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What do worship, planned giving and the call to war all have in common? Aside from the fact that they are all featured in this edition of *On Fire*, they are all acts of spiritual warfare.

There's a great story in 2 Chronicles 20:1–27 about Jehoshaphat preparing for war. When he heard that a combined force was about to attack, he was incredibly shaken and so assembled everyone in front of the temple to pray and ordered a nationwide fast. Praying publicly, he acknowledged that God has ultimate power and that no force can stand against him. He spoke of God bringing his people to this place, honouring him, and said that because God's presence remains there he and the people of Judah would take their place before the temple... 'praying out our pain and trouble, we know that you will listen and give victory'.

'Then Jahaziel was moved by the Spirit of God to speak from the midst of the congregation... He said... "You won't have to lift a hand in this battle; just stand firm... March out boldly tomorrow—God is with you."

'After talking it over with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed a choir for God. Dressed in holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing, "Give thanks to God, his love never quits."

'As soon as they started shouting and praising, God set ambushes against the men attacking Judah, and... they were killed.

'Jehoshaphat then led all the men of Judah and Jerusalem back to Jerusalem—an exuberant parade... They entered Jerusalem and came to the temple of God with all the instruments of the band playing.'

Jehoshaphat didn't lead with warriors, he led with worshippers! Psalm 22:3 tells us that God inhabits the praises of his people. Praising, honouring and thanking God releases his power.

Worshipping regularly together strengthens us, equips us and develops community that increases our unified force against evil—something much harder to achieve alone. Giving to your corps is also an act of worship. It finances the war, equips the mission and therefore builds God's Kingdom on Earth. In this sense, the simple act of regular attendance could be construed as a declaration of war.

What kingdom are you building? Where will you invest your time, money and abilities? ◦



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Leadership Challenge = Relationship Challenge = Discipleship Challenge

Well-known leadership gurus, James Kouzes and Barry Posner, in their book *The Leadership Challenge* sum up one of the key concepts of leadership when they state that 'Leadership is a relationship'.

This is a concept that should not be foreign to us. As we reflect on the leaders who have made an impact on our lives, many of us can say that a hallmark of their leadership has been their ability to have relationship with others—a relationship that enabled people to follow them, trust them and be empowered by them.

But in these days of rapid change, when the means of communicating are endless and instant, it would seem that our own personal world and how we connect with people is getting smaller and smaller. Yes, we may have 'endless' Facebook friends, but these are not people who we can have true relationship with.

To 'connect' with people, we need to do more than hit the 'like' button! We need to connect with people personally, investing our time and starting the relationship journey with them. It's true if we want to be a leader of people and it's also a true principle if we want to journey in faith with others. In this fast-paced world, we need to seize the opportunities when they come our way.

A concept I came across last year was that of developing my own *oikos*. *Oikos* is a Greek word which means 'extended family' and can be expanded to mean a group of eight to 15 people with whom you share life most closely—our sphere of greatest influence and our relational world.

As a leader, it's this group of people you want to influence, mentor and invest in. As a Christian, it's this group of people you want to disciple, some who may not know who Jesus is and others who are on a journey of faith.

In both, we are making a decision to invest in people and to be intentional in developing a relationship with them. So when we meet with them and we take time with them, we get to know them, their story and their needs.

It's a simple concept, yet one that requires discipline. It's easy for us to get caught up in our world and not make the time to develop meaningful relationships with others. We need to become deliberate about it.

Kouzes and Posner make it clear that 'Leadership is a relationship'. Another great teacher, Jesus, may not have said it, but he certainly demonstrated it.

How many misfits did he invite into relationship? Give it a go; start your own *oikos*.^o

Kelvin Merrett
Lieut-Colonel



Discerning God's timing

Have you ever ruined a meal by overcooking it? The other day, I set out the right ingredients, followed the recipe, and had the quantities right, only to forget to set the timer. The result—charcoal-fighting muffins!

When cooking a meal timing is crucial and Scripture indicates it's the same when it comes to pursuing God's mission.

Timing matters

I'm often intrigued by Acts 16:6, 'The Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching'. How is it that the Holy Spirit did not want the disciples to preach when Jesus said, 'Go into all the world, and as you are going, make disciples' (Matthew 28:19)? What about the walls of Jericho? Why was it seven times around the city and not five or six?

And what about the sacrifice of Jesus? Jesus came to die, that is unquestionable (John 1:29). Yet, when you read the Gospel of John, you will notice a recurring phrase, 'My hour has not yet come' (John 2:4, 7:6, 7:30, 8:20). It seems there was a wrong time for Jesus to die for us. Galatians 4:4 says, 'But when the appointed time had fully come, God sent his Son.' The word for time (*chronos*), as it is used here refers to 'a specified time or chronological event'.

It is an interesting thought to consider—there was a right time and a wrong time for Jesus to die for us.

The timing of God

Has God ever asked you to do something, but you've got the timing wrong? I can remember planning an outreach only for it to fail. I knew the direction was what God had intended but, on reflection, my timing was off.

The right direction must be complemented with the right timing. Recognising that the disciples had not grasped the importance of timing, Jesus said, 'My time is not yet here; for you any time will do' (John 7:6).

So how do we develop a sense of God's preferred timing?

How to discern God's timing

Jesus was able to discern the timing of God by constantly spending time in prayer (Matthew 6:6; 14:13, 26:36, Mark 1:35, 6:31–32, Luke 6:12). I have found the best decisions leaders make tend to flow out of times of dedicated prayer.

Knowing when to step is just as important as knowing where to step. The timing of God can best be discerned by spending time with God.^o

Chris Trodden



World Mission Fellowship celebrates 60 years



It is now 60 years since a support body was formed for personnel leaving the Australia Southern Territory to serve overseas in a mission capacity.

Since the first meeting in March 1956, a regular missionary group formed, outlining practical ways to support those in overseas service and those preparing to go.

On Sunday 28 August more than 100 people gathered at Catherine Booth College to celebrate this milestone and to launch the book *Stories of World Wide Mission Experiences* compiled by Sharryn Ling.

Attendees were made up of approximately 25 delegates from the South East Asia and Pacific Conference (SPEACO), more than 50 former reinforcement personnel (missionaries), members of the current fellowship and some current overseas personnel on homeland leave. Those present were inspired and encouraged by the commitment of those on the interview panel and through the vibrant connection with one another.



About World Mission Fellowship

The World Mission Fellowship exists to:

- provide prayer and moral support for overseas personnel before, during and after their overseas service;
- provide an avenue for fellowship, information-sharing, engagement and action in world mission;
- facilitate the provision of financial support;
- supplement the role of the overseas personnel office by highlighting personnel, current roles, needs and opportunities in overseas mission.

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The call to WAR



Colonel Janet Munn is the training principal at the College for Officer Training in New York. She has been an officer in The Salvation Army for 28 years and has served globally in leadership and in local Salvation Army congregations, both urban and suburban. Janet is passionate about the fullness of Christ being manifest in this generation and is labouring to see The Salvation Army become an Army on its knees.

The authority God delegates to sincere followers is eminently practical. It is not merely about sitting in heaven with the angels, saints, martyrs, 24 elders and four living beings. It is about winning the war on Earth right now. And the devil struggles with all his energy to dissuade, discourage and distort so that we settle for our current level of obedience. Our clear understanding and embrace of this thoroughly biblical authority will empower us to confidently and victoriously confront the enemy in every situation.

The authority of the believer: exercising our dominion in Christ

God gave the dominion of Earth to humans.

A. God gave the dominion of the Earth to humans forever. He releases his power in the earthly realm in response to redeemed humans living in agreement with him (in their individual sphere of influence). The Spirit moves in response to what God's people say and do. Jesus will rule the Earth forever in partnership with his bride who is filled with adoring obedience.

'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion...over all the earth...over...every living thing that moves on the earth' (Genesis 1:26-28).

'The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings' (Psalm 115:16).

'To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with me on my throne...' (Revelation 3:21).

B. When God gave the governing authority of the Earth to Adam, he had the right to use it in any way that he chose. He did the unthinkable with

it, committing high treason, he gave his authority over the Earth to satan (Luke 4:5-6). At that time, satan became 'the god of this world.'

'This authority...has been delivered to me [satan], and I give it to whomever I wish' (Luke 4:6).

C. At the cross, Jesus as a man defeated satan and all demonic powers and made a public spectacle of them before all in heaven and hell. He has won the victory, but it must be enforced in this age. Authority is delegated power. A police officer stops a car by the authority of the government, not his physical power. Like the policeman, we must put our hand up and invoke the name of Jesus. 'Having disarmed principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it [his death and resurrection]' (Colossians 2:15).

D. We must enforce Jesus' authority on Earth. The enemy's attacks against us will continue if we accept them. There are two common errors in responding to satan's attack. First, to ask God to resist satan for us. We must not ask God to do what he entrusted to us. As God will not plant the seeds and pull the weeds for the farmer, so he will not rebuke the devil for us. Second, to accept satan's attack under the banner of honouring the sovereignty of God. They say, 'Jesus, I trust your leadership.' We trust his leadership best when we obey his command to actively resist what the devil presents to us. It is a misapplication of the glorious doctrine of God's sovereignty to passively accept what we must actively resist. There is no 'ceasefire' in our spiritual conflict. 'Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you' (James 4:7).

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'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...' (1 Peter 5:8-9).

- E.** We must use our authority against satan, who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy God's blessing in our life (by fear, addictions, emotional oppression, division, sickness, financial oppression etc.). Jesus gives insight into satan's nature and tactics against us whenever he is involved in our life. 'The thief [satan] does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy' (John 10:10).
- F.** The principalities and powers speak of the invisible demonic hierarchy in the spirit realm. Our primary problems are not of human origin, but are invisible enemies. To stand is to refuse to accept satan's attacks. God's word is our weapon. We resist satan's attacks by speaking the Word. Heightened strife or negative emotions often involve satan's flaming missiles striking us. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers...in the heavenly places. Take up the whole armour of God...having done all, to stand...taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one... Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God... (Ephesians 6:12-17).
- G.** Our problems are often the result of several factors working together including psychological issues (our mindset, belief systems and life choices), physiological issues (diet, alcohol, chemicals etc.), sociological issues (what others do to us), and spiritual (demonic attack). By using our authority, we can remove the added pressure

that demons bring to our problems. This makes it easier to solve physiological, psychological and sociological problems. Exercising authority against satan's attack does not automatically cancel all the consequences of our wrong choices or the effects of what others do to us. There are varying degrees of demonic oppression.

- H.** Fear, rejection and addictive urges are a form of demonic oppression that must be rebuked. If they are allowed to gain dominance in our thinking, they will dominate our life with despair. We must take authority over the spirit of fear. It must not be accepted or allowed to grow. 'God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind' (2 Timothy 1:7).

Our spiritual authority is based on Jesus' victory and exaltation

- A.** Our spiritual authority is based on our union with Jesus. The authority that Jesus received as an 'exalted man' is given to his people. God gave Jesus to the church as our head and made us his body or the vehicle through which he expresses his power on Earth (Ephesians 1:22-23). 'The father of glory may give to you...revelation in the knowledge of him...that you may know... the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe...which he [the Father] worked in Christ when he raised him...and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...he put all things under his [Jesus'] feet and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him...' (Ephesians 1:17-23). We have the same category of power within us that



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God used when he raised Jesus from the dead. Money can't buy it. Threats can't make it happen. Military power/natural weapons can't compare to this power.

In 1 Corinthians 12 the emphasis is on the people of God, the body of Christ connected to each other. But in Ephesians 1, the emphasis is on the body connected to Jesus, the head—forever and ever.

B. We must take our place of authority in Christ as those seated in heavenly places with Jesus (Ephesians 1:3, 20–22; 2:6). Having been raised to sit with Jesus in heavenly places, we are given access to God's throne. When we pray according to God's will, our prayers reach his throne and find approval, resulting in the release of power. We must know who we are in Christ.

'Raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ...' (Ephesians 2:6).

C. The command of faith doesn't always bring results instantly. 'Do not become sluggish, but... through faith and patience inherit the promises' (Hebrews 6:12).

D. Our authority is based on what Jesus accomplished, not on our moods, feelings, fervour or recent victories.

"Not by [human] might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts' (Zechariah 4:6).

Examples of wrestling in prayer

Take (wield) the sword of the Spirit: A human being agreeing with Jesus. Speaking the Word of God and keeping at it—that is wielding the sword of the Spirit. (Don't endure it—speak to it).

1. 'I refuse to accept this anymore. I refuse passivity

but I rise up against it in the authority of Jesus Christ, who has conquered every foe.'

2. 'I will steadfastly resist.'

3. 'In the name of Jesus I cancel your assignment against me.'

4. 'In the name of Jesus, go, now (be specific). Leave my marriage, my children, my parents, my finances, my thought life, my relationships.'

5. 'Take your hands off my marriage. I cancel your assignment against me in Jesus' name.'

6. 'I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over my body.'

7. 'I take authority over...fear...lust...perversion... suicide...demonic harassment and torment.'

8. 'In the name of Jesus I bind that spirit of fear.'

9. 'Release your glory, Lord. Release your manifest presence now, Lord.'

'We call Salvationists (and all warriors of Jesus everywhere) worldwide to join spiritual battle on the grounds of a sober reading of Scripture, a conviction of the triumph of Christ, the inviolable freedom and dignity of persons, and a commitment to the redemption of the world in all its dimensions—physical, spiritual, social, economic and political.

'We affirm that Christ our Lord calls us to join him in holy war against evil in all its forms and against every power that stands against the reign of God. We fight in the power of the Spirit in the assurance of ultimate and absolute victory through Christ's redemptive work.'^o

—from *Called to Be God's People*—International Spiritual Life Commission.

Speak the word—don't just think it!

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Gift registry to benefit homeless

Corporate giant Myer has partnered with The Salvation Army to create a gift registry for the homeless.

Each Myer store will have a list of gifts that would most benefit women and children escaping domestic violence and trying to start a new life, often with very little.

The gifts range from \$11 baby socks to a \$380 microwave. Each time a shopper donates an item from the registry, Myer will match the gift with another one, and The Salvation Army will provide them to women in crisis accommodation.

Each year The Salvation Army needs about 10,000 of the items on the gift registry, which translates to \$500,000 in customer contributions.

Myer and the Salvos have a longstanding partnership that has raised millions of dollars for the Salvos over many decades. This initiative comes after a review of Myer's philanthropic program decided to focus on supporting and empowering women and strengthening families.



*Helping women rebuild their lives,
one piece at a time.*

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The kindness of strangers

North-western Victorian town Ararat is subject to chilly winters, and local resident Jerry Koschel has donated a huge box of hand-knitted and crocheted clothes to the Ararat Salvation Army.

Mrs Koschel inherited a large amount of wool from a friend who died, and decided to use her spare time to knit for charity.

Ararat Salvation Army Captain Greg Turnbull said it was rare to receive large quantities such as Mrs Koschel has donated.

'The Salvation Army is currently running a winter drive, and that's why we appreciate this donation so much,' he said.

I'd turn back

Salvationist and year 12 student Liv Smith's play *I'd Turn Back* is set to play at the Melbourne Fringe Festival in September. A play about five asylum seekers' treacherous journeys to find new hope in Australia, it was written after Liv volunteered at the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Centre last year.

All proceeds from ticket sales will go toward supporting the work of The Salvation Army Asylum Seeker and Refugee Centre in Brunswick.

Details:

When: September 19 to 22 at 5.30 pm

Venue: Victorian Trades Hall Building

54 Victoria Street, Carlton Vic. 3053

Tickets: Available at the door ^o



Evangelina Green Space



Evangelina Green Space, Argentina, is a place of hope and rescue for children.

The children and teenagers from Villa Luján community see Evangelina Green Space as their own. They build values, beliefs and rules through the experience and education provided there and are highly motivated to participate in the program. The direct beneficiaries are children and teenagers between six and 17 years old and their families living in Villa Luján, Quilmes. Every day the kids co-exist with the reality of drugs. Marijuana is the most common psychoactive substance, as well as tobacco and alcohol. They see other kids consuming marijuana on street corners, at school entrance doors and even in front of their own houses.

The purpose of our program is to be proactive and do something before the problem arises. None of the kids attending the program have become dependent on any kind of drug. However, some of them have tried marijuana, alcohol or tobacco at least once in their lives. This is why the program attempts to strengthen the children's characters and personalities so they are capable of making healthy decisions for their lives and resolve risky situations in a constructive way.

The program offers activities that they might find interesting and attractive, through which they can express their feelings, emotions, share their experiences and build relationships with people they can trust and who are trained to accompany them through these issues.

The social environment of the kids and families has remained constant since the beginning of this project in 2010. These low-income families live precariously in houses with very little space. Most of the men have temporary jobs linked to building work, while the women stay at home or do housekeeping work.

If you would like to support the Evangelina Green Space on a regular basis or give a one-off donation, please contact the child sponsorship team on email childsponsorship@aus.salvationarmy.org or phone 03 8878 4543. ^o

Carolyn Hallett
Director Child Sponsorship

The heart of worship

In 2016, worship music is a commodity and it can be difficult to find the true meaning of worship. As a congregation, we can become so wrapped up in what's cool and what's not that we forget worship was never about us to begin with.

The Bible uses the expression 'worship' 8,629 times. It ranges from the ways people would honour false gods, to David's declarations of God's majesty in the Psalms. In modern times, we can still see this play out in our lives. Whether we honour God, money or relationships, we all worship something.

Scripturally, worship is about giving glory to God. 1 Chronicles 16:29 tells us, 'Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.' It is not just a Sunday activity, or even just a musical activity, it is a lifestyle that comes with serving God.

Singer/songwriter Roma Waterman leads Sound of the Nations Oceania, an organisation that trains artists and churches to release authentic expressions of worship in their regions. As a performer and worship leader for two decades, she can attest to this firsthand.

'Worship is a lifestyle, a posture that looks towards God, wanting to please him in all we do,' she explains. 'I think we can easily imagine worship as a music genre, but it's a whole life devoted to loving Jesus. When we worship with music as our expression, what we are really doing is using it as a means to reflect that which is already in our heart.'

There is something iconic about worship leaders. Whether it is the lights, the stage or their access to a microphone, a lot of responsibility rests on them to lead us into God's presence. Hannah Pho took on this mantle at Box Hill Corps after singing with the worship band for a year.

'My youth and young adult's pastor asked me to step up and lead one Sunday night,' she recalls. 'I was terrified but I remember how, despite that, God just showed up and blew our minds. Even in my terrified state, he still honoured my obedience.'

We have a tendency to expect the worship leader and their committed team to entice us into the presence of God. The songs they sing, how they stand and even what they wear can all impact how we 'worship' during a meeting. These are all factors that contribute to musical worship, but it's not just musicians who need to be obedient to God, it's us too. And if we are not open to worshipping God in every circumstance, we are missing the point of it all.

'Whether people are watching you or not, worship is not a performance in any way, shape or form,' says Hannah. 'When we worship together through music or other creative outlets as a church, it is a chance for us to collectively focus on God, prepare our hearts and place him in his rightful place. If we personally fail to do that, then we will most likely miss the things that God is pointing out to us throughout the rest of the service, or even during worship itself.'

Roma has researched the nature of worship for her book, *The God Artist*, and found that our personal and corporate worship may be more significant than we realise.

'Different styles of music have, historically, brought peace and harmony to a troubled soul, or

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Worship is a lifestyle, a posture that looks towards God, wanting to please him in all we do.”

alternatively they have whipped up a crowd into a wild frenzy. This is the principle of entrainment in action. One object eventually aligns itself to the rhythm or vibration of another, because it requires less energy than to work against it.

'This is a great analogy for us. The song we sing, regardless of our original theme, will align itself with whatever surrounds us. If you surround yourself with people who are negative, you will be negative. If we are not filling ourselves continuously with the things of God, we will eventually become "in sync" with the world and atmosphere that surrounds us,' she explains.

'When we come together to worship, how wonderful to know that we are aligning ourselves to a greater sound, a greater force [God]. We can come in discouraged, downhearted and feel the freedom of heaven as his spirit ministers to us, as we minister to him. Anxiety disappears and healing of the body and mind takes place.'

The act of true genuine worship goes beyond singing. It is the lining up of our will with God's. John 4:24 says, 'God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' When we engage with God and serve him on a daily basis, we become more like him. So when we do this corporately, with each of us taking responsibility for our own worship of God, we are not only transformed individually, but as a church, as a city and a nation.

'Worship leads others towards our creator and Lord. Therefore we can't do that properly unless we get out of our own way,' says Hannah. 'Humility is first and foremost—if we don't empty ourselves, then we won't leave room for God to work through us.'^o

Jessica Morris

For more information on Quantum Physics, DNA and the power of sound in worship, check out Roma's book *The God Artist—the quest for supernatural creative influence*.

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Adventure impact

New Salvos', initiative inspires ordinary people to do the extraordinary.

Experiencing a life-changing adventure while enabling transformation in the lives of others is the focus of The Salvation Army's new initiative, the Adventure Fundraising Program (AFP). In partnership with Inspired Adventures, the AFP is focused on inspiring ordinary people to do something extraordinary for a cause they are passionate about.

The AFP organises treks, rides and runs throughout the year in which individuals, corporate groups, families and friends can take part. No relationship with, or knowledge of, The Salvation Army is required. All participants pay a registration fee, their expenses for the adventure and raise additional funds to a set minimum target. The Salvation Army will then use these funds to help change the lives of the most marginalised, at-risk and vulnerable people in our communities.

'The funds raised by trekkers through the adventures they experience will have an enormous impact on Australians in crisis and those who desperately need a helping hand,' says Peter Cleave, Australia Eastern Territory development manager (special projects), who coordinates the treks. 'The funds will go toward Salvation Army social welfare programs that service community needs and enrich people's lives. These include services in areas such as homelessness, youth, emergency and disaster response, recovery (drug, alcohol and gambling addiction), and rural services. The AFP will assist trekkers to set up an online fundraising page, provide fundraising tips, as well as training and preparing them for their chosen adventure.'

The AFP's first adventure was the seven-day trip to conquer the famous Larapinta Track in central Australia, in May. The adventurers spent five days trekking sections of the track from the old Alice Springs telegraph station to the peak of Mount Sonder and along the backbone of the West MacDonnell Ranges—taking in the breathtaking scenery, breaking out of their comfort zones, learning more about the work of Oasis and the broader Salvation Army, meeting personal goals, and bonding as a group. They experienced the diversity of desert habitats, learned the history of the local Indigenous people and slept under the stars.

Highly motivated, the 10 trekkers had all exceeded their fundraising goals, with more than \$40,000 going to The Salvation Army's youth support network in

Sydney. Peter Cleave, Major Bryce Davies, Sydney inner city mission director and Katie Kirkpatrick, Oasis youth worker, represented The Salvation Army on the trek. A corporate group from Virgin Mobile, including one of the team's spouses, made up the rest of the trekkers.

Bonding exercise

At the end of the trek, Major Davies interviewed the adventurers about their motivation for going on the trek, their expectations, their experience and whether they would recommend the treks to others. They were unanimous in their positive reviews, glowing recommendations and reports on how the trek had challenged and changed them physically, mentally and emotionally.

'The trip exceeded all expectations,' said Mark. 'They definitely undersold it. The majesty of the environment, the culture and fitness angles, and making a tangible contribution to the work of Oasis ticked all the boxes for me.'

Peter Cleave was also delighted with the outcomes from the trek. 'It was good to be able to spend the week talking about life with trekkers, giving them a greater understanding of The Salvation Army and the difference we make on the ground to individuals,' he said. 'The treks are designed to reflect the challenges people we are helping go through. By doing this together and supporting each other, the trekkers also share a great bonding experience.'

Other events this year include the 'Salvos Striders'—runners in various sporting events around the country, including the City2Surf in Sydney, the Bridge to Brisbane in Brisbane, and the Army's Aged Care Plus Walkathon, to raise money for The Salvation Army's services and programs.

In 2017, the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea (PNG), one of the world's greatest treks, is the destination for AFP trekkers. The Kokoda Track traverses the rugged Owen Stanley Range, tropical rainforest and passes remote villages. The 12-day trip in April includes the nine-day 96 km trek, Anzac Day ceremony on Brigade Hill, a visit to Bomana Cemetery and a look at key Salvation Army programs in Port Moresby, PNG's capital. The adventure has been named the Salvos 2017 Anzac Kokoda Trek.

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Army, as the "Shield Officers"—Salvation Army personnel—were there on the track in 1942, making a difference to the lives of the troops on the front line,' said Peter. 'Now it's our turn to do something to help change lives.' During the Kokoda Campaign in 1942, 650 Australian soldiers were killed and more than 1,000 injured, fighting the Japanese invasion force. Salvation Army personnel served drinks and snacks to the men, as well as providing encouragement and support.

'Not for the faint-hearted, this truly is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure,' said Peter. 'The trek will certainly test your endurance, improve your fitness and help us raise funds for the Red Shield Appeal to transform lives and help where the need is greatest. This trek is also being offered in the Australia Southern Territory, and places are limited.'

Family connection

In the lead-up to the trek, AFP will organise monthly training treks out of Sydney and possibly Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast too. Already signed up and training for the trek are three family groups—a father and son, father and daughter, and father with two sons. 'This is a great bonding experience for the families as they work together to help make a difference in the lives of people doing it tough,' said Peter.

Gympie business owner, Gary James and his son, Brad, are preparing to conquer the Kokoda Track together, in honour of Gary's two uncles who were killed in PNG during WWII. 'For me this is a meaningful way, on behalf of my family, to show respect for the men who fought in PNG and honour the sacrifice they made,' said Gary. 'Without their bravery and dedication we would not be able to enjoy the life we now lead in Australia.'

This month, the AFP will announce its 2018 adventure destination. 'It will be an easier trek than Kokoda, and more broadly appealing,' said Peter. 'There is definitely demand for Kokoda though, and we will go back there. All these treks, no matter their destination, are life-changing experiences.'

For more information about upcoming treks and other events, go to salvos.org.au/adventure

Upcoming events 2016

For the remainder of the year, the Adventure Fundraising Program is organising teams of Salvos Striders, a running group participating in sporting events around the nation to raise money for The Salvation Army's community outreach services.

These events include:

- 18 September: Blackmore's Running Festival
- 30 October: Noosa Triathlon
- For details go to salvos.org.au/get-involved/help-us-fundraise/run-ride-trek/2016-sporting-events/

Salvos 2017 Anzac Kokoda Trek

- When: 19 April–30 April 2017
- Travel cost: \$5145 ex-Sydney, \$4795 ex-Cairns, \$4895 ex-Brisbane (plus \$770 registration fee)
- Fundraising target: \$3500
- Level of difficulty: 5/5
- Accommodation: Twin-share 4-star hotel in Port Moresby and single comfortable camping on the track.
- Minimum age: 18 (younger adventurers considered on application).

Email your interest to adventure@aue.salvationarmy.org or check out salvos.org.au/adventure

For more information:

Inspiredadventures.com.au/events/salvos-kokoda-2017



Australia One Adelaide event

One Sunday in September 1880, in a park in Adelaide, a builder-cum-greengrocer (Edward Saunders) and a railway worker (John Gore) decided to hold a Salvation Army meeting. With no authority and no formal training, they sang of heaven and offered practical help to those around them.

Out of the belief and passion of these two ordinary men grew The Salvation Army in Australia. Surely our future, like our early beginnings, must rest with ordinary people who in the power of God's Spirit speak and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Once again, in Adelaide in the month of September we will see the start of something new for The Salvation Army in Australia, including the launch of the Australia One project by General André Cox and the installation of our new National Leaders, Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd.

National Prayer Summit: Starting with lunch @ City Salvos on 10 September—Adelaide Congress Hall
Gum Tree Service: 1 pm 10 September
Australia One Launch: Commencing at 2 pm @ City Salvos on 17 September

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Prayer Summit

To mark the end of 100 Days of Ceaseless Prayer and to lay a firm foundation for the Australia One project, a national prayer summit is being held at City Salvos in Pirie Street, Adelaide over the week-end of 10–11 September.

While not every Salvationist and friend may be able to come to Adelaide, everyone across the country can be part of the Saturday night at Adelaide Congress Hall through the live streaming at www.100days.australiaone.info. Wherever you may be, why not get together with others from your corps and other faith communities to share in this event and seek God's voice for his Kingdom. Don't just watch it, get involved with the #TSA100Days hashtag.

100 Days will be providing prayer resources so that you can participate alongside the live stream— check the website for more information. It all starts at 7 pm (Adelaide time).

Don't forget the invitation from our national leaders to share your reflections from 100 Days of Ceaseless Prayer. What are you hearing of God's heart for Australia and for The Salvation Army at this significant

point in history? Use this link www.surveymonkey.com/r/100DaysReflection to complete the survey tool or ask your corps officer for a form to complete.

Australia One Launch

General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox will be in Adelaide on Saturday 17 September to launch the Australia One project that will see the work of The Salvation Army across Australia come together as a single entity under the one national leadership team.

The launch commences 2 pm at Adelaide Congress Hall and will include the installation of Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd as our National Leaders. The invitation is extended to you, wherever you are across Australia, to join in this historic celebration through the live streaming coverage at www.australiaone.info/launch. Mark your calendar and plan to share this event with fellow Salvos locally and across the country.

An invitation from Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd

We stand together at a historic moment in the life and ministry of The Salvation Army in Australia. Australia One—the journey to one united territory in Australia—is about far more than an administrative structural change. There is a growing awareness that God is moving, preparing his Army for a new work he has in mind to happen through a movement dedicated to serve and accomplish his mission.

This month, as we finish our 100 days of Unceasing Prayer and officially launch Australia One, we invite you to share the journey, not just by keeping informed of national initiatives and developments, but through personal surrender in obedience to God's call to prepare to be available to be used afresh for his purpose.

We look forward to the journey we will share together as 'partners in the Gospel' (Philippians 1:3–5).

100 Days of Shared Scripture

This month we will be launching the second national initiative of Australia One, building on 100 Days of Ceaseless Prayer—100 Days of Shared Scripture, an opportunity as we journey together to share in Scripture and stay close to the heart of God.

Stay up-to-date with all the latest information at www.australiaone.info

New appointments

Captains Paul and Robyn Lorimer from the Australia Southern Territory have been appointed respectively as aide-de-camp (ADC) to the national commander, Commissioner Floyd Tidd, and executive assistant, national leadership.

Simone Worthing: What do your new roles entail and what will be your main areas of focus?

Captain Paul Lorimer: Today, the ADC role is like that of a confidential assistant. I'll travel with the national commander, sit in on meetings and discussions to capture what's been decided and then communicate what actions need to be taken. The main focus of the role is communication. Broadly speaking, the role is to support the national commander as The Salvation Army transforms into one territory.

Captain Robyn Lorimer: In the Australia One project environment, the executive assistant role will be diverse and include aspects of an event manager, office manager and personal assistant. The main goal is to assist the national leadership team (Commissioners Floyd and Tracey and, from January 2017, Colonels Mark and Julie Campbell) move through this transition period as smoothly as possible.

SW: Where will you be based in your new roles?

RL: We will initially work out of the Catherine Booth College in Melbourne, until it is decided where the new Australia One THQ will be based. Paul will travel more frequently and will often be in Canberra and Sydney as well, accompanying Commissioner Floyd Tidd.

Can you please provide a brief overview of your Salvation Army background and service?

PL: Both Robyn and I were born to Salvationist parents. I served as a corps secretary, and before that bandmaster at Waverley Temple Corps, while Robyn was a songster leader, divisional timbrel leader and a member of the Melbourne Staff Songsters. Before training college I worked for the Victorian WorkCover Authority in various policy and project roles.

RL: I worked for many years in retail and then as the marketing director for the Southern Territory Red Shield Appeal. Prior to training college I was personal assistant to the social secretary in the Eastern Victoria Division. We have spent our officership up until this point as corps officers, with our last appointment at Hobart Corps.

SW: In your ministry, which areas are you particularly passionate about?

RL: The words of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:28–29 resonate strongly with us. He says, 'We proclaim Christ' (v.23), and then speaks about strenuously contending with all the energy Christ works in him to present everyone fully mature in Christ. We love to encourage people, to empower people in their leadership and kingdom influence. Each appointment contains so many experiences, but we've loved working in diverse cultural ministry and experiencing the freedom of new congregations like the Recovery Church in Hobart.

SW: What do you hope to achieve in your new roles?

RL: We want to be of service, to be an encouragement to people and a help to our leaders in these important days of transformation. It is our hope that God will continue to use us to bring his Kingdom to the everyday, as he has done throughout our officership.

SW: What are you looking forward to in your new roles?

RL: We both look forward to seeing the formation of a new expression of The Salvation Army in Australia for the 21st century and to working with the national leadership team and everyone who will be giving life and breath to the new Australia Territory. We look forward to what God will show us and teach us and how he will change us over these next few years.°

'We are grateful for the appointments of Captains Paul and Robyn Lorimer to serve with the national leadership office. They bring to their roles experience from their careers prior to their officership as well as their years of officership service which will support Commissioner Tracey and myself as national leaders. The focus of their responsibilities will be upon advancing the necessary administration and coordinating ongoing processes as we move together towards Australia One.'

Commissioner Floyd Tidd

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Men encouraged to keep fighting

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On a cold, wet and windy Friday night in August, men from all over Victoria made their way to Phillip Island for the annual Salvo Men's Retreat weekend. Several also attended from New South Wales and Tasmania this year as the success of this event continues to grow.

A sample of comments over the weekend tells the story: 'I look forward to this event each year as it gives me encouragement and the opportunity to encourage others.'

'It's my main chance to engage in sacred space with other men.'

'It's just like a men's breakfast except much longer.'

'My journey with God is always challenging, but always amazing, and being here helps me to keep going!'

'I've been attending for years. It's like coming home to see the family!'

'Getting to know other men across The Salvation Army and hearing their life journey is important for me.'

'I wasn't planning on coming this year, then when I heard about the topics I changed my mind and haven't been disappointed!'

'I didn't think 2016 could match last year, but it did!'

With the overall theme of 'Still Fighting', four main session speakers were featured over the weekend rather than just one speaker presenting multiple times. Commissioner Floyd Tidd set the tone during his introduction on Friday night with his call for men to keep fighting to live out an authentic Christian faith in these difficult times.

Saturday morning commenced with a special guest presenter, Paul Zappa (director of NIRODAH), challenging men to be influencers for

positive change in our society by promoting respectful attitudes in all areas of life and interpersonal relationships—home and family, work, education, sport and the wider community. This was followed by a heartfelt message, 'Still Fighting to be Wholly Holy', from Captain Kevin Lumb, who shared his passion for men to become fully engaged in the battle to honour God through every aspect of our daily decision-making.

A new format for the Saturday evening program allowed the 160 men attending to enjoy fun and fellowship as well as a 'Q&A' style forum with a special guest panel. Sunday morning provided time for praise singing and more personal sharing, along with a thought-provoking presentation from Major Brian Pratt with the topic 'A Street Named Desire'. Commissioner Tidd concluded the weekend with a challenge to still keep fighting for what is worthy and right in our Christian faith and mission. This final session included guest worship leader Luke Inglis.

Overwhelmingly positive support for the new program format and the ongoing impact of this event has again been affirmed by positive feedback from first-time attendees as well as men who return year after year.

A corps officer attending for the first time sent through this message after the event: 'It's been such a blessing to connect with other men from around Australia. These are such exciting times for The Salvation Army and it was awesome to get a sense of this excitement.' And then this, 'Great music, great fellowship, great teaching, great spirit (and Spirit). Well worth travelling from Launceston for this sort of blessing. Bring on next year!'

Each of the main sessions included the uplifting sound of men singing in passionate praise, assisted by a worship band comprising musicians from five different corps. The words of the weekend theme song will continue to resonate in the hearts and minds of the attendees:

*I will rise up and take a stand
I'm still fighting to be a better man.
In God's strength I will run the race
My life renewed by his saving grace.*

David Parker



'Hidden Others'

Short Film Competition



Most teenagers enjoy the comfort of their beds—some parents might think they enjoy it a little too much. But 26,000 young Australians between the ages of 12 and 24 don't have a bed to call their own. In fact, people under 25 make up 42% of the total homeless population in Australia.

The Salvation Army 'Hidden Others' Short Film Competition offers individuals or groups aged between 12 and 18 the opportunity to create a five-minute film highlighting how homelessness is hidden and the underlying causes that affect so many young people across our country.

Not many people are aware of the reasons young people leave home, and as a result there are many assumptions or stereotypes. Domestic or family violence is the number one reason young people escape from their home to find an alternative place to stay safe. This is never as easy as it sounds and without support can lead to a lifetime of disadvantage.

This exciting and innovative competition was launched in Victoria last year and in 2016 the competition was expanded to include South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia. Young people were invited to create a short film that challenged the 'sleeping rough' stereotype and demonstrated the causes of youth homelessness and the different ways young people experience it.

Students responded with engaging, thoroughly informative and superbly filmed stories. Our judges were simply blown away with how powerful and thought-provoking the films were.

Well done to all the participants—the 19 films entered were of an incredibly high standard, and each took a unique angle to approach the problem of youth homelessness. Thank you for helping raise awareness of such an important issue.

Congratulations to the 2016 winners, Tegan Joiner from Sacré Cœur in Melbourne and Taylah Mott, Ashley Eyles and Grace Larkin from Geneva Christian College in Latrobe, Tas.

Thank you to everyone for the time taken to develop, film and edit your entries. The Salvation Army is extremely grateful for your efforts.

The winning students will participate in a film-making course to assist them in developing their film-making skills.

To view the winning films and the other finalists, please visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/YHShortFilmCompetition>

The film competition is an initiative of the Schools Development Teams. Our aim is to engage with young people to raise awareness of social justice issues and the work of The Salvation Army. We do this by offering programs and workshops to students in both primary and secondary school.

The programs and workshops challenge students to feel empowered about making a difference and to bring about social change. To find out more about the programs for your local area, please contact your state representative at www.salvationarmy.org.au/en/get-involved/Schools-involvement.

Jayne Campbell
Schools Development Manager, THQ



To engage with young people to raise their awareness of social justice issues and the work of The Salvation Army.”

Fire Another Folly



Fire a Folly flew off the shelves last year and as a consequence we have decided to bring out a sequel in time for Christmas, simply called *Fire Another Folly*.

Lindsay Cox and Gordon Main will again bring their artistic and poetic genius to the fray and poke a bit more loving fun at some of our Army practices, as well as educate us on aspects of our history and services.

When we began production on *Fire a Folly* last year, I had no idea that the Army flag went to the moon aboard Apollo 16. It was Lindsay, as territorial archivist, who suggested that might be of interest. The new edition will also cover some historic remembrances such as James Barker's Prison Gate ministry and Hamodava tea/coffee. Of course we couldn't miss the opportunity to look 'Under the Gum Tree' where it all began, as this year marks the inauguration of Australia One. Who knows what the boys will get up to with that one!

Nothing is safe, off limits or out of bounds. Gowans and Larsson will feature, as well as a host of generals, old songs, Red Shield, congress, women in uniform and, of course, the band and timbrels. As we sat over lunch discussing the topics I could see the creative juices begin to flow, as did one-liners.

I am amazed at the quality of the witty verse by Gordon. 'The Altar Call' comes to mind immediately. I am in awe that he is able to home in on the crux of a topic, cover it extensively catching the nuances we

experience and, as if this wasn't enough, is able to add one line at the end that brings a deep message of faith.

They say a picture paints a thousand words and this is certainly true of Lindsay's caricatures—the king of innuendo. The little sideways glance of the bandsman in 'The Open Air' at the very trim adjacent timbrelist brings back a few memories for all us I'm sure!

Fire Another Folly will be in Salvationist Supplies by the beginning of December at a cost of \$7. For those who missed *Fire a Folly* last year, first in will get a special two-for-one deal for only \$10 (while supplies last).

Be sure to grab yourself a copy, sit down and have a good chuckle.





Where do you get your inspiration from, Lindsay?

Well, if it's an assignment it's usually a result of desperation. I don't have a lot of confidence in my drawings and worry and put it off to the last minute. Then I'm forced into it! Necessity is the mother of inspiration.

If I'm just drawing for a bit of fun, then there's no pressure. Mostly I respond to something that's happened and that would bring a bit of a laugh from a cartoon depicting the occurrence. I particularly enjoyed cartooning my fellow Moreland City Corps bandsmen over the years when they left themselves exposed to some gentle lampooning. My cartoons are never intended to ridicule but to get a bit of communal mirth going.

I am obviously gratified at the large number of sales of *Fire a Folly* last year. I enjoyed working with, and being inspired by, Gordon Main and his clever, humorous poems—which never failed to include a spiritual message.

The combination of my cartoons and Gordon's verse seems to have worked. We both feel that if we lightened someone's day, even briefly, it was worth the effort; and we have gained something ourselves.



How has your background helped develop your creativity, Gordon?

I was raised in an environment that taught us to love life and be able to laugh at ourselves. I have always found human life fascinating and been able to laugh at some of the silly things people do—especially the things I do. I love the English language and how it can be distorted and twisted. Looking at life from this perspective is no different to the material used by many stand-up comedians, but for me it has manifested itself in writing.

Whether written or oral, I like portraying in words the funnier side of what we do, not to ridicule or be sarcastic, but simply to enable people to escape the seriousness of life and laugh at themselves. I believe this is a healthy pastime and in a light-hearted way helps us to reflect and review what we do and the relevance and effectiveness of our ministry and practices.

This has not really been a passion or hobby but something I have done purely on a needs basis. As a youth group leader I would write both serious and comedy scripts (often in rhyme) for weekends away, Youth Councils and other special events. Much to their displeasure, I presented the 'father's speech' at both my children's weddings in humorous rhyme. Being asked to write for *Fire a Folly* gave me a reason and motivation to rekindle this latent creativity for a short while. Fortunately the poems were greatly enhanced by being set to the brilliant cartoons from Lindsay.°

June Knop



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Fight by General Booth

Fight! Yes, that is the right thing. Everyone says so, and what everyone says must be true. The world has never yet been able to dispense with war, and they say it never will. Therefore we must fight—fighting is a necessity. Man is a fighting animal; he always has been. Cain fought; Abraham fought; Israel fought; and all nations that have succeeded Israel have fought also. They have risen by the sword and perished by the sword, and I suppose, will continue to do so for some time to come.

To fight is natural to man—an instinct. Nothing is easier than to get up a fight of one kind or another. It is well enough to sermonise against war, but after all, what is in man will come out of him in every day practice. We may sentimentalise about peace as much as we like, but men will go on fighting just the same; and not men alone, for all the time God, and angels, and devils are fighting as well. It appears then, that fighting is unavoidable. You will go with the tide, and join yourselves to the battles on one side or the other.

But war is a very serious matter—that is, if it be real. The sham business is of little moment. If you are only in for playing at soldiers—parading for show and make-believe—it will matter little which side you espouse—whether you are for God or the devil; or, like a great multitude of people, for your precious self alone; but if you are a soldier in heart, and in for a real fight, let me have a word with you.

There are wars and wars. There are wars that cover the bravest warriors who take part in them with dishonour and loss, and there are wars which exalt to the heavens and cover with glory those who have the meanest share in them. Let me have a word with you about this Salvation War.

In the first place, we have here a just cause. That is a great deal to say. This is simply a conflict between right and wrong, between good and evil. Salvationism means simply the overcoming and banishing from the Earth of wickedness, inward and outward, from the heart and life of man, and the establishment of the principles of purity and goodness instead. Do you admit this? Then, can you pass by this struggle because our forces are small and feeble? Have the chivalry to champion the weak side! If you have any strength, or wealth, or power of any kind, use it for the cause of truth and God.

Fight for humanity! One says, 'I will fight for Austra-

lia'; another, 'I will fight for Great Britain', another, 'I will fight for Russia'.

Every man has a country, a native land for which, it may be, he is bound to fight. I answer, 'By all means. Fight for each with all your might so that you fight in a lawful manner. But I show you a more excellent way, and that is a way by which you can fight for them all at once, and in such a method that, in fighting for one, you war against none.'

Oh! I can hear the babel of exhortation that comes from the four points of the compass.

'Fight for freedom of the slave! Fight for the downfall of despotism! Fight for the enrichment of the working man!

Hearken my comrades. This Salvation War, on behalf of humanity, is not waged in any piecemeal fashion. Our aim is not to help the poor, suffering, sinning man a little in this corner, and then in another, but to lift him entirely out of the gulf in which he is plunged, and to emancipate and bless him in every phase of his being, for time and eternity.

Fight for your Saviour, if you love him! If the Queen of Great Britain were driven from her throne, hunted from her dominions, if her name were cursed and blasphemed every day in our streets and public assemblies, if men refused to pay her taxes, and she could raise no army to fight for her, if her enemies reigned supreme and defiant in her royal halls, what a hue and cry there would be! What volunteering, and scheming, and fighting! Men would come rushing with offers of life and substance to assist Her Majesty in getting her just rights again. There would be some fighting then. I need not make any application of this picture. It describes pretty truthfully the condition of the cause of our Saviour King. He is hated, deprived of his own, despised and blasphemed daily and hourly. His banners trail in the streets. His loyal subjects are the merest handful. His people beg from door to door to carry the war. What will you do? You know how he fought for you. Will you fight for him?

Fight the real enemy! Many have made a mistake here. When stirred to the depths, they have rushed wildly into the field, and in their blind zeal to do something for God and truth, have mistaken the foe. Don't fight those whom you go to save. If the Saviour made anything plain, it was this truth that, no matter what enmity, or hatred, or opposition may be shown us, we must not return enmity for enmity or injury for injury.

One of my pleasures working in the editorial department has been access to material written by the Booths.

This year we have added a new historical feature, *Basically Booth*, which covers articles by various members of the Booth family on topics pertaining to spirituality and their views on spiritual gifts. I hope you enjoy their insight as much as I have.



June Knop
Editor

The command, 'Love your enemies', ought for ever to have settled this question, and the master on the cross, suffering the climax of hatred, yet praying for his murderers, ought for ever to have confirmed the settlement.

What are you to fight? Evil in every form. War to the knife with sin! Vulgar or respectable, clothes in broadcloth and satin, or veiled in filthy rags, wherever you find it, plunge your sword into it. Call it by its right name. Hate it. Loathe it. Uncover it, and make men hate it, and put it from them in disgust.

Fight in the right spirit. The spirit in which men go to war has much more to do with their success than wealth, or weapons, or numbers. The spirit of the war will make the war. The soldiers of Jesus Christ have fallen short and failed of victory, because they have wanted the spirit of victory. We want a spirit that dares and defies all possible opposition; that rushes on to the ocean of difficulty confident of success; as ready to meet Goliaths today as in any other day, and as sure of bringing them to Earth. We want a spirit that does not care what difficulties, or men, or devils, block the path of duty—the spirit that has counted the cost, offered up life itself in sacrifice, and is ready at any moment to pay the vow.

When the war fever is properly on a nation, when it is deeply stirred on behalf of its own self-interest, it is prepared to let all go. What does it care for money or anything else? Taxes are piled on and debts are piled up, commerce is sacrificed, and everything else that stands in the way of victory. How this shames the cold, heartless, grinding spirit of the Christian war.

Oh for a spirit of total recklessness, of entire self-abandonment, in order to win souls and overthrow the kingdom of hell.

We want an uncompromising spirit, a spirit that gives no quarter to the devil or sin. Jesus Christ's war has, over and over again, been cursed with bargaining with the enemy. 'Cursed is he who holdeth back the sword from blood.' Let us have what we seek, or die in the attempt. A people who know what they want, and are determined to have it, whom no terror can affright, and no bribes turn aside, are unconquerable, invincible.

We must fight in conscious cooperation with our great commander Jesus Christ. He said, 'Lo, I am with you always.' Fight, seeing him, who though invisible, is, nevertheless, by your side.

Let us have some literal fighting. Men will be no more likely to overcome and conquer the opposition spirit in infidels, blasphemers, drunkards, harlots, thieves, pharisees, worldlings and heathens, and all the other hosts with whom they have to contend, by

sitting meditating in their bedrooms, by dreaming at their fireside, and having good desires and good talks about sinners in their barracks, than they would be to overcome and bring to their knees, Arabs, Red Indians, or any other men whom in ordinary warfare soldiers might be sent to conquer. You must really and truly fight them. Go to them, wrestle with them, one by one, or in companies, or anywhere or anyhow.

Fight with the right weapons. The weapons of this warfare are not carnal, fleshly. Jesus Christ could not have used more definite language than when he bade Peter put up his sword, saying that his kingdom was not of this world. Peter never drew it again. I wonder that any of Peter's successors have ever dared to draw it since!

No! Our kingdom is not of this world. We have no earthly authority, or power, or hold on the hearts of persons or property of men that are of this world. Just because we have not, neither will we have, any kingdom apart from him, we have put up that sword and have drawn the sword of the spirit. Use that. Fight with that. It is a sharp instrument, with two edges. Wield it wisely and well, and wonderful will be the results.

Fight with the Word of God. That is, the truth of God. The truth about man, and the truth about death, judgement, and heaven, and hell, and Jesus Christ. Fight with this truth—make men see. Tear the scales from their eyes; pour floods of light on their minds. They will fight you, hate you, curse, perhaps kill you. Still, whatever may happen, you must fight.

Fight with the spirit of love. Not of anger, of hatred, of condemnation, but of love. Pure, beautiful, patient, enduring, happy love. This will win, nothing else will. The conquest of the world has been sought in many ways. There have been plenty of swords, and spears, and guns, and scoldings, and eloquence, and lordliness, and masterhood; and alas, with poor and feeble results. The position of salvation in the world today, after this long weary struggle, is only too striking evidence of this failure. WE must fight the people, but our weapons must be truth and love. Love never faileth.

Fight but fight all. In extremities the authorities arm the whole people. Let us do the same. Oh, when shall we realise the magnitude of the contest and the gigantic interests that are at stake; and abandoning the shilly-shally, half-and-half, luke-warm method and spirit that prevail, go into the field as earnestly as men do in earthly wars, where the issues are, compared with these, of trifling moment? When shall we sell all to buy the field and win the pearl? When shall we, in reality, deny ourselves—take up our cross and follow him? When shall we offer, not only our souls, but our bodies, as living sacrifices in this great contest? When? °

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we have put up that sword and have drawn the sword of the spirit. Use that. Fight with that.”

Generous living

Practise the good things of life by living generously.

Generosity is a beautiful characteristic in people, which we love and admire. Of course, being generous can be open to interpretation. Yet when we think of God, there is no doubting his extraordinary, extravagant generosity.

We only need consider his creation: the depth of an ocean, the sheer magnitude of snow-capped mountains, the incredible beauty of a sunrise and the vastness of the heavens—all this speaks to us of God's generosity.

God is the first and most generous giver. 'When God creates, he is giving life. When he performs miracles, he's breaking through the laws of the universe to give us a glimpse of "his will being done on earth as it is in heaven". When he wraps himself in flesh and takes on the form of an infant, he is giving us the gift of his presence. When Jesus dies on the cross, he is generously taking the punishment that we deserve. When he rises from the dead, he is giving us the gift of abundant life. When he forgives, he is giving us a clean slate. When he offers salvation, he is giving us what we can never attain on our own.' (www.generouschurch.com)

God's generosity continues in each of our lives every day. He gives us intimacy even when we turn our backs on him, his divine ear (answered prayer), grace, our talents, love, rain in its season, every breath we take (Matthew 6:31–33). He gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit who comforts, guides and empowers us to live the life he calls us to.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to live generous lives. At its core, discipleship is imitation. Jesus told believers to go into the world and make disciples, by training people to follow his ways (Matthew 28:19–20). He asked believers to help other people understand and mimic the practices, characteristics and habits of God.

This is impossible apart from generosity. 'Saying that generosity and discipleship are not connected is on par with saying the

ocean has nothing to do with water. You cannot make disciples of Christ apart from teaching and modelling generosity, just as you cannot have an ocean—and all of its glories—apart from water.' (www.generouschurch.com)

Giving matters to God. When something matters to God, it makes a difference in our lives. When it's central to his character, it is central to our joy!

This year the Territorial Planned Giving team became part of the Territorial Mission Resources Department. A key responsibility of the team is providing resources to inspire and equip Salvationists to embrace a sacrificial and generous lifestyle.

Intuitively we know that generous living involves more than giving money. It's about serving others, encouraging people, and using our God-given abilities to build God's Kingdom. It's not just an act, but a value that shapes our entire lives.

In *How to be Rich*, Pastor Andy Stanley writes: 'When you make giving a priority, something happens inside of you—especially when it's financially challenging to do so. It's like you loosen your grip on a value system whose motto says, "Money is the key to life and happiness and safety." In that split second, you reject that way of thinking for one that says, "My hope is not in riches but in him who richly provides." And suddenly, your eyes begin to open to a value system that can't be measured in dollars.'

While giving money alone does not define a generous life, a real understanding of the mind of Christ on money is vital for every Christian. It is essential for true spiritual growth. Jesus taught more on this subject than any other except for the Kingdom of God. He said that the way we handle money directly influences the way we relate to God.

Jesus implored his followers to view wealth through the lens of eternity and to 'store up treasure in heaven' (Mark 8:36, Luke 12:34).

Over 2,300 Bible verses deal with money and possessions—more than 15% of everything Jesus said dealt with money. He spoke more about money than he did about love or grace and he used parables on money to make his points.

Every time we give, it reminds us that God owns everything (not us), to trust God to provide and to see the importance of tithing, which is honouring

God by returning to him the first 10% of our income and whatever else he asks of us (Deuteronomy 28). The issue is giving God the best we have, not the crumbs.

Jesus said, 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Matthew 6:21). There's a direct correlation between how people handle finances and their hearts, reflecting spiritual growth.

'People will know you are following in the footsteps of the most high when you are radically generous. Jesus taught against a consumer-driven lifestyle, warning us that money is a powerful force that can turn our hearts from the worship of God' (Matthew 6:24).

But money also becomes a wonderful opportunity for us to glorify God, to reveal and magnify our absolute trust in him. We are blessed by God in order to bless others. Giving is more than a responsibility; it is an act of worship, obedience and faith. It is an incredible, exciting opportunity to invest in what has eternal value!

Andy Stanley says, 'The best ministry we can offer on God's behalf is to extend our love and generosity. Because that's what our Heavenly Father did for us, and that's what he's asked us to do as well.'

Major Erica Kollmorgen

Territorial planned giving resource manager

For further information, visit

www.sarmy.org.au/generousliving.

Roxanne Grandy

I grew up with a mother who gave her weekly tithe to the church no matter what the circumstances. Although Mum didn't actually quote the following text, I believe she was trying to live it.

'Be sure to set aside a tenth of all your fields produce...the purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your life' (Deuteronomy 14:22-23).

I always knew, deep down, that this is what we should do but when I grew up and moved from home, life got in the way and other things were just more important.

I'd come to a point early this year when I was feeling pretty grateful for the things that I had. Even though my work had slowed down considerably, I still had food in the fridge and a happy, healthy little girl. I really did have quite a long list of blessings that I could count. So I started keeping a grateful journal, listing all the things I was grateful to the good Lord for supplying to me.

I started reading *7 Keys to Open-Handed Living in a Tight-Fisted World*. This book talks about being grateful and how everything we have or have

accomplished is because God has provided it, or supplied us with talents/skills/knowledge to do. It also talks about giving the first fruits—the first tenth of everything we receive, back to God and his church community. Specifically it teaches that we should give 10% of our income to God via our church. That was bit hard to swallow. I knew deep down that it was correct, but my flirtations with the fallen world meant that all my income was being spent elsewhere. I was giving my little bit each Sunday, but it was nowhere near 10%. The book suggested that if you were in doubt as to whether you could afford that amount, then give it in a three-months trial. OK, I thought, I could do that.

This was at an unusual time in my working life. I'm a consultant and work is generally up and down, so my income varies. I was in the middle, or so I thought, of a long drought, with no work in sight. At Christmas-time it usually goes quiet and picks up again in February—but this year it didn't and it didn't pick up in March either! So here I am promising the good Lord, and myself, to give 10% of everything, which was not much. I made the pledge anyway, having faith that God would provide.

In early April I got a call from an old client asking if I could come back to work three days per week indefinitely, until a certain project was completed. 'Yes, thank you,' I said. Later in the same week I got another offer of a day's work. Calls began coming in from other clients. Suddenly I had more work than I'd had all year and I'm still giving 10% of everything I earn.

I'm not advocating the prosperity gospel. I'm not suggesting that you give with an expectation that you will get something in return. That's not true generous giving. We must, however, acknowledge that God provides all we have and we are just borrowing it for our brief time on Earth.

We're charged with being good stewards of the things we have and that means taking care of what we have, including the Earth, and giving back what is due. If I'm not spending the money I do have wisely, why would God give me more?

I also think that God gave me a half-decent brain, so I'm wondering, am I using that wisely? I'm considering doing a spiritual formation course at Catherine Booth College.

So work is sorted out for now, but am I too time-poor? Or am I not using my time wisely? Life seems to be changing a wee bit, all because I realised that giving 10% tithe was something I wanted to do. I have been blessed! ◊

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Jesus taught more on this subject than any other except for the Kingdom of God. He said that the way we handle money directly influences the way we relate to God.”

MARION COLLETT

Marion Webb was born on 5 September 1947, the daughter of Marjorie and Jim Webb. She was brought up in the New Barnet Corps in outer London.



She studied at the London School of Fashion and fashion and making music for the God she served were constants in her life.

She met her Australian husband-to-be, David Collett, at an Army social evening while David was on holiday in England. They married in July 1969.

Marion migrated to Australia with David and they commenced serving together at his home corps, Preston (MCD).

Marion became an influential member of a lively corps and accepted many commissions over the years as a songster, primary leader, corps cadet guardian, assistant YP sergeant major and corps cadet counsellor at Preston as well as at Norwood (SA) and Chatswood (NSW) when David's employment took them interstate.

Marion, a one-time national songster, also became a founder member of The Master's Singers, the forerunner of the Melbourne Staff Songsters. She had the distinctive, clear tone of an English chorister and was versatile enough to sing 'Stille Nacht' in perfect German or 'An Army Cup of Tea' from the musicals.

She played lead roles in several Melbourne productions of Gowans and Larsson musicals and also featured in Gwen Redhead's play 'The Bandmaster' at the 1980 Centenary Congress in Adelaide. In her professional life, Marion pursued her other love, the fashion industry, designing clothes for Bradmill Textiles, including the very popular 'Lee' and 'Hoppers' lines for children.

Later, she put her design and management skills to work for the Army, firstly managing the sales outlet of 'This Way Up', the Army's training opportunity for long-term unemployed youth. Marion taught many young women how to present themselves for interviews in the workforce. When Marion was appointed by Captain Bert Zuidema to head up his new Sally's Boutique op shop venture, it became an op shop like no other, with its attractive layout, quality second-hand goods and flowers on the counter. Many customers needed convincing that it was, indeed, an Army op shop.

It became another opportunity for Marion to practise her own brand of hands-on Christianity, serving not only a faithful clientele, but lonely people looking for a cup of tea, a chat and more. The shop was in regular contact with the Briar Hill Corps, referring people for welfare services. Marion had a deep faith. She was ready to discuss and debate her beliefs, and young people, in particular, responded to her direct, no-nonsense attitude.

Marion passed away on 11 April after a short illness. A thanksgiving service was conducted by Majors Christine and Graeme Faragher at Box Hill Corps on 20 April.

Marion is survived by her husband, David, her two sons, Ryan and Tristan, with their wives, Katherine and Melinda respectively, and three grandchildren, Ethan and Zara, and Olivia, as well as two brothers, Malcolm and David, and their families in England.

ELSIE HALLETT

Elsie Huggins was born on 5 October 1931, in South Melbourne, the eldest child of Harold and Mavis.



Following the passing of her mother, Elsie and her brother Peter lived with their grandmother and aunts, while Harold continued to support them. Their father later remarried and the family welcomed brother Graham.

After leaving school at 14, Elsie worked as a seamstress at the Commonwealth Clothing Company. She later took on full-time employment at the ANZ Bank as a tea lady, where she worked for more than 30 years and became a surrogate 'mum' to many.

Elsie attended the South Melbourne Corps, where she met and married her husband Clif in 1951.

Family was everything to Elsie and together she and Clif had three children, Keith, Cheryl and Karen. She instilled in her children the importance of education and the belief that they could achieve anything they put their minds to.

She took great pride in home-making. At the time of her marriage she was apparently unable to boil an egg, but became renowned for her cooking. Her signature small cakes were always sought after at any Army function.

Elsie's Army service for God was wide and varied. She was very active in youth activities, the songsters and with her *Warcry* round. She was a meticulous scorer at the cricket club for many years, as well as an outstanding netballer. In her later years she was also the recorder, for more than 20 years, for The Salvation Army Netball Association—remembering all players and officers by name.

In 1971 the family moved to Vermont and began attending Canterbury Corps. Many happy years were spent at the corps, with family marriages and the arrival of grandchildren. Elsie and Clif transferred to Waverley Temple in 1998 and enjoyed fellowship in the corps.

Retirement in 2005 brought a move to Balmoral Village, Scoresby, where she settled into 'court' life. She treasured the company of neighbours, who became wonderful friends.

Elsie was promoted to Glory on 14 June, from home.

A thanksgiving service for the life and service of Elsie Hallett was held at Waverley Temple on 20 June, conducted by Commissioner Brian Morgan.

The service included a corps tribute by Dell Harvey, prayer by Major Alan Dale, and the corps band contributed music for the service. The family tribute was presented by Keith Hallett (son), Cheryl Hallett and Karen Webb (daughters). Harrison Loukes (great-grandson) read from 1 Peter 1:3–9 and Glenn Hallett (grandson) also gave a tribute.

A fitting tribute to the life of Elsie was presented in the singing of her favourite chorus, *I'm In His Hands*—'His way is best you see, I'm in his hands'.

Elsie was much loved in the corps and is now resting in the hands of God, who she loved and served.

KEITH DRYSDALE KNOP

Keith Drysdale Knop was born on 12 December 1924 to Archie and Doris Knop, the sixth of seven children.

Early years were spent on his parents' orchard in Ranelagh (Tas.) where the family interests centred around community life and sport, particularly cricket and football. The family shared a profound and lasting commitment to the religious life and fellowship of The Salvation Army.

Keith met Phyllis May Smith in 1946 and they married 15 months later in Hobart on 29 November 1947.

They spent their early married years in Hobart where Keith worked in Hobart's largest bakery, while at the same time building their first home. They welcomed their first daughter, Kerryn, in 1949. Two years later they moved to Launceston where Keith bought a carrying and paper delivery business. Their second daughter Lee-Anne was born during this time.

In 1955 they began the next stage of their lives by fulfilling the call to become officers in The Salvation Army. From 1956 they devoted their lives to this vocation, now with three children when Lawson was born in Eaglehawk in 1957.

Fifteen years later, in 1971, Keith moved into real estate. This required three years of night school—firstly to gain his Matriculation in English before acquiring his real estate licence. He went into partnership at Michael Cody Real Estate in 1978 and continued in this field until 1987, when he retired at 63.

Their newly purchased caravan allowed them years of travelling throughout Australia. Their children grew, married, and had children who grew, married and had children. Keith and Phyl were married for 68 years and have three children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In their 29 years as retirees they travelled to the USA, Europe and Asia. They spent many years as valued members of the Mitcham Bowling Club and made lifelong friends through this association. They began the first of five trips to France in 2000 where they lived with Lee-Anne and John and became vital participants helping them create and build their bed and breakfast business. Keith leaves behind many friends from the 18 months spent in Lérans, including French, British and Canadian residents.

After living in many places, Keith and Phyl settled into Bedford Heights Retirement Village where they enjoyed 13 happy years together.

This year, Keith began the final stage of his life at Millward Retirement Centre, where he lived for four months and was beautifully cared for by his family and staff.

Keith Knop was promoted to Glory on 22 July from Millward Retirement Centre.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Keith was held at Box Hill Salvation Army on 30 July, conducted by Major Malcolm Roberts.

Our love, sympathy and prayers are with Phyllis, Kerryn and Malcolm, Lee-Anne and John, Lawson and Judy, sister Nina, brother Albert and Doreen, the extended family and friends.



KEVIN DARRELL CLARKE

Kevin Clarke was born in Monto (Qld) in February 1941, the eldest son of Olga and Leonard Clarke.

His education started in Kalpower, a very small town with just 50 residents, and later continued at the Boys Grammar School in Rockhampton. Olga and Leonard delighted in Kevin, who was their only child for seven years before Des, Joy, Wayne and Kaye were born.

The family were very proud of Kevin, particularly when he secured his first job in the ANZ Bank in 1957. He climbed the corporate ladder for more than 35 years and set up banks in Europe, London, South Africa, Port Moresby and New York. The bank became his passion, so when Kevin was retrenched in 1993 in Melbourne and had trouble finding another job, life became very difficult, resulting in much anxiety and stress. It was at this time that it became sadly easy for Kevin to disengage from life and he became a recluse over the next 10 years.

It was at this point in his life that Kevin came in contact with the local Salvation Army corps, which engaged a team to tackle his overgrown property. After his first contact with the folk at Waverley, Kevin laughed, 'I have spoken more in the last two days than I have in the last 13 years of my life!' As the garden was transformed, so was Kevin's life. His friendship with Wilf and Fran Smith and other members of Waverley Corps grew and Kevin became an important part of the corps for the next 13 years.

He had a brilliant mind and could speak on any subject, making him a popular friend at meal times with various corps families. He would listen and question what he'd learnt during the Sunday meetings and at his weekly Bible study group. He loved learning about God's love and testified to God's transforming love for him when he was enrolled as an adherent of the Army in 2009.

During this time, it was wonderful to see Kevin reconnect with his own family, who he hadn't seen for many years, as well. They had many happy phone calls and visits and would remember their days of growing up together, reminiscing about fishing trips and panning for gold with his nephew in Queensland.

Kevin passed away peacefully on 2 June after a short illness. Following a private committal, a thanksgiving of Kevin's life was conducted by Lieut-Colonel Robyn Clinch who, with her husband Ron, had been the corps officers at Waverley Corps when Kevin first attended in 2003. Lieut-Colonel Rusty Adams presented the corps tribute, Major Katrina Potter prayed and Dell Harvey read Kevin's favourite Scripture, Revelation 21:7.

The service was well attended by Kevin's neighbours, family and friends—a great testament to a man who discovered what 'life in all its fullness' in Jesus was all about. ◊



CD **Empires ★★★★★½**

Hillsong United

Empires continues in the same musical direction as the 2013 release *Zion*, which earned Hillsong United various GMA Dove awards, including Artist of the Year.

If you are looking for some catchy worship songs to sing at church in the next month, then look elsewhere. The elaborate synthesiser sounds here will not easily translate into your worship team, though a few songs could be simplified by a competent arranger.

Most tracks are quite long, with the final 'Closer Than You Know' running for nine and a half minutes. Mostly, this recording will be enjoyed for individual meditative listening.

The use of various lead singers across the 12 tracks works brilliantly. Joel Houston and Matt Crocker sing their own compositions, while the beautiful voice of Taya Smith provides a welcome female balance on several songs.

If you loved *Zion*, or want to explore groundbreaking contemporary Christian music featuring synth arrangements, then pick up *Empires*.



David Parker

Available from Hillsong, \$24.99

BOOK **I might have been a Patternmaker ★★★**

Ross Kendrew

In his self-published, expansive and uninhibited memoir subtitled 'A Salvation Army Leader Reflects', retired Kiwi commissioner Ross Kendrew writes with verve and disclosure on his life in the ranks of The Salvation Army.

Writing for his children and family as well as for posterity, Kendrew brings a wry wistfulness to his title and a rigour to his recollections of those who helped shape him and his use of executive power as a divisional and territorial commander.

While not a professional writer, the commissioner communicates effectively—his humour, honesty and historical accuracy are powerful tools with which he makes his mark.

Recommended for all who love, and have lived, recent Salvation Army history.

Barry Gittins

Patternmaking is precision woodwork in an engineering environment.

Available from <http://www.wheelers.co.nz>, \$55

DVD **Ragamuffin ★★★★★**

Based on the life of musical prodigy Rich Mullins, *Ragamuffin* is an unpretentious film that does not give easy answers and is searingly honest.

Mullins, played with restraint and deep conviction by Michael Koch, was a gifted Christian singer/songwriter who rose to fame in the '80s and '90s. A lover of Jesus and rebel in the Church, Mullins had his own struggles with personal darkness but did not allow them to tear him away from God—the God he knew loved him unconditionally.

Best known for his worship songs 'Awesome God' and 'Sometimes by Step', both of which have been embraced as modern classics by many Christians, Mullins was heavily influenced by the life of Francis of Assisi.

His songs have been performed by numerous artists, including Amy Grant, Jars of Clay, Michael W. Smith, Rebecca St James, Hillsong United and Third Day.

This film is a tribute to a man who struggled with his own messy and often ugly life and learnt about loving God in the moment.



Bron Williams

Available at Christianbook.com \$7.99 (US)

On Fire has a copy of 'Ragamuffin' to give away. Email your answer to this question to onfire@aus.salvationarmy.org: Who plays Rich Mullins in 'Ragamuffin'?

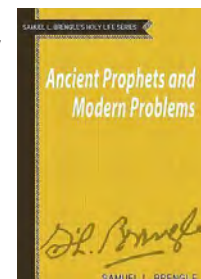
BOOK **Ancient Prophets and Modern Problems ★★★★★**

Samuel Logan Brengle

This classic by one of the greatest Army teachers of holiness contains reflections from his later years. The book has been revised and edited for contemporary readers by author and long-time Brengle devotee Bob Hostetler, making it an easy read.

The message of Commissioner Brengle comes through strongly in this book and it's easy to pick up and put down as its topical chapters are fairly short.

I found this book an absolute joy to read. It will indeed feed your soul, no matter where you are on your faith journey.



Bev Beeson

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⤴ **BRIMBANK CITY, VIC.**

MAJOR SIMON DAMEN AND LIEUTENANT KIMBERLEY ASHMORE

On Sunday 19 June, under the leadership of Lieutenant Kimberley Ashmore and with the assistance of junior soldier sergeant Kylie Muus and team, Katie Greham, Tisumya Buthpitiya, Eric Zhang, Jake Hill and Rocky Brizzi were enrolled as junior soldiers, while other junior soldiers renewed their promise.

This year, four crest graduates, one gold and one silver junior soldier awards have been given.

On 26 June, Isaac Mizzi was dedicated. Please pray for Isaac and his parents, Nathan and Rebecca Mizzi.

During the first week of the school holidays, Brimbank City Corps joined with Scripture Union Victoria and two other local churches for the annual SUFM school holiday program.

Much fun was had by the nearly 100 children who registered, while the volunteer team of 24 leaders, under the leadership of Kirraly Lawrence, Scripture Union and Brimbank City area director, shared the Gospel message.



⤴ **COPPER COAST, SA**

CAPTAIN DEBBIE WILSON

A. Zac Johnson, Jordan Millowick, Layla Johnson and Baeleigh-Anna Luciano signing up for junior soldier boot camp.

B. Dwayne Aston, Steven Fraser, Chantelle Aston, Bianca Luciano, Phillip Fraser and Crystal Aston renewing their junior soldier pledges.



⤴ **PORT AUGUSTA, SA**

CAPTAINS ELIZABETH AND MICHAEL JOHNSON

Port Augusta Corps celebrated the renewal of promises of two junior soldiers and the enrolment of 10 new junior soldiers on Sunday 19 June. In front of a packed church, these young people publicly declared their faith in Jesus and inspired many people with their willingness to participate in the meeting.



⤴ **WAVERLEY TEMPLE, VIC.**

MAJORS BRADLEY AND KATRINA POTTER

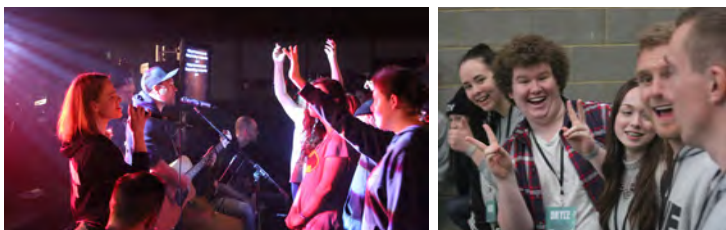
On Sunday 19 June, five new junior soldiers were enrolled. Harrison Loukes, Connor Templeman, Lilly Brewer, Keala Brewer and Fredrik Cullen made their promises alongside their Big Buds and in front of a very excited congregation.



TEA TREE GULLY, SA

MAJOR HOWARD AND CAPTAIN ELAINE TRENDELL

On Sunday 19 June, Tea Tree Gully Corps held their junior soldier renewal day and two new junior soldiers, Isaiah and Ethan, were enrolled. Keeping with the theme of clean hands and a pure heart, each child received hand sanitiser and a 'magic' face washer.



EASTERN VICTORIA DIVISION REV CAMP

Saturday 25 June saw 81 campers and 32 leaders gather at The Island campsite on Phillip Island for Rev Divisional Youth Camp 2016.

This year's theme was 'The Revolution' based on Luke 4:14–21. Chris Trodden from THQ and Amanda Merrett from The Pines in Frankston North preached.

The Rev band led the group into God's presence after which Chris spoke about the Spirit of the Lord being on those gathered—a spirit of love not of fear—and that Jesus wants to connect with us and call us into The Revolution with him.

Amanda developed this idea, sharing that God calls us to lead and be part of The Revolution, and he goes ahead, protecting us.

Across the weekend, 15 people decided to follow Jesus, 17 recommitted their lives to God and 22 campers responded for prayer ministry. ◦

GOOD NEWS

Major Christine **Agnew** (WVD) and Major Ken **Agnew** welcomed granddaughter, Megan **Rose**, born 10 June, to Amanda and Vaughn (a sister for Jasmine).

Lieutenant Judy **Shaw** (Vaughan) (WVD) and Brian **Hallett** (Carolyn) (THQ) welcomed grandson, Miles Jarman **Horskins**, born 3 July to Sheridan and Joel **Horskins** in Adelaide.

Lieut-Colonels Denis and Val **Lorimer** welcomed the birth of their great-grandson, Oliver (a great-nephew for Captains Paul and Robyn **Lorimer**, NC).

BEREAVED

Major Kerry **Roberts** was bereaved of her father, Keith **Knop**, on 22 July (father-in-law to Major Malcolm Roberts (THQ), brother and brother-in-law to Majors Albert and Doreen **Knop** and uncle to Major Winton (and June) **Knop** (SSCV and THQ). A service to celebrate the life of Keith Knop was held at the Salvation Army Citadel, Box Hill on 30 July.

Major Tania **McKenna** was bereaved of her brother, Scott **McKenna**, on 29 July.

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd

September

- ① Spiritual Day SFOT/AUE
- ② SPEACO farewell dinner
- ⑩ Prayer Summit, Adelaide
- ⑪ National Leaders Conference, Adelaide
- ⑰ Installation of National Leaders by General André Cox and Commissioner Sylvia Cox, Adelaide Congress Hall
- ⑲ General's Consultative Council, New Zealand

Colonels Graeme and Karyn Rigley

- ⑩ Prayer Summit, Adelaide
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Melbourne Staff Band

- ⑰ Installation service, Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd, ACH
- ⑰ Concert with Sydney Staff Songsters, ACH, 7 pm
- ⑱ Ingle Farm Corps, morning meeting

Melbourne Staff Songsters

Rosebud Corps, morning meeting 10 am.
Morningside Corps, 5 pm.

about people

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 1 August: Lieutenant Simone **Smalley**, regional social justice coordinator (additional appointment).

Effective 10 August: Captain Karin **Lennermo-Beasy**, associate corps officer, Box Hill Corps (EVD) (change of title).

Effective 1 September: Majors: Heather **Ellis**, THQ chaplain (part-time) (additional appointment), Office of the Secretary for Personnel; Wayne Pittaway, THQ chaplain (part-time) (additional appointment), Office of the Secretary for Personnel; Gary Grant, divisional mission resource secretary, (part-time) (pro-tem), EVD.

Correction: Major Judith Soeters' appointment in August *Onfire* should have read: Assistant State Social Command Secretary (pro-tem), SSCV.

Effective 18 November: Major Winsome **Mason** will conclude her service in Pakistan and proceed on homeland furlough before taking up an appointment at THQ, Australia Southern, in the New Year.

Effective 19 December: Major Sandra **Maunder**, international auditor, IHQ (based in Melbourne).

Effective 1 January 2017: Majors: Geoff and Kalie **Webb**, assistant chief secretaries (Personnel), International Headquarters, with promotion to the rank of Lieut-Colonel. ◦

LGBTIQ training for Salvation Army staff

Fifty Salvationists and Salvation Army staff members met at Arndale (SA) on Wednesday, 1 June, to participate in training sessions about working with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) communities.

Provided by four representatives of the Mental Illness Fellowship South Australia (MIFSA) through government funding, Majors Cameron and Trudy Horsburgh suggested that the training sessions take place after experiencing similar training as corps officers.

Issues in the Community Support Services field include the way staff members use language, ask questions and how discourse impacts on LGBTIQ people, in terms of inherent gender assumptions and challenging the assumptions of heteronormativity.*

Topics covered during the training sessions were mindfulness and sensitivity to people and their surroundings, the impact of discrimination, the meaning and practice of inclusion, the vital impact of language used to describe people,

and the role that affirming people's identity plays in supporting and maintaining their good mental health.

In an interview with e-connect, The Salvation Army's social programme internet newsletter, South Australia divisional commander Major Barry Casey said that he and Major Ros Casey were supportive and that 'as the new divisional leaders, we commend the division on this training initiative. It is imperative that we, as an organisation, respond to all people with care, dignity and respect and in such a way that they feel valued, heard and supported.

'Any training that can be provided to ensure we have a greater understanding of people and their situation, and that empowers our staff to better support them, is invaluable. This has certainly been the outcome of this training.'

This is the second such training process to occur in the Australia Southern Territory, with training from gay, transgender and intersex perspectives having previously been undertaken at Mitcham Corps (Vic.).^o

Barry Gittins

*The unexamined belief that everyone is heterosexual and cisgendered (people whose gender identity matches their biological sex).

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When did you become a follower of Jesus?

I became a Christian about three years ago. I had tried everything; drugs, smokes and alcohol. Even though that made my problems and concerns disappear for a while, they came back twice as bad. When I became a Christian something sparked and I was happy again. I knew I could talk to God and he would be there for me.

*How has your life changed since you met God?*

My life has changed dramatically for the better, from someone who went to parties every week and got wasted, to someone who is now working in a church and serving God's kingdom.

Do you have a favourite Bible verse? Why?

My favourite Bible verse is Psalm 1. It was the first verse that impacted me. When I read this it encourages me to keep on track and not go back to what I once was.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about kids ministry. To see kids learning about the love of Jesus Christ and seeing him impact their lives is just amazing!

What makes you happy?

The things that make me happy the most are spending time with my mates, family and my girlfriend.

What do you like most about your corps?

I love my church because it has such a family vibe. Corps officers Chelsea and Darrell are always encouraging somebody and raising them up, challenging them or sending someone into ministry. They are what I would call awesome corps officers.

How do you want to be remembered?

I would like to be remembered as a man of faith, someone who kept to his word. Someone who would drop things to help others in need.

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The Church and mental health

Society is full of stigma about mental illness, and the Church is no different. One in five Australians experience mental illness each year, and suicide was the leading cause of death for people aged 15–44 in 2014. This makes mental illness one of the foremost issues for the modern Church—and it's not just in your workplace, it's in your congregation, your home, and maybe even your own life. So how do we respond to it?

1. Recognise that mental illness is more than a spiritual issue.

We tell people who experience anxiety to 'pray more' and 'trust God', but in doing so fail to acknowledge their overall needs. There can be a spiritual element to mental illness; however, we can't ignore the psychological and physical aspects of it, which require professional care.

2. Understand it can affect anyone.

Mental illness is not restricted to one people group; a particular culture or a certain gender, sex or age. Genetic make-up, life events and personal factors are only some of the reasons a person can develop mental illnesses.

3. Realise it's not always related to drugs and alcohol.

Addiction is a substance use disorder, and this can be expressed in numerous ways. Substance abuse can play a role in the onset of mental illness and its progression, but is not intrinsically tied to it.

4. Don't expect people to just 'get over it'.

Depression is defined as feelings of extreme and unusual sadness that last for two weeks or more. Like any other sickness, it's not something that is fixed in an instant. With the right treatment, people can overcome mental illness. Even so, there are others who live with it and learn to manage its symptoms.

5. Seek professional support.

It's not enough to just support a friend with mental illness. They need a professional to help them manage their illness and enter recovery.

6. Be empathetic.

If a person displays erratic behaviour, constantly talks about their mental state, displays suspicious wounds on their body or exhibits other unusual behaviours, don't dismiss them as an 'attention seeker'. These are all symptoms of mental illness.

7. Don't try to be a saviour.

Support your loved ones to the best of your ability, but leave the professional advice to counsellors. If someone is in crisis, call Lifeline immediately on 13 11 14, or an ambulance on 000.

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