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Julie possesses inner strength for daunting task.

SCOTT SIMPSON | MANAGING EDITOR

JULIE CAMPBELL HAS sure come a long way since the early 1980s when she was one of my Corps Cadet teachers at Wollongong. I was a teenager then, and Julie wasn't that much older. But as young as I was, I was still able to notice something different about the way Julie carried herself that set her apart from many of the other young people at Wollongong Corps in those days.

She may have been somewhat slight in stature, but it was obvious that Julie possessed an inner strength, grounded in a spiritual maturity that belied her youth. It left you in no doubt that once she set her mind to a task, God willing she was going to achieve it. And she also must have known a thing or two about being a Corps Cadet teacher; I still have the Bible that was presented to me for, on the back of Julie's guidance, "Outstanding Achievement as a Corps Cadet in the [then] ACT and South NSW Division". Ah yes, those were heady days!

Around the same time that I was etching my name into the Corps Cadet history books, newlyweds Julie and Mark Campbell were entering The Salvation Army Training College for Officers in Sydney. More than 30 years later and the Campbells continue to serve as officers, now with the rank of colonel. Mark is the National Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army in Australia. Julie, meantime, has recently taken up a new appointment that is pioneering in the international Salvation Army. She is the National Advocate for Gender Equity, a groundbreaking role that has been created as part of the transition to one National Territory in Australia.

In this issue of *others*, in an extended feature article that begins on page 16, we talk to Julie about her passion for gender equity and how her decades of service, her upbringing and the influence of her wider family, have equipped her for this exciting new chapter in her officership. And without doubt it is an exciting time, not only for Julie but for The Salvation Army worldwide. Appointing a National Advocate for Gender Equity is, as I mentioned earlier, largely uncharted territory for the Army and it is a development that is being watched keenly by Salvationists around the globe.

All of this promises to be an at times daunting journey that Julie is embarking on. She knows it won't be easy, and admits as much. "There have been times when I have thought, 'I'll just leave others to this fight'," she says in the article. "But I have an opportunity to speak up and make a difference for the younger generations coming through."

She seems, however, remarkably unruffled by the challenge. Julie, it appears, despite the rollercoaster ride of more than three decades as a Salvation Army officer, is still very much like that younger version of herself. Despite the enormity of the challenge ahead, her faith is in a great God whom she believes has positioned her for this moment, and God willing she will achieve the task set before her. ■

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Managing Editor of *others*





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Sydney Streetlevel centre a haven of love and acceptance for people from all walks of life. Photo: Lena Pobjie



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Australia National Command welcomes

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Friday 13th of October 2017
- Melbourne

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Public Meeting 7.30pm

Melbourne City Conference Centre
(next to Melbourne Central Station)
333 Swanston St, Melbourne

Sunday 15th of October 2017
- Sydney

Holiness Meeting 10.30am

Auburn Salvation Army
166 - 170 South Parade, Auburn

Praise & Worship Meeting 3.00pm

Hurstville Salvation Army
cnr. Bond St and Dora St, Hurstville

Monday 16th of October 2017
- Sydney

Officers Councils 10.00am

Sydney Congress Hall
140 Elizabeth St, Sydney



Sharing the journey.

Coming alongside the people God has placed before us

WORDS | COMMISSIONER FLOYD TIDD

“But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs”
(Philippians 2:25).

Walking 700km from Melbourne to Canberra is an extraordinary expression of living, loving and fighting “alongside others”. To choose to step into the places of hardship or injustice is to choose to stand by the people God has placed before us.

My wife, Tracey, and I spent time last month sharing the Walk the Walk for the homeless with Major Brendan Nottle, with Major Sandra Nottle leading the support team. The Nottles have for over a decade walked alongside countless people living in places of hardship or injustice in the city of Melbourne.

While walking the road from Melbourne to Canberra they, together with people from all walks of life – who like ourselves share some of the steps – invite a nation and its leaders to work together to reframe the picture of homelessness in Australia. It is a coming alongside others in local communities through this walk that will provide first-hand accounts about the issue of homelessness for Brendan to share with our elected representatives.

Through walking together with Brendan and Sandra there is the reminder of the pace required to be alongside others, far different than the chaotic pace at which many of us do life. In walking there is the sensitivity to the pace that works for the group – ensuring no one is left behind. There is the shared experience of meaningful progress, moving from the starting point to the destination. And

there is time to explore the power of deep conversation and dreams.

As we continue to unpack the National Vision for The Salvation Army in Australia, a key element is the choice to be a movement that lives, loves and fights “alongside others”. Generations of self-sacrificing Salvos have laid a foundation of trust with fellow Australians, that allows Salvos today the privilege to share the journey of life with communities throughout the country.

When I consider the term “alongside others” in our Vision Statement, I am challenged by the words of Paul in his letter to the church at Philippi, when he writes of Epaphroditus who had been sent by the church to bring him support during his imprisonment. He calls him, “my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier” (Philippians 2:25). He identifies that Epaphroditus was like a brother to him and treated him like family. By referring to him as a co-worker he implies they share the same work and tasks. Paul was a great hero of the faith but still knew the power of soldiers fighting together in battle and calls him his fellow soldier.

Paul pointed out the power and the portrait of being “alongside others”. Would you share the challenge of those words as well? Who would call me brother, co-worker and fellow soldier?

We will only effectively and passionately live, love and fight as we come alongside others. ■

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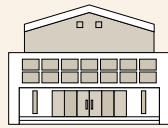


Indonesia Territory – Integrity, compassion and transformation.

How well do you know The Salvation Army world? This month, our Global Focus column highlights the work in Indonesia.

The Salvation Army commenced in Indonesia (Java) in 1894. Operations were extended to Ambon, Bali, East Kalimantan, Sulawesi (Central, North and South), Sumatra (North and South), Nias and East Nusa Tenggara and Papua. A network of educational, medical and social services began.

The Indonesia Territory is in the South Pacific and East Asia Zone of The Salvation Army. The gospel is preached in Indonesian, with a wide range of local dialects. Australian officers, Commissioners Peter and Jennifer Walker, are the territorial leaders in Indonesia.



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It has been a challenge learning to live in a vastly different culture from our homeland of Australia,” they shared. “However, we have come to love and appreciate the lovely people of Indonesia and have gradually assimilated to the very diverse culture here. Indonesians are a very warm and friendly people, and we have the privilege of working with some amazing and beautiful officers, staff and Salvationists. Indonesians love sharing meals and showing hospitality and they love to participate in worship. It is a joy to be with them.

“Most Salvationists here are not well off materially, but we see that they have a wonderful dependence

on God and a strong belief in the power of prayer. This has helped us to become much more thankful for the blessings we have, and more respectful towards people from other cultures and experiences, and the challenges they face.”

TERRITORIAL THEMES

The Indonesia Territory’s theme for 2017 is “Increasing integrity and spiritual accountability”. It is also in its third year of the “Vision 2020” international strategic plan. The three pillars of the vision are integrity, compassion and transformation, with the faith goal of reaching 50,000 senior soldiers by the year 2020.

The territory has also enthusiastically engaged in “The Whole World Mobilising” theme for 2017, with a number of innovative campaigns conducted. These include the distribution of handwashing stickers and the provision of free medical check-ups through Salvation Army hospitals and clinics.

The territory continues to grow numerically and spiritually. “We give thanks to God that many men and women and young people have given their hearts to God through the ministry of The Salvation Army in Indonesia in this past year. We also give thanks to God for sustaining the territory financially through 2016, the first year that the Indonesia Territory has not received operational grants from International Headquarters.”

In an historic first for the territory, a brass band camp and concert was held in Surabaya in July 2016, attended by 94 young brass musicians from across the nation, and sponsored by the Netherlands, Czech Republic and Slovakia Territory. Instructors came from Indonesia, Singapore, Australia and the Philippines.



In another historic moment, on 5 January 2017, a foundation was established to give legal standing and oversight to the many schools and colleges across Indonesia managed by The Salvation Army. It is expected that the new foundation will help improve teacher training and education outcomes for students.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

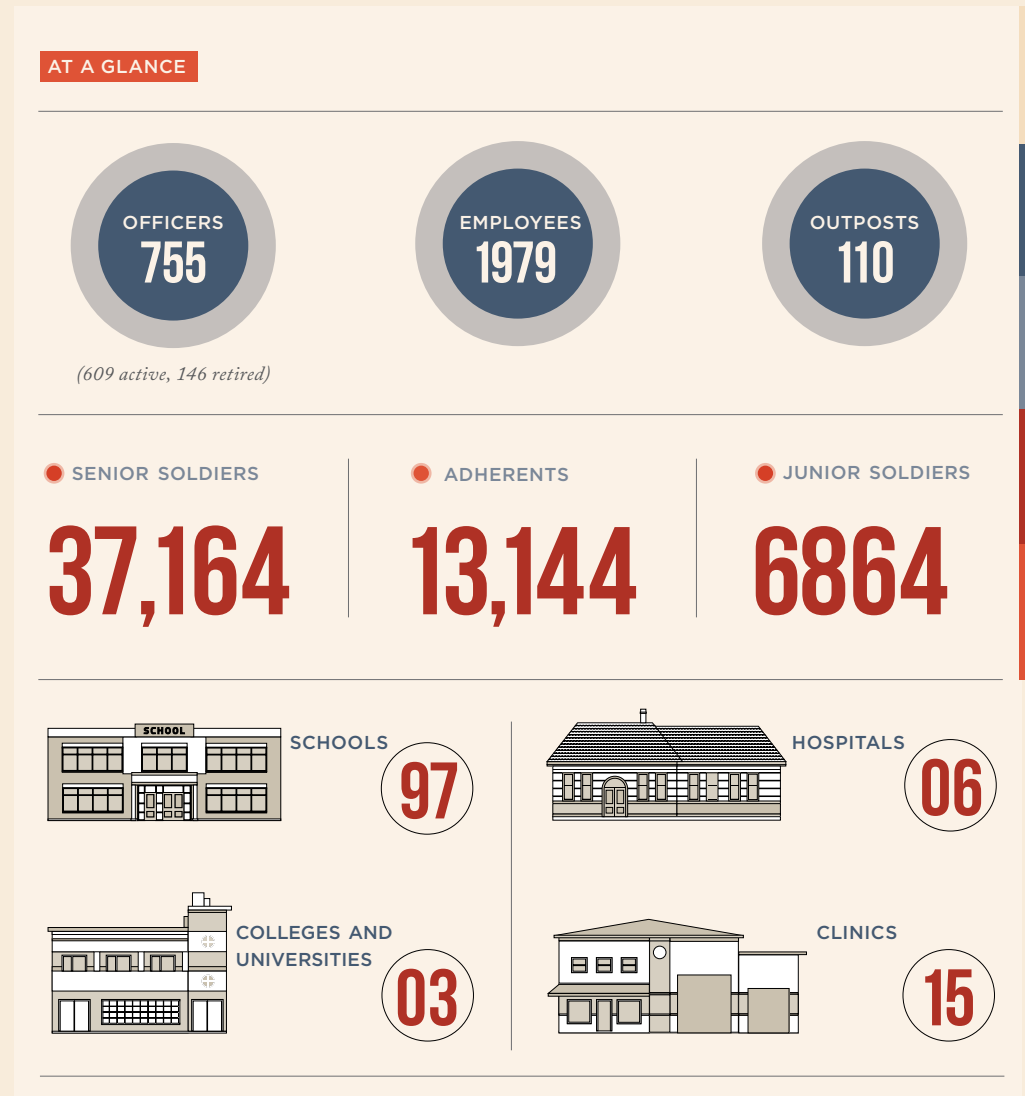
Project funding and sponsorship from partner territories continues to play an important role in developing and sustaining the social ministry of children’s homes, schools, hospitals, clinics and elderly person’s residences in Indonesia, and the territory expresses sincere thanks for this generous and vital support.

In addition to its social ministry, The Salvation Army in Indonesia is also part of several community development projects, including fishing boats for Tumpa, constructing a midwifery wing for the Woodward Hospital, and supporting the Pearl of Love children’s home.

On 7 December 2016, an earthquake with strength 6.5 on the Richter scale devastated the Pidie Jaya District of Aceh province. Hundreds of homes, schools and public buildings were destroyed and 104 people lost their lives. Salvation Army personnel from Territorial Headquarters and North Sumatra assisted in the relief effort, providing assistance that included the distribution of much needed medical supplies. IHQ Emergency Services supported the response.

YOUNG WOMEN’S HOSTEL

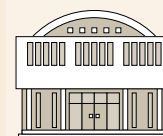
Women’s Ministries in the Australia Southern Territory is partnering with the Indonesia Territory to fund much-needed



renovations at the Young Women’s Hostel as part of their 2017-2018 “Making it Happen” project.

Located in Bandung, the home houses up to 26 women at any one time, ensuring a healthy environment and promoting well-being for these women.

While Indonesia features an array of housing for children, once these women reach university age, they are left with nowhere to live. This program gives women a safe place as they enter university or the workforce, places where women are still disenfranchised.



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The money raised will help provide:

- Repairs to doors and windows
- New kitchen and bathroom facilities
- Improved security
- New appliances and furnishings
- Painting.

Once the project is completed, the facility will cater for up to 30 women and will be rededicated as the Eva Burrows Women’s Hostel.



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Moral discernment in our time.

More than simply conscience

WORDS | GRAEME YOUNG

DEALING WITH COMPLEX moral and social issues is an inherent part of day-to-day life. Depending on how a person responds, there is potential for harm to result, either to the individual, to one's contacts or the community and, indeed, world at large. Avoiding or minimising such harm should be a goal of our response. But as Christians, we consider that it is also important to affirm and enhance the inherent dignity of each individual, as well as to fulfil God's purpose in creating us.

The current moral and social issues – such as sexuality, nature of marriage, euthanasia, equality/equity, surrogacy – are prominent in the media. How we as individuals, and the Christian Church itself, respond to these is under great scrutiny. How should the distress of weighty moral dilemmas be borne? Is drawing on conscience and moral character, cultivated over time, sufficient for the task? Moral dilemmas need resolution and dealing with them calls for clear thinking. So, where do we turn for illumination?

In the Wesleyan tradition, with which The Salvation Army associates, we identify four sources of wisdom that aid moral discernment:

1. The Bible (first and foremost) – The Bible is God's word to the human race.

This does not mean, though, that it contains specific solutions to all ethical dilemmas.

2. Tradition – Tradition expresses the collective wisdom of the Church gathered over time to further guide decision-making.

3. Reason – Reason is one of God's gifts to us for determining how we might act. For instance, "justice" is a heavily used general moral precept in the Bible, but it is of no value in itself unless we reason from the principle to a practical course of action.

4. Experience – Experience covers a broad space. It can be seen as a reference to Christian conscience as being the way in which God makes us aware of what is right, but our conscience can sometimes be misled, coloured by cultural prejudices and limited by a narrow range of experiences. Experience also refers to factual knowledge. Modern science, including medicine, sociology, psychology, and biology, uses observation to objectively understand the situations we face; the facts discovered can be very important to good ethical decision-making.

As Christians we have a responsibility to discern the appropriate course of action. To do so requires a systematic examination of the above four sources. The Salvation Army, by its very nature, is a nurturing Christian movement that seeks through its ministry to develop each person's relationship with God, with humankind and with creation. Its ministry is holistic, meaning that it does not matter if help is needed in a practical or spiritual manner.

The Salvation Army's Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC) in Australia "... exists to identify, study, advise on, and respond to moral and social issues about which The Salvation Army has

a responsibility to form a view". Both the Australia Eastern and Southern territories established a Public Questions Board (MASIC forerunner) in the 1980s to do just this. I was asked to be a member at that time, in a context of emerging medical technologies, the rise of HIV/AIDS, and an awakening of the individual to be more self-assertive and less likely to follow family, societal and institutional norms. One of my tasks was to consider the new biomedical developments of in vitro fertilisation (IVF) as a means of assisting couples to have a child in the face of otherwise insurmountable barriers.

Today, MASIC applies all four sources of wisdom in moral discernment to fulfil its responsibility as a moral and social policy guide to individual Salvationists, to staff in their ministry and, indeed, to the community at large. We are now reviewing and updating a range of materials which include position statements, guidelines for Salvationists, and discussion papers. These will become increasingly available in the next few months.

We are now embarking on a process, in co-operation with national leadership, to equip and engage The Salvation Army community with the necessary tools and information that will help us better deal with challenging issues. To achieve this, and with the responsibility of bringing ourselves and others closer to God's will, we need to promote respectful dialogue around controversial issues to ensure that each of us is appropriately informed, and understands the perspectives and circumstances that others must deal with. ■

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Professor Graeme Young is National Chair of The Salvation Army's Moral and Social Issues Council.



WORTH
QUOTING.

Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them. – Elisabeth Elliot

Made in the image of God.

Worth and dignity in every life

WORDS | VAUGHAN OLLIFFE

A RECENT ARTICLE in *The Daily Telegraph* in Sydney reported a push by experts to offer genetic screening for Fragile X syndrome, which is the leading cause of inherited intellectual disability. In the article, researcher Sylvia Metcalfe suggests that “genetic testing empowered women”, since they can use the testing to make decisions. The decision, of course, being whether to terminate a pregnancy or not.

What is not stated in the article is that if the diagnosis does identify a potential disability it is very likely to lead to termination. A study revealed that in the United States over two-thirds of babies with Down Syndrome are aborted, with the rate even higher in Australia and Europe. These rates call into question the easy platitude that “every life is precious”.

The question that arises is what sort of message this sends about the value of life for people with disabilities. Implicit is the idea that the lives of people with disabilities are worth less than the so-called “able-bodied”. This speaks to our societal valuing of autonomy, control and health – which leads us to shun or pity weakness, dependence and vulnerability. These sorts of assumptions have already led some ethicists to suggest that it should be permissible to perform what they euphemistically call “post-birth abortion” of unwanted children with disabilities.

On one level it is not surprising to see this

sort of suggestion made. In fact, bio-ethicist Peter Singer suggests the only reason we are uncomfortable with infanticide is because of the lingering impact of the Christian view of the person. He suggests we abandon that sort of thinking. Singer writes that “membership of the species *Homo sapiens* is not enough to confer a right to life”. Instead of basing worth on someone being human, he argues that we should consider if they have the characteristics, such as rationality, autonomy or self-consciousness, that make someone a person.

This is not to suggest that Western society as a whole will publicly embrace the return of the practice of infanticide. But what cannot be ignored is that people with disabilities are often regarded with pity, seen in terms of what they cannot do rather than who they are. This view ignores the real lived experience of people with disabilities. Writing in *The New York Times*, disability activist Harriet McBride argues that there is an “unexamined assumption that disabled people are inherently ‘worse off’, that we ‘suffer’, that we have lesser ‘prospects of a happy life.’”

So what, then, could provide a challenge to this way of viewing people with disabilities?

We should return to how the Christian idea of the person changed the Western world. In this we can agree with Singer that the early Christians had a transformational understanding of what it was to be human. They understood all people as being made in the image of God. This is what makes people special.

This idea of the image is not further spelt out. Instead it is simply stated. There is no precondition attached to attain it. To be human is to be made in God’s image because he has bestowed it upon them. There is, therefore, no one who is more or less human based on characteristics

that we may value. This is seen in the way that this understanding caused the early Christians to care for all people regardless of race, gender, social class, age or beliefs. They would, in fact, rescue unwanted children who were abandoned to the elements. As the influence of Christianity on the West increased so did this idea that all people were of equal worth because they were made in God’s image.

If this is truly believed then it impacts the way we regard the value of children with disabilities. We do not judge worth on their capacities or qualities. Instead, we recognise every human as having worth and dignity because they are made in God’s image.

Theologian Oliver O’Donovan argues that we should not deliberate over what characteristics make someone a “person”. Instead, governed by the understanding of people made in God’s image we start with a commitment to treat all humans as persons. When we commit to knowing and loving someone we can discover within them the personhood that all people possess. When we take this approach, we can recognise that people with disabilities are in fact like us and, therefore, deserve our love and respect and should be regarded as infinitely valuable.

We live in a society that affirms the equal rights of all people and yet destroys the lives of children with disabilities before they are born. The call for Christians is to be people who provide welcome and care for all people no matter their capacity, because we recognise that they, too, are made in the image of God. ■

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 Vaughan Olliffe completed a Bachelor of Divinity at Moore Theological College, which included a major project exploring Disability and the Image of God. He is now the manager of the Doorways program in the Australia Eastern Territory.

Mailbox.



OUR FOUNDERS DESERVE RECOGNITION

I wish to thank Major Ken Sanz for his comments on Founders' Day in the July issue of *others*. I agree that it is not an occasion to worship "St William", but I do think we owe honour to remember William and Catherine Booth for their response to God's leading in stepping out of "security" to a mission of faith to bring the Gospel and material help to the forgotten and unwanted.

Whatever the date chosen to remember Founders' Day, I feel we should uphold the Booths in appreciation and thanks to the Lord. We celebrate and remember many special people and occasions, such as Christmas, Easter, Anzac Day, Australia Day, Queen's Birthday, and many other less important people and occasions, so why not honour with respect a couple who dedicated their lives to a cause that is now almost worldwide. I therefore support Ken's remarks and thank him for bringing it to our notice, and challenge "our" dedication. I came into the Army at age 14 in 1936, and I remember down through the years the lives that have been turned around because of William and Catherine Booth. God bless our Army and keep us true to the principles it upholds.

— *Envoy Frank Pink*



LILY PAVED WAY FOR FEMALE OFFICERS

I was very interested in the article concerning Brigadier Lily Sampson (Army Archives, September issue), and was on the Training College staff at Petersham when this happened. Brigadier Hazel Cross, the Chief Side Officer for Women at the college for some years, was also one of those single officers who, after receiving her new appointment as Assistant Chief Secretary, did not have a quarters allocated either. We were staggered that these two women with many

years of faithful service, were treated in this way.

Like many other singles of that era, I also fully understand this experience. Twice it involved me in two country divisional headquarters appointments. Initially, the farewelling officer held her place for me, then, as circumstances changed, it was for me to "look elsewhere".

To my knowledge, the first apartments built in Sydney to be allocated to single territorial headquarters/divisional headquarters officers, was at Stanmore, in the grounds of the then-Stanmore Children's Home. What a blessing. At last we singles had a place of our own and thanks go to Lily Sampson.

— *Major Gweneth Woodbury*



CREST AHEAD OF THE REST

I am a Year 12 student at a Christian school in South Australia. Earlier this year, as part of our Bible class, we were required to give a talk to a class about a topic of our choosing. My friend, Luke, and I decided to talk about Salvation Army symbols. We addressed the Year 12 and Year 9 classes.

After pinning an A3-sized picture of the Army's red shield to the whiteboard, we asked what people thought of when they saw it. The immediate response from several people was: "Salvos Stores; cheap clothes; op shops." All they associated it with was the "op shop" part of the Army.

When we pinned the crest to the whiteboard, no one in either class had ever seen it before. We then explained the meanings and the history of the crest to the classes, and they found it very interesting. I believe that this highlights the serious issue that many people think that The Salvation Army is just an op shop. I am also very concerned about the decline of the crest, as it is an extremely meaningful symbol which is

solidly based upon scripture. This has led me to produce a small booklet which explains all the meanings of the crest, and contains all the scripture it is based on. I think we need to carefully consider why we are replacing it with the red shield if we want to be taken seriously as a church and not just a welfare organisation.

— *James Leigh*



CROSS POINTS TO JESUS

Recently, a young woman who was invited to The Salvation Army church unknowingly drove past the building and instead, ended up worshipping at the Church of Christ a block away. Having never been to church before, she said she didn't realise The Salvation Army building was a church but knew the Church of Christ was "because it had a big cross on it".

The Salvation Army crest has little meaning to those we are trying to reach, but most do know that a cross on a public building most likely means it's a place of worship. Which would we prefer to present to the public; a symbol that has clear meaning only to those who are Salvos, or a symbol which has clear meaning to almost everyone?

I do understand it's our role to explain the meaning of our symbol and that this is part of our witness. But how many people have we explained it to this week, and how do we explain it to the thousands of people driving past our buildings each day?

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). In Australia, most people know that the cross points to Jesus. Keep the crest, keep the red shield, but not at the expense of the one symbol that is clear. Put a cross on our places of worship and make the message clear to the "lost": it's not about The Salvation Army, it's about Jesus.

— *Graeme Parish*

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Alongside others.

WORDS | BEN WARD

*“Wherever there is hardship or injustice,
 Salvos will live, love and fight
 alongside others
 to transform Australia one life at a time
 with the love of Jesus”
 - National Vision Statement*

In the past two issues of *others* we’ve explored what it means to seek out hardship or injustice, and what it looks like for us as Salvos to live, love and fight. This month, we take a look at the third line of our National Vision Statement – “alongside others”.

“There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do” (1 Corinthians 12:5-7 CEV).

If there is one thing that Salvos have always been good at, it’s getting in and working together to do what needs to be done. We see this evidenced every day, from our corps and social mission expressions to our divisional and territorial headquarters support services. Regardless of where we serve in our Salvation Army, we’re not afraid to get our hands dirty so that we can get the job done.

Looking at the third line of the National Vision Statement you could so easily read “alongside others” as an “easy win” on our journey to see our vision become a reality, because we already work alongside others every day. It’s only upon looking further into the placement of these two words within our statement that we discover a subtle, deeper challenge to acknowledge that there are different ways to serve the same Lord; that we can each do different things, and that these different ways and different things may

not always be direct expressions of The Salvation Army.

The opening line of the National Vision Statement – “wherever there is hardship or injustice” – is far-reaching. If we were to try to place ourselves in every place that hardship or injustice exists, we’d be spread so thin that we would risk becoming ineffective, or invisible to those that need us the most. This is where the third line of the statement becomes apparent as an integral part of our vision. It opens us up to the possibility that we might broaden and strengthen our partnerships with others – churches, community groups and professional services – outside The Salvation Army in ways that we might never have imagined or considered.

The simple phrase “alongside others” encourages us to value each expression of The Salvation Army in Australia while expanding our ranks by working alongside those outside the Army, combining the wonderful gifts and resources that God has given us. Living, loving and fighting this way, alongside others, we will see the transformation of Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus. ■

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PRAYER POINTS

- Thank the Lord for the gifts and abilities he has given us and pray that they will be used to make our Vision Statement a reality.
- Pray that there will be an openness and willingness to work together, alongside others, to transform Australia, one life at a time.
- Pray that we will be able to work in unity with other churches, community groups and professional services to meet the needs of the people we serve.

Living OUR VISION



Join in this special event as we mobilise across our National Movement to live our Vision locally!

In coming months you will receive an invitation to a 'Living Our Vision' event. This event will be one of many held across Australia, in each expression of The Salvation Army as we prepare to mobilise our National Vision.

In each Living Our Vision event we'll be exploring the National Vision Statement by asking 'why we should bother' with a new Vision, learning about our Vision for Australia, brainstorming ways we can live our Vision wherever we are, and taking action.

The Living Our Vision event is an exciting opportunity for you to learn all about our National Vision, and what you can do to be a part of it.

As we begin to mobilise, you can prepare for your local Living Our Vision event by thinking about the different ways that you can get involved, and the role you could play in shaping the future of The Salvation Army in Australia.





◀ Colonel Julie Campbell is relishing the missional opportunities that will come with her new role as National Advocate for Gender Equity.

The advocate.

Julie ‘positioned by God’ to lead groundbreaking equity plan

WORDS | ANNE HALLIDAY

Colonel Julie Campbell never imagined her calling to officership would take her beyond the bounds of local corps ministry, let alone into some of the most senior leadership positions in The Salvation Army in Australia. Yet her years as an officer and a follower of Jesus have convinced her that God will never lead her outside his purposes.

A child of officers who spent most of their years in corps ministry, Julie expected that she and husband Mark, currently National Chief Secretary, would do the same. It’s a bit of surprise revelation coming from a woman who has just been appointed the National Advocate for Gender Equity and whose rise to leadership through divisional and territorial roles in women’s ministry and Training Principal at the Australia Eastern College for Officers seem to reflect a natural progression. Her reputation as a down-to-earth, capable yet humble leader appears a seamless fit for the demands of senior leadership.

Julie smiles. At so many points, it has been neither natural nor seamless. “Mark and I would say that we would never have chosen any of our appointments, yet we are always amazed by what God provided for

us and what we learnt through them. I think every appointment has prepared me for the appointment I now hold.”

As of 1 August, Julie stepped into her landmark role, part of a pioneering initiative embedded in the structural foundation for the new Australia Territory, launched by National Commander Commissioner Floyd Tidd, in May. The advocate will be responsible for identifying gender-equity issues across both territories and implementing strategies to bring change. In addition, they will ensure recommendations for female representation on territorial and divisional boards and at public events will be fulfilled, as well as identifying married female officers for leadership development.

It is largely unmapped territory for The Salvation Army and has the keen attention of Salvationists around the globe. Julie seems remarkably unruffled for one who seems to be facing a Goliath. But she possesses, like David before her, a deep faith in the God who has positioned her for this moment. And she is confident that her journey has provided her with a store of personal understanding, experience ▶



☛ Face-to-face ministry has been one of Colonel Campbell's strengths during her officership.

- ▶ and wisdom in engaging with the critical issues surrounding gender equity in the Salvation Army, particularly as it relates to married female officers.

LEADERSHIP BACKGROUND

Julie cites as pivotal the moment when, after a number of corps appointments early in their officership, Mark was appointed to the Public Relations Department, and Julie to an administrative position in Personnel. They both thought the Army had made a mistake in their respective appointments.

“In the early years of our officership I was content to be learning all I could developing the skills I needed to be a good corps officer,” explains Julie. “So when it came to administration or management, I didn’t think I would need those for corps ministry. They are Mark’s natural giftings so I just expected that he would be the one doing those things.”

In fact, Julie says she actively encouraged Mark in his training and development, knowing that she had brought to officership the advantage of being an officer’s kid.

Julie grew up in the busy officer household, the eldest of four children; three girls and a boy. From their

early teens, all of the children were encouraged by their parents to take on positions of leadership in whatever corps their parents were appointed. By the time Julie and Mark entered training college, Julie had years of leadership development already behind her. It was natural for her to encourage Mark, who through a natural shyness and a non-Army upbringing, had not entered officership with as many leadership experiences. Added to this was the reality of raising a young family.

“We had Sarah soon after we finished college. By the time we had our second child, Joel, it was like a tug-of-war for me – I wanted to be involved in the corps and take my place but I had these two beautiful children that I wanted to nurture and love. My parents demonstrated that family is important and I was trying to work through what I could do, what was my role and I wanted to encourage Mark in his role. So I tended to focus on more practical areas of ministry that worked in with our family life. I wanted Mark to grow and develop, so he took the study opportunities, rather than me. I was happy for him to do that.”

By the time their third child, Aaron, came along another four years later, there was more time, but

Julie's focus remained on the practical and spiritual aspects of corps ministry as her area of professional development.

"I think in the past a majority of women did take a back seat or a secondary role and that was also the era I grew up in," she says. "In those days, the corps officer was the man. When I look at my parents' ministry, my dad was the one up front, but it was my mum who kept it all together. My mum was a very strong woman leader but quieter. She was the caring, nurturing influence and encourager."

It was not hard for Julie to find herself following in the same path, even though she held firm beliefs about women having a place in leadership. "I don't think I ever saw a difference between men and women in leadership, even though now I can see it tended to be male-dominated. And I come from a family of strong women – my mother, grandmother and my aunties, they are all strong spiritual women leaders. I saw them involved in all areas of leadership. I saw what they did and the part they played and the positions they held."

Despite their early misgivings, Mark's Public Relations appointment was a revelation. He thrived, growing in confidence and skills – first in Brisbane, Canberra and then Sydney as Australia Eastern Territorial Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

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BUILDING FAITH

But while Mark was finding his niche, Julie found herself confronted by the apparent mismatch of her administrative appointments with both her skillset and her primary passions and gifts. "It was really hard because I knew Mark was really happy. That's when I started to wonder what I should have done differently and if I should have done more to improve my skills and leadership in those earlier years. I just didn't have the skills I needed for the appointments I was receiving. At one point I did ask leadership if I could be in corps ministry, while Mark continued in PR. I didn't want to be sitting in an office. I didn't

see myself as being called to those roles. I was called to see people come to faith. After a few years they did look into it, but it didn't eventuate."

Later, divisional roles in women's ministry and her time as Training Principal for the Australian Eastern Territory Training College found Julie in roles where she felt her outgoing personality and natural gifts and abilities in teaching, encouragement and hospitality were easily employed and highly fulfilling. "Maybe the leadership of the time saw more in me than I saw," Julie says philosophically. "Maybe they thought those early roles would prepare both of us for senior leadership. It is in the unexpected and in the times when you are totally reliant on God that you really see God at work in your life. It's where our dependence on him comes from – it is his work in us, not just what I know or am gifted to do."

Julie knows that her story is not every married female officer's story. But she does believe that her own experiences and frustrations have positioned her well for her new role. "Because I struggled myself in some of these roles, I think I have a greater empathy for other women when they find themselves in roles that seem not to fit or where they feel undervalued. It's not our position that gives us our value, but who we are in Christ and we've got to find that wherever we are.

"I could have just become bitter and dissatisfied. Yet through all that I tried to find God in those places. I didn't always handle it well. There were times when I was totally frustrated but it has definitely been in the struggles that I have become stronger in my faith, become more a woman of God and I think, a better leader."

BEING EFFECTIVE

But Julie is clear that God's ability to grow her through those appointments does not justify past approaches to appointments for married female officers. "I believe God has called me as an individual and as a married woman and mother," she says. "I believe that he has given me gifts and abilities. I believe he can use me anywhere but I believe he does want me in the most effective role. In the same way, I want to see all women, all officers, fulfilled and being able to do their best for God; in roles that best fit their gifts and abilities so that we are all used in the most effective way for the kingdom.

"I would love to see Australia with a married female Territorial Commander or Chief Secretary – the ▶



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- 01. Colonel Campbell and fellow officers enjoy a quiet chat at Bexley North, where she was Training Principal at Booth College, the Australia Eastern College for Officers.
- 02. Colonel Campbell with her husband Colonel Mark Campbell, who is the National Chief Secretary. They have been officers for more than 30 years and have raised three children during that time. Photo: Shairon Paterson
- 03. 'My long-term vision is for every Salvo woman to be empowered, equipped and flourishing in leadership and ministry', says Colonel Campbell.

question is what will it take for us to get that? How do we prepare women for those kind of roles? At the same time it can't all be about senior leadership. It is about women, wherever they are, being valued and confident and equipped as leaders in their own right. Empowered and equipped to be the leader that God has called them to be. And it's about having the choice – for women that want to continue in shared ministry, such as corps work or women's ministry roles, to be able to do that and for those who want to take an individual role, for them to have that option.

“And we also want to see marriages and families strengthened, not diminished. I think the juggle of being in leadership and raising your children is a challenge, but I think the younger couples are much more aware and they believe in sharing home life and corps life. I think there is a lot more equitability than in my era, more give and take. And we want to support them to make time to care and nurture our future generations to be strong Christians and citizens.”

Julie is well aware of the complexities facing such idealistic rhetoric. How do we change the cultural mindset that certain roles are for men? How do we balance the uniqueness of The Salvation Army's “shared ministry” with a focus on individual giftings? What is the reality of opportunities for women in light of a diminishing number of divisional leadership positions? How do we identify gifts in women who do not necessarily stand out? How do we bridge the gap of training that exists because of past practices? How do we challenge the long-held view that advancement is not just about moving “up” or measured by the senior leadership roles you hold? Or that senior leadership positions should only be held by older, more experienced officers?

“There have been times when I have thought, ‘I'll just leave others to this fight,’” admits Julie. “But I have an opportunity to speak up and make a difference for the younger generations coming through.”

SLEEVES ROLLED UP

Julie Campbell may not have envisaged the heights to which her officership would take her – but she's not short on imagining the horizon she longs to see or the determination to roll up her sleeves and get on with the job before her. While much of the detail of the Gender Equity Plan is yet to be developed, she is clear on her foremost task – laying a strategic foundation for the future.



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“My first and key task is to form a committee; a working group with both external and internal people to develop this area and build a strategy for the future. I am really excited to have external people involved who are already doing this in the corporate world. It will be an important part of our role to make sure we have equitable representation of married female officers across the territory in boardrooms, on platforms and in training opportunities.

“The other key task is to put a process in place to identify 20 women each year to invite into development and upskilling for their current and future leadership roles. It's more than just choosing women with leadership qualities. It's about having a strategy for ongoing development of all women. Realistically, this first year for me will be about creating an awareness of our biblical and historical foundation and hearing the voices of female officers – both those who are happy and fulfilled and those who are not.

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Love for all.

Sydney Streetlevel a haven for ‘everybody’

WORDS | BILL SIMPSON

Midday ... and it's lunchtime in Sydney on a cold and showery Monday. Pumpkin soup, meat pie or quiche with potato mash, cheese-cake and fruit salad, tea and coffee. \$2 the lot. Not bad!

We're at The Salvation Army's Sydney Streetlevel centre in inner-city Surry Hills, a few blocks from Central Railway Station. They serve a midday meal – and breakfast – every weekday to the homeless, public housing tenants and anybody in the area who needs a little bit of help, a hand-up or just some happiness.

I meet Ronaldo as he waits for his lunch. He's been coming for a long time, he tells me – maybe 20 years. “Two dollars a day is a bargain,” he says. “It would cost me \$80 a week if I had to look after myself. I like the people here.”

Barbara is here, too. She's just called in for a cup of tea and “to get off the street for a while”. She's been upset by some serious police activity on the streets. “It's been very noisy, very unnerving. I need to settle a bit,” she says.

Others are coming down the narrow laneway at the corner of Albion and Crown streets and into the centre, most of them on their own. Some sit by themselves. Others are more confident in conversation and join somebody at a table. They all have a story to tell. Most, though, are reluctant today to reveal too much.

Streetlevel mission leader Mitchell Evans, who shares the role with his wife, Robyn, is trying to encourage more communication around the tables. Some people struggle, he says. Not everybody has social skills. “We play games around the tables to encourage social interaction. We are seeing good signs,” he says.

Mitchell and Robyn (pictured) have been the Sydney Streetlevel mission leaders for six years, after being raised in a fairly traditional and conservative Salvation Army environment at Parramatta Corps. He was an information technology consultant and she a social worker in mental health, living in a lovely three-bedroom sandstone home in the suburbs, preparing to raise a family, when God called and sent them to the inner-city.

Now, they live with their one-year-old son in a small flat above the Streetlevel building. “We're trying to create a place here where anyone can come and feel comfortable,” Mitchell says. “We're providing a safe place for people with all sorts of personal issues; a place where people can come on their best days and their worst days.”

Robyn says she wants to be “a faith example ... somebody who is accepting of everybody.” And she wants everybody at Streetlevel to know that they are accepted, no matter their circumstance. “We're a corps with social-based ministries,” she says. “We don't call people soldiers, adherents or clients. ▶





Photos: Lena Pobjie

We call everybody here a community member.”

Monica is serving in the cafeteria kitchen. She’s been here since early morning, starting with breakfast and now lunch. Like Mitchell and Robyn, Monica has been at Streetlevel for six years. Before that, she worked for The Salvation Army at the Foster House men’s shelter and Stead House student accommodation. In all, she’s been with The Salvation Army for 20 years.

Born in Beirut but an Aussie for the past 40 years, Monica sees the people who call at Streetlevel for support as her “family”. “There are a lot of sad and lonely people here,” she says. “My job is to make them feel loved and at home.”

Before lunch is served, people are on computers, washing their clothes, taking showers, chatting around courtyard tables outside and collecting mail, which they can have addressed to Streetlevel. As well as breakfast and lunch every weekday, there are regular activities for women and children, a hairdresser called Wanda cuts and grooms hair every second Wednesday, Centrelink staff call in to offer advice, a financial counsellor provides assistance, there’s a clothing and furniture store and a food market where assessed people can buy products at bargain prices or get emergency relief.

Streetlevel also operates some of the activities at its nearby Waterloo centre. And there’s a Friday night church service held at The Salvation Army’s nearby Redfern headquarters, which is attracting people further afield than Surry Hills. “We want the people who come here to meet Jesus,” Mitchell says.

LENA’S STORY

Lena met the Lord through Streetlevel. She’s a single mother, turning 30. Her life has been a tragedy – almost unbelievable.

Lena was born in Brisbane. She has never met her mother, but has spoken to her on the telephone a few times. As



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01. Sydney Streetlevel mission leaders Robyn and Mitchell Evans with Lena (centre), who says the centre in inner-city Surry Hills ‘is home for me’.
02. Nina, who spent years as a homeless person and in violent relationships, has found a caring environment at Streetlevel, where she now sings in the corps worship team.
03. Monica has worked in the kitchen preparing daily meals for the Streetlevel community for the past six years. ‘My job is to make them feel loved and at home,’ she says.

a newborn, Lena was taken home from hospital by a man who was listed on her birth certificate as her father. Years later, she discovered that the man was not her father, but a friend of the family.

She lived with the man and her mother’s parents. There was a disagreement and Lena moved to Newcastle with the man to live with his parents. She grew up distrustful of everybody. “People were supposed to look after me, but they didn’t. So, I didn’t care about anybody,” she says. “I learned myself that the only way to resolve anything was to put my fists up. It got me into a lot of trouble.”

When she was eight, she met her “real” father. DNA testing a few years later, she says, proved he was who he said he was. She discovered three brothers. Lena left home and school at 15 and “lived around” – on the streets, in parks and cars, in refuges, wherever she could. She was evicted from several refuges for violent activity.

She moved to Sydney and met some Salvos at a street food van. They referred her to The Salvation Army’s Oasis centre for young homeless people. There she met Major Paul Moulds. “Paul tried hard to help. But I didn’t trust anyone. So, there was no way I was going to let him

get close to me. He suggested I come to Streetlevel. I came, but I got kicked out for being, well, not nice.

“But Paul kept pestering me. I worked out that he wasn’t going away, so I listened to him. He took me to Ryde Salvos when Craig and Danni Stephens were [the leaders] there. When I was there, I thought maybe I could do this ‘God’ thing.”

But she didn’t. She kept in contact with Craig and Danni Stephens and Paul Moulds. “I turned up drunk at Streetlevel one night. Paul took me for a coffee and told me to pull my head in and grow up, otherwise I would be dead before long.”

She was pregnant at 20. After the birth, Lena took her son – now 10 – and lived with her “adoptive” mother in Newcastle. There was more trouble and Lena was “kicked out”. Her son still lives with Lena’s adoptive mother and she sees him occasionally.

During a good period, Lena became a soldier of the Sydney Streetlevel Corps. “But I’ve blown it many times with drinking and partying,” she says. Her father and brothers were killed in tragic circumstances last year. She found their deaths hard to handle.

“We’re providing a safe place for people with all sorts of personal issues; a place where people can come on their best days and their worst days”

When we caught up with Lena for this story a few weeks ago, she was back at Streetlevel after “a long break”. Robyn Evans had called her and she had “come back”. “I know that this place – Streetlevel – is home for me,” Lena tells me. “Despite what I have done, I know that they will accept me back. I know that they love me and want the best for me.”

NINA’S STORY

Nina has a similarly tragic story, growing up in a family, she says, who tortured her with burns and cuts. “Mum and Dad told me many times that I was really adopted and was never meant to be born,” Nina says. “I didn’t attend school much and left home as soon as I could.”

She spent many years as a homeless person, in violent relationships, and believing nobody really cared. She had two stillborn babies. “And then I found this place [Streetlevel]. These people are my family. Just little things they do here make a huge difference to my life. They have shown me that I can trust God – and I do. I always have, even though terrible things happened to me.”

Nina now sings in the corps worship team. Lena is helping with the Streetlevel community. They and others like Ronaldo and Barbara are the beneficiaries of Monica’s love and “family approach”, Mitchell and Robyn’s God-inspired “acceptance of everybody” and the support of so many team members. The acceptance, support and love start at the front door. There’s a man – called David – who sits at reception three days a week. He was there the day we called in. He’s very friendly. David is a semi-retired IT consultant.

“I used to get paid to increase the profits of large international companies,” he tells me. “Now, I get paid to love people. How good is that!” ■

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Appointment changes.

The following appointments of Salvation Army officers are effective from 10 January 2018 (unless otherwise stated) in the National Office and the Australia Southern Territory, and 11 January 2018 (unless otherwise stated) in the Australia Eastern Territory. Please pray for these officers and their families as they prepare to move and take up these new challenges, along with the corps and centres that will be receiving new officer personnel across Australia



● National Headquarters

Office of the National Chief Secretary

Administration Officer – Policy, Major Lorraine **McLeod**.
Privacy Officer (effective 27 September 2017), Captain Karen **Harrison**.

National Salvation Army International Development (SAID)

Mission Support Coordinator, Major Julie **Radburn**.
SAID Engagement Coordinator (concurrent appointment),
Major Drew **Ruthven**.

Office of the National Secretary for Business Support

Project Officer – Finance, Major Jenny **Pratt**.

Office of the National Secretary for Communications

Assistant National Secretary for Communications
(effective 2 October 2017), Major Brad **Halse**.

Office of the National Secretary for Mission

Head of Community Engagement, Captain Stuart **Glover**.
Family and Children's Ministry Consultant, Captain Joanne **Smith**.
Head of Mission Resources, Captain Steven **Smith**.
Head of Social Mission, Major Jenny **Begent**.

Office of the National Secretary for Personnel

Assistant to the National Secretary for Personnel, Major Brian **Pratt**.
To be announced (concurrent appointment), Major Drew **Ruthven**.

National Colleges

Booth College – Sydney

Mission, Ministry & Spiritual Formation Coordinator
(additional appointment), Major Alwyn **Robinson**.
Head of Campus – Bexley North (additional appointment), Major
Deborah **Robinson**.
First Five Years and Aux-Lieutenant
Coordinator, Major Clayton **Spence**.

Catherine Booth College – Melbourne

Lecturer (second appointment), Major Christine **Faragher**.

Officer Recruitment

Officer Recruitment Secretary, Tasmania (additional
appointment), Major Christine **Ellis**.
Officer Recruitment Secretary, Western Australia (second appointment), Major
Lyn **Freind**.
Officer Recruitment Secretary, Queensland,
Major Michelle **Oliver**.
Officer Recruitment Secretary, South
Australia & Northern Territory, Captain Catherine **Abram**.
Officer Recruitment Secretary, NSW & ACT, Captain Scott
Allen.
Officer Recruitment Secretary, NSW & ACT, Captain

Sharon **Allen**.
Officer Recruitment Secretary, Victoria &
Tasmania, Captain Clare **Reeve**.
Officer Recruitment Team
Leader, Officer Recruitment Secretary, Victoria & Tasmania,
Captain Matthew **Reeve**.

RED SHIELD DEFENCE SERVICES

Officer in Charge & Senior Representative, RSDS Royal
Military College, Canberra, Captain Kenny **Delamore**.
Representative, RSDS Royal Military College, Canberra,
Captain Joanne **Delamore**.
Representatives, RSDS Gallipoli
Barracks, Brisbane, Captains Alana & Robert **Mills**.
Representatives, RSDS Edinburgh Defence Precinct, South
Australia, Captains Gai & Peer **Cathcart**.

● Australia Eastern Territory

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Territorial Mission Support Team

Generous Life Coach – Qld, Major Deon **Oliver**.
Generous Life Coach – NSW/ACT, Captain Jennifer **Reeves**.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Chaplaincy Services

Rural Chaplains – Broken Hill, Majors David & Robin **Pullen**.
Rural Chaplains – Dubbo, Majors Dianne & Russell **Lawson**.
Rural Chaplains – Griffith (effective 9 October 2017), Captains
Jon & Leah **Belmonte**.

Centennial Lodge, Cairns Qld

Manager, Captain Emma **Johnson**.

Strategic Disaster Management

Project Officer, Emergency Services Department, Major Colin
Young.

Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah)

Assistant Managers, Majors Laura & Tim **Gittins**.

Canberra Recovery Services Centre

Assistant Managers, Captains Amanda & Daniel **Ross**.

Townsville Recovery Services Centre

Manager, Lieutenant Bradley **Whittle**.

Aged Care Plus

Chaplain, Salvos Funerals, Major Lindsay **Reeves**.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Territorial Legal Secretary (effective 20 September), Major Gary
Masters.

Communications and Fundraising

Communications and Fundraising Secretary Queensland, Major
Jeff **Winterburn**.

NSW/ACT Division

NSW/ACT Divisional Headquarters

Second in Command (additional appointment), Major Trevor **Nicol**. Safe Guarding & Safe Salvos Training Officer NSW/ACT (added responsibility), Major Wendy **Watts**. Communities of Hope Team Member, Major David **Twivey**. Divisional Salvos Women Director, Captain Carole **Smith**. Salvos Women Coordinator NSW/ACT, Captain Louise **Beamish**. Men's Ministry Coordinator (additional appointment), Major David **Twivey**. Area Officer – Central West NSW, Major Graeme **Craig**. Area Officer - Sydney Wide, Major Beth **Twivey**. Area Officers - Sydney Wide, Majors Belinda & Lynden **Spicer**.

NSW Northern Rivers Area

Corps Officers, Ballina Corps, Captains Andrew & Paula **Hambleton**. Corps Officer, Hannam Vale Corps, Major Bev **Kingston**. Corps Officers, Lismore Corps, Majors David & Meryl **Cook** (Ret.).

NSW North/North West Area

Corps Officers, Armidale Corps, Majors Peter & Wendy **Spindler**. Corps Officers, Inverell Corps, Majors Kaye & Peter **Townsend**.

Hunter and Central Coast Area

Corps Officers, Bonnells Bay Corps, Captains Bindy & Marco **Lupis**. Corps Officers, Maitland City Corps, Lieutenants Ian & Sue **McIver**. Corps Officers, Tuggerah Lakes Corps, Captains Susanne & William **Geracia**. Corps Officers, Westlakes Corps, Cadets Paul Anastasio & Rachel **Mina-Anastasiou**.

NSW Central West Area

Corps Officers, Forbes/Parkes Corps, Cadets Cameron & Maryanne **Lovering**.

Sydney Wide Area

Corps Officers, Burwood Corps, Cadets Dillon Wu & Rong **Fu**. Assistant Corps Officer, Campsie Corps, Major Karen **Masters**. Corps Officer, Fairfield City Corps, Aux-Lieutenant Russell **Brown**. Corps Officer, Narellan Corps, Lieutenant Nicola **Poore**. Mission Support Officers, Narellan Corps, Lieutenant-Colonels Jan & Peter **Laws** (Ret.). Team Member, Northwest Cluster, Captain Belinda **Atherton**. Associate Officer & Team Member, Northside Chatswood Corps, Captain Lai **Li**. Corps Officer, Penrith Corps, Team Member, Nepean Cluster, Major Gary **Smith**. Team Members, Nepean Cluster, Captains Philip & Rachel **Farthing**.

NSW South West Area

Corps Officers, Wagga Wagga Corps, Lieutenants Kara & Stewart **Hartley**.

Queensland Division

Queensland Divisional Headquarters

Divisional Secretary & Second In Command, Major Neil **Dickson**. Divisional Personnel Secretary – Team Member (additional appointment), Major Deon **Oliver**. Safe Guarding & Safe Salvos Training Officer Queensland, Major Sue **Winterburn**. Divisional Youth & Children's Secretary and Team Leader (additional appointment), Major Michelle **Oliver**. Divisional Youth & Children's Secretaries, Lieutenants Cassi & Sean **Everitt**. Area Officer – North Queensland, Captain Meaghan **Gallagher**. Area Officers – Brisbane South West & Gold Coast Area, Majors David & Michele **Terracini**.

North Queensland Area

Corps Officer, Cairns Corps, Major Ben **Johnson**. Team Leader, Mount Isa Corps, Lieutenant Natalie **Steele**. Team Leader, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission, Lieutenant Helen **Whittle**. Team Member, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission (additional appointment), Lieutenant Bradley **Whittle**. Team Member, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission (additional appointment, pro tem), Major Julia **Metcher**.

Central Queensland Area

Corps Officers, Central Highlands Corps, Lieutenants Jisook & Marcus **Wunderlich**.

South West Queensland Area

Corps Officers, Bundamba Corps, Captains Kaelene & Laithe **Greenaway**. Corps Officers, Fassifern Corps, Captain Debbie & Lieutenant Wes **Bust**. Corps Officers, Roma Corps, Majors Kay & Maurie **Clarke-Pearce**. Corps Officers, Toowoomba Corps, Captains Dale & Darlene **Murray**.

Brisbane Wide Area

Project Team Leader, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, Captain Narelle **Unicomb**. Corps Officers, Gold Coast Temple Corps, Captains Petra & Steven **Dorman**. Corps Officers, Maroochydore Corps, Majors Garry & Susanne **Cox**. Corps Officer, Redcliffe City Corps, Major Keith **Hampton**. Corps Officer, Stafford Corps, Major Ian **Channell**. Corps Officers, Wynnum Corps, Majors Ed & Yvonne **Henderson**.

Other Territories

Australia Southern Territory

Corps Outreach Officers, Palmerston Corps, Northern Territory (effective 8 November, 2017), Lieutenants Katie & Matthew **Ryan**.

Appointments to be announced:

Majors Christine & Earle **Ivers**, Majors Bruce & Glenys **Domrow**.

Carindale Corps, Blacktown Corps, Taree Corps.

Imminent retirements:

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

Major Gary **Craig**, Majors David & Shelley **Soper**, Majors Graeme & Karan **Ross**.

● Australia Southern Territory

BUSINESS

Salvos Stores

Chaplain – Victoria/Tasmania, Pam **Marshall**.

Public Relations Department

Territorial Public Relations Officer/Chaplain, Major Len **Turner**. Territorial Public Relations Officer/Chinese Liaison, Lieutenant Paul **Chen**.

Personnel Department

Practitioner – Spiritual Direction & Supervision, Major Christine **Faragher**. THQ Chaplain, Major Winton **Knop**. Study leave (part-time), Captain Genevieve **Peterson**.

Pastoral Care Centre

Chaplain to retired officers, Captain Isobel **Thomas**.

Professional Standards Unit

Keeping Children Safe Project Officer, Lieutenant Harriet **Farquhar**.

Program

Military Reservist Chaplain, WA (additional appointment) Captain Scott **Norman**.

Employment Plus

Chaplain – Western Australia, to be announced. Chaplain – Darwin (additional appointment) Major Susan **May**. Chaplain

– Launceston (additional appointment) Auxiliary-Lieutenant Roderick **Brown**.

Mission Resources Department

Assistant Territorial Mission Resources Secretary – Operations (additional appointment) (Effective 11 September 2017)

Major Sandy **Crowden**. Territorial Spiritual Life Development Secretary, Cathy **Elkington**.

South Australia Division

Linsell Lodge, Chaplain, Bramwell House, Chaplain, Major Jennifer **Anderson**. State Emergency Services Coordinator, Linsell Lodge, Associate Chaplain, Major Peter **Anderson**. Norwood, Corps Officer, Major June **Purdy**. Arndale, Corps Officers, Majora Glenda and Grattan-Jon **Savage**. Divisional Public Relations Officers (pro tem), Major Graham and Kathleen **Stanley**. Assistant Divisional APY Lands Coordinator, Towards Independence, Chaplain, Captain Phillip **Abram**. Noarlunga, Corps Officers, Captains Robert and Roslyn **Casburn**. Divisional Youth Secretary (title change), Captain Simon **Pickens**. Campbelltown, Corps Officers, Captain Aaron and Lieutenant Lauren **Stobie**.

Northern Territory Region

Top End Social Network, Chaplain, Major Susan **May**. Palmerston, Corps Outreach Officers (effective 8 November 2017), Lieutenant Katie and Matt **Ryan**.

Tasmania Division

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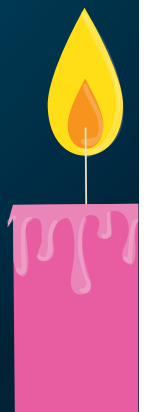
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Our seniors' moment.

Army must start challenging ageist views

WORDS | LAUREN MARTIN

“Our young people are *not* the Army of tomorrow, and our senior adults are *not* the Army of yesterday,” counsels Major Jennifer Cloke. “*All* are the Army of today.”

When Jennifer began working in seniors ministry for The Salvation Army in 2005, her role was known as Companion Club Secretary. Back in the early 1960s, The Salvation Army had started “Friendship Clubs” for people aged between 50 and 60, and “Companion Clubs” for the over 60s. Nearly 50 years later, when Major Cloke began her role, this model of “entertaining” seniors, she says, still existed. She knew it needed to change.

Major Cloke is now known as the Australia Southern Territory Salvos Caring and Seniors Ministries consultant, and she believes it's time The Salvation Army reviewed its attitude towards seniors and seniors ministry. To illustrate her point, Major Cloke recalls a Companion Club that she visited in the first year of her appointment. It comprised of seniors sitting with blankets over their knees, listening

to a talk about the colour yellow representing sunshine and singing *I'm Happy Today*.

Seniors ministry was “seen like primary Sunday school”, she says, explaining the misconception that older people reverted to childlike-ness. “But I looked around the room [that day] and I could see somebody who had been an international buyer for a large company; somebody who had lost a husband in the war and who had to work and bring up family at a time when single parenting wasn't a ‘thing’; and other people who had run businesses. And here they were being asked to sing *I'm Happy Today* because the theme of the day was ‘yellow’ and the sun makes us happy, you know?”

These days, Major Cloke laughs at the absurdity of that experience, before rattling off a stream of statistics to back her claim that The Salvation Army is ageist and needs to change its attitude towards people aged over 50 if it is going to survive. Among her statistics are:

- ▶ Around two-thirds of Salvationists are aged 50+ (based on Australia Eastern Territory figures and anecdotal Australia Southern Territory figures);
- Elderly Australians already outnumber children aged 14 and under (Australian Bureau of Statistics);
- The fastest-growing age group in Australia is 65+ (Australian Bureau of Statistics);
- Life expectancy for males is 80.1 years and 84.5 years for females (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

“In our thinking, we often assume that we can ignore the members that we already have – especially the older members of our corps,” Major Cloke says. “We need to recognise that being a senior is a positive thing, it’s actually a real treasure, it’s a real asset and it’s something that we need to tap into and use.”

Questions that Major Cloke often pose to corps are, “Why can’t a person in their 60s be the youth group leader?” and, in the same vein, “Why couldn’t a 17-year-old talented musician be appointed the bandmaster?”

“[We need] a Salvation Army that’s not ageist ... that looks for the best ‘fit’ for local officer positions that has nothing to do with age,” she says. Major Cloke would also love to see a “seniors pastor” become a normal part of Salvation Army corps life, just as children and youth pastors have become ingrained in our culture.

MISSION FIELDS

Over the past 12 years, Major Cloke has worked alongside her Eastern Territory counterparts (currently Envoy Roz Edwards, the NSW/ACT Division Seniors on Mission Coordinator) to bring seniors ministry into alignment with the current generational reality that retirement now involves active living for many years. Seniors on Mission, an initiative to shift over-50s away from “entertainment” ministry to “active” mission, has seen hundreds of seniors take part in mission trips and activities. That has now

COMMUNITY IN LAND OF PLENTY

When we talk about “emerging faith communities” in The Salvation Army, seniors and aged care facilities don’t generally spring to mind! But in Plenty Valley, north-east of Melbourne, a number of such communities have been developed over the past three years in the seniors ministry space.

“It’s just mind-blowing, so many [aged care residents] say that they’re Salvos now. We’ve seen people come to faith, it’s such a privilege,” says Whittlesea Corps Officer, Captain Aaron Stobie. “It’s so cutting-edge, but it seems so counter-cultural because it’s seniors. We [in the Army] generally consider that cutting-edge ministry is with children and young people, whereas our experience is cutting-edge ministry in line with the seniors.”

Whittlesea Salvation Army has three external faith communities, in nursing homes and a retirement village. But, according to Captain Stobie, most within The Salvation Army, and in society in general, overlook people in the older age bracket. “There are plenty of corps that have paid youth workers or children’s workers but I’m yet to discover a corps that has a paid seniors worker and I think that’s a fairly good indicator. But I just love people, I don’t care what age they are. For me it’s about growing the Kingdom.”

evolved into Salvo Mission Teams so that age is not a barrier to people joining.

“We have a database of people from all different generations, including seniors, who tell us their skills,” says Major Cloke, explaining that it could be building, playing in a band, singing in the songsters, cooking, running kids clubs, etc. “When we have a mission opportunity we can pull a team together. It’s driven by the Seniors Ministry Unit, but the inter-generational approach is the way of the future.” And it doesn’t just involve being “sent to serve” either. Seniors are being encouraged to see their own corps as their mission field.

“If you’re really good at data entry, go to your officers and offer to do it,” Major Cloke says. “If you’re good in the kitchen and you can organise a roster and food and do all that, go to your officer and say, ‘I want to value you, I want to release you and I’ll look after that aspect’. Just go and offer wherever you’re able to serve. That’s ‘seniors on mission.’”

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Major Cloke has also been intentional about investing in the spiritual life of Salvation Army seniors since she began in her role. “It’s been a real shift bit by bit; it’s been intentional, it’s been strategic and we’ve been building on the spiritual life of our seniors, helping them to discover a real sweet walk with Jesus,” she says.

“Because if you have a robust Christian relationship, if you have a sweet walk with Jesus, then when change comes along and there are a few things that leadership wants to happen at a corps and divisional level, like our two territories becoming one, no matter what you think or whether you’re comfortable with it, if your focus is on Jesus ... then even if you’re not comfortable you’re going to sit back and say, ‘I have to be part of this, I have to be a leader, I have to demonstrate it. This is Kingdom stuff.’”

The Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011 Census results showed that of older Australians, 80 per cent owned their own home. Major Cloke says that the figures show that the kind of seniors we have right now are mostly active, financially secure and have the time to invest in Kingdom building. “Two-thirds of our movement [The Salvation Army] are actually over



• The inter-church team that gathered for the launch of Better Together earlier this year. Salvation Army representatives included Kevin Drinkwell (back left), Captain Mavis Salt (front left), Major Jennifer Cloke (front second from left) and Envoy Roz Edwards (front right).

50 so why would you not feed that? Why would you not help them to grow spiritually? Why would you not empower them, train them?"

BETTER TOGETHER

Major Cloke says it's imperative to tap into the skills, time and resources that seniors bring to the table while we can, because it's projected that by 2050 only 3 per cent of older Australians will own their own home (Federal Government forecast – quoted by the then-minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler).

"So many older folk are going to have to work because of the changes," she says. "Even now, so many of our older folk are not just doing intentional grandparenting and sort of doing more care to help their kids get into the housing market, but are actually becoming full-time carers for their grandchildren," she says.

Earlier this year, The Salvation Army helped launch "Better Together", an inter-denominational project to challenge ageist views within the Church. It will provide resources, run conferences, training and research, write and publish teaching material, statistics and articles from an Australasian perspective. The priority

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is to assist older adults develop a deeper walk with God and in doing so, build God's Kingdom. The launch also involved the release of an Alpha Plus course specifically designed for older Australians, which is being run in various locations across Australia.

"There is no retirement age in the Kingdom of God," is Major Cloke's message to older Salvationists. "God has not finished with you yet!" ■

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AN OPEN DOOR TO MINISTRY

"Why don't you just open up your halls?" asks Major Jennifer Cloke, when talking to corps officers about opportunities to minister to older Australians. "We've got air-conditioning, we've got heating, we've got a hall, we've got a kitchen, so get a few local papers, maybe have DVDs and some games and have people come and just sit. No program, corps officers don't have to do anything, just provide a warm, safe space for people to come."

Major Cloke says that the rising cost of utilities and the increase in social isolation in our cities and towns is a huge issue, and one that is largely ignored. But, if you simply take notice while at your local shopping centre, you would see the need.

"There are seniors who sit there for five days a week because they can't afford air-conditioning and heating," she says. "Some take the same seat every day. Some have a Monday seat and a Tuesday seat, and they have a little packed lunch and if they are not there sometimes, some of the security staff are wondering if they're OK.

"But why not be in a Salvation Army hall?" she asks. "Wouldn't it be much nicer to have people to interact with, that you see every day?"



words Mark Hadley

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BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Rating: (yet to be rated)
Release date: 28 September



(Above) Emma Stone and Steve Carrell star in *Battle of the Sexes*.

Battle of the Sexes is based on the real-life tennis court confrontation between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs. It's the early 1970s and King, the world's No.1 female tennis player, is battling to gain equal pay for professional women tennis players. Enter Bobby Riggs.

Riggs was one of the world's top tennis players in the 1940s. At the age of 55, though, he finds himself mired in a corporate job and longing for the thrill of the professional circuit. A natural showman, Riggs adopts the role of "chauvinist pig", claiming that even as a middle-aged man he could still beat any of the world's top female players, and dares King to prove him wrong. The resulting game is part-theatre, part-gliadiatorial combat, but it's the events leading up to the on-court battle that will leave audiences thinking.

The film's producers have focused the emotional heart of the *Battle of the Sexes* not on King and Riggs, but King's own struggle with her sexuality. Even as the fight for gender equality is gaining momentum, Billy Jean finds herself being seduced by her bisexual hairdresser. The film portrays Marilyn Barnett as a free spirit who wants to help King discover her true self.

This "battle for sexuality" soon becomes the film's true focus. "One day we'll be free to love who we love, and be who we

are," her fashion designer assures King. Off-court, the relationship with Barnett is portrayed as key to King's mental health and a motivation for her struggle on-court. But the producers can only say that with some very selective story-telling.

There is no way that the real "Battle of the Sexes" tournament can be read as a struggle for sexual freedom – the real Billy Jean King wouldn't allow it. King says she took on Riggs for women's tennis and for the women's liberation movement as a whole, pure and simple. Though she did begin a relationship with Barnett, she says she, "... couldn't find a closet deep enough," regarding her sexuality, and didn't admit to being a lesbian until years later. *Battle of the Sexes* portrays Barnett and King's love as something irresistible and destined. The truth is, it was Barnett who forced King to publicly come out in 1981 when she sued her for "palimony".

Battle of the Sexes is an amusing, entertaining and informative film, but be wary of its attempt to transfer the support for one cause to another entirely. Christians should be in the forefront of gender equality because the equality of our standing before God is as black and white as the words of Genesis: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

But equality is not the same thing as interchangeability. Both sexes are equally cherished by God, but that doesn't mean he created them without a purpose or plan. The producers of *Battle of the Sexes* have sought to engage our God-given desires to see all people treated with decency and respect, and transfer that support to an argument for freedom without restriction. Yet real love doesn't operate that way. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres for the sake of all women and men – but it does so by speaking the truth about what is best for those we love. We were designed to give our lives to our Creator, and only in doing so will we find our true freedom. ■



02.

THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE

Rating: PG

Release date: 21 September



Lego is counting on seven seasons of successful Ninjago television to deliver a ready-made audience for *The Lego Ninjago Movie*, though new fans won't be left struggling to follow the plot. Jackie Chan enters the first scene as a shopkeeper who offers to tell a young boy, "... the legend behind the legend of Ninjago". But it will require him to "... forget all he has learned," effectively cleaning the slate for the story that follows.

Dave Franco voices Lloyd, a teenage boy who struggles with a double-identity. When his city is in crisis, he becomes the heroic Green Ninja and is hailed a hero, together with the rest of his ninja team. However, at his high school he is despised as the son of the evil warlord, Garmadon. But Garmadon and his mother separated when Lloyd was still a baby, and the dark lord has shown no interest in reconnecting. When their eventual face-off arrives, it's more a family confrontation than a battle between good and evil:

Lloyd: You ruined my life!

Garmadon: That's not true! I haven't even been a part of your life! How could I ruin it? I wasn't even there.

In his anger, Lloyd uses 'The Ultimate Weapon', and accidentally unleashes a terrible beast – a giant kitten called Meowra. Now this estranged pair must combine to locate 'The Ultimate, Ultimate Weapon' to banish the cat from Ninjago. Yet what they actually find along the way are new identities for father and son.

What might once have been considered a "minority" storyline for a children's movie, is certain to be a real touchstone for Lego. In 2015, the Australian Bureau of Statistics found that 47.5 per cent of all divorces involved children. One-

parent families have steadily been on the increase, with 28.2 per cent of those children seeing their estranged parent only once a year or never. In fact, 51 per cent of estranged parents spend no overnight time with their children at all. Given these figures, many of the children sitting in cinemas these holidays will require no imagination to understand the mixture of anger and longing Lloyd feels towards even a villainous father.

Not surprisingly, the plot climaxes with a resolution for Lloyd and Garmadon. Lloyd apologises for wishing Garmadon had never been his father; Garmadon regrets the time they'd lost together. It's touching and appropriate remorse. But the camera is already pulling back to the "real world" before we can see if it will lead to the sort of repentance that actually turns lives around. And the final message left with the child who first wandered into Jackie Chan's shop is not sacrifice for the sake of others, but confidence in your own ambitions.

It's a fitting finish for the conundrum presented by *The Lego Ninjago Movie*. It's excellent and amusing entertainment for all ages, driven by a personal storyline that is easy to appreciate. Yet it settles on an affirmation of the very philosophy that does much to undermine marriage and family life. If the ultimate message is to believe in yourself, then your personal vision for your life ranks higher than any responsibility you might owe to those around you – be they husband, wife or child. By contrast, Jesus says we achieve our greatest potential in the Kingdom of God when we put ourselves at the service of even the least people in our lives. Servants make the greatest heroes, not the super-confident. I don't know if the average Ninjago fan will appreciate that distinction, but I do know what makes for a happier family life. ■

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01.

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

Bearers

Review: Jessica Morris



Bearers is a band from the New Zealand Salvation Army's Creative Resource Department, and in their debut EP they offer something new to the Salvos – a collection of modern, synth-heavy tunes perfect for corporate worship.

They have delivered a smart collection of five tracks – all of which reflect the truth of the Gospel, but simplified so they are easy to understand and engage with. The musicianship is slick, expertly produced and filled with hooks that will stay in your head for days.

The opener, *This is Who We Are*, lays the foundation for an EP exploring our identity in Christ, and is on a par with worship bands like Hillsong's Young and Free and Planetshakers. The intensity of electro sounds and backbeats intensifies through *Purpose*, and the band shows a sense of awareness of each individual's need to not only understand the glory of God, but our innate value within him.

God of Love ushers in a female lead, breaking listeners into slower, more worshipful tracks that end the EP, and this climaxes in the beautiful and evocative *More of You*, led by Sarah-Joy McIntosh. Finishing with their namesake track

Bearers, you get the sense that this EP is a sincere and accurate reflection of an upcoming band, desperate to see God transform lives through praise and worship. Contemporary corps, youth groups and young adults across The Salvation Army will adore this EP, and the fluidity of the tracks gives corps the ability to modify them to suit their own congregation and engage with a younger generation.

It's not an understatement to say that *This is Who We Are* is a ground-breaking musical release for The Salvation Army worldwide. It shows us as a relevant, contemporary Army, devoted to a loving God and willing to give our all for him. Plus, it's as easy to listen to as any high-end worship band currently in the market. You need to get yourself a copy of this.

This Is Who We Are is available from shop.sarmy.net.nz for \$10 or iTunes for \$8.95.

02.

STRUCK DOWN BUT NOT DESTROYED

A History of The Salvation Army During the Third Reich and Subsequent Years



When the National Socialist ideology took its grip of Germany in the 1920s and '30s, by no means everyone was seduced by its appeal. The ministry of The Salvation Army had to find ways of surviving and serving people in Jesus' name while being restricted and severely affected by the horrors of the ensuing war.

Practically every public demonstration of Salvationism was forbidden and *The War Cry* was proscribed. Wherever possible, however, meetings were still being held and despite oppression, including

questioning of Salvationist leaders by the Gestapo, social work activities continued.

After the total breakdown of Germany at the end of the war, new life sprang up from the ruins. Through the perspective of many individual testimonies and events related to Salvationist service in Germany, *Struck Down but Not Destroyed* addresses this phase of European history, describing what a difficult path The Salvation Army had to tread during the Third Reich and the immediate post-war years.

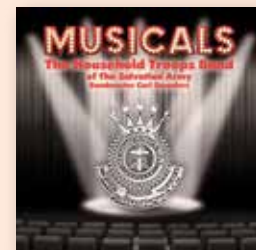
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03.

MUSICALS

The Household Troops Band of The Salvation Army

Review: Jared Proellocks



Musicals is an innovative brass band recording, released by the Household Troops Band in the United Kingdom. As the title suggests, it features some of the most popular songs from the musical stage, including those from the pen of Andrew Lloyd Webber, and our very own

John Gowans and John Larsson.

The Household Troops Band is comprised of Salvation Army musicians from throughout the UK. As such, they do not hold weekly rehearsals, but meet a selected number of times throughout the year to rehearse, perform, and as in this case, record music. The band is also passionate about connecting with the community, so is often seen in the streets, parks and shopping centres. It is with this mission and vision that *Musicals* was created, in order to appeal and connect with those not just in The Salvation Army but part of the wider community.

The choice of music on the album is both enjoyable and inspiring. Opening with an arrangement of *Jesus Christ Superstar* from Sydney-based Salvo Barrie Gott, the listener is immediately captivated by the drama that is contained in show music. This is replicated in another of Gott's arrangements, *Selections from Godspell*. In *What Did The Spirit Say?* and *Selections From Spirit*, we are reminded of the legacy of Salvation Army musicals flowing from the pen of John Larsson, and it is during *Aspects of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Any Dream Will Do* and *All I Ask of You* that the genius of musical maestro Andrew Lloyd Webber comes to the fore.

Perhaps the most relevant song to make it on to this recording is *Love Changes Everything*. In this, we are challenged about the impact of our love on others, and reminded of God's unending love for us. It truly does change everything!

Beyond anything else, *Musicals* reminds music sections in The Salvation Army to keep pioneering towards new, innovative ways to connect with the public – and an easy way to do this in a local setting is providing a mixture of familiar music, and music that tells the story of Jesus' love.

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04.

TIMELESS TRUTH FOR TODAY



A Mandarin-simplified Chinese translation of seven Bible studies on the parables of Jesus, selected from Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Clarke's two books – *Stories that are Seen* and *More Stories that are Seen* – has been printed and released.

Timeless Truth for Today has an introduction incorporating five “Why?” questions in reference to the study of each parable. Each parable studied is divided into five brief sections, each identified by an appropriate icon: 1. Scripture, 2. 1st Century Palestinian Setting, 3. The Parable a Mirror, 4. Reflection and 5. My Response and Prayer.

Guideline notes for group leaders are provided in each study to assist in the teaching of the parables. The translation was done in Sydney by Lieut Lydia Hong, with the qualified assistance of Captain Lai Li, Lieut Frank Wang and Yi Ting Huang. *Timeless Truth for Today* is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (1800 634 209) or phone 02 9466 3257.

古今皆准的真理

最近一本学习圣经的小书印刷和发行了。这本书是一本简体中文精选译本，它从道格拉斯·克拉克的两本书里选出七个有关耶稣比喻的课程，翻译后成册出版。原著作者的两本书分别名为“看得见的故事”和“更多能看见的故事”。

“古今皆准的真理”这本书开篇有一个介绍，其中问了五个问题，这五个问题关系到如何学习耶稣的比喻。

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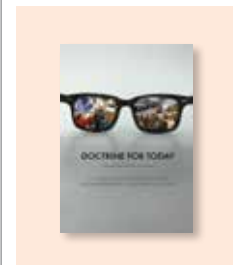
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05.

DOCTRINE FOR TODAY

A Clear and Concise Examination of The Salvation Army's Eleven Articles of Faith



In 1878, when The Salvation Army took its name, its 11 Articles of faith were written and verified. Salvationists call these concise statements “the

Doctrines”. They express the personal faith of Salvationists and are meant to inspire holy living – ultimately pointing us to Jesus.

Doctrine For Today, based on articles previously published in *The Officer* magazine, provides an informative and readily accessible interpretation in a way that relates directly to the world in which we live. It is ideal both for soldiers of The Salvation Army and those seeking to know more about the faith that fires Salvationists to action.

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On your bike!

Salvo riders kept ministry wheels turning

WORDS | LAUREN MARTIN

In the early part of the 20th century, bicycles were used by many intrepid Salvationists to help spread the gospel. More than a century later and cycling is still used for ministry by the Salvos.

It should be noted that the original “Salvation Riders” were actually two blokes on horseback. On 12 January 1893, two young Salvation Army officers, Captain E.A. Sincock and Lieutenant George Haycraft, were commissioned to go forth on horseback and carry salvation to settlers and farmers throughout Queensland. The name Salvation Riders was given to the intrepid pair who, with saddle-bags loaded, set out in faith and with determination.

Later, Salvation Riders became a term used to describe Salvationists riding bicycles. In the early 1900s, cars were a luxury and officers had a choice: walk or, if you had enough money to buy a bike, ride. A report in *The War Cry* of 23 May 1914, speaks of Ensign W. Purcell’s use of a “Scarlet Runner” bicycle in ministry in the area around Hill End in western NSW, at times clocking up 50–60 kilometres a day.

Mt Isa Corps Officers, Constance Worley and Evelyn Holmes, used bicycles to navigate the large mining town. After riding many kilometres through the heat and dust, it was a miracle that their starched white Salvation Army uniforms stayed white! In fact, the use of bicycles as a practical means of gospel delivery was questioned over the years. In 1906, Lieut-Colonel Horskins wrote in an article in *The War Cry*. “I might say we do not favour the use of the bicycle because: it has proved a failure in the majority of cases, particularly in out-posting; it is detrimental to the health of the officers in many cases, and very heavy on clothing; the distances to cover are so great that the officer is unfitted to do justice to his meetings when reaching his destination; then in certain seasons there are heavy rains and impassable roads to contend with.” Consequently, as motor vehicles became more common,



Constance Worley and Evelyn Holmes used bicycles to conduct visitations and spread the gospel throughout the Queensland mining town of Mt Isa.

The Salvation Army’s use of bicycles changed. In the 1940s, William “Dick” Guy completed a Melbourne to Adelaide cycle to raise money for The Salvation Army, and received his call to officership during the journey! More than 70 years later, in 2013, his grandson, Aaron Petersen, a member of Noble Park Corps in Victoria, rode that same journey, to raise money for the Red Shield Appeal. The following year, Aaron’s brother-in-law, Captain Johnmark Snead, led a group of “Red Shield Riders” around Tasmania in a fundraising ride, an event that is now held annually.

In 2019, The Salvation Army’s Adventure Fundraising will stage a multi-day bike ride from Sydney to Melbourne, via Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. The Adventure Fundraising website says that those who sign up will commit to a minimum fundraising target of \$5000 and experience “some of Australia’s most scenic countryside,” while “raising valuable funds that will help change lives and bring hope to people in need”. Go to salvos.org.au/redshieldride for more information. ■

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Communities of hope – doing life together, differently



Major Colin Hopper (above) and his team are changing the way church is done in South Brisbane.

'Open table' (right) in the West End Family Store carpark attracts people from the community who gather for food, fellowship, worship and teaching.



"SMALL ENOUGH TO care but large enough to dare" is how Major Colin Hopper describes the ideal size of a missional community – which translates to somewhere between 20-40 people, working in their local context for authentic caring relationships and effective mission together.

Caring and daring are clearly part of the missional communities, led by Majors Colin and Sue Hopper in Brisbane and known collectively as South Brisbane Hope Communities. "We know that the way we do church in so many places has to change, and missional communities is an approach that is working effectively in many countries, including the UK and Australia," says Major Colin Hopper.

In Brisbane, a focus of South Brisbane Hope Communities are two Family Stores – one in the inner-city suburb of West End, and the other in Moorooka, 7km south of the CBD.

The two communities are very different. West End is quite eclectic, with a strong university student culture, young medical professionals, long-term residents and a sig-



nificant homeless population. Moorooka is more multicultural, with many new arrivals from Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan.

"The Family Stores are a great way to learn about the people who make up these specific communities and connect with them," explains Major Hopper.

In West End, the Hoppers and their team have set up a monthly pattern in their approach to the community. On the first and third Sundays of the month there is an "open table" in the carpark of the Family Store, where people gather for brunch, worship and teaching.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, a group from the missional community lead

"Hope at the Kiosk" – an outreach in the centre of West End.

"The kiosk is a central location where other agencies meet during the week to offer support," says Major Hopper. "On a Sunday morning we meet there as a team, invite anyone around to come and have breakfast with us, connect with them and offer prayer to those who join.

"This is the purpose of a missional community – to be a strong, vibrant and caring community that serves together, that champions and embodies Jesus, that invites non-believers to share community, invites them into relationship with him and then to live the lifestyle of being a follower of Jesus – making disciples who make disciples."

A "Celebration of Hope" takes place on the second Sunday of the month. A local hall is hired, a community lunch is served, and everyone who has gathered for the celebration participates in a larger worship event and a sharing of transformation stories.

For more, follow Major Hopper's blog at salvoshopecommunities.org.au/blog
– **Simone Worthing**

New national college named after much-loved leader



THE NEW NATIONAL COLLEGE of The Salvation Army has been named after the much-loved Australian officer, the late General Eva Burrows.

The Eva Burrows College, which was inaugurated on 13 September 2017, ushers in a new chapter in Salvationist theological, ministry and leadership training in Australia, uniting the students and faculties of Booth College in Sydney and Catherine Booth College in Melbourne into a single entity.

National Commander, Commissioner Floyd Tidd, and National Chief Secretary, Colonel Mark Campbell, officially ratified the new college, signing a collegiate agreement with the University of Divinity's Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sherlock at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney.

Colonel Campbell said naming the college after Eva Burrows reflected her legacy in education, as well as her passion for The Salvation Army's mission.

"During her officership, Eva Burrows taught for years in Africa and spent time as the Principal of the International College for Officers – education was one of the marks of her leadership," he said.

National Director of the School for Christian Studies, Lieutenant-Colonel Terry Grey, said while many of the details of the new college were still to be worked out, the announcement was a significant milestone in the journey towards a national college.

"Becoming a national college gives us a common standard of training right across



Commissioner Floyd Tidd (left), University of Divinity Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sherlock and Colonel Mark Campbell sign documents to ratify the new national college. Photo: Carolyn Hide

the nation. It will enable us to expand our course offerings and develop new and engaging units of study across disciplines such as social policy and social justice which are strengths of The Salvation Army."

The University of Divinity is Australia's only specialist university in theology and ministry. Prof Sherlock said he was buoyed by the opportunities presented by the partnership with The Salvation Army.

"We are excited by both the wellspring of its Wesleyan theological background and its record in social justice. These are unique

aspects that the Army brings to us," he said.

As announced earlier this year the national School for Officer Training will be located in Ringwood, Melbourne.

"A national college resonates with why we are becoming one territory," said Colonel Campbell. "It will bring greater impact, an aligned vision, stronger partnerships, better stewardship, a united voice and increased innovation.

"I think Eva Burrows would be pleased it has been named in her honour."

– **Anne Halliday**

United MASIC tackles moral and faith issues at historic conference



TWENTY MEMBERS OF The Salvation Army's Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC) met together for the first time as a single body at the national conference in Sydney last month.

The council is made up of Salvationists from both the Australia Eastern and Southern territories.

"This year we came together to share as a single council and to come to agreement on some key issues important for The Salvation Army in Australia," said MASIC member Major Clayton Spence.

MASIC Chair, Professor Graeme Young, said the council had their time together hearing from visiting speakers, addressing

issues of moral discernment and continued council discussion on surrogacy, euthanasia and social justice. A public event on the Saturday night focused on helping everyday Salvationists to explore controversial moral and faith issues using the Faith-Based Facilitation model endorsed by IHQ.

– **Anne Halliday**

Scholarship carries on General Eva's leadership legacy



GENERAL EVA BURROWS was pivotal in shaping and raising up female Salvationists for leadership, and a new scholarship in her name is providing an emerging generation of women with the opportunity to become influential leaders.

The General Eva Burrows Scholarship will be awarded to one Australian female Salvationist employee or volunteer and up to two African soldiers or officers (male or female).

"This is the perpetuation of the Eva Burrows legacy which was

of a great influence to Salvation Army mission, but also to women in leadership positions," said Major Jim Weymouth, former Director of the



Catherine Booth College School for Learning and Development.

"Eva Burrows (pictured) exemplified commitment and was driven to achieve, and, in an Australian context, we want to create further opportunities for women to emerge as leaders."

The General Eva Burrows Scholarship is governed by Catherine Booth College, and has been kick-started by funding from General Burrows' estate, as well as contributions of \$100,000 each from the Australia Southern and Australia Eastern territories. International territories and divisions are also being invited to contribute.

The scholarship is a landmark opportunity for women, given the new Gender Equity Plan that has been implemented by the Australia One initiative.

— Jessica Morris



Major Brendan Nottle gets underway for his 700km walk from Melbourne to Canberra, aiming to arrive on Monday 16 October. Photo courtesy of Tony Gough and the Herald Sun.

Major Nottle steps out for homelessness



IT'S NOT EVERY day you see an MP, a police chief and AFL greats strolling together up the Hume Highway for a good cause, but Major Brendan Nottle's "Walk the Walk" campaign is uniting some of the nation's most influential movers and shakers.

The Federal Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten, will accompany the well-known Salvation Army officer for various stages of his 700km walk from Melbourne, which began on September 8. Major Nottle plans to take 40 days to reach the steps of Parliament House in Canberra, where he will petition the Federal Government for a bipartisan federal homeless prevention strategy.

Major Nottle and supporters will meet with regional communities along the way to better understand how to implement a national strategy that caters to the needs of rural and remote areas.

"The purpose of the walk is to meet with politicians and say, 'We need a national plan'," Major Nottle said. "We don't want to be more prescriptive than that, but we're really keen on a bipartisan long-term strategic plan that's well resourced."

Committing to walking different parts of the journey with Major Nottle, Mr Shorten will be joined by the Victorian Chief Commissioner of Police, Graham Ashton, Collingwood Football Club's Nathan Buckley and Eddie McGuire, and family, clients and volunteers from The Salvation Army's 614 Corps.

— Jessica Morris

Hope still rising from floodwaters following cyclone

IT'S BEEN JUST over five months since Tropical Cyclone Debbie made landfall in Far North Queensland, bringing ferocious winds and floods that left a trail of destruction from Bowen down to Lismore in Northern NSW.

Life appears to be almost back to normal in these regions, however, there is still evidence of Debbie's destruction. For many people, the physical, emotional and psychological recovery is ongoing, and will continue for many months to come.

The Salvation Army is still an active presence in the affected communities, assisting in different capacities as required, and providing hope and support in people's daily lives.

"Everything has recovered to around 80 per cent, but underneath there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to get things back to their original state," said Stuart Grice, Territorial Envoy, and Corps Leader



Ruined items outside the Family Store in Lismore, which was inundated by floodwater.

at Bowen, one of the hardest hit towns in Far North Queensland.

"There is still a degree of emotional distress for some people, and trauma counsellors have been contracted by the government to work in our region for the next two years.

"For the most part, though, people are getting back into everything as best they can, and are helping each other, which is a testament to the strength of our community."

Communities in Northern NSW, par-

ticularly around Tweed Heads, Byron Bay, Ballina and Lismore, were severely affected by floodwaters.

Renai Ross and Samuel Bacon are leading the ongoing response of The Salvation Army, under Lismore Corps Officers, Majors Jenny and Lindsay Reeves.

"Renai and Sam go on home visits to see people who haven't yet accessed assistance," said Major Jenny.

– **Simone Worthing**

Love of brass brings Salvos young and old together at camp

ABOUT 125 DELEGATES, staff and volunteers came from as far as Perth, Darwin and New Zealand to collaborate with their contemporaries and learn something new at the recent Future Brass Conference at Rutherford Park, Victoria. The camp featured the Melbourne Staff Band as well as some of the Army's up-and-coming brass talent.

The weekend combined the staff band's decade-long Future Brass Conference with the Just Brass Conference, enabling adults and teens from both territories to learn from each other and celebrate all things brass.

"We had members of the Territorial Youth Band attend, kids who have played for six months, as well as accomplished brass band players," said Territorial Just Brass Con-



A section of the delegates who attended the camp.

sultant, John Collinson. "The Just Brass element allowed high school aged kids and young adults to hear other kids play and be inspired by what's possible, especially when they have just started out.

"Future Brass allows people to play in different bands throughout the weekend. It's especially important for those in more isolated corps and communities.

"We often take for granted the connectedness of The Salvation Army. The opportunity to come together from various corps, territories and age groups is something we should never undervalue."

Devotion times throughout the weekend were led by special guest, Captain Matt Reeve.

The conference finished with a performance at Moreland City Corps in Coburg and featured all three bands from the weekend.

– **Jessica Morris**

Army welcomes new measures to end modern slavery

THE SALVATION ARMY has welcomed the announcement by the Federal Government to introduce a ground-breaking Modern Slavery Act for Australia – and so change the lives of thousands living in slavery, both in Australia and overseas.

This new legislation would require Australian businesses to report annually on steps taken to address slavery in their supply chains.

Jenny Stanger, National Manager of The Salvation Army's Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery, said: "This announcement is extremely significant because such legislation shifts the responsibility from victims who struggle to be visible, to people that can change the game through a proactive approach by business to find victims in their supply chain and take corrective action.

"This is about evolving a whole new aspect of justice for people, not seen since the days of William Wilberforce [an English politician who fought for decades for the abolition of the slave trade in the early 1800s].

"We congratulate the government, with bipartisan support, for their leadership and look forward to continue working with them



The Salvation Army, through its Freedom Partnership and leadership of the Australian Freedom Network (pictured above), has played an important role in bringing about the Modern Slavery Act announcement. Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Pho (far left) and Commissioner James Condon (far right) represented The Salvation Army.

to see the legislation passed."

In Australia, there are more than 4300 people enslaved. Through its national initiative to end modern slavery, The Salvation Army has been instrumental in mobilising community, business and government to realise their contributions to modern slavery and take action to eradicate it.

"This is an historic opportunity to evolve Australia's response and we look forward to working with the government to ensure that robust legislation sets a new bar for eradicating slavery here and globally," said Commissioner Floyd Tidd, National Commander of The Salvation Army in Australia.
– **Simone Worthing**

Maxwells take up new role focusing on holiness

COLONELS WAYNE AND Robyn Maxwell, who were forced by government policy to return from territorial leadership roles in the Philippines earlier this year, have been appointed to a new position as National Ambassadors for Holiness and Prayer in Australia.

The Maxwells will be responsible for leading, encouraging and nurturing holiness and prayer throughout Australia. They will work in collaboration with the National Secretary for Spiritual Life.

Commissioner Floyd Tidd said part of the Maxwells' role will be to raise awareness and share resources to advance the concept of holiness, holy living and prayer.

Salvos Legal founder to remain a 'strong presence'

OUTGOING SALVOS LEGAL Managing Partner, Luke Geary (pictured), says family reasons have prompted his move to Queensland after 15 years of running The Salvation Army's unique law firm in Sydney.

Salvos Legal made the surprise announcement last month that its founder and managing partner was moving on, right as the firm celebrated a major milestone of some 20,000 free humanitarian cases for clients in need who otherwise would not have been able to access a lawyer but for the firm's self-funding social enterprise model.

"We're forging new ground by this being now a very mature organisation that I have every confidence will continue to do great things with me stepping back a bit,"



Luke said. "I'll still be working with the team in Sydney once a fortnight and remotely on a lot of matters. The big 'bombshell' of 'Luke's Leaving' is not really the reality ... I'll still be engaged with the firm but just in a different capacity."

Ross Lamb, who was six months ago appointed Chief Financial Officer of The Salvation Army and has extensive experience in law-firm management, will assume the new Salvos Legal position of Chief Executive Officer.

– **Lauren Martin**

Australian officer leads relief team in Uganda to assist local Salvationists



Major Peter White (left) is leading a Salvation Army International Emergency Services team for three months in Uganda, assisting local staff working with the growing refugee crisis there.

MAJOR PETER WHITE, the Corps Officer at Hurstville in Sydney's south, is on a three-month deployment to Uganda where he is leading a small International Emergency Services (IES) team to provide assistance and training for local Salvation Army workers.

The team includes Major David Bennett (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory), two officers from the IES team, officers from Northern Uganda and local staff.

Ongoing conflict, violence and drought in South Sudan has driven almost 1.6 million people to neighbouring countries, with Uganda hosting the majority of these refugees.

"The Uganda Territory has limited resources at their disposal and this is particularly so in the far north of the country near the South Sudan border," Major White said. "We will be training them in how to work with the United Nations (UN) and partner with other non-government organisations and relief agencies, as well as identifying future long-term development projects for that community and that group of people."

The deployment will also involve the construction of 150 toilets and 18 boreholes for one of the refugee camps located near Adjumani, North Uganda.

Army plays key role at Homeless World Cup

THE SALVATION ARMY played a key role in the 15th edition of the Homeless World Cup in Norway, which was staged in the capital, Oslo, last month.

The Salvation Army in Norway was the official partner of the Homeless World Cup and was responsible for the national team.

Twenty-eight Salvation Army officers from

around the world joined forces with personnel from the host territory to be of assistance to the visiting teams during the World Cup.

Twenty four women's teams and 48 men's and mixed teams competed, representing more than 50 countries, including Australia.

Brazil were this year's men's champions and Mexico won the women's final.

Chaplaincy making great strides in NZ

THE FIRST HORSE-RACING chaplain in New Zealand is stepping up his role as part of a growing Salvation Army work in the racing industry.

Based in Christchurch, Andrew McKerrow became the country's first horse-racing chaplain two years ago, working part-time before being appointed to work full-time this year.

Through Andrew's work, The Salvation Army Bridge program has also signed a partnership with the Racing Integrity Unit to be its provider of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

The agreement has seen a Salvation Army drug and alcohol worker in the Waikato region appointed on an 18-month trial to help people in racing who fail drug tests, or are struggling with addiction issues and to support the board in its policies.

Disaster services on full alert around the world

THE SALVATION ARMY has been at the forefront of huge relief efforts around the world over the past few weeks as natural disasters have taken their toll on millions of people.

Devastating floods and landslides across vast parts of India, Bangladesh and Nepal, hurricanes in the Caribbean and southern states of the United States and an earthquake in Mexico has kept Salvation Army emergency services busy in these parts of the world.

General André Cox visited Houston to see for himself the Army's ministry to victims of Hurricane Harvey. He met relief workers and spent time in the incident command centre.

As the Army's relief efforts continue worldwide, donations to assist can be made online at sar.my/amappeal.

ENROLMENTS

■ CAMPBELLTOWN CORPS NSW



MAJORS BRENDA AND KELVIN Stace recently enrolled two junior soldiers, Elizabeth Murray and Zechariah Vago-Mills; two senior soldiers, Alex Murray and Edwin Murray; and accepted two adherents, James Holmes and Douglas Murray. The Murrays are all from the same family and are pictured with the Staces.

■ WAVERLEY CORPS VIC



MAJOR KATRINA POTTER enrolled three junior soldiers, pictured above with their Big Buds, on 2 July. From left to right are Major Potter, Niklas Cullen with Alan Crawford, Olivia O'Hara with Stephanie Webb, and Thomas Janssen with John Cullen.

■ GEELONG CORPS VIC



MAJOR ELIZABETH WALLIS enrolled four junior soldiers on 6 August. Pictured above (left to right) are Emily Watson, Bradley Cochrane, Natalie Cochrane and Taylah Cochrane.

■ CALOUNDRA CORPS QLD



AUXILIARY-LIEUTENANT SHERENE Staines accepted Donna Matthews as an adherent on 2 August. Donna is pictured with Aux-Lieut Staines and flagbearer Major Fred Shaw.

■ RINGWOOD CORPS VIC



LEN PARKER WAS ENROLLED as a senior soldier, and Luke and Michelle Inglis and Peter Webb accepted as adherents, at Ringwood on 6 August. Luke, Michelle and Peter are pictured with Corps Officers, Majors Peter and Karen Walker, and flagbearer Geoff Measures; Len is pictured with (from left) Geoff Measures, Major Peter Walker, and friends Charles Keys and Noel Jones.



JOYCE SMYTH



JOYCE ESTELLE SMYTH was promoted to glory at Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Centre on 31 July, aged 95. A graveside service was held on 7 August at Woronora Cemetery, followed by a thanksgiving service at Hurstville Salvation Army. Captain Adam Couchman led both services.

At the thanksgiving service, family tributes were brought by Graham Smyth (son), Pam Greenaway (daughter) and Colin Smyth (son). Michelle Barrington (grand-daughter) spoke on behalf of Joyce's six grandchildren. Diane Hill gave the corps tribute, and Belinda Laverance (granddaughter) read the Scripture passage, Romans 8:26-39.

Joyce Estelle Drury, the youngest child of Majors Norman and Sophie Drury, was born at St Peters on 14 June 1922. She had three older brothers – Norman, Athol and Ronald – all of whom are deceased. Joyce and her brothers became accustomed to regular moves with corps appointments at Grafton, Rockhampton, Cessnock, Maitland, Marrickville, Burwood, Lidcombe, Lithgow, Mudgee, Waterloo, Ryde and Leichhardt. When Joyce's parents retired in 1943, they moved to Hurstville and the family began its long association with the corps.

Joyce married Harold Smyth (dec.) on 12 October 1946, the start of a life-long partnership of loving and serving the Lord at Hurstville. Joyce joined the Women's Voices Brigade and then the songsters. In 1945, Joyce had been commissioned as the Home League pianist and diligently held this position until 2007. She was the Sunbeam Leader, and also the pianist for the Young People's Singing Company.

Joyce was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who showed her love and faithfulness all the years of her life. She loved her children and their partners: Graham and Lyn, Pam and Ted, Colin and Kerrie, (Carolyn, her first child, and Peter, her fifth, are both deceased. She loved her six grandchildren and their

partners and delighted in her 18 great-grandchildren. Joyce will be remembered for her Christian example and loving smile. She will be deeply missed.

GRAEME JOBLING



AUXILIARY-CAPTAIN GRAEME Cecil Jobling was promoted to glory at Melville Grange in Berwick, Victoria, on 19 July, aged 87. A service to celebrate his life was held at Berwick Church of Christ.

As a young man, Graeme worked as a machinist and then served as the personal assistant to the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife. He married Pamela Priest in 1963 and they welcomed their son, Matthew, and daughter, Helen, in the ensuing years. They also opened their homes and hearts providing care for foster and pre-adoptive children.

A move to Darwin saw Graeme commence as the Darwin Hostel Manager for Baptist Union of the Northern Territory, before becoming a welfare worker in the Department of Community Development, NT. Graeme was involved in Darwin Corps at this time.

With a move to Morwell, Victoria, in 1979, Graeme became the Regional Manager for Gippsland Family Service and the family settled into the Morwell Corps. While there, Graeme and Pamela offered themselves for full-time service to The Salvation Army. They were commissioned as territorial envoys on 29 June 1988, and were appointed to assist the manager at Harry Hunter Adult Rehabilitation (Alcoholic) Centre in Gosnells, Western Australia. This was formalised as Assistant Manager in January 1990. In conjunction with these appointments, Graeme and Pamela were participants of the Mature Aged Training Course and were granted the rank of auxiliary-captain in June 1990.

In January 1991, Graeme was appointed as the Manager of Bridge House and Superintendent of the Bridge Program, Western Australia. This was expanded with the roles of Joint Divisional Medical Fellowship Sec-

retaries for WA. In 1993 they moved to the Bridge Program in Victoria followed by an appointment as Corps Officers of Rochester Corps, prior to their retirement in December 1994. Graeme will be dearly missed by Pamela, children Matthew and Cherie and Helen and Darren, his grandchildren, extended family and friends.

PATRICIA GIBBONS



BRIGADIER PATRICIA FLORENCE Gibbons was promoted to glory at Austin Hospital in Heidelberg, Victoria, on Wednesday 26 July, aged 94. Her funeral service was conducted by Major Mark Kop at Greensborough Salvation Army on Tuesday 8 August.

Patricia Florence Osborne accepted Jesus at age 12 and her desire to serve led her to a commitment to officership. In 1946, she left Parkside Corps, South Australia, and joined the *Challengers* session at The Salvation Army Training College in Victoria.

Following Commissioning in 1947, Patricia was appointed as the Assistant Corps Officer at Port Melbourne and the Assistant Corps Officer at Newport. In 1949, her appointment at The Haven Nursery commenced many years of caring for women and children, followed by Kardinia Children's Home, The Bridge Rescue Home and then returning to Kardinia Children's Home as the matron. Four years later, Patricia moved to South Australia and became the matron at the Fullarton Girls' Home. Patricia returned to Victoria in 1967 and took up an appointment as the Associates and Liaison Officer in the Women's Social Work Department at Territorial Headquarters in Melbourne.

In 1968, Patricia married Brigadier Albert Gibbons, also appointed at Territorial Headquarters. They continued in these appointments until Albert reached retirement age, which also brought about Patricia's retirement from active service. In retirement, Patricia served at Mary Anderson Lodge for several years. Brigadier Albert Gibbons was promoted to glory in 2000.

ABOUT PEOPLE

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 22 August: Major Kaylene Fyfe, Assistant to the National Assistant Chief Secretary, National Office. *Effective 30 October:* Major Nellie Moed, Corps Officer, Moe Corps, Eastern Victoria Division. *Effective 27 September:* Major David Eyles, Divisional Secretary, NSW/ACT Division; Major Barry Fischle, Business Support Officer, NSW/ACT Division; Majors Bruce and Glenys Domrow, Transition Support Officers to Burwood, NSW/ACT Division; Major Colin Maxwell, Corps Officer, Tuggeranong Corps, NSW/ACT Division; Captain Karen Harrison, Privacy Officer, National Office; Captains Andrew and Kirsty Stringer, Merrylands Project Officers, NSW/ACT Division; Captain Jacoba Czoban, Corps Officer, Woden Valley Corps, NSW/ACT Division; Lieutenant Belinda Cassie, Chaplain, Inner City Women & Family Accommodation Services, Sydney. *Effective 11 January,* Amanda and Matthew and Pethybridge, Nambucca River Corps.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT

Effective immediately: Major Marilyn Smith, Team Leader – Clubs and Hotel Chaplains; *Effective 27 September:* Lieutenant Rod Parsons, Associate Chaplain – NSW Far South Coast, NSW Rural Fire Service.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Margaret Goffin, on 30 August; Lieut-Colonel William (Harry) Martin, on 6 September.

BEREAVEMENT

Major Peter Farthing, of his sister, Mrs June Glanville, on 12 August; Major Margaret Sanz, of her sister, Shirley Gratton, on 26 August; Cadet Stephanie Savage, of her father Lieut-Colonel Peter Savage, on 26 August; Lieut-Colonel Hazel Martin, of her husband, Lieut-Colonel William Martin, on 6 September; Captain Greg Turnbull, of his mother, on 9 September.

RETIREMENT

Major Gordon Main, on 4 August. Major Susan Reese on 15 September.

OFFICER CANDIDATES

Accepted for *Messengers of the Kingdom* session 2018-2019: Mari-ka Wallis, Tamworth Corps; Hye-Sun Seol and Min-Hwan Oh, Sydney Korean Corps.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

COMMISSIONERS FLOYD AND TRACEY TIDD (NATIONAL LEADERS)

13-16 October – National Visit of the Chief of the Staff and World Secretary for Women’s Ministries, Commissioners Brian and Rosalie Peddle. Melbourne Fri 13 Oct – Officers Councils

Melbourne City Conference Centre. Public Meeting Melbourne City Conference Centre. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 10.30am – Holiness Meeting, Auburn Corps; Sydney Sun 15 Oct 3pm – Praise/Worship Meeting (Public Meeting), Hurstville Corps. Sydney Mon 16 Oct – Officers Councils, Sydney Congress Hall 16-19 Oct – National Leaders Conference, Collaroy. 26 October – Leaders Lounge Youth Ministry Conference.

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

#Melbourne Wed 4 Oct – Australian Church Women Open Day. Sydney Sat 7 Oct – EQUIP Gala Day. Fri 13-Thurs 19 Oct – Visit of Commissioners Brian and Rosalie Peddle. Melbourne Fri 13 Oct – Officers Councils Melbourne City Conference Centre. Public Meeting Melbourne City Conference Centre. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 10.30am – Holiness Meeting, Auburn Corps. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 3pm – Praise and Worship Meeting (Public Meeting), Hurstville Corps. Sydney Mon 16 Oct – Officers Councils, Sydney Congress Hall. Mon 16-Thurs 19 Oct – National Leaders Conference The Collaroy Conference Centre. Melbourne Wed 15 Oct – State Social Command Dinner. Ringwood Fri 27 Oct – Spiritual Day - SFOT
#Colonel Julie only

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

Perth Sun 1 Oct – Installation of WA Divisional Leaders. WA Sun 1 Oct-Wed 4 Oct – Divisional Visit. Thurs 12-Thurs 19 Oct – Visit of Commissioners Brian and Rosalie Peddle. Melbourne Fri 13 Oct – Officers Councils, Melbourne City Conference Centre. Public Meeting Melbourne City Conference Centre. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 10.30am – Holiness Meeting, Auburn Corps. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 3pm – Praise/Worship Meeting, Hurstville. Sydney Mon 16 Oct – Officers Councils, Sydney Congress Hall. Collaroy Mon 16-Thurs 19 Oct – National Leaders Conference Collaroy Centre. *Melbourne Wed 25 Oct – State Social Command Victoria, Conference Dinner. #Canada Sat 21-Sun 29 Oct – Next Level Conference.
* Colonel Graeme only
#Colonel Karyn only

LIEUT-COLONELS KELVIN (CHIEF SECRETARY - AUE) AND CHERALYNNE PETHYBRIDGE (TSWM/TERRITORIAL SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL - AUE)

Townsville Sat 7 Oct – Official Opening of Townsville Recovery Services Centre. Townsville Sun 8 Oct – Hub Mission Sunday at Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission. Sat 14-Thurs 19 Oct – Visit of Commissioners Brian and Rosalie Peddle. Stanmore Sat 14 Oct – Emerging Leaders Dinner at Stanmore House. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 10.30am – Holiness Meeting, Auburn Corps. Sydney Sun 15 Oct 3pm – Praise and Worship meeting (Public Meeting), Hurstville Corps. Sydney Mon 16 Oct 10am – Officers Council at Sydney Congress Hall. Mon 16-Thurs 19 Oct – National Leaders Conference, Collaroy Conference Centre. Sydney Thurs 26 Oct – Spiritual Day - SFOT.

Heavy weight lifted off my shoulders.

WORDS | TOM COLLINGWOOD

I MOVED OUT OF my happy home in the UK when I was 17. Living in London, I dabbled with cocaine and drank a fair bit. I got married, and when my wife got pregnant, we stopped drinking and smoking.

In 2003, and now living in Australia, I got into real estate. I was clean from drugs, but still enjoyed the occasional drink. In 2006, my wife and I moved to the Gold Coast where I was working in a high-profile real estate office. I was successful at my job and enjoyed many social engagements and parties as part of it. There were a lot of opportunities to have fun if you were making decent money.

We also co-owned a restaurant on the Gold Coast and my wife was working hard there. Through a mixture of a good social life and her working hard, we didn't see each other much. Our children were seven and five – a daughter and a son. The loneliness of not seeing my wife made it easy to go out more – it was never her fault, it just made it easier.

At first it was social events every Friday, then it became midweek as well. I was enticed back into cocaine. It was a social thing but over the years I got more involved, not realising I was taking more of it. My wife had no idea what I was doing. It got to the point where I was choosing to get drugs on my way to, during and after work. I didn't realise I had surrendered to the drug and couldn't stop myself. That's the insanity of addiction.

My real estate sales had gone down and I was taking cash from my wife's purse to fund my habit. Ultimately, she challenged me to tell the truth so we could get through it together. My lowest point was when I stole from my then 13-year-old-daughter. She would save her money in her glass jar. I would take money out and put less back. When she realised it was me taking it, she let out the biggest cry I have ever heard. My daughter then stopped talking to me. I was so ashamed and, for the first time, I realised there was a problem.



Having had his life transformed by

The Salvation Army's Recovery Services, Tom Collingwood helps out during the Red Shield Appeal earlier this year.

It was then that my wife connected me with a friend. We chatted and he told me they knew what was going on. He said he knew where to take me: Turning Point, The Salvation Army's admissions and assessment centre (at Southport) for people suffering addictions to alcohol, drugs and gambling. It was the day my life starting improving.

I went to Fairhaven, The Salvation Army's drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre (at Mt Tamborine), and they embraced me with open arms. I felt a massive weight lift off my shoulders. My case worker, Jeff, guided me through the eight-month program and helped turn me back into a person that believes I can be a father again.

All the staff at Fairhaven are amazing. Without that place I would be still be where I was – no relationship with my wife and my kids wouldn't be speaking to me. I still have challenges but I am looking forward to life again. I am rebuilding my relationships with my kids and my wife. I am more grateful every day to God, to The Salvation Army and to everyone who has helped me. I want to help other people now and show them that there is always hope. ■

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