege/lake-munmorah-youth-leadership

"WHO I AM AS
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Year of discovery and fulfilment



Captain Melissa Humphreys (centre) with fellow staff members Jake and Erin Horton.

By Captain MELISSA HUMPHREYS

Thousands of kilometres from any place I had called home, I was mulling over what to do the following year. I had a new passion to teach after spending months working on a cattle station as a high school governess and primary school teacher's aide.

I had "escaped" to the Northern Territory, somehow ending up on a remote property right in the middle of the outback. I had run from turbulent teen years, failing grades at uni, poor decisions in my social life and a relationship with God that was struggling.

As I looked around the expanse of the Northern Territory landscape, I sensed that there had to be more in my life than what I had allowed. My demise was the result of a passive, almost apathetic attitude to my studies and relationships.

Then a new option emerged. For some reason, months before, I had slipped a pamphlet for The Salvation Army School for Youth Leadership into my Bible. As I scanned the photocopied sheet, all of a sudden I had a desire to pack up and go back to NSW. Something inside me was saying, "This is what I need to do".

The next few months were a blur of applying to the school, saying goodbye to some of the most beautiful Aboriginal children I have ever known, and arriving at a place that would change the direction of my life.

What hit me first about the school was the all-out acceptance. People loved me for who I was. God's love was displayed so outrageously, so overwhelmingly. I experienced a group of people who lived out Acts 2; worshipping God, sharing what they had, praying together, loving each other. My whole world was rocked; I had never experienced anything like this before.

The year flew by – classes, ministry opportunities, mentoring and encouragement to live like Jesus.

Learning so much and being able to put it into practice straight away cemented it in my heart and mind.

What I am most grateful for is the foundational discipleship that made the school so crucial in forming who I am today. God used the school to fast-track my journey of discipleship, and eventually to become a Salvation Army officer.

I am passionate about the School for Youth Leadership because God used it to change my life. I totally believe that when we surrender fully to God and give him space to speak into our lives, anything is possible.

I love being with people who are passionate about Jesus and want to change the world for him. For me, fulfilment is seeing people step into all that God has for them.

The School for Youth Leadership was the missing link that has seen my life go to places that I could have never imagined or dreamed.

'How can I be free when they are not?'

Lieutenant TARA McGUIGAN was part of the first Salvation Army team to arrive on Nauru to provide humanitarian support for asylum seekers being housed there. Back in Australia, the Capricorn Region Corps Officer reflects on her service on the remote Pacific island nation



Lieut Tara McGuigan speaks to people in a park in Rockhampton. A recent three-week mission to asylum seekers on Nauru has had a deep and lasting impact on her.

'How was Nauru?" When one of my closest friends asked me this question only hours after I had returned to Australia, I was stuck for words. I felt it was like being asked: "What's the meaning of life?" How could I even start to express what for me was an experience so huge, so overwhelming? Right there, on the phone, I couldn't lucidly put into words any one thing about what Nauru was like for me.

Now into my third day back, however, I am able to lay some clarity around the question, "How was Nauru?" This 21sq km island is four-and-a-half hours by air from Brisbane. The asylum seekers, who arrive by boat in Australian waters, are transferred there while their claims for asylum are being processed. This can take a long time, often years.

They are placed in camps where they sleep under canvas. Nauru is within five degrees of the Equator so it is extremely hot and humid. Living conditions are far from ideal in the camp area which is no more than two acres. There is no air-conditioning and a few fans ineffectively disturb the heavy humidity.

How could I say the experience was "great" when it was so tragic for so many who kept regularly arriving by plane from Christmas Island or Darwin? How could I say that it was fulfilling when all the time I was surrounded by desperation and hopelessness?

How could I say that I was able to bring these people some hope and friendship when they had left behind everyone they loved and everything they owned or enjoyed?

How could I say that I was able to support young Raj when he had

witnessed his mother being gunned down before his eyes at the age of nine? How could I say I brought a smile to Ravi's face when he arrived with a smile that never left his beautiful face despite the horrors life had flung his way? How could I feel I had offered a hand of welcome to an angry Hameed when, on his arrival, he yelled, "We are not animals," as he looked around him and felt rejection and desolation?

How could I say I made a difference when nothing had really changed for my brothers? In fact, despite good food and the promise of better living conditions, on Nauru their quest for freedom in Australia had just taken a turn for the worse. More than that, it had come to an abrupt halt.

They had fled war, death, torture and suffering, and then the risk of drowning at sea, in search of freedom from fear, safety and a new life. They had scrounged around and scraped up every dollar and cent they could find to pay their way, preyed upon by heartless people-smugglers who wanted nothing else but their money and cared less for these desperate human beings than they would if they squashed an irritating fly.

I feel helpless. I feel like a grain of sand on a beach of pebbles. I feel like I am a whisper amid a cacophony of sound. I feel like a faintly glowing star trying to light up a dark universe. I feel humble. I feel ashamed. I feel like I am nothing, insignificant and puny.

No, I don't feel blessed, I don't feel free, I can't sing "Give thanks" when my fellow human beings live in circumstances that call for nothing less than abject pity and sorrow. How can I be free when they are not? How can I be thankful for my own little comfortable life when so many people have no place to call home? How can I say I am blessed when all their worldly possessions are carried around in a plastic bag?

Lives bound

In my spirit and my thoughts I go back to Topside, the name of the asylum seeker village on Nauru. I see myself walking in my comfortable Reeboks thanking God they are strong enough to withstand the layers of pebbles and stones that cover most of the ground. My friend Omar makes a parting request of me, to please ask for a pair of shoes for him because

all he has are his rubber thongs and it's hard for him to play in the cricket and volleyball games the Salvos organise.

There is a solitary tree in the compound under which many of my brothers gather. It is the coolest spot. As I fly back into Australia, I notice rivers and lush green countryside covered with forest in many places. I experience a newfound consciousness for a country of natural abundance. As I sit on my lounge in my comfortable house, I look out over the garden surrounded by beautiful and plentiful trees and plants and bushes. None of that at Topside with its single tree crowded with chairs and camp beds on which displaced people sit and lie as they try to find shade and catch a whiff of breeze. Albert Einstein said: "Time is not at all what it seems. It does not flow in only one direction, and the future exists simultaneously with the past."

My life and the lives of these asylum seekers are inextricably bound. I am the boy Dilan, 18, fleeing to Australia in a boat, spending 28 days at sea, the last five with no food or fresh water, surviving on sea water laced with vinegar and sugar. I am the devoted husband and loving father of Fathima and Nissa and Saji left behind in war-torn Iraq, promising to find a way to bring the most important people in my life to a place of freedom and safety. I am Shamir who changed from Christianity to Islam because I was persecuted and punished for my faith. I am that son, that daughter, that friend, that relative who lives in nowhere land.

What answer can I give to people who, as we say goodbye after three weeks of intense life journeying, turn their eyes to me and ask: "What will happen to us? Do you think we'll ever get to Australia?" How do I speak words of hope to people who have called me "Akka" (Sri Lankan for big sister), "Sister", "Aunty" and "Tara Miss", acutely aware they may never see their hope fulfilled? I leave feeling like a deserter, acutely aware of these people's need for love and respect, hope and kindness. My heart is scattered among them all. We are one.

For reflection: "Lord, set the captives free." Read Isaiah 58:6-10.

NOTE: Names of asylum seekers in story are pseudonyms.

Moulds' seconded to PNG to head up asylum seeker ministry



By **LAUREN MARTIN**

Majors Paul and Robbin Moulds (pictured above) have taken temporary leave from their appointments as head of The Salvation Army's Social Program Department and Oasis Youth Support Network respectively, to head up the Army's new offshore processing mission at centres on Nauru and Manus Island.

The six-month secondment, based on Manus Island (Papua New Guinea), will see Paul act as Regional Director, Offshore Processing and Robbin as Island Client Services Coordinator.

It's the first time the couple have worked together in 14 years and it is their first appointment outside Australia.

"We've always worked in the city of Sydney in urban poverty situations," says Robbin. "We've never worked with global poverty before."

"One of the exciting things for both of us is that we do love new challenges and new work."

"We don't know anything much about it [Manus Island] but we do know that this is the anointing and the calling of The Salvation Army to work with the lost, the last and the least. We believe that The Salvation Army can bring hope and that's why we are there to bring hope to these people each day."

At the end of the secondment, Paul will return to his role as Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Social, while Robbin will take up a new appointment as Territorial Incarnational Mission Coordinator.

The Salvation Army is still seeking applications for people who are skilled and available to work with asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island. Enquiries and applications can be sent to: offshoremision@aue.salvationarmy.org

‘Obweiy’ – Nauru’s school of hope

Among The Salvation Army’s team in the first few weeks of its Nauru mission were Bachelor of Education students Catharina Simmonds and Paul Perrett. When they signed up for the mission, little did they realise that working with asylum seekers would draw upon every ounce of their education skills. Catharina reflects on her experience ...

Education provides people with the ability to empower themselves and create change in their lives. It is no different, in fact even more critical, for asylum seekers. Gaining access and power over the predominant language in which policies are written, interactions with staff occur, and meetings and interviews are held, gives them a sense of autonomy over their lives in a situation where they feel powerless. It gives them a voice.

I could see this the moment I arrived at the Nauru asylum seeker camp, called Topside. There was another passionate educator in our Salvation Army team, Paul Perrett, and within a couple of days we were running our first English language classes using paper and pens, music, expressive gesturing and laughter. By the time I left Nauru, there were at least five sessions each day with up to 20 people attending each one.

Language

Our classes ran for 45 minutes with a beginner and intermediate class for each new group of arrivals. Students always arrived early and stayed back afterwards. Classes were all run outside under whatever shaded area we could find, and frequently moved from one spot to another depending on what was happening where during the day.

Paul and I drew upon each other’s experiences and abilities to co-teach the classes. Paul would frequently sit down one-on-one with men that needed extra support, as I continued teaching the class as a whole. Almost all of our lessons were

taught without a translator, as this allowed us to interact and connect with the men more freely. Many of the men who had a greater level of English-speaking ability also volunteered their time and assisted those in the beginner classes. The love these men showed each other was an incredible witness to their character, and it was a real blessing to teach them. Other Salvation Army team members also assisted.

Sustainability

Along with teaching the men English, we saw an incredible opportunity to teach them about issues of sustainability. Issues frequently come up in the camp that many of the men have never considered or experienced before. For example, washing their hands in certain ways and using washing machines.

A series of questions would go something like this: “Who washes their hands?” “What do you wash your hands with?” “When do we wash our hands?” “How?” “Why?” The men laughed at my interpretation of a washing machine, and Paul and I sniffing each other to explain the concept of dirty clothing. We laughed just as hard when one of the students told us: “No, teacher only little bit dirty.”

God provides. Every resource that the school received created such a sense of joy. We found a pair of maracas and from then on used them to sing songs and the ABCs. When we got coloured pencils, the men were all able to have a creative outlet for the first time.

Their drawings expressed their feelings in a range of ways.



Catharina Simmonds (front row second from left) and Paul Perrett (front second from right) with the Salvos’ Nauru team.

One man drew a picture of The Salvation Army shield. Many drew their voyage by boat with words such as, “Please save us”. Others drew their homes, and family.

Hope

The work that The Salvation Army does in Nauru, including the English language school, means so much to the men there. On my last day of teaching, each man shook my hand and thanked me. One of the classes wrote and all signed a request that I stay on the island to teach them. Running the classes, and getting to know the men in them, was a great blessing and joy. It was an experience I will never forget.

We named the school “Obweiy”, which means “hope” in Nauruan. It is our hope that the school continues with the love that it started and gives the men a greater hope for their future, especially for when they finally find freedom.

God has given us a place in Nauru to work with these men in faith, hope, and love.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Appeal

“Thanks to all of you who have partnered with us in giving generously to The Salvation Army Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Appeal. We appreciate you standing with us in closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage in Australia.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Appeal is a rolling campaign with no end date, so you can donate at any time and as often as you like. We encourage you to do so, as your generosity will make a very real difference to some of Australia’s most marginalised people.”

Adrian Kistan,
Territorial Indigenous Ministry Coordinator

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Holiness as a modern-day lifestyle

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blatant, other times quite subtle, continually aimed at us as consumers. We are bombarded and often captured by these messages without realising they are all about ‘me’ and ‘mine’ and thoughts about God’s kingdom generosity are like seed choked by weeds.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Self expression and freedom to express one’s opinion is a key feature of our western democracy. We have ‘progressed’ from village/backyard gossip, to ‘Letters to the Editor’, to talkback radio, to facebook.

Do we heed Paul’s warnings about gossip when we share personal opinions on facebook? The local gossip may be disparaging in the local neighbourhood but facebook and twitter reach around the globe and, even if retracted, their impact can never be undone.

The passing comment of an unguarded moment has the potential to thwart the

gentle wooing of the Spirit drawing another to faith. The letter of James challenges us about the destructive fire which the uncontrolled tongue (and written word) can generate but it also reminds us that our new birth produces a different sort of fruit.

These few scenarios culminate in a far deeper question, ‘Is there a difference between a lifestyle of holiness in 2012 and that expressed by Catherine Booth as quoted earlier?’

Although her lifestyle was no doubt different to the norm, she did not live in monastic seclusion and had a close engagement with people from many different walks of life.

Her foundational belief was that Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God on earth. This informed her sacramental principle and stood the test of time. (She stated that it was arrived at when she was 15 years old, 44 years prior to delivering the quoted message).

Her life experience of God’s purpose and his work provides a reliable point of reference for us as we seek to discover how holiness as lifestyle may be expressed in 2012.

To answer the social questions of this generation, we need to continually hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches and allow him to guide us in translating the spiritual experience of entering into the kingdom into the social holiness of living as citizens of God’s kingdom.



Major Cec Woodward is
Assistant Chief Secretary for
the Australia Eastern Territory

APPOINTMENT CHANGES

The following appointments of Salvation Army officers are effective from 10 January 2013, unless otherwise stated. Please pray for these officers and their families as they prepare to move and take up new challenges across Queensland, NSW and the ACT

RED SHIELD DEFENCE SERVICES

CHIEF COMMISSIONER LIEUTENANT, Lyndley **Fabre**; ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMISSIONER, Lieutenant Clover **Fabre**; REPRESENTATIVES, GALLIPOLI BARRACKS (ENOGGERA), Captains Alan & Annette **Keane**; REPRESENTATIVES, LAVARACK BARRACKS (TOWNSVILLE) Ken & Joanne **Delamore**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY, Major Jeanette **Stoltenberg**

BOOTH COLLEGE

INSPIRE COORDINATOR (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT) Major Chris **Reid**

School for Officer Training

ASSISTANT FIELD PROGRAM OFFICER & TRAINING OFFICER, Captain Laihe **Greenaway**; TRAINING OFFICER & CHILD CARE COORDINATOR, Captain Kaelene **Greenaway**

School for Christian Studies

DEAN, SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES (CHANGE OF TITLE), Major Dean **Smith**; ASSISTANT DEAN (ACADEMIC) SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Major Christine **Unicomb**; ADJUNCT LECTURER (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Captain Adam **Couchman**

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL INFORMATION MANAGER Major Lorraine **McLeod**

Pastoral Care & Officer Well-Being Team

TERRITORIAL COORDINATORS FOR PASTORAL CARE, Majors David & Lea **Palmer**; TEAM MEMBER, OFFICER WELL-BEING TEAM AND MENTOR TO NEWLY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (QLD), Lieut-Colonel Christine **Rees**; TEAM MEMBER, OFFICER WELL-BEING TEAM (QLD), Major Sue **Davies**; RETIRED OFFICERS CHAPLAIN (QLD), Lieut-Colonel David **Rees**

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Secondment to Manus Island (six months)
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, OFFSHORE PROCESSING MAJOR, Paul **Moulds**; ISLAND CLIENT SERVICES COORDINATOR, Major Robbin **Moulds**

Territorial Mission & Resource Team – Corps

MISSION & RESOURCE DIRECTORS - CORPS,

Envoys Randall & Glenda **Brown**;

TERRITORIAL INCARNATIONAL MISSION COORDINATOR, Major Robbin **Moulds**; TERRITORIAL MISSION SUPPORT – EARLY CHILDHOOD, Major Roslyn **Walker**

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CORPS OFFICERS, WAGGA WAGGA CORPS, Lieutenants Marco & Bindi **Lupis**

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DIVISIONAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, Major Lynn **Whittaker**; DIVISIONAL MISSION & RESOURCE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL, Captain Tracey **Schutz**; DIVISIONAL YOUTH SECRETARIES, Jake & Amanda **Clanfield**; HUB COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR, CAIRNS (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Lieutenant Darren **Kingston**; HUB

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NEWCASTLE & CENTRAL NSW DIVISION

DHQ
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SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

DHQ
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Social

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IMMINENT RETIREMENTS:

We would like to honour the following officers who will be retiring in the very near future. We thank God for their faithful and gracious ministry.

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Captain Maureen **Nancarrow**
Majors Kevin & Glenda **Hentzschel**
Major Mel **Stephens**
Major Judy **Knight**
Major Christine **Stiles**
Major Ron **McMellon**

Major John **Wiseman**
Major Christine **Mayes**
Majors Chris & Laurel **Witts**
Majors Barry & Pam **Nancarrow**
Majors Cecil & Catherine **Woodward**
Major John **Thorley**

As our friends prepare for these changes would you join me providing prayer support particularly as they progress through these days of transition and change.

Please pray for the officers, leaders, their families and the respective locations they represent.

“Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And because God raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory, your faith and hope can be placed confidently in God.” 1 Peter 1:21 (*NLT*)

Colonel Wayne Maxwell
CHIEF SECRETARY



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INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENT CHANGES

In an official communique from the Office of the Chief of the Staff, the world leader of The Salvation Army, General Linda Bond, has announced the following international appointments and promotions



EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY 2013

COMMISSIONER BARRY SWANSON, currently serving at International Headquarters as the Chief of the Staff, and **COMMISSIONER SUE SWANSON** as World President of Women's Ministries, are appointed to the leadership of the USA Eastern Territory.

Commissioner Barry Swanson is appointed as Territorial Commander, USA Eastern Territory, and Commissioner Sue Swanson as Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

I want to express my deep gratitude to Commissioner Barry Swanson for the strong support he has been to me as General. Both he and Commissioner Sue Swanson have been valued team members and exemplary leaders.

They have given sterling service at International Headquarters and throughout the Army world.

The different appointments have been held through the years prepared them in a special way to take on the roles at IHQ which they have held with distinction in recent years.

I salute them and commend them to the USA Eastern Territory as strong, progressive, spiritual leaders.

After consultation with a number of senior leaders I have decided to



appoint **COMMISSIONER ANDRÉ COX** (pictured above left) as Chief of the Staff and **COMMISSIONER SILVIA COX** (above) as World President of Women's Ministries.

Commissioners André and Silvia Cox, officers of the Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory, are currently serving as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries of the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland.

Commissioners Cox are experienced leaders who have served in varied appointment responsibilities in Europe and in Africa.

Before taking up their present appointments they were territorial leaders in the Finland and Estonia and Southern Africa territories. Their credentials for the tasks to which they are now appointed speak for themselves and I commend them to you.

Please join me in praying God's rich blessing upon Commissioners Barry and Sue Swanson and Commissioners André and Silvia Cox as they assume their new appointment responsibilities.

May their on-going ministry bring glory to His Name.

Sincerely,
Linda Bond
GENERAL

Effective 1 January 2013

COMMISSIONERS JOASH AND FLORENCE MALABI (Kenya West Territory, serving as territorial leaders). **Appointed to** International Headquarters. Commissioner Joash Malabi as International Secretary for Africa; Commissioner Florence Malabi as Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries – Africa. Appointed in succession to retiring Commissioners Amos and Rosemary Makina.

COMMISSIONERS KENNETH AND JOLENE HODDER (USA Western Territory, serving as International Secretary for Personnel and Associate International Secretary for Personnel, International Headquarters). **Appointed to** Kenya West Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

COMMISSIONERS JOHN AND DORITA WAINWRIGHT (United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, serving as territorial leaders of the Kenya East Territory). **Appointed to** International Headquarters. Commissioner John Wainwright as International Auditor in the Business Administration Department and Commissioner Dorita Wainwright as Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries – Europe (effective 1 March 2013).

COMMISSIONER VINECE CHIGARIRO (Zimbabwe Territory, serving as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries). **Appointed to** Kenya East Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

COLONELS HENRY AND CATHERINE NYAGAH (Kenya East Territory, serving as territorial leaders in the Malawi Territory). **Appointed to** Zimbabwe Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointment responsibilities with the rank of commissioner.

COLONELS MOSES AND SARAH WANDULU (Uganda Territory, serving as territorial leaders). **Appointed to** Malawi Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

COLONELS BENJAMIN AND GRACE MNYAMPI (Kenya West Territory, serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries). **Appointed to** Uganda Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

MAJORS JOHNSTONE AND LINNET WOLAYO (Kenya West Territory, serving as Secretary for Personnel and Territorial Director, Community Caring Ministry). **Appointed to** Kenya West Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointment responsibilities with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

LIEUT-COLONELS NAHASHON AND ZIPPORAH NJIRU (Kenya East Territory, serving as Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, Kangundo Division). **Appointed to** Kenya East Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

COLONELS MICHAEL AND JOAN PARKER (United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Indonesia Territory). **Appointed to** Indonesia Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointment responsibilities with the rank of commissioner. Appointed in succession to retiring Commissioners Basuki and Marie Kartodarsono.

LIEUT-COLONELS JONES AND MARIYAM KASAEDJA (Indonesia Territory, serving respectively as Secretary for Personnel and Territorial Home League Director.) **Appointed to** Indonesia Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

Effective 1 February 2013

COMMISSIONERS CLIVE AND MARIANNE ADAMS (Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory, serving as territorial leaders). **Appointed to** United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

COMMISSIONERS DICK AND VIBEKE KROMMENHOEK (Netherlands and Czech Republic Territory, serving as territorial leaders of the Finland and Estonia Territory). **Appointed to** Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory as Territorial Commander and as Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

LIEUT-COLONEL MIRIAM GLUYAS (Australia Eastern Territory, serving as Secretary for Program). **Appointed to** Papua New Guinea Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.



COLONELS JOHNNY AND EVA KLEMAN (Sweden and Latvia Territory, serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries). **Appointed to** Finland and Estonia Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

LIEUT-COLONELS DANIEL AND REBECCA SJOGREN (USA Central Territory, serving as Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, Northern Division). **Appointed to** Sweden and Latvia Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

LIEUT-COLONELS KONG CHEW (BOB) AND TEOH GIM LENG (WENDY) LEE (Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory, serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries). **Appointed to** The Philippines Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. They succeed Lieut-Colonels Ronald and Robyn Clinch who will be proceeding to appointments in their home territory (Australia Southern).

LIEUT-COLONELS LYNDON AND BRONWYN BUCKINGHAM (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory, serving as Secretary for Programme and Assistant Secretary for Program). **Appointed to** Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

LIEUT-COLONELS NEIL AND CHRISTINE WEBB (United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in the Papua New Guinea Territory). **Appointed to** Papua New Guinea Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries in succession to retiring Commissioner Andrew Kalai. Lieut-Colonels Webb take up their new appointment responsibilities with the rank of colonel.

MAJOR HANNELISE TVEDT (Norway, Iceland and The Faeroes Territory, serving as Assistant Secretary for Program in the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland). **Appointed to** Netherlands and Czech Republic Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in succession to retiring Colonels Pieter and Alida Dijkstra. She will take up her new appointment responsibilities with the rank of colonel.

LIEUT-COLONELS GORDON AND SUSAN DALY (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory). **Appointed to** Spain and Portugal Command as Command Officer and President of Women's Ministries in succession to retiring Lieut-Colonels Luis and Aida Castillo.

Effective 1 March 2013

COLONEL BIRGITTE BREKKE (Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory, serving as Territorial Commander, Denmark Territory). **Appointed to** International Headquarters as International Secretary for Europe. She will take up her new appointment responsibilities with the rank of commissioner in succession to Commissioner Robert Street who, with Commissioner Janet Street, will be retiring from active service.

LIEUT-COLONELS KNUD DAVID AND LISBETH WELANDER (Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory, serving as Secretary for Business Administration and Sponsorship and Scholarship Secretary in The Philippines Territory). **Appointed to** Denmark Territory as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointment responsibilities with the rank of colonel.

INTERNATIONAL
APPOINTMENT
CHANGES

New passports help junior soldiers journey with God

By SIMONE WORTHING

The new Junior Soldier Award Passports have recently been launched as part of a roll-out of revisions to The Salvation Army's junior soldier curriculum and approach to discipling young people.

The passports and new materials have been adopted by the Australia Eastern, Australia Southern, and the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories.

The revised award system is focused on encouraging good habits and providing junior soldiers with tools to help build their faith and grow in their relationship with God. Each award level – bronze, silver, gold and crest – has a passport with activities for seven sections: participation, prayer, Bible, service, holy living, worship and projects. Children receive stamps in their passports as they progress in their journeys.

Every level requires children to bring and use their Bible, thereby teaching them how to navigate the pages and apply its lessons to life.

New junior soldier badges are also now available, and award level badges are being updated.

Captain Steven Smith, from the Australia Eastern Territory's Children's Ministry Team, says the new curriculum, which is a tri-territorial collaborative and ongoing project, is focused on several new elements. These include: material for parents and children to work through and apply at home together; resources that can be used in many contexts, including Sunday school, one-on-one classes, large groups and with those who haven't yet made a commitment to Jesus; and the introduction of "Big Buds" or discipleship partners.

"This is linked to our

understanding that primarily, faith formation takes place in the home," says Captain Smith. "External influences need to link in with what is happening at home and help parents create faith-forming opportunities and conversations with their children."

The award passports are designed not just to look good, but to facilitate the process of growth and change in the children as they develop in their relationship with God.

"For The Salvation Army, these new awards and materials reflect a big culture shift," says Karen Connors, ACT and South NSW Divisional Youth Secretary, who has been an integral part of the research and re-writing of the junior soldier curriculum.

"This is not a program but a discipleship model, and the passports are tools to help junior soldier leaders and Big Buds (formerly known as prayer pals) disciple young people."



Significant role

"Big Buds" – or buddies in the faith – is also being introduced with the new curriculum.

"Adults have a significant role to play in discipling kids and prayer pals are a shining testament to that role as they are a commitment to investing in the life formation of the child," Captain Smith explains.

"We not only want these relationships to continue to flourish but to also extend beyond the Junior Soldier program to other places where we impact the life of children."

This supportive, intentionally discipling-focused relationship will now be referred to as Big Buds.

"A buddy in the faith is committed to not only praying for the child but discipling the child and making sure they are nurtured and supported as they engage with and grow in their faith," says Captain Smith.

"This is not to de-value prayer pals, but to go a step further. It's not just for junior soldiers either, but has a parallel in children's ministry and with any young person."

The junior soldiers curriculum is all about investing in seeing children's lives change as they develop in their relationship with God.

"We've been working on the whole package of junior soldiers to make it more interactive and engaging, helping kids to sit with Scripture and wrestle with it themselves," says Captain Tracey Davies, Children's Ministries Secretary for the Australia Southern Territory.

"This emerged because we were witnessing some children doing things just to get a stamp. We want to impact their thinking and transform their lives."

The Salvation Army's Junior Soldiers passport initiative is aimed at encouraging young people in their faith.

Discipleship key to cultivating passion of young people

By KAREN CONNORS

When we look at discipling young people there are a number of questions we need to ask. These include:

- How do we help young people to experience and engage with God?
- Are we offering them opportunities to explore what works for their particular learning style, spiritual gifting and personality?
- Are we discipling our young people to participate in, explore and practise the disciplines that will help them build faith and a relationship with God?
- Are we helping young people to create a rhythm in their relationship with God, in how they connect with him and share his love with others in their everyday life?
- Are we prepared to journey with young people for as long as it takes?

If you are a leader in youth or children's ministry these are vital questions for you and your team to engage with. Here are a few key suggestions for discipling young people and answers to some of the questions raised.

HOLY LIVING

Disciples of Jesus are about holy living. It is important to encourage our young people to develop holy living, to check that what they say, think and do reflects the way Jesus wants us to live.

In order to do this, we need to be in relationship with God. That means spending time with him in prayer, reading his word and spending time with his people.

PRAYER

Spending time listening and talking to God is fundamental to building faith. Provide young people with opportunities to explore prayer and to find and try different methods of prayer in both corporate and personal prayer. Organise prayer events. Encourage young people to talk about their personal prayer experiences with a trusted adult.

BIBLE STUDY

As a disciple of Jesus, it is important for young people to know and understand God's Word. Encourage young people to share their personal Bible reading experiences and to participate in a study or discussion group that will assist them

to apply a Biblical world view to their lives and to be accountable for not just reading the Bible but for living it.

WORSHIP

Disciples worship God. That might be at church with a bunch of other people or it might be reading the Bible or praying in a quiet place alone. It might be serving others or speaking in a loving and positive way. Young people should be encouraged to worship God in their daily living and to regularly join with others to worship God.

MEETING TOGETHER

Meeting together with believers and with those who are learning about God helps young people to build faith.

As young people grow in their faith they can be encouraged to take a more active role in the groups they attend. It is important to allow young people opportunities to develop skills in ministry, within the ministries they attend.

SERVING

Young people also need opportunities to serve in order to fully understand that service for God is something that we do gladly and willingly. Encourage young people to pray for those they are serving as they perform tasks in the home, at church, at school or in the wider community. Young people also need opportunities to talk and pray about any areas or attitudes that they struggle with in relation to serving others.

Disciples of Jesus also seek to make a difference in faith communities, local communities and global communities.

Challenge young people to experience going without or giving up. Our young people can be passionate about mission when they realise they can make a difference and change things for the better.



Karen Connors is the ACT and South NSW Divisional Youth Secretary

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What's coming up on mySalvos this month

Nauru reflections - mySalvos continues to bring you the latest updates from The Salvation Army's work with asylum seekers in Nauru.

Auburn to Africa - We learn about the Auburn to Africa project to build a school in Sierra Leone.

LeaderSpeak - In November, Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas talks about "People Finding Freedom"; Colonel Wayne Maxwell shares some leadership advice he's received from retired officers; and Commissioner James Condon discusses the territorial "Welcome Home" initiative.

inside SALVOSLEGAL

Last month, we launched this new column with the story of Jonathan who was desperately trying to locate his wife and children in Guinea, West Africa. The article ended with Salvos Legal Managing Partner Luke Geary facing the onerous task of informing Jonathan that while his family had been found living in a refugee camp, his wife and young daughter were seriously ill with HIV. Since going to print with this story, *Pipeline* has been told of a wonderful and unexpected conclusion to these events. **LUKE GEARY** takes up the story ...

I brought Jonathan into a meeting at my office to tell him the news about his family - that they had been found but were in poor health.

With his permission, I asked his local Salvation Army officer to join us to provide some personal and pastoral support. I remember the meeting distinctly; Jonathan knew I had some bad news for him but didn't know what it was.

Towards the end of the meeting, after I had told him about his wife and young daughter, he was understandably a very broken man. Not only had I told Jonathan about their illnesses (which he had no idea about - also, given the dangerous circumstances in which they were living in the refugee camp without any male protection, he knew how they probably contracted the illness), but I also had to tell him that because of their poor health, the Federal Government was likely to refuse their visa applications to come to Australia and be reunited with him due to the costs to Medicare to care for them.

For the next year, Jonathan and I worked hard at getting the Department of Immigration to see the strength in his contribution to the Australian community (Jonathan worked shift jobs to pay for himself to study and to send money overseas for his family). We also emphasised the desperate reality that if the government didn't intervene in this case, the little girl's illness (which was getting more serious each month) would eventually take her life. There's a lot more to the tale in terms of the

late nights and long submissions to the department, but that's not the good part of the story so I'll gloss over that!

Surprise visit

Recently, while working one night at our Salvos Legal Humanitarian office at Parramatta, I was greeted by Jonathan, his wife, their teenage daughter, eight-year-old daughter and seven-year-old son.

They were all together again, having been resettled in Australia under the Refugee and Humanitarian Program with full access to good hospitals and medication and the support of a stable home environment!

They were on their way to have dinner at the home of The Salvation Army officer who had been in my office with Jonathan that day when we told him the awful news about his wife and daughter. They had become close in the intervening months between that awful day and Jonathan's joyful reunion with his family, and were becoming part of each other's lives.

Jonathan's wife and little girl now have their HIV properly managed and are being treated. Here in Australia there is so much more hope for them than back in Africa.

When I met them, the smiles on the faces of Jonathan, his wife and their little girl were priceless. I'm not sure if there was any legal brilliance to what was done in this case. It really was a miracle.

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TACKLING ALCOHOL HARM HEAD-ON

On Sunday 11 November, Salvationists across Australia will be confronted with the reality of alcohol harm in Australia. **Auxillary-Captain RAILTON HILL** explains the purpose of ‘SACi Sunday’ and outlines a new Salvation Army-developed learning module which equips Salvos to tackle the growing alcohol culture



Alcohol harm, why should you care? Because a young man, on his first night out in a major state capital, is bashed and kicked by a drunken 16-year-old for no apparent reason. Because The Salvation Army regularly offers shelter to women and children who would otherwise spend their evenings covered in a corner as a drunken partner abuses and assaults them.

“Alcohol harm is indeed one of the great issues of our time, and one with which The Salvation Army has always contended,” Commissioners James Condon and Raymond Finger, territorial commanders of the Army’s Australia Eastern and Australia Southern territories, respectively, recently endorsed in the foreword of The Salvation Army Alcohol Culture Initiative (SACi) Learning Module.

“SACi is a vehicle for proactive Salvationist action on this harm, as it seeks long-term change in the way Australians think about alcohol. A key step towards such change is the diffusion of quality evidence-based information amongst all Salvationists. The SACi Learning Module

is a tool to this end.”

SACi, a national initiative of The Salvation Army, combines (internal) education with (external) advocacy to reduce alcohol harm. The first strategy involves encouraging corps and centres to develop customised responses that tackle priority issues of alcohol harm within their local communities. Such responses could be linking with schools, offering community youth activities, supporting community and corps/centre parents in their roles, or educating and guiding Salvationist youth.

Much of the recent concern has been focused on the issue of alcohol oversupply, with research, as well as common sense, linking this to preventable violence. With multiple state premiers, government ministers, senior police, doctors and many in the general community beginning to acknowledge Australia’s out-of-control alcohol harm, it is time for action, not just talk.

SACi’s first learning module, “Alcohol Harm: Why Should I Care?”, available to all corps in both Australian territories, is targeted at all Salvationists – from young people, to parents, cadets, officers, lay



leadership and groups concerned with social justice.

The module is comprised of four key areas: Australia’s alcohol culture; Alcohol and the individual; Why should I care?; and What can I do? Additional resources are also provided on an accompanying DVD containing fact sheets, news items, report summaries, useful links and a promotional video.

On 11 November, corps are encouraged to partake in SACi Sunday – an opportunity to educate people on, and consider a response to, alcohol harm. The easy option is to put alcohol harm in the too hard basket, accepting the status quo of enormous and ongoing damage. Now Salvos in Australia have an alternative. They can inform themselves, and get involved in positive action at the local level. The harm is great, but it does not have to be like this.

For more information, contact SACi at vicki.kerron@aus.salvationarmy.org.au


Auxillary-Captain (Dr) Railton Hill is Corps Officer at Doncaster in Melbourne, and is Consultant, Salvation Army Alcohol Culture Initiative, Australia Southern Territory

THE LEARNING MODULE

- Part 1 - Australia’s alcohol culture: where are we and how did we get there?**
- Where are we in terms of our Australian alcohol culture?
 - How did we get there?
 - Does this have to remain the same?
- Part 2 - Alcohol and the individual**
- What is the nature of alcohol and its effects on the body?
 - Why the fuss about alcohol harm – from the point of view of individual Australians?
- Part 3 - So what? Why should I care?**
- Why would a Salvationist decide to forgo drinking alcohol?
 - Why would a Salvationist engage in mission against alcohol harm?
- Part 4 - So what can I actually do?**
- What can I do about alcohol harm in my local community as an individual?
 - What can I do as a member of The Salvation Army?’

Additional resources – contained on an accompanying DVD. These resources supplement parts 1-4 of the module.

1. SACi Learning Module powerpoints
2. Alcohol fact sheets
3. Short video and audio resources
4. News items and report summaries
5. Specialist materials for local mission
6. Useful links



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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* continues a new series in which selected people share their favourite piece of Scripture

My Favourite Verse – Major Brenda Stace

"Now to him who, by the power that is at work within us, is able to do superabundantly, far over and above all that we ask or think - to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (Amplified Bible)

I remember as a young bride hearing my corps officer at the time preach about God's promise to us in Ephesians 3:20-21. I don't remember what he said specifically - who of us does remember the specifics of a sermon? - but I do clearly recall a word he focused on. It came from the *Amplified Bible*: "Now to him who, by [in consequence of] the [action of his] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out his purpose and]

do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams] - to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen [so be it]."

The word? "SUPERABUNDANTLY!" At the time a newlywed, I wondered if there was anything more "superabundant" waiting for me in life. After all, God had just given me the most amazing man to have and to hold for the rest of my life (and 29 years later I still think he's amazing!). I soon learned, however, that there were far more situations in my life where I would cry out to God for him to do the "superabundant" thing in and through me. Even today I am still learning what it means to pray and expect God to do "superabundantly" more than I even dared to ask for.

Recently, I shared this verse with my 19-year-old daughter. But this time I chose Eugene Peterson's paraphrase from *The*

Message: "God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!"

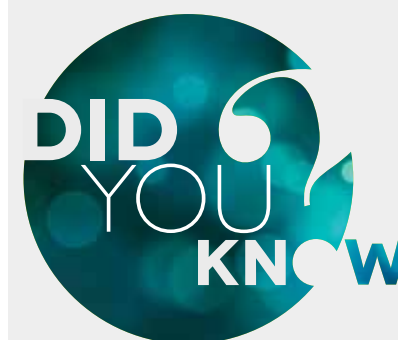
He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!"

I have come to appreciate over the years that God does not push me around but instead works deeply and gently within me, bending my will to his and moulding me into the woman he wants me to be.

That's not an easy task, by any means. However, it's all part of the "superabundant" nature and power of the God I love and serve.

And so, each day I have come to expect God will do so much more than I can ever dare to ask of him, and that makes for an exciting outlook in living life.

To him be glory ... forever and ever! "Oh, yes!"



THE SALVATION ARMY

- The original name of The Salvation Army was The East London Christian Mission.
- Founder William Booth and his wife Catherine had nine children - Bramwell, Ballington, Kate, Emma, Walter, Herbert, Marie, Evangeline and Lucy.

- There have been 19 Generals of The Salvation Army, three of whom have been female - Evangeline Booth (1934-39), Eva Burrows (1986-93) and Linda Bond (2011-present).
- William Booth talked about three "Ss" which he believed best expressed the way the Army helped the less fortunate. The three Ss stood for Soup, Soap and Salvation.
- The idea of a uniform originated with Elijah Cadman who, at The Salvation Army's "War Congress" in August 1878, said: "I would like to wear a suit of clothes that would let everyone know I meant war to the teeth and salvation for the world."
- The colours of The Salvation Army flag are red, blue and yellow. God the Father is represented by the

blue border which symbolises the holiness and purity of God. God the Son is represented by the red, symbolising the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. God the Holy Spirit is represented by the yellow star, symbolising the fire of the Holy Spirit.

- The phrase "Blood and Fire", written on the flag, represents the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross (blood) and the infilling of the Holy Spirit (fire).
- Since 1983, there has been an official Salvation Army tartan. It was designed by Jack Dalgety for the Perth (Scotland) Citadel Corps centenary commemoration. It is based upon the colours of The Salvation Army flag. However, it is rarely seen outside Scotland.



UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

The Collaroy story – the camp site develops

In the final instalment of a two-part series, **Major DAVID WOODBURY** reveals how the iconic Salvation Army ministry centre on Sydney's northern beaches became established as suburbs and corps sprang up around it

When The Salvation Army came into possession of land around Collaroy and Dee Why, much of it was unusable swamp and the challenge of maintaining such vast tracts of land quite burdensome. By 1911, there were only five dwellings in Dee Why with a population of 62, which reflected the Salvation Army's ownership and use of the land.

During 1909, Commissioner James Hay arrived to take over command of the Australasian Territory and decided that the land could provide a valuable resource for The Salvation Army. Consequently, the decision was made to sell off parts of the estate. Between 1913 and 1928, a number of parcels were subdivided and sold, with the proceeds being evenly divided between the two Australian territories and the Army's International Headquarters in London. Many contend that Commissioner Hay, through his decision to sell off much of the land, was responsible for the birth of these suburbs. A number of streets around the Collaroy area now bear names of noted Salvation Army personalities, including Hay.

The Salvation Army retained a number of parcels of land in the area. The most substantial of these was an allotment in Pittwater Rd, Collaroy. This became the site for a Salvation Army youth camp as well as Army welfare and aged care facilities.

In 1912, The Salvation Army was able to open new corps buildings at Collaroy Park, Dee Why and Manly. Outposts and societies were soon operating at Narrabeen and Brookvale. On 23 April 1932, General and Mrs Higgins, while on a tour of Australia, visited the northern beaches area to review Salvation Army property holdings.

Not a great deal is known about early camps on the Collaroy site but it is believed to be the oldest Christian camp



(Left) Early youth camp at Collaroy, most likely a Salvation Army scout group and (above) Washing the dinner dishes at an early camp at Collaroy. All photos courtesy of The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Bexley North.

site in Australia, with utilisation of the site dating back to 1906. The first camps were bush camps held under canvas with a minimum of sophistication.

From around 1912, children's camps commenced at Collaroy and early camps were, to say the least, rustic affairs. *The War Cry* of 20 January 1912 reported that: "In the circle of five tents – if we count the cookhouse – stands the dining tent, a lovely new marquee, capable of accommodating, I should think, about a hundred at meals. The five sleeping tents are rigged up with eight bunks, and should necessity arise 10 can find sleeping

room." Apart from a hearty supply of Uncle Toby's porridge, the children fared well on "pea-soup and roast lamb, stewed peaches and cool salads".

Ongoing redevelopment

Activities for the children were designed to keep their interest and stimulate their thinking. "Each day brought its series of eatings, sleepings, pillow fights, walkings, reading, games and little concerts." (*The War Cry*, 20 January, 1912). As the camps developed, canvas accommodation eventually gave way to more permanent structures, which were, to say the least,

economic and basic in their design.

On 30 July 1985, a proposal was put forward to redevelop the Collaroy camp site as a bicentennial project and a steering committee, under the chairmanship of Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner Robert Bath, was set up. A projected budget of over \$4 million was proposed and a capital appeal to raise almost \$1.75 million was established. On 26 May 1988, world leader of The Salvation Army, General Eva Burrows, opened the new complex.

Camps for women have become a regular event at Collaroy, with the first

Home League Camp held in 1947. A cost of £3 for that first camp proved to be inadequate with food running out over the 10-day period. The home league camps were to be replaced by the Women's Bible Convention which is still held each year.

Camps for young people have also featured heavily on the Collaroy calendar, with annual Music Camps, now called Gospel Arts Camps, attracting young Salvationists from around the territory. Other youth activities like Sunbeam Camps, which commenced in 1954, also provide recreational and spiritual involvement for young people.

Today, The Salvation Army operates the camp, now known simply as The Collaroy Centre, which has become one of the leading Christian camp sites in the world. Salvation Army groups, schools and corporate organisations utilise the centre for a vast range of activities.



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



(Clockwise from top left) Commissioner Hubert Scotney conducting a youth band at a music camp at Collaroy in the 1960s. Opening of the hall at Collaroy Park in 1912. Staff at a youth camp at Collaroy in 1920 with Commissioner Hugh Whatmore.





What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



The 10 commandments according to Bond



Daniel Craig stars in *Skyfall*, his third movie as James Bond.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the James Bond film franchise – so long as you ignore one telemovie made in 1954 – and this month’s release of *Skyfall* has would-be secret agents suiting up for the cinemas.

There’s not a single movie franchise that can compare to the longevity of the Bond canon. On 22 November, Daniel Craig returns as the seventh incarnation of the British super-spy. *Skyfall* breaks with the storyline introduced in Craig’s first two outings where MI6 came to grips with the nefarious criminal syndicate Quantum. Producer Barbara Broccoli says the franchise has shelved, not eliminated the organisation, but James will go on to face different challenges.

Skyfall is all new Bond – James gets a new gun, a new girl and a new car – but with all the classic touches. 007 is called

on to redeem his legendary controller M, played by Judi Dench for the seventh time. Bond was presumed dead after the loss of a drive containing the identity of every agent embedded in terrorist organisations across the globe. With MI6 in tatters, Gareth Mallory (Ralph Fiennes), the chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee, comes gunning for M. However, Bond makes a miraculous resurrection to secure her reputation. But how far is James prepared to go to save a friend?

This will be the 23rd time 007 barrel-rolls on to the big screen, gun in hand, so it’s worth considering what lessons the franchise has delivered to generations of Australian men. When it comes to life, Bond has always stood by 10 commandments:

1. Thou shalt have only the best: Whether it be an Omega watch, Dom

Perignon or an Aston-Martin sports car, money is the only reasonable barrier to self-indulgence. If you have the means then James is all for rewarding yourself, and treating those luxuries as casually as possible.

2. Thou shalt not take technology in vain: Every Bond film gives rise to new gadgets and – surprise! – the perfect opportunities to put them into action. When human assets fail, science will provide the solution.

3. Thou shalt relish the thrill: Drive like a madman, drink like a sailor, sleep around like there was no such thing as an STD. Wherever James lands, however remote, there will always be a beauty in a bikini close by and people, like things, were put on this earth to provide pleasure.

4. Thou shalt not take “No” for an answer: Trust your own judgement when you face opposition. If you’re commander

says stop, forge ahead. The same goes if you’re convinced a femme fatale is attracted to you, regardless of how much she resists.

5. Thou shalt not kill – without a one-liner: After dumping a villain in piranhas, it’s not beneath Bond to quip, “Bon Appétit!” James doesn’t spend much time worrying about death, particularly someone else’s.

6. Thou shalt not suffer: So far 007 has lost one best friend and the only two women he’s ever fallen in love with, including his wife. Getting close to James is a dangerous affair. Any trauma Bond suffers, though, is purely temporary. All it takes is a new beauty to get over your grief.

7. Thou shalt not look back: A follow-on from No 6, never let the contradictions of your life get in the way. James has never shown the slightest concern over the sudden disappearance of any number of

bad guys or their evil organisations.

8. Thou shalt not worry about stealing: One the producers have contributed. When *Star Wars* was big James headed for outer space in *Moonraker*. Disco fever led to *For Your Eyes Only*. And when Jason Bourne arrived, it was time for Bond to get brooding and brutal. It doesn’t matter where it comes from if it’s good.

9. Thou shalt have no other god but success: James Bond is the hero of the positive thinker and the pragmatist. He can be ordered home, arrested by his government and disavowed for his actions, and still press on without apology – because nothing is rewarded like success.

10. Honour thy lord and master that your days may be long in the service: Bond may be self-indulgent and wilful, but he’s a servant at heart. Loyalty at all costs is his maxim, and this makes him an

enduring icon. It doesn’t matter if you’re the date he’s just met, or the head of MI6, once he makes a commitment 007 will devote his life and death to fulfilling it.

It’s this 10th commandment that acts as the moral compass in *Skyfall*. In attempting to get to the heart of the espionage that threatens MI6’s future, Bond discovers M’s dark secrets could be as damaging as his data loss.

Javier Bardem plays the new villain Raoul Silva, who tells James that he and 007 are both products of “... what she made us”. But James will still take him down, no doubt. It’s not just a case of loyalty. M’s shady past is only equalled by his own and if there’s one philosophy 007 holds above all others it’s “Judge not – lest you be judged”.

There’s nothing Christian about this, only self-preservation. So long as he doesn’t point the finger, no-one can question his own shortcomings.

The Goodies

RATING: PG

RELEASE DATE: 21 November

My childhood turned on two points as fixed as the poles of the planet. Thursday night dinners were meat pies, peas and mashed potato; and 6pm signalled a rush to the television set.

Right through the 1970s, 80s and 90s Australians flicked to the ABC to watch the seminal comedy series *The Goodies*. With the release of “The Final Episodes” this month, it’s worth asking if their scatter-brained humour still connects directly to the funny bone.

The Goodies are an international phenomenon that consisted of the slapstick and surreal comedy of British trio Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. They went on to produce 76 half-hour shows spread over nine series, as well as a range of specials, books and audio recordings.

“The Final Episodes” consists of seven programs from *The Goodies*’ ninth season that were never aired on Australian television. They also range from the ridiculous to the sublime with the best

entertainment to be found in the social commentary storylines.

In “Change Of Life”, Bill laments growing old and turns to the magic of plastic surgery to prop himself up. However dramatic, outer alterations do little to solve his inner problems. The story suggests that we’re the ones who are faulted, not our features and the Bible would point to Jesus for a makeover.

The same theme surfaces in “Robot” where Tim and Graeme decide to eject Bill in favour of a scientifically manufactured child. But when their electronic baby turns into a tearaway teen not dissimilar to their hairy partner, it becomes clear that parenting is the problem, not the raw material. Clearly our hearts need changing before any reformation of our behaviour can begin.

But does this latest collection live up to the golden glow of childhood expectation? To be honest, the jokes built around British personalities, chroma-key backgrounds and sped-up sequences did seem a little tired to 40-year-old eyes. But then my under-10s strolled into the room. When they’d finished with this latest batch of episodes I had to unpack



four more DVDs of earlier releases, and then endure several weeks of snorted quotations.

Did my parents suffer the same fate? Probably, but then years from now my boys might also pause to think about the lessons that can lie behind a joke.

Hub vision comes into focus

A new approach to the delivery of Salvation Army services is taking shape in the Australia Eastern Territory. It's a Hubs concept and means corps, centres, stores and other programs are working together rather than separately

The Nepean area, in Sydney's outer western suburbs, is among the trail-blazers of the new Hubs approach. The Nepean Hub has been operating since early this year under the leadership of Captains Phil and Di Gluyas.

This is how it works:
Leaders of all expressions of Salvation Army ministry in the Nepean area meet every six weeks to discuss how their individual program is operating and what they can do to network and resource each other.

It's a mindset change. Instead of being a "corps, centre, store, program" in the Nepean area operating as an individual unit, they come together as The Salvation Army in the Nepean.

The community already sees The Salvation Army as one entity. The Hub concept encourages those connected to The Salvation Army to adopt this community perception and align with the Army's vision of being One Army with One Mission and One Message.

The Nepean Hub consists of:
Corps: Penrith (Captains Phil and Di Gluyas) and St Marys (Majors Tony and Yan DeTommasso), and Chifley Mission (Lieutenants Philip and Rachael Farthing).
Community welfare services: Penrith, Lethbridge Park and St Marys.

Salvos Stores: Minchinbury, Mt Druitt, Penrith, St Marys, West Sydney administration and Minchinbury head office.

Employment Plus: Mt Druitt.
Job link: (Captain Chris Radburn)
Mature Workers' Program: Minchinbury.
Employment Services: (Indigenous).
Recovery Services: Mt Druitt.
Court Chaplaincy: Penrith and Mt Druitt.
Counselling Service: Penrith
Moneycare: Penrith and Lethbridge Park.
Youthlink counselling and training services: St Marys, Cabramatta, Parramatta, Fairfield and Blacktown.
Reconnect Youth Program: Mt Druitt.

Di Gluyas says: "In the early stages, we are working on getting all of our people who manage a Salvation Army expression to understand it as a 'Salvation Army community culture' and to take ownership of it.

"We're not changing what we do ... the services we provide. We're changing how we do it; ie, The Salvation Army does it not just as a corps or centre on its own. We're all in this together. For example, managers of the various services hadn't even met each other until the Nepean Hub happened. In most cases, they hadn't visited another Salvation Army expression in the Nepean area.

"They didn't have much idea of what The Salvation Army offered outside of their own expression. Now they regularly network with each other and are able to help each other."

Phil Gluyas says that now that leaders have "bought in" it's time to take the concept to staff, volunteers and corps members.

He is arranging bus trips around each centre to introduce new and existing staff and volunteers to their Salvation Army colleagues and Army service expressions that are operating as one within the hub region.

"From the very beginning, staff and volunteers will know



The Hub Vision

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

we work alongside each other and can encourage each other along the way," he says.

"We're doing an audit of services so we can all share in what we have. We've got buildings, vehicles, water slides, experienced trainers ... While these things belong to individual centres, programs and corps, we are able to help resource each other more effectively, saving time and finances.

"We are starting to see it work. The hub idea breaks down the barriers between the various expressions of Salvation Army mission.

"We're even changing the language. For example, instead of being Penrith Corps, we will be known as Nepean Penrith Corps, or Nepean Joblink, etc."

"Part of the bigger vision is to engage with other churches and church and community groups.

"We have met with the Baptist leaders in the area and they have already caught hold of the Nepean Hub vision. These leaders and other church members have attended hub meetings

Ashlei catches concept

Ashlei Sayle, a young mother from Penrith Corps, has caught the hub vision. In June this year, Ashlei volunteered to start a parenting support program, which she operates each week from the Penrith community welfare centre.

At this stage, special emphasis is being given to young mothers and their children. Most of the mothers are contacted through the welfare centre, where Ashlei also volunteers two and a half days a week. Others are referred from community groups in the Nepean area.

Ashlei has two children, aged three and six, and is completing a Bachelor of Social Science degree at university. As a single mother, Ashlei's passion for single parents, in particular, has heightened her vision to see families struggling with similar issues find freedom and reach their potential in Jesus.

"There is a huge number of single parents in our area who don't have the chance to link with others in the same situation and some of the services," she says. "Through our program, we bring them all together. And in this setting, parents are free of judgement."

The program includes practical activities like meal preparation and interacting with children, and advice from guest speakers on subjects and services relevant to single mothers.

Mothers are encouraged to take



Ashlei Sayle in her role as co-ordinator of a parent support program in Penrith.

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

their children, who have their own activities program.

Penrith Corps Officer Captain Di Gluyas says Ashlei's program is part

of an exciting beginning of a greater vision that God has for the Nepean Hub region.

"There are greater opportunities for us as The Salvation Army to be reaching out to families within these communities and offering ministry and education through sport, tutoring, dance and music, practical parenting support and creating safe meeting places," Di says.

"One of the dreams is for a centre of excellence for families. Being able to work alongside each other in a hub concept will help to see these kind of dreams and visions become realities."

Other examples of the hub concept working include:

- Penrith Community Welfare Centre contacting Joblink about a mature-age client. Joblink was able to find the client a job.

- At a Nepean Hub meeting at the Joblink centre, Salvos Stores management discovered that Joblink could provide people to mow lawns. Salvos Stores now employs Joblink clients to mow their lawns at Minchinbury.

and are excited with the possibilities of how they can engage with The Salvation Army. So, this is not just about us. This is about Christ and him being seen at work in our community."

The Nepean Hub is about to launch, in conjunction with the Oasis Drive for Life Program, a driving school. Skoda has donated a fully equipped learner driver vehicle. People unable to afford lessons will receive free tuition. A supervisor is being trained for the role. Training courses will be offered throughout the Nepean. Other churches, community groups, schools and Salvation Army programs will be offered use of the vehicle for training purposes.

"The possibilities are endless," Phil Gluyas says. "But, largely, they depend on a cultural change for those of us within The Salvation Army. We need to see ourselves as The Salvation Army and not just our own silo."

Other hubs are operating at Cairns, Townsville, Queensland Rural, Eastlakes (Newcastle), Central Coast (NSW), Northern Beaches (Sydney). Others are in the process of formation.



Joblink mature-age program managers Joanne Corcoron and Captain Chris Radburn are a vital part of the Nepean Hub.

Gospel Arts Camp focuses on equipping for ministry

By ESTHER PINN

Whether a singer, hip-hop dancer or children's ministry leader, this year's annual Salvation Army Gospel Arts Camp was all about equipping young people for ministry.

"The theme was 'Equip' and the purpose of the camp is not the concert or performance. It is to equip young people for ministry the other 358 days of the year. We just want to equip young people for ministry in their own church, school and community," said Nathaniel Brown, Territorial Youth Missions Consultant and Territorial Worship Resource and Development Coordinator.

Held at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's northern beaches, 200 young Salvos spent a week from 30 September to 6 October mastering their creative and discipleship skills.

Alongside the usual streams of drama, brass, guitar and timbrels, six new workshops were introduced including sports ministry, songwriting, life group leadership, High School Certificate (HSC) study, children's ministry and hip-hop dance. Nathaniel said a number of the streams were deliberately chosen to have a discipleship and mission focus.

"We're not shifting away from creative arts, we're just broadening it so that it is ministry training," he said "We want to acknowledge the variety of gifts and roles there are in the body of Christ. We just want to train and equip young people for the whole variety there is."

In addition to mastering their crafts, worship sessions were held each morning with the theme being "this time next week".

"It's not just about having a buzz week here," said Nathaniel. "Instead, it's trying to equip young people and discuss issues such as how does this affect you this time next week?"

"The highlight was seeing young people being really engaged in ministry and mission throughout the week. Getting involved in worship sessions, getting involved with praying with one another and talking in such a way that they were excited to go home to do ministry."

The camp also featured a formal night with all the food generously donated by The Collaroy Centre. There was also a games night where the campers came dressed as a television character or personality.

More than 300 family and friends turned out to the annual open day where the delegates were given the opportunity to showcase what they had been working on throughout the week.



Two hundred young people (left) attended the Gospel Arts Camp at Collaroy in Sydney where there were a variety of electives (above) aimed at equipping them for ministry opportunities in life.

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Officers honoured at retirement ceremonies

By SIMONE WORTHING

Three officers of the Australia Eastern Territory retired from active service on Sunday, 30 September.

Majors Kevin and Glenda Hentzschel retired from the Wynnum Corps, although they will remain corps officers there until the end of the year when new officers will replace them. And Major Sandra Lesar retired from the Young Cluster and will now worship at Tuggeranong Corps in Canberra.

Majors Hentzschel entered the officer training college in 1983 as members of the *Servants of God* session. They have served together as corps officers across the territory, including at Cessnock, Port Kembla, Shellharbour, Bundaberg and Mt Gravatt.

Major Glenda has also had divisional and territorial appointments in women's ministries, youth, chaplaincy, and emergency services, and Major Kevin in public relations, planned giving, emergency services and chaplaincy.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon led the retirement meeting for the Hentzschels - a thanksgiving meeting praising God for their 28 years of service.

Friends, family, corps members, fellow sessional members and invited guests filled the hall for the meeting.

Major Colin Robinson, Port Stephens Corps Officer and sessional member, spoke on behalf of the session, recognising the dedication of the Hentzschels.

Jim Anderson, a soldier from



Commissioner James Condon presents Majors Kevin and Glenda Hentzschel with their Certificates of Retirement.

Shellharbour Corps, spoke of the Hentzschels' leadership, devotion, passion for soul-winning and love for soldiers and friends, particularly young people.

In a tribute to their parents, the Hentzschels' daughter, Belinda, interviewed her siblings Garth and Tammy, asking humorous questions as well as focusing on how their parents had taught them spiritually.

In their responses, Major Kevin referred to the call of Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:4-8, and its parallel to his own calling.

Major Glenda also spoke about her calling to be a servant, and how this had helped her throughout her officership.

Meantime, a large congregation filled the Tuggeranong Corps hall to give thanks

to God for the service of Major Lesar at her retirement service.

Majors Trevor and Maree Strong, Rural Chaplains - Dubbo, who have known Major Lesar for many years and remember her kneeling at the Mercy Seat and saying "yes" to full-time ministry, led the service.

Major Lesar served as a territorial envoy for almost four years, an auxiliary captain for five years, and then 10 years as a commissioned officer. She served as a corps officer at Young, Cooma, Goulburn, Maclean, and Wanniasa, and as an assistant corps officer at the Canberra South Corps.

During the meeting, Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Cairns, ACT and South NSW Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, spoke about Major Lesar's exuberance and infectious joy.

Captain Heather Hill, from Goulburn, spoke on behalf of the corps and others who had worked with Major Lesar, basing her message on Matthew 25:40.

"Major Sandra was always available, ready to care and serve where needed, encouraging as a leader, thoughtful, kind and humorous," Captain Hill said.

Major Maree Strong presented Major Lesar with a framed Certificate of Service and letter from Commissioner Condon as well as a large portfolio of greetings and photos from people throughout the territory.

"I have never met anyone with as much energy as Major Sandra - a 'human dynamo'," she said.

Laurie and Fiona Anderson have been installed as Corps Leaders of the Young Cluster to replace Major Lesar.



(Left to right) Major Trevor Strong, Major Sandra Lesar, Major Maree Strong and Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Cairns share a special moment at the retirement meeting.

Salvos Legal launches pro bono 'hot desk'

By LAUREN MARTIN

The innovative Salvation Army free legal service, Salvos Legal, has launched a new initiative to help lawyers undertake pro bono work and assist with its humanitarian law practice.

The Salvos Legal Inhouse Pro Bono Desk allows lawyers from the corporate and government sectors to undertake volunteer legal work with Salvos Legal at a counsel "hot desk". They will be supervised and supported as they help Salvos Legal Humanitarian clients.

"Lawyers volunteering at the desk will be able to work on a diverse range of matters across our humanitarian practice," said Salvos Legal founder and Managing Partner Luke Geary.



Prominent Australian businesswoman Kathryn Greiner speaks at the launch of the Salvos Legal Inhouse Pro Bono Desk.

"A day's work may involve supporting a family through their refugee application process, preparing a defence in a criminal matter, appearing in court or ensuring a woman is safe from domestic violence."

Salvos Legal operates as a corporate law firm offering individuals and companies commercial and property law services. All proceeds are used to fund a free humanitarian law service for those in need.

At the launch of the pro bono desk, many of the firm's commercial clients explained why they chose to partner with Salvos Legal.

"The service, quality of advice and people on our contract are absolutely on par if not better than other organisations," said Peter Juchau of the Commonwealth Bank.

Helen Vickers, General Counsel for Transport for NSW, said Salvos Legal recently joined its new legal panel.

"We like the fact that we are able to support a law firm that gives back to the community. And the other thing for us is the pro bono program is very exciting. My lawyers are very excited to be able to devote some of their time to help the humanitarian side of this business."

Salvos Legal Partner, Property and Commercial Law, Mark Khoo, said the industry voluntary target for pro bono lawyers is 35 hours per year, but many can't find opportunities to undertake free legal work.

"You don't have to be a legal aid lawyer [to work with us on a pro bono basis], we are here to assist and supervise and you can rely on our support and also our professional indemnity insurance," he said.

"We're so excited to launch this project to help lawyers help others and to spread the pro bono culture generally across the profession."

New-look website presents Christmas tips

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" ... so the line from the song goes. But for many, Christmas is anything but a wonderful experience.

The Salvation Army wants everyone's Christmas to be special, because every-ONE matters! So this year, the Army has overhauled its Christmas website, salvos.org.au/christmas.

The new-look site will feature instructional videos by celebrity chef Damian Heads on how to cook a two-course Christmas meal for only \$10 per person, a how-to guide in making the ideal Christmas present by craft expert Kelly Doust, recipe fact sheets by Maggie Beer, and budgeting advice from Nine Network finance reporter Ross Greenwood, and listings for local carols and church services.

"Our prayer and hope for the website is for it to be a place where our community can visit and find helpful tips to enhance their Christmas," said Major Bruce Harmer, the Australia Eastern Territory Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

"We hope the Christmas website becomes a place where we can all get great advice and tips that contribute to making this Christmas, for everyone, the most wonderful time of their year."

The website will go live early this month.



The Salvation Army's media coordinator Ben Moyes with Kelly Doust and some of her crafty suggestions.



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Salvos Stores takes fashion to the streets

By ESTHER PINN

Salvos Stores replaced the term “fashionista” with “Salvonista” at the launch of their inaugural Salvonista Mobile Boutique on 27 September at Belmore Park in Sydney.

An eco-friendly van, powered by sustainable energy, has been transformed into a mobile fashion store that will “pop-up” at various locations in NSW, Queensland and the ACT this month.

“I also respond to the name Jimmy Choo, okay,” joked Salvos Stores Marketing Manager Freddy Choo as he introduced the new pop-up store at the launch.

“Don’t you think this looks simply wonderful? Apart from the fashion items, we also [have a] computer kiosk and a mobile phone recharge station, all powered by sustainable energy.”

The aim of the Salvonista Mobile Boutique is to encourage fashion-savvy, budget conscious and eco-friendly consumers to shop at their local Salvos Stores. It’s also designed to meet the needs of those struggling financially,

explained Major Bruce Harmer, Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

“There are many who are struggling to make ends meet with the cost of living, fuel and groceries,” he said.

“Certainly Salvonista is uniquely placed to provide an opportunity for people to clothe the family and find good-quality clothing at really good prices and very fashionable clothing as well. I hope that you all one day become Salvonistas.”

The term Salvonista defines an individual who has a passion for shopping and a flair for combing both modern and vintage fashionable trends. However, both Mr Choo and Neville Barrett, Salvos Stores General Manager, believe it to be more than just about understanding fashion.

“With the name Salvonista, we wanted it to be a catch-cry,” said Mr Barrett.

“Essentially, it’s about involving young people in The Salvation Army. We want to reach those people who are yet to know what The Salvation Army does in the community.

“We know that Salvonista is someone who’s not only willing to look good on the outside by purchasing some wonderful bargains, but we want them to feel good on the inside as well. They know that all proceeds from every Salvation Army store go towards the wonderful work of The Salvation Army in the community.”

Lynette Bolton, a regular fashion commentator on the Seven Network’s *Sunrise* and *The Morning Show* programs, is the Salvonista brand ambassador.

“I’m really proud to be the Salvonista brand ambassador,” she said. “My love of



Brand ambassador Lynette Bolton helps launch the mobile boutique in Sydney.

fashion means that hopefully I can bring a little bit of awareness and expertise to the cause, and the most important thing is being able to bring awareness to the support that the Salvos Stores bring to the community.

“Being a Salvonista is not just about looking fabulous on the outside, but most importantly doing a wonderful thing for the community and feeling wonderful on the inside as well.”

For further information, visit salvonista.com.au



The Salvonista “pop-up” store. Photos: Limuel Martine

New hope for Yasi victims

Additional relief for people still struggling from the effects of Cyclone Yasi is on its way.

A total of \$200,000 from The Salvation Army Flood Relief appeal fund will be used to further assist those on the Cassowary Coast who are still suffering from the effects of the disaster, more than 18 months after Cyclone Yasi cut a path of destruction through Far North Queensland.

“The funding will be used to assist with individual financial needs as well as services needed in the Tully area,” said Lieutenant Darren Kingston, leader of the Far North Queensland Hub. “Major Anne Gumuna has been appointed Team Leader, Cassowary Coast Mission, and will work alongside welfare worker Gwen Hamerton on the Cassowary Coast in providing

pastoral care and emergency assistance where needed. Fiona Oliver, Community Services Officer for the Army’s Cairns and Far North Queensland Community Services Centre, will also continue her work in the Tully area.”

In recent months, the Far North Queensland Hub became concerned that, although their personnel were still on the ground helping people in Tully and surrounding areas, much more support and care was desperately needed for those still living under tarpaulins or in caravans, and struggling financially and psychologically.

Major Robin Pullen, Territorial Chaplaincy Coordinator and Critical Incident Management Coordinator, visited the area to assess the situation and speak directly with workers and affected residents. “We investigated what extra support could be given to help people and are moving quickly to put more resources into the community, support the people and let them know they are not forgotten,” she said.

New building opened at Kingaroy

Commissioner James Condon officially opened the new Salvation Army building for the South Burnett Region Corps at Kingaroy on Saturday 22 September.

More than 160 people attended the ceremony, including many from the South Burnett Region Corps and the now-closed Murgon Corps, previous officers and members of the local community. Joining the official party were the Army’s South Queensland divisional leaders Majors Mark and Julie Campbell, and Evan Hargrave, manager of Capital Works and Development, Queensland.

“We must look to the future and forget those things of the past that will hold us back,” said Commissioner Condon in his opening address.

The next morning, about 100 people attended the holiness meeting. “Commissioner Condon challenged us to look to the future in obedience to God so we may take his message into our community,” said Captain Carolyn Kerr, the South Burnett Region Corps Officer.

Captain Kerr sang *The Cross*, a song she had written herself to the tune of *The Rose*, as her personal testimony to God’s saving grace.

During the meeting, Commissioner



Condon dedicated Samantha and Michael Thompson, enrolled Jo Dillon as a senior soldier and Bob Bayliss as an adherent. He also commissioned Mark Birch as bandmaster.

The corps office and community welfare will now be run from the new building, which also has the capacity for different musical groups and presentations. There is also a working Salvation Army Men’s Shed on the property, which will continue to expand its activities including its mental health self-help and support groups.

Commissioner James Condon unveils the dedication plaque to signify the official opening of the new South Burnett Region Corps building which will enable greater community outreach and services. Building photo courtesy Danielle Lowe, South Burnett Times



Hundreds flock to Booth College Gala Day

Touch football, sideshow alley, the Salvos Expo and a retreat centre were among the highlights of the annual Booth College Gala Day on Saturday 13 October.

Hundreds of people from corps from Newcastle to the ACT, as well as the local community, attended the event.

Councillor Shane O’Brien, Mayor of Rockdale where the college is located, spoke at the Gala Day and thanked The Salvation Army for its work and involvement in the community and beyond. He encouraged the community to support the work of the Army and expressed the council’s desire for further involvement with Gala Day and The Salvation Army.

“The focus for the entire event was Christ,” said Cadet Sean Everitt who organised the day.

“For the first time the touch football competition awarded a ‘Christ-like Cup’, which went to the Tuggeranong mixed team. This focus set the culture for the day which was extremely positive.”

The Salvos Expo showcased a range of ministries including Salvo Care Line and opportunities for overseas service, while the retreat centre provided a space for people to come in and experience Christ.

“[In the retreat centre] there were scriptures on the wall, a large image of Jesus’ face, pictures of God’s creation and simple words like ‘love’ and ‘believe’,” Sean explained.

“It was an open and free space and people came and went as they felt comfortable.”

Volunteers served throughout the day, including a large contingent from William Booth House Recovery Services Centre.

“Next year we will look at ways to further increase community involvement,” said Sean. “One family from the community is already interested in putting a team into our touch football competition, so that is a great start!”



Commissioner James Condon (right) and Cadet Matt Ryan present the sideshow alley prizes at Gala Day.

Counselling Service

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Caring for the community

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Seniors unite for fellowship, teaching and service

Senior Salvationists and friends from across the Army's Australia Eastern Territory gathered in south-east Queensland for a week of fellowship, service and teaching.

Hervey Bay provided a beautiful location for the territory's annual Seniors Fellowship, with 187 people attending.

"This is an important event for the Army's seniors," said Major Lyn Daines, Territorial Seniors Ministry Coordinator.

"The whole point is to gather and have fellowship and inspire and encourage each other, and have fun!"

Lieutenant-Colonels Wally and Joyce Greentree presented the teaching during the week, focusing on the theme "Amazing Grace" from the book of Ephesians.

During the week, delegates also participated in a number of local service missions including revamping the Hervey Bay Corps' garden, cooking for Hervey Bay Community Welfare Centre and visiting a local retirement home.

As part of the community ministry activities, the seniors gave a band concert at a local park and participated in a combined churches community hymn-fest. They also held a market day to raise money for The Salvation Army's Christmas Mission to the Bush. They managed to raise \$6500.

"This year is the Year of the Farmer so money raised during the Seniors Fellowship will provide pamper packs in the Christmas hampers for rural chaplains in [the Army's] South Queensland [Division] to give to rural families," said Major Daines.

"In it will be toiletries for men and



Major Lyn Daines (right) with guest teachers for the Seniors Fellowship, Lieutenant-Colonels Wally and Joyce Greentree.

women – luxuries that they don't always have."

Major Daines explained that seniors played a vital role in Salvation Army corps and the annual fellowship provided encouragement and inspiration for them to continue their unique ministry, or perhaps start a new one.

"Last year we encouraged seniors to do mentoring in their local corps and mentor young people," she said.

"The whole week is about God – it's more than a holiday. It has got a spiritual component and we know that wherever God is, miracles do happen and people are changed."



Teaching and encouragement was a big part of the annual Seniors Fellowship.

Mobile Mission team makes impact in Queensland

This year's Eastern Territorial Mobile Mission to southern Queensland has been hailed a great success, both spiritually and socially.

Senior Salvationists from as far south as the NSW South Coast and north to the Queensland Sunshine Coast, made up the 2012 Eastern Territorial Mobile Mission team which visited Warwick, Stanthorpe, Gympie and Maryborough, sharing the gospel message in music, word and song.

Programs in churches, parks and in the street resulted in many being contacted and commitments made to attend church.

The Territorial Seniors banner, being flown for the first time in Queensland, was prominent at all venues and was carried aloft at the head of processions of enthusiastic worshippers to wind up praise and worship gatherings.

The mission's first port of call was Warwick where the team was part of celebrations marking 125 years since The

Salvation Army opened fire in the Darling Downs town. While in the region, mission member Barry Cantrill had the honour of witnessing a special presentation to his brother, Auxiliary-Captain Terry Cantrill, for many years of exemplary service to the Warwick Corps.

Gympie was next on the itinerary where another busy week involved a combined churches rally at Maryborough, outreach in Gympie's main street, an impromptu concert in the Gympie caravan park where mission members stayed, a Saturday night of music at the local corps, participation in the Sunday morning service, and a pleasant Sunday afternoon program shared with Gympie corps musicians.

Morning devotions were led by Trevor Williams who also conducted the male voice party, while Errol Grice was in charge of the songsters. Jeanette Rawlinson was the timbrel leader and pianist, and Don Archer had the baton as bandmaster.

Youth unite in worship, praise and fun

Trolley jousting, rock climbing, skating, a photo booth, music and the gospel message were among the highlights of the Youth Councils "Heart & Hand" weekend, hosted by the Newcastle and Central NSW Division at the Oasis Youth Centre, Wyong, on 25-26 August.

More than 150 people from 13 corps throughout the division attended the weekend. After a day of fun, socialising and some challenging electives, the Saturday night concert brought even more energy to the weekend.

"It was a blessing to have our very own 'Luke & Joel' from X-Factor and Northlakes Salvos come along with the Northlakes Band as our special guests for the night," said Envoy Angela Cairns, Divisional Youth Secretary. "The energy in the room was huge as they pumped out a variety of music that seemed flawless and alive."

Supercharged Band from Tweed Heads, the Gosford Youth Band and the MORE team also entertained the young people with their music and games.

In her message, Envoy Cairns reminded the group that, in order to be saved, there is a need to call for help and take action



Young people from Hannam Vale having fun at Youth Councils.

Bike ride helps break cycle of addiction

Eight participants of The Salvation Army's Bridge Program have said "no" to drugs and alcohol by taking part in the rode2recovery 1000km bike ride from 16-27 October.

Over the 12 days of the ride, the men visited 16 high schools to share their stories of addiction with students and to raise awareness of the dangers of experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

"Most of the guys here who have been in our programs started using drugs or drinking at school age. They don't want to see them [adolescents] go down the pathways they've gone down," says Mark Gambrell, rode2recovery Coordinator and case worker at The Salvation Army's Miracle Haven Recovery Services.

The bike ride started at Miracle Haven on the Central Coast of NSW, and travelled through the Hunter, Upper Hunter, and New England districts before heading to Port Macquarie. The ride finished at the Army's Dooralong Transformation Centre.

Along with creating awareness, rode2recovery is accepting



Major Gavin Watts and Commissioner James Condon go trolley-to-trolley in a jousting match at Newcastle and Central NSW Division Youth Councils.

by grabbing onto Jesus' hand of rescue.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon and Divisional Commander Major Gavin Watts were special guests on the Sunday.

The MORE team ran games in each of the two Sunday services, including an epic trolley jousting battle between Commissioner Condon and Major Watts - with the Territorial Commander taking the gold!

"We took up an offering for East Timor which will be greatly appreciated by our Salvation Army friends being Jesus' hands and feet in East Timor," said Envoy Cairns.

"Overall, Heart & Hand was an incredibly memorable weekend of uniting Salvo youth in worship, praise and fun! Twelve [people] gave their life to Jesus for the first time and many were challenged including several who have now signed up for overseas mission teams."



Some of the men who took part in rode2recovery.

donations that will go towards The Salvation Army's Recovery Services.

To donate, go to everydayhero.com.au/rode2recovery.

New centre rises from flood devastation

By SIMONE WORTHING

"Soundpoint", The Salvation Army and Sony Foundation Youth and Community Centre in Goodna, Queensland, was officially opened on Thursday 4 October.

"This is a wonderful occasion, full of joy, hope and possibilities," said Major Paul Moulds as he addressed official guests from partners Sony BMG Music Entertainment and Sony Foundation, donors Woolworths, Sage, and Technology One, councillors from the local Ipswich Council, state and federal members of parliament, and The Salvation Army.

"In this place we will witness miracles and see the power of redemption," continued Major Moulds, who led the Queensland disaster relief effort for the Army in the aftermath devastating floods almost two years ago. "We will see good come from bad, despair give way to hope and a triumph of the human spirit over any adversity or hardship."

Soundpoint is a community gathering and meeting place for the residents of Goodna and surrounding suburbs of Ipswich, whose lives have been disrupted by the devastating floods that

struck Queensland in late December 2010 and early January 2011.

In response to these floods, The Sony Foundation wanted to assist The Salvation Army with long-term support for Queenslanders in their recovery from this tragic event.

A \$2 million gift from the sale of The Sony Foundation's Flood Relief album was donated to the Army, money which has helped establish Soundpoint.

The centre includes Salvos Legal, youth and family counselling services, a Housing Rebuilding Project support worker (flood), educational support for those disengaged from mainstream education, activities-based programs, the Meeting Place Cafe and a Family Store.

"The Sony Space" provides opportunities for a variety of functions within the centre, including movie nights, community workshops, dance and music-based activities and conferences. The outdoor youth space is equipped with barbecue facilities and plenty of room to "hang out".

Soundpoint will also encourage and develop a range of creative mediums accessible to young people, such as digital art, film and photography.

Several youth traineeships will be offered in hospitality and retail, and it is expected that other avenues will be created for young people and adults to gain experience and skills through volunteering.

The community opening for Soundpoint took place in its spacious car park after guests had toured the facility.

Denis Handlin, Chairman and CEO of Sony BMG Music Entertainment, and Colonel Wayne Maxwell, Chief Secretary of the Army's Australia Eastern Territory, unveiled the official plaque, before Bernie Van Tiel kicked off the free concert.

Hundreds had gathered in the car park to watch and enjoy a free barbecue, coffee, and activities for children.

Singer Pete Murray was a concert highlight, and the hip hop dance teams from "Street Dreams" and the Billabong skateboarding exhibition engaged the crowd of all ages.



Singer Pete Murray chats with two young locals before the concert to celebrate the Sony Foundation Youth and Community Centre in Goodna.

Street crew catches Albury on hop with red frogs

Teams of three to four people have been hitting the main street of Albury on Friday nights equipped with bottles of water, band-aids and red frog lollies.

"Our aim is simply to have conversations with those who are out and our prayer is that we use every opportunity to show God's love," said Albury Corps Officer, Lieutenant Marco Lupis. "The red frogs are great conversation starters and very non-threatening."

The teams are on the street from 11pm until 1am and strike up conversations with people leaving hotels and going to nightclubs.

"We've had a really good response," said Lieut Lupis. "Some people just keep on walking but most people ask us what we're doing and why and are happy to have a chat."

"The security guards at various places used to just nod to us, but now they know us and we have conversations with nearly

each one. And the ladies appreciate the band-aids for their 'shoe issues' as well!"

The corps began the Street Crew ministry as a way to give back to the local community.

"We are still in the research phase of the ministry and once we have assessed the needs, we will establish a focus and vision," said Lieut Lupis.

"We are very happy with the response so far, and all because of a little red frog."

"How great is our God!"

Revolution conference inspires and empowers youth

Two powerful comments summed up the Gold Coast Revolution (Unleashed) Youth Conference that took place at the Gold Coast Temple Corps on 5-7 October.

One young conference delegate shared with his corps family at the end of the weekend: "Before the conference I didn't believe in God, but I have found him here and now I believe."

And one of the mothers from Still Waters Crisis Accommodation, as delegates played games with children there during the conference, said: "I was in shock, it was the first time I had heard the children laughing like that for such a long time."

More than 70 delegates from corps and churches in south-east Queensland and northern NSW gathered for the conference, with its twin themes of inspire and empower. Many young people renewed their commitments to Christ, and several made first-time decisions to accept him into their lives.

"The culture of the conference was that God is powerful and yet desires intimacy with individuals," said Yvette Walters, Gold Coast Youth Pastor. "If you reach out to him, you can encounter him and feel his love and presence in a powerful way."

Guest speakers for the conference included Pastor Dan Gorry from C3 Church Currumbin, Pastor Sunjay Stevenson from iSEE Church Brisbane, and Craig Hindman from Newlife Uniting Church, Robina.

On the Saturday, Majors Chris and Stuart Reid, Divisional Mission and Resource Directors – Corps, led a panel with several youth leaders, taking questions from the youth about relationships.

Major Mark Campbell, South Queensland Divisional Commander, led an elective on leadership. Other electives included mission, and worship.

On the Sunday morning, some of the female delegates pampered the ladies from Still Waters, giving them hand massages and painting their fingernails, while the rest of the group played games with and entertained their toddlers and older children.

"The highlight of the weekend was seeing the freedom in worship, the hunger for God's presence, and hearing the stories of transformation," said Yvette.



Gold Coast Temple youth group which hosted the Revolution Youth Conference in early October.

Project NOW offers women hope for future

More than 1000 people from the Brisbane business community gathered at a breakfast on 26 September to raise money for Project NOW, a joint venture between the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium, Zonta International and The Salvation Army.

Project NOW aims to build a \$1.7 million, 20-bed facility for women with addictions who currently face long waiting lists and acute bed shortages. There are only 48 beds exclusively for women, out of 200 state-funded places.

Businesses and individuals at the breakfast raised \$130,000 towards the \$750,000 target. The women-only facility will be built in the grounds of Moonyah, The Salvation Army's Brisbane Recovery Services Centre. Moonyah is one of Queensland's largest and most successful residential addiction recovery programs.

The Moonyah Women Singer's Choir performed a moving rendition of *Try a Little Kindness*, made famous by country singer Glen Campbell.

"Moonyah's given me a whole new perspective, a new life," said Ellie Nelson, Moonyah resident and choir member whose life was broken by alcohol addiction. "It's awesome."

Joanne MacDonald, also a Moonyah resident, choir member and recovering alcoholic, agreed. "Moonyah means life," she said.

Guest speaker for the breakfast was Cynthia Morton, a

former drug and alcohol addict who holds awards including an Australian of the Year Award, The Prime Ministers Award of Excellence and The Pride of Australia Medal for her work in her Emotional Fitness program.



Choir members Rosa Smith (from left), Joanne MacDonald and Ellie Nelson at the fundraising breakfast. Photo courtesy Tim Marsden, *The Courier Mail*

Wollongong program to be rolled out in Canada

A family support program pioneered at Wollongong Corps is being introduced into The Salvation Army in Canada.

Two members of Wollongong's First Floor Program went to Vancouver last month to train community workers at Kelowna Corps, 400km from Vancouver.

Drug and alcohol counsellor Maris Depers and family support worker Lisa Bishop spent two weeks in Kelowna equipping local staff to operate programs similar to those developed in Wollongong by Jayne Wilson, Marilyn Dunn and their team over the past 15 years.

The Wollongong program has since spread to several Sydney suburbs and Canberra.

It includes counselling for people in alcohol, drug and gambling addiction, plus separate support groups for families - from children to partners and grandparents.

Lisa Bishop became a family support worker five years ago after receiving help through the Wollongong program when a son was in addiction.

More than 120 Illawarra families are now assisted through the First Floor Program, which also assists families of people in prison or on parole or affected by suicide.

Implementation of the Wollongong program follows a visit to Australia by Kelowna Corps Officers Majors Ron and Toni Cartmell.

ENROLMENTS

Gold Coast Temple Corps

Major Howard Davies enrolled Sean Bailey, and Joshua and Jesse Whybird as senior soldiers on Sunday 16 September. All three young men have grown up in the corps which supports and encourages them in their Christian growth and service. Major Davies, internationally known brass band and vocal composer and arranger, was visiting the corps as part of the Gold Coast Temple Band weekend.

Pictured (left to right) is Major Howard Davies giving Sean, Joshua and Jesse their Senior Soldier Covenants. Recruiting Sergeant Captain Robyn Williams stands alongside the boys.



Armidale Corps

Corps Officer Lieutenant Ged Oldfield Corps enrolled two senior soldiers and three adherents on Sunday 26 August.

"All these ladies are now actively involved in ministry within the corps," he said.

Pictured (left to right) are Lieutenant Oldfield with adherents Debbie Burey, Sharon Gousteris and Marian Barrett, senior soldiers Marg Mcrae and Colleen Haines, and Lieutenant Jeanie Oldfield.



Dulwich Hill Corps

Major Pam Johns enrolled Lauren McComb as a junior soldier at Dulwich Hill Corps on Sunday 16 September. Major Elaine Spence guided Lauren through her preparation classes, and Lauren's nanna, Tresna McComb, is her prayer pal. "I liked learning about the [junior soldier's] promise and what it means to be a junior soldier," said Lauren.

Pictured (left to right) are Major Elaine Spence, Junior Soldier Sergeant Davina Hopper, Lauren McComb and Major Pam Johns.



Colonel Seymour takes Issues Council reins

The Salvation Army's International Moral and Social Issues Council (IMASIC) met at Sunbury Court, near London, with a new chair, Colonel Geanette Seymour.

Colonel Seymour, a former Chief Secretary of the Australia Eastern Territory, is based in New York as the Director of The Salvation Army's International Social Justice Commission.

The members of IMASIC are drawn from around the world and meet twice a year, with further work undertaken between meetings. IMASIC supports The Salvation Army as it seeks to influence global trends and events in the economic, social and moral spheres.

In order to maximise its contribution, The Salvation Army has formulated a comprehensive range of international and territorial positional statements that clearly outline its views on major social and moral issues. IMASIC develops international positional statements and reviews territorial positional statements before they are submitted to the General for approval.

Positional statements express the scriptural basis for the statement and the principles underlying it.

They are intended to provide information to the public and guidance to Salvationists.

While it is understood that individual Salvationists may hold different views on some subjects, official statements made on behalf of The Salvation Army by its officers and those who speak for the movement must be consistent with the stated position.



International Moral and Social Issues Council members: (front row from left) Major Aida Ali, Colonel Geanette Seymour (Chair), Colonel Naomi Lalngaihawmi; (back row) Dr James Read (Vice Chair) Dr Roland Stettler, Major Campbell Roberts, Major Lee Kong Yee, Commissioner Kenneth Hodder, Kathy Tsikirayi, Commissioner William Cochrane, Commissioner Carol Seiler, Major (Dr) Dean Pallant.

Although much careful and prayerful thought is given to each positional statement before publication, they are all subject to periodic review. They may therefore be said only to represent the considered view of The Salvation Army on a given subject at a certain point in time.

Approved international positional

statements are available online (www.salvationarmy.org/isjc). These currently include statements on Suicide Prevention; The Salvation Army and the State; The Use of Power; Human Trafficking; Abortion and Sabbath Observance.

Positional Statements for the Australian Territories can be viewed at salvos.org.au

Spain, Portugal join forces under new leadership

The Salvation Army's work in Spain and Portugal will undergo a change in its administrative structure from February with the two countries uniting as the Spain and Portugal Command.

"The sharing of resources and personnel will enhance the capabilities available in both countries," said Commissioner Robert Street, International Secretary for Europe, International Headquarters.

"The larger command will also give officers opportunities for a greater variety of appointments and the potential for gaining experience in different fields of service."

The leaders of the Spain and Portugal Command will be Lieutenant-Colonels Gordon and Susan Daly, officers of the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory and currently command

leaders in Portugal. Lieut-Colonel Gordon Daly will be Officer Commanding and Lieut-Colonel Susan Daly will be Command President of Women's Ministries. Spain Command leaders Lieut-Colonels Luis and Aida Castillo are retiring from active service.

Mozambican officers Major Mario and Captain Celeste Nhacumba will assist with the coordinating of army work in Portugal.

Major Mario Nhacumba will be Portugal Secretary and Captain Celeste Nhacumba will be Portugal Programme Officer (both responsible directly to the new officer commanding).

"There are some truly enterprising initiatives in both Spain and Portugal, especially during these austere times," said Commissioner Street.

Salvation Army pioneer honoured in Scottish home town

A commemorative plaque has been unveiled in Arbroath, Scotland, to mark the life of one of The Salvation Army's most inspiring figures, George Scott Railton.

Commissioner Railton, who was a Salvation Army pioneer in the United States, was born in Arbroath on 6 July 1849. There is a similar memorial in Battery Park, New York City.

The plaque, donated by The Salvation Army's USA Eastern Territory, was unveiled at St John's Methodist Church in a short ceremony attended by the minister of the church, Reverend Mary Patterson, Salvationists and local people including clergy and councillors.

The son of a Methodist minister, George Scott Railton lost both his parents when he was 15 and was forced to go to London to find work. He joined The Salvation Army seven years later and, in 1880, travelled to New York with seven other officers to start the first Salvation Army mission in the US. The Salvation Army is now the second biggest charity in the US, and has more than 1200 corps and almost 125,000 members.

"Railton is one of Arbroath's most famous sons and his role in The Salvation Army cannot be over-estimated," said Major Jim McCluskey, manager of The Salvation Army's Community Care Service (Angus region) and a former corps officer at Arbroath.

"Without him I don't think it [the Army] would exist in the form it does today.

"We are absolutely delighted to be involved in a project which will bring new recognition to such an important figure. The Railton family history extends beyond our shores and is something of which Angus can be very proud and which should be celebrated."

In later years, Railton went on to work in other parts of the world, including China and Japan.

For more information on the life of George Scott Railton, go to: salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/George_Scott_Railton



Major Jim McCluskey and Major Deborah Sedlar either side of the plaque in Arbroath, Scotland, honouring George Scott Railton.

College to hold special session on children and youth

The International College for Officers (ICO) session which began last month will be a "special session", focusing on children and youth.

A special session is a long-standing tradition which occurs at the discretion of the General. Recent special sessions have included a focus on holiness and on social justice.

The ICO brings together Salvation Army officers from around the world to Sydenham, London, to share in fellowship, encouraging a new sense of purpose and motivation while nurturing personal holiness and spiritual leadership. There are four sessions per year, each lasting eight weeks.

The 26 appointed officer delegates from 19 different countries attending this latest session, including Major Stephen Briggs from the Australia Eastern Territory, have interest, aptitude and experience in ministry with children and youth.

One notable feature of a "special session" is the provision for invited guest teachers to contribute and reside with the session. As such, there will be four specific areas of focus with the following teachers:

- Children's Ministries – Major Janet Robson, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland;
- Teen Ministry – Captain Marion Platt, USA Southern Territory;
- Young Adult Ministry – Captains Rowan and Rachel Castle, Australia Southern Territory;
- Family Ministry – Captains Enrique and Nancy Azuaje, USA Central Territory.

The theme verse for the session will be 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" (*New International Version 1984*).

The session concludes on 3 December.

Cadet training focus of international conference

The Salvation Army will hold an International Conference on the Training of Cadets in London in April next year.

Among the 130 delegates at the event will be the training principals and senior executive officers from all territories and commands that have a training college, others with responsibility for cadet training and five soldiers who will represent the wider membership of The Salvation Army.

Salvation Army conferences on the training of cadets have been previously held in 1925, 1951, 1974 and 2001. The 2013 conference, in keeping with previous events, will consider many aspects of training.

The Salvation Army seeks to keep its cadet training programs relevant to changing needs, while facing up to the challenges of sharing the gospel and the demands of spiritual leadership for the present day.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Man of compassion



Major Elwyn Sandercock was promoted to glory on 21 August, aged 86. Elwyn's funeral service was conducted by long-time friend Major Errol Woodbury. Major Gavin Watts, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Commander, read a tribute from Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon and an expression of his sympathy to Elwyn's wife, Major Joan Sandercock.

More than 150 family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of Elwyn Sandercock at The Salvation Army Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, Hamilton. Family tributes were given by son John Sandercock and daughter Christine Martin. A tribute in song was given by Elwyn's youngest son, Ian Sandercoe. Tributes were expressed on behalf of the grandchildren by Paula Greenaway and Peter Martin.

Major Dorothy Woodbury read a tribute by Elwyn's long-time friend Major Kingsley Alley, reminiscing about the many years of service they shared. A beautiful reflection in photos of Elwyn's life was displayed to background music of songsters singing *In the Love of Jesus*. Corps Officer Captain Scott Allen brought a challenge from Revelation 2:12-17 – Jesus letter to the Church in Pergamum – challenging them not to compromise their faith. John Sandercock brought a scriptural challenge to Elwyn's six grandsons from Titus 1:15 – “to the pure in heart all things are pure” – and asked them to reflect on these words and the life of their grandfather as they shouldered Elwyn from the citadel. The band played *It is Well With My Soul*.

Elwyn Sandercock was born to Salvation Army officer parents, Charles and Alice Sandercock, at Taree. He was the youngest of three children, with an older sister Evelyn and brother Alyn. Alyn and Elwyn were very close and shared a love of music. Elwyn worked as a salesman for Edwards Dunlop prior to his entry into training college.

Elwyn was raised by godly parents who served at Rockdale Corps for many years. Tragically, Elwyn suffered the loss of his first wife, Gwen, after being married for only eight months. Alyn was a tower of strength through that deeply troubled time.

Elwyn's leadership of music began with the Rockdale Songsters at an early age. On one occasion, Elwyn invited

Joan Hocking to be a guest contralto soloist with the songsters and it was here that their romance commenced. Twelve months later they married, and then they entered the training college in 1956.

Elwyn and Joan's appointments included corps at Zillmere, Sandgate, Goulburn and Manly. Elwyn enjoyed youth work from 1965 through to 1973. During this time he was Divisional Youth Secretary for the South Queensland Division and the Sydney East and Illawarra Division. He also held appointments at Parramatta Corps, Earlwood Corps, Territorial Special Efforts Secretary, Territorial Band and Songster Secretary, Divisional Commander Newcastle and Central NSW Division, Assistant-Office of the Chief Secretary, Trade Secretary, Territorial Band and Songster Secretary, Administrator Macquarie Lodge, and Albion Corps. During his retirement, he was Retired Officers Secretary Central NSW Division and Corps Officer of Kurri Kurri Corps for four years.

Elwyn loved talking to people and was affectionately known as Sandy to hundreds of young people, colleagues and comrades. Elwyn and Joan were great pastors, caring and visiting many shut-ins, sick and lonely people within the community and the Army. This they continued well into their retirement.

Elwyn had a large influence in the community and conducted numerous ecumenical and musical events throughout his 50 years of service. He was also involved in Easter tent meetings and Youth for Christ events over many years.

Elwyn was a director for Compassion International and travelled to many different countries and remained an honorary member. He found a lot of joy in his ministry with Compassion, he enjoyed great companionship with fellow workers and always enjoyed the light-hearted chatter at the office.

Elwyn loved his children John, Christine and Ian and they returned that to a man they respected and loved dearly. Elwyn had the privilege of conducting the marriages of John and Kristeen, Christine and Gary, and Ian and Anna. Elwyn's nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren loved him very much.

Elwyn was also very artistic and he loved to paint oils and pastels; he was creative and extremely innovative. He loved to fish, he loved to watch cricket and rugby league and enjoyed the animation of parliament and politics. He loved his retirement home in Rutherford and his garden and yard. He loved to chat

with his neighbours.

We say a fond farewell to Elwyn and we will see you in the glory land that has been prepared for us all. “If you want it ... it yours!”

Gracious manner



Olive Phyllis Pegg was promoted to glory on 30 August at Ipswich, aged 90. She had been a soldier of the Bundamba Corps for 75 years.

The funeral and committal services were conducted by Corps Officer Lieutenant-Colonel David Rees. A large crowd gathered to thank God for a kind and gracious life well lived, and to celebrate again the glorious truth of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Along with family tributes, the corps tribute was given by a former corps officer, Major Rod Strong, and a special Home League tribute by the former Home League Secretary, Elsa Harlow.

Born in Kingaroy on 12 June 1922 to Fred and Phyllis Birch, as a young child, Olive, with her brother Gordon, enjoyed life on a number of farms in Kingaroy and later Corndale, Redbank and then Bundamba. It was at Bundamba that Olive became both a junior, and then later, a senior soldier.

On June 28 1947, Olive married Max Pegg. Over the years that followed, they welcomed into their family Denise, Lorraine and Kevin. Her whole family, which includes 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren all love and serve the Lord.

Olive was a faithful soldier of the corps and had a precious ministry of encouragement and service. Many people in the congregation had received one or more of her handmade cards on which she had pressed flowers from her garden.

Although sadly missed by her family and friends, her lovely kind and gracious manner will be remembered by many for a long time.

REPORTS

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about people

Appointments Awards

Major Elwyn Grigg was awarded the New Zealand Defence Service Medal by the New Zealand Government.

Bereaved

Major Pam Nancarrow, Major Lyall Reese and Major Lorraine McLeod of their brother, Major Glenda Towerton of her nephew and Lieutenant Rebecca Gott of her uncle Ray Reese on 23 September; Captain Shirley Spooner of her father Ray Wilkinson on 25 September; Lieutenant Richard Day of his grandmother Noreen Snellgrove; Major Elaine Redwood of her mother Eirene Weiss on 7 September; Major Stuart Reid of his father and Cadet Katie Ryan of her grandfather, Bryan Reid on 16 October; Captain Linda Willing of her cousin Gilston Currie on 15 October.

Births

Lieutenants Aaron and Alana Reid, a boy, Zachariah Lucas on 6 October; Envoys Matthew and Jodie Sutcliffe, a girl, Sarah Grace on 10 October.

Promoted to glory

Captain Claude (Ted) Orme on 3 October.

Resignations

Lieutenants Ian and Tammy Shelley on 24 September; Captain Julie Layton on 24 September; Captains Anthony and Janice Rees on 23 December.

SAGALA Awards

The following people have received the General's Award: Channele Gillis, Penrith Corps; MJ Robinson, Campsie Corps. The following person has received the Commissioner's Challenge Awards: Stephanie Luhrs, Brisbane City Temple.

time to pray

28 October – 3 November

Major Kelvin Alley, National Secretariat, THQ; South Burnett Region Corps, Youth Outreach Service, both Qld; Port Stephens Corps, Hunter Region Recovery Services, both NSW; Northside Corps, ACT; World Wide Prayer Meeting (1-2); The Greater West Division Adventurer/Sunbeam Camp (1-3).

4-10 November

Samaritan Services, Foster House Complex and Waterloo Community Ministries, Samaritan House Women's Programs Sydney, Maroubra Corps, all NSW; Emergency Housing workers (Caboolture, Logan/Ipswich, Sunshine Coast), Bundaberg Corps, both Qld; Mountain View Aged Care Services, ACT; World Wide Prayer Meeting (8).

11-17 November

Inner West Aged Care Services, North New South Wales Division Rural Mission, North New South Wales Divisional Headquarters, Gill Waminda Residential Aged Care, all NSW; Maroochydore

Corps, Qld; National Finance Conference, Geelong (14); Single Mother's Camp, Collaroy (14-16); Children's Decision Week (14-18); World Wide Prayer Meeting (15); The Greater West Moonbeam/Explorer Sleepover (16-17).

18-24 November

Wayne and Janine Robins, Papua New Guinea Territory; Information Technology Dept, THQ; Menai Corps, NSW; Centennial Lodge, Bundamba Corps, Charters Towers/Ingham Circuit, all Qld; Recovery Services Network Conference, Wollongong (19-23); Candidates Board (22); World Wide Prayer Meeting (22); MASIC Meeting (24).

25 November – 1 December

John and Wendy Evans, Rwanda and Burundi Command; Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Services, Port Macquarie Corps, Narrabri Corps, all NSW; Salvo Care Line Brisbane, Glen Haven, both Qld; World Wide Prayer Meeting (29); Covenant Day (29); Principal's Reception and Silver Star Luncheon (1).

2-8 December

Captain Elizabeth Garland, Southern Africa Territory; Illawarra Community Welfare Centre, Casino Corps, Wellington Corps, all NSW; Canberra Recovery Services Centre, ACT; Family Tracing Service Brisbane, Qld; Commissioning (2); DYCS Conference (4-6); World Wide Prayer Meeting (6).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Newcastle: Thu 1 Nov – Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Review

Dulwich Hill: Sat 3-Sun 4 Nov – Corps Anniversary

Glen Innes: Sun 11 Nov – Corps visit

***Canberra:** Mon 12 Nov – ACL meeting (TC only)

Papua New Guinea: Fri 23-Mon 26 Nov – Congress and retirement of Commissioner Andrew Kalai

Bexley North: Thu 29 Nov – Covenant Day

* Commissioner James Condon only

Commissioner Jan Condon only

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

***USA:** Sun 4-Fri 9 Nov – Arrow Leadership Course

Belconnen: Sun 18 Nov – Corps visit

South Qld: Fri 23 Nov – Queensland Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Lunch

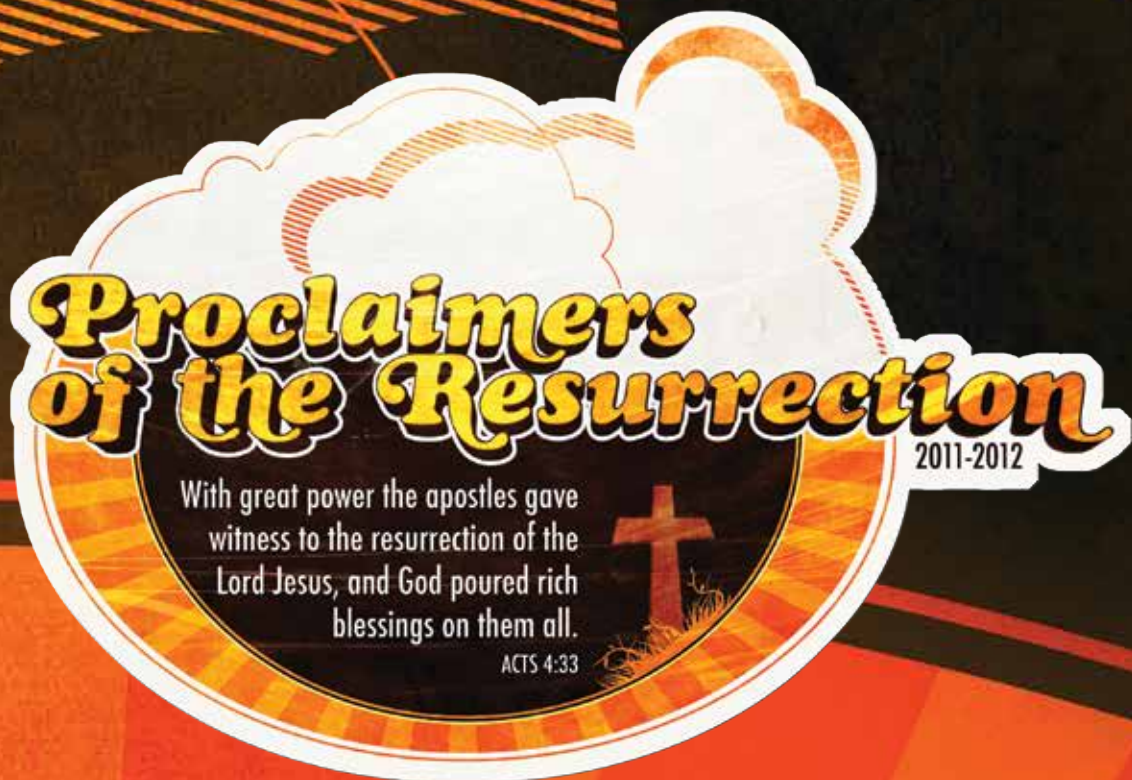
Stanmore: Sat 24 Nov – MASIC General Meeting and Christmas Lunch

Newcastle: Mon 26 Nov – Newcastle Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Lunch

Sydney: Thu 29 Nov – Covenant Day

* Colonel Wayne Maxwell only

Colonel Robyn Maxwell only



COMMISSIONING 2011- 2012 SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2012

10:00am Ordination and Commissioning

2:30pm Sending out to Proclaim

6:00pm The Movement
- Celebrating Youth in Mission

Venue: Sydney Convention Centre

