

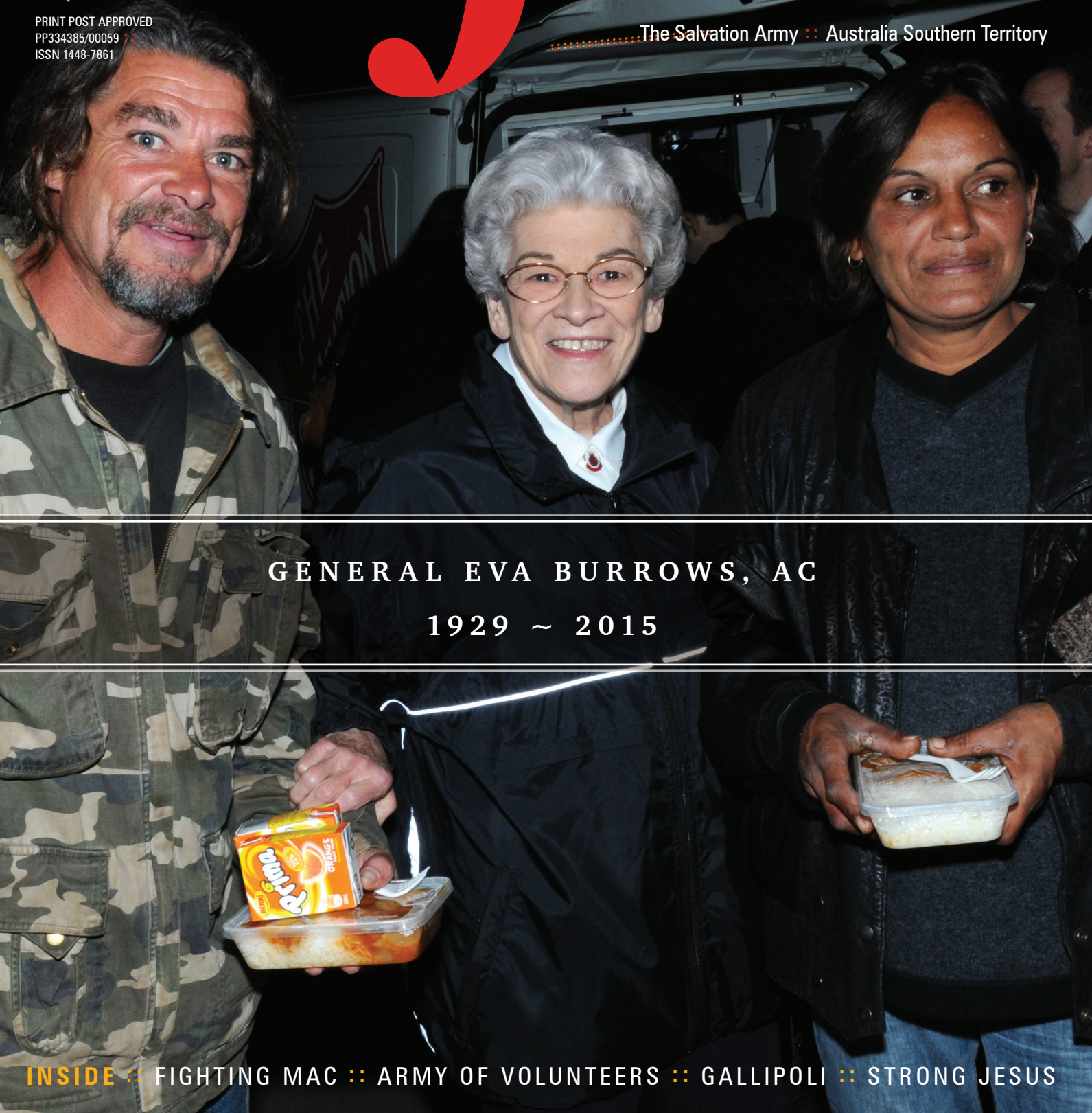
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A time for reflection

I think it is appropriate that this edition of *On Fire* be primarily reflective as we remember our brave Anzacs who fought at Gallipoli, and General Eva Burrows who died on Friday 20 March. GenEva, as we so fondly refer to her, was a remarkable woman. Her list of achievements throughout officership was staggeringly impressive and there is no doubt that she would stand out because of this. But the fact of the matter is that she wasn't known for these alone. Her most renowned quality was the way she lived out her faith in mission, compassionately, right up until the end of her life. Her focus was sharing the message and love of Christ with anyone and everyone she came into contact with. Her specialty was giving hope where there might seem to be no hope. She influenced and changed lives.

I was recently introduced to a man who told me that he had met her last April while he was living on the streets of Melbourne. She came to him late one rainy night and the 20-minute conversation they shared greatly impacted him. GenEva was 84 years old at the time.

She truly lived her life for others. And how appropriate that we remember those thousands of men who fought at Gallipoli 100 years ago—and indeed every soldier who has fought for our country. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things that impact how we live today and the freedoms we enjoy.

We each have a part to play in developing the Australia we want to live in. Sometimes the weight of national concerns can be daunting, but if we work together, each playing a small part, then the collective benefits the whole.

June Knop

Captain June Knop
Editor-in-chief

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A fond farewell to 'The People's General'

On 31 March 2015, General Eva Burrows was remembered, celebrated and farewelled at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Dignitaries from around Australia and the world—along with hundreds of Salvationists and the general public—gathered in the Town Hall, while thousands watched the service live-streamed into offices and homes.

Colonel Peter Walker welcomed the official party, after which Uncle Vince Ross brought the Acknowledgment of Country, saying that The Salvation Army's General Eva was also his people's Aunty Eva.

Commissioner Floyd Tidd gave a special welcome to General André and Commissioner Silva Cox who had flown in from Myanmar that morning.

The Melbourne Staff Band and Melbourne Staff Songsters supported the congregational singing of a number of hymns, specially selected by General Eva.

Prayers were brought by Lieut-Colonels Frank Daniels and Lucille Turfrey, followed by The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Robert Doyle, speaking with much affection and appreciation of his connection with The Salvation Army and with General Eva in particular.

Commissioner Beth Clinch read from the work of Dietrich

Bonhoeffer, reminding those gathered that 'what is so marvellous [is] that we can transform death'.

Two passages of Scripture had been chosen by General Eva: Exodus 33:12–18 was read by Eva's nephew John Southwell and 2 Corinthians 4:1–7 by Major Sandra Nottle.

The video tribute that followed, voiced by General Eva herself, brought many to tears, as individuals remembered the impact she had on the lives of people around the world.

Officer and family tributes followed. Major Brendan Nottle, General Eva's corps officer (above, far right), brought a personal reflection on the way that General Eva would place her hand on a person's arm and speak into their life, while Commissioner Brian Morgan spoke of General Eva's influence across the Army world.

Brother-in-law Dr Bram Southwell brought a touching tribute to this much-loved family member who had been shared with the world.

In his message, General André Cox said that, despite his being the current world leader, in his mind Eva Burrows was 'The General'.

The congregation was reminded that General Eva Burrows was a woman who sought to be like Jesus, to love like Jesus, to serve like Jesus. Those who remember her attest that she did just that.

BRON WILLIAMS





FIGHTING MAC

Daniel Reynaud on the Anzac hero who saved, not took, life.

Ask Australians to name the most famous Anzac of World War I and most will probably answer, 'Simpson, the man with the donkey'. While Simpson is a household name, the soldiers who fought in the war would give a different answer: Captain William 'Fighting Mac' McKenzie.

I've spent the past 10 years or so exploring the life of this legendary Anzac chaplain, a man described by some in the 1920s as the best-known Anzac of them all—and the subject of my latest book, *The Man the Anzacs Revered*.

McKenzie served as chaplain of the 4th Battalion. An enthusiastic Christian minister who stood for evangelism and against booze, brothels and bad language, he might seem an unlikely candidate for most famous Anzac of the Great War. But in 1920, McKenzie's popularity reached its zenith—it would take him more than three hours to reach Sydney Town Hall from his office on Goulburn Street, just three blocks away. People mobbed him just to shake his hand.

A Scottish-born Salvation Army officer, McKenzie's tireless energy on the soldiers' behalf earned their respect, while his charismatic personality won their love. He was a born leader with a tremendous sense of humour, a childlike innocence, integrity and constant cheerfulness.

In Cairo, McKenzie not only preached against the brothels but also went to the red-light district at night and literally dragged men out, putting them on a tram back to camp. He expected a knife in the ribs from the brothel owners for ruining their business.

On Gallipoli, McKenzie won the undying respect of the Anzacs. Like other chaplains, he conducted burial services, often under shell fire. But he went further, finding chocolates for each man, or cutting steps into a steep part of a track at night.

At the Battle of Lone Pine, McKenzie should have been in the rear trenches, but he followed the charge, carrying just a spade. He needed it: over the next few weeks, he sorted the living from the dead and buried 450 men. For his actions, McKenzie received the Military Cross.

McKenzie led between 2,000 and 3,000 men to Christ during the war.

This is what one of his letters, written in Egypt, records: 'I realise the nearness of his presence and something of the sweetness and power of his great salvation. I confess that I cried myself to sleep last night or in the early hours of the morning after long meditation over the sacrifices and death of the Christ of God. This I think helped me to read the scriptures and preach the truth better at this morning's parade...when for half an hour some 2,000 of us there sang of the Cross and its meaning and pondered over the story once again.'

When McKenzie returned to Australia in 1918, thousands came to see him in every town and city he visited. In Sydney, his feet never touched the ground from the train to the town hall. In following years, at Anzac Day parades, his hand bled from the sheer number of handshakes he gave.

Some have said the Anzacs were not religious. Perhaps, but McKenzie noted on Gallipoli that many showed an interest in God. He said: 'Men realise as never before that the most manly thing to do is to worship and glorify God.'

What can Salvationists today learn from Fighting Mac?

STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

McKenzie was the kind of man who was never ashamed of his faith in God, his love for Jesus or his passion for saving the lost. As a young man he toyed with abandoning the strict and legalistic religion of his upbringing. However, he saw The Salvation Army in action, and was impressed with their commitment in the face of determined ridicule and opposition. He heard the voice of God calling him to join them.

‘What a religion! Why, it was the real article!’ he said. It meant giving up things—drink, tobacco and much else—and facing scorn and derision. It meant going down to the mud and slime; it meant living with the lowest and the worst; it meant fighting with the devil himself for the souls of men. ‘Lo, it snatched me clean out of myself.

It hit me, like a blow. It was so real, so honest. I said to myself, “Here’s the true religion for a fighting man”; and off I went to be converted and to sign on.’

As an officer, he was subjected to abuse and assault (including a week in prison in Charters Towers for street preaching), yet he never wavered from publicly proclaiming the saving power of Jesus.

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BUT DON'T BE A DOWNER

McKenzie was prepared to die for Christ, but he wasn't a sad sack. He radiated joy and fun; people loved to be in his presence. As a Salvation Army officer, he was creative in organising appealing social events; as a chaplain he was famous for running rousing concerts and entertaining diversions, and his sense of humour engaged everyone. People felt energised and renewed by having spent time with him.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

One of the things that secular Australians, especially the Anzacs, loved about McKenzie was that he came to where they were, rather than expecting them to come to where he was. A chaplain was not expected to accompany the men on training exercises, nor were they expected to be in the frontlines in battle. McKenzie did both. He went on desert route marches, carrying the packs of tired soldiers half his age (he was in his mid-40s during the First World War), he dug trenches faster than them, his dug-out on Gallipoli was the one closest to the Turkish wire. Doing these things made him deeply respected, then widely loved, then almost venerated.

RESPECT DIFFERENCES

While McKenzie never compromised his own high standards, and frequently appealed to the Anzacs to stop their drinking, gambling, swearing, smoking and womanising, he still treated with respect men who continued those habits. McKenzie would sing in his powerful voice as he moved along the trenches so that the men

knew he was coming and had time to put their cards and drink away before he arrived so that they would not feel embarrassed. Although everyone knew what he stood for, they never felt condemned by him for their own lifestyle choices.

FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS

McKenzie increasingly recognised that the sins most often condemned were the obvious surface sins. He saw true courage and self-sacrificing love in men who swore, drank and gambled, and learnt to value what was in the heart rather than the mere outward appearance. He became less worried about superficial sin, and more about matters of love. When one soldier (literally) swore on converting to McKenzie's religion, he was able to look past the bad language and affirm the man's commitment to Christ. He noted of himself that he had become less judgmental and more gracious in his attitude towards those who differed from him.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF BEING TAINTED

In Australia, McKenzie frequented the pubs, finding that people were more likely to talk about spiritual things in their own comfortable environment than if they were in the unfamiliar surrounds of a religious meeting. Every chaplain in Egypt preached against the brothels of Cairo. But only McKenzie had the courage to go into them at night to drag men out and put them on the tram back to the camp. For this work, he was lauded after the war by C.E.W. Bean, the author of the

Official War History, as having secured the futures of many thousands of Australian men.

LAUGH AT YOURSELF

McKenzie was a fool for Christ, and carried not a shred of pride or fear about his own image. He had no self-consciousness or dignity to stand on. He often made a spectacle of himself in his desire to impress people with their need for Christ. Many laughed at him—and he usually joined in their laughter. In Egypt, having preached to the soldiers that they should not use language stronger than ‘hokey-pokey’, he enjoyed seeing a tent near his that sported a banner proclaiming ‘The hokey-pokey push’.

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME

A defining trait of McKenzie was his very sincere and deep humility. Having died to self at his conversion, he expected nothing for himself, except hard work and self-denial. He was constantly aware of his shortcomings, returning again and again to the Throne of Grace for renewed forgiveness. His personal mantra was self-sacrifice; he always put the real interests of others first, as a pastor, chaplain and church administrator.

MAKE YOUR WORK FOR CHRIST PRACTICAL

Apart from route marches and trench digging, McKenzie helped wherever he could. He carried stretchers and water cans on Gallipoli. Overnight he dug steps in a steep and slippery part of a track so that the men lugging supplies and the wounded would

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As the Army celebrates the life of **General Eva Burrows**, Lieut-Colonel Lucille Turfrey gives an insight into a life lived abundantly.

Personal reflections

The letter arrived in January 1974. It contained the introduction to a ‘conversation’ that has lasted for over 40 years.

‘No doubt you are eagerly looking forward to your attendance at the forthcoming session at the International College for Officers in London.’ This was the first hint of all that was to follow in the ensuing years—the letter was signed by the then principal, Colonel Eva Burrows.

In the past week, many experiences have clamoured for attention in my rather pictorial memory—particularly as I set about responding to the challenge of sharing something of my personal journey with General Eva Burrows.

FORTITUDE In her early life, Eva Burrows lived for a time in Fortitude Valley, Queensland. However, from before her birth, large measures of fortitude were absorbed into the fibre of her being. This was tested in our mountaineering escapade in Switzerland when the last cable car had already departed to the regions far below. We had dawdled too long on the summit! Surprisingly, the downhill trek was pleasant.

FAITH Her belief that this young Aussie officer was capable of presenting the international greeting to the newly elected General, Clarence Wiseman, at his welcome meeting in London in 1974 allowed me a great privilege.

FEARLESSNESS Stoic, no doubt, for no mention was ever made of my driving abilities in late night returns to Glasgow across the icy surface of roads polished by a frigid winter. And, should I not mention the hair-raising experience when I turned into a four-lane highway in southern Israel only to face oncoming traffic!

FERVOUR Amazing, that I should actually decide to join Eva on a reckless ride through the rapids of the Shotover River, New Zealand. And, there was that helicopter flight up to the rim of an extinct volcano. The gaping chasm opened to our gaze reminded me that, at heart, I am not an intrepid traveller.

FORCEFULNESS There was, of course, the helicopter flight deep into the Grand Canyon. Not content with the inspiring view from The Rim, we allowed ourselves the closer inspection. As evening approached, many tourists applauded the magnificent sunset.

FOCUS The pilgrimage enjoyed in Israel was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. A walk on the walls of Jerusalem, standing at Golgotha, praying in the Garden of the Resurrection, contemplation on the Mount of Olives—all drew us into worship and wonder.

FRAGRANCE A beautiful, sunny morning in ‘The House of Bread’—Bethlehem—where we ate breakfast immersed in the strong aroma of newly baked bread while a boy and his donkey passed by. The scene had a biblical flavour.

FELLOWSHIP The General was on furlough in Israel, together with her dear Swedish friend, Commissioner Ingrid Lindberg, and me. It was a precious time of rich fellowship. How we enjoyed those meaningful hours of meditation, contemplation, conversation, and happy fellowship. Think of us, also, dipping in Jordan, bathing in Galilee and sitting on the Dead Sea.

FINESSE Eva was always thoroughly at ease in the company of VIPs. Of the many encountered, some stand out for

We have seen many wonderful photo tributes to General Eva, but I have also selected some ‘Fotos’, each set in a one-word frame, with accompanying comments. By this means, I will seek to describe something of the diverse character of this truly remarkable woman, Eva Burrows—‘The People’s General’.

Those who know me recognise that, often, I will lean to the fair and fulsome tool of alliteration. So to a word picture that will, I trust, convey a vivid portrait of this soldier of Christ, now affectionately known by so many as ‘GenEva’.

me as they took time out to engage in a personal conversation with this ‘mere’ major.

FUN There was a snorkelling event in Hawaii that rates a mention, though it is outdone by a light-hearted moment during the Centenary Celebrations at Kilbirnie Corps, Scotland. I was ‘holding forth’ and making a salient point when, from behind, came the territorial commander’s loud comment, ‘You didn’t tell me that!’ Before the better me took control of the situation, I turned to say, ‘I don’t have to tell you everything!’ to the delight of the congregation, I might add.

FIDELITY I stood to attention together with a kindly policeman who gave assurance that the car’s presence in Whitehall’s no-parking zone was in order as I anxiously awaited the return of the territorial commander after her successful lobbying of parliamentarians when pursuing the continued right of The Salvation Army to march in the streets of Scotland.

FRIENDSHIP One of the personal highlights in a multitude of memories is our journey in the company of our Scottish friends, Colonels David and Grace Napier, when I introduced them to my home ground of Tasmania. Cradle Mountain, Port Arthur and the Huon River added extra colour and texture to enduring friendships.

on an enduring friendship

A LIFE MORE ABUNDANT

Now, to the deeper reflections where the long list of alliterations seeps into the background. They represent but a few of the vibrant scenes that remain with me. I trust, though, that these have contributed something to the scope of the 'portrait' I am endeavouring to convey regarding this valiant Christian ambassador. Intrepid, adventurous, impetuous, bold yet heedful, judicious, prudent, watchful, alert, thoughtful, intelligent, Eva lived the 'life more abundant'—more abundant than most, I must say!

Always the totally committed soldier of Jesus Christ, Eva gave herself wholeheartedly to the tasks in hand. As an administrator, at times, she displayed an impatience yet was wholly forgiving. She could 'put her foot down with a (very) firm hand'. In the chair, though, Eva displayed a visionary

capacity so rare in any sphere of strategic leadership. She was a 'big picture' person yet had the sanctified gumption to take innovative ideas from the boardroom into the highways and byways of the world as she sought to minister with a habitual 'hands-on' approach to the needs of the people. Clime, culture and colour were of no significance. They supplied no boundaries for her mind; all people were her brothers and sisters in Christ.

At times, one had to run to catch up, for Eva was no clock-watcher. To her, time and opportunity were synonymous. I had occasion, one day, to remark, 'I wear seven hats in this appointment—assistant, head-of-department, housekeeper, chauffeur, chef, confidante and friend. Sometimes, I'm not sure which hat to put on!'

Each of those hats was well worn. The wealth of experience gained in those years has greatly enlarged my capacity to serve in the specific arenas in God's Army given into my care. I had a good mentor.

In the early years of our association, I found myself engaged in a magnificent endeavour. The 'call' to Scotland was significant. I was a member of staff at the Officer Training College, Melbourne. At a time and place vividly remembered, I 'heard', explicitly, plainly, the words, 'If I asked you to go to the ends of the Earth for me,

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Personal reflections on an enduring friendship (continued)

would you go?' I knew at once; it was the Lord. 'Yes, I will go!'

Just days later, the newly appointed territorial commander to Scotland visited me. I was asked, 'Would you find it possible to serve in Scotland?' My answer surprised Commissioner Burrows: 'I have already answered that question!' Then I needed to explain the details of that definite calling so newly embedded in my heart and mind.

COMMUNICATING GOD'S LOVE

In the varied ventures of her ministry I witnessed Eva engage in her ministry of encouragement, compassionate caring, balancing so very well her teaching and preaching responsibilities. Eva was not so much a great theological orator—she was a communicator. Eva Burrows translated the written word into the flesh-and-blood encounters that expressed the likeness of Christ far more effectively than any exceptionally erudite treatise on the faith we hold.

On many occasions after the evening meal, when I was beginning to catch my breath and settle down for the night, Eva would emerge from her study to announce, 'Come on, it's hat and coat time. Let's go to Lauriston.' At one time known as 'the Glasgow Gorbels', it had held the dubious connotation of 'Europe's worst slum'. It has been said that 'you can take the people out of the slums but you can't take the slums out of the people.' Not true! Such an observation takes no cognisance of the power of God to transform human life. In the early hours of the deepest night, we encountered the very best, and the very worst, of humanity meeting and mingling together in ways that brought about strategic change in so many people.

It was in this setting that I saw Eva's core persona—heartily engaged in her special brand of Salvationism where this immaculate woman would hug to her heart and kiss the grime-ingrained brow of the destitute. Here were people who had never before tasted genuine love in their entire lives. Some of their number accepted this outpouring of God-given grace. Of these, there were some who stayed to touch others' lives by their newfound faith.

Right up until her frail health forbade it, Eva was engaged in this same 'midnight ministry' in the heart of the city of Melbourne—30 years on, Eva still loved this work.

SAYING YES

These reflections would be incomplete without my confession. General Burrows had to work hard over a period of time to 'land' her choice for training principal in Moscow, Russia. The patient toil of my world leader took on gigantic proportions to extract me from my dearly loved session about to be commissioned in Melbourne, and transplant me into such a foreign field. However, when my doctors pronounced me fit (a radically wrong diagnosis as it turned out), along with congratulations, I knew that—if I was to continue to be a training principal of any merit—I must be prepared to accept the challenges I expected of my cadets. Though my sudden repatriation in drastic health circumstances cut short my service there, the General's appointment was so very right. Russia offered perhaps the most blessed and spiritually rewarding service of my life.

The Lord knows what is best for the 'called according to his purposes'. Say 'yes' to God, and he will certainly say 'yes' to you!

PEACE IN THE STORM

Many will know that, in latter years, Eva took on a new interest—oil painting. Her output was prolific. Often, when visiting, I was shown her latest achievement. This 'once-upon-a-time' art teacher was much impressed. I make mention of this because it has a resonance in relation to my last encounter with this, my close friend, once my intrepid leader, with whom I was now sharing an affinity that only 40 years of close association and matters of deep significance can offer. Matters of honesty, integrity, open-hearted sharing, humour and—deeper still—faith, commitment, and a life's consecration to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. These are the issues that take a friendship beyond the mediocre.

Back to the paintings and our final moments of 'conversation'. I made mention of my preparations for the Friday worship service at Camberwell Corps and how I intended to speak of two paintings, linked both by their proximity and the one title given to both—'Peace'.

One depicted a tranquil scene—not a ripple of disquiet upon the surface of the sea.

The other was in stark contrast—it illustrated a raging storm with pounding waves lashing a great rock with intense ferocity. Yet here was peace, for there was a large cleft in the rock. And, in the cleft was a nest where a dove nestled, secure, serene, at peace. Here was 'shalom'—peace. The smile on Eva's face said all that was needed.

A FINAL WORD

Allow me now to share my final word with my friend—speaking as her pastor.

I reminded Eva of our journey to Israel where we saw a number of shepherds tending their flocks in the arid land of the Negev. Which sheep belonged to whom?

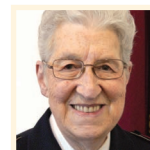
As Eva was nearing the end of her earthly sojourn, she was unable to say much but we were in deep accord as I shared Jesus' words with her. 'I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me...my sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.' (John 14, selected verses, NLT)

'Eva, you know the Shepherd's voice, and he knows you. When he calls for you, you will hear his voice, you will recognise it, and you will come to him and be enfolded in his arms.'

Again, there was the smile and, also, the joyous agreement—written on her face and in her voice.

The Good Shepherd called and Eva Burrows, General, soldier, friend of God, went home!

Lieut-Colonel Lucille Turfrey is the author of numerous books and poems, and in retirement continues to utilise both pen and paintbrush to 'speak' the Gospel.





General Eva Burrows, AC

One of nine children, Eva Evelyn Burrows was born on 15 September 1929 in Newcastle (NSW), to Salvation Army parents, Major Robert and Mrs Major Ella Burrows. She committed her life to God for service as a

Salvation Army officer while she was studying for her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Queensland.

After graduation, she entered the William Booth Memorial Training College in London and was commissioned as an officer in 1951.

Her first appointment was as assistant officer to the Portsmouth Citadel Corps, in the Southampton and Channel Islands Division of the British Territory. Following this appointment, Eva was appointed as an officer teacher to the Howard Institute, a large mission station in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). During her first homeland leave, she studied for a Masters of Education degree at Sydney University, presenting her thesis on the training of African teachers in Zimbabwe.

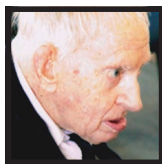
Returning to Howard Institute, Eva became its first woman vice-principal before being appointed as principal of the Usher Institute, a secondary boarding school for girls. Under her leadership, Usher Institute became known in Zimbabwe as an outstanding educational centre.

In 1970, she was appointed to London where she spent five years at the International College for Officers, first as vice-principal and then as principal. Her appointment in 1975 as the leader of the women's social services in Great Britain and Ireland had a significant impact on her life—her time there, Eva said, gave her a sensitivity to the disadvantaged because it brought her into close touch with the effects of poverty and exploitation.

Eva became the territorial commander for Sri Lanka in 1977, then went on to lead the Army's work in Scotland in 1979. Three years later, after 30 years of officer service, she was appointed to her first assignment in her homeland when she became the territorial Commander for the Australia Southern Territory.

On 2 May 1986 the High Council elected Eva as the 13th General of The Salvation Army, only the second woman to hold this office.

During her first five years as General, Eva visited 62 countries.



Charlie Gilbert

Charlie was born at New Norfolk on 8 June 1928, and became a Salvationist in 1948, being enrolled on the Soldier's Roll of New Norfolk Corps on 17 January. Although Charlie was severely disabled he was very well known in

the New Norfolk district for his work on behalf of the Army.

Charlie worked with young children over many years, especially during the late 'forties, 'fifties and 'sixties when he was an integral part of the corps, actively involved with youth group, Sunday school, junior soldiers and corps cadets. He was commissioned as the young people's sergeant major, and was often seen conducting hotel ministry where he would sell *The War Cry*. He collected at

She used her meetings with dignitaries, such as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, US presidents and President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia, to speak of the Army's mission to meet human need wherever it is found.

General Burrows also led The Salvation Army back into Eastern Europe, with work being re-established in the former East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Russia.

But it was her willingness to spend time with individuals whatever their status—from the homeless to heads of state—that earned General Eva Burrows the title 'The People's General'.

Her energetic style of leadership, infectious enthusiasm and impatience with inefficiency led her to successfully restructure the Army's work in the UK. After her five-year period of office concluded, General Burrows agreed to serve an additional two-year term at the overwhelming request of the movement's senior international leadership.

General Eva Burrows was honoured in many ways during her lifetime. On Australia Day 1986 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), with the honour upgraded to a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1994. In January 2001, she was awarded a Centenary Medal for 'service to the Australian community'. She received a number of honorary degrees, including becoming an Honorary Doctor of Liberal Arts at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, an Honorary LLD from Asbury University in the USA and an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from her alma mater, the University of Queensland.

General Burrows retired to live in Melbourne in 1993, maintaining a busy schedule of international travel and speaking engagements, as well as serving as director of the International Bible Society and chair of Ansvar Insurance Company.

She was an active soldier at Project 614 in Melbourne—where she was affectionately known as 'GenEva'—taking part in many activities including mentoring young people, engaging with the homeless and leading Bible studies.

General Eva Burrows was promoted to Glory on 20 March, aged 85. She is survived by one sister, Margaret Emma Southwell, and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, all of whom meant so much to her.

A thanksgiving service for the life of General Burrows was held on 31 March; a news report can be found on page three.

the local football matches on Badge Day, during the Red Shield Appeal, and at Christmas. He also supervised the corps for several months in 1967.

Charlie Gilbert was a man of commitment. He was committed to God through his study of the Bible and prayer, ever ready to give a personal testimony about his faith journey. He was very much committed to The Salvation Army as an organisation working for the good of people and the community.

Charlie spent the last few years of his life as a resident at the Corumbene Nursing Home at New Norfolk, and was an honoured guest at the corps 100th anniversary in 2011.

On 31 January 2015, Charlie Gilbert was promoted to Glory—completing 67 years of service to his corps.

Standing on the shoulders of giants

This is a significant year for Australia when, as a nation, we commemorate the Anzac spirit, forged 100 years ago during the landing on the shores of Gallipoli.

A few years ago my wife and I had the immense privilege of attending the Anzac Day dawn service at Gallipoli. It was a very moving experience to stand in the early morning chill on those hallowed shores at North Beach, with the rugged backdrop of the Sphinx and Plugge's Plateau, and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in service of our country. Walking up the steep slopes and through the gullies—visiting the battlefields at Lone Pine, Shrapnel Gully, the Nek, Shell Green and other sites that are forever enshrined in our national memory—to see the graves of so many young Australians was an incredibly poignant and unforgettable experience.

This year, then, Australia focuses in a particular way on the Gallipoli campaign and remembers with deep gratitude the service and sacrifice of our forebears, both at Gallipoli and in other campaigns and conflicts around the world over the last 100 years. These people and events have shaped our nation and our lives.

In the same way, we have many to be thankful for in our spiritual journey; those spiritual forebears who shaped our lives and brought us into relationship with Jesus. They may have been parents or family members or others, whose faithful example and witness impacted our lives for Christ.

In his last epistle, Paul reminds Timothy of his spiritual forebears: 'I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also' (2 Timothy 1:5).

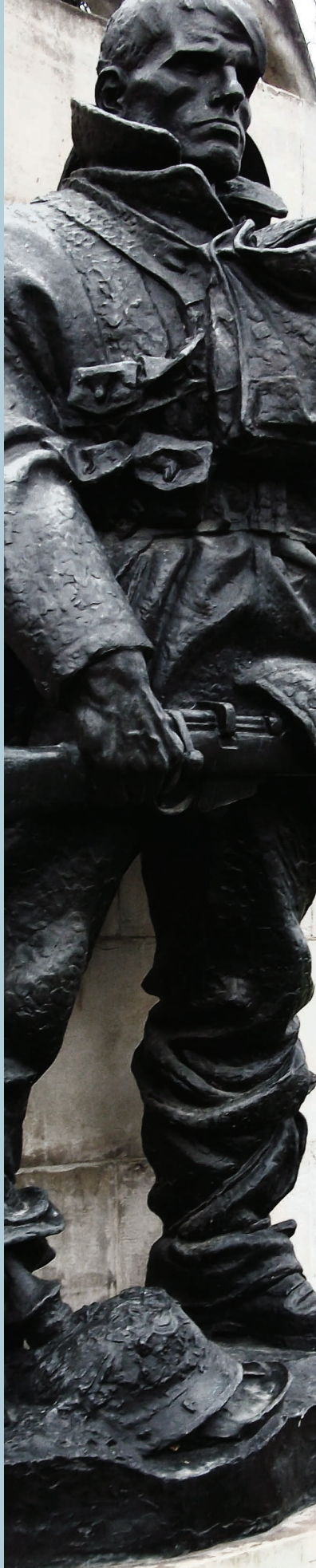
Paul then goes on to encourage Timothy in his own Christian witness and ministry: 'For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline' (verses 6–7).

This year, when as a country we commemorate afresh the Anzac spirit, may we as Christians also be encouraged to fan into flame the Holy Spirit within us—that has been given to us by God in Christ.

Graeme Rigley

**Lieut-Colonel
Graeme Rigley**

Secretary for programme



The strong Jesus

Geoff Webb shares a series on Mark's Gospel, focusing on special words or phrases that give insight into Jesus, his mission, and his call to be his disciples.

~ MARK 5:1–20 ~

Jesus lands in Gentile territory and is immediately confronted by a man whose terrible condition is dramatically described. He dwells among tombs (the unclean realm of the dead); he is removed from human society; and, although Mark shows that he is no danger to anyone other than himself, he is self-harming. People would know his condition well, because he cries out night and day among the tombs and surrounding area. Our response to such a description may be a mixture of horror, frustration and sympathy.

In his encounter with Jesus, the man reveals that he is possessed by a legion of evil spirits—he even identifies himself by the dehumanising term 'Legion' rather than any human name. How will Jesus respond? The description of Legion's strength has echoes of the saying in Mark 3:27 about the 'strong man'. So we watch to see whether Jesus is truly stronger than the 'strong man'.

Jesus exorcises Legion, and does so in a way that is both comic and subversive. Nearby is a herd of pigs—unclean for Jews and most likely part of the food supply of the notorious Tenth Legion of the Roman army, based in that region. The symbol on the battle-standards of the Tenth is a boar! Jesus sends the legion of evil spirits into the pigs, who charge lemming-like into the sea and drown. In one move, Jesus destroys the legion *and* part of the food supply of the Legion.

Clearly, Jesus *is* stronger than the 'strong man'. He has power to free people from the tyranny of evil powers and influences. He can restore and maintain order in society. Small wonder if the Romans might start to worry about him!

Once exorcised, the (former) demoniac becomes a model disciple. Jesus sends him to proclaim how he has been restored to true humanity through Jesus' liberating power and mercy. His testimony calls *us* also to experience Jesus' liberating and humanising power.

Major Dr Geoff Webb is the Western Victoria divisional commander and vice-chair of the Army's International Theological Council.



[BOOK] ON CALVARY'S HILL MAX LUCADO ★★

On Calvary's Hill takes the reader through 40 short devotional readings that specifically relate to the Easter story. In fact the whole book centres around the final week of Jesus' life, taking the reader on a journey into the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' trial before Pilate, his death and, of course, resurrection.

A helpful aspect of the book is the invitation to consider different characters that appear in the Easter story. People such as Pilate, Peter, Mary, the centurion and the criminals crucified alongside Jesus. The reader participates in the drama that unfolds each day from the perspective of a different character. It isn't often that we take the opportunity to consider what the final week of Jesus meant to those who knew him, wept, or paved the way for his death.

So if you're the creative, reflective type this devotional book is for you. There is a simple daily format including some Scripture, a short narrative, and a prayer to close. For those who don't wish to delve too deeply into the Easter story, Lucado provides a helpful pathway; for those who do, nothing beats the Bible.

Craig Farrell

[BOOK] FOUR BLOOD MOONS

JOHN HAGEE ★★★★★

John Hagee makes a startling prediction about 2014 and 2015, relating an astronomically rare event to some other predictable phenomena. Hagee's enticing story begins by considering the sun, moon and stars in prophecy, and unfolds with intrigue.

Jesus said, 'When these signs begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near' (Luke 21:28).

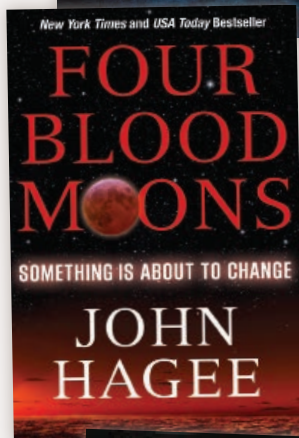
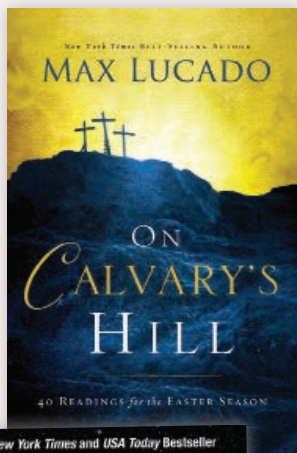
Hagee is easy to read. I found the going a bit dull in the middle chapters, establishing the 'spine' of prophecy, although they are well researched. However, these were foundational for the final chapters, which are a brilliant read.

If you do not have an interest in prophecy, the stories of the formation of Israel and the victories in the Six-Day War are smashing. Hagee believes God is trying to get our attention for a purpose, that there is a set time (Psalm 102:13) for 'something' to happen.

I think Hagee makes his case well; I wanted to find out quickly, so I pushed on to the final

chapters. Whether or not this comes to pass, the reader will benefit from a deeper understanding of the establishment and protection of the present-day nation-state of Israel. I would give it four blood moons.

David Barker

**[DVD] VIEWPOINTS—FURIOUS LOVE EVENT COLLECTION** ★★½

Covering some of the more difficult topics that arise from ministries focused on the displayed power of God, *Viewpoints* attempts to provide multiple answers and safe commentary from some of the leading voices of supernatural ministries.

Filmed after a Furious Love event, the speakers share their thoughts on five main topics: healing, love and deception, spiritual warfare, prophecy, and the kingdom. It really is a flow-on from previous documentaries made by film producer Darren Wilson and, as a result, requires previous understanding to follow the interviews.

The production value is quite monotonous and one-dimensional. It sets a rhythm of moving between rolling interviews and film footage, but is overdone and predictable. The background music is slow and dreary with over-all tones of being subdued.

I enjoyed the variety of perspectives on display and appreciated some of the very insightful comments made throughout the film.

At times however, it seems to be more gnostic and philosophical in rhetoric but is able to strike a fine balance between the experiential and more grounded theology.

I would recommend this viewing for mature believers who have the ability to be open-minded regarding some of the ministry expressions within charismatic circles, yet at the same time are able to filter all commentary through robust theology and pastoral ministry experience.

Red flag: Some confronting scenes

Chris Trodden

**Life no fairytale for Princess**

Princess lives in the Philippines and is 16 years of age. She has been part of the sponsorship program for five years, and last year we received news that Princess had fallen pregnant. Her family situation has never been ideal; with her mother being jailed, and her father leaving the family when they were very young—they have had no positive role models in their lives.

Princess is the eldest of six children and tries to help support her siblings in their education. She is also more motivated than ever to finish her own education now that she has children of her own. We are seeking support to help her get back on her feet and go back to school.

For \$35 a month you can sponsor Princess or if you are able to help with a once-off donation please contact the child sponsorship team:

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BARRINGTON LODGE, TAS.

CLARE JURASOVIC // **Maria Mason**—extended care assistant from Barrington Lodge—won the ANMF 2015 Aged Care Excellence award for a care worker.

Maria is committed to providing person-centred care with the best possible outcomes to residents.



COPPER COAST, SA CAPTAIN DEBBIE WILSON // On Sunday 15 March, eight junior soldiers were sworn in by Captains Andrew and Diane Jarvey.

DONCASTER, VIC. CAPTAINS ANNE AND RAILTON HILL // Each fortnight, the Familyzone inter-generational service reflects the result of great work from the music, family and children's teams (right). Small reflection groups give people space to explore the biblical themes and how they relate to life.



DEVONPORT, TAS.

LIEUTENANTS BEN AND LEISL CLAPTON // Devonport Salvos play-group has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of the renovations to the corps buildings. No longer in a space that was much too small, the children now have room to play and grow. This year new families have connected with the corps, bringing growth to the group.



The Wednesday afternoon Kids Club has also changed, with an intentional focus on finding ways to disciple the

kids the corps has known for a long time and see regularly, but who do not attend church. With this in mind, a junior soldiers program has begun at Kids Club and, as a result, three community children are starting preparation classes.



SALVOCARE EASTERN, VIC. CELIA IRWIN // On Thursday 26 February, Rowville Corps hosted territorial leaders Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd and divisional commander, Major Winsome Merrett, as they met over morning tea with the senior managers and program managers at Rowville.

This time gave Commissioners Floyd and Tracey the opportunity to hear about the social programs in SalvoCare Eastern, and for Captain Ken Smith, divisional social programme secretary, to connect with some of the program managers.

DANDENONG, VIC. CAPTAINS NARI AND STUART MCGIFFORD // A new 'hub'—part of the Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative—will begin construction in early 2016, bringing together The Salvation Army Dandenong Corps, Doveton Community Support Services, a thrift shop, court chaplaincy and the divisional headquarters.

SalvoCare support and recovery services—which offer drug and alcohol counselling, a positive lifestyle program and anger management courses—will also relocate to this site to be able to deliver extensive services to a growing community.



L-R: Local member **Gabrielle Williams** MP, **Major Winsome Merrett**, **Sean O'Reilly**, mayor of Dandenong, **Gregory Anderson**, CEO, Places Victoria, **Richard Wynne** MP, Planning Minister, **Tony De Domenico**, chair, Places Victoria, **Captain Stuart McGifford**.



WESTCARE, VIC.

PETER MULHOLLAND // In February, The Salvation Army Westcare hosted its annual Hugh Williamson Foundation Scholarship presentations.

The partnership between the foundation and Westcare began in 2002, and this year 13 young people and 12 staff received funding to support their academic and educational pursuits.

Westcare saw a need to create a student unit that would allow people undertaking courses in social work, youth work and community welfare the opportunity to have practical experience in the field.

In this 14-year partnership, more than 200 people have been assisted by scholarships.

Located in Sunshine, Westcare provides support to vulnerable young people across Melbourne's west,

through services including foster care, residential care and transitional services.

Divisional commander of Melbourne Central Division, Major Mike Coleman; women's ministries director, Major Annette Coleman; coordinator for planning and administration at Catherine Booth College, Major Jim Weymouth; and Ms Susan Hughes attended the presentation.



TEA TREE GULLY, SA

MAJOR HOWARD AND CAPTAIN ELAINE TRENDELL // On Sunday 15 March, Colonels Jennifer and Peter Walker led the meeting. The congregation was a mixed group of older people as well as families with babies and young children.



EASTERN VICTORIA DIVISION

MAJOR WINSOME MERRETT // On 13 March, a coffee and cake night was held to bring women from the division together for fellowship, for ministry and to be challenged for mission. **Naty Lee** (above, left) shared her testimony, and along with her sister, **Matilda** (above, right), provided music and singing. Cynthia Carter shared how being part of the mission trip to Mumbai impacted her faith.



GERALDTON, WA

LIEUTENANTS JACQUELINE AND JEFFREY MILKINS // On 6 March more than 60 leaders and members of the Geraldton church community gathered for the annual World Day of Prayer. The 2015 host country is the Bahamas and the focus Scripture chosen is John 13: 1–17.

The congregation used foot- and hand-washing stations to truly immerse themselves into the word of God. Candles were lit as visual representations of prayers lighting the way to God through the dark issues, such as the domestic violence faced by the islanders of the Bahamas.

SPRINGVALE, VIC.

CAPTAINS JOSEPH AND MARY LIU // On 8 March, Chan Hu and his grandfather Qing Zh Hu and grandmother Hui Qin Xu were sworn in as senior soldiers.

Qing and his wife arrived in Australia 10 years ago from China, and as Christians for more than 35 years were excited to see the big change in their grandson Chan.

Chan regularly attends bible study and prayer meeting, takes part in youth group activities and was appointed leader of the youth group badminton team as he was champion of the badminton competition held at his high school.



Above, from left: **Qing Zh Hu, Hui Qin Xu, Captain Mary Liu, Chan Hu, Captain Joseph Liu.**

ABOUT PEOPLE

Promoted to Glory General Eva Burrows (Rtd) on 20 March, aged 85. Envoy Lorna Denholm from Upper Ferntree Gully Hospital, Victoria on 23 March, aged 95.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd
21–22 April—Wider Cabinet, Melbourne
Colonels Peter and Jennifer Walker
21–22 April—Wider Cabinet, Melbourne
Melbourne Staff Band

25 April—Anzac Day March and Concert, Melbourne

Melbourne Staff Songsters
18 April—Pre-Anzac Concert, Melbourne

From pipedreams to plans

Luke Roberts has always been passionate about turning pipedreams into reality—and now he knows how to, writes Nikki Lovell

Growing up in The Salvation Army, Luke has always felt a strong alignment to its mission and values, and so gaining employment with the Salvos ‘just felt right’.

Over the past 16 years, Luke has held multiple leadership positions, including manager of Housing and Tenancy Support Programs and manager of Bushfire Recovery for Eastern Victoria.

In these positions, Luke relied on the hard work and commitment of officers and fellow employees. Collaboratively, great things were accomplished, including Friendship Gardens (large community gardens with pizza ovens) and new approaches to transitional housing with the help of the team at Gateways.

But there were always things Luke and his team just didn’t have the time or expertise to do.

‘One of the projects we really wanted to finish was a children’s book,’ Luke says, ‘written and illustrated by the children telling their own positive stories from the bushfires—but with all the staff winding up, we had to step away from the project.’

‘What you see is what you think is possible,’ Luke adds, explaining how his team resourced programs.

In July last year, Luke’s path took a different turn when he commenced in the position of Victorian volunteer resources coordinator for Western Victoria Division and Melbourne Central Division. Luke admits that at the time he thought of volunteers as people who helped with Community Support Services or collected for the Red Shield Appeal, so he was a little surprised in his first week to meet Clim Pacheco.

‘Clim was helping the Volunteer Resources Team with strategic support and mentoring. I was so impressed by his background in business and leadership—and here he was, volunteering! It was the biggest mind shift to realise the type of roles volunteers both can and want to do.’

Reflecting on the fact that volunteers were never a big part of the conversation when he and his team used to think about all they wished to achieve, Luke adds, ‘When we were time- or resource-poor, we never thought “maybe volunteers could help”... I sometimes imagine what we could have achieved had we realised and embraced volunteers more.’

Pausing for a moment, Luke says, ‘It’s also about our mission. When we engage with volunteers from the community, we get to tell the story of who we are and what we do, and we’re inviting people to be part of that story.’

Reflecting on his own journey, Luke wonders who else might not get what volunteers can truly offer, and encourages people to give him a call and ‘chat about it’.

‘We have an opportunity here to actually turn pipedreams into reality. And it’s a privilege to be there to help do that.’



Nikki Lovell is the program development officer—volunteers, and creator of the volunteer engagement resources that you can now find on SARMY. Jump online and check them out at <http://www.sarmy.org.au/en/Resources/Volunteer-resources/>



FIGHTING MAC

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find the way easier. He tracked down eggs and chocolates to break the monotony of the men's diet. In France and Belgium, he started canteens for the soldiers, running hot drinks up to the trenches when the men came out of the line on cold winter nights. The memory of these deeds lasted for the lifetime of the Anzacs he served.

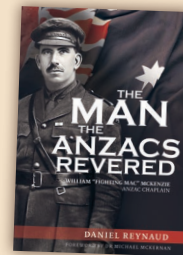
LOVE DEEPLY

The bottom line was that McKenzie was so widely loved because he himself loved others. McKenzie was not a flawless man. He was ambitious and competitive. He also was so committed to giving that he failed to look after his own health and wellbeing. But through his flaws, the love of Jesus shone with remarkable clarity and strength.

And there's so much more I would have liked to note that I have learned, but I have limited space here. I could have commented on the short engaging sermons that grabbed the

ears of thousands of soldiers, earnest prayer and personal devotions, integrity of character, remembering people's names, courageous actions in the face of danger and death, a wide and engaging general knowledge, charisma, optimism in the face of despair, and so on. For the rest, you'll have to read the book.

The *The Man the Anzacs Revered* is available for \$24.95 from www.hopeshop.com (search: 'Daniel Reynaud'), Koorong and other Christian retailers.



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SURRENDER:15—Making things right inside, outside and together

NEWS EXTRA 15



The 2015 SURRENDER conference at Belgrave Heights Conference Centre brought together speakers from Australia, Latin America, New Zealand, the UK and USA.

This conference—centred around radical discipleship, incarnational mission, justice and walking alongside those on the margins—had the voices of the First Nations people of Australia as central to its ethos.

Each day began with a call to worship through Celtic liturgy, followed by four Bible study streams—resistance, Christian peacemakers, the Bible and the land, and being transformed.

Ruth Padilla de Borst and Paul Sparks brought the daytime keynote messages, while Jarrod McKenna, Bindi Cole, Mark Connor and Brooke Prentiss headed up the evening sessions.

Aaron Strumpel, Krosswerds and Scott Darlow shared their

musical talents as they led delegates in worship.

Afternoon workshops covered areas of culture, church, neighbourhoods, sexuality, justice, reflective art, manhood, creative vision, the struggles of young people, community gardens, Auslan, and the yarnning circle.

Hosting partners—Baptist Union of Victoria, Christian Blind Mission, Cornerstone Community, Concern Australia, Jisas

wantaim, Just Salvos, Urban Neighbours of Hope, TEAR Australia and Urban Seed—provided resources and physical spaces for delegates to congregate, discuss, relax and interact.

A highlight of each year's SURRENDER is the welcome to country mid-afternoon of the first day, following which delegates were encouraged to respond in whatever way was respectful and appropriate for them.

The South Sudan choir responded with a traditional song, the delegates from New Zealand performed a Maori song followed by a haka, other indigenous people brought greetings from their nation, while individuals from different backgrounds came forward in response.

It was a moving and unforgettable time that drew people together in spontaneous unity, and from which delegates returned to their own neighbourhoods to make things right, just where they are.

BRON WILLIAMS



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