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Sharing the Gospel with confidence comes down to one thing.

WORDS LAURIE ROBERTSON

“FOR I AM *NOT THE LEAST* BIT EMBARRASSED about the Gospel. *I won't shy away from it*, because it is God's power to save every person who believes: first the Jew, and then the non-Jew. You see, in the Good News, God's restorative justice is revealed. *And as we will see*, it begins with and ends in faith. As the Scripture declares, 'By faith the just will obtain life'" (Romans 1:16-17 *The Voice*).

From the opening words of the above Bible passage I am confronted. “I am not the least bit embarrassed about the Gospel. I won't shy away from it ...” Other translations say, “For I am not ashamed”, “I refuse to be ashamed”, “It's news I am most proud to proclaim”.

These hugely strong, passionate, full-of-commitment words from the apostle Paul drive deep into my heart and mind and expose me for who I am. Disappointingly, I have to admit – to confess – that there have been times when my actions show that in those situations I am embarrassed by the Gospel. I am ashamed of it. I am not proud of it. I have shied away from presenting it – from presenting Jesus Christ. I have been more comfortable in only talking about the weather or sport.

As I look back, I can see that opportunities have been lost to share this Good News of Jesus – the Gospel. But all is not lost for me or you. Romans 1:16-17 directly targets our relationship with Jesus, challenges us to action and shows that Jesus is God's power to save and restore every one of us.

Throughout my 40 years of Salvation

Army officership I have found that, by far, the majority of the people who make up our movement and mission have the best intentions to consistently present Jesus Christ to the world. So why don't we always put our intentions into action?

My deduction is that the strength of our personal relationship with Jesus is the determining factor as to whether the intention becomes action. It is essential that each of us, moment by moment, day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year, engage in ongoing two-way communication with Jesus.

Whenever we get out of sync with Jesus we inadvertently or deliberately become ashamed, embarrassed, or not proud of him and his life-giving message. When we stay connected, we shine in sharing his Gospel. And we will all share and shine differently because of our unique mix of personality, gifts, skills, abilities and life situations. Being authentic, caring, wanting the best for others and building genuine, uplifting relationships are all at the heart of Gospel.

I have been thrilled in reading this issue of *Others* to see ample evidence of many, many people unashamedly sharing the Good News of Jesus in a wide variety of ways. And it commences in the Territorial Leaders' column. I urge you to keep reading so you, too, will be encouraged. •

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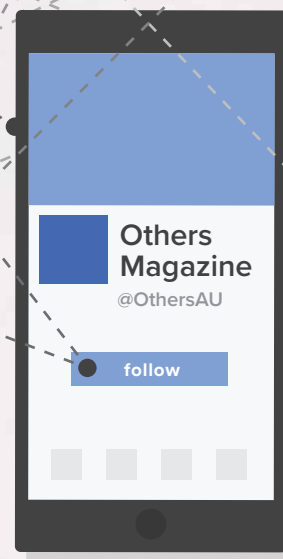
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A war on two fronts.

Saving souls and making people whole

WORDS JANINE AND ROBERT DONALDSON

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR EYE ON THE BALL? HAVE YOU caught it or did you drop it?

In last month's article we shouted "Catch it!" to two important matters for The Salvation Army in Australia – mission delivery at the local level, and values (with their associated behaviours).

Personally, the concept of holistic integrated mission was caught in 1992 when we served at The Salvation Army Chikankata Secondary School in Zambia. More than 700 teenage boarding students received a high standard of education over three to five years, and participated in daily prayers and chapel on Sunday. In addition, more than 400 students chose to participate in Corps Cadets every Tuesday evening, where discipleship was a key focus. The school also provided a range of activities through which life skills and leadership were developed. No wonder that when students graduated, many made significant contributions to church and community.

Whilst serving at Chikankata, I [Robert] read an excellent book by Salvationist Dr Roger Green, titled *War on Two Fronts: The Redemptive Theology of William Booth*. In the book, Green traces two phases of William Booth's theological and ministry development:

- **1878** – His revivalist ministry with its emphasis on personal conversion.
- **1889-1890** – The understanding that salvation was both personal and social. The Army now had a dual mission: war on two fronts.

While Booth had always had a great concern and empathy for the poor, his focus had been on getting sinners saved. Following the Army's first foray into social salvation through the Prison Gate Brigade in Melbourne, Booth now formed what was known as the Social Reform Wing. Booth's theology had now developed to embrace "a gospel of redemption from personal sin and a gospel of redemption from social evil".

This is the missional heartbeat of The Salvation

Army and the foundation of what we describe today as holistic or integrated mission. Jesus came not merely to save souls but to make people whole – body, mind, spirit and relationally (Luke 10:25-28). He came that we "might have life to the full" (John 10:10). Only those mission expressions of The Salvation Army that minister to people's needs and personal salvation can authentically be called The Salvation Army.

Recently, we had the privilege and pleasure of visiting Berwick Corps in Melbourne's south-east and seeing its START program, which offers assistance to people with addictive behaviours, including drugs, alcohol and gambling, and involves a holistic approach to recovery. As a result of the program being integrated into the corps in what is a seamless process, people are progressing on faith pathways, coming to faith in Christ and participating in the church at Berwick. It's a wonderful example of what we mean when we talk about a holistic mission expression. To read more about the program, go to others.org.au/berwickstart

We are thankful for every Salvation Army mission expression and Area Leadership Team that is intentionally working to develop holistic mission in order to see our vision become a reality. And we warmly, but strongly, encourage all Salvos, mission expressions and Area Leadership Teams to embrace our 'why', our reason for being, our 'war on two fronts', our holistic and integrated mission ... and begin to see Australia transformed one life at a time with the love of Jesus.

"Catch it!", and may God bless you. •

Commissioners Janine and Robert Donaldson are the territorial leaders of The Salvation Army Australia Territory.



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Aussie officers around the world – Sweden and Latvia Territory.

In Global Focus this year, *Others* is profiling the work of Australian officers and personnel serving around the world. This month, we take a look at the Sweden and Latvia Territory, where Captain Kris Halliday is serving as a Corps Leader in Gothenburg, and leader of the Army ‘restart’ in the nearby city of Mölndal.

Serving in Sweden is a great privilege, as the call to serve outside Australia was prevalent in me as long as that of officership. I’d visited Sweden a few times, having developed some great friendships with Swedish Salvationists at the Boundless Congress in 2015 and seeing a great pioneering spirit among them, so there was a sense of familiarity on arriving.

The Salvation Army is relatively small and unknown here, having once been one of the world’s biggest territories. After years of decline, there is a dedicated bunch of people deeply committed to rediscovering what it means to be the Army in a context where the average Swedish person doesn’t know who we are or where we fit. At the forefront of that is Salvation Army work in almost every Swedish city with refugees and asylum seekers, and a significant presence in the area of fighting human trafficking – something that is aided by the closeness of Europe and some great cross-country collaboration.

My appointment as part of the corps leadership team has two distinct responsibilities: social work in the bustling, eclectic city of Gothenburg, and leader of the ‘restart’ of The Salvation Army in the nearby city of Mölndal. There are four corps, two corps plants and 10 social programs in Gothenburg. Among the highlights of my time so far has been developing partnerships (and friendships) with Salvationists working across the city. There is a great energy and enthusiasm as we explore ways to support each other and work together for growing, sustainable mission.

As well as multiple worship expressions and a range of services for refugees and local families, from crisis intervention to long-term relational support, a key area of work for our corps in central Gothenburg is among the huge numbers of Roma people. This highly persecuted people from Romania and Bulgaria generally sleep outdoors, while doing whatever they can (from begging to prostitution) to raise money to feed and educate their children. We operate a centre for the Roma people including meals, showers, health services and education, and just last month we launched a partnership with other churches that sees us host a safe place for Roma women caught in prostitution and trafficking. We see our role as providing safety here and doing what we can to fight the cause of the injustice.

Mölndal is a blank page. We’re rebuilding the Army with a focus on going back to our roots and understanding our mission to the margins of ▶



▶ Australian officer Captain Kris Halliday is playing a major role in helping to re-energise the Army in Sweden. **Opposite:** Kris out in the Gothenburg community.

society. We are seeing great relationships form with locals and community leaders and are getting clear understandings of what this new expression of the Army could look like in this city. Soon we will move into a building in the centre of a new neighbourhood as one of the first occupants of this development – to be home to 8000 people. With many people still connected to the Army who were at the old corps in Mölndal, our challenge is to respect the past and honour their legacy, but to also step out in boldness doing things that the Army hasn’t done before.

Sweden is a nation with many independent, well-educated people, the vast majority of whom don’t see the need for faith and don’t understand the role of the Church or what The Salvation Army is. Sweden is also a land of paradox. It’s one of the world’s most wealthy, healthy countries yet has among the highest rates of depression and suicide. People are friendly but proudly individual and lonely. Addictions are rife. Refugees and migrants have been welcomed but have found themselves disconnected and isolated, especially the young who travelled here alone. Social security is among the best in the world, but high rents and the cost of living mean many, especially single mothers, have a desperate struggle to survive.

In all of these areas there are passionate Salvationists on the edges working for change, loving their neighbour, meeting needs, sharing the love of Jesus and providing places of acceptance, refuge and community. It’s great to be here at this time to join them. Among the personal challenges, being so far from family and friends isn’t easy. A basic grasp of a rather complex language means that communication, an area that has always been a strength for me, has at times been a struggle. As I come to the end of my first year here in Sweden, seeing God at work in and around me as I immerse myself in life and ministry, I’m thankful for this incredible opportunity to serve for a term away from home. •



■ SWEDEN & LATVIA TERRITORY

HISTORY

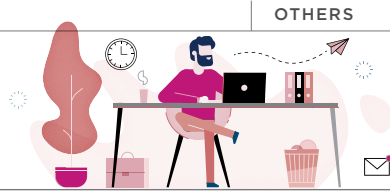
The first Salvation Army meeting in Sweden was held in 1878 at Varnamo, led by the young Chief of the Staff, Bramwell Booth. In the congregation was Hanna Ouchterlony, who was inspired to become an officer and began the Army’s work in Stockholm on 28 December 1882. Hanna, who rose to become a commissioner, was instrumental in the Army establishing a women’s home and a men’s shelter by 1890. The Army started in Latvia in 1923 but closed in 1939 due to the outbreak of World War Two. It was re-established on 18 November 1990, and the re-named Sweden and Latvia Territory came into effect on 15 November 1994.

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Living 'icons' are all around us.

Knowing where to look is the key

WORDS CHRISTINA TYSON

RECENTLY, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF A pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey where I got up close and personal with some incredible Eastern Orthodox art. Coming from a Salvation Army faith tradition, with its roots in Wesleyan Methodism, my experience of church trappings is stripped back when compared to the Orthodox tradition. We don't have ornate church buildings filled with paintings and icons. A Salvation Army hall is meant to be plain and functional.

Early Salvation Army converts – back in the 1860s – came from the slums of East London. Saved through the tent-based outreach of William and Catherine Booth, they were sent back to established churches only to meet with judgement and discrimination from 'proper' church folk uncomfortable with a riff-raff of converted prostitutes and drunkards in their midst.

And so, The Salvation Army was born – as a church for the outsiders, inspired by Jesus' words: "Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23 *ESV*). Sunday meetings were held in the likes of music halls, with a focus on creating places of welcome where all could feel at home, without cultural or ecclesiastical barriers.

Because this is my faith tradition, I hadn't worshipped in a setting that included icons and other religious artwork – which made

my time in Greece and Turkey a literal eye-opener. The early Salvation Army conveyed much of its theological teaching in our songs; for the Orthodox Church, the lessons of the Bible and church history are in its paintings and icons. And those icons fascinated me.

The Eastern Orthodox Church venerates icons as one of the ways God is shown to humanity – through pictures of Christ, Mary, the saints and angels. Theologically, these icons remind us that we are created in God's image and therefore carry the 'icon' (or image) of God within us. Sin marred that divine likeness, and salvation is God restoring his full image within us.

"My meeting with God in the Bible and in prayer increases my usefulness as an 'icon' of Christ for others."

John of Damascus, an Early Church Father, found solace in the icons of his church. He wrote: "When I have no books, or when my thoughts, torturing me like thorns, do not let me enjoy reading, I go to church, which is the cure available for every disease of the soul. The freshness of the images draws my attention, captivates my eyes ... and slowly leads my soul to divine praise."

For John of Damascus, church was a place resplendent with Christian iconography that pointed him to Christ. But how am I, living in Aotearoa New Zealand, to find such icons today? Well, it's not as hard as you might think.

I'm a member of a small group where I see the image of God in others. As we share life together, the ups and the downs of it,

they frequently point me to Christ. These dear friends are icons in my life.

I attend a Salvation Army Recovery Church for those journeying from addiction to freedom and wellbeing. When someone starts coming to Recovery Church, I've noticed their eyes are often downcast and clouded. They are burdened by addiction, carrying a sense of personal failure and regret. Sometimes they are weighed down by sins others have committed against them, from which drugs or alcohol provided an anaesthetised refuge. They may also carry a sense of shame at how they've wronged people in the past.

Yet, as the weeks pass, their outlook on their identity changes. They start to see their God-given value. Hope and life become more visible in their eyes, as does the transformative power of God. The faces I see at Recovery Church are icons that point me to Christ.

I was at a conference recently where one of the speakers commented that the Bible is "our meeting place with God". Such a simple and obvious statement, and yet the truth of those words gripped me because I realised that is why the Bible is so important in my life. It's where God and I meet! My meeting with God in the Bible and in prayer increases my usefulness as an 'icon' of Christ for others.

Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." All of us are intended to carry the image of God into our world. In fact, when we open our eyes, we can see living icons all around us. ●

Major Christina Tyson is a New Zealand Salvation Army officer and former editor of *War Cry* magazine in the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory.



Worth Quoting.

"Truth without love isn't real truth and love without truth isn't real love." – Tim Keller

A new look at the good ol' days.

Nostalgia's role in Army worship

WORDS SAMANTHA JOHNSON

The following article is an explanation by Major Samantha Johnson of her BA (Honours) Pastoral Care with Psychology dissertation, which asked 'How can a knowledge of nostalgia inform the transition to a contemporary worship experience?'

NOSTALGIA IN WORSHIP IS NOT NEW. Psalm 137:4 expresses the yearning of exiled Hebrews who were unable to sing "in a foreign land" and Psalm 63:1-2 recalls worship "in the sanctuary" while longing for God in a "dry and parched land". Both refer to a sense of uneasiness within a new setting.

Every generation experiences conflict between a need for progress and a desire to hold on to the past. I formed my dissertation question by examining aspects of Salvation Army identity alongside traditional and contemporary elements of worship.

Excessive nostalgia was regarded for centuries as the "disease of unhealthy longing for bygone days", according to Svetlana Boym in *The Future Of Nostalgia*. Ecclesiastes 7:10 appears to affirm this: "Do not say, 'Why were the old days better than these?' For it is not wise to ask such questions." In times of rapid transition, when fear of new experiences produces cultural conflict, nostalgia for a known and safe past is understandable. Psychological research generally shows, though, that

nostalgia is more than simply a sentimental yearning for the past and is actually a demonstration of a more profound experience.

Bonnets, brass bands on street corners and the ever-important Army cup of tea dispensed 'during the war' hold an affectionate place in public memory. While we still distribute plenty of tea, this nostalgic portrayal of the Army is less of a reality as we embrace contemporary worship styles, changes in mission strategy and practical working uniforms.

Within the Army, too, there is nostalgia for the old days and old ways, with questions asked about why methods that worked then are not applied today. To help understand the experience of personal and collective nostalgia, I felt it would be beneficial to apply current psychological research to the context of the Army. I hoped that understanding the thoughts and beliefs associated with nostalgia might strengthen pastoral care for those who find transition difficult and would provide greater insight into why some people struggle with more modern components of worship.

I began by reading psychology papers to identify current thinking about nostalgia. To explore it in context, I initially distributed questionnaires among small groups of Salvationists in various corps and subsequently interviewed certain individuals based on their questionnaire responses. I wanted to measure the extent of nostalgia and its triggers in relation to worship and Army practice, so included questions about musical styles and sections, new songs versus old, Bible translations, spiritual experiences during worship and Salvationist identity. I also encouraged general comments to provide further insight.

I had a good balance of gender and age among participants, with approximately

half being lifelong Salvationists. Only 20 per cent of participants felt their corps was growing, which might have suggested that nostalgia was a response to existential threat, but this turned out not to be the case.

Generally, modern worship styles were viewed as positive; new songs were not seen as a cause of discomfort but rather a source of frustration when they could not be sung confidently or comfortably together. Participants were not especially opposed to change and progress but disliked the awkwardness of unfamiliarity. Elements that did emerge as important during worship were social connectedness, personal and collective identity and psychological wellbeing.

Psychological research has identified that nostalgia frequently connects people with their formative years of adolescence and early adulthood. This was confirmed by my interviews, during which participants fondly recalled their experiences of fellowship and commitment in youth and wished for them to be replicated in the Army today. The significant role of mentors and a sense of meaningful activity were important factors in their responses.

My conclusion was that nostalgia within the Army does not suggest a desire to live in the past or a refusal to embrace the future. It is better understood as an aid to maintain identity during transition, a reflective approach to establish meaning and purpose through the stages of life.

Nostalgia associated with worship can provide a deeply profound encounter, as one views past and present identity in relation to God. Meaning affirmed by past experiences may provide a resource to ease the spiritual challenges of the present and contribute to faith for the future.

The pastoral response, therefore, is to ensure that an individual's nostalgia is ►


Worth Quoting.

“Don’t concentrate on what you lack, concentrate on what you have. Then give all of it to Jesus for his use.” – **Anne Graham Lotz**

not dismissed but recognised as a valid indicator of purpose and identity. A person’s experience of transition can be enhanced by actively encouraging bouts of nostalgia and the building of relationships.

The challenge is to balance the nostalgia of older generations with the creation of a contemporary worship experience that adolescents and young adults can look back on nostalgically in the future. ●

Samantha Johnson is the Corps Officer at Oxford in England.

Ending well.

Trusting God as doors close

WORDS **EVONNE PACKER**

“FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted ... a time to seek, and a time to lose” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 6 – *ESV*).

As we approach the end of another year, I’ve been reflecting on the busyness of life, the numerous changes we go through and, in particular, The Salvation Army in Australia transitioning out of disability services provision. The above verse has really spoken to me over the past few months, prompting me to think about endings, or the close of certain chapters of life. There are many teachings on beginnings as well as numerous movies and books that highlight the anticipation, dreams and investments into beginnings, but nearly not as much on endings and ending well.

One particularly insightful article by

American author Jon Bloom on ending well, aptly points out that, as leaders, it’s not uncommon to struggle with stepping out of leadership. Or for organisations, the struggle and emotions that come with dealing with transitions. Or in everyday life, to feel confused or experience a sense of flatness at the end of various seasons of life. I think we can all relate to that. As the General Manager of the Army’s Disability Services, I know I can.

Like most of us, I don’t relish thinking about or planning for endings, because endings are goodbyes, the closing of a chapter, which often makes us experience a flux of emotions and not necessarily positive ones.

“Endings are usually more truthful than beginnings.”

My world was turned upside down when I was told about the disability services transition. I sat that night in the dark and just cried out to God: “Why was this decision made?” I didn’t understand; I was angry and confused. But then, in the early hours of the next morning, a thought came to me that I believe was from God. It was this: “I can’t influence or change the decision, but I can influence how well we finish.” I committed then and there to finish well, still not knowing was ahead of me.

This one particular line in Jon’s article really stood out to me: “Endings are usually more truthful than beginnings.” At a beginning, when we’re looking ahead, we envision a possible future, not a real one. And our vision is always some mixed bag of good and bad motives, love and selfish ambition, serving Jesus and serving ourselves. But looking back, we see reality with greater clarity, how various factors,

including the good and the bad, how our strengths and weaknesses, and how others – whether that be The Salvation Army, government, family etc. – affected what we began. As Jon continues, “A review of the day in the evening is more truthful than the caffeinated optimism of the morning’s good intentions.”

God will and does help us through times of transition, through endings. One way to prepare for our ‘time to lose’, and help others do the same, is to intentionally pray about it. God can make our transition out of a season uniquely powerful in glorifying Jesus.

It took a long time for my head and heart to come together on this decision by The Salvation Army to transition out of disability services. My head understood and agreed, but my heart was another matter. But God is amazing. Over nine months, he stretched me and taught me. My heart has now been reconciled to the decision and I can honestly say that this decision is best.

There is a God-given time to exit every role we enter. Some endings will feel sweet and clear, some will feel bitter and confusing. Therefore, it requires a different kind of wisdom to end well than to begin well. It demands Spirit-wrought humility and Spirit-empowered faith to trust God’s sovereignty, wisdom and goodness in those transitions.

We must prepare for these moments or, better still, we must ask God to prepare us and be willing to be stretched and refined through the process. ●

**For more information about The Salvation Army’s decision to transition out of disability services, see our story on page 37.*

Major Evonne Packer is The Salvation Army General Manager of Disability Services.

Mailbox.



Letter

SEARCHING FOR LOST VOICES

Male voice parties were significant in The Salvation Army some years ago. Brass bands were big and many corps had an excellent male voice party. Although made up mostly of men from the band, a male voice party was its own group within a corps.

I recall being part of male voice parties at Campsie, Fairfield, Mayfield and Wollongong corps. I started and led a male voice party at Launceston Corps, where we sang live on the local radio station every Sunday morning.

While at Campsie, we were recorded several times and I would like to locate some of the tapes. The recordings were made by a man from Sydney Congress Hall Corps. The recordings were done at Congress Hall and at the man’s home in the Canterbury area of Sydney between 1950 and 1960.

Can anybody help locate the tapes or copies? Please email me at: jyethel@gmail.com

– **Clif Bambridge, Wollongong**



Online

COME AND BELONG AT DELACOMBE

What a wonderful article (Everyone belongs at Delacombe, *Others Online* 20 September). This fantastic place changed my life. I wandered into the church one Sunday and was immediately a part of the family. Only great things come from all those smiling faces. Do yourself a favour and get on down here; we cannot wait to meet you. Delacombe Salvation Army, you rock!

– **Karen Hobbs**



Online

A JOYFUL VISION FOR OUR CHILDREN

With regard to the article, ‘The dangerous drift in Disney’s vision’ (*Others Online* 13 September). Well said!

As our adult culture takes on a self-righteousness that denies the existence of an external locus of control, and relies on self-actualisation, it is evident that our children will reflect this too. Their entertainment world is a mere reflection of their present reality. A sad reality.

There is so much joy in belonging and finding meaning in ‘something bigger than ourselves’. Isn’t joy and belonging worth passing on to our children in bucketloads?

– **Anne Hill**



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TOO MUCH DRIFT IN HYPOTHESIS

I don’t normally comment on these things but feel compelled to with regard to the article, ‘The dangerous drift in Disney’s vision’ (*Others Online* 13 September).

Whilst I agree with the hypothesis that there has been a drift in the Christian values present in family movies, the use of *Toy Story* presents far too many assumptions for me to consider this as proof. For example, why was the attic considered to be heaven and Japan not? Both would have seen the toys preserved in a place without suffering, unlike the choice to remain with an owner.

However, my main concern with this piece is the reference to Woody ‘choosing’ to follow his own heart in *Toy Story 4*. He did make a choice to leave the fellowship, yes, but it could equally be argued that he was no longer

welcomed in the fellowship by Molly (the God-like figure). How do we reconcile a God that neglects those that have dedicated their life to serving?

The other point to consider is that even in making his choice he was still committed to bringing people into the fellowship, as seen by sacrificing himself for Gabby Gabby to find an owner.

There may be elements of drift in these movies, but to use them to prove the hypothesis is incomplete.

– **Zak Churchill**



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BEAUTIFUL NEW CENTRE

Regarding the article, ‘Tablelands Corps opens new facility in Far North Queensland’ (*Others Online*, 8 October, and page 39 in this edition), we visited there recently while on our trip around Far North Queensland and really loved what we saw.

The new centre, beautifully built and well adapted for worship and community services, warm and inviting, will be a benefit to the community, especially once their cafe begins. Well done.

– **Kenneth Wilson**

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Christmas that truly cheers.

Continuing a regular series looking at ways that The Salvation Army is engaging in mission across Australia. This includes initiatives in evangelism and discipleship, advocacy and social policy, community engagement and service provision. The intention is to offer ideas and stimulate action for holistic mission that expresses God's love for the individual, the community and all of creation.

WORDS PAUL KNIGHT

“When I started at The Salvation Army, we had what we called the soft toy mountain. It was massive, like a pyramid in the middle of the warehouse,” says Stuart Foster, General Manager of The Salvation Army Community Services. The memory of that image drives Stuart to focus on positive outcomes, adding that “we want to see people lifted out of poverty and out of disadvantage”.

The Salvation Army wants to give more than physical gifts at Christmas. It is looking to connect with people to share the fullness of life that Jesus came to bring. “For people to ultimately achieve the goal of independence from welfare, they need to be able to depend on their community,” says Stuart. “Healthy communities give people the ability to live to their potential.”

Salvation Army corps around the country can be those healthy caring communities that show God's love for people. Christmas can be a lonely time with financial and family tensions for a lot of people. Stuart says there are three lessons we can all take note of about effective holistic community engagement at Christmas:

1. Clear internal communication between fundraising, community engagement, corps and volunteers, to keep all our efforts focused on furthering our organisational mission.

2. Education through telling stories about things that truly make a difference. Thoughtful, informed giving and action allows the window of opportunity at Christmas to open into lasting transformation for families.

3. Transparency that helps people understand why the best intentions are not always the best ideas. The public responds to having goodwill directed to where it will have the most benefit. People become more involved and more connected to the substance of The Salvation Army's mission.

Around the country, there is a heartening consensus about what positive outcomes look like, and abundant creativity in reaching them. At Gladstone in North Queensland, the streets are blocked for the Christmas in the City event. The brainchild of Lieutenants Chris and Kay Ford, it now features combined churches. Christmas Cheer is woven into that event, connecting it to the public celebration of the Christian message of Christmas.

Andy King, Doorways Manager in North Queensland, explains that corps there use Doorways data to proactively contact potentially vulnerable people. He is particularly delighted that the chef for the Christmas Day community meal at Faithworks Salvos in Townsville is someone who initially came to Doorways in need.

Wollongong Corps in NSW ensures that all the Christmas Cheer contact is with corps volunteers – over 40 of them. Their community cafe is used to extend the opportunities for connection. They encourage parents to bring teenagers, giving them choice over gift cards for their favourite outlets. Corps Officer Major Rebecca Inglis conducts registration interviews, and they are often significant conversations where personal and family issues way beyond Christmas come up.

Aubrey Anderson, Manager of Doorways Geelong, Victoria, tells about deep collaboration, with all the regional corps flourishing into multiple outcomes. “The commitment we all made is to embed the corps in the community of care,” says Aubrey. Perhaps most satisfyingly, “... it has had a profound effect on my five-year-old, her understanding of the joy and magic of Christmas, and how important the gift of hope and connection is at this time.”

In Burnie, Tasmania, a caring Salvationist assists the program each year, building a discreetly caring trust within the community. More than 400 families access the program. The Wishing Tree launches have become Christmas celebrations in their own right, with cake, carols, Santa and

talks by Corps Officer Captain Mark Smith linking to the message of Christmas.

In South Australia, the desire to collaborate led to planning a sausage sizzle and carols night. This is a ministry of all mission expressions, and is held at the Encounters Conference Centre. It is a celebration of the Christmas message on neutral ground, reaching out to those not comfortable entering a church.

Mandy Dehnel, Casework Manager at Doorways Perth, simply loves helping people have enough for the dignity of hospitality. Christmas, celebrating God's abundant grace, shouldn't be the cause of stress about whether there is anything to offer visitors. “That's [these stories] what drives me,” Stuart concludes, “the people we have working in our services, hearing stories about how we are affecting change. There is hardship in there, and sadness. But there's also the reward of lives turned around and journeys shared. There is so much passion out there for improving our communities.”

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Mission in brief

- The Policy and Advocacy Team is partnering with The Justice Conference 2019, including running a session about ways that local churches can advocate alongside people.
- The Doorways outcome measurement pilot indicated that relief assistance including food, stability and access to services greatly improves respondents' mental health.
- During the last school holidays, the Mission Support teams have led eight events and camps for more than 800 children, youth and young adults across Australia. This included leadership development, discipleship and ministry training, and lots of fun times learning about Jesus together.
- Strategic Emergency and Disaster Management has begun coordinating recovery work after recent Queensland bushfires.
- The Salvation Army is among recipients of new Federal Government drought funding to the value of \$33 million.
- About 140 people gathered from across the nation to explore what it looks like to be effective in ministry and mission in the culturally diverse landscape of Australia. It was a time of teaching and equipping across various areas of cross-cultural engagement.

◀ A group of Year 12 students from a local high school help The Salvation Army to sort donated toys at Geelong.



➤ Brunswick Corps Officer Major Colin Elkington (right) with ministry assistant Kevin Amiri, who translates during every Farsi Fellowship service. Photo: Jacob Dyer

A faith fellowship of courage.

Brunswick Corps embraces Iranian congregation

WORDS JESSICA MORRIS

If the indicator of a healthy congregation is how quickly and warmly they greet guests at the door, then the Farsi Fellowship at Brunswick Corps in suburban Melbourne is thriving. I slip into the 2.30pm bilingual service late, and within seconds a seat with my name on it is made available. “Welcome!”

The first thing I notice is that I am in a minority here. Unlike many Salvation Army corps – and indeed mainstream churches I have attended – the Farsi Fellowship, made up of the Iranian community, has grown organically. Farsi is the national language of the people of Iran, an Islamic state that, according to Open Doors, an organisation dedicated to serving persecuted Christians worldwide, subjects its Christian population to extreme persecution.

As of 2017, there were almost 7000 Iranian refugees living in limbo in Australia while their applications for asylum were being processed. Many of them rely on community support to survive. A handful of these people are part of the 30-strong congregation at Brunswick. Major Colin Elkington, corps ministry assistant and a chaplain to

refugees and asylum seekers, stands at the front with ministry assistant Kevin Amiri as the translator. “Our God will bring you justice,” Colin says with conviction, his powerful presentation mirrored in Kevin’s interpretation. “But while we wait, God gives us peace.” For the first of several times during the service, I see people around me wipe tears from their eyes.

“The people here are doing it tough,” Colin tells me later. “Some have had their application for permanent residency denied multiple times, and while they’re waiting on a visa they have no access to a government benefit.” Over chai and biscuits, Colin tells me their stories. One young family is unable to pay the rent, the husband too ill to work and the wife unable to find work. “Salvation Army housing does not house asylum seekers and the welfare agencies that do are stretched to the limit. It means they have nowhere to go,” he explains.

A congregant pauses to say hello, and then invites me to her home for dinner. We don’t fully understand each other, but she is bilingual enough to show me grace. I ask her what work she is looking for. “I have a degree in commerce. I would like to find a job as an accountant,” she

says. She envelops me in a hug and gives me her phone number before she leaves. The same grace is shown to me when I meet Alex, a senior soldier at the corps. He is coordinating afternoon tea, but pauses long enough to shake my hand. “Alex spent two years on Nauru,” says Colin. My response is awkward. Nauru is one of two offshore detention centres that governments have sent asylum seekers to since they turned back the boats. These people often have nothing, having fled their home country under the threat of death. “I’m so glad you’re here,” I say to him. I know my words are insufficient, but he shakes my hand and thanks me for coming to his church, before handing out more chai.

The Farsi Fellowship is undoubtedly a unique congregation. Since it was formed by Colin four years ago, it has grown through friends inviting friends. There are stories of multiple conversions in households – people converting from Islam – and if you listen to Colin, every second person is keen to become a member. After seeing the congregation in action, I believe him. Since the Farsi Fellowship started, more than 30 adherents have been accepted, of whom 17 have become senior soldiers. ▶



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Our congregation is all made up of ex-Muslims. They did not become Christians through ‘Christians’ ranting and saying Muslims are not welcome in Australia. They became Christians because real Christians welcomed them and showed them the love of Jesus.”

In the service I attended I witnessed three people being recognised for their completion of the Christianity Explained course. One only began attending the corps seven weeks earlier. “I am happy to tell you that these people have personally decided to make Jesus their personal Lord and Saviour!” When Colin tells us this, everyone erupts into applause. The joy is palpable, but for all the excitement, this is normal for the congregation. “People here are on their way to Christianity, or have become Christians. We had one man come and begin Christianity Explained, and his whole family followed!” says Colin.

made the slides. And it’s obvious in the laughter when Colin goes to great lengths to add multiple crescendos to a rousing rendition of the closing chorus. It’s in sharp contrast to the images and stereotypes I see portrayed on the news.

Before I leave, I shake the hand of everyone going out the door. Two young men are new to the fellowship, invited by a sharply dressed man. “Are you coming here now?” he asks, grasping my hand excitedly. Others bow to me and I clumsily bow back as a sign of respect.

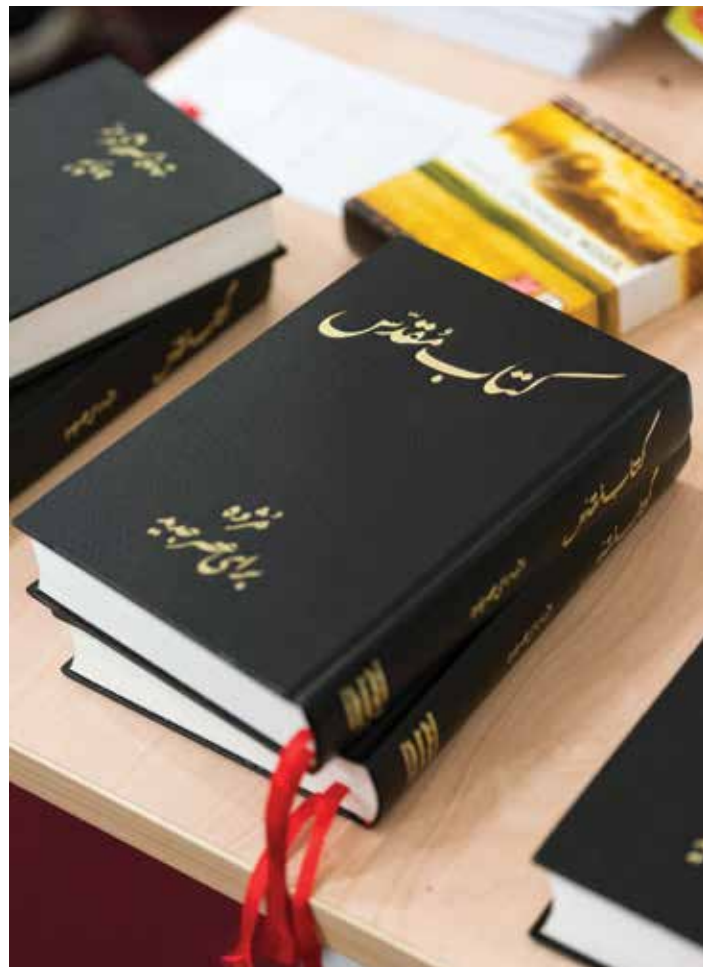
Kevin comes up to me before I go. He wants to make sure I have everything I need for the article. “Is it [the article] about multiculturalism in the Army?” he asks. I tell him that I want to tell the story of the Farsi Fellowship; that I don’t have an angle yet, but I know this story is important. It is clear this congregation deserves more than lip service or a token of diversity.

What I do know is that these people have shown me more love than I’ve experienced in the house of God for a long time. And that is reason enough for me to heed Colin’s call for friendship with the Iranian people. “These people are coming here, trying to learn our language and wanting to fit into our culture,” says Colin. “Every real Christian is now presented with the opportunity of being a missionary in our own country.”

A conversion in the Farsi Fellowship is more than a celebration; it’s a declaration of courage. Not just in regard to the faith they’ve left behind, but the religious culture they are now joining. “Our congregation is all made up of ex-Muslims,” says Colin. “They did not become Christians through ‘Christians’ ranting and saying Muslims are not welcome in Australia. They became Christians because real Christians welcomed them and showed them the love of Jesus.”

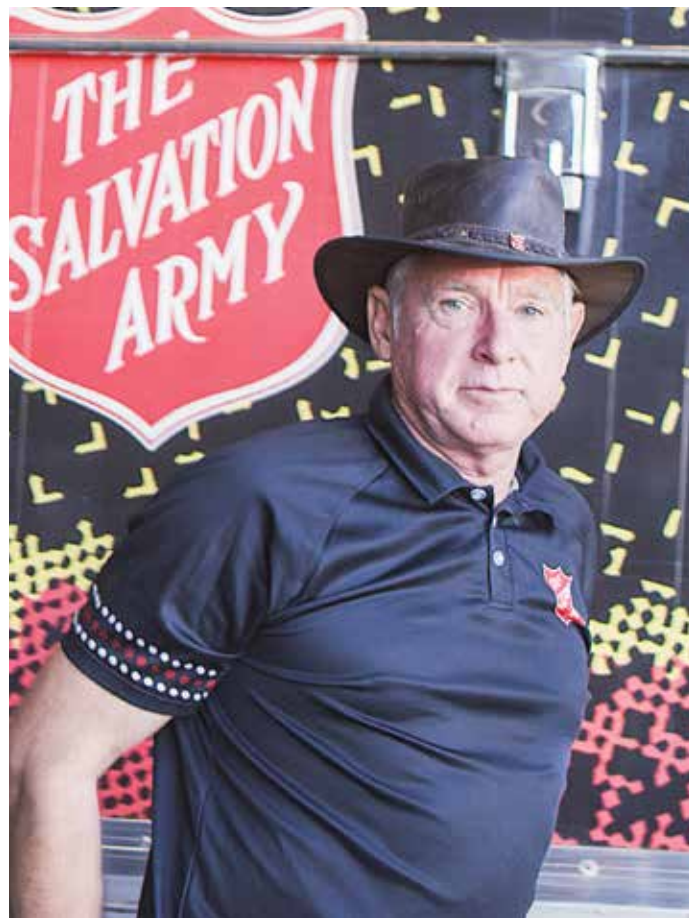
“Christians who are afraid of Muslim refugees coming to Australia actually show a lack of faith in the Gospel. If they really believed the Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe, they would ... see the Muslim refugees coming to Australia as the ‘field that is ripe for harvest.’”

For all the tragedy many of these people have gone through, they carry a quiet dignity and joy about them. It presents when they correct the bilingual interpretation and ‘chastise’ whoever



Clockwise from top: The Farsi Fellowship at Brunswick Corps; Jessica Morris, author of this article, chatting after the service; ministry assistant Kevin Amiri enjoys a light-hearted moment with some ‘mates’; a Farsi version of the Bible. Photos: Jacob Dyer

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To watch a video about the Whites and their ministry, go to others.org.au/outbacktruck



Top: Majors Kathleen and Denis White and the truck they take on their outback missions. **Left:** Denis has three decades' service as a Salvation Army officer. **Above:** Denis with two Aboriginal women from one of the communities he visits.

Outback truck of hope.

Meeting practical and spiritual needs of remote communities

WORDS JESSICA MORRIS

Every few weeks, for the past eight years, Adelaide-based Salvation Army officers Majors Denis and Kathleen White have climbed into a 16-tonne truck they have packed to the brim with quality second-hand furniture and clothing and set off for the Australian outback.

Their destination is several remote Aboriginal communities across the top of South Australia and the south-western desert of the Northern Territory. Here they 'set up shop' in small communities and sell the furniture and clothing at a reasonable price, a system which has proven successful in building self-sufficiency and dignity in the people.

In 2011, the Whites were appointed as Divisional APY Lands Coordinators. APY stands for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, a region approximately one and a half times the size of Tasmania. "It's a wonderful adventure!" says Denis. "The Aboriginal people in Central Australia are the last, the least and the forgotten. [When people consider] cross-cultural ministry as a whole, they think of [work] overseas, and people have no idea of the condition of things there in Central Australia."

More than a decade ago, the South

Australia Government began funding the construction of dozens of houses in each Aboriginal community in the APY Lands. But a major problem arose – the houses stayed empty. Without furniture, Denis says, people are sleeping on the floor, sitting on the floor, eating their food off the floor, which in turn creates major health problems.

There are no furniture or electrical stores in these communities. They are so remote that getting things like beds, fridges and washing machines delivered is crippling expensive. And this is where the Whites and their truck come in. Denis says on one early trip he sold everything in the first couple of hours in one town alone, and the people were pleading for more.

Since being commissioned as Salvation Army officers three decades ago, Denis and Kathleen have served as corps officers in Victoria, missionaries in Papua New Guinea and court chaplains in South Australia, but their time in the APY Lands is their most challenging and rewarding appointment yet.

The hardest part is leaving their family behind for nine weeks every year to meet the needs of 2500 people in the APY Lands, covering thousands of kilometres ▶

each trip. “A quick trip takes a week,” Denis says. That leaves two days for driving each way, a day for set-up, and a day for their ministry.

This sounds like a challenge in itself, but the Whites admit the most complex aspect of their ministry isn’t the time spent on the road or in the sweltering heat of the Outback – it’s the process between each journey in their precious weeks at home. This is when the couple source high-quality, second-hand furniture, clothes and reasonably priced electronics for their next trip.

The Salvation Army’s work in the APY Lands began in 2008 when Major Henk Fernee (now retired) spoke to South Australian Housing Authority and the elders of these remote communities and learned about the desperate need for basic furniture. Henk got the ball rolling and began the process of sourcing goods in Adelaide and delivering them to these communities. When the Whites took on the role eight years ago, they decided to add a spiritual component, which has opened up many ministry opportunities.

“Kathleen and I set out intentionally to emphasise the Christian side of the work,” Denis says. “We spoke to the elders and on each trip we involve them to do announcements, pray in language and explain that The Salvation Army is a Christian organisation. We view the furniture/practical provision like Paul’s tent making.

“Spiritually, it’s opened doors up for us to pray with people. And because we were court chaplains, we’ve had a lot of Aboriginal people ask us to pray for their sons and daughters who are facing court, in prison and also for healing. The loveliest thing is working with the Bible translation [through the United Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress] and seeing it transform lives.”

The Whites work closely with the elders of each community, who indicate specific practical needs. They also say that giving



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people the opportunity to pay for, or pay off items through a Centrepay plan, gives the Indigenous people a sense of pride and ownership in the items they purchase.

But no matter how tight the Whites pack their truck with the help of volunteers, there are always people at the end left needing more. And that is the most challenging part of the ministry. “The verse where Jesus talks to the disciples and he says, ‘You will always have the poor’, we see that. We do so much to help, and yet there are still disappointed people at the end of the sale. And as much as we want to help them, we can’t. That’s the hardest thing,” Denis says.

“The government keeps building houses, but we can’t take enough furniture to keep up with the need. Often up to three families stay together in a house and that’s a tension – they stay together, there’s water and food and shelter and a kitchen ... and then nothing.”

The Whites’ journey with the people of the APY Lands will come to an end early next year, when they take up new appointments. The Salvation Army will continue to work with the APY Lands communities to determine an appropriate response going forward. ●

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Gender equity on a global scale.

Task force an opportunity to effect meaningful change

WORDS COMMISSIONER MARK TILLSLEY

The Salvation Army international Gender Equity Task Force is charged with exploring gender equity within officership and, as further clarified by the world leader of the Army, General Brian Peddle, following consultation with the International Management Council, will also be the main working group for moving the gender equity agenda forward in The Salvation Army.

The task force comprises my fellow co-chair, Colonel Lisbeth Welander, and eight officer colleagues at International Headquarters in London. It is a working group, entrusted to advance this agenda, but is not the 'brains trust' encompassing all of the expertise needed to assist The Salvation Army in formulating policy and procedures on the issue of gender equity. The General has clearly stated that the task force is permitted to recruit people as required within specialist areas to assist with this work.

Additionally, in order that voices are heard from all five of the Army's geographic zones, a larger group of corresponding members will bring the broader perspectives needed in accomplishing this assignment. The Australia Territory's Colonel Julie Campbell, Gender Equity Advocate and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, is the Australian

representative on the task force (see story next page).

At the General's request, progress reports are being shared with the International Management Council and the General's Consultative Council, and recommendations will be shared with the International Conference of Leaders in March 2020.

Much has been written on The Salvation Army's stated position on gender equity. In *Mapping Our Salvationist DNA*, Commissioner Kay Rader references the Orders and Regulations drafted by General William Booth in 1905 to help direct his burgeoning troops. The Founder of the Army shared the following:

- Women have the right to an equal share with men in the great work of publishing salvation.
- A woman may hold any position of authority or power in the Army.
- Women must be treated as equal with men.

Commissioner Rader then quotes Dr Roger Green, who reminds us that "a basic doctrinal principle was established as policy of The Christian Mission and this policy continued ... people were placed in position because of ability and not because of gender". ▶



Colonel Julie Campbell says gender equity will make for a 'more powerful Army'.

Australian input

Colonel Julie Campbell is the Australian corresponding member on the Gender Equity Task Force. Julie participates in online meetings and provides information and feedback from the Australia Territory.

"I've participated in the first online meeting and shared the current and emerging trends and issues experienced by women officers in our territory and how we are addressing these," says Julie. "It was a privilege, and also encouraging, to hear from other officers committed to identifying and improving opportunities for women."

"I believe the task force is vital and will assist in resolving the systematic inequality experienced by women officers. We will be a more powerful Army when all our officers are provided with equal opportunities to use their gifts and abilities to serve God."

We benefit greatly from Salvation Army officers who continue to issue clarion calls for gender equity in the appointment process, but I am struck by the fact that the references in Commissioner Rader's work were written 45 and 35 years ago, respectively. There are few if any officers still serving who were in active service 45 years ago when this call to gender equity was coming to the forefront of Salvation Army conversation. Commissioner Rader was forcefully demonstrating that this is not a new conversation.

The task force has been convened to respond to the worldwide call for action now. Whether in the context of the International Conference of Leaders, or when younger officers meet in conferences or symposiums, there is a global call for change now, and the General has indicated that this issue will not be relegated to the 'too hard' basket!

In conversation with a young officer from the Army's South Asia zone, the captain indicated that we can no longer cite cultural differences as the reason that gender equity is not represented in senior leadership appointments. The captain shared: "Women are holding significant positions of authority and power in our country; this is not a societal problem, but a Salvation Army problem. We are 20 to 30 years behind what is taking place in my country – and change is happening rapidly."

There are structural issues that do need to be addressed and, in dealing with these matters, we will need to be aware of unintended consequences of change. By taking responsibility as opposed to fixating on blame for our present reality, we have a wonderful opportunity to effect meaningful change.

The General, however, often reminds his territorial leaders around the world that they already possess the authority to move the gender equity matter forward in regard to appointments within their

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respective territories. The only exception is the four appointments made directly by the General (Territorial Commander, Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary of Women's Ministries), but these are prayerfully considered at International Appointment Board level before the General takes the final decision.

The Gender Equity Task Force is being helped tremendously through observing territories around the world that are experimenting with changes to structure and appointments that address gender equity issues.

There are territories that have made tremendous gains in establishing what Colonel Janet Munn recommended in *The Officer* magazine (January-March 2019): "Quantifiable goals for gender equality, including intentionality in equipping and appointing women officers immediately, and monitoring progress and outcomes."

These territories will potentially inform other territories of the successes to amplify and the pitfalls to avoid in dealing with matters of gender inequity that have existed for too long and must now be addressed.

We are grateful that the General and international leadership have indicated that gender equity is an international priority, and there are expectations that the task force will deliver actionable recommendations to the International Council of Leaders for implementation.

In the words of singer-songwriter Steve Green, "May those who come behind us find us faithful".

Commissioner Mark Tillsley is the co-chair of the International Headquarters Gender Equity Task Force. This article was originally written for *The Officer* magazine, and has been adapted for *Others*.

Statement on sexism

The Salvation Army International Headquarters recently released its 17th International Positional Statement, on sexism. To read this statement go to salvationarmy.org/ihq/positionalstatements and scroll down to 'Sexism'.





World War Two veteran Dick Payten looks at a photo of The Salvation Army 'Hop In' tent set up during the campaign in New Guinea in the 1940s. **Opposite page:** Knud Knudsen (circled) at a Red Shield War Services conference in Jerusalem in December 1941.

A man amongst men.

Deep friendship forged out of adversity

WORDS BILL SIMPSON

At 11am on 11 November, ageing Aussie Digger Dick Payten, now in his 99th year, will close his eyes and once again, through memories, 'see' wartime mates long gone. There will be tears and there will be pain as he recalls comrades who died on bloody New Guinea battlefields defending Australia against Japanese invasion.

It was almost 75 years ago, but, at times, seems like only yesterday to Dick, now in a Sydney retirement home. "You never forget," Dick told *Others* magazine. "How do you forget horrible things like war?"

Dick was only in his early 20s when he was sent by the Australian Army to New Guinea. Many of his mates were little more than boys when struck down by enemy fire. Some are buried in a foreign land, near where they fell. He has never forgotten them and their sacrifice.

But there will be smiles, too, on Remembrance Day 2019 as Dick remembers mates who came back home with him and became close friends in far happier times. As Dick pushes his way through the pictures in his mind there will be special memories of a Salvation Army padre who stood with him and his comrades in New Guinea and stayed firm friends when they returned to Sydney.

In New Guinea, Dick was an Australia Army signaller and gunner. Knud Knudsen – with the rank of adjutant – was a Salvation Army Red Shield Services officer. Red Shield Services officers spent their time in and around the front lines of battle, bringing physical and spiritual support to Australian forces enduring the horrors of war. While he was better known in The Salvation Army as Knud Knudsen, to Dick he was always 'Bill'. ▶



Of Danish descent, Knud entered Salvation Army officer training in Sydney from Helidon, west of Brisbane, in 1929, and was commissioned a year later. After the outbreak of World War Two in 1939, Knud was appointed as a Salvation Army Red Shield Services officer to the Australian Army 6th Division and sent to the Middle East in February 1941, where he served with troops in Lebanon and Syria. Dick was in Lebanon, too. He has a slight recollection of seeing Knud there.

Knud returned to Australia a year later and, after a seven-day break, was sent to New Guinea to support Australian forces seeking to repel the Japanese. It was there that he met Dick Payten in more intimate circumstances. Knud was mid-30s by then, but, to men like Dick, seemed far more mature. “They were terrible days,” Dick says. “New Guinea was a terrible place to fight a war. Bill played a huge part in us Aussies surviving those days. He was just such a good man. He was a man amongst men.

“There was a story in the papers after the war about Bill being given a very good winter coat by The Salvation Army in Sydney, but he gave it to a down-and-out man who was cold. That’s the kind of man Bill was.”

Knud Knudsen was one of the colourful characters of The Salvation Army, especially in Sydney, in the mid to late 1900s, even though a *War Cry* report of his wartime activities described him as one who “shunned publicity”.

He is referenced in a book, *Salvos with the Forces – Red Shield Services during World War Two* by Lieut-Colonel Walter Hull, first published in 1995. The book quotes a *War Cry* report of 16 October 1943, by Captain Cecil Ewen, advising that he had handed over a hut to Adjutant Knudsen in an area between Wau and Salamaua (New Guinea). The hut was supplying more than 100 gallons (380 litres) of coffee a day to Australian forces, according to Captain Ewen’s report.

Senior welfare worker Adjutant (later Major) Albert Moore wrote: “... while on the beach at Lae, I sent a signal to our man with the 2/6th field regiment, Adjutant Knudsen. He was soon in from the front lines to meet me. He was a man who, right from the word go, had rendered dedicated service to his men and the Red Shield war services in both the Middle East and the Pacific area. Knuddy had trudged through steaming jungle, also over deserts and mountains overseas to render spiritual and temporal service to every man of his unit. In New Guinea we visited some of the forward

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positions, met up with Knudsen and went with him to his unit, where I spent the night. On the Sunday, I conducted a church parade for Knudsen and the 2/6th field regiment. For Knuddy, no Sunday was allowed to pass without a church parade for any of the men within reach of their padre.”

In a report from Adjutant Stanley Houghton, deputy commissioner for Red Shield Services in New Guinea at the time, his men are referred to as “self-forgetters all”. “In order to do their job, these men go right into the front line with the soldiers, regardless of the danger,” he says.

Adjutant Houghton writes of meeting Adjutant Knudsen in Lae, reporting, “The Adjutant [Knudsen] walks long distances in order to hold services with all the units in his area. So much is he appreciated, that not a man misses church parade. The adjutant takes coffee and comforts each individual man.” Dick Payten reckons Knud walked “a million miles” over New Guinea to reach “his boys”.

A *War Cry* report dated 15 April 1944 says Adjutant Knudsen “shunned publicity” but was persuaded, by the *War Cry*, to give highlights of three years of Red Shield Services work overseas. He explained in the *War Cry* report that he was in the “first push through to Benghazi [Middle East] and in the firing line in Syria”. Returning with his unit to Australia, he was given a week’s leave before being sent to New Guinea for “the first thrust to Kokoda”.

“At the request of the military leader,” the *War Cry* reported, “he acted as an unofficial chaplain throughout and buried every man of the unit who was killed in



Top left: Dick Payten served in the Middle East and New Guinea in World War Two. Bottom left: Knud Knudsen (circled) at a Red Shield War Services conference in Port Moresby in 1943. Left: Knud Knudsen was a ‘top bloke; a man amongst men’, according to Dick Payten.

action. Even under fire, church parades were held, half a gun’s crew attending alternate services. Some of those to whom he ministered made decisions for Christ.”

Comments in the book about Knud Knudsen pretty well sum up the man, his mate Dick Payten says.

“In New Guinea, we were in a very dangerous area. I remember a time when we [soldiers] were living on every-day rations. There were no roads; just walking trails, and out of the blue Bill would turn up [with food]. It was like an angel,” Dick says. “I have no idea how he knew we would be there.

“He was such a block of a man. You could always talk to him. He gave us good advice. And he would always manage to talk about God; how God was looking after us.

“Whenever he caught up with us, he would hold a church service. And we would always sing ‘When the Roll is Called up Yonder’. I’m sure it was Bill’s favourite. We even sang it as a unit when we met for barbecues at Bill’s place back in Sydney after the war.

“I valued his company. He helped me not only physically but mentally too, and he helped me to believe [in God] better. He was a top bloke. Everybody trusted him. We wrote love letters back to our girls

in Australia. They had to be censored [read] by our officers. But we didn’t like them reading the letters, so we gave them to Bill to read and then send for us. That’s how much he was respected. He also delivered mail to us from back home.”

After the war, Dick Payten and Knud Knudsen remained friends, often visiting each other with their families. Members of their unit in New Guinea met over meals at Knud’s home.

Knud returned to Salvation Army officer appointments in Sydney, managing the Foster Street men’s hostel for long periods. He retired in January 1974 as a brigadier. His wife, Brigadier Eleanor Knudsen, died a few months later. Knud was promoted to glory in 1984.

Dick Payten says his mate Bill hasn’t been forgotten, even though their wartime experience together was almost 75 years ago. “I will be thinking of him again this year [on Remembrance Day],” says Dick. “He was a top bloke; a man amongst men.” ●

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Words Mark Hadley



BEAUTIFULLY BROKEN FRAMES ITS STORY around three fathers living a world apart, but strangely connected by the slaughter of 800,000 Rwandans. In 1994, the death of the Rwandan president in an aircraft accident sparked a powder keg of racial tension between rival tribes. Hutu militia took the opportunity to turn on the country's Tutsi minority, bathing the country in blood. Though the film is

careful in the way it displays the violence of that period, it is not hard to imagine how scarring those days would have been for the families involved.

Beautifully Broken's first father is William Mwirerwa, a Tutsi supervisor at Rwanda Coffee and the father of Aimee. He is forced to flee with his family when the violence breaks out, heading for his mother's home in the hope of avoiding the conflict. When he arrives, though, he is confronted by the film's second father. Mugenzi is a Hutu who has been compelled by the militia to join the gangs rounding up the Tutsi.

If he doesn't wield his machete on their behalf, they will turn it on his daughter, Umuhoza. But Mugenzi decides to spare William's life and the supervisor is able to eventually flee to the United States, where he meets father number three. Randy Hartley is a successful Nashville businessman struggling with his daughter, Andrea. A secret shame has come between them, transforming 'daddy's little girl'. How these lives are woven together is both uplifting and miraculous – and I mean that last word quite literally.

In order to get the most from *Beautifully Broken*, audience members will have to keep reminding themselves these events actually happened. The buried connections between the characters are so surprising that in any other script they

would smack of dramatic convenience. Yet the weaving together of these real-world lives is possibly the strongest argument for an unseen hand working behind the scenes. Certainly, that is the perspective of William, Mugenzi and Randy.

All three fathers live with the conviction there is a spiritual dimension to life that should shape their physical lives. In addition, the three are united by the spiritual question that centres on suffering. *Beautifully Broken* puts the problem of a good God and a suffering world, front and centre. From the huge multi-person suffering of the Rwandan genocide, to the one-family suffering of a molested child, the question constantly arises: Why wouldn't God choose to stop these things?

Some might see that as reason enough not to believe in a good creator, but it's a question people of faith wrestle with too. The answer *Beautifully Broken* offers is that God has his eye on something even more precious than the peace we cry out for. William tells his daughter: "No clay has ever become a beautiful pot, without going through a little fire." In essence, William is appealing to a truth the Bible offers: "We ... glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).

The hope that enables us to endure is the knowledge that God can repurpose the outcomes of our pains. Like a master potter, he shapes the crude material of our lives so that even our pains mold us into people we would want to be if we could see past the moment. He uses suffering to sand, shape and shine until we take on the image of his son Jesus, the greatest example of humanity ever to walk this valley of tears. Out of terrible torture, God can and does bring something beautiful as we give every part of our life to him. And trusting ourselves to his plan will one day bring us into an existence we can only dream of.

No wonder William can assure Randy, God sees much beauty in the broken. ●



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THE REPORT

Rating: M

Release Date: 14 November



BASED ON A TRUE STORY, *THE REPORT* stars Adam Driver as Daniel Jones, an idealistic staffer for the United States Senate. He is tasked by his boss to create a true and accurate account of the CIA's use of 'Enhanced Interrogation Techniques' (EITs) – what most of the world would call torture – the new approach to intelligence-gathering adopted in the wake of the world-shattering events of 9/11.

However, as the invasion of Afghanistan

progressed, the Second Gulf War came and went, and evidence of Allied abuses in Abu Ghraib and other locations emerged, key voices began asking what America's fear had given birth to. One was Senator Dianne Feinstein's, the Senate Intelligence Committee chair. She charged Jones with finding out exactly what the CIA had been doing to its prisoners. What followed was a five-year investigation that uncovered a startling array of facts about the use of EITs.

Among the findings was that EITs were used on 119 detainees on thousands of occasions, without delivering a single piece of usable intelligence the CIA didn't already possess. And it's this point that actually involves you and I in the story.

In 2013, the film *Zero Dark Thirty* was nominated for five Academy Awards, including Best Picture, along with four Golden Globes. The film's creators purported to show the unvarnished truth behind the successful hunt for Osama bin Laden. In it, condemned CIA tactics such as waterboarding and extreme confinement are pictured as the methods by which operatives uncover the arch-terrorist's location. Such 'results' allowed torture to occupy a morally grey area in the public consciousness. However, *The Report* reveals this to be a complete fabrication straight from the CIA's mouth. The hunt for Osama bin Laden was in no way assisted by EITs, and so

the film's spotlight shows torture to be the morally irredeemable action it is. Yet Jones' report was a truth no-one was eager to read.

As Jones nears the completion of his task, more and more obstacles are raised to his findings ever being released. This gives rise to an increasing amount of frustration in the staffer, as well as shameful tactics from those with a vested interest in the agency's vindication. By *The Report's* end, it has become abundantly clear that the CIA's backing for EITs is more ideological than practical. It shows the sanctioning of torture, and the subsequent cover-up that followed, arising from a combination of pride, fear and shame. All of which make for bad decisions – public and personal.

As a Christian documentary maker, I have spent decades assembling information about the veracity of Bible accounts, and the validity of its findings about the human condition. There is, for example, no credible argument against the historical existence of Jesus or the records we have for what he taught. His warnings regarding our opposition to God and the outcome should we continue, are as verified as any writing the ancient world has to offer. Yet the same factors prevent people from embracing Jesus' truth. Pride makes it impossible for many to admit they are not the masters of their lives. Fear of what others will say stops us from investigating Jesus' claims. And shame over the state of our hearts prevents us from finding the forgiveness that could be ours.

Like those convicted by *The Report*, we can still sit and hope the truths Jesus revealed will somehow be swept under the rug. Yet, if this film has anything to say to students of history, it's that truth, whether public or personal, always comes out. The question is, will we be ready to own it when it does? ●

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GORDON TAYLOR

WILLIAM BOOTH: THE GENERAL AND HIS ARMY



There's so much to say about this latest two-volume history of William Booth and so few review words available.

Separated into two

parts, *William Booth: The Man and his Mission (Part 1, 1829-1878)* and *William Booth: The General and his Army (Part 2, 1878-2015)*, both books have the subhead, *The Life and Legacy of William Booth*.

My recommendation is that all mission expressions of The Salvation Army should have at least one copy of this rigorous, reinvigorating, riveting story of the often rambunctious William Booth, Catherine, their family and The Salvation Army. There is a massive amount of mission-inspiring gold in these pages.

I know that, for many, 900-plus pages may seem like a ridiculous amount of reading in this age of the 'bite size'. But I urge you to give it a go – even if you just flick through the contents and read the chapters that sound interesting to you. My belief is that, like me, you will be quickly caught up by God's Spirit in this enthralling, meticulously researched warts-and-wonder experience.

Courage, passion, guts, sacrifice, controversy, love, pain, God-centric, innovation, determination, arguments and downright stubbornness in bringing everyone in the world to an encounter with the life-saving, love-giving Saviour Jesus are just some of the inspiring 'sound bites'. My emotions were deeply moved as I reflected on how William and Catherine achieved so much in God's strength despite numerous bouts of intense illness and hardship.

I've read a few histories of The Salvation Army yet this latest offering increased my knowledge bank. It's an epic work that author Gordon Taylor spent almost a decade researching and writing.

Available from Sydney Salvationist Supplies (1800 634 209) or thetrade.salvos.org.au and Melbourne Salvation Army Supplies (1800 100 018) or commerce.salvationarmy.org.au. Ebook versions are available at amazon.com.au.
– Laurie Robertson

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The Infographic Bible is as it states – a tool to visualise the drama of God's Word.

Created by Karen

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Campbells to lead neighbouring territory

COLONELS MARK AND JULIE Campbell have expressed an overriding sense of excitement and anticipation at being appointed leaders of the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory.

Mark is currently Australia Territory Chief Secretary, while Julie is the Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries and Gender Equity Advocate.

Mark will become the Territorial Commander of the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory and Julie the Territorial President of Women's Ministries, both with the rank of Commissioner, from February. They will succeed Commissioners Andrew and Yvonne Westrupp, who will be retiring from active service.

"There's two very strong emotions for us connected to this new appointment," said the Campbells. "One is the sense of loss at leaving the Australia Territory after all we've been through together over the past few years, but there's also this strong sense of anticipation and excitement about what we see and hear is happening in our neighbouring territory. To be part of that, to be joining that area of God's mission, is very exciting for us.

"We also want to acknowledge the leadership of Andy and Yvonne Westrupp. We look forward to following on from the work they've done and partnering with Salvationists in that territory."

Lieut-Colonel Winsome Merrett, currently Assistant Chief Secretary, will become the new Chief Secretary of the Australia Territory, with the



Colonels Mark and Julie Campbell will take up their new appointment, based in Wellington, New Zealand, early next year.



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rank of Colonel. She takes up her new role from February, serving alongside Territorial Leaders Commissioners Janine and Robert Donaldson.

"We just want to endorse the Donaldsons' leadership of The Salvation Army in Australia, and Winsome becoming Chief

Secretary means that we've got great stability there," said the Campbells. "It's important that people here in Australia know that we believe God has greater things in store for the Army here in Australia. We're confident of that and of the leadership that will take us into the future."

Julie has also spoken enthusiastically about her time in the groundbreaking role of Gender Equity Advocate. She is adamant that her departure will not hamper the progress that is being made in this area in Australia.

"I've been really grateful for the opportunity to be the Gender Equity Advocate, to speak up and to ensure that this issue was a priority within the transition to a national territory," she said.

"I have no doubt that I will

be speaking very firmly and strongly in ensuring that this issue doesn't get lost and that our leaders, and whoever takes over from me, remain very committed to this journey."

In another significant change involving officers of the Australia Territory, Lieut-Colonels Philip and Deslea Maxwell, currently serving as Program Secretary and Assistant Program Secretary, respectively, in the USA Central Territory, have been given new appointments in the USA Eastern Territory.

Philip has been appointed as Chief Secretary, while Deslea will take up the role of Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

They will start their new appointments, with the rank of Colonel, on 1 February.

– Scott Simpson

Cadets to be commissioned in home states under new format



◆ The Messengers of 2019 – (back row) Craig Boyd, Daniel Wayman, Min-Hwan Oh, Andrew Webb, Marika Wallis, Paul Trotter. (Front row) Andrea Wayman, Jessica Ffrost-Boyd, Alice Edge, Hye-Sun Seol, Henry Roehrig, Captain Richard Parker.

COMMISSIONING OF CADETS IN the Australia Territory is about to take on a completely new look.

The Salvation Army Eva Burrows College (EBC) has announced that this year will see movement towards cadets being commissioned in their home states and, in some cases, home corps.

Among the benefits of state-based commissioning will be all divisions having the opportunity to host a commissioning event and celebrating the cadets they sent to college; cadets able to have their family, friends and home corps members attend Commissioning; and avoiding the costs of a major venue in Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane.

This year, being the first Commissioning as an Australia

Territory, will be a transition year.

“Given that the current cadets to be commissioned entered college in the understanding that there would be one commissioning service for the group, this year will be treated as a ‘go-between’ year with a move to simplify it,” said Captain Richard Parker, Leader of Officer Formation, (EBC).

Commissioning of the Messengers 2019 will include Covenant Day on Thursday 28 November at EBC, followed by Commissioning Dinner at Karralyka Centre in Ringwood, both events by invitation only. The Silver Star recognition, and Graduation, will be part of the dinner for the last time.

Commissioning, Ordination and Sending Out services

will take place at Waverley Temple, Victoria, on Saturday 30 November, to be conducted by Commissioner Janine Donaldson and Colonel Mark Campbell.

The Capricorn Region Corps in North Rockhampton, Queensland, will be the venue of the first regional Commissioning, Ordination and Sending Out event for the Australia Territory, on Sunday 1 December, to be conducted by Commissioner Robert Donaldson and Colonel Julie Campbell.

Richard explained that, going forward, the Covenant Day will still be held at the Ringwood campus of EBC in the week leading into Commissioning. This service will include all cadets, cabinet and college staff. – **Simone Worthing**

Child safety initiatives implemented

THE AUSTRALIA TERRITORY has released a number of safeguarding initiatives to support its ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

The announcement was made during National Children’s Week, 19-27 October, which also was the anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

Commissioner Robert Donaldson, Territorial Commander, said the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a shared priority and a responsibility for everyone across the Army.

“Our child safeguarding initiatives, which include a framework, policy and new training, signify a renewed commitment to all children and young people involved in the organisation,” he said.

“These initiatives provide an opportunity for everyone to be involved in the creation of safe and inclusive environments; and to ensure children and young people can learn, feel listened to, and grow to be healthy and resilient adults.”

The initiatives follow the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and the release of the National Office for Child Safety’s 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. To implement these national principles, The Army has embedded safeguards in its policies and procedures and is reviewing its practices across the organisation.

Disability Services transition for greater impact

FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, The Salvation Army has provided support to people with disabilities and has now handed over the reins to specialist like-minded organisations, providing greater opportunities for participants.

With the Australia Territory coming into being last year, The Salvation Army reviewed its service delivery to not only ensure a consistent national framework but also to focus on fewer key areas where it could make the greatest impact.

As a result, The Salvation Army has decided to transition out of disability service provision and transfer its Salvation Army Individual Lifestyle Support Services (SAILSS) programs to organisations operating primarily in the disability space.

Following a lengthy due diligence period, Westhaven and Aruma, formerly House with No Steps and The Tipping



◆ Mayor Darriea Turley (Toowoomba Regional Council) with Salvation Army Secretary for Mission, Lieut-Colonel Lyn Edge and Westhaven CEO Andrew Everett. Photo: *The Barrier Daily Truth*

Foundation, were chosen to take over the operational management of SAILSS programs in Broken Hill (NSW) and the Darling Downs and Brisbane (Queensland). The Army is working with another provider to transfer its Australian Disability Enterprise program in Brunswick (Victoria).

“I have been reflecting on this decision, as well as the dreams and plans of our participants, and have absolute confidence that Westhaven and Aruma will not only see them through, but enhance them,” said Major Evonne Packer, The Salvation Army General Manager of Disability Services.

Evonne added that Westhaven’s specialisation in rural and remote services would have a greater impact in Broken Hill and the lives of each participant and family member, while bringing new opportunities for people with a disability in rural or remote NSW.

Aruma has a long-standing history of delivering disability services, particularly across Australia’s eastern seaboard, with strong links to the communities in which they operate.

To ensure continuity of support to clients, a significant majority of staff in the SAILSS programs have accepted roles with Westhaven and Aruma.

Westhaven has been successfully managing the disability service offering in Broken Hill since 31 August, while Aruma has ensured a seamless transition since it took over operations on 14 October.

– **Nikita Thomas**

To be or not to be, Griffith Salvos have the answer

SOMETIMES WE NEED A PLACE to just ‘be’, but for people experiencing homelessness this is a luxury they can’t necessarily afford. Thankfully, Major Lyn Cathcart and the team at Griffith Salvos in NSW have come up with a solution.

Earlier this year the corps opened its ‘Be’ room, a safe place in the building for people with nowhere else to go.

“Often people experiencing homelessness have no place to just relax. They can go to shopping centres, hotels or libraries,



◆ Griffith Corps has adopted a welcoming attitude to people experiencing homelessness.

but there’s often an expectation that they will engage in some way or spend money there,” said Lyn.

By transforming a spare room at the corps into a place for people to cook, nap, hang out or even paint, Griffith Salvos are slowly changing the landscape of homelessness in the town. About 10 per cent of its 21,000 residents are homeless, and another 10 per cent live in overcrowded accommodation.

After observing that many of these people had to sleep in their cars or couch-surf, the provision of a kitchenette, mattresses, a pool table and a washing machine was necessary

to give people a place to rest. The addition of a shower facility in their new budget will further help the Salvos team to restore dignity to locals.

“People needed somewhere to charge phones, cook, make a cuppa or just sit. The ‘Be’ room is a place where people can simply ‘be,’” said Lyn.

Corps members, staff and volunteers help make the room feel homely, visiting guests and making meals to share. – **Faye Michelson and Jessica Morris**

First sod turned on \$7m Sydney complex

A SOD-TURNING CEREMONY has marked the commencement of The Salvation Army's multi-million-dollar church and community complex development at Nelson in Sydney's outer north-west.

The \$7.134 million project at 6 Edwards Road will include a church plus ancillary rooms and facilities designed to accommodate a range of community services. It will be an administration centre for ministries in the rapidly developing Norwest region, as well as a facility for community groups.

Major Graeme Craig, Assistant Divisional Commander for NSW/ACT, said The Salvation Army purchased the land nearly a decade ago as part of its greater Sydney strategic development master plan to establish communities of faith in key locations where its ministries and services could be



◆ Captain Belinda Atherton, Major San Holland and Liam Holland, Salvation Army leaders in Sydney's north-west, on the shovel at the new site. Next to Liam is Randy Wood, who is on the Rouse Hill Region leadership team, and Norman, the site manager from Reitsma Constructions. Photo courtesy of Reitsma Constructions

provided in developing urban growth corridors.

"Strategic acquisitions of land have been made here and in other growth corridors, enabling us to be at the leading edges of Sydney's growth and development," Graeme said.

"This development will not only serve this community region but will be the heart of The Salvation Army's engagement with the communities within the whole north-west Sydney corridor, coordinating,

growing and consolidating our ministries and community services in the Hawkesbury, Rouse Hill and Dural areas."

Michelle Byrne, Hills Shire Council Mayor, turned the first sod, making way for Reitsma Constructions to commence the dual-hall complex, scheduled to be completed by June next year.

"Since 2002, the Salvos have developed significant ministries throughout the region, working out of homes, school auditoriums and Beaumont

Hills Community Centre and, currently, from The Ponds school. We welcome this development in the heart of the region, which is expected to grow to a population of nearly 300,000 by 2036."

Major San Holland, leader of The Salvation Army in the Hawkesbury, Dural and Rouse Hill region, said: "This centre is not just for us – it's for the whole community where we can share the love of Jesus."

– **Merv Holland**

Army honour as IT chief addresses Dell Technology Forum

THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THAT The Salvation Army Information Technology team has played during the transition to a single Australia Territory has received prominent industry recognition.

Chief Information Officer Craig Tucker was invited to be a keynote speaker at the 2019

Dell Technology Forum in Sydney last month.

Dell has been a strategic partner of The Salvation Army in the digital transformation required during the journey to a single territory. One of the key components of the digital transformation, the migration of more than 10,000 people to

Office 365 software, has been recognised in the industry as a significant accomplishment.

Addressing more than 2000 national and international delegates, Craig shared how the delivery of The Salvation Army's mission and serving its customers was always the highest priority. The work of

the Army was also showcased.

"Craig is one of the Army's truly inspiring leaders. His leadership style supports and empowers his team and ensures the mission of the Salvos is at the forefront of every decision," said Territorial Secretary for Business Administration, Lieut-Colonel Stuart Evans.

Accolades flow at Bourke Street anniversary

"THIS PLACE [69 BOURKE ST] HAS become absolutely synonymous as a centre of hope for so many Melburnians", said Melbourne Lord Mayor Sally Capp as she addressed hundreds of people at the 125th anniversary dinner of The Salvation Army's work in the building.

"Nobody is judged or dismissed; there is always a caring response," she added.

Business leaders, dignitaries, community services workers, including a large contingent from Victoria Police, and various people associated with The Salvation Army, attended the dinner on Friday 4 October. Radio presenter Denis Walter was Master of Ceremonies, while the Salvo Big Band provided musical entertainment.

Commissioners Janine and Robert Donaldson were also in attendance and were presented with a limited-edition framed



◆ Major Brendan Nottle (centre) with members of the Victorian police force who attended the anniversary dinner.

commemorative stamp and envelope from Australia Post Managing Director Christine Holgate to mark the occasion. The stamp is based on a line drawing of the building, from an 1895 issue of *The War Cry*.

Robert said the programs run at Project 614 Corps,

headed up by Majors Brendan and Sandra Nottle, "represent how The Salvation Army began and why we exist".

A speech by Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton and video messages from the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, AFL identity

Eddie McGuire and the late General Eva Burrows, stressed a history of love in action.

Author, broadcaster and Salvation Army historian John Cleary reported that in 1894 the Army paid £19,000 to the YMCA to purchase the building. John also emphasised the missions achieved over the years and the building's direct proximity to the Victorian and first federal parliaments, on Spring Street, as well as to Little Bourke Street's notorious opium dens and brothels.

"If the 927,000 bricks in this building could speak," said Brendan, "they would say the same social issues the Army faced way back then – like homelessness, addiction, social isolation, loneliness and family violence – are still with us today. People are broken and we as The Salvation Army are not going to give up on them." – **Barry Gittins**

New name, new flag and new building for Atherton Salvos

THE ATHERTON CORPS IN FAR North Queensland has moved into its newly completed centre in nearby Tolga.

The now renamed Tablelands Corps will operate from the Tolga facility, bringing together weekly worship and prayer meetings, junior soldiers and other programs, Doorways, Sal Connect and Tablelands Family Store. The Herberton Family Store, 20km away, is also part of the Tablelands Corps.

"This move enables us to

have the doors open seven days a week as it puts all our expressions and services under one roof," said Corps Leader Miriam Newton Gentle.

The new centre features offices, a multi-purpose worship space, the store and a fully equipped cafe. The corps plans to open the Connect Cafe in early 2020 and serve coffee, cakes and affordable meals.

There is also a large storage area at the rear for The Salvation Army Emergency

Services trailer and second-hand goods for the stores.

"We want to focus on growing our 'junior corps' as the church of the future," said Miriam. "There are many needs in the community but the major ones are Jesus, jobs and housing for the growing number of people experiencing homelessness. There is more we can and want to do."

The former church building had been operating since 1981. – **Simone Worthing**



◆ Auxiliary-Lieutenant Phil Stark, Divisional Youth Secretary, carries the Army flag into the new building on opening day, 22 September.

Men's shed of hope mending broken lives

THERE ARE PLENTY OF MEN'S sheds around. So, why would The Salvation Army start a new one? At the Pallet Ministry men's shed at Rockingham Corps in Western Australia, the focus is not on what can be built with hands and tools but what can be built in hearts and minds.

Col, one of the founding members of the Rockingham Men's Shed, says it saved his life at a time when he was suicidal.

"I'd been a Christian for 30-plus years, but I had drifted away from church and my church family, as I believed I was no longer worthy and that my sin was too great. My life was spiralling out of control and I was wracked with depression and anxiety."

While Col was dealing with some overwhelming legal issues, he tried a few churches. One day he walked into Rockingham Salvation Army.

"After the service, I took the risk of staying for coffee ... I was on my last mouthful when Graham [Liddle] came over with his wife [Jeanne]. He said, 'Hello my name's Graham, I'm one of the leaders here.' From that point on, my life just transformed."

Graham and Jeanne have a passion for coming alongside others. They run a discipleship program called 'Step-in', held each Tuesday to coincide with a lunch attended by more than 100 people, many of them unemployed men.

"We saw a lot of guys coming to the centre with various struggles and issues ... they'd come in on a Tuesday and we'd make some type of connection,



Prayer and Bible study are key components of the Pallet Ministry Men's Shed at Rockingham Corps in Western Australia.

“It's awesome to be able to offer somewhere for guys to come outside of church where they can build friendships, build trust and build faith.”

but often they would just go off and continue struggling,” said Graham.

During this time, Graham and Col became good friends. Graham discovered that Col, due to his severe depression and imminent legal challenges, had been keeping himself busy making things out of pallets and engaging in art and craft using recycled materials.

“Graham said to me, 'I've been thinking about starting a men's shed; would you be interested?'” Col remembers. The pair agreed to pray about it. They had no shed, no tools and no finances to start the ministry, but believed God would provide if it was his will.

They put up a sign at the corps and within weeks a woman had donated her unused shed for a location and people started donating tools. Lots of tools! It was very small beginnings, says Graham, but word spread and men started coming. So, every Thursday morning from 9.30, a group of men, young and old, from different backgrounds started gathering at a shed in the backyard of a home in Rockingham.

For the first 10-15 minutes, instead of power tools starting

up, the sound of Christian worship music and men's voices emanates from the shed as God's name is glorified before anything else.

“That's our format, we do worship, prayer and Bible study before we start up the power tools,” says Graham. “It's awesome to be able to offer somewhere for guys to come outside of church where they can build friendships, build trust and build faith.”

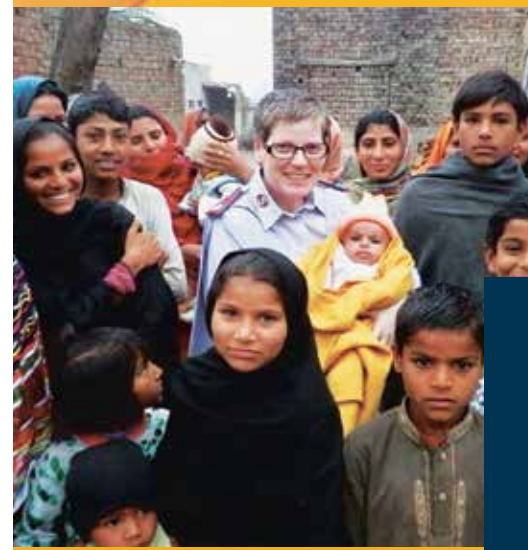
Col agrees: “Many men who have made mistakes and want to find a way back and reconnect have few opportunities to do so. Loneliness and inactivity are killers. Church on Sundays sometimes isn't enough. We need to do life with these men and rebuild relationships and faith.”

— Lauren Martin



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General visits Uganda and Finland



General Brian Peddle launches the Uganda Territorial Music Brigade during his visit to the African country.

GENERAL BRIAN PEDDLE AND Commissioner Rosalie Peddle, World President of Women's Ministries, recently visited the African nation of Uganda.

They dedicated to God a new corps hall, a 28-room hostel to accommodate the growing number of cadets, and commissioned the new Uganda Territorial Music Brigade.

They also led officers' councils, men's and women's rallies,

and a meeting with more than 900 young people. During public meetings, more than 100 people responded to the General's Gospel message.

Meanwhile, the world leaders led the 130th anniversary of the Army in Finland.

The main celebration and musical festival took place in the Rock Church in Helsinki

– a world-renowned place of worship built into the rock

– with a united band and other Salvation Army musicians.

Special guest Finnish actress Seela Sella, who attended the Army as a child, performed dramatic readings of psalms.

The Peddles also attended a youth forum where they discussed topics such as the gap between generations, international relationships between young people and the status of girls around the world.

Google donates \$1m to Seattle shelter

GOOGLE'S RECENT \$1 MILLION donation to The Salvation Army will be used for its William Booth Centre, a shelter for men experiencing homelessness in the US city of Seattle.

The Google gift marks the largest donation from a technology company to be used for The Salvation Army's life-changing work in Seattle.

"The Salvation Army provides critical support,

including housing and direct services for our homeless community members who are most in need," said Adrian Schurr, Giving Manager for google.org.

"They are on the front lines helping alleviate homelessness. Google has called Seattle home for 13 years and we cannot wait to see the construction start on what will be an impactful effort right here in our community."

Named for the founder of The Salvation Army, William Booth Centre serves men who are experiencing homelessness through emergency shelter and transitional housing services, with an emphasis on homeless veterans.

"The gift from Google will make significant impact," said Northwest Divisional Commander Lieutenant Colonel Bill Dickinson.

GLOBAL IMPACT

A snapshot of international statistics gives a glimpse of how The Salvation Army is changing lives around the world (statistics are for the year 2018):

- The Salvation Army runs 30 general hospitals, which provide medical care to 241,708 in-patients and 624,688 out-patients.
- In many parts of the world, The Salvation Army helps people back into work. Our employment bureaux assist 73,084 people.
- The Salvation Army has 32,284 band members, 110,803 songsters and 106,966 involved in other music ministry.
- The average attendance at Bible Study groups is 184,000.
- Children and young people are of great importance to the Army. Globally, attendance at young people's meetings is 13.5 million.
- The Salvation Army operates more than 1200 primary schools and 420 secondary/high schools, bringing an education to in excess of 360,000 students.
- More than one million people are helped through corps community programs.
- 11,518 new soldiers were enrolled around the world in 2018.
- There are 8888 corps across 131 countries.
- More than two million people have made use of Salvation Army community centres, to find companionship, support or just a listening ear.
- The Salvation Army helps 14,602 people to overcome addictions/substance dependencies.
- The Salvation Army's commitment to the environment includes 40 recycling centres around the world – a 33 per cent increase on 2017.

Legends of football kick goals for homelessness

MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL Club manager Pep Guardiola made a surprise visit to cheer on teams at this year's Partnership Trophy run by The Salvation Army for residents of its homelessness centres in Britain.

Pep joined forces with Liverpool legend Mark Lawrenson to give encouragement and tips to the 300 players competing in Manchester.

"Football, fun and solidarity – this is an extraordinary tournament," Pep said. "The Salvation Army is doing an amazing job – they are heroes. Congratulations to all teams that took part. I wish everyone all the best for the future."

Now in its ninth year, the five-a-side football tournament on 25 September brought together 25 teams from The Salvation Army's lifeshouses (hostels) and homelessness support services across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

For the first time, victims of modern slavery who are



Pep Guardiola (centre) and Mark Lawrenson (on Pep's right) with players at The Salvation Army football tournament.

supported by The Salvation Army also took part.

Mark met and inspired participants throughout the day and shared his own story covering life on and off the pitch. He also presented the winning team, Connect Manchester, with its trophy.

"The standard today has been very good indeed," he said. "It's been competitive, but at the same time really sporting. There have been winners and losers but everyone has got a lot out of the day. Long may it continue."

Director of The Salvation Army Homelessness Services,

Mitch Menagh, said: "We've had a great day welcoming and celebrating the people who are supported by The Salvation Army. There's been a really positive buzz around the place and the memories and experiences from today will live with these players for a long time."

Hurricane response continues

HURRICANE RELIEF OPERATIONS IN THE BAHAMAS CONTINUE to grow and are expected to expand further as people start to return to the Abaco Islands.

At present, International Emergency Services teams, working in partnership with local Salvationists and volunteers, are based in the country's capital, Nassau, and Freeport, on the island of Grand Bahama.

Divisional Headquarters in Nassau is supporting four main components: overall logistics and coordination throughout the islands, coordination with the USA mainland, support to shelters throughout Nassau, and relief support for the Abaco Islands, in the wake of Hurricane Dorian in September.

Reebok helps fight trafficking

REEBOK SOUTH AFRICA PLEDGED 10 PER CENT OF ITS AUGUST revenue to The Salvation Army of Southern Africa to help tackle human trafficking.

Reebok, as part of its Women's Month corporate citizen initiatives in South Africa, has partnered with The Salvation Army Southern Africa to create awareness of the crime that is human trafficking, and ensure that South Africans are made aware of the alarming statistics present in the country.

"Although we realise this isn't an issue with a quick fix, we as a brand are inspired by the work The Salvation Army does to reach the vulnerable ... they support our nation's daughters, mothers and sisters," said PJ Morilly, brand director for Reebok SA.

JOSEPH WILCOX

MAJOR JOSEPH WILCOX WAS PROMOTED to glory on 3 September, aged 92. After a private burial, his thanksgiving service was held on 11 September at The Salvation Army Greensborough, led by Major Steven Black.

The eldest son to Robert and Helen, Joseph Robert Wilcox was born on 27 April 1927. Brother Jack was added to the family 18 months later. Joe and Jack's mum passed away when Joe was two years old. On leaving school, Joe started work initially with a mechanic, then with a butcher, later turning his hand to jobs as a baker and bus driver.

Joe entered officer training at age 20 from Broadford Corps as part of *The King's Messengers* session. Lieutenant Wilcox was appointed to Millicent Corps (SA), then to Smithton and Sheffield (Tas.), Mitcham, Bairnsdale and Ringwood (Vic.).

In December 1954, Lieutenant Wilcox married Lieutenant Jean Iris Mason at her home corps of Sheffield. They moved to Sale (Vic.) where their first child, Marilyn, was born. Corps appointments followed at Colonel Light Gardens (SA), Coburg, Red Cliffs, Warrnambool, Geelong West (Vic.), and Moonah (Tas.). Three sons – Peter, Robert and Glendon – were added to the family over those years.

Major Joe Wilcox joined the Property Department in 1969, where he remained for 10 years. The Wilcox family welcomed their fifth child, Andrew, over this time. In 1980, the Wilcoxes left Melbourne for Hong Kong, where son Eric was added to the family. As Property Secretary to the Hong Kong and Macau Command, Joe had a major role in establishing the new headquarters building.

Returning to Australia in 1984, the family attended Briar Hill Corps. Joe spent four years in the Public Relations Department, before appointments as Assistant Superintendent at the Gill, Special Projects Officer, Assistant Social Secretary, Director of Aged Care Services

(Vic.) and a return to the Property Department.

Jean was promoted to glory in January 1991, and just over a year later Joe entered honourable retirement. Our love, sympathy and prayers are with his children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

KAYE TOWNSEND

MAJOR KAYE TOWNSEND WAS PROMOTED to glory on 2 September, aged 63. Her funeral service was held at Inverell Corps on 6 September, conducted by Majors Garry and Sue Cox.

Kaye Elizabeth Seabrook was born on 14 May 1956, in Ryde, Sydney. Kaye grew up in Sydney before moving with the Bank of NSW to Canberra. It was through some mutual friends that she met Peter Townsend. Kaye and Peter were married on 4 April 1981. They started attending Belconnen Corps (ACT) in late 1988, becoming soldiers a year later.

Kaye and Peter were appointed to Uralla Corps (NSW) as divisional envoys in May 1990, followed by Bingara Corps (NSW) in 1991. They were accepted for officer training in 1992 from Bingara Corps, into the *Heralds of Jesus* session. Following Commissioning, Kaye and Peter were appointed to Roma Corps and then Bowen Corps in Queensland, before being appointed to Albury and later Barraba Corps in NSW.

From 2003 to 2010, Kaye served in a number of Territorial Headquarters appointments, as coordinator of THQ Postal Services, Secretary to the Territorial Property Board, Operations Council Administration Officer (Property) and Administrative Officer in the Property Department.

Over the next nine years, Kaye and Peter were appointed as corps officers at Goulburn (NSW) and Granville (NSW). Kaye passed away as an active officer

from Inverell Corps (NSW). Our love, sympathy and prayers are with Peter, Kaye's mum Adele, twin sister Robyn, sister Lynne, brother Ross, and extended family and friends.

JOAN FERNIHOUGH

JOAN FERNIHOUGH WAS RECENTLY promoted to glory, aged 89. Her funeral service, led by Perth Fortress Corps Officer Major Paul Hateley, was held at Pinnaroo Cemetery.

Born in Collie, Western Australia, Joan met Harry Fernihough and they were married at Perth Fortress Corps in 1947. She was a valued member of Morley Corps, and prior to that Bassendean Corps.

Joan attended Bassendean Home League, then the Hampton Park Outpost which later became Morley Home League. She enjoyed all aspects of the Home League, joining Bible study, Home League Singers, craft and running the monthly trading table.

Joan and Harry were in charge of the car boot sales and worked diligently in the corps Thrift Shop. Joan made hundreds of cupcakes for the out-of-school care run at Morley Corps, as well as the holiday camps.

Tribute reports.

To have a Tribute included in an issue of *Others*, please email your report of no more than 250 words and accompanied by a high-resolution (no smaller than 1mb) head-and-shoulders photograph of the individual, to others@salvationarmy.org.au

ABOUT PEOPLE

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Effective 1 February 2020 (unless otherwise stated)
Colonels Mark and Julie **Campbell**, officers of the Australia Territory currently serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, respectively, in that territory, are appointed as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory. They will take up their new appointments with the rank of Commissioner. Colonel Mark **Campbell** will take up his appointment on 2 February.

Lieut-Colonel Winsome **Merrett**, an officer of the Australia Territory currently serving as Assistant Chief Secretary in that territory, is appointed as Chief Secretary, Australia Territory, with the rank of Colonel.

Colonels Man-Hee and Stephanie **Chang**, officers of the USA Western Territory currently serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, respectively, Korea Territory, are appointed as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Korea Territory. They will take up their new appointments with the rank of Commissioner – Colonel Man-Hee Chang on 3 February and Colonel Stephanie Chang on 4 February.

Lieut-Colonels Lee, **Choong-Ho** and Kim, **Sook-Ja**, officers of the Korea Territory currently serving as Territorial Secretary for Program and Territorial League of Mercy Secretary, respectively, in that territory, are appointed as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Korea Territory, with the rank of Colonel.

Colonels Kenneth and Paula **Johnson**, officers of the USA Southern Territory currently serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, respectively, USA Eastern Territory, are appointed as National Chief Secretary and National Secretary for Women's Ministries, USA National Headquarters.

Lieut-Colonels Philip and Deslea **Maxwell**, officers of the Australia Territory currently serving as Program Secretary and Assistant Program Secretary, respectively, USA Central Territory, are appointed as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, USA Eastern Territory, with the rank of Colonel.

Major Tiliath **Goa**, an officer of the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory currently serving as Territorial Secretary for Personnel in that territory, is appointed as Chief Secretary, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory, with the rank of Lieut-Colonel.

AUSTRALIA APPOINTMENTS

Effective 11 October
Major Neil **Clanfield**, INSPIRE Coordinator (additional), Officer Development, Officer Personnel, Office of the Secretary for Personnel; Major Sharon **Clanfield**, INSPIRE Support team member (additional), Officer Development, Officer Personnel, Office of the Secretary for Personnel.

Effective 19 October
Aux-Lieut Debra **Taylor**, Corps Officer, Mornington Corps, Victoria Division.

Effective 8 January 2020
Captain Emma **Moore**, Resource Writer, Mission Support, Blackburn, Office of the Secretary of Mission; Captain Matthew **Moore**, Project Management Officer, Enterprise Project Management Office, Blackburn, Office of the Assistant Chief Secretary. Captains Emma and Matthew Moore are returning to the Australia Territory from the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland.

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Major Albert **Knop**, on 15 September; Lieut-Colonel John **Kirkham**, on 24 September; Major Mary **Weaver**, on 7 October; Territorial Envoy Yvonne **McCallum**, on 10 October; Lieut-Colonel Hazel **Martin**, on 10 October.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

COMMISSIONERS JANINE AND ROBERT DONALDSON (TERRITORIAL LEADERS)

1-15 Nov – Furlough.
Newcastle 25 Nov – Retired Officers' Christmas lunch.
Melbourne 28 Nov – Covenant Day and Commissioning Dinner including Silver Star and Graduation.
Melbourne 30 Nov – Commissioning Service, Waverley Temple Corps#
Rockhampton 1 Dec - Commissioning Service, Capricorn Region Corps*.
#Commissioner Janine Donaldson only
*Commissioner Robert Donaldson only

COLONELS JULIE (TSWM/GENDER EQUITY ADVOCATE) AND MARK CAMPBELL (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Brisbane 22 Nov – Queensland Retired Officers' Christmas lunch, North Brisbane.
Cairns 23-24 Nov – Cairns Corps visit.
Melbourne 28 Nov – Covenant Day and Commissioning Dinner including Silver Star and Graduation (EBC/Karalyka Centre).
Melbourne 30 Nov – Commissioning Service, Waverley Temple Corps*
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*Colonel Mark Campbell only
#Colonel Julie Campbell only

From doing nothing, to doing everything!

An unexpected journey of hope and joy

WORDS KATE BURKE



◉ Kate Burke with Bellarine Peninsula Corps Officer Captain Peter Hobbs. Photo: Bruce Redman

MY DAUGHTER CAME HOME FROM PRIMARY school one day and said: “Mum, can I go and hang out with the Salvos at school ... they do activities on Tuesday afternoons.” I said: “Yeah, why not, off you go.” It was when I picked her up that I met Di and Pete (Bellarine Peninsula Salvation Army officers Captains Diane and Peter Hobbs) and their two little kids.

The first thing I noticed was that they seemed to care about people – they took the time to talk to the parents and get to know them. They genuinely wanted to know how my life was going, and at that stage mine was pretty crap, to be honest. I had just lost my mum, and between losing my mum and dad I had a stillborn ... and I had lost my best friend as well. It had got to the point where I’d just stay at home all the time and basically lie in bed all day. I had no motivation. I’d never go anywhere and I just basically didn’t care about life.

Di and Pete, well they just listened and they didn’t judge me. What they did do was get me out of the house. They said the Salvos always needed voluntary help, and said I could help them. I couldn’t believe someone needed *my* help!

Anyway, I started volunteering at the

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It had got to the point where I’d just stay at home all the time and basically lie in bed all day. I had no motivation. I’d never go anywhere and I just basically didn’t care about life.
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Salvos op shop ... and that’s where it all started. It got me out and about and I started meeting people that I never thought I’d meet. One thing led to another and I also started helping with the Salvos ‘Open Air’ music program at the primary school on Tuesday nights. I started helping with Salvo youth group on Friday nights too. In fact, I started helping with anything ... basically anything and everything!

Being part of The Salvation Army has also helped my daughter Tahlia a lot. We go on Friday nights together for youth group and it’s brought us together, a lot closer. She’s loved seeing me being able to get out and about and not just lying at home in bed doing nothing. I’ve even given up smoking!

I don’t go to actual church, but I come to the Salvos brunch every second Sunday. Everyone gathers around, we have breakfast and after that we do a Bible reading, and we have the opportunity to ask questions about faith and things. I wouldn’t go to a church – no way. But this, I will. It’s good. I love it.

I do a Bible study as well and I go to the Hillsong Conference. I went last year and this year. It’s awesome there, so many people and no one judges anyone. It’s good. And I’ve been to Salvation Army commissionings in Melbourne, and I went to the Still Others conference last year as well. And there you go. In the past eight years or so The Salvation Army has taken me from doing nothing, to doing everything. ◉

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Thursday, 28 November

EVA BURROWS COLLEGE
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Commissioning Dinner

Thursday, 28 November

KARRALYKA CENTRE RINGWOOD
(BY INVITATION ONLY)

Commissioning, Ordination and Sending Out Services:

2.30pm Saturday 30 November

WAVERLEY TEMPLE, VICTORIA.
(HIGH STREET ROAD, GLEN WAVERLEY)

(Commissioner Janine Donaldson and Colonel Mark Campbell)

9.30am Sunday 1 December

CAPRICORN REGION CORPS, QUEENSLAND
(PARK STREET, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON)

(Commissioner Robert Donaldson and Colonel Julie Campbell)



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