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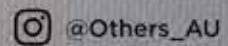
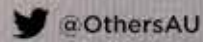
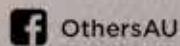


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No time like the present to commit to the Lord.

SCOTT SIMPSON | MANAGING EDITOR

I WAS TALKING TO MY WIFE the other day about when it is appropriate to start decorating the house for Christmas. It was actually her who brought up the subject. You see, she still struggles with how early in December (in some cases it's November) Christmas decorations begin appearing in and on homes in Australia. And then how quickly after Christmas Day they are packed away.

Being from Scotland, she is accustomed to – in households at least – the Christmas tree and other decorations not being put up until about a week before the big day, and then remaining in place well into the new year. Her theory is that in Australia, Boxing Day signals the summer holiday exodus and Christmas is quickly forgotten. Therefore, in order to get maximum value out of the festive season, we start our celebrations much earlier. In northern Europe, however, Christmas and New Year is seen as one continuous celebration to help bring some cheer to what is usually a long, cold winter.

In fact, for many people in Scotland, New Year celebrations are considered a bigger event than Christmas. So popular is Hogmanay in Edinburgh that you enter a draw to be allocated a ticket for entry into the city centre on New Year's Eve. As the clock strikes midnight on 31 December, hundreds of thousands of people in the city – and hundreds of millions more around the world – launch into their annual rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*, which might be loosely translated as “for [the sake of] old times”. So when we sing the song, what we are effectively saying is that, “We'll drink a cup of kindness for the sake of old times”.

While there is tremendous value in drawing upon “old times” (and biblically we are reminded numerous times of the importance of it), I'm the type of person who prefers to look to the future. Certainly the apostle Paul held a similar view, declaring, in a well-known passage of the Bible, that “... one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

In this issue of *Others*, we feature a group of people for whom the future holds amazing promise and adventure. The 16 new lieutenants of The Salvation Army in Australia, graduates of the *Messengers of the Gospel* session, head into a year of the unknown as they take up new appointments in unfamiliar surroundings. For them, and us, the words of King George VI in his 1939 Christmas message, spoken as his country faced an uncertain future, offer wise and timeless counsel: “Go out and put your hand in the hand of God, this is surer than light and safer than any known way.”

How do you view the coming year? Whether we like it or not, time hurls us forward and the new year stretches before us like a blank canvas. You can find no greater security than to “Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans” (Proverbs 16:3). ■

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The commissioning of 16 new officers of The Salvation Army in Australia has been a joyous and historic occasion. See a pictorial overview of the event on pages 24-25. Photo: Carolyn Hide



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Salvation Story

Partners in Mission: a powerful force for the Kingdom.

As part of the transition to a national territory, The Salvation Army in Australia has been allocated five new Partners in Mission. Throughout 2018, Others will profile each of these “partners”, starting with an overview of what the Partners in Mission global program actually is.

“The global community of The Salvation Army is an immense and powerful force for the Kingdom of God,” says Commissioner Floyd Tidd, National Commander of The Salvation Army in Australia. “In partnership across our global movement we are so much stronger and Partners in Mission demonstrates just how connected in spirit and mission we are. The international Army’s Partners in Mission structure provides a context and face to our movement’s global mission.”

The Partners in Mission program enables Salvation Army territories around the world to engage with each other in mission in a number of different ways. “[This program] ultimately assists us in broadening our horizons and increasing our capacity to make us more aware of the vast and culturally diverse Army in which we serve, as well as opening doors for continual relationship building,” says Commissioner John Wainwright, International Secretary for Business Administration.

“Partners in Mission partnerships are not to be seen solely as fiscal partnerships. The primary funding support for territories is still the International Self Denial Fund and this is not distributed on the basis of the Partners in Mission groupings. The International Self Denial Fund is an internationally pooled fund.

“Neither is the funding for Mission Support dependent on your Partners in Mission grouping, although some territories do give priority to applications from those they have built special

relationships with, but International Headquarters seeks to maintain a fair distribution of resources. Partners should strive to be creative in how they envision their partnerships, beyond that which is fiscally driven. Regular communication with partner territories in regard to special events, along with new and innovative initiatives afford great opportunities to inspire and learn from each other. Shared officer or mission team visits are other ways of enhancing the value of the group.”

The new Partners in Mission grouping for Australia, effective from 1 January 2018, includes Hong Kong and Macau Command, India Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea Territory, Rwanda and Burundi Command, and Tanzania Territory. This grouping has been determined based on current international operational boundaries.

“We have also attempted to maintain a high level of zonal and cultural diversity within each grouping, so that our perspectives may each be enhanced and expanded by the influence of our partners,” says Commissioner Wainwright. “We have also kept in mind existing partnerships that are of ongoing mutual benefit.”

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In Australia, one of the ways the territory will engage with its partners in mission is through the national Salvation Army International Development (SAID) office. “Partners in Mission territories and commands are important to SAID and we do all we can to partner with them,” says Lieutenant-



Colonel Simone Robertson, SAID Director. “Our relationships with them, though, are just part of a relationship that starts with the broader Salvation Army.”

Lieut-Colonel Robertson explains that, although Partners in Mission is often perceived as a program where “supporting” territories give financially to “implementing” territories, the relationships formed are much deeper than that. “At SAID, we, through any projects we have or will have in these territories as part of our strategic framework, are also about building sustainability, capacity, healthy lifestyles and skills through a joint partnership,” she says.

SAID has existing relationships with the India Northern, Papua New Guinea and Tanzania territories. The Rwanda and Burundi Command was a partner in mission with the Australia Southern Territory, and the Hong Kong and Macau Command with the Australia Eastern Territory.

“These relationships are two-way – we don’t just automatically ask to do a project in a partner territory,” explains Lieut-Colonel Robertson. “A project is instigated from an implementing territory and every proposal goes through the same process. As we build relationships with our partners, though, projects can be formulated. And, when a project list comes through from our International Headquarters, we do look at whether the territories involved are our partners in mission.”

Lieut-Colonel Robertson emphasises that the key to any partnership is to come alongside others, as stated in the newly created National Vision Statement, and by doing this see a world restored by the love of Christ, living in dignity and filled with hope. “We want to live this out with our Partners in Mission,” she says.

CREATIVE INITIATIVES

Mutual learning between Partners in Mission is vital to the successful development of the program. International Headquarters encourages territories to partner with each other in personal, creative and innovative ways to build each other up and learn from each other.

“The partnership could be a spiritual one – such as doing a soldiers’ Brengle (holiness teaching seminar) with a partner – or learning from the depth of spirituality in our implementing partners,” says Lieut-Colonel Robertson.

“We are not the rescuers, coming in with superior knowledge to save the situation. Such a large, often unseen part of our projects is learning what our implementing partners can teach us – about culture, lifestyle, and incredible survival skills. Our partners are so reliant on God and passionate about soul saving, witnessing and standing up for Jesus – often at great personal risk. We need to be ready to learn and receive from our Partners in Mission as they give to and teach us.”



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WORDS
ANDY BANNISTER

History really does matter.

God's truth key to our future

AFTER A RECENT DEBATE AT A university in England, I was chatting with the CEO of the British Humanist Association and a group of students, most of whom were atheists. During the conversation, I mentioned Jesus and one of them piped up: “Jesus never existed!”

Slightly taken aback, I pointed out that the majority of historians including atheist historians, such as Bart Ehrman (see his book *The Historical Argument for Jesus of Nazareth*), have no time for such a position. I also pointed out that the evidence for Jesus is far more than we have for other figures from antiquity, so if one rejects Jesus, one loses vast swathes of history. “That’s no problem,” the student replied, “history is meaningless: it’s just one person’s interpretation.”

Feeling in an iconoclastic mood, I looked at her and asked: “If I were to post on social media that following our conversation, you fell to your knees, made a weeping repentance, and became a Christian, would that be okay?”

“No, it’d be a lie!” she responded.

“But I thought you said that *all* history was just a matter of interpretation,” I continued. “Now you’re claiming that historical truth does matter. Which do you believe?”

History matters. And if one tries to deny it, ignore it, or reduce it just to interpretation in a fit of postmodern pique, it has a habit of turning around and biting you on the rear. The importance and impact of history casts a long shadow and one can’t understand politics or culture without thinking historically. Yet we live in a culture so plagued by the tyranny of the immediate that history is often ignored or overlooked. In an age where what matters is the latest tweet, the latest trending hashtag, the latest news bulletin, it can be tempting to forget the importance of history.

I was recently debating the gay rights activist, Peter Tatchell, on a radio show. We were discussing where human rights was best grounded — in the atheist belief that we are just matter and molecules, or in the Christian understanding that human beings are made in God’s image? Peter seemed to think human rights simply *are*.

We live in a culture so plagued by the tyranny of the immediate that history is often ignored

I quoted William Hague from his biography of William Wilberforce: namely, that Wilberforce and the other abolitionists did their work so well, that we now assume as self-evident that all people have rights and that it is wrong to own another person. But Hague points out those ideas are grounded in a very Christian view of human worth, value and dignity, and we forget the soil from which the flower of human rights grows at our peril.

History really matters. It matters especially so for Christians because Christianity is the only historically grounded faith. One could remove

Buddha or Mohammad from history and those religions could still exist. The Qur’an could have come with somebody else, or another person could have taught the four Noble Truths and the Eightfold path. By contrast, Christianity is not a set of ideas taught by Jesus Christ; Christianity is Jesus Christ.

It’s no accident that the first Christians, in describing the message of Jesus’ atoning death and resurrection, chose the Greek word *euangelion*, from which we get the English word “gospel”, which means, literally, “good news”. Professor Tom Wright, the renowned historian and theologian, unpacks the significance of this: “[M]any people today assume that Christianity is ... a religion, a moral system, a philosophy.”

In other words, they assume that Christianity is about advice. But it wasn’t and it isn’t. Christianity is, simply, good news. It is the news that something has happened as a result of which the world is a different place ... One can debate the merits of a religion, moral system, or philosophy, but a news event is discussed in a different way. Either the event happened or it didn’t. If it did happen, either it means what people say it means or it doesn’t.

Why does history matter? Because without history, you can’t understand the modern world. But for Christians, there is more: history matters and should be taken seriously because God took history seriously enough to step into it. And if the story of Jesus we have in the New Testament is true, then the *euangelion*, the gospel, the good news is that because of what God has done in history, you and I can have a future. ■

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WORTH
QUOTING.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.” - Jim Elliot



WORDS
CHRISTINA TYSON

Tuning into life.

Maybe it's time to change your channel

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN we would watch a television program and spend ages talking about it the next day. A time when we waited a *whole week* (or an entire off-season) to find out what happened next. Not so today. Now we can binge-watch an entire series in one hit.

In the 1990s and 2000s, *ER* was a must-see TV drama. Episode after episode we wondered if Dr Doug Ross would ever commit to nurse Carol Hathaway. We wondered if Dr John Carter would live after he was stabbed. We wondered what could possibly happen next after that helicopter fell off the roof to land on Dr Romano (awful luck when you consider his surgical career had already ended when his arm was sliced off by a rotor blade in the previous season).

But today we can avoid this whole problem of extended suspense. I'm currently watching *Stranger Things 2* (pictured), having become a huge fan of its sci-fi quirkiness and '80s nostalgia. Twenty-four hours after the show was on Netflix, I'd already watched three episodes back-to-back.

Maybe this is an opportunity to move on from talking about trivia and go deeper. Rather than talking about who killed JR (or Mr Burns), perhaps we can move on to finding out what is killing people's purpose in life.

Which brings me to a more problematic downside: it's so easy to waste time watching episode after episode, or even series after series. Yes, I suppose I could watch and iron (although that does make it hard to reach the chips and dip). I could watch just one episode, and then read an uplifting book (my Bible, perhaps?) or simply get an early night. It's so tempting to keep watching yet I freely confess the couch-potato life is not good for either my body or my soul.

Today's watch-what-and-when-we-like culture also means we have to be careful

not to say too much. I can't share my excitement, my enthusiasm or my speculation with people about what's going on in *Stranger Things 2* because I might spoil it for them – or them for me.

TV shows used to be connection points that got us talking. (Did you see: *Hill Street Blues*, *Star Trek*, *Twin Peaks*, *West Wing*, *Gilmore Girls*, *Lost* last night?) Today's TV viewing is more individualised and privatised (it's almost like the olden days when people read books). So ... just what are we going to talk about now!?

Here's a thought: maybe this is an opportunity to move on from talking about trivia and go deeper. Rather than talking about who killed JR (or Mr Burns), perhaps we can move on to finding out what is killing people's purpose in life.

Rather than talking about whether Ross and Rachel will ever get together, we can talk about how knowing Jesus helps us keep the important stuff of life together. In other words, let's talk about life. Real life! ■

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**WORTH
QUOTING.**

"In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony." – **Eva Burrows**

**WORDS
BARRY GITTINS**

Honouring Jesus' call to mission.

While there's a need, the Salvos will exist

WHEN ASKED TO PRIORITISE the legal requirements the Jewish people faced, Jesus famously says, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these" (Mark 12:29-31, *The Message*).

Or, in more familiar language, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these" (*English Standard Version*).

The content speaks for itself, but what of the context? Christ's answer was part of an ongoing, lively debate as Jerusalem's teachers of the law and religious scribes tried to put this upstart Nazarene through his paces.

As we read in Mark's gospel, Jesus had already ridden into the capital in triumph, cursed a fig tree, cleansed a temple, embarrassed the chief priests and the scribes and the elders in public debates, and told stories about industrial arbitration, tax evasion and the metaphysics of marriage in heaven. Consequently, the temple boys

were on the ropes: the loaded question was trying to get Jesus to commit blasphemy, or at least trip himself up in the minutia of ecclesiastical jurisprudence.

His answer? Love God. Love others.

Many things we do in The Salvation Army are done to love God by loving others. We respond to people's pain, grief, loneliness. We get them fed, housed, clothed, trained or educated; we see they're treated by doctors or seen by counsellors. We help them secure a job, find a relative, or make a friend; we protect them from violence and sadism; we aid their search for spiritual and physical salvation.

Sometimes dismissed belittlingly, erroneously, as "bandaid work", the social work of The Salvation Army often literally helps keep people alive and healthy. That work is part of our mission, according to Christ's identified, prioritised commands. Consider also the research and advocacy the Army undertakes, looking at the causal factors behind people's pain: systemic poverty, the benign neglect of those who have not, by those who have; and the inherent advantage enjoyed by some members of the community that consequently disadvantages others.

Since 1865, The Salvation Army has both preached the good news and delivered good news through the immediate alleviating of need; there has also been a periodic struggle to change the world, the societies that allow that depth of need to flourish.

In 1975, General Frederick Coutts wrote, in *No Discharge in This War*, that "one generation of Salvationists may succeed another, but the work of the Army does not cease because human need does not cease. Whatever government may be in power and whatever economic theory may be the current fashion, some homes will

still break up; some marriages will come apart; some children will need care and protection; some men will find themselves cursed with some inner inadequacy; some youthful spirits will hurt themselves in their revolt against society; some social misfits must be accepted instead of rejected; some soul in search of a faith has to be pointed to the shining light ..."

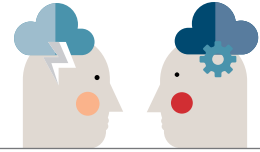
Coutts pointed out that, back in 1950, "there were those who supposed the welfare state would be a mother bountiful, the universal provider of every need. All volunteer, religious and social enterprise would wither away because there would be no place for it. The very opposite has proved to be true. There are now more agencies than ever."

Today? There is still need. There is still a Salvation Army. Christ still calls us to love God and to love others as we love ourselves. While people still suffer, while they lie down at night abused or bashed, raped or molested, lonely and neglected, despised and bullied, half-frozen or dehydrated from exposure, there will still be a Salvation Army.

It's worth noting, after the biblical back and forth, that the writer of Mark records Jesus saying to his inquisitor, "You are not far from the kingdom of God". And after that? "No one dared to ask him any more questions."

Do you question The Salvation Army's holistic mission? Think social work is not part of what we are called to do? Take it up with Jesus. ■

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MORE THAN JUST A CHARITY

What does the future hold for Salvation Army corps in Australia? How are our attendance figures going throughout our church? Under the new Australia One plan, what is the strategy for “marketing membership” of corps? What is the plan to encourage more Australians to “worship” at The Salvation Army? If our new officers are to come from our soldiers, how are our soldier numbers looking? I would imagine that for many of our Salvation Army soldiers, these are relevant questions.

It was in 2001, at the South Pacific and East Asia Zonal Local Officers Conference, that the late General Eva Burrows addressed the delegates on, “The identification marks of the Salvation Army” ... the characteristics which distinguish The Salvation Army as a member of the universal Christian Church. They included: our quasi-military structure; positive evangelistic style; the gospel of the whole person – caring social service; liberty in worship style; doctrinal position – 11 Articles of Faith; centrality of the Bible; place of women in ministry; place of the laity – soldiery and local officers; significance of our young people; our position on the sacraments; teaching of holiness; and strength of our internationalism. What a fantastic list!

I think one of our biggest challenges is to convince the wider general public that we are more than a charity; that we are more than an organisation jostling for donations to support the “good work”; and that we are more than thrift shops, employment programs, emergency accommodation, welfare distribution and other “good things”.

Some suggestions include:

1. It was Commissioner Doug Davis who instituted the Territorial Soldiers Advisory Council. Maybe some of our soldiers could be invited to be a part of “the solution”.
2. A dedicated marketing campaign where some contemporary, simple slo-

gans are developed to recast the image: “I worship at the Salvos”; “Our family belongs to the Salvos”; “Serving God, Serving People ... at the Salvos”.
3. Explore General Burrows’ list and consider its contemporary value and relevance in Australia today.

But there is a risk that highlighting the Christian foundation and motivation of The Salvation Army could, and probably will, turn some people, along with their donation, away.

Maybe, as we move into a new year, the spotlight may widen to plant a cross, as well as a red shield, in the hearts and minds of potential new members of The Salvation Army.

– Mark Radford



REINSTATE ‘SALVATION’ BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE

I am delighted with the format of *Others*. The print is clear (minimal light print on dark backgrounds) thus easier on the eyes. More to the point, the content is excellent, with wide-ranging topics of great interest. I am thoroughly absorbed with each article.

Then, today, I came again to the cover where the *raison d’être* for the publication’s existence is stated: “Others – connecting Salvos in mission.” Then, inside the front cover, “Don’t miss the Salvos Just Gifts catalogue for 2017”. Then, on page 6, “Trek the Great Wall with the Salvos”. Various reports, stories, and photography – even my favourite publishing company! – carry the “slanguage” of the day. Of even greater concern is that, increasingly, I hear it from the platforms of our great movement (The *Salvation Army*).

Friends, the term “Salvo” is indicative of a warm, responsive attitude towards The Salvation Army by the general public. My grief, essentially, stems from the fact that Salvationists, officers, leaders,

are increasingly favouring the “lighter” term and to such an extent that, to these weary eyes and ears, we are becoming reticent to speak the word “salvation” among ourselves!

Please, before it is lost in the ether of a past generation, a bygone day, may I encourage all Salvationists to state who we really are – The *Salvation Army* – as we go about our “business” of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “Salvo” is the very antithesis of “salvation” which should resonate at the very core of our being. Otherwise, we have no viable future!

– Lieut-Colonel Lucille Turfrey



DISABILITY – WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO

Thank you for the editorial and the article you published in *Others* recently (“Longing to Belong”, November 2017). It was challenging and refreshing, in the lead-up to International Day of People with Disability (3 December).

We have so far to go in the inclusion of people with disabilities within His church on earth (of which The Salvation Army is a part). Having started my social work career in the field of Community Development working alongside CALD families with children who lived with disability back in the mid 1980s (in Sydney), I see that we haven’t progressed as much as we should have in over 30 years.

I am heartened by the Army’s work in a number of locations where corps and disability mission is being integrated well, and I hope and pray these stories will multiply as we move forward to one territory. If we press into our vulnerability as a movement, we may discover that the “longing to belong” goes both ways. To be deliberately inclusive, we learn from each other and grow more like Him, who dwells with us and in us.

– Major Rick Hoffman



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Transforming the present to create the future.

What our Army will look like by 2030

WORDS | COMMISSIONER FLOYD TIDD

TAKE A MOMENT AND FAST FORWARD to 2030, 12 years from now. Australia will, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), have a population in excess of 30 million. The number of people aged over 60, again according to the ABS, will be double what it is today. Digital services and knowledge will drive our economy¹.

Our resources will once again be in demand as developing countries drive a second resource boom². New industries based on emerging science and technologies will emerge. It is also a year where it is hoped the Sustainable Development Goals are achieved to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure all people enjoy peace and prosperity. Things will be different. And so will The Salvation Army in Australia. For the better.

I've taken the time over the past weeks to reflect about what the future holds for Australia, but also the Army in this nation. With new realities and unexpected challenges, we must be prepared for whatever comes our way. As a movement we must continue to adapt and change, as we have always done, but at this moment I am nothing but excited about what we can achieve and contribute as we embark on this new thing God is doing in all of us and further expand the Kingdom of God.

God has positioned The Salvation Army at the forefront of our nation as a key solution designer to assist in the solving of complex problems. With the help of our movement, in Australia in 2030 I want to see a nation where:

- Inequality is diminished so all Australians have equal access to opportunities that make us thrive.
- We can move beyond diversity and embrace inclusion wholeheartedly.
- Our First Peoples are recognised by our constitution and the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous has closed dramatically.

- All people have a roof over their heads and the affordable housing crisis is a thing of the past.
- The new economy is creating new and desirable employment opportunities for those experiencing disadvantage.
- People living with disadvantage, hardship or injustice, are supported to thrive and contribute.
- Social innovation takes hold and we can support thousands more with innovative approaches to complex problems.

In line with these aspirations, I also dream of an Army in Australia in 2030 that will:

- Be a movement that is true to its God-given calling and purpose, reflected in our National Vision.
- Demonstrate actions grounded in the Word of God and prayerful consideration.
- Know that transformation happens through relationships – with Jesus and in community.
- Is compelled by faith to an action-oriented, self-sacrificial love of others.
- Put our mission above tradition.
- Celebrate being part of a growing, vibrant, international movement.
- Partner with others in the knowledge that we achieve more together.
- Intensely focus on what we are best at.
- Raise up our young people to become leaders now, changing the future in the present rather than being leaders in the future.
- Be transparent and accountable for our actions.
- Continue to pioneer and innovate to ensure all Australians can discover full and abundant lives that Christ has come to bring.

Our National Vision positions us perfectly to achieve all of this, with the love of Jesus. As with all good vision statements, it requires a strategy that clarifies the Army's priorities. The decisions we make today have a huge impact on where we will end

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WORDS
CLAIRE HILL

Vision campaign to soar in 2018.

An Army our children will want to sign up for!

Major Alison Gallagher was sitting in a Leading Our Vision workshop in October last year when she had a moving realisation. “There was a moment when I felt a well of excitement (and relief) rise up in me,” she remembers. “This is an Army my kids will want to be a part of!”

Alison is one of thousands of volunteers, soldiers, officers, employees and congregation members around Australia who attended a Living Our Vision workshop in the fourth quarter of 2017. The two-hour events featured a combination of video clips, group activities and reflection exercises, all designed to help Salvos develop an affinity with the new National Vision.

Captain Karyn Kingston, a key member of the team that developed the vision workshops, says she is thrilled with how people have responded. “As people have had the opportunity to grapple with the vision, they have become excited by it, and committed to it for themselves,” she says. “The response to the vision sessions has been overwhelmingly positive, and people are making plans for how they will begin to implement and live out our vision. Our social expressions in particular have been positive, and see possibility and hope for the mission of The

Salvation Army in their area, and feel included by the wording and the focus.”

Captain Stuart Glover, Queensland Social Liaison Officer, had a similar observation. “I have witnessed significant moments in the workshops as dedicated employees who work in some of our social expressions have come to the realisation that they are Salvos,” he says. “They are keen to sign up to the mission.”

Another workshop facilitator, Lieutenant Ben Hollis, Assistant Corps Officer, Perth Fortress and Community Programs, enthusiastically recalls a breakthrough moment when his group was watching a clip called ‘Wake Up Call’. “The clip goes through the history of The Salvation Army, highlighting our incredible pioneering spirit, and then presents the sobering reality of where we are now ... I think that was an ‘aha’ moment for many of us in the room,” he says. “We were confronted and felt motivated to take action”.

The momentum created by these events will be built on this year, starting with a six-week ‘Living Our Vision’ campaign running from 11 February through until 18 March. An introduction week will



• A scene from the video that introduces the Living Our Vision campaign.

be followed by five weeks each focused on unpacking a line of the National Vision Statement. The Territorial Mission Resource teams have been working hard to produce a range of materials for Salvos to draw on including: video clips, sermon outlines, meeting devotionals, children's lessons and small group materials for teenagers.

Captain Sonia Jeffrey, a member of the joint Mission Resources team, coordinated the production of the children's lessons and is adamant that younger Salvos must be included on this journey. "Children need to feel like they belong in the movement," she says. "They need to know what our vision is, understand it, and feel that they can contribute. We want them to know that this is not just something for adults. We want children to discover how they can be a Salvo at school and in their family space."

At the conclusion of the six weeks, from Sunday 18 March, Salvos across Australia will celebrate their commitment to our National Vision through a range of activities. Every Salvo will be invited to sign a National Vision Commitment

online at others.org.au, where a live counter of every Salvo in every corner of Australia that has committed to our National Vision will be displayed. Soldiers and officers will be given the opportunity to renew their covenants, and stories will be shared on social media using the hashtag [#livelovefight](https://twitter.com/livelovefight) (see pages 18-19 for more details).

Reflecting on the enthusiastic response to our vision so far, National Commander Commissioner Floyd Tidd says, "I am proud of Salvos right across Australia who have captured the essence of God's vision for his Army. I'm excited about the thought of how Australia can be transformed. And this is not the work of The Salvation Army, but the work of God who has raised up this Army to partner with him in doing that. That's what excites me and this is why all Salvos should not miss the opportunity to build on the momentum of Living Our Vision together." ■

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 Claire Hill is Communications Coordinator for the Australia One Program.

PRAYER POINTS

- Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world," (Matthew 5:13-16). Pray that as we live out our vision we will be a testimony to the redeeming grace of God for those who have not yet experienced it.
- Pray for all Salvos to be engaged and active in living out our vision in their own communities and areas of influence. Pray that there would be open doors to show the love of Jesus to those experiencing hardship or injustice.
- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all Salvos, young and old, bringing a fresh passion to live, love and fight in Jesus' name, seeing Australia transformed one life at a time!



In the ‘Hotseat’ with the National Commander.

*Participants at vision workshops around the country have had the opportunity to ask National Cabinet members questions about the National Vision during ‘Leader in the Hotseat’ sessions. This month in **Others**, we have selected five of these ‘Hotseat’ questions to put to the National Commander, Commissioner Floyd Tidd.*

Others: Will social program staff be expected to share the gospel and pray with people? And will the quality of social work standards be compromised by imposing religion on clients?

Floyd Tidd: The Salvation Army is and always has been a Christian organisation, dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus. All Army expressions of faith and social justice are aligned to transforming lives: meeting the ‘whole’ needs of individuals – physical, mental, moral and spiritual. Will all social program staff be required to pray for people and share the gospel? No. But all staff will play a role in creating faith pathways. This might mean referring clients to a chaplain who can talk with them about their faith journey. We will remain committed to serving all people, regardless of who they are or what they believe and employing the best people to get the best outcome possible.

O: Why is ‘With the love of Jesus’ at the end of the Vision Statement? If it is so important, why isn’t it at the top?

FT: The words ‘with the love of Jesus’ do more than round out our National Vision Statement; they are the defining difference in our work as Salvos. They form every declaration and inform every decision of The Salvation Army in Australia. Jesus Christ is the foundation of our movement. His love is the infrastructure of everything and anything that we do as we seek to transform Australia one life at a time. The Vision Statement stands alongside our Mission Statement. When you put the Mission Statement and the Vision Statement

together, they bookend each other. We start with the love of Jesus, we end with the love of Jesus.

O: Our corps is growing and people are finding Jesus. Why do we have to surrender our corps vision?

FT: If this National Vision is owned across the entire nation there will be no stopping its momentum. It will be an unstoppable force. That’s the process that we’re on now to live out our vision. When there’s ownership at the local level, people will see how The Salvation Army in Australia is not a combine of independent units, but a movement that is connected to each other. And that’s what makes us strong.

O: How will we protect our holiness movement identity if we let everyone and anyone say they’re a ‘Salvo’? What will happen to our reputation? How can we control good behaviour?

FT: Throughout Australia people know The Salvation Army as the organisation that is committed to sharing the love of Jesus by caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities and working for justice. This is our mission and a ‘Salvo’ is anyone who lives this out. I believe that our reputation will be strengthened as we work together like never before, having even great impact, seeing Australia transformed one life at a time with the love of Jesus. Every employee and volunteer subscribes to our values by signing a code of conduct when they join our ranks. Some might

say this is a move away from soldiership or officership. In fact, I expect that we will see even more Salvos enlisting to live out the vision through soldier and officer covenants in the days and years ahead. If they haven’t already, I pray that every Salvo would experience the transforming love of the Jesus for themselves.

O: We’re tired of all of this 1+1 = new stuff. I’m a retired officer who faithfully served and saw growth. How will this validate our ministry?

FT: We’re certainly proud of our rich history and we thank God for the people who have faithfully served God and sacrificed their lives for others. I am grateful for the faithful and sacrificial service of generations of officers and soldiers who have established the strength and reputation of The Salvation Army in communities across Australia. This new vision births a fresh validation of our history of walking alongside others, whilst demonstrating our commitment to the future. If we are to transform Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus in the decades to come, we must heed the call of God to become a transformed movement. We are committed to improving the future. This generation of Salvation Army officers, soldiers, employees and volunteers must be prepared to continue the tradition established by those who have gone before: a tradition of sacrifice and willingness to have our present disturbed for the sake of the Kingdom. ■

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up tomorrow. I firmly believe that The Salvation Army in this nation is on the correct path, driven with guidance from God and supported by appropriate insight, so that our vision can be realised as successfully and as efficiently as possible.

Throughout February and March you will have the opportunity to completely unpack and explore our National Vision with all Salvos. From corps and social program to divisional headquarters to Salvos Stores, relish this opportunity to learn

about how you can live our vision. May God bless you each one as you explore, pray and discern what our National Vision means for your local community context. The future is bright, friends. Join us on what is a remarkable journey to transform Australia one life at a time. ■

1. CSIRO, *Navigating Our Uncertain Future*, 2016
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Commissioner Floyd Tidd is National Commander of
 The Salvation Army in Australia.

WORDS

LAUREN MARTIN

#livelovefight.

Hashtag campaign capturing heart of National Vision Statement

As we move into 2018 and closer to the completion of the Australia One process, The Salvation Army is focused not just on one Army, but, more importantly, that Army having one mission. #livelovefight, a hashtag that captures the heart of the National Vision Statement, is quintessential "Army". We live, truly live a life, that's full and overflowing through the spirit of our gracious God. We love because God first loved us, and his spirit moves within us, giving us grace, compassion, eyes that see pain and injustice, and hearts that break over it. And, finally, we fight, "not with guns," as General Eva Burrows once said, "because our arms are not arms of war and aggression, but arms of love that reach around the whole world".

So, what does #livelovefight mean to you?

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KATHY HUGHES

Children and Families Ministry Worker, Caloundra, Queensland

I am here to be a salt-shaker and light-bearer for those that need to taste and see the grace, acceptance and forgiveness that only Christ brings. People need to know that they are made in the image of God and he loves them dearly. I want my heart to break for what breaks God's heart, I want his will to be my will. In ministry and in life I love to walk gently alongside people, not pushing my faith or agenda on them, but by building strong relationships that have a deep connection, being generous with my time and talents.

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JORDAN O'BRIEN

Soldier, Sydney Congress Hall, NSW

As Salvationists we are called to do life with people, we are called to love them, and we are called to fight against injustice. To "live, love and fight" represents a call to action with the aim of saving the world for Christ. For me, as a youth leader and musician, this call to action is a calling to use my gifts to invest in the lives of others, to surround myself in positive fellowship and then to be ready to respond to injustices, just as Jesus did.

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LIEUTENANT AMANDA HART

Corps Officer, Warragul, Victoria

If the Vision Statement is only placed on the wall of the church or as a footer on emails, it's nothing more than a bunch of words. I must be a living example of what it means to live, love and fight alongside others. It means I cannot be chained to a desk doing admin; it means I cannot be confined to the walls of the church building; it means I must become ingrained in my community, doing life alongside others, loving all and discovering what issues my community is facing. I can only fight against the hardships and injustices others face if I take the time to build relationships, otherwise I may be fighting issues that I deem important but are irrelevant to my community.





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LAUREL MERRITT

Volunteer, Darwin Salvation Army, Northern Territory

To me, **#livelovefight** means to do what Jesus did and live and love as he did as much as we can. He looked after the poor, the disabled, the chronically ill and the widows. He was friends with ordinary people, he cared for them, and he gave up his life for them – for everyone. That's why I care for people on the bus going out to the prison, especially the Indigenous; care for the people at the community breakfast here at Darwin Corps, especially the homeless; care for those in recovery where I do devotions; and care for those in the pubs, especially those who will never come to church. I am fighting for these people, because that's what Jesus did.

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JO HODGE

Do Unto Others Coordinator, Adelaide City Salvos, South Australia

Five years ago, a 42-year-old homeless man changed my life. He was drunk, abusive, self-destructive and always looking for a fight. He did all he could to offend and push me away, but God encouraged me never to give up and slowly trust grew. The barrier of worthlessness and self-loathing was broken and he let love in. He gave his life to God. God used him to ignite a passion in me to look past the outside and at what is inside. All are worthy of God's love and grace. God commands us to love unconditionally and to fight – fight for every last one – wherever he places us.

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CAPTAINS MONTY AND MERA BHARDWAJ

Intercultural Officers, Victoria

We live to show the character and example of Jesus. We love no matter where people come from. We fight any injustice that brings people down. We live, love and fight for others and with others, prioritising the kingdom of God above any caste, creed or religion.



Throughout 2018, *Others* magazine, **others.org.au** and our social media pages will feature different expressions of **#livelovefight**. Show us what **#livelovefight** looks like in your local area by using the hashtag when you post photos on your Facebook, Instagram or Twitter page. Or tell us your **#livelovefight** story by emailing: **others@aus.salvationarmy.org**



Photos: Carolyn Hide



WORDS
BILL SIMPSON

Greek Messengers.

Twenty-year letter campaign leads to a special commissioning moment

They were only a few moments, but they would have been precious for a faithful, elderly Salvationist from a regional Australian corps. As Paul (Pavlos) and Rachel Minas-Anastasiou (pictured left) were ordained in Sydney as Salvation Army officers on 25 November, my thoughts focused on Jim Moisisdis, who once served at Tarrawanna Corps, on the NSW South Coast.

For 20 years, Greek-born Jim (real name Dimitrios) pleaded from Australia with Salvation Army international leaders, including three Generals, to “come over to Macedonia” – just like “the man of Macedonia’s” plea to St Paul 2000 years ago (Acts 16:9) – and start The Salvation Army in Greece – his homeland. Jim’s pleas were always treated with respect and encouragement. In 2007, his prayers were answered when General Clifton Shaw announced it was happening. Jim saw it happen. He was promoted to glory five years later. But by then, Paul and Rachel, despite being from a small Greek village and an orthodox background, had discovered The Salvation Army and linked with its work in the cities of Thessaloniki and Athens.

In Athens, they “heard the whole story and the important part that Australia played so that The Salvation Army could come to Greece”. They were approved to train in Australia. They did not get to meet Jim, but they did get to visit his corps at Tarrawanna and thank the people for standing with him during his long campaign. I recalled Jim’s words in an article I wrote in 2008 about his mission. “I think God used Tarrawanna Corps to open the door (to Greece),” he said. “I can’t prove it, but when I stand before God, I will ask him and he will tell me. I think he will say, ‘Yes, Jim, I did.’” Well, Jim will have received his answer by now.

Paul and Rachel were among 15 cadets of the *Messengers of the Gospel* session who were ordained at the historic commissioning ▶



- ▶ ceremony at Sydney Congress Hall. It was the first time since 1921 that cadets from the two Australian territories (Eastern and Southern) were commissioned at the same ceremony. The combined commissioning was part of The Salvation Army in Australia transitioning back to one national territory. The 2017-18 *Messengers of Compassion* session – about to enter its second year – will continue at the separate territory training colleges in Sydney and Melbourne. But the 2018-19 *Messengers of the Kingdom* session – and subsequent sessions – will be based at the new national training college in Melbourne.

At the *Messengers of the Gospel* commissioning, Rachel Mina-Anastasiou was invited to speak about her journey to officership. She spoke of growing up in a small village in Greece and the influence of Christian parents and grandparents. As a child, she thought her life was probably boring, but she wanted to serve God – maybe as a missionary.

“Funny, huh,” she said. “Here I am, far away from my homeland, a girl who trusted God with her life and calling, and now I am living the exciting life that God had already prepared for me. And now my path leads me out into ministry. For the last two years, I have been exercising and trusting and letting go and letting God take absolute control. Now, I have

my exit ticket to go and my prayer is, ‘God use me. Break my heart for what breaks yours’.”

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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Representing all of the newly ordained and commissioned officers, Ben Anderson reflected on the impact that the move to one Australian territory had had on the cadets. “It was certainly not on the radar at all for the seven *Messengers of the Gospel* who were welcomed in Melbourne in February 2016 that we would be commissioned as a session of 16 in Sydney,” he said. There had also been immense diversity of background of cadets. “As well as representatives from all mainland states, we had the privilege of training with Paul and Rachel from the Athens Corps in Greece ... cadets from two

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The graduating and first-year cadets on the platform at Sydney Congress Hall during the Commissioning ceremony.

residential campuses, cadets-in-appointment ... and commissioning of a territorial envoy,” Ben added. Despite the diversity, he said, the group shared two crucial bonds. The first was a training experience that equipped them to be better followers of Christ. The second was a name – *Messengers of the Gospel* – that compelled them to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by his grace and through his faithfulness.

Commissioner Floyd Tidd used Isaiah 61 as his text in addressing the newly ordained officers. He reminded them of their commitment as members of the *Messengers of the Gospel* session. “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor ...” was Isaiah’s message, he said. The *Messengers of the Gospel* session, he said, had been anointed for the same role to a world desperate for good news, but suspicious of it because of the fake news of social media. “But it’s not just (the responsibility) of the 16 (new officers) on the platform today. The anointing is for all of us,” he said.

Fifteen of the new officers graduated as cadets. The 16th, Joel Soper, was a territorial envoy. The new officers are: Jodie and Gavin Jones; Cameron and Maryanne Lovering; Jacqueline and Matthew Gluyas; Ben and Jamie Anderson; Guo Xian Wu and Rong Fu; Joel Soper; Paul and Rachel Anastasiou; Chelsea Wilson; and Heather and Peter Stamp.

The Sunday morning family service, also held at Sydney Congress Hall, saw a continuation of the theme from Isaiah 61. The message, brought by Commissioner Tracey Tidd, focused on Isaiah 61:10-11, and was presented in a unique style that included both audience and child participation.

Commissioner Tidd began her sermon by asking, “It’s time to celebrate, anyone agree?” She had the children come up onto the platform and then engaged with both them and the adults in the congregation, in an interactive sermon. “We are celebrating the ‘new!’” she told them. “We have a reason to celebrate the new thing God is doing in and through The Salvation Army, we are celebrating because God has given us new life, and we can celebrate because God is changing the world; making a whole new world.” ■

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- 01. Ben Anderson speaks on behalf of the newly ordained and commissioned officers.
- 02. National School for Officer Training Principal, Major Gregory Morgan, addresses the congregation.
- 03. Rachel Mina-Anastasiou shares the story of her journey to officership.
- 04. Commissioner Floyd Tidd speaks from Isaiah 61 during his address. Photos: Carolyn Hide

MESSENGERS OF THE KINGDOM TO BEGIN OFFICER TRAINING

As the newly commissioned officers from the *Messengers of the Gospel* session prepare to take up their first appointments across Australia, another group of Salvationists are about to embark on their journey to becoming Salvation Army officers. Ten cadets are about to start life at the National School for Officer Training in Melbourne.

The cadets of the 2018-19 *Messengers of the Kingdom* are:

Marika Wallis
 Tamworth Corps,
 NSW/ACT Division

Hye-Sun Seol and Min-Hwan Oh
 Sydney Korean Corps,
 NSW/ACT Division

David Burbidge
 Bunbury Corps,
 Western Australia

Andrew and Lisa Johnson
 North Brisbane Corps,
 Queensland Division

Cynthia and Henry Roehrig
 Ballarat Corps,
 Western Victoria Division

Paul Trotter
 South Barwon Corps,
 Western Victoria Division

Alice Edge
 Hobsons Bay Corps,
 Central Victoria Division

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 The *Messengers of the Kingdom* officially commence their training on 31 January.

PHOTOS
CAROLYN HIDE

Messengers of the Gospel.

Commissioning 2017





WORDS

MERV COLLINS

Salvo Big Band and all that jazz.

Melbourne group takes music ministry up a notch

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What would you do,” asked a facetious young bandsman of his hoary old bandmaster one day, “if Kenny G [the popular saxophonist of the 1980s] wanted to join the band?”

“Easy,” I replied. “Teach him to play the tenor horn!”

No place in The Salvation Army for woodwinds in those days – but not any more! Now, we could direct him to the Salvo Big Band, which operates out of Melbourne.

The Salvo Big Band is the real McCoy: an 18-piece jazz band, with vocalists, that swings like a pendulum, is blessed with fine, improvising jazz players and can play commercial charts from the pens of Gordon Goodwin, Dave Wolpe and Jerry Nowak. Most of the music is self-generated, though, with charts by the group’s guitarist Kerry Mitchell, trumpeter Donald Mayne and band leader Brian Hogg, and is based on the old gospel songs and hymns.

The group was formed in 2010 to represent Australia at The Salvation Army’s World Youth Convention in Stockholm, Sweden. The band was well received there but has gone from strength to strength, with changes to personnel bringing a higher level of jazz musicianship to the group.

Kerry, the arranger/guitarist, for example, is a fully professional player and teacher who has worked with James Morrison and other leading Australian artists, while Donald is

a seriously good jazz trumpeter and flugel hornist, with a degree in jazz studies – and a stratospheric range! He also finds time, between guest appearances at jazz festivals, to be the bandmaster at the small Mildura Corps some 550km from Melbourne where big-band rehearsal camps are held.

With players of this calibre, the Salvo Big Band can more than hold its own on the Australian jazz festival circuit. And, as well as playing at the Wangaratta Festival, one of the country’s most prestigious, it annually presents the church service at the Inverloch Jazz Festival on the Victorian coast. At these events, the band’s mixed repertoire breaks down barriers. It can play Ellington, Basie and Louis Prima juxtaposed with fresh arrangements of *What a Friend* and *All Your Anxiety*.

The band is very focused on presenting the latter and creating a bridge to the Gospel for the general public. The leader, Brian, who is the Army’s Australia Southern Territory Music Consultant, says, “I’m not against the notion of entertaining people. I think that’s something that’s quite unique to the Army, but once you’ve captured their ears, you can say, ‘Let me tell you about Jesus.’”

This is a recurring theme for Brian: how to move from the music to the message to make the ministry effective. In formulating the playlist for the band’s new CD, *Testify*, “we asked the guys [both men and women] in the band to name songs which help you understand your faith,” he said. “They came back with some amazing answers – well-loved hymns like *It is Well With My Soul*



and *Now I Belong to Jesus ...* but also *Someone to Watch Over Me* and *What a Wonderful World*. So the CD has those songs on it but also some explanation – someone’s personal testimony – as to why.

“There’s no point in playing *Jesus, Thou Art Everything to Me* to non-Christian people if you don’t explain its meaning and how it makes you feel,” he adds. The members of the group, all Christians but not all Salvationists, have recently done a survey to find their spiritual gifts. “We have a little time to talk from the stage but when people come to talk to us afterwards, we need to know who in the group is best able to present our message. We’re anxious to find who in the group has the gift of evangelism so when we pack up, they’re freed up to talk to people.”

The Salvo Big Band, complete with its saxophone and rhythm sections, can go places where our traditional brass bands are inappropriate or even unwelcome. It’s a medium which could be increasingly encouraged as more of our young people learn

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*There’s no point in playing *Jesus, Thou Art Everything to Me* to non-Christian people if you don’t explain its meaning and how it makes you feel*

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woodwinds and jazz at schools, colleges and other educational facilities. Perhaps big bands can become another effective arm in our musical ministry. The Salvo Big Band from Melbourne is certainly showing the way. ■

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WORDS

JOHN CLEARY

The rise of Catherine: from ‘maiden tribute’ to the ‘match girls’.

In the final instalment of a two-part series, we look at the rising emphasis historians are placing on Catherine Booth's role in the establishment of the social justice heart of The Salvation Army.



THE “MAIDEN TRIBUTE” CAMPAIGN was probably the most sensational British tabloid story of the late 19th century. It was centred on the scandal of widespread child prostitution. The age of consent in England had remained fixed for more than 500 years, at 12. For poverty-stricken families in the desperately overcrowded slums of industrial England, the sale of children into the sex trade could be a last desperate bid to survive. Eventually, in 1875, the age was raised by one year, to just 13. To reformers, Catherine Booth (pictured left) among them, this seemed only to confirm the reality and evil of the trade.

The issue was also close to the heart of Anglican feminist and reformer Josephine Butler, who had drawn Catherine into the campaign to change the Contagious Diseases Act (see Army Archives, *Others* December 2017.) In this new campaign, their efforts were facilitated by leading journalist and editor of London's *Pall Mall Gazette*, W.T. Stead (pictured far right).

In 1885, Stead came up with what could be described as perhaps the first newspaper “sting” operation. His intent was to expose this whole trade by setting up a front for a brothel and arranging to purchase a young girl. To oversee the scheme a small committee of leading citizens, including the Roman Catholic Cardinal Henry Manning, was established. Much of the organisation of the “sting” was undertaken by Stead and Catherine's son, Bramwell Booth. To execute the operation, they enlisted the service of a reformed brothel keeper, Rebecca Jarrett.

Jarrett was set up as a procuress and arranged for the purchase of 13-year-old Eliza Armstrong for five pounds from her alcoholic mother, with the mother's full consent that the girl would be put in a brothel. Stead was there, in hiding, recording the entire transaction.

The young girl was then taken to another room where a Salvation Army matron spirited her away to a place of safety. Stead then published the entire account in

the *Pall Mall Gazette* under the headline, “Maiden Tribute in Modern Babylon”. Such was the sensation that it is said the young George Bernard Shaw raced down to Stead’s office, grabbed as many copies of the newspaper as he could and went out to distribute them. Society was in uproar.

Up to this point, Catherine and Bramwell Booth were the key Salvationist participants in the project. As soon as the story broke in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, Catherine’s husband, William Booth, swung the public efforts of The Salvation Army behind the collection and presentation of a massive petition to Parliament of 393,000 signatures calling for change in the law. They succeeded and the age of consent was raised to 16. Young girls were protected.

Through the 1880s, Catherine continued to develop her views about The Salvation Army and its purpose. The following quote gives a terrific insight into her thinking at the time: “A barracks is meant to be a place where real soldiers would be fed and equipped for war, not a place to settle down in or a comfortable snuggery to enjoy ourselves,” she stated. “I hope that if ever they, our soldiers, do settle down, God will burn their barracks over their heads!”

This is a woman who wasn’t prepared to stop.

In 1888, Catherine once again joined forces with W.T. Stead and others, including Annie Besant, one of the founders of Theosophy, and Emmaline Pankhurst, the great campaigner for women’s suffrage, in a crusade against “White Slavery in London”. It was to lead to 1400 women taking strike action against the poor wages and appalling conditions under which the “match girls” of London were forced to work. Most horrifically, the matches were made with poisonous yellow phosphorous, leading

to an illness known as “phossy jaw” involving facial disfigurement and often



death. Midway through the campaign Catherine herself became ill and was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Through this period, William’s ideas on social reform had also been developing. His thinking was made public in 1889 in an article he called “Salvation for Both Worlds”. He wrote: “As Christ came to call not saints but sinners to repentance, so the New Message of Temporal Salvation, of salvation from pinching poverty, from rags and misery, must be offered to all.”

As Catherine’s illness confined her to home, William began to work on a coherent vision of “Temporal Salvation”. Stead, who had become close to Catherine and William, came alongside to assist. According to one account, William set up a study outside Catherine’s bedroom where he and Stead would work on the manuscript and William would take their notes in to Catherine for discussion and correction.

Booth’s book, *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, was published in October 1890, the same month Catherine was promoted to glory. The book was a comprehensive plan for social reform of British society and transformation of the wider world. It

rapidly became the subject of controversy, with some even suggesting the real author was not Booth, but Stead. But even here, Catherine’s voice can be heard. In one of the first and most successful ventures of the “In Darkest England” campaign, the Army purchased a match factory, changed the method of manufacture (pictured left), and raised the worker’s wages. By 1901, the match industry was transformed. The Match Girls had won.

Today, the “Lights in Darkest England” campaign, as it became known, also raises the question as to what extent the whole of “In Darkest England” is underpinned by Catherine’s social and theological worldview? John Read, in his recent study of Catherine Booth, says not only was Catherine “a powerful advocate for social reform”, she was also, “the visionary thinker whose ideas inspired the movement’s radical departures from churchly norms, and the principal architect of the Army’s theology”.

Catherine Booth’s role in shaping The Salvation Army as both an evangelical and social mission-focused movement cannot be downplayed. She was a woman ahead of her time, and her partnership with fiery evangelist William was a true union of heart, mind and spirit. The question for us may be, how much of the Army’s future depends on a recovery of that spirit? ■

(To find out more, read *Catherine Booth*, by John Read).

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Hollywood and the politics of sex.

Harvey Weinstein wasn't an abhorrent aberration. He was the byproduct of a culture that is desperately trying to have its cake and eat it too.

Words Mark Hadley

In the past months, Hollywood has been rocked by revelations of sexual abuse by some of its most important media personalities – and we're shocked! Outraged! ... Really? Since its earliest days, Tinsel Town has built its business model on suggestive content. If such a low view of intimacy can be found at every step of the production process, from casting couch to cinema seat, is it any wonder the industry's employees behave badly?

Hollywood uber-producer Harvey Weinstein occupied an exalted position in American entertainment. He was the executive producer on a wide range of cinematic blockbusters and his success earned him a slew of awards as well as a reputation for something of a "Midas touch". Actors' careers would soar or fall, according to his interest. Yet alongside his success story was a growing reputation for temper tantrums and vindictiveness. "I'm a benevolent dictator," Weinstein is reputed to have said. When it became clear that his dictatorship involved threatening actresses with doom if they didn't supply sexual favours, the golden gleam definitely came off.

In October, *The New York Times* published allegations from more than a dozen women that Weinstein was a serial sexual predator. He has been accused of rape, sexual assault and harassment by a list of actresses that is now 40 names long. In the intervening months, investigations have been launched by both American and British police forces into separate incidents dating as far back as the 1980s. Weinstein has also been sacked from his own production company, expelled by the bodies that govern the Oscars and the BAFTAs, and his wife has left him. So has the rest of Hollywood.

In the days that followed the accusations, members of the movie industry lined up to express their dismay.



Their comments generally fell into two categories: they were "shocked", or "they knew all along". In fact, Australian actor Anthony LaPaglia said anyone who had spent more than five years in Hollywood and claimed they hadn't heard about Weinstein's behaviour was being "disingenuous". So, everyone knew ... and for 30 years, no one did anything. Why? Because Hollywood's success is built on sex.

A low view of sexual intimacy is integrated into almost every level of Hollywood's business model. I'm not saying every producer behaves this way, but enough do to make "negotiations on the casting couch" a cliché. But stories about producers, directors or actors involved in Weinstein-like behaviour shouldn't surprise us, because the film set itself is a highly sexualised environment. Actors are regularly asked to put aside notions of modesty in order to create intimate scenes for the camera. Taking instructions from directors, in various states of undress, in front of large studio crews, and repeating those actions over and over again for the sake of the most engaging result ... is it any wonder people in the industry can lose their perspective on private and public, acceptable and unacceptable, right and wrong?

One month after the Weinstein scandal, A-list actor Kevin Spacey began filling column inches of his own. Accusations of Spacey propositioning actor Anthony Rapp when the *Star Trek* star was 14 years old led to a spate of accusations that soon expanded to include 15 men. All asserted that Spacey was an aggressive homosexual who had either harassed,

Is Wonder Woman's crime-fighting outfit appropriate attire for a superhero?

assaulted or attempted to rape them. Only time will tell how much damage the accusations have done to the *House of Cards* star's career, and he may not be alone. Hollywood, the town that thrived on sex and power, is now busy devouring its own. Allegations are already surfacing about actors Dustin Hoffman and Steven Seagal, as well as writer James Toback and producer Brett Ratner.

That's just the process. What of the product? A month after Weinstein's public outing, entertainment tabloid *The Wrap* hosted The Power Women Breakfast in Los Angeles, where 15 survivors of the executive producer's alleged abuse called on Hollywood to change its culture. Actress Claire Forlani said she was, "... astounded how differently power women are treated", and joined others calling for better representation and inclusion for women in all aspects of the industry. This might be part of the solution, but what if the positions they're fighting for are part of the problem?

Much of what passes as storytelling is riddled with suspect sexual connotations. Take *Wonder Woman*, that symbol of female empowerment, for example. Are revealing leather bodices and spandex really the best fighting gear for that female champion? November saw the release of *Professor Marston & The Wonder Women* (pictured below), an account of how the star-spangled Amazon first made it to comic books. Her creator, Dr William Marston, was a Harvard professor with a particular interest in the psychology of dominance and submission, and a personal interest in sado-masochism. He, his wife Elizabeth and his lover Olive formed a polyamorous relationship that resulted in several children, and one very popular comic book character.

The film suggests *Wonder Woman*'s figure-hugging attire, her magic rope that compels truth, and the way she habitually spanked her Amazonian companions reflected Marston's own erotic pastimes. They were also a deliberate attempt to educate children in a new way of seeing sex. The real Dr Marston's personal papers leave little room for doubt: "Giving to others, being controlled by them, submitting to other people cannot possibly be enjoyable without a strong erotic element."

Unsurprisingly, Hollywood took that attempt to promote sex-as-the-road-to-peace and ran with it. In the film, sado-masochism, as well as multi-partner and same-sex relationships, are presented as healthy expressions of an individual's right to choose.

In Hollywood, the prolonged sex scene is now as ubiquitous as it is unrealistic. Does every secret agent really have to get down and dirty? Is hooking up actually obligatory on a first date? Take it from a film reviewer, it's an unusual comedy, drama or thriller that fails to include sexual content. But Hollywood reducing the intimacy of sex, both off and on screen, helps set the scene for sexual predators. Harvey Weinstein wasn't an abhorrent aberration. He was the byproduct of a culture that is desperately trying to have its cake and eat it too. Our culture, in fact.

On the one hand, we rightly rail against those in the film industry who have taken sexual advantage of others. On the other hand, we line up for films that promise titillation and supply the permission for increasingly permissive behaviour. In the first case we agree with God's law, arguing for sex as an expression of ultimate commitment. In the latter, we view it as a legitimate Saturday night's entertainment.

The Bible says God gave humans sex to enjoy in the context of a life-long, monogamous relationship. But Hollywood has hideously devalued it by using it to sell everything from soft-porn comedies to superheroes. In an industry where actors and actresses routinely get their gear off to "act", is it any wonder there's room for people like Harvey Weinstein and others? But he's not the only one with something on his conscience. After all, we're buying his tickets. ■

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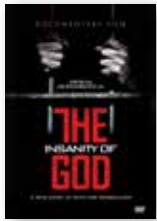
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Nik Ripken Ministries -

THE INSANITY OF GOD

A true story of faith and persecution

Review: Robyn Ius



Nik and Ruth Ripken are an American couple who have worked as missionaries in Africa and the Middle East for 30 years. Nik is known as the world's leading expert on the persecuted church in Muslim contexts and in this documentary, *The Insanity of God: A true story of faith and persecution*, they tell their story.

During their time in South Africa their son died from an asthma attack, which left them reeling and questioning God. They set out for the persecuted church trying to discover if God is really worth the cost of the sacrifice they witnessed. The documentary, based on the book of the same name by Nik, starts in Africa before moving on to Russia where they meet a man who shares an amazing account of his time in a Russian prison. The conclusion is set in China.

You can see that God is truly at work in the stories they tell, and this sent shivers down my spine as I tried to comprehend the sacrificial love of these people for Jesus and Jesus' love for his people. The documentary impacted me in a deep and

significant way and I have found myself telling people the stories.

Are they insane following this God through such terrible persecution? This is a narrative that will impact you by the strength, love and passionate denial of self for the truth of Jesus. The persecuted church fights in an incredible way for God without care for what happens to them. Would we do the same? Will we be put in that position?

The DVD production is tasteful and professionally created to bring the different events powerfully to life. I recommend you get a copy and share it around. You won't be disappointed.

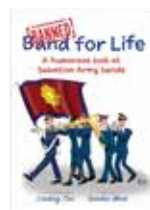
The Insanity of God is available from Koorong (www.koorong.com). ■

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Lindsay Cox and Gordon Main

BAND FOR LIFE

A humorous look at Salvation Army bands



Band for Life: A humorous look at Salvation Army bands is the latest offering from cartoonist Lindsay Cox and poet Gordon Main. As the book title suggests, it is a witty and insightful examination of the brass band culture that has in many ways come to epitomise The Salvation Army.

This new release follows in the footsteps of the Melbourne-based duo's previous bestsellers, *Fire A Folly* (2015) and *Fire Another Folly* (2016). *Band for Life*

includes a foreword by Melbourne Staff Bandmaster Ken Waterworth, and a short history compiled by Merv Collins. Some of the Army world's musical luminaries have already seen advance copies of the book, and their commendations include:

"A witty and insightful look into the wonderful world of Salvation Army banding. This will not only make you chuckle but will take you back through a collection of bandmen and women who made these anecdotes possible!"
– **Andrew Blyth, head, Salvation Army Music Editorial, London.**

"For all the perceived seriousness of brass banding, none of us would play if it wasn't great fun (at least some of the time). This amusing little book captures the essence of banding and the joy and camaraderie that making music can bring." – **John Collinson, founder, Just Brass.**

"An insightful and humorous look at the inner workings of Salvation Army bands. This book will be particularly resonant for readers who've spent any time in a Salvation Army band anywhere, perhaps readily recognising characters from their own experience portrayed within its pages." – **Roger Trigg, Salvationist composer.**

Band for Life: A humorous look at Salvation Army bands is available from Salvation Army Supplies in Melbourne (**1800 100 018**) and Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (**1800 634 209**). ■

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Graduating cadets ready to spread the gospel message



The 2016-17 session of cadets are given a rousing reception during their graduation ceremony in Sydney. Photos: Carolyn Hide

THE CADETS OF THE 2016-17 *Messengers of the Gospel* session officially graduated at a special lunch in late November that also included an emotional Fellowship of the Silver Star presentation.

Major Gregory Morgan, Training Principal of the National School for Officer Training, oversaw the graduation ceremony, during which the cadets received their Certificate of Salvation Army Officer Training.

In a poignant moment during the lunch, the tradition of the cadets presenting their parents/mentors with a silver star, honouring the role these people have played in their lives, was also observed.

Two of the cadets, Heather Stamp and Rong Fu, gave their testimonies. Describing herself as an extrovert, Heather made a special point of acknowledging the influence of family and close friends on her journey to officership. Rong, meantime, talked

about the life-transforming experience of officer training.

“I have been challenged physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually,” she said. “I have also seen the Scriptures come alive in so many ways, learning about the truth God has revealed in both the Old and the New testaments.

“My time at the college has been the most vital and stretching time of my life so far. I’ve learnt so much, and I’ve made mistakes ... but the trials and challenges I’ve faced are like sandpaper; God has used them to get rid of my rough edges so that the good things he has put in me can be developed and demonstrated.”

On the evening of their graduation, the cadets were officially commissioned as lieutenants during a ceremony held at Sydney Congress Hall.

– **Scott Simpson**



Cadet Heather Stamp gives her testimony.

New building for Box Hill Corps' growing ministry



A SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT between Melbourne's Box Hill Institute, Epworth Eastern Health Care and The Salvation Army will enable Box Hill Corps to move to a new purpose-built facility, just metres away from the site of its original 1891 hall.

After three years of negotiations, it was only recently that the three parties signed the agreement.

As well as the new Box Hill Corps building, it will allow for Epworth Eastern to be expanded and Box Hill Institute to develop a state-of-the-art nurse training facility to supply the hospital's nursing requirements.

"Box Hill Corps has had a significant presence in our community for the past 126 years," said Corps Officer, Captain Kevin Lumb.

"We're looking forward to the opportunity to have a purpose-built facility that caters not just for mission and ministry today but looking into the future. And the new site is in a more prominent position, offering us a greater profile and sense of presence in the community."

The new site at 1000 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, is right next door to the town hall and only metres from the site of the original Salvation Army corps, which was situated at



Captain Kevin Lumb (centre) helps cut the cake during a celebration at the announcement of a Memorandum of Understanding between Box Hill Institute, Epworth Eastern and The Salvation Army of a redevelopment of the current site of Box Hill Corps.

1020 Whitehorse Road. Just up the road is Box Hill Central which is the hub of public transport and Box Hill community life.

"We're in the very early stages of design and design concepts," Captain Lumb said.

"We are looking to have a number of functional rooms to be used in a multi-purpose sense, an increased capacity to better accommodate Doorways as well as other new corps-based social programs. At the front, we're looking to have a café that has indoor and outdoor seating to have prominence at the street level."

Box Hill is currently Melbourne's fastest growing suburb outside of the CBD.

The Box Hill Salvation Army has also been growing. It is a thriving corps community, making the most of outreach connections through English conversation classes, Mainly Music, and a craft group and Companion Club, alongside their flourishing children's ministry (FunHub) and youth ministry FaWM (Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.)

It is an open door to new families, youth, young adults and the multicultural community surrounding Box Hill.

It's hoped that the new corps building will be opened by 2020.

– **Lauren Martin and Jessica Morris**

Collaroy Mum's Camp empowers mothers going it alone



A GROUP OF 12 single mothers and their 17 pre-school children gathered for the recent Collaroy Mum's Camp, a week designed to create fun family memories and particularly to strengthen, empower and value women parenting on their own.

Stepping out of their normal routine, the women had the chance to enhance their life skills, with sessions on positive parenting, self worth and finances, and also participated

in a high-ropes challenge! Throughout each session, camp leaders shared their faith and the gospel message. Seven of the women made a step of commitment to Jesus.

While the mums were engaged in their sessions, the children enjoyed games, craft activities, movie time and a music session.

The week also provides opportunities that are rarely enjoyed by the families, such as a pampering afternoon, family portraits and

a day trip to Taronga Park Zoo.

"The trip to the zoo is a time for the families to spend together, and for some, to experience the zoo for the very first time," camp coordinator Sherrie Cocking said.

At the beginning of the week the women watched the movie *The Shack*, which became the theme for the week of camp. "The final evening session is where the culmination of the week comes together," Sherrie said.

Scholarship gives Amy chance to ‘change the nation’

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AMY BURTON, SENIOR associate of Salvos Legal Humanitarian, has been awarded one of Australia’s most prestigious scholarships for postgraduate study – the John Monash Scholarship.

These scholarships, sponsored by the Federal Government and a range of private and corporate donors through the John Monash Foundation, are awarded annually to 18 people from across Australia and across different professions, who wish to study overseas.

The Foundation states that the scholarship’s aim is to “foster lead-



ership, expertise and international networks, as well as build Australia’s capabilities for the future”.

Amy (left) explained that applicants have to prove, through a gruelling selection process, that they will return to Australia with their knowledge and experience and, basically “change our nation”.

Amy has worked at Salvos Legal Humanitarian for three years, mostly in the complex and challenging area of refugee and migration law.

As a result of her scholarship, Amy now has the opportunity to study a Masters of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, next September.

“I am passionate about and committed to developing innovative and effective strategies to improve access to justice in Australia,” Amy said. “I believe that all Australians deserve access to independent, unbiased and top quality legal advice.”

– Simone Worthing



Craigieburn Corps Officer, Captain Pete Brookshaw (left), with Terence and Susie (far right), who donated the trailer, and Di, who runs the Craigieburn Salvos community meal.

Craigieburn’s prayer to serve community answered with donation of food van

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO, Salvationists from Craigieburn, north of Melbourne, had a dream of serving their community with a food van. The problem was, they didn’t have the money to buy one.

“It was just really a dream that we would really love to get out on the streets and do something, serve God outside of the walls of the church,” says Craigieburn Corps Officer, Captain Pete Brookshaw. “So, we went and looked at a few things and we found a broken-down caravan, but we came away from that search feeling a bit deflated and thinking, ‘But God, you wanted us to have a caravan, but we don’t have \$60,000!’ So, we just kept praying.”

Craigieburn Salvos runs a regular Tuesday three-course lunch for people in need or those in the community who are lonely. One of the organisers, Di, had been supplying a meal and some leftover food from the luncheon to a man she knew who was unemployed. The man eventually got a job with a local chassis and trailer company.

That’s when God’s plan came to fruition.

Terence, owner of the company, explains that as he was having lunch with his new employee, God stirred his heart. “We were just sharing and he was just telling me about Di and how she had been looking after him. He actually said to me that she was looking for a trailer.”

Knowing that he could help, he phoned Di and offered to provide the Salvos with a trailer. Several other local companies helped to fit out the trailer.

At an informal launch of the new trailer, Captain Brookshaw thanked Terence and his wife, Susie, for their generosity and for listening to God and acting on his prompting.

“It’s for God,” said Terence. “It’s serving God. The only glory goes to God and no one else. As long as it’s used for his glory that’s all that matters.”

Captain Brookshaw also announced that Craigieburn Salvos had been successful in a grant application for \$10,000 from Hume City Council, which will be used to fund the food van’s operation in 2018.

– Lauren Martin

Kids in the Kitchen starter packs now on the menu

“KIDS IN THE KITCHEN” – a program designed to teach children to cook – will soon have starter packs available for corps interested in including the program in their community outreach ministry.

Major Cathryn Williamson, the Corps Officer in Cowra, NSW, who is also an award-winning cook and author of several cookbooks, created the 10-week course and has been running it in Cowra this year.

By the end of the term next month, 65 children aged 8-12 will have completed the course.

“I love working with kids and I love to cook, so to combine them and have a ministry in and through that has been a blessing,” Major Williamson said. “I’ve had so many inquiries from people about starting the program in their area, so I’ve put together some starter kits, with the assistance of the Eastern Territorial Mission Support Team.”

The kits include reusable recipe cards, enough completion badges and aprons for 12 children, leaders’ aprons and t-shirts, and a leader’s manual.

An initial 10 kits will be available by mid-December, at a cost of \$50.

“Kids in the Kitchen’ is designed to introduce kids to cooking through hands-on demonstrations, making them feel comfortable in the kitchen while developing valuable life skills,” said Major Williamson.

“They will learn kitchen and food safety, basic cooking skills, budgeting, healthy



Group leader Maryann Scherer gives children (from left) Ryan Kennewell, Stephanie Dresser and Laina Kennewell, a fun cooking lesson as part of the Kids in the Kitchen program.

meal planning, kitchen cleanliness and teamwork. They will also be encouraged to make healthy food choices, to experiment with new foods and foster creativity, confidence, self-esteem.

“Kids will be equipped with skills to make meals from scratch and select ingredients that they need to make healthy choices and tasty food for the whole family.”

Major Williamson also leads a short and simple devotion during the cooking demonstration, linking an ingredient, technique or

piece of cooking equipment to the Christian faith.

On the last evening of the program, the children invite their parents and siblings to a celebration evening. They cook fried rice for their family and all eat together. The children also receive completion certificates.

To order a starter kit, go to [salvos.org.au/mission support](http://salvos.org.au/mission-support). For more information on the program, email Major Williamson at cathryn.williamson@auc.salvationarmy.org – **Simone Worthing**

Pethybridges looking forward to Eastern Europe ‘adventure’



Lieutenant-Colonels Cheryl Pethybridge and Kelvin Pethybridge.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS KELVIN and Cheryl Pethybridge, Australia Eastern Territory officers, say they are excited about the opportunity and adventure that awaits them in Eastern Europe after being appointed to that territory.

Currently serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women’s Ministries respectively, they will retain these titles when they begin their new appointments in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, from 1 April.

“The Army is growing in the Eastern Europe Territory, and I am looking forward to being part of that, meeting new people, gaining new perspectives on life and experiencing a new part of the world,” Lieut-Colonel Kelvin said.

The Pethybridges, who have been officers for 35 years, have both been extensively involved in the Australia One project during the past two years and say they will miss being part of its final year of development.

Stepping up wellbeing in the workplace



ON YOUR MARK, get set, walk! There's high hopes an Australia Southern Territory Stepathlon will go national as benefits flow from the corporate team walking challenge.

It's been all the rage for a number of years now – give your employees a pedometer and hold a corporate step-a-thon, all aimed at getting workers moving for greater productivity and workplace wellbeing. So, when Australia Southern Territory Health and Wellbeing Consultant, Lindsey Doolin, got information for the Stepathlon challenge sent to her, she was initially skeptical.

But after seeing results from other organisations regarding declines in levels of depression and anxiety as a result of the Stepathlon, she got right behind it. The event is now in its third year in the Australia Southern Territory and it's gaining momentum.

"We've been able to measure the specific outcomes in relation to well-being (mood), stress and anxiety using the self-reported survey pre and post challenge," she said. "It's a great way of measuring the program's success and encouraging others to participate."

Data from Stepathlon participants who completed a survey both before and after



Three members from the winning stepathlon team – Netty Horton, Wayne Collyer and Major Sandy Crowden with their winner's trophy.

the challenge shows that depression is down by 32 per cent, anxiety has been reduced by 58 per cent and stress has decreased by 25 per cent.

"It also encouraged teamwork and improved productivity," Lindsey said. "The whole mood of different workplaces changed ... people would go out for meetings, walking around the neighbourhood having a meeting, rather than sitting in a meeting room."

Lindsey hopes that with the Australia One merger, Stepathlon, which runs once a

year for a period of 75 days, will have teams participating from across Australia.

With such a passion for her role, it's no wonder that in October this year, Lindsey Doolin was awarded with a WorkSafe Victoria award for excellence.

"My role covers health and wellbeing which involves injury management, workers compensation and workers wellbeing," she said. "The actual award [I won] was Return to Work Coordinator Excellence."

– **Lauren Martin**

Westernport on musical mission with disability sector



WESTERNPORT MISSION CENTRE is giving people with disabilities a safe place to belong. The centre's Varied Abilities Music Program (VAMP) gives 60 adults, carers and family members on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria the chance to experience the joy of music, community and church.

The coordinator is David Parker, who took over in 2016 from Salvationist Stuart Lees, who started the program in 2013 as

part of the Music Access initiative.

Held every Tuesday morning, the group is made up of clients from disability services in the region. Funded by a private donor and the National Disability Scheme, it caters for individual needs, encouraging participants to play, move or just enjoy the music.

David and his team continually see great results. Adults who were once afraid to enter the room have become contributing mem-

bers, and many clients mouth the words and sway to the music, encouraged and assisted by their carers.

"The majority of people probably would not fit into the church instantly. VAMP breaks down the barriers between the church and the community," he said.

"The potential for integrating it more into the fabric of the faith community is challenging, but it is a positive step."

Youth Outreach Service celebrates 30 years of success

THE SALVATION ARMY Youth Outreach Service (YOS) held a massive street party at its Spring Hill campus in inner-city Brisbane last month, to celebrate 30 years of helping vulnerable young people overcome adversity and build independence.

Past and present YOS staff, volunteers, clients and supporters joined members of the community at the street party, which featured a spit roast, musicians, a jumping castle, competitions, sideshow alley games and other fun activities.

More than 60,000 young people have turned their lives around through the support and guidance of the Salvos' specialist educators, case managers, support workers, mentors and volunteers since the service started in 1987 in Stones Corner, on Brisbane's south side.

"From its humble beginnings 30 years ago with a small team of outreach workers and volunteers, YOS now operates a non-state independent school, tailored education programs, a learner-driver mentor program, and accommodation support services from four campuses in Spring Hill, Stafford, Lawnton and Goodna," said Darren McGhee, Manager of YOS.

"The new KickStart Program provides a mobile support to young people who are at risk of homelessness to stay housed. KickStart is for youth who have a current tenancy and are experiencing issues which have destabilised their accommodation.



Above: Shae (left) with her YOS teacher, Sam, at the 30th anniversary YOS street party.



Above right: The fairy floss lady – caseworker Laura Gomez makes fairy floss for the street party.

"While this celebration is to acknowledge the work and successes of the past 30 years, we also want to show young people who are at risk today that there is hope and support for them to make a positive change for the future."

Shae is one of the program's success stories. From a large and happy family, Shae's challenges began in 1998. Her family moved in the middle of her first year of high school and Shae struggled to make new friends in Brisbane. She says the kids in the "wrong crowd" were the only ones who accepted her.

Within a few years Shae was caught up

in a culture where stealing, alcohol and drug use were rife. Her studies deteriorated rapidly, she dropped out of school and ran away from home. A friend of Shae's told her about YOS in Brisbane's Spring Hill. Shae went to see them and her life turned around.

"My self-esteem improved dramatically as I progressed through my studies with YOS," she said. "My teacher Sam was amazing; she took the time to work one-on-one with me. She showed me how to tackle each assessment with a positive mindset and I saw that the effort I put in paid off." – **Naomi Singlehurst and Simone Worthing**

Alice Springs community says 'hello yellow' to new thrift shop



You can't miss the new bright yellow thrift shop in Alice Springs.

THE LARGEST SALVATION ARMY "thrift shop" in the Northern Territory opened in Alice Springs on Saturday 18 November, after its relocation from a different site in the town.

Alice Springs Mayor, Damien Ryan, officially opened the new shop in the "bright yellow building" on Whittaker Street, congratulating The Salvation Army team on developing a store that "can service the community of Alice Springs".

Captain Richard Parker, Northern Territory

Regional Officer, also attended and offered a blessing at the opening ceremony. He prayed that the store "be a place for peace and community, that God be seen in everything that is done there, and that people find a bargain!"

Hundreds of people supported the event, enjoying the in-store bargains and entertainment.

"The community support was amazing," said Captain Nari McGifford, Alice Springs Corps Officer.

New book helps families affected by parental imprisonment

THE IMPRISONMENT OF a family member or close friend can be distressing for a child. It is not something that should cause stigmatisation or shame, but can be hard to navigate.

The Salvation Army Communities for Children (CfC) in South East Tasmania last week launched its latest children's resource, the book *Waiting for Dad*, by local author Mary Koolhof, who has been involved in many programs supporting children and young people in Tasmania.

The book aims to help remove the stigma, shame and isolation associated with parental imprisonment and also encourages children to discuss their feelings with someone they trust. It conveys the message that friends can be a powerful support for anyone who is experiencing any kind of family difficulty.

Resources available for families, and contact details, are available at the back of the book.



Author Mary Koolhof launches her latest book 'Waiting for Dad' at Communities for Children, South East Tasmania.

Waiting for Dad is the latest in the CfC series, which also includes titles focused on bullying, staying safe and having fun, cyberbullying and making decisions. Its target audience is nine to 12-year-olds.

The Salvation Army in the South East of Tasmania has been a facilitating partner with CfC since 2006.

Communities for Children aims to improve the development, health and wellbeing

of children up to the age of 12, and their families, through innovative early-intervention and prevention programs.

Waiting for Dad is free to all children who reside within the CfC area in South East Tasmania. To order a book (\$5 including postage), email Jo East at jo.east@aus.salvationarmy.org. It can also be downloaded at salvationarmy.org.au/c4c/ – Simone Worthing

Youth report shows teens need more support than ever

A RESEARCH REPORT has found that adolescents are experiencing a developmental crisis in Australia and that The Salvation Army is struggling to engage them.

The report, titled *The Long and Lonely Road: The Journey of Adolescence* (pictured), was released by the Southern Territory Department of Youth.

Based on a review of best youth ministry practice and data from across the Southern Territory since 2010, the report found that young people between the ages of 11-25 are marginalised, irrespective of their background. John Marion, Territorial Youth



Ministry Development Coordinator, said factors contributing to this marginalisation include a lack of mentoring or parenting, with one in five parents saying they lack the skills, knowledge or time to adequately

parent. Other factors were poverty, substance abuse, and mental illness.

The Department of Youth is using the report to highlight strategies that can better support youth, including corps actively reaching out to young people in the community and involving young people in mission.

The study also found that outreach to young people is shockingly low, with only eight per cent of corps having a clear strategy.

"There aren't teenagers present in our congregations, and there's a sense that even if teenagers are present, there's a failure to engage them into adulthood," John said.

ENROLMENTS

■ WAVERLEY CORPS VIC



MAJOR KATRINA POTTER recently enrolled three new junior soldiers, (from left) Niklas Cullen (Big Bud Alan Crawford), Olivia O'Hara (Big Bud Stephanie Webb) and Thomas Janssen (Big Bud John Cullen).

■ MENAI CORPS NSW



BEC CUNDASAMY, CHILDREN'S Coordinator, and Andrew Hill, Junior Soldier Leader, enrolled 14 junior soldiers on 19 November. Liberty, Sophie D, Jacinta, Riley, Melanie, Mahalia, Sophie M, Savannah, Hannah, Samuel, Tamara, Cooper, Levi, and Charlotte are pictured with their prayer partners.

■ DANDENONG CORPS VIC



CAPTAIN CLAIRE EMERTON recently enrolled two senior soldiers, Naser and Masoud, and accepted two new adherents, Hassan and Mohammad, at Dandenong. The new soldiers and adherents are pictured during their enrolment/acceptance ceremony.

■ TOWNSVILLE RIVERWAY CORPS QLD



CAPTAIN ANDREW Hambleton enrolled two senior soldiers, Joanne Mogg and Esme Fewquandie, on 3 December. A week earlier, Captain Paula Hambleton accepted four adherents, Merle Trembath, Liza Vamplew, Samuel Thompson and Gayle Barker. The Hambletons are pictured with the new senior soldiers.

■ DELACOMBE CORPS VIC



JESS GREEN RECENTLY became an adherent at Delacombe. She is pictured with her children Caleb and Elliott, Corps Officer Major Debbie Serojales, Recruiting Sergeant Barb Tippet, and Barry Tippet.

■ PENRITH CORPS NSW



FOUR JUNIOR SOLDIERS, (from left) Xavier Willoughby-Green, Caitlin Hide, Memphis Cox and Ian Hutchings, were enrolled at Penrith by NSW/ACT Divisional Youth and Children's Team Leader, Major Nicole Viles, on 26 November.

Korea Territory medical ministry gives life to sick children

SINCE 1995, A unique ministry in the Korea Territory has saved the lives of more than 830 children from the Republic of Korea (South Korea) and ethnic Korean children living in Yanbian, China, who were suffering from heart disease.

Desperate patients have also come from as far as Mongolia, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Kyrgyzstan.

This year, 26 children have already been helped. [Mongolia and Cambodia are part of the Korea Territory.]

In 1995, the Korea Territory commenced this medical ministry, which was extended to Yanbian in 1999.

A team of doctors at the Danwon Hospital in Ansan (a satellite city of the capital, Seoul) headed by Dr Kim, Byung-yul, voluntarily donate their time and services for this ministry.

The Salvation Army Korea Territory covers all patient and carer expenses, including airfares and accommodation.



Selected children from the Philippines, with their carers, were taken to Korea for life-saving heart operations performed by Doctor Kim, Byung-yul (centre).

This money comes from a number of sources, including donations to The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Appeal given by

the general public during December at toll booths throughout the nation, and from the Korea Expressway Corporation.

Addiction centre opens in Scotland

THE SALVATION ARMY has broken new ground by creating an addiction research centre on the campus of a Scottish university.

The partnership with the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Stirling is the first of its kind for The Salvation Army and aims to prevent substance-use problems and reduce harms for individuals, their families and communities.

The centre is the third phase of The Salvation Army's Scotland Drug and Alcohol Strategy, which was launched in 2013.

The centre will initially focus on the interconnected issues of homelessness and substance use, and physical and mental health.

Indonesian island's connection to Australia

AUSTRALIAN OFFICERS, Commissioners Peter and Jennifer Walker, Indonesia Territory leaders, recently made their first visit to the predominantly Christian island of Ambon, where The Salvation Army operates a large medical clinic and corps.

From 1999 to 2001 there was a fierce civil war in Ambon between Christians and Muslims. Over 5000 people were killed, half a million people were displaced and many Christian churches and houses were burned.

"There is a close connection between Ambon and Australia," said Commissioner Jennifer. "During World War Two, Australia suffered the highest per capita death rate of any Japanese war camp on this island.

"While we were there the local officers arranged for us to visit the Australian War Cemetery where we laid a flower wreath and had a short ceremony. We sensed the presence of God in that moment.



Commissioners Peter and Jennifer Walker lay a wreath at the Australian War Cemetery, Ambon.

"We have since discovered that there were Australian Salvationists who served in the armed forces there – Herbert Sedgewick (whose son, John, is a soldier at the Camberwell Corps in Melbourne) is buried in the cemetery; and Charlie Woodward from the Gold Coast Temple Corps."

English corps celebrates 145 years of service

ONE OF THE oldest Salvation Army corps in the world – in Wellingborough, north of London – celebrated its 145th anniversary with the visit of General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox, who challenged soldiers to remember that God transforms people not so they can feel comfortable in their halls but so they can go out into their communities.

“They inspired us to keep moving forward – to continue to look for opportunities to go out and serve people in God’s name,” said Corps Officer, Major Michelle Woodhouse.

General honours his ‘Army of volunteers’

ON INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY last month (5 December), General André Cox offered his appreciation to the many thousands of people whose “selfless contributions” enable The Salvation Army to “mobilise in the fight against injustice around the world”.

A video message extending the General’s thanks was published across social media, recognising the numerous ways in which people in 128 countries get involved in supporting the international church and charity.

Slovakians jump on the ‘Bus 4 Life’ as Salvation Army showcases its work



Captain Vitalie Chiriac in front of the Bus 4 Life, which showcases the work of The Salvation Army in Slovakia. Below: Inside the bus, people can buy books, ask questions and enjoy discussions.

THE SALVATION ARMY in Slovakia reached out to the community in the capital, Bratislava, and the nearby town of Galanta in the lead-up to Christmas.

The “Bus 4 Life” was made available to the Army in December to showcase the work of The Salvation Army.

There were presentations for children, which included songs from the Bratislava Corps’ children’s club, a library where people could read or buy a range of mostly Christian books and Bibles, hot drinks, and opportunities to ask questions.

Slovakia became part of the Netherlands, Czech Republic and Slovakia Territory in 2015, with regional officers, Captains Vitalie



and Inna Chiriac, leading the work there.

The Army’s work in Slovakia focuses on the Roma (gypsy) population where poverty, abuse, addiction and exclusion, is a way of life. The spiritual need is high and the Army faces many challenges to help these people.

Program focuses on unity, discomfort and courageous conversations

THE NEW COURAGEOUS Conversations initiative, created by Lieutenant-Colonels William and Debra Mockabee, of the USA Southern Territory, in partnership with the Program section, will ask Salvationists of the territory to hold discussions on controversial topics, with the purpose of building a spirit

of unity and acceptance within the Church.

“There’s so many things going on in our country right now,” Lieut-Colonel William Mockabee said, referring to divisive issues like racism. “We wanted to at least give guidelines for how to have a conversation that you would normally be afraid to have.”

The goal of the initiative is not to reach agreement on every issue, but to remind Salvationists how to accept another’s point of view and to disagree respectfully.

Without this, the Mockabees anticipate that the divide between people will continue to widen.

HENRY MAY



MAJOR HENRY MAY was promoted to glory from Box Hill Hospital, Melbourne, on 23 November after a short illness. He was 86. The Thanksgiving Service to celebrate and honour the life of Major May was held on 30 November at Box Hill Corps, conducted by Captain Kevin Lumb.

Henry, the second child of Henry and Estelle May, grew up in the Melbourne suburb of Kensington with his siblings Thomas, Barry and Beverly. He served as an altar boy in the High Church of England and undertook his schooling at the Kensington State School until he commenced working with The Salvation Army Printing Works.

Henry connected with Brunswick Corps in Melbourne during his teenage years and accepted Jesus as his Saviour. He met Margaret Cook and they were married in October 1956, prior to entering Training College in the *Faithful* session in 1957. During their training, they undertook responsibility for the Balaclava Corps in Victoria and following their commissioning, were appointed to Lyndon Lodge in Hawthorn, Victoria. Further appointments were to Box Hill Boys' Home (Vic), Nedlands Boys' Home (WA) and Bayswater Vocational Centre and Bayswater Boys' Home (Vic).

In 1969, Captains Henry and Margaret moved to Tasmania with their family of five children and undertook corps officer appointments at Devonport, Invermay and Howrah. Their youngest daughter was born and they returned to Victoria for further corps appointments at Footscray, Mitcham, Morwell and Chelsea.

In 1986, Major May returned to the Social

Services ministries in Melbourne and held appointments as Assistant Officer at The Gill Memorial Home, Liaison Officer at The Open Door – Bridge Program, Assistant Manager at James Bray Senior Citizens Residence for Men, Manager of Bridge Link (Grosvenor-Buckland Cottages), Chaplain at Bridge Program and The Bridge Administration in the Eastern Victoria Division before Margaret and he retired in January 1996.

In retirement, Henry made wooden toys that he donated to those in the care of the Army's Social Services. He was also a much-loved member of the Box Hill Corps band. He moved to Millward Aged Care in September 2017.

Henry is survived by his wife Margaret, their children Margaret and Mark, Majors Henry and Sue, Shiona and Robert, Darlene, Murray and Bettina, Nancy and Mark, their 16 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

MELVA TREMBATH



BRIGADIER MELVA FLORENCE Trembath was promoted to glory from Linsell Lodge in Angle Park, South Australia, on 18 November at the age of 99. Her friend of many years, Major Rhonda Freak, was with her as she slipped peacefully into Heaven. The funeral service for Brigadier Trembath was conducted by Majors Jenni and Lindsay Frost on 27 November at Butler's Funeral Chapel in South Australia.

Melva was born in Essendon, Melbourne, on 18 August 1918 to William and Florence and grew up with her younger brothers, Leonard and Norman, in Auburn. The

Trembath family soldiered at Hawthorn Corps, where Melva accepted Jesus as her Saviour at age nine.

A member of the *Hold Fast* session of cadets in 1940, her first appointment was as Assistant Corps Officer at Creswick, followed by 11 months of nursing training at Bethesda Hospital. She went on to be appointed as Assistant Officer at Kyneton and Wodonga, and Corps Officer in Victoria and Tasmania at Benalla, Rochester, Burnley, Mitcham and Elsternwick, Sandy Bay Corps, Altona and New Town.

Captain Trembath sailed for Celebes (now Sulawesi) in the Indonesia Territory in May 1952, where she served for 11 years. Her appointments varied from Assistant Corps Officer at Malang Corps, Kalaware Divisional Headquarters, Medan Evangeline Booth Children's Home, Bandung Boys Home, Corps Officer at Bandung II Corps, and as Cashier and Finance Officer within the Indonesian Territorial Finance Department at Bandung.

Following her return to Australia, Major Trembath commenced 15 years' service within the Social Services Department. This encompassed appointments as the Matron at Harbour Girls Home (renamed Hillview House) in Melbourne, followed by Matron at the Young Women's Hostel (renamed Sutherland Lodge) and The Bridge Women's Home both in Adelaide. These three appointments were shared with Major Rhonda Freak with whom Melva shared a close friendship for 54 years. In 1972, Brigadier Trembath returned to Melbourne as Matron at Spring House, followed by her final appointment before retirement as Matron at Allenby Lodge.

In retirement, Melva lived in South Australia and continued to volunteer at Centennial Court Hostel.

Items for the Tributes section can be submitted via email: others@aus.salvationarmy.org or by post: *Others* Magazine, 261-265 Chalmers St, Redfern, NSW, 2016. Please restrict items to about 250 words, and include a high-res photo.

 ABOUT PEOPLE

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 1 December, 2017: Auxiliary Lieutenant Daniel **Smith**, Chaplain, Crossroads West, Western Australia Division

Effective 6 December 2017: Lieutenant Alexis **Mapleback**, Chaplain (Flight Lieutenant), RAAF Base - Sale, Eastern Victoria Division (additional appointment)

Effective 8 December 2017: Captain Craig **Farrell**, Corps Officer, Berwick Corps, Eastern Victoria Division; Captain Peta Pittaway, Associate Corps Officer, Berwick Corps, Eastern Victoria Division

Effective 18 December, 2017: Auxiliary Lieutenant Alison **Templar**, Assistant Corps Officer, Reservoir Corps, Central Victoria Division

Effective 1 January: Lieutenant Andrew **Lee**, Finance Officer, Italy and Greece Territory.

Effective 10 January: Lieutenant-Colonel Donna **Evans**, National Head of Officer Personnel: Major Quentin **Castle**, Corps Officer, Oakden Corps, South Australia Division; Captain Karen **Armstrong**, Corps Officer, Copper Coast Corps, South Australia Division; Lieutenant Sharnna **Ainsworth**, Corps Officer, Frankston City Corps, Victoria Division.

Effective 1 April: Lieut-Colonel Kelvin **Pethybridge**, Chief Secretary, Eastern Europe Territory; Lieut-Colonel Cheralynne **Pethybridge**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Eastern Europe Territory.

PROMOTIONS

Promoted to Captain as at 16 April 2017

Lieuts Jisook and Marcus **Wunderlich**.

Promoted to Major as at 2 December 2017

Captains Scott and Sharon **Allen**; Captains Lauriee and Paul **Arthur**; Captains Jo and Mark **Bulow**; Captains Fran and Mark **Everitt**; Captain Craig **Exon**; Captains Kaelene and Laithe **Greenaway**; Captains Phil and Rebecca **Inglis**; Captains Kaylene and Paul **Morrice**; Captain Marrienne Schryver; Captain Mark **Williamson**.

Promoted to Captain as at 27 Novembr 2017

Lieut **Brackstone**; Lieut Jacoba **Czoban**; Lieuts Philip and Rachael **Farthing**; Captains Kylie and Martin **Herring**; Lieut Kylie **Hodges**; Lieut Vanessa **Hunt**; Lieuts Aaron and Alana **Reid**; Lieuts David and Lara **Sutcliffe**.

Promoted to Captain as at 3 December 2017

Lieut Bronwyn **Burnett**; Lieut Wes **Bust**; Lieuts Cassi and Sean **Everitt**; Lieut Amanda **Hart**; Lieut Fleur **Hodge**; Lieut Leisa **Humbley**; Lieut Amy **Jones**; Lieuts Claire and David **Jones**; Lieut Darryn **Lloyd**; Lieut Lesley **Newton**; Lieuts Debra and Rodney **Parsons**; Lieut Ashley **Proctor**; Lieuts Katie and Matthew **Ryan**; Lieut Glenn and Kerry **Smith**; Lieuts Lydia and

Stephen **Spencer**; Lieuts Dominic and Samantha **Wallis**; Lieuts Beth and Christian **White**; Lieut Darrell **Wilson**.

Promoted to Major as at 3 December 2017:

Major Karen **Flemming**; Majors Melanie-Anne and Ross **Holland**; Major Grant **Kingston-Kerr**; Majors Nigel and Sandra **MacDonald**; Major Louise **Nicholson**; Majors Peter and Wendy **Spindler**; Majors Derek and Sonia **Whitehouse**.

ACCEPTANCE

The following people have been accepted as auxiliary-lieutenants:

Matthew and Amanda **Pethybridge**, Menai Corps, NSW/ACT Division; Josh and Lorelle **Vince**, Westernport Mission Centre, Eastern Victoria Division; Melissa **Cutler**, Tamworth Corps, NSW/ACT Division.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Brigadier Melva Florence **Trembath**, on 18 November; Major Henry **May**, on 23 November.

BEREAVEMENT

Major Pauline Baker, of her sister, Elsie Heness; Major Dianne Main, of her father, Bruce Grice, on 21 November; Major Margaret May, of her husband and Major Henry May and Major Sue May, of their father, Major Henry May, on 23 November; Lieut Simone Smalley, of her father, on 1 December; Major Rodney Ainsworth, of his mother, Delsie Ainsworth, on 2 December; Major Dean Smith, of his father, Bram Smith, on 2 December; Lieut-Colonel Donna Evans, of her father, Ken Hutchinson, on 8 December.

RETIREMENT

Majors Graeme and Karan Ross, on 31 January.

 ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

 COMMISSIONERS FLOYD AND TRACEY TIDD
 (NATIONAL LEADERS)

Phillip Island Thurs 11 Jan and Sun 11 Jan - Summer Carnival
 Geelong Mon 29-Wed 31 Jan - Executive Mission Leadership Retreat

 COLONELS GRAEME (CHIEF SECRETARY - AUS) AND KARYN RIGLEY
 (TSWM/TERRITORIAL SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL - AUS)

Phillip Island Thurs 11 Jan - Summer Carnival

WORDS

SALLY JOHNSON*

Be open to faith; it will change your life.

It's really quite likely that I owe my life to The Salvation Army and the support I received through its Bridge program.

Throughout my teenage years I had struggled with severe anxiety, depression and low self-esteem. Despite a traumatic incident when I was younger, I had mostly been blessed with great opportunities, had a supportive family and went to a good school. The depression and anxiety, though, always held me back.

I started to binge drink in an attempt to escape the stresses of life, to gain peace and happiness, and to block out the negative thinking. I felt increasingly trapped, like there was no way out, and at 18, I tried to end my life.

The depression continued. I was living at home and trying to do normal things, live a normal life, but I would binge-drink to help escape how I was feeling. I was trying to get help in a lot of different ways to help change my thinking as well, though I needed something more. In 2009, I started a communications degree at university, but I didn't finish it. In 2013, I completed a diploma in children's services.

The depression was still there and I had been so unhappy for so long. My sponsor in the support group I was attending told me about The Salvation Army's Dooralong Transformation Centre (Recovery Services) on the Central Coast of NSW. She had been there and it had helped her so much. She thought I might like to try it.



Sally says The Salvation Army helped her overcome depression and binge drinking.

In 2015, I entered Dooralong, desperate for change. I completed the 10-month residential program and it changed my life forever. It was a long-term program, which is what I needed, and it gave me a supportive community. It changed my whole way of thinking. It wasn't easy, but I was determined to finish. Most importantly, I realised that spirituality was the missing link in my life and I came to know God. I didn't know much about God when I went in, but I was determined to have an open mind towards faith.

I feel as though a weight has been lifted from me. I have no logical explanation for it, and that's because there isn't a logical explanation. It has been a spiritual experience. I believe God goes in search for the one lost sheep and he came and found me. I still have ups

and downs, but I have been able to get through things a lot more easily now and I haven't had to return to drinking to feel better.

I feel really good and I do feel proud of myself. It's a good feeling, knowing that I don't have to deal with my addiction problem anymore. There is so much I have been blessed with in life; I only have one life and I don't want to waste it.

I am so thankful. I honestly don't know where I would be or if I'd be alive without the Dooralong program and community. I was mentored by a beautiful "angel", my sponsor, who was also helped by the Salvos. And my sponsor told me she was helped by another beautiful woman who was first helped by the Salvos ... so these are life investments that keep paying forward. I am moving this year and plan to join a Salvation Army corps. I also hope to volunteer and get more involved in helping people who are struggling, whatever they are going through.

I'm starting with my story. If people read this and are struggling in any way, God can help you. We all need something outside of ourselves. And there are services and people who can help and support you and lead you to hope and freedom. You don't have to be religious. Be open to faith; it will change your life. ■

** Not her real name*



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