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Impact of a simple act of service

SCOTT SIMPSON, Managing Editor

My grandfather, Albert, was a proud Salvationist who spent most of his adult life at Wollongong Corps. He loved everything about The Salvation Army and saw it as a privilege to serve God through such a wonderful organisation.

I can still remember how much he enjoyed putting on his uniform, and being part of major Army events. It made him so proud, you couldn't wipe the smile off his face for days afterwards.

Albert loved to serve in simple, humble ways, and much of what he did largely went unnoticed. Included in his acts of service was to collect children in his neighbourhood and take them to Sunday school at the Army's Bellambi outpost in suburban Wollongong. Among those children was a young boy named Mark Campbell.

My grandfather retained a keen interest in the spiritual development

of Mark, watching proudly as he progressed to becoming a junior soldier, senior soldier, and then finally heading off to the training college, in the early 1980s, to become a Salvation Army officer.

On 1 July this year, Mark will take up a new appointment as Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army in the Australia Eastern Territory, with the rank of colonel.

Only the Territorial Commander will rank above him in terms of authority.

Simply put, God has used a humble act of service – the transportation of children to Sunday school – to work a transformation in a young boy's life that is now having a significant influence on the work of The Salvation Army in Australia.

My grandfather, who went to be with the Lord 12 years ago, would have been so proud. You wouldn't have been able to wipe the smile off his face for days.

AND ANOTHER THING ...

Later this month, Australia will pause to remember those who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Anzac Day this year has special significance, being the 100th anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. For Salvationists it's also a moment to acknowledge the contribution of The Salvation Army in World War One.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, our Army Archives column, written by Major David Woodbury, looks at the vital role our chaplains and other personnel played in supporting Anzac troops.

As David writes, "A legend was born when Australian and New Zealand soldiers stormed the beaches of Gallipoli ... In many ways, the campaign became a watershed not only for Australia and New Zealand, but also for The Salvation Army in Australia. When the world went to war, The Salvation Army was there."

Lest we forget.

Reaching out to the 'unwanted'

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON REFLECTS ON THE EASTER THEME OF GRACE AND HOW JESUS BECAME "NOT WANTED" IN ORDER TO TAKE OUR SINS TO THE CROSS

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Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory



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"Not Wanted" – these two words have been uttered by people throughout the generations. For various reasons people have felt unwanted – an unplanned pregnancy, born with a disability, love has diminished, can't be provided for any longer, challenging behaviour, not needed anymore.

Rather sad words. And yet how often do we hear people say they feel rejected, unloved, unwanted, they are a burden? Sadly, some turn to a life of crime, commit suicide or go on living with a negative attitude.

Jesus could well have said the same words – "Not Wanted". The religious leaders had tried on several occasions to get rid of him because they did not want him preaching the good news, healing people and performing miracles. The demon-possessed did not want him because he had power to cast out the demons. Others did not want him because in his presence they realised their sinfulness.

And when Jesus was brought before Pilate, he was an unwanted king.

We read in John chapter 18 that Pilate could find no fault with Jesus. He recognised him as the King of the Jews and declared Jesus not guilty. But when Pilate suggested that Jesus should be released, as recorded in verse 40, the mob shouted: "No! We don't want him! Give us Barabbas!"

Not wanted – we don't want him!

So Jesus was handed over to be crucified, even though Pilate found him not guilty. In chapter 19 verse 12 we read that Pilate was still trying to set Jesus free. It was also Pilate who wrote the sign that was placed above Jesus' head which stated: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Pilate knew that Jesus did not deserve to die and, in his own way, acknowledged that Jesus was a wanted man – a king.

Not wanted! Jesus suffered betrayal, rejection, mocking, whipping, denial, hatred and so much more. But he resolutely endured all this to show that he wants us to be in relationship with him.

People constantly turn against the Saviour, trying to prove they can exist without accepting forgiveness of sin. But Jesus knew that we all need a Saviour and he was prepared to endure the "Not Wanted" experience so he might show his passionate love, grace and forgiveness towards us.

May the words of a simple chorus be our prayer this Easter time: "O come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for you."

Let's make room for our Saviour and let's get rid of all the bitterness, resentment, secret sins, pride, self-sufficiency and make space for forgiveness and grace.

Also, I challenge us all to seek people who feel unwanted and introduce them to the best friend – Jesus the King of Kings.



ABOVE: A young Eva Burrows with a group of Girl Guides in Africa.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHIEF OF THE STAFF, COMMISSIONER WILLIAM ROBERTS, HAS SENT OUT A TRIBUTE TO THE ARMY'S 13TH INTERNATIONAL LEADER, GENERAL EVA BURROWS (RET.), AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "THE PEOPLE'S GENERAL", WHO WAS PROMOTED TO GLORY ON 20 MARCH

A daughter of Salvation Army officer parents, Eva Evelyn Burrows was born on 15 September 1929 in Newcastle, Australia. She committed her life to God for service as a Salvation Army officer while she was studying at Queensland University in Australia. Having received her Bachelor of Arts degree in May 1950, with majors in English and History, she entered the William Booth Memorial Training College in London, and was commissioned a Salvation Army officer in 1951.

Her first appointment was to Portsmouth Citadel Corps, in the Southampton and Channel Islands Division of the British Territory, as an assistant officer. Following this initial appointment, Eva Burrows was appointed as an officer teacher to the Howard Institute, a large mission station in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

During 14 years at Howard Institute, Eva became particularly concerned with the training of teachers for the network of Salvation Army schools throughout Zimbabwe. During her first homeland leave she undertook a course at Sydney University for the degree of Master of Education, and presented her thesis on the training of African teachers in Zimbabwe.

Returning to Howard Institute, she became the first woman vice-principal and, from that appointment, she became the Principal of the Usher Institute a secondary boarding school for girls. Under her innovative leadership, Usher Institute became well known in Zimbabwe as an outstanding girls educational centre.

In 1970, Eva Burrows was appointed to London where she spent five years at the International College for Officers, first as vice-principal and then principal.

A significant impact on Eva Burrows' life was her appointment as leader of the Women's Social Services in Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1975 to 1977. It brought her into close touch with the effects of poverty and exploitation in the crowded cities of Britain.

Adaptation to a new culture became necessary when in January 1977 she became Territorial Commander for Sri Lanka. In less than three years she had made such an impression in that predominantly Buddhist country that *The Ceylon Observer* said of her: "People like Eva Burrows grace any country they serve in. The Salvation Army has been very pragmatic and practical about its work, and Eva Burrows is a symbol of the Army's attitude to the poor and meek."

In December 1979, she became leader of The Salvation Army's work in Scotland where she undertook a further three years of inspirational leadership. Salvationists remember the drive and devotion which she brought to her task.

After 30 years of officer service, On 1 October 1982 Eva was appointed to the first assignment she ever held as an officer in her homeland. Based in Melbourne, she served as Territorial Commander for Australia Southern Territory. There, significant and innovative initiatives characterised her leadership style over the next four years. Such was the extent of her influence that she was regularly >>>



*“General Eva Burrows is unquestionably one of the **most respected and influential Christian leaders** of our time.” - Billy Graham*

CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: General Burrows at her home in Melbourne; at a congress in London in 1950; meeting Pope John Paul II; serving in Africa; and in conversation with evangelist Billy Graham.

consulted by the Prime Minister for her opinion and advice on a variety of matters.

WORLD LEADER

On 2 May 1986 the High Council elected Eva Burrows as the 13th General of The Salvation Army. She succeeded General Jarl Wahlström to office on 9 July 1986. She was welcomed for her energetic style of leadership, for her infectious enthusiasm and for her impatience with anything inefficient. She was the focus and symbol of unity, and her varied international experience eminently equipped her for the role.

The restructuring of the Army’s work in the United Kingdom was a complex issue that had been considered a number of times over many years, and with characteristic boldness and determination General Burrows addressed the issue head on, and drove it through to conclusion. In the authorised biography *General of God’s Army* (Henry Gariepy) it is recorded: The international press of the Army headlined it Revolution, the term coined by its chief architect, Colonel John Larsson. With characteristic boldness, wrote Larsson, the General has launched the Army’s most fundamental administrative change in its 125-year history.

The restructuring of the Army’s International Headquarters and its British Territory was indeed revolutionary and radical.

Under the Army’s constitution, General Burrows was scheduled to retire from office in July 1991 but, as a result of the process whereby

a General may be extended in office if more than two-thirds of the active commissioners agree to the proposal, General Burrows was asked if she would consider extending her term of office by two years. She agreed to do so, thus enabling her not only to preside over the early development of the fledgling United Kingdom Territory, but also to give vigorous leadership to another of her visionary initiatives the return of The Salvation Army to a number of Eastern Bloc countries where it had previously worked. General Eva led The Salvation Army back into eastern Europe, with work being re-established in the former East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Russia itself.

General Eva Burrows was honoured in many ways during her worldwide travel, not least by the receipt of a number of honorary degrees. On Australia Day (26 January) 1986 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) with the citation reading: In recognition of service to the temporal and spiritual welfare of the community and to social justice as the world leader of The Salvation Army. On the same date in 1994 this honour was upgraded to Companion of the Order of Australia (AC), with a similar citation.

In 1988 she became an Honorary Doctor of Liberal Arts at Ewha Woman’s University in Seoul, and was awarded an Honorary LLD from Asbury University in the USA in 1988. In December 1993, she received an honorary Doctor of Philosophy from her alma mater, the University of Queensland. On 1 January 2001 a Centenary Medal, for service to the Australian community, was awarded.

PASSION FOR PEOPLE

However, it was through her willingness to spend time with individuals, whatever their status, that General Eva Burrows became known to many as “The People’s General”, a title she did not seek, but one that she cherished.

People were Eva Burrows’ passion. Her interest in people at every level of society was not a professional skill that she had developed. It was an integral part of her nature. Having met a person, she had no difficulty in recalling the name, the face, the family situation, many years later.

In her biography, *Eva Burrows Getting Things Done*, Wendy Green wrote: “She only needs to meet people once and she knows all about them. She recognises them. Puts them in the right pigeonholes.”

General Burrows’ passion in her public utterances was to preach Christ. This came out of her own personal experience of him, which she described thus: “The focus and dynamic of my life is Jesus Christ. I will lift up Christ and would challenge all Salvationists to a commitment to Christ which makes them a powerful witness for him in the world today.” And on another occasion she declared: “I do not preach Christianity; I preach Christ, as a living Saviour.”

Dr Billy Graham, with whom General Burrows had a warm association, said of her: “General Eva Burrows is unquestionably one of the most respected and influential Christian leaders of our time. She is also an individual of great warmth, selfless compassion, unusual vision, and profound

spiritual commitment. She embodies the spiritual commitment and dedication that led to the founding of The Salvation Army.”

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT

General Eva Burrows entered honourable retirement in July 1993, but hardly slowed down. She maintained a busy schedule of international travel and, when not travelling, could be found taking her place as an active soldier at the Army’s urban corps in Melbourne, Australia not only attending Sunday meetings, but engaging with homeless youth during the week, leading Bible studies and being what she had always been a good soldier of Jesus Christ. In addition to all of that, she served on the board of the International Bible Society from 1995 to 2005.

In recent months Eva’s physical strength began to wane, but her mental acuity, her spiritual vigour and her indomitable spirit remained unabated. To the very end of her earthly journey, Eva Burrows was an amazing role model and an inspiration to all who had the privilege of sharing her life.

We thank God for the life of General Eva Burrows and for the impact of her ministry in the name of Christ on so many people throughout the world. Our thoughts go out in prayerful support to her family and friends.

General Eva, one of nine children born to the later Major Robert and Mrs Major Ella Burrows, is survived by one sister, Margaret Southwell, and many nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces all of whom meant so much to her. □

Campbells ready to rise to challenge

NEW COLONELS COMING TO TERMS WITH APPOINTMENT

...
words **SCOTT SIMPSON**

Mark Campbell jokes that he's only just finished unpacking the boxes in his new office before having to pack everything away again for the move down the corridor, after being announced as The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's new chief secretary last month.

Mark, who only became a lieutenant-colonel in January as part of his new role as Territorial Secretary for Business Administration, will take up his appointment as chief secretary, with the rank of colonel, on 1 July.

He replaces Colonel Richard Munn who, after two years as the territory's "chief", will return home to the USA Eastern Territory. Colonel Janet Munn, the principal at the School for Officer Training in Sydney, will also take up a new role in the United States.

SURPRISE CALL

"I'm still quite stunned by how it's all come about," Mark tells *Pipeline* just a few days after the announcement.

"I turned up to work at THQ the other morning, still trying to get my head around my new role as Territorial Secretary for Business Administration, to be told that the Chief of the Staff [the Army's second-highest ranking officer internationally] was

on the phone and wanted to talk to me.

"By the end of that conversation I had been appointed as the new chief secretary, to take over from Richard. I'd only just started getting used to seeing lieutenant-colonel's epaulettes on my shoulders and now I'm going to have to trade them in!

"It's an incredible privilege to serve God through The Salvation Army and now, more than ever, I'll need to rely on him for daily strength and guidance.

"But I believe with all my heart that if God calls you, he will equip you."

Mark's wife, Lieut-Colonel Julie Campbell, currently serving as Assistant Territorial Secretary for Personnel, will become the new principal at the School for Officer Training on 1 July, also with the new rank of colonel. It's a role she is looking forward to tackling.

"A number of my previous appointments, I believe, have prepared me for this new challenge," says Julie. "This will actually be the third time I have had an appointment associated with the training college, so it's an environment I feel very comfortable with.

"In fact, I have been working very closely with Janet Munn recently, helping to get the pilot non-residential cadets training program set up in Queensland.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what God unfolds in my life during this next stage of my officership."

Prior to making the move to territorial headquarters roles in January, the Campbells had spent five years in divisional leadership, based in Brisbane.

SAD DEPARTURE

For the Munn's, the excitement at returning home to the US is tinged with the sadness of leaving a territory they have grown very fond of.

"It genuinely is with mixed feelings that we received the news," says Richard.

"We have two young adult children back in the US and we are looking forward to being near them again, however we have loved being part of this territory which is a very forwarding-thinking part of the Army world."

Richard will take on a newly created role, Territorial Secretary for Theology and Christian Ethics, while Janet returns to a familiar environment as principal of the College for Officer Training. Both roles are based just outside New York City.

"Our new appointments are effectively tailor-made for Janet and me so we will return to the US eager to take up these new challenges."



ABOVE: Then-Majors Mark and Julie Campbell spent five years in divisional leadership in Brisbane, before making the move to territorial headquarters in January. Photo: Shairon Paterson



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Spiritual eyes opened

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

words GENERAL ANDRÉ COX

What a glorious celebration Easter Sunday represents for each one of us! God in raising Christ has defeated death. God in raising Christ has freed us from sin. God in raising Christ has established a sure eternal future for all who know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Life can be so full of uncertainty, danger and fears. Easter, however, serves to remind us that the life Jesus, brought and bought, cannot be undermined or extinguished.

As we celebrate the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts are filled with praise. We rejoice in worship as we gain new insight and understanding of God's eternal purposes and his plan of salvation for the world!

As Jesus was raised from the dead, so will we be if we place our hope, trust and faith in God who sent his only Son into this world – not to condemn but to save!

It is not difficult to understand the consternation, disappointment, fear and discouragement of the disciples following the terrible events of Good Friday. They were devastated, shocked and completely thrown off course.

Jesus had told his disciples on numerous occasions that he would die and rise again on the third day.

Why, then, does it appear that not one of the disciples understood or realised what happened on that resurrection

morning? Had the forces of darkness and injustice won the day? There are those today who seem to think so.

ETERNAL PURPOSES

Amidst scenes of despair, suffering, injustice, greed, violence and the consequences of continued economic instability across the globe, I wonder whether there are Christians who this day feel despondent.

Perhaps there might even be a sense of disillusionment for one reason or another.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus expressed such feelings well: "We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

When Jesus appeared to the disciples following his resurrection they did not recognise him.

Possibly their preoccupation with personal sorrow and despair obscured what should have been clear.

How many times do we fail to sense Jesus' presence within our life and in the world today?

Do we, as Christians, always reflect the joy and the power of the resurrection in our daily living?

If we are honest we would have to admit that we don't always. However, it shouldn't – indeed it needn't – be like that!

It is as our spiritual eyes are opened and we gain ever more understanding of God's eternal purposes that through faith we begin to experience triumph

over darkness and despair

Moment by moment, day by day, we can know the power and the victory of Christ's resurrection in our life. Hallelujah!

It is my prayer that these familiar words will resonate in your heart as we celebrate once again the reality of our risen Lord Jesus:

*Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where thy body lay.*

*Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death has lost its sting.*

*No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee;
Aid us in thy strife;
Make us more than conquerors
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.*

[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, 152. Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932), trs Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)]



SALLYMAN
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COMMANDS
RESPECT



Salvation Army "Sallyman" Captain Peter Bennett chats with soldiers during a break from training exercises on the military base near Singleton. Photo: Shairon Paterson

DESPITE THE “SALLYMAN” BEING A FIRMLY ENTRENCHED PART OF MILITARY LIFE ON ANY AUSTRALIAN ARMY BASE, CAPTAINS PETER AND LEANNE BENNETT SAY THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES TO MINISTER AT SINGLETON’S LONE PINE BARRACKS

words **SIMONE WORTHING**
photos **SHAIRON PATERSON**

“Do you know why we love the Salvos?” an Australian Army warrant officer asks Captain Peter Bennett, Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) representative, better known by the military as “the Sallyman”.

“It’s because everyone in Australia loves us one day every year, on Anzac Day, but you Salvos love us every day, all the time.”

Peter, who works both at the Lone Pine Barracks and on the surrounding military range just south of Singleton, 200km north-west of Sydney,

and a 15-minute break, but the troops say we are lifesavers and appreciate what we do, which makes it all worthwhile.”

Peter, with his wife, Captain Leanne Bennett, are both RSDS representatives and Singleton Corps Officers.

MORALE BOOSTER

In 42-degree heat and with his “Sallyman” truck loaded with cordial, water, coffee, biscuits and lollies, Peter recently spent an afternoon driving the range (a 12km x 18km space primarily used for

“THE Sallyman IS A VITAL PART OF ARMY LIFE, NOT JUST IN THE SERVICE HE GIVES, BUT BECAUSE HE IS PART OF THE CULTURE AND THE TWO GO HAND IN HAND”

is one of many RSDS representatives who serve the Australian Defence Force (ADF) at bases around the country.

The RSDS has existed since 1914 and provides the ADF with a Christian-based ministry of practical service and moral support. This extends to all ADF members and their families both at home and overseas on base, in the field, in peacetime and during hostilities.

“We simply serve those who serve us,” says Peter. “We aim to be here for the troops at the worst time in the world.”

“We don’t do much, just offer drinks, snacks

military exercises and training infantry) and talking both with troops from the School of Infantry out on navigation exercises, and those engaged with “defence operations”. The men on defence operations hadn’t slept for two days while they dug trenches and prepared to face the “enemy” at any time.

“I liaise with the sergeant or commander to make sure they want the Sallyman to come,” says Peter. “The men tend to relax when I come so I need to make sure I’m not a distraction.”

“Having the truck means I can get around easily and everyone who wants to can experience >>>



ABOVE AND BELOW: The arrival of the Sallyman and his truck is always greeted with enthusiasm by the soldiers.





Training exercises on base can be quite arduous for the soldiers, so the arrival of the Sallyman is always a welcome sight, with Captain Peter Bennett offering anything from refreshments to a quiet chat.



the Sallyman. This is important because of lot of men come through here."

Platoon Commander Lieutenant Darren McDonald spoke highly of the Sallyman and the services he offers.

"They are a great morale booster, whether it's out on exercises with us or during our major parade days," he says. "We include them in everything and there's no doubt the Sallyman is one of the most liked and respected men we meet."

"... THERE'S NO DOUBT THE Sallyman IS ONE OF THE MOST LIKED AND RESPECTED MEN WE MEET."

Captain Nicholas Politis agrees. "This morale boosting is hard to measure in a business or corporate sense but having someone to chat to and being able to relax for just a few minutes helps a lot."

Platoon Commander McDonald doesn't think The Salvation Army knows just how good the Sallyman actually is.

"Our guys are exhausted, haven't slept for days, it's hot or freezing, and then, as soon as the

Sallyman's truck rolls around the corner, everything is immediately better," he says. "We can have a chat and a cuppa for a few minutes, get refreshed and be ready to go again."

"They're not heavily preaching religion but we know it's there when we want it."

"The Sallyman is a vital part of Army life, not just in the service he gives, but because he is part of the culture and the two go hand in hand."

SOLDIERS' RESPONSE

When asked what they appreciate about the Sallyman, the response from the soldiers was immediate and effusive.

"The Sallyman – I love that guy!" says one Private. "He is good for morale; he gets us through with his friendly face, his lollies, Milo and ready willingness to have a chat."

"The diggers love him," says another. "When the Sallyman rocks up, it's a reprieve for them. They can have a biscuit and a chat at some of the hardest hurdles in their training, and on the field."

"He understands what we're going through and will always take the time to sit down and have a chat to the guys," said another Private.

"I just love the man," was another simple and heartfelt response.

One private described him as "our saviour". "The Sallyman is here – yes!" says another

Private, pumping the air and grinning.

ALONGSIDE THE SOLDIER

Peter, while appreciating the support of the soldiers, is grateful for the role the Sallyman can play.

"It's humbling to be here and be invited into their world," he says. "They have a largely thankless job and we have the opportunity to thank and serve them as they protect the innocent and defend the weak."

The Sallyman, while an integral part of ADF life, plays an external role outside the administrative structure of the military.

"This helps soldiers often be less reluctant to talk to us if they have problems," says Peter. "We can journey with them, our role is one of morale, and we can just listen and be there for them."

As well as visiting men on the field, Peter runs the "Hop In Centre" on the base. This continues a tradition that started in World War One – providing a recreation area for the soldiers where no corporals or sergeants can go.

The Hop In Centre features a table tennis and pool table, TV and DVDs, magazines, tea and coffee and an outside barbecue area.

"The guys can come and just relax, and I try to be around as much as possible for a chat if they want it," Peter says.

"I will see anyone who comes to the base who wants to see me. It's mostly Army soldiers, but, as part of my brief to serve the ADF, I will also chat with Navy or Air Force personnel, or those from Special Forces."

CORPS CONNECTION

The Bennetts are also focused on developing connections between defence families and the corps. "It's challenging as the Army personnel are highly transient and come and go all the time," says Peter.

However, the Bennetts are investing in the partnership and are making progress.

"Our growing kids club began with Army families, and we still have four defence families who come," says Leanne. "I run a playgroup at the base each week and a monthly coffee morning, so I keep in touch with the families there. It's ongoing work but we know the investment is worth it."

In 2015, the Bennetts' primary appointment will be that of Singleton Corps Officers. Peter will still visit the base and range in his role as the Sallyman, although less frequently than he has been. The Bennetts have already begun recruiting and training volunteers from the corps to go out and visit the soldiers, so that the frequency of this vital ministry is not affected and the unique partnership maintained. □

OUT OF THE CRUCIBLE OF HUMAN SUFFERING

Unlocking the Army's Archives

AS THE NATION PAUSES LATER THIS MONTH TO REMEMBER ANZAC DAY, AND IN PARTICULAR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GALLIPOLI LANDINGS, IT'S ALSO A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN WORLD WAR ONE

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words MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

Simmering tensions in Europe and surrounding nations resulted in Britain declaring war on Germany and its ally, the Ottoman empire, on 4 August 1914. On 5 August, then-Australian prime minister, Joseph Cook, declared: "... when the [British] Empire is at war, so also is Australia."

On 1 November 1914, the first Australian troops departed from Albany, Western Australia, bound for training in Egypt. Among the early departures was The Salvation Army's Major William McKenzie, appointed as a chaplain with the 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Australian Imperial Force.

Following their arrival in Egypt, the 1st AIF moved to Camp Mena, near Cairo, to defend the Suez Canal against Turkey. Here, the Australians commenced a period of training to prepare them for combat in the war in France. Joining New Zealand troops, they were formed into the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps under the command of Lieutenant General William Birdwood, and hence the name ANZAC was to be written in the annals of history.

At the outbreak of World War One, The Salvation Army in Australia was still a new organisation. But what it lacked in material resources it compensated for in the commitment of its people. The territorial commander of the day, Commissioner James Hay, offered a contingent of Salvation Army nurses to serve in military hospitals overseas, an offer that was accepted by the minister for defence.

Apart from the nursing sisters, the Army also supplied ambulances and drivers to the front lines in Egypt and France, and released its officers to serve as military chaplains.

By 1916, there were 13 Australian Salvation Army officers serving as military chaplains. It was quickly realised that a significant advantage of Salvation Army chaplains was their ability to quickly assimilate because of the understanding of a military system.

Many of those chaplains who met the needs of troops were in essence first-generation Christians, having come to a personal experience of God through The Salvation Army. Some had come from "earthy" backgrounds and consequently

could identify closely with the soldiers.

One of the unique characteristics of the early Army was that it spoke the same language and understood the common man. No doubt for many soldiers, some of them little more than boys, there was a sense of comfort and security about a man who could identify with and relate to them, yet still have that sense of being God's representative.

SPIRITUAL COMFORT

While still in training it was decided that the ANZACs should take part in a landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. The ill-fated attack was riddled with misinformation and poor leadership. From beginning to end it was an epitome of disaster.

A legend was born when Australian and New Zealand soldiers stormed the beaches of Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. In many ways, the campaign became a watershed not only for Australia and New Zealand, but also for The Salvation Army in Australia. When the world went to war, The Salvation Army was there.

In a scenario of great



ABOVE: *A group of Salvation Army nurses and chaplains who served in Egypt during World War One.*

human need and suffering, men needed more than just guns and supplies. They needed a compassionate and understanding spiritual friend who would guide and comfort them in the face of death. Men like Chaplain-Major William McKenzie who was willing to endure danger and hardship alongside the young soldiers, to bring them human and spiritual comfort.

As the fighting dragged on, and with no significant advance made to take the peninsula, the battle at Gallipoli settled down to a brutal stalemate. McKenzie was called upon to bury hundreds of fallen Australian soldiers and minister to those who were wounded and dying. He shared every danger with his men, disregarding his own safety if there was a wounded or dying man who needed what spiritual comfort he could give. Within the first 10 days of fighting, he

was to bury 170 men.

Legendary journalist Keith Murdock interviewed McKenzie and in an article in the *Sydney Sun*, reprinted in *The War Cry* (Australia) on 22 December 1917, Murdock wrote: "Padre McKenzie has gone where shelling has made burial parties impossible to bury the dead. He has brought in the wounded, and lasted out the most intense shell-fire with his men, so that he might cheer them and comfort them. He has stayed afterwards to collect as much as two sandbags full of identity discs and paybooks off the dead."

The ministry and interaction between service personnel and Salvation Army chaplains at Gallipoli was to become a defining and significant dynamic in the role and future of the Army in Australia.

The courage and resourcefulness of many of the

chaplains and representatives was to live long in the memories of service personnel, and in many ways go on to become folklore. Narratives of the courage, compassion, humour and resourcefulness of Army personnel was to be passed down from one generation to the next.

In many ways, ANZAC forged and moulded the nation of Australia. A century later we are only just beginning to see the impact this mystery has on the nation.

The reality is that God works in ways so mysterious that mere mortals cannot understand, and even in the crucible of human suffering his will can be manifested, although not always clear at that time. What is true for our nation is also true for us individually.

*"Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home." □*

Salvos on front line of Anzac services

words ESTHER PINN and SIMONE WORTHING



The wreck of the Maheno which ran aground on the Fraser Island coast in 1935.

This Anzac Day, The Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) will pay tribute to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought in World War One, and reflect upon the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at various celebrations around Australia.

"We don't do this to glorify war but we do this to remember the sacrifice and honour the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Lieutenant Lyndley Fabre, Chief Commissioner for RSDS.

At the Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane, Lieut Fabre will participate in their community's Anzac march by walking alongside their RSDS trucks.

In Townsville, RSDS Senior Representative Captain Nigel Roden and his team will take part in their town's local march, which often sees over 6000 people attend. Their team will also operate four trucks with refreshments and aim to connect with the local community.

"It's going to be a great occasion – a team fulfilling its mission with sharing Jesus with the military members, their partners [and] families and wider defence [veterans] community," he said.

RSDS Senior Representative Captain Leanne Bennet will officiate at Singleton's dawn and mid-morning services.

At the School for Military Engineering, Steele Barracks in Holsworthy, RSDS Senior Representative Jason Lilley will lay a wreath during their Anzac service and provide refreshments from their RSDS truck.

Major Dianne Lawson, Puckapunyal RSDS Senior Representative will be marching in Melbourne in front of the Melbourne Staff Band

and behind a banner detailing the service of RSDS over the past 100 years.

At the end of the march, RSDS will run a mobile hop-in, alongside The Salvation Army's Emergency Services to connect with the local community and present a historical display of RSDS.

The Salvation Army RSDS also operates in Darwin, Adelaide and Canberra.

While The Salvation Army will be present at many Anzac Day services across the Australia Eastern Territory, one of the more unusual events will take place on Queensland's Fraser Island.

Major Bryce Davies, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission leader, will be representing The Salvation Army and assisting with leading the Anzac Day service on Fraser Island.

The service will be conducted near the wreck of the SS Maheno, commissioned as a hospital ship in Europe during World War One.

The Maheno arrived at Moudros, the naval base of the Gallipoli campaign, on 25 August 1915, and the next day was off Anzac Cove, loading casualties from the Battle of Hill 60. Over the next three months she carried casualties from Gallipoli to either Moudros, Malta or Alexandria.

From July 1916, just after the start the Battle of the Somme, the Maheno operated in the English Channel, taking large numbers of wounded troops from France to England.

In 1935, during a cyclone, the Maheno ran aground on the Fraser Island coast, where it remains to this day.

The ship's bell was donated to the Maheno School, in the New Zealand town of Maheno, in 1967. Students from the school will ring the bell during the Anzac Day service.

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Sunday 3 May 2015

6pm

Hurstville Corps

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in the Waratah Private Hospital carpark
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Hurstville Band and Sydney Staff Songsters participating

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This year the Salvos Women's Territorial Project aims to support women in Ukraine who leave the orphanages they have been brought up in without basic life skills and end up working on the streets. The Australia Eastern Territory has produced an amazing video to raise awareness of their plight. There are also resources and opportunities for you to donate and support the cause. This is an initiative of Salvos Women and you can find out more at mySalvos.org.au/SalvosWomensProject2015

The Salvation Army has already made plans for Easter 2016. Next year's Easter campaign asks Australians to "Sign with Mary", a cocoa farmer from the Enchi district in the Western region of Ghana. She will be coming to Australia to stand with supporters as they sign the petition to ask major retailers to increase their Fairtrade Easter range in 2016. You can read more about how you can be involved at mySalvos.org.au/SignWithMary

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Colonel Seymour 'comes home' for retirement salute

MINISTRY AN 'AMAZING' JOURNEY FOR LONG-SERVING OFFICER

words *ESTHER PINN*



ABOVE: Commissioner James Condon and Colonel Geanette Seymour share a lighter moment during her retirement salute at Belmore. Photo: Carolyn Hide

Colonel Geanette Seymour chose to lead her own retirement service as her 42 years of service as a Salvation Army officer was honoured at Sydney's Belmore Corps last month.

More than 100 people gathered on 8 March to share in afternoon tea before a short service was held, with Colonel Seymour sharing about the path that officership has taken her.

"I came to officership not fighting it, not wondering what it would hold," she said. "It has held some amazing and wonderful things, and it has held some challenging and debilitating things. But in all things God is trustworthy.

"God took my obedience for his pleasure and did with it as he chose. And as a result of that my life has been big, amazing and staggering at times."

Having her retirement service at her "home corps", Belmore, was something special for Colonel Seymour, having grown up in the corps and going to The Salvation Army's training college form there.

Belmore has also been the location of many key life events for her family, including birthdays and weddings, and the funerals of her parents who were also soldiers of the corps.

Commissioned in 1973 in the *Light Bringers* session, Colonel Seymour has served in corps officer roles, a number of social service

appointments, and divisional and territorial social administrative positions. She also served as chief secretary of the Australia Eastern Territory for 18 months from August 2006.

For the past seven years, she has been in positions at The Salvation Army's International Social Justice Commission in New York, being appointed its director in July 2012.

The Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, presented Colonel Seymour with her retirement certificate, revealing the conversation that he regularly has with officers who are nearing retirement.

"One thing I have said to my fellow officers is I want you to finish well," Commissioner Condon said. "I want to say this afternoon, Geanette Seymour, you have finished well. You finished well in a country, a city, an appointment, that you never dreamed of."

A brass band comprised of former Belmore Corps bandmen, provided musical accompaniment throughout the service, and Major Margaret Newton prayed for her sister as she entered retirement.

Lieutenant Lesley Newton, Colonel Seymour's niece, sang two solos: *I'll Not Turn Back* and *Turn Your Eyes*.

Colonel Seymour officially retired from active service on 1 March.



FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL GEANETTE SEYMOUR, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DEAN PALLANT HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, BASED IN NEW YORK CITY JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. MAJOR JOHN MURRAY, COMMUNICATIONS AND LITERARY SECRETARY AT INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CAUGHT UP WITH LIEUT-COLONEL PALLANT PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING LONDON TO TALK ABOUT FAMILY LIFE, MOVING AND HIS NEW MINISTRY AT THE COMMISSION



ABOVE: Lieut-Colonels Dean and Eirwen Pallant bring vast experience to the International Social Justice Commission.

JM: Dean, tell us about your family history and why you became a Salvation Army officer.

DP: I was born in Zimbabwe, in the heart of Africa. Both of my grandparents were British Salvation Army officers and appointed to serve in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in the 1930s and 1940s. My mother was born there and my father arrived from England as an 11-year-old boy, immediately after the end of World War Two.

I grew up in the corps in Salisbury (now Harare) in the 1970s during the liberation war. I felt called to be a Salvation Army officer when I was 15 years old. You asked me "why I became a Salvation Army officer?" The answer is as simple. God called me. If you know God has called you, then you should go and sign up now. What other reason do you need? If the creator, governor and sustainer of all creation has a specific task for you, just do it.

I was wisely advised to get some qualifications and life experience before applying for officer training. I went to the University of Cape Town and completed a degree majoring in psychology, administration and biblical studies. I then worked as a personnel officer in gold and coal mines in

South Africa. This was during the 1980s. Nelson Mandela was still in prison and it was a very turbulent period of history. I had to grow up fast as I was involved in complex trade union negotiations, a number of violent strikes on the mines, and came face-to-face with the pain and suffering caused by apartheid. I learned much during these years. This was an essential part of my preparation for life as a Salvation Army officer. In 1990, just days after Nelson Mandela was finally released from prison, I flew to London and entered the officer training school in 1991.

JM: Reflecting on your personal and spiritual growth and ministry, do you have any mentors who have significantly impacted your spiritual life and learning?

DP: I have been blessed with many mentors. I grew up in a wonderful corps, Harare City, with many inspirational local officers. My parents have both served as local officers for more than 50 years and they testify to being called to be local officers - not to full-time officership. I respect their calling as much as my own. Over the past 10 years

I have met regularly with a professional woman local officer who has mentored me. I have found it important to seek out people who will give me constructive criticism. This has been very helpful in my personal development.

I have also been inspired by many officers. Commissioners Paul and Margaret du Plessis, now retired, are both graduates of the University of Cape Town and their friendship over many years has been a great blessing. I was a soldier at Bromley Temple Corps before going into training and was mentored by the corps officers, then-Majors Shaw and Helen Clifton. After commissioning, my first divisional commander was then-Major Robert Street, a wonderful example of a leader. It is dangerous mentioning people by name because there are so many people who have mentored me.

JM: We understand that you have a passion for international development and the global social service and health care ministry of The Salvation Army. How has your experience helped shape your perspective and prepare you for this new role in New York.

DP: My wife, Eirwen, and I have had the tremendous privilege of co-ordinating The Salvation Army's health ministry around the world for the past seven years. Eirwen is a medical doctor and we served for four years in Zambia in the 1990s at The Salvation Army's Chikankata Hospital. We came to International Headquarters in 2007 tasked with developing an international strategy for Salvation Army health ministry. We have been able to support the implementation of this strategy.

Being healthy is not just about hospital buildings or even dependent on doctors, nurses and technology. All these are needed, but the priority is to help people experience life in all its fullness. It has been our privilege to see Salvation Army health ministry increasingly help people experience better health in body, but that is only part of the solution. People also need healthy relationships - with their family and friends, their communities, and most importantly, Jesus Christ.

During our service at IHQ, I completed a doctorate degree in theology at King's College London. I am very grateful my leaders encouraged me to study. I researched how Salvation Army health ministry could be more faithful. This >>>

RIGHT: *Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant, and Commissioner Charles Swansbury, with the leaders of William Booth Hospital in Surabaya, Indonesia.*



LEFT: *Lieut-Colonel Eirwen Pallant meeting a disabled child and her mother at a health centre in Ghana.*



BELOW: *Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant visits communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban, The Philippines.*

period of intensive study was very formative and has opened many doors to influence policy both within The Salvation Army and beyond our ranks.

I have now worked in 44 territories and four commands; the Army's ministry around the world is tremendous, inspiring and humbling. I have never been more convinced of The Salvation Army's God-given integrated mission to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity. When Salvationists commit to integrated mission, God blesses the work remarkably ... I think this is very important in terms of our work at the International Social Justice Commission. The Salvation Army will not have any credibility in calling for justice and reconciliation in the world unless we exemplify justice and reconciliation internally.

JM: *'Social justice' is not simply a buzzword but a real and significant issue that Salvationists around the world are fighting for. What is your definition of 'social justice' and how do you plan to engage non-governmental (NGO) organisations and Salvationists in the global fight of justice.*

DP: It seems to me the term is often misunderstood and misrepresented. Some Christians – even some Salvationists – appear to think social justice is only promoted by left-wing politicians. Some seem to think 'social justice' is about The Salvation Army's relationship with the United Nations. It is much more than that.

My understanding of social justice is grounded

in God's justice. God desires boundless justice for every part of creation. Justice is for all people, in every part of life, in every society, without discrimination. Our commitment to seek God's justice must be a real and significant issue for every Salvationist because justice is at the heart of salvation and holiness.

The Salvation Army Handbook of Doctrine explains: 'All our activities, practical, social and spiritual, arise out of our basic conviction of the reality of the love of God and our desire to see all people brought into relationship with him ... Our doctrine reminds us that salvation is holistic: the work of the Holy Spirit touches all areas of our life and personality; all physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, our relationships with our families and with the world around us.' This doctrine is foundational to our understanding of justice. The Salvation Army's fight for justice must be concerned about every area of life, every relationship, in every part of the world.

I have been reflecting on the book of Jeremiah in preparing for this appointment. Jeremiah 29:11 is a popular verse in many parts of the world, but sadly people misinterpret this verse as a promise of prosperity. In fact, chapter 29 is a challenge to each of us to promote justice in the fallen, messy, challenging places where God has sent us. 'Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare' (Jer. 29:7 CEB). For the Israelites it meant exile in Babylon – a place

with little justice, much pain and much suffering. Despite this, the word of the Lord to Jeremiah was that they must stay in exile and serve – their future depended in it.

Fighting for justice is not an optional extra for Salvationists – justice is at the heart of God's salvation plan. Seeking justice must be central to The Salvation Army's mission. We must seek the welfare of the city to which we have been called.

JM: *Can you share your goals and aspirations for your first 100 days in office and what your strategy is for enhancing the important work of your predecessors, Colonel Geanette Seymour and Commissioner Christine MacMillan.*

DP: We will use the first 100 days to listen and learn. Commissioner MacMillan and Colonel Seymour have been exceptional pioneers in establishing the social justice commission. Eirwen and I will take time to build on their work and connect closely with the other members of the ISJC team. Having said that, we know we are going to be busy. There are a couple of big tasks already in the diary. Eirwen is chairing an international taskforce to develop The Salvation Army's response against human trafficking. I am co-ordinating a session at the Boundless Congress on July 3 at which General André Cox will join a panel of global experts to discuss how people of faith can better contribute to the fight for social justice in the 21st century. □

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CHANGING KIDS' LIVES

RED SHIELD EASTER CAMPS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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words ESTHER PINN

Some of them have never been on a plane, others have never visited a big city, and many have rarely been on a holiday.

Every year, however, hundreds of children aged nine to 12 get the opportunity to enjoy these experiences when they attend one of The Salvation Army's Red Shield camps at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's northern beaches.

Salvation Army corps officers throughout the Australia Eastern Territory are regularly asked to identify disadvantaged children in their area and nominate them for camps which run during both the Easter and summer school holidays at Collaroy. The camps are funded by Red Shield Appeal donations.

"We've got these camps running for kids under stress or similar –they might be in poverty-stricken situations, in foster care, or their parents might be in jail," says Adam Gallagher, who was a Red Shield camp leader for 17 years. "So the officers go out and find kids who need a break and then recommend them to come to camp."

Adventure activities at camp include a flying fox, laser tag, beach trips, a ferry ride on Sydney Harbour, and visits to Taronga Zoo and Wet'n'Wild. But the camp is not just about having fun. The children are also given an opportunity to hear the Gospel and, according to Adam, there are many success stories.

"Many children come to camp with behavioural

issues and leave transformed," he says. "You hear stories every year of kids who go home and are completely different in school. Principals ring up and say, 'What happened to this boy? He's like a different child'. There's lots of success stories like that to warm your heart."

The success stories don't stop at the camps. When the kids return home, many connect with the local Salvation Army in their area and some families have gone to church because of the connection to the camp.

BROADENING HORIZONS

For the past four years, Salvation Army flying padres Lieutenants Natalie and Simon Steele have accompanied 45 children from Mount Isa and nearby regions to Easter Camp. The six-hour journey includes two plane trips.

Some come from indigenous communities and others from cattle stations. Many don't get the opportunity to go on a family holiday and have never seen the hustle and bustle of city life. One child that the Steeles brought to camp was home-schooled and had never left his parents. For many, says Natalie, the camp is a life-changing experience.

"They see another side of life in Australia," she says. "In that way, it broadens their horizons. They get to do all these range of activities they have never done before. Some of the kids have found



it overwhelming at times, being around so many people."

However, Natalie says the children always go home with smiles on their faces and plenty of new friends.

"A lot of kids ask if they can go back again," she says.

Natalie says it is a huge responsibility for Simon and her to bring these children to camp, but this is only due to the trust they have built with the local communities, school teachers and parents.

Over the past five years, children have been sponsored to attend Easter camp by Aged Care Plus, the Central and North Queensland Division, and through money raised by The Salvation Army's Indigenous Appeal. □

ABOVE: Travelling on a plane, enjoying a ferry ride on Sydney Harbour, going to the beach and making new friends is all part of the life-changing experiences that children from Outback communities have while attending the Red Shield Camps at Collaroy. Photos supplied.

FROM THE OUTBACK TO A NEW LIFE IN SYDNEY

Twelve-year-old Amaroo is from Dajarra, one of the most remote places in Australia.

It is a town in the far north-west of Outback Queensland, 150km south of Mount Isa, and has a population of about 150.

It is about as far away from Sydney as you can get in The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory. About 2500km in fact.

So when Amaroo was invited last year by The Salvation Army's flying padres, Lieutenants Natalie and Simon Steele, to join them at The Red Shield Easter Camp at The Collaroy Centre in Sydney, he didn't know what to expect.

It was a trip that would change his life.

Amaroo embraced Sydney with all his energy. He explored landmarks, visited Sydney Aquarium and went to the largest water park in Australia, Wet'n'Wild.

He also enjoyed all the activities at camp, but it was something else that caught his attention and his heart. The Gospel.

"I got out of camp a lot of things," he says. "I got out fun, love and understanding that I can be friends with God and go to heaven. It was a great week and I made many friends, but there is only one friend I know that is still here. And I got a bracelet that I made that every bead represents heaven, Jesus and God."

With no high school in Dajarra, Amaroo knew he would probably attend a boarding school. When his family and teacher encouraged him to apply for a scholarship at Northern Beaches Christian School in Sydney, he jumped at the chance.

At the start of the year he bravely left behind his remote community and moved to Sydney. He is living at The Salvation Army's Indigenous House under the care of Adrian and Natalie Kistan, who run the house.

"My mum, dad, aunty, uncle and my older cousins had pushed me this far and they got me here. And I'd like to thank them for that," says Amaroo.

"I love living at The Salvation Army Indigenous House because I feel part of the family. Natalie makes lots of great food and does the washing and takes care of us all really good."

Amaroo attends Auburn Corps with the Kistans and loves it.

"I love going to youth and church at Auburn Salvos. There are lots of different cultures and they make me feel welcome."

When Amaroo finishes high school he hopes to be a veterinarian. Although he also harbours hopes



TOP: Amaroo on the plane to camp in Sydney, accompanied by Lieutenant Natalie Steele.

ABOVE: Amaroo proudly wearing his Northern Beaches Christian School uniform.

of being a professional rugby league player in the NRL.

"It has been a great experience and I never thought that it would be this good. I have never been this far before and it's an honour to come this far," he says.

MIGRANT FAMILY SETTLES ON SPIRITUAL HOME AT CAMPSIE

Anna was curious. She had no idea what The Salvation Army was but wanted to know more. So, six years ago, she walked through the doors of the Army at Campsie. She hasn't looked back.

Moving to Australia from Hong Kong in 2007 with a young family, Anna says she struggled to find the support she needed. That all changed when she met her Salvation Army family at Campsie.

"Everyone is very kind and nice," she says. "They don't think of you in a different way. We come here [to The Salvation Army] every week.

Her daughter Vicki, now 13, also loves being involved at the Army.

"If you have any problems they will help you," she says. "I get to learn more about God. I started reading the Bible."

Anna also has two sons and brings her three children to church on Sundays, as well as SAGALA and playgroup. She also volunteers at Campsie's homework club. In 2013, she became a senior soldier.

One of the more significant blessings for Anna came two years ago when her daughter was chosen to attend The Salvation Army's Red Shield Easter Camp at The Collaroy Centre.

"To get picked out of all these other people – God gave me a blessing," says Anna.

Vicki says she felt special to be chosen for the Easter camp. Some of the activities she experienced for the first time, including the flying fox and the giant swing. Vicki also appreciated the Bible teaching sessions and enjoyed meeting other children from different cultures.

"I was happy when I went and I got to meet more people and [understand] what it's like in other parts of Australia."



ABOVE: Anna and her daughter Vicki, who have settled into life in Australia quickly thanks to their involvement at Campsie Salvation Army. **RIGHT:** Vicki says being chosen to attend the Red Shield Easter Camp made her feel special. Photos: Elena Pobjie

Jesus' inner burden

DID AN AGONISING DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION CROSS THE MIND OF JESUS DURING HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY?

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words *LIEUT-COLONEL NEIL YOUNG*

THIS EASTER BUY A CHICKEN, NOT AN EGG

THE
CHICK
EFFECT

AND CHANGE COMMUNITIES.

Not being an avid theatre-goer, I only attend films that have a special meaning for me.

The passing of Robin Williams prompted me to recall seeing three of the films in which he starred – *Dead Poet's Society*, *Patch Adams* and *Mrs Doubtfire*.

It was said of Williams' brilliance that he was the only lead actor permitted to perform his part without a script. Williams often added ad-lib parts not in the script and they were not only appropriate but very supportive of the relevant stories.

All three of these dramas contain very amusing and clever undertones. On viewing the dramas, one would think that Williams was a very happy-go-lucky and light-hearted person.

As with many of us, there is a public image that we present, but are we the same outwardly as we are inwardly?

Williams' death, by suicide, gives us a different picture.

On a very serious note, we look at the life of Jesus as presented by the four gospel writers and draw our conclusions about him.

We see him as a deep man of peace, always himself and totally at ease. The apostle John, who was closer to Jesus than the other 11 apostles ("the disciple whom Jesus loved") gives us a fuller picture of Jesus found in the three chapters known as the "farewell discourses" (John chapters 15-17).

Throughout the gospels there is frequent reference to his prayer life. Perhaps the first time this is mentioned is in Mark's gospel.

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed". (Mark 1:35).

There is much conjecture of when Jesus

became aware not only of his messiahship but also of his eventual crucifixion.

He spent his first 30 years in the small village of Nazareth. Secular historians tell us that in the nearby large city of Sepphoris, a Jewish leader, Judas of Gamalar, defied the Romans and was beaten to near death and what life was left in him died on a cross.

Jesus grew up well aware of the absolute brutality of the Romans. Opposition to Rome had to be seen as a serious offence so opponents would have to suffer agonising deaths.

At what stage in his ministry did Jesus know he would also die in the same way? Certainly it was before his transfiguration, when he spoke with Moses and Elijah on the mountain. (Luke 9:31). They spoke together about his "departure".

So during some part of his ministry he knew he was going to die in this way.

Catherine Baird reflects on this in her song (Salvation Army song book 103).

*When Jesus looked o'er Galilee,
So blue and calm and fair,
Upon her bosom, could he see
A cross reflected there?*

So did this dark cloud hang over Jesus for most of his ministry?

And if we are to follow him, then is there a consciousness of the evil there is in the world?

But do we also have in mind the fourth verse of the above hymn:

*But when the winds triumphantly
Swept from the open plain,
The Master surely heard the song:
The Lord shall live again!*



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Breaking the cycle of poverty

THE SALVATION ARMY IS INTRODUCING A NEW APPROACH TO THE WAY IT DEALS WITH EMERGENCY WELFARE RELIEF. THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY'S COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR, **RONDA MCINTYRE**, EXPLAINS THE NEW DOORWAYS MODEL

Catherine Booth, the "mother of The Salvation Army", once said: "There is no improving the future without disturbing the present."

The Australia Eastern Territory's new Doorways model, and the establishment of a Doorways Assessment Centre, is set to disturb the very core of traditional emergency relief and welfare service delivery through The Salvation Army.

The new model will provide an opportunity for the delivery of more financially sustainable and effective services to vulnerable people, as well as renewed mission and true connection through this ministry.

INNOVATIVE MODEL

Recognising the limitations of the current emergency relief model, and working within the changes that the Commonwealth Government have been introducing into funding requirements, The Salvation Army's territorial social departments in the Australia Eastern and Southern territories began researching and developing new approaches to delivering emergency relief.

This new approach is known as "Doorways". It was introduced in 2009 and over the past six years has been progressively implemented in Salvation Army emergency relief services across Australia.

The Doorways model is an innovative case management model that was created as a response to address the limitations of traditional emergency relief/welfare services.

The Doorways mission is to build the capacity of those who are seeking welfare assistance, while creating pathways out of hardship and poverty for individuals and families.

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory piloted the Doorways Assessment Centre in June 2013 to reduce the burden of delivering traditional welfare assistance in its community welfare centres. It also aimed to increase the amount of quality time to enable officers, Doorways/welfare workers and volunteers to build positive engagement with community members who are in financial hardship.

A centralised telephone assessment will ensure a professional first response and assessment that is consistent across the territory. It has the capacity to free our people in our community centres and corps from the ever-increasing demands



of delivering material assistance, thus enabling them to provide holistic assistance and connect community members to referral services and corps activities.

Subsequently, this new approach has further empowered the Army's Doorways/community services to help individuals and families find freedom from poverty through action, community and faith.

Rather than simply focusing on the presenting issue, Doorways seeks to address the underlying cause of the financial crisis. It aims to transform the thinking of people who are caught in entrenched poverty. Doorways moves beyond current paradigms of welfare assistance to relational partnerships that guide people to see a more positive vision of their future.

HOLISTIC SUPPORT

The Doorways philosophy, "One Door – No Wrong Door", aims to develop The Salvation Army's community welfare centres into places that emphasise creating positive engagement with all clients and provides access to holistic, integrated support. Clients are then able to access a range of social and practical support delivered by a wide variety of community agencies that addresses their specific underlying issues.

Missional opportunities to connect and build relationships with people seeking emergency relief assistance are primarily transferred to local Salvos Connect sites. Connect sites will be encouraged to develop an environment that welcomes emergency relief applicants and offers complementary services such as meals, groups, coffee, etc.

Doorways case workers who journey with emergency relief applicants with complex needs and who work from local Salvos Connect sites, will also be ideally placed to undertake holistic mission and connect clients with relevant corps activities and supports.



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Country life to an ocean of Army uniforms

FROM THE DUSTY STREETS OF BOURKE TO THE SOPHISTICATED CITY OF LONDON, TWO SALVATION ARMY RURAL CHAPLAINS ARE PREPARING FOR A DEFINED CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS THIS YEAR



ABOVE: Envoys Lloyd and Vicki Graham, Far North-West NSW rural chaplains, are at home in the remoteness of the Australian Outback, so they admit their visit to London for the Boundless Congress will be a culture shock.

For a few days in July, the tranquil surrounds of serene country life will be replaced by the cacophony of city folk marching to a symphony of trains, taxis and buses in Britain's capital for Salvationist couple Envoys Lloyd and Vicki Graham.

It will be a culture shock for the Grahams, who for the past six years have been Salvation Army rural chaplains for the Far North-West region of NSW.

But armed with curiosity and a sense of adventure, they are looking forward to their odyssey to London for the international Army's 150th anniversary celebration from 1-5 July.

"I may get a bit overwhelmed with it all!" Vicki admits.

Just what the Grahams will experience in London will send the pulse racing, especially for this country couple.

Bourke's population stands at a tick over 2000 relaxed residents, while London boasts a thriving population of 13 million. A bumpy, dirt road connects Bourke with its nearest township, while multi-lane motorways link London with the rest of the UK.

"We can go hundreds of kilometres sometimes without seeing another person in our role as rural chaplains out here," Vicki says.

As for Lloyd, he has minimal experience in dealing with overflowing crowds associated with major cities.

"I lived in London for two years in the early 1970s, but have lived either in the small townships of Kempsey or Bourke ever since ... I think around 45 years. I don't like crowds so I guess it will be challenging for me," he says.

"I am mostly looking forward to sharing a fellowship with fellow Salvationists from around the world at the congress."

WORLDWIDE FAMILY

Despite the sudden change in environment, the Grahams are fuelled with passion and excitement to share God's love among fellow Salvationists.

"What am I looking forward to at Boundless? Everything! Vicki says. "I cannot wait to see an ocean of Army uniforms."

"We planned to visit England in 2014, but it was suggested that we wait until 2015 to attend the Boundless Congress. We had no hesitation in waiting this extra 12 months as we love all things Salvation Army, and the fact that we belong to a worldwide Christian family."

The Grahams plan to stay on in the UK after Boundless, taking the opportunity to explore their British ancestry.

"We are staying on in England after the congress to follow our family history trail down through Stonehenge, all over Cornwall and the south-west, then up across Wales, across to Kempsey [namesake of their home town in NSW] and over to Nottingham, up to Newcastle and Edinburgh, before heading back down to York and Nottingham, and finally Essex," Vicki says.

So, apart from a summer Salvation Army uniform, what attire should the Grahams take to London?

Well, Bourke's average summer temperature is a balmy 36 degrees compared to London's average summer highs of 19 degrees.

Maybe they should pack their long-sleeve jumpers just in case!

Soul Food

My favourite verse

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS EITHER IMPACTED THEM AT ONE STAGE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST, OR CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE AND NOURISH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. MAJOR ELWYN GRIGG SHARES HIS FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

"If he calls you he will equip you!" - Hebrews 13:20-21 (New King James Version)

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If Ted* was alive today he would be 47. He was 12 when I met him; a youngster in our corps attending Sunday School.

My story about Ted starts on Maundy Thursday. I was just weeks out of The Salvation Army Officer Training College and experiencing life as a newly commissioned lieutenant in a remote country corps.

My wife and I had led the Easter series of meetings. There was the space when, as a community of faith, we gathered to remember the Passover. We remembered the words of Jesus as he shared in that significant meal and fellowship with his precious disciples.

"Do this in remembrance of me." "Before the cock crows you will deny me." Gethsemane – where Jesus asked the Father God to spare him the crucifixion.

During the Easter Sunday services we identified with the suffering and

death of our Saviour and Lord. This was no commemoration. This was identification. "It was for me that Jesus died on the cross of Calvary," we sang with conviction.

On Sunday morning, as the sun came up, a small group of us celebrated breakfast on the beach. As we arrived, one by one we picked up a handful of driftwood and placed it on the small fire until we had a warm blaze that was helping our bodies drive away the cold of the dawn.

The remaining services were a testimony to the living Christ. "He is alive," we shouted, and we felt he was in the room, doing life with us.

Sunday night came and I was feeling the adrenalin fade. The preparation for the meetings had paid off. The spirit had blessed our community of faith and we were on our way back home.

As we walked up the path to our house the phone was ringing. I recognised the voice on the other end of the line as that of a member of our corps.

"I am at the end of the fish trawlers pier," the voice said. "The police have

asked me and my diving mate to search for the body of Ted. He was playing on the crane that is used to lift the fishermen's catch from their boats."

My first attempt at chaplaincy. Ministering to the police. Ministering to my diver friend. Ministering to my corps. Ministering to a family who had lost their precious son.

It was my first funeral. The local high school closed to enable students to attend. The railway workshops closed to enable the workers to support their mate – the father of the boy.

One-third of the town came to support that family in grief.

Where did I find the words to say in the home? How did I minister to that huge group of people from within and outside the corps? Where did I get the strength to keep on when my own emotions were seeking to override my need to minister?

From the promise which is for everyone. "If he calls you he will equip you!" Hebrews 13:20-21.

* Not his real name

Salvation Army response to Royal Commission findings

Friends,

Last month, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its findings on The Salvation Army (Australia Eastern Territory) into Case Study 5.

The Salvation Army accepts all the Royal Commission findings presented and acknowledge past practices and procedures led to the abuse of children. To confirm, The Salvation Army no longer runs any children's homes as outlined in Case Study 5 and has implemented significant changes to ensure priority focus for its child protection policies and procedures.

I would like to again offer an unreserved and sincere apology to survivors and their families for the trauma and effect this abuse has caused throughout their lives. As an organisation, The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring no harm ever occurs again and has a no tolerance approach for abuse of any kind. We understand that in the past we have breached the trust placed in us and we must seek to rebuild that broken trust.

We cannot change the past and undo the wrongs committed by people in our name. However, we remain committed to acknowledging these wrongs, and ensuring that today we have adequate child-protection processes and procedures to protect children in our care.

Prior to the release of this report by the Royal Commission and ahead of the findings of Case Study 10, The Salvation Army has already enacted a number of significant changes to ensure policies and procedures remain best-practice. With the assistance of independent, external experts, these changes include:

- Executing a deeply detailed review into its child protection policies and procedures in order to bolster the protection of all vulnerable people in our care;

- Increasing the training provided to child protection staff and officers to ensure they are equipped with best practice child protection policies;

- Ensuring all child protection policies have been made retrospective so that any officer or person pursuing officership, involved in any form of abuse, will never be allowed to serve as an officer in The Salvation Army;

- Restructuring and renaming the Professional Standards Office – now known as the Centre for Restoration – to ensure all allegations of abuse brought to the attention of The Salvation Army are investigated in a timely, professional, objective and independent manner, by external investigators, and are free from any perceived conflicts of interest;

- Working with relevant law enforcement authorities and independent experts to ensure complaints handling policies are best practice and independent external investigations are carried out in a timely manner;

- Thoroughly reviewing record-keeping practices to ensure appropriate archiving of records are in place;

- Reviewing in detail personnel (officers and employees) files and disciplinary procedures;

- Re-examining and auditing every past claim to ensure sufficient financial redress was provided and reviewing and auditing all cases of abuse brought to the attention of The Salvation Army to ensure due process was followed;

- Undertaking decisive disciplinary

action against all former personnel who have been involved in abuse, dismissing them from service and reporting their behaviour to police investigators;

- Expanding the geographical reach of the Centre for Restoration, with a new position created and based in Queensland, supporting survivors in that state;

- Convening a round table of independent experts to examine the question of why child abuse occurred; and

- Our international headquarters has issued new regulations that state no officer ever found to have committed criminal sexual activities can be accepted or reinstated into officership.

All these measures include specific steps to ensure ongoing accountability to improve child protection processes so children will never be placed in situations of harm again.

Please also pray for staff and officers in the Australia Eastern Territory, many of whom were tasked with investigating how this abuse was allowed to take place.

I encourage anyone who was abused in any way to contact our Centre for Restoration directly on **(02) 9266 9781** or email centreforrestoration@aue.salvationarmy.org

For more information about The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory and the Royal Commission, please go to salvos.org.au/royal-commission/ and childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

Commissioner James Condon
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Australia Eastern Territory



Heart of the covenant

MAKING AN EVERLASTING PACT WITH GOD

...

words **MAJOR JACQULYN RECKLINE**

*"In short, a contract is a document to **live** by. A covenant is a relationship to **love** by. Is this not the very nature of God?"*

The scene was solemn. Tiny beads of perspiration appeared on the back of his neck. He had planned for this. Every detail was meticulously attended to; every direction was followed without deviation. He'd had conversations like this before, so what made today different? Perhaps the slight shaking of his hands, his dry mouth or his misstep a moment ago reminded Moses of his many weaknesses.

At this hour, every failure, every shortcoming, came into sharp focus. Even so, in spite of those things, God had given him this job: to prepare a place for the Lord's glory to dwell. This was final. From this day until the last, mankind would exist on this earth, and all would know without a doubt that God is with us.

O to grace, how great a debtor; daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

He reached for the jar full of manna, and, as he placed it in the bottom of the ark, his lips uttered: "Oh God, you have provided for us. Only you can sustain us."

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.

He relived much as he lifted Aaron's budding staff. "Mighty God, forgive us for holding on to our stiff and unbending will! I surrender again to your plan and we will follow you."

He lovingly laid it near the jar inside the

ark. Finally, Moses wrapped his arms around the tablets, keeping them close for a few lingering moments. This would be the last time he would hold them. Tears found their way down his worn face. His heart sprang forth a song of thanksgiving.

"Faithful Father, how you love us! Thank you for making a way not only in this desert, but in the desert of our hearts as well."

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above!

His tears dropped lightly onto the stones as the lid of the ark slid into place. The ark was now sealed; nothing could touch God's perfect decree. Moses bowed, and as he did, he felt the power and presence of God almighty, God the loving creator, cover and consume.

This is not the end of the story! This is just the beautiful beginning, for God weaves and writes his love story throughout history. And in this story, our story, we see God desiring to restore a broken relationship with his creation, which is prone to wander.

BINDING RELATIONSHIP

In the original Latin form of the word, "covenant" means to come together in a binding relationship. There is a stark difference between a contract and a covenant.

In a contract, each party agrees to hold up its end of the deal as long as the other does. If one party does not meet the set conditions, the contract is broken. But God

does not bargain upon terms and conditions with us.

In a covenant, each party promises to honour the agreement – whether or not the other does. One's violation of the agreement does not release the other's responsibility to it.

In short, a contract is a document to *live* by. A covenant is a relationship to *love* by. Is this not the very nature of God? "If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself" (2 Timothy 2:13).

Since the beginning of time, we have seen a biblical covenant consisting of two components: a sacrifice (a provision) and an acceptance. Throughout history, we have seen how God provides. He provides a way to dwell within and not just among; he provides not just a place of mercy in the Tabernacle, but grace himself in Christ Jesus, the perfect sacrifice.

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant ... I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts" (Jeremiah 31:31, 33).

"You show that you are a letter from Christ; written not with ink but with the Spirit of the Living God. Not with tablets of stone, but on tablets of the human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3).

GOD'S PROMISE

In signing the Salvation Army Soldier's Covenant, we penned our names in declaration of these words: "I now by God's

grace, enter into a sacred covenant. I enter into this covenant and sign these Articles of War of my own free will, convinced that the love of Christ, who died and now lives to save me, requires from me this devotion of my life to his service for the salvation of the whole world."

Moses placed three things in the ark: a jar, a staff and set of stone tablets.

If God entrusts my heart to hold his living Word, Christ Jesus, if he loves me enough to always make a provision of grace and to watch over, correct and guide me by his Holy Spirit, if he values me enough to place his presence and glory over and around me, then I am compelled to place my trust in him and receive such love!

I am confident in his provision. I am content to freely surrender to his purpose. I will remain ever committed to "love up to" his covenant promises.

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WHAT WOULD JESUS VIEW?

with Pipeline culture writer **MARK HADLEY**



Testament of Youth

RATING: M RELEASE DATE: 23 April

Testament of Youth carries the burden of being the descendant of a much-admired biography about the horrors of war in a year already choked with World War One offerings. But its call to peace is as clear as ever and possibly even more moving.

Based on the life of leading 20th-century feminist Vera Brittain, *Testament of Youth* chronicles her struggles to become a writer even as the shadows of international conflict fall across England. Alicia Vikander stars as the young woman who manages to fight her way to Oxford University only to see her brother and closest friends enlist for action.

As the fatalities begin to mount she signs up to serve as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse in London, Malta and France, giving her first-hand experience of a generation lost to conflict.

The tragedy that unfolds for Vera is both visceral and emotional. What emerges is a slow-burning tale that details the burdens borne by women held at a distance by war but required to suffer all the same.

Testament of Youth could never be as erudite or challenging as the biography. The written word informs in a way images never can. But moving pictures do in fact “move” viewers with an economy and intensity that surpasses words. You’ll see the trenches in the cinemas and sense the growing despair, but, unlike the biography, it will be hard to comprehend the betrayal World War One represented for a generation.

Brittain held that if a society so dedicated to the value of the individual were to see similar wholesale slaughter in the animal kingdom, it would react with outrage and action. Her



personal response was to dedicate herself to a lifetime of pacifism. Yet *Testament of Youth* captures the irony of the age, and her anger when she appears at a debate urging crushing reparations for Germany. A single line captures her sense of futility and sadness: “Our generation will never be new again. Our youth has been stolen from us.”

How could any such post-war punishment bring back her fiancé and her brother, or breed anything but bitterness? The result is a moving, occasionally despairing production that challenges us to turn our faces away from war in any form. Yet I couldn’t help wondering whether *Testament of Youth* overreached itself. Is

there a place for war?

I think we forget at our peril that war is also mercy’s last hope. There are some conflicts we enter into because the cause is so needy and doing nothing would be the real crime.

The same line of thought might answer why God the Father felt the need to send his son to an ignominious death on a Roman gibbet. Why, in fact, Jesus personally chose to go to that death. The need, saving us from an eternity of pain, outweighed the suffering.

Wars will contain a great many sad and evil things but that does not mean all war is evil. The war God declared on death and the sacrifice he made to see its defeat is at least equal to anything Brittain suffered.

Testament of Youth declares the futility of human attempts to forcibly create lasting peace. Yet Jesus’ empty tomb shows that God, through a single death, can bring about eternal life.



FAR LEFT: Alicia Vikander plays the role of a feminist in *Testament of Youth*.

LEFT: Lily James is the new Cinderella in the Disney remake of the beloved fable.

Cinderella

RATING: PG RELEASE DATE: 26 March

I’m sure director Kenneth Branagh was well aware of just how important a project he was taking on when he signed up for this Disney remake. Quite apart from it being one of Walt’s benchmark animations, *Cinderella* is a beloved fable that has been told and retold for centuries with little girls in mind. So how did he proceed? Very carefully.

Lily James, the new Cinderella, is backed by a galaxy of stars as well as a deliberate sprinkling of ethnicities to ensure the classic European tale is ready for a world audience. The story is also very much by the book, with the death of Ella’s mother leading to a remarriage that puts the good-hearted girl at the mercy of a vain stepmother and her harpy daughters. However, the intervention of Cinderella’s fairy godmother at just the right point ensures she will go to the ball after all.

Also in place are a few nods to the story’s history. Ella’s house is surrounded by bluebirds from Disney’s original musical production, and Helena Bonham Carter’s fairy godmother makes “Bibbety bobbety boo!” sound perfectly natural. More like the Grimms’ original, though, the ugliness of Cate Blanchett’s evil stepmother and her harpy daughters is largely internal. Their characters are what really revolt. And alongside the usual 21st century worldview there is a very interesting piece of first century wisdom.

Disney can’t avoid putting in the usual guff about the supreme importance of the individual:

Prince Charming: I’m expected to marry for advantage.

Cinderella: Whose advantage? Surely you have a right to your own heart?

But the best piece of advice is something every Christian



will be able to get behind. On her death bed, Ella’s mother gives her a piece of wisdom that will shape her every action, particularly during the hard times:

“I am going to tell you a secret that will see you through all trials: have courage and be kind. You have more kindness in your little finger than most people have in their whole lives – and it has power.”

This might sound like wishful thinking to modern ears more used to hearing heroines who fight for their rights. However, this kindness with courage, this strength tempered by service will be more familiar to Bible readers. In a word, it’s the quality Jesus referred to as meekness.

Today, meekness has unfortunately become a synonym for weakness, but it would be good if *Cinderella* went a little way to helping our children rediscover the word. Meekness is strength in control. Our Saviour sat on a hillside in Galilee and told his impoverished audience that no-one would inherit the earth by fighting to get what was owed to them. Instead, those who faced the burdens God gave them with courage and put their power at his service would one day see that they were blessed.

A nation of “Ellas” who refused to use their strength to take revenge or advance themselves, but instead put their best into whatever they were called to do, would look a lot more like a nation after God’s own heart.

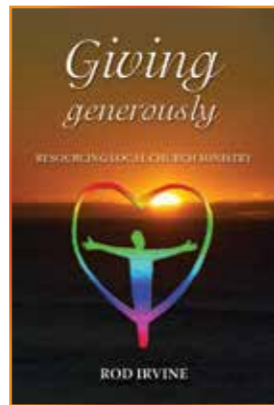
More importantly, if we can teach little girls to recognise and value meekness, there’s more hope they will recognise the greatest prince of all. No-one who knew him ever doubted Jesus’ strength, but it was his meekness that took him all the way to the cross in the service of those he loved.

Giving Generously: Resourcing Local Church Ministry

Giving Generously: Resourcing Local Church Ministry, by Reverend Rod Irvine, has been written to help church leaders raise the financial resources needed to fund the ministry of the local church.

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In his review of the book, author Ray Galea, who is the senior minister at St Albans Multicultural Bible Ministry in Rooty Hill, Sydney, writes: "I saw the fruit of this book in my own

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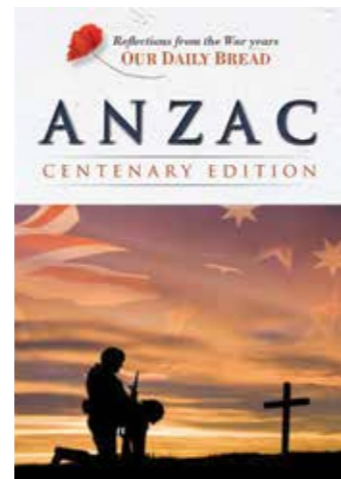
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Freedom Unleashed

Freedom Unleashed: A Christian Perspective on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a new book by Captain Troy Pittaway, an officer of Australia Southern Territory.

Troy has completed postgraduate degrees in Christian ministry, international health, and human rights law, and is undertaking a doctorate studying the coping strategies of Sudanese refugee youth in Australia.

"It should be noted that *Freedom Unleashed* is not a commentary on the

UDHR or on human rights principles in general," Troy writes, "but has been written specifically from a Christian perspective ... Human rights essentially are about the restoration of humanity to a standard that encompasses everyone. Christianity is about the restoration of humanity beyond that standard, to something more – to being the rightful sons and daughters of God."

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Salvos at centre of Cyclone Marcia response

TRROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA, a category-five cyclone, crossed the North Central Queensland coast at Yeppoon on Friday 20 February, beginning a trail of destruction that stretched into northern NSW.

“The eye of the cyclone grazed Yeppoon and went fully over Rockhampton, with winds in excess of 250km/h hitting Yeppoon and just under 200km/h in Rockhampton,” said The Salvation Army’s Rockhampton-based Central and North Queensland Divisional Commander Major Kelvin Pethybridge, speaking the day after the cyclone struck.

“Everything that is ‘normal’ for us – water, power and communications – just stopped working. There is hardly a street in Rockhampton and Yeppoon that has not been ravaged as a result of the cyclone.”

Further west, the town of Biloela was cut off by floodwaters, while down the coast, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Gympie were affected by torrential rain and minor flooding.

In the challenging environment immediately after the cyclone, Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) teams provided emergency catering to evacuees, other disaster-affected people, State Emergency Service (SES) personnel, volunteers, council employees and electricity and communications workers in Yeppoon and Rockhampton. An evacuation centre in Gladstone also fed 430 people over two days.

SAES teams from Gladstone, Emerald/Blackwater, Ayr and Bundaberg assisted the local crews for several days.

Loss of power was a major issue for residents, causing many to lose the contents of their fridges and freezers.

“On Tuesday 24 February, Rockhampton region Mayor, Margaret Strelow, and The Salvation Army, launched the ‘Fill a Fridge’ initiative to help people worst affected by the cyclone to replace essential food items and get back on their feet,” said Major Colin Maxwell, Capricorn Region Corps Officer.

“Mayor Strelow and generous community members donated quickly to this initiative.”

The Salvation Army disaster response work also received a generous donation of \$250,000 from both the Queensland State Government and BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities (BSC).

During the first week of response work, SAES disaster response teams assisted 350 families and distributed Woolworths’ grocery only and essential gift cards in Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

In the second week, welfare teams also spent a few days in areas surrounding Rockhampton and Yeppoon such as Gracemere, Mount Morgan, Allenstown, Byfield, Marmor and Bajool, distributing Woolworths cards and food. The teams included a Moneycare worker, and youth worker and counsellors from Bundaberg.

“From Monday 23 February to Tuesday 10 March, The Salvation Army provided \$312,049 worth of assistance to 1827 individuals, families or households,” said Major Peter Sutcliffe, the Divisional Secretary and second in command, Central and North Queensland Division.

RIGHT: Salvation Army volunteers cater for State Emergency Services workers.

FAR RIGHT: The Salvation Army building in Rockhampton, which escaped serious damage despite fallen trees nearby.



Figures beyond that date were not available when *Pipeline* went to print.

“Fill a Fridge” concluded on Friday 13 March.

SAES teams finished their feeding support with breakfast on 8 March after 17 days of service and over 6000 meals served.

The Salvation Army is now working with the Government and other agencies on plans for long-term recovery work.

Salvation Army property in the region escaped significant damage during Cyclone Marcia.

“Our hall at Yeppoon was inundated so there will be some stormwater damage but no serious structural damage,” said Major Pethybridge.

The Capricorn Region Corps hall sustained minor damage to the building, as well as many trees being uprooted on the property.

- Simone Worthing

Donations to the Salvation Army disaster response can be made at: salvos.org.au/cyclonemarcia Any public or corporate donations will be receipted in the Australian Disaster Relief Fund and allocated to the Central and North Queensland Division for use in communities affected by Tropical Cyclone Marcia.

Salvos helping rebuild Vanuatu after deadly storm



LEFT: Scenes of devastation in Vanuatu following Cyclone Pam, which has left many families without a home.

THE SALVATION ARMY IN AUSTRALIA has sent four emergency relief workers to Vanuatu in response to Cyclone Pam. The category-five storm with winds up to 250km/h caused widespread destruction to the South Pacific island nation on 13 March.

Major Darren Elsley, corps officer at Tweed Heads on the NSW-Queensland border, is one of the four personnel providing aid in the aftermath of the cyclone. The Tweed Heads Corps established an unofficial Salvation Army outpost last year in the small Vanuatu

village of Tagabe. There are two senior soldiers and eight junior soldiers at the outpost.

Damaris Frick, Field Officer for The Salvation Army’s International Emergency Services, Craig Arnold, a logistics specialist seconded from UPS, and Captain Brad Watson from the Australia Southern Territory, make up the other Salvation Army team members in Vanuatu. They have joined with existing aid services in Vanuatu to coordinate a disaster relief response for the

thousands of locals who have been left homeless.

When *Pipeline* went to print, the Vanuatu Government was reporting that 11 people had died in the storm, and UNICEF claimed an estimated 13,000 homes had either been damaged or destroyed.

“The extent of the damage from Cyclone Pam is breathtaking,” said Major Bruce Harmer, the Australia Eastern Territorial Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

“We are hearing heartbreaking accounts of families and communities who have been reduced to nothing. We have even heard some Vanuatians in desperate situations are being forced to drink salt water in an attempt to remain hydrated, with others attempting to put their lives back together with almost no outside support.”

The Salvation Army launched a disaster appeal on 19 March, which kicked off with a \$1 million donation from chairman for the McCloy Group, Jeff McCloy.

“Cyclone Pam has done untold damage to the infrastructure in Vanuatu and with Australia being such a close neighbour, we need to do whatever we can to lend a hand,” said Mr McCloy.

“The Salvation Army is extremely experienced in providing support to recovering communities – be that from fire, flood or cyclone. The Salvos can be relied upon to stay with communities for the long term, which is what I love about them. They stay the course for as long as it takes.”

To donate to the Cyclone Pam disaster appeal call 13 SALVOS (13 72 57) or online at salvos.org.au

Fodder drop brings relief to struggling farmers

IN A SMALL TOWN CALLED COME BY CHANCE, IN northern NSW, 35 drought-stricken farmers have been blessed by the generosity of The Salvation Army. Salvation Army North NSW rural chaplains, Majors Jean and Peter Ridley, handed each farmer 20 packs of fodder and eftpos vouchers at a community fodder drop. Fodder is a highly nutritious stock feed that mixes together grain, chaff and molasses. Due to loss of feed from drought, the farmers from Come By Chance and surrounding areas have expressed their gratitude for the assistance.

“There’s no feed on the ground now in a lot of places, especially in Come By Chance,” said Major Jean. “There were just smiles on their faces.”

Because of the town’s name, many of the farmers say they often feel forgotten. The donation of fodder has gone a long way to changing that sentiment.

“A lot of comments were, ‘little Come By Chance is forgotten all the time and it’s just amazing to think that somebody has remembered us,’” said Major Jean.

Along with handing out donations, the Ridleys hosted a barbecue at the fodder drop and spent time getting to know the farmers and their families.

The Ridleys drive from town to town in northern NSW to visit farmers who are facing tough circumstances. Major Jean says she hopes to keep in contact with the farmers from the Come By Chance region and offer them ongoing support.

- Esther Pinn



RIGHT: Farmers in the north NSW town of Come By Chance were grateful for the fodder drop.

Sikh community reaches out in drought-affected areas

IT WAS A SEGMENT ON THE ALAN JONES PROGRAM ON SYDNEY’S 2GB radio station that first alerted Amar Singh to the desperate plight of Australian farmers experiencing drought. Amar, who runs a small family transport business in Sydney, spoke to members of his Sikh temple in Revesby, and another in Glenwood, who were keen to help.

He also posted on social media and was interviewed on 2GB, which attracted more support, including a \$500 donation from the Riverwood Lions Club.

Then, just before Christmas, Amar, together with a group of Sikh community volunteers, transported a van, a four-wheel drive and a large trailer of full of non-perishable groceries to The Salvation Army in Dubbo.

“It was amazing, not just all the groceries – although they were amazing – but also the energy, excitement, compassion and commitment of the guys to making a difference in the lives of the farmers,” said Dubbo Salvation Army Corps Officer Lieutenant Mark Townsend of the gift of around \$3000 worth of groceries, which is still being distributed by Salvation Army rural chaplains to those in need.

Amar said that the Sikh community is traditionally an

agricultural community and many could relate to the needs of struggling Australian farmers.

“Sikhs have been farmers for generations, so we are very close to the land,” he said. “We have the same sorts of problems in India as well, with farmers committing suicide and lack of income in farming. I did some research and watched the documentary *Battling the Dry* by Al Jazeera (a documentary about the human cost of drought in Australia’s north).

“I thought, ‘this is a first world country, it shouldn’t be happening here’. We can’t do everything to change the situation, but I knew we could do something to lend a hand and let farmers know that ethnic communities in Australia are thinking about them.”

And their generosity is having a welcome impact.

“When we turn up to a farm now, we grab a big box of groceries and walk up to the door and say, ‘the Sikh community in Sydney have sent this out and wanted to bless the Outback,’” said Salvation Army rural chaplain Envoy Lloyd Graham.

“A lot of the people out here have a basic Christian faith, and to think that another faith group would go to the trouble of organising that has really surprised and touched them.”

- Naomi Singlehurst

Historical Society to hold Anzac evening

THE SALVATION ARMY HISTORICAL Society will hold a unique celebration on Saturday evening 30 May in honour of the Anzac centenary.

The evening, which gets underway at 7.30, will take the form of a multi-media event narrated by Lauren Martin, with music of the World War Two era by the Hurstville Salvation Army band.

Guest speaker will be Lindsay Cox from The Salvation Army’s Australia Southern Territory archive centre. For many years, Lindsay has been researching and presenting on the role of The Salvation Army during wartime and has gathered a wealth of knowledge and material. His topic for the evening will be the ministry of four World War One Salvation Army chaplains who eventually became territorial commanders.

Few people in The Salvation Army have not heard of Commissioner William McKenzie, the famed “Fighting Mac” of WW1 fame. William McKenzie was the only Salvation Army chaplain to serve at Gallipoli, before going on to France. In fact, he was described as one of the two most recognisable men in Australia following WW1; the other was then-Prime Minister Billy Hughes.



ABOVE: Salvation Army war chaplains who earned great respect – (from left) Commissioner Harewood, Commissioner Henry, Commissioner MacKenzie and Commissioner Orames.

As a Lieutenant-Commissioner, McKenzie assumed command of North China in 1927. In 1930, he was appointed territorial commander of the Australia Southern Territory, then in 1932 as territorial commander for the Eastern Territory.

However, few people realise that three other commissioners could be said to rival “Fighting Mac” and his exploits and devotion to Australian soldiers in WW1, and receive similar recognition.

Chaplain McKenzie’s successor in the 4th Battalion was Robert Henry, who became territorial commander of the Southern Territory in 1937. He all but matched the adulation afforded McKenzie by the troops in France.

Benjamin Orames was the first Australian to make commissioner, and was appointed to Canada in 1939. In WW1, Orames was attached to the 5th Pioneer Battalion. He endeared himself to the troops in France and was written up in great accolades.

Chaplain Orames was succeeded by Ernest Harewood; again it was a hard act to follow. Chaplain Harewood was held in high rapport by the soldiers to whom he ministered.

Commissioner Harewood was made territorial commander for the Eastern Territory in 1940.

Everyone is welcome for this historic celebration.

- Major David Woodbury

Salvos say thanks for youth centre renovation

A SMALL THANK-YOU CEREMONY HAS BEEN HELD TO HONOUR those who helped renovate the The Salvation Army’s Blacktown Youthlink Centre late last year.

The renovations to the centre, in Sydney’s west, included a new kitchen, updating the training room and constructing an outdoor covered patio.

The Army’s Greater West Division Community Relations Director, Steve Burfield, said the improvements had been warmly received by the Blacktown Youthlink team.

“Everyone who has seen it has really liked the facility and is really happy with it,” he said. “It certainly creates a great environment for training.”

Greater West Divisional Commander Major Warren Parkinson presented plaques to representatives from Taylor Construction, who provided 50 workers for the project, and Masters Home Improvement, who supplied all the building materials, indoor and outdoor furniture, a high-quality kitchen and appliances.

Active TV, who filmed the renovation, was also honoured with a plaque.

“The ceremony was an opportunity for us as a division and a team to say thank-you to those guys for the work they did,” said Steve. “While all the renovations were happening it was all very busy, so this was an ideal opportunity to let them come back and let us officially say thank-you.”

The \$100,000 project was carried out over two days in November last year. A video documenting the project was featured during Carols in the Domain in December.

Territorial Secretary for Business Administration Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Campbell was also a special guest at the ceremony, which included a barbecue.

- Nathalia Rickwood



ABOVE: (From left) Greater West Divisional Commander Major Warren Parkinson, Taylor Construction’s James Drury, Peter Wilson and Andrew Wickham, and Masters Home Improvement’s Brendan Bailey at the ceremony.

Ivanhoe celebrates 25 years of community

IN 1990, THE LARGEST SOCIAL housing development in the City of Ryde in Sydney's north was built –Ivanhoe Estate.

The estate provides accommodation for more than 500 people in 260 townhouses and apartments.

However, over its first few years the community faced many challenges. Gangs, vandalism, break-ins and drug-related crimes were common.

In 2001, The Salvation Army moved in. Craig and Danni Stephens became the Army's leaders in the community for the next 12 years at what would become known as the Number 47 Community House.

"The Department of Housing originally gave us 12 months to turn things around or else they planned to bulldoze Ivanhoe Estate," said Craig, after being named 2008 City of Ryde Citizen of the Year.

"There had been a lot of gang activities, a fair bit of assault, malicious damage, threatening behaviour, lots of graffiti and cars being torched ... the youth gangs would barricade the streets so the police couldn't access the place. It made for some hairy experiences for residents and police alike."

At the start of 2013, Nathan and Karen Moulds became a part of the community, taking over the role of Macquarie Park Mission leaders.

Last month, they joined with more than 400 past and present residents, as well as many more "Friends of Ivanhoe", to help the community celebrate its 25th birthday.

"It's been our privilege and pleasure for our family to take over from Craig and Danni and to continue living and serving in the community," said Nathan.

"It was wonderful to have Craig and Danni, the commissioner (James Condon) and our Friends of Ivanhoe there with us to help celebrate our 25th birthday. The Ivanhoe Estate just shone on Saturday."

The Salvation Army has been able to start many valuable programs for the community, including an after-school homework club, English



LEFT: Ivanhoe Estate was a sea of brightly coloured balloons as the community recently celebrated their 25th birthday. Mission leader Nathan Moulds (left) welcomed Justin Alick, the Greens candidate for Ryde, to the occasion. Photo: Charles Rich

classes, school holiday programs and mother's playgroups.

Many local political figures attended the day, including the City of Ryde Mayor Bill Pickering, who spoke about the community that Ivanhoe has become.

"You have a wonderfully diverse community," he said. "A mix of people of all ages and from so many different backgrounds. This makes such a rich tapestry of cultures."

"Ivanhoe has truly transformed itself into a vibrant, caring and safe community – I congratulate you for that achievement. This is a real community. This is a caring community. This is a successful community. Well done to you all. Celebrate your 25th with pride."

There was entertainment

through the day from internationally renowned Armenian-Iranian singer Armine Mardirosian. The Salvation Army's children's ministry, The Agents of T.R.U.T.H, performed for the kids, who also enjoyed a jumping castle and arts and crafts corner.

Resident Sahnia Sharma performed a Bollywood number, and there was a performance from local drummer Steve Wright.

Nobody went hungry with the food zone offering an array of multicultural cuisine including Lebanese, Persian, Armenian, Polish and Chinese dishes.

The birthday celebrations were organised by the Ivanhoe Estate Tenants Group and The Salvation Army's Macquarie Park Mission.

- Nathalia Rickwood

Divisional leaders bring hope to struggling communities

MAJORS KELVIN AND CHERALYNN Pethybridge, The Salvation Army's Central and North Queensland divisional leaders, covered almost 2000km last month as part of their regular pastoral visits to remote regions around the vast division.

Their first stop was Longreach, seven hours west of Rockhampton where divisional headquarters is located, to spend time with Lieutenants John and Karen Jackson, Rural Chaplains and Longreach Corps Officers.

"Going through the Longreach area, I was shocked at the impact that the drought is having," said Major Kelvin.

"Locals are saying that it is over three years since they have had any useful rain and you can sense the hardship in the people. They are now also enduring a locust plague that is stripping bare any plant life that has survived in these harsh conditions.

"John and Karen are ministering to the farmers of the region and we are all praying that God will send rain."

Another seven-hour drive north brought the Pethybridges to Mount Isa where they

spent time with Corps Officers Lieutenants Bradley and Helen Whittle.

"The Whittles have commenced Wednesday Night Church, which we were privileged to attend while there," said Major Kelvin. "Between 30 and 40 people from the corps, Recovery Services and Serenity House attended the worship service and are helping to make this happen."

The Pethybridges then flew with the Outback Flying Service "flying padres", Lieutenants Simon and Natalie Steele, to Burketown, 400km to the north of Mount Isa, on the Gulf of Carpentaria. The first stop was Burketown State School.

"There is no reception quite like landing in a helicopter on school grounds with all the kids watching and going crazy," laughed Major Kelvin.

The team then flew to "Floraville" station on the Gulf of Carpentaria, the home of Burketown Mayor Ernie Camp and his wife, Kylie.

"The Steeles are regular visitors to this station, so remote that all its communications are via satellite," Major Kelvin explained.



ABOVE: Remote Burketown, as seen from the Outback Flying Service helicopter.

"We brought some supplies and just spent time sharing with them. Kylie spoke of the challenges of the drought and the journey they are on. Her faith is strong and, amazingly, in the midst of drought, they can still sing of God's praises and his provision. This was quite a lesson for us."

- Simone Worthing

NO TOLERANCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Salvation Army is committed to providing a safe place for all children and the vulnerable in our care. Let me state in the strongest terms our **no tolerance approach** to any form of child abuse or, indeed, the abuse of the vulnerable.

I also want to reaffirm our commitment to persons who suffered sexual abuse in a Salvation Army corps or children's home. If you were abused, please tell us. You will be received with compassion and a careful restorative process will be followed.

If you feel you need to make a complaint, please contact us at our Professional Standards Office.



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Salvos best on display at Canberra Show

FACE-PAINTING, MAGIC SHOWS, FASHION PARADES, COUSIN Koala and more than 2000 scones were among the attractions at the award-winning Salvos Expo marquee at this year's Canberra Show.

The show ran from 27 February to 1 March at the Canberra Exhibition Park. Around 300 volunteers helped at the Salvos Expo marquee which was named the Best Community/Non Profit Organisation Display for the second year in a row.

ACT and South NSW Divisional Secretary Major David Eyles said the marquee provided an opportunity to showcase The Salvation Army's services.

"It's always good in a town to be seen by the community that supports us and to be doing something for free," he said.

"We do all this because the love of Jesus compels us. We offer all the services and activities in the marquee for free. This is our way of showing the Canberra community our appreciation, by serving them, for their generosity throughout the year."

For the first time, rural chaplains Majors Colin and Bev Kingston arrived at the showgrounds four days prior to the show starting, staying on site until the Sunday when it finished. They were able to meet and minister to farmers as they arrived with their livestock for the show.

A dedicated pastoral team was available for the first time this year, with uniformed Salvationists mingling with people in the Salvos tent.

More than 3000 people were served at the café that was offering free devonshire teas. The Sallyman van kept everyone hydrated, handing out thousands of cups of free water throughout the weekend.

Display organiser Joanne Paull, who has helped run the stall for the past seven years, said it is always a weekend full of fun and a great opportunity to reach out to the community.

"The whole weekend is about connecting people to a corps and to our services," she said.

There were a variety of performances over the three days from the Salvos Country Band, the Tuggeranong brass ensemble, and the Canberra City and Tuggeranong corps combined brass band.



ABOVE: Harry Cooper, from Tuggeranong Corps, holds the winner's ribbon at the Canberra Show. Harry set up the Salvos Expo marquee eight years ago and has been involved ever since.

Travelling performer Dallas Atkins, who attends Tuggeranong Corps, presented his puppet and magic show at the Kidzone section. Cousin Koala paid a special visit, and face-painting was also available for the younger children.

Salvos Stores Salvonista ran fashion shows every day, showing off high-end items that were available in the pop-up shop on site for low-end prices.

A wide range of Salvation Army services were also on display providing information – these included Moneycare, No Interest Loan Scheme, Aged Care Plus, Seniors, Salvation Army International Development, rural chaplaincy, the Sallyman, Salvation Army Emergency Services and, for the first time, Hope for Life.

Commissioner James Condon, along with ACT and South NSW divisional leaders Majors Howard and Robyn Smartt, attended the show on the Saturday to be a part of the outreach ministry.

- Nathalia Rickwood

ENROLMENTS

GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS

MAJOR ANDREW MCKEOWN, CORPS officer, recently enrolled Peter Stewart, Bronwyn Taverner and Marie Gaiquy as senior soldiers.

"Each of the new soldiers gave powerful testimonies, thanking God for the way he has transformed their lives," said Major McKeown.

"They are all dedicated to growing in their relationships with Jesus and we praise God for his working in their lives."

The corps celebrated the enrolments with a special morning tea following the meeting.



LEFT: Major Andrew McKeown enrolls Peter Stewart, Bronwyn Taverner and Marie Gaiquy, as Corps Sergeant Major Lyell Surch looks on.



TOWNSVILLE RIVERWAY RECOVERY MISSION

TEAM LEADER MAJOR BETH TWIVEY, ALSO THE NORTHERN Hub Strategic Team Leader, enrolled Steve and Tarn Sparrow (pictured) as senior soldiers on 26 February at Thursday Night Church.

Major Bruce Harmer, Communications and Public Relations Secretary and previous corps officer at the mission, prayed for the couple after they had signed their covenants.

Steve and Tarn have been Christians since their late teenage years and began attending Thursday Night Church approximately five years ago so Steve could assist with the music.

"Steve is still very involved in music – worship leading, reaching out into the community, and mentoring young musicians," said Major Twivey. "He is employed as Northern Hub Youth and Children's Ministry Worker."

"Tarn is a very compassionate, prayerful woman, gifted in practical ways of serving others. She does the Community Service interviews and people have started attending church and found Jesus through her caring and listening."



GOD'S SPORTS ARENA

ON SUNDAY NIGHT 8 MARCH, GOD'S SPORTS ARENA (GSA) marked its fifth anniversary with a celebration service. It included a slideshow presentation showing different GSA events over the past five years, musical accompaniment from several members of the Brisbane City Temple band and, the highlight of the evening – the acceptance of seven new adherents.

"Six of the seven adherents are recovering addicts, and they each stood up and gave a testimony as to why they wanted to become adherents," said Envoy Bill Hunter, GSA leader.

"No message was needed after their moving and powerful testimonies. I just wrapped up the evening speaking for a few minutes on the importance of commitment and consistency."

About 120 people attended the celebration.



ABOVE: Envoy Bill Hunter accepts the new adherents at God's Sports Arena in Brisbane.

BRISBANE STREETLEVEL MISSION

AT A RECENT STREETLEVEL CHAPEL SERVICE, MISSION LEADER Major Bryce Davies enrolled Jaydn Jardine and Alana Dubois (pictured) as adherents.

"After a pizza dinner provided by Fire N Dough Wood Fired Pizzas, the Streetlevel community gathered to support Jaydn and Alana in this important step in their lives," said John Allen, Streetlevel volunteer.

"Jaydn and Alana have been in a relationship for four years and, due to family circumstances, Jaydn found himself living on the streets. On being introduced to Streetlevel they found the centre a comfortable and safe place to meet and foster their relationship. It wasn't long before they found new friends in the Streetlevel community who offered support and counsel in their struggle with life."

Jaydn and Alana also found in Streetlevel a place where they could help.

"I was always taught to give as well as take and this is my opportunity to do that," she says.

Jaydn has accepted the role of assistant day supervisor, helping with the day to day running of the centre. He and Alana also enjoy preparing and serving meals to the community who gather there to eat.

"Both Alana and Jaydn are keen to progress in their spiritual

journey and regularly participate in courses to further their knowledge of the scripture," John said.

Jaydn is hoping to gain a certificate as a barista to work with the Streetlevel coffee van and Alana has commenced study for a Bachelor of Community Services degree.

They have a delightful 10-month-old boy, Jay, who accompanies them to Streetlevel community gatherings.



Prayer support sustains General during cancer scare

GENERAL ANDRÉ COX, SPEAKING at his first public engagement since being cleared of lung cancer, has given thanks for the wonderful prayer support he has received over the past few months.

The world leader of The Salvation Army and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) were the special guests for the Ireland Division's 135th anniversary congress, held in Belfast last month.

Speaking about getting the all-clear from cancer, and the support he has received from around the world, the General said: "The support has been overwhelming and humbling. People have been writing to Commissioner Silvia and me, telling us that we are the subject of daily prayer. And I can assure you we have sensed this."

"My own doctors have been amazed by my recovery and I owe them a debt of thanks. I also believe my recovery is attributable to prayer."

The Ireland Congress was attended by hundreds of Salvationists and friends. The Salvation Army's work in Ireland began in Belfast in 1880 when its founder, William Booth, appointed Major Caroline Reynolds



ABOVE: General André Cox speaks at the Ireland Congress, held in Belfast.

to lead the new work. Today there are 19 corps and seven social centres in the Ireland Division, which is comprised of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The General told congress delegates: "I want Salvationists to reach up in worship and reach out to save souls. These twin themes beautifully capture Jesus' greatest

commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourself.

"In gathering together in worship we want to receive from, and respond to, the Lord so that when returning to our homes, our schools and our workplaces we can better serve our neighbour in Jesus' name."

South African Salvation Army campaign goes global

AN INNOVATIVE SALVATION ARMY campaign in South Africa to raise awareness of domestic abuse has taken social media by storm. Only a few hours after a hard-hitting advert was published, the social media reach had hit more than 16 million people, with no signs of a slow-down.

By mid-March, millions of people had passed opinion on the colour of a strangely lit dress – known simply as "the dress" or #thedress – with a majority convinced it was white and gold and most of the rest recognising that it was actually blue and black. Scientists from around the world were called upon to explain the phenomenon and share their expertise on why people see colour differently.

Advertising agency Ireland Davenport took the worldwide interest and used it cleverly to highlight the issue of domestic violence in South Africa, while also



publicising The Salvation Army's work with abused and trafficked women. They photographed an image of a "bruised" model wearing a copy of the dress.

The Army's advert, published in the *Cape Times* newspaper added the headline: "Why is it so hard to see black and blue", along with text saying: "The only illusion is if you think it was her choice. One in six

women are victims of abuse. Stop abuse against women."

Reaction to the campaign became a trending topic on Twitter, with voices including fashion magazine *Cosmopolitan*, New York's *Adweek* and youth-orientated UK news site BBC Newsbeat. TV and radio stations around the world also ran items about the campaign.

International leaders visit Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHIEF OF THE Staff, Commissioner William Roberts, and Commissioner Nancy Roberts, World Secretary for Women's Ministries, have led commissioning and congress meetings, toured Salvation Army services, and met with leaders of other denominations during a recent visit to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Their trip began in Sri Lanka where they were met by Territorial Commander, Commissioner Malcolm Induruwage. On the Sunday of their visit, they led the commissioning and ordination of the cadets of the *Heralds of Grace* session. During the weekend meetings, more than 60 people knelt at the mercy seat.

In the lead-up to the commissioning weekend, Commissioners Roberts shared a meal with the leaders of five churches in Sri Lanka and representatives from the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka, the Bible Society and Colombo Theological Seminary.

The Roberts' then travelled to Bangladesh where they were welcomed by command leaders Lieutenant-Colonels Alistair and Marieke Venter.

After spending several days touring Salvation Army services across the country, the international leaders were then special guests for a weekend congress and the commissioning of the eight cadets of the *Disciples of the Cross* session.

The Chief challenged the new lieutenants – and the congregation – that following Jesus may mean making sacrifices and facing hardships and difficulties, but that those who surrender completely to the Lord find meaning, joy and fulfilment in their lives. Many people knelt at the mercy seat in response.

RIGHT: Commissioners William and Nancy Roberts were well received by the people of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh during their visit to the Asian countries.



New members welcomed at Issues Council meeting

THE SALVATION ARMY'S INTERNATIONAL MORAL AND SOCIAL Issues Council (IMASIC) has met at Sunbury Court, near London, under the leadership of its new chair, Commissioner Robert Donaldson (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory).

Two new members were also welcomed to their first meeting – Commissioner Debi Bell (USA Southern Territory) and Dr Felista Mahzude (Zimbabwe Territory).

IMASIC meets twice a year for three days at a time. At this

latest meeting the members worked on a wide range of issues including The Salvation Army's relationship with the Church, state and civil society; older people; alcohol in society; sexuality; peacemaking; and human dignity.

One of the IMASIC's primary purposes is to formulate The Salvation Army's International Positional Statements. The current statements are available to read at: www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/positionalstatements

FAITHFUL SERVANT



CLAIRE McNALLY (Mrs Mac) was promoted to glory on 23 January, aged 91, from Crowley Retirement Village Ballina.

Following a private burial service, a Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held at the Ballina Corps on 27 January. Both services were led by Lieutenant Wes Bust.

Claire was the loved mother of Lieutenant-Colonel Judy Hindle, Blue and Barry McNally, sister to Major Irene Welch, much loved Nana to nine grandchildren and "Nana Mac" to 10 great-grandchildren.

The grandchildren shared their memories at the graveside ceremony. In the Thanksgiving Service, Jack Ransom paid tribute on behalf of the Ballina Corps and daughter Judith represented the family. Prayer was offered by Reverend Darren Hindle and scripture read by Brodie McNally, both grandsons.

Songs chosen were *My Jesus I Love Thee*, *It is Well with my Soul* and *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*. A slideshow of memories was part of the celebration and following the message, the service was brought to a conclusion with a rendition of *Amazing Grace* with the band and bagpipes.

Claire Welch and her sister Irene were linked to The Salvation Army through Sunday school. Claire became a soldier and bandswoman as a teenager before she entered the military, where she met and married Edward McNally. She loved banding, playing the baritone and the euphonium for more than 40 years. She would take her young children to the open air meetings and always support the Christmas carolling outreach.

Many years of faithful service by Mrs Mac included teaching in the Sunday school, which she did as a young mother and continued to do so for a number of years.

Home League was a much loved part of her ministry, giving leadership, and in latter years participating into her 80s.

Mrs Mac was presented with a Long Service Award for 27 years of League of Mercy work.

She loved to visit hospitals, Nursing Homes and people who were "shut in". She loved her work and found it very rewarding to serve the people in a practical way.

She blessed others so much with her cooking and flowers from her garden, and

for years supplied the flowers each Sunday for the corps.

She wore her uniform with pride because for her it was a witness to her faith. Following her admission to Crowley Village, she continued to witness, care and share.

In her tribute, Judith shared that her mother told her she would start to sing as soon as her feet hit the floor. Most family members have memories of silence being broken by the words of a chorus.

A favourite was *I'm in His Hands* and one of the last to be sung was "How marvellous, How wonderful, and my song shall ever be, How marvellous, How wonderful, is my Saviour's love for me".

Mrs Mac shared her faith, a faith that brought its own special memories in this life and a faith that assures us that we will be together again, in Heaven, for eternity. What a reunion to look forward to!

A woman who honours the Lord deserves to be praised (Prov. 31:30).

DEVOTED SOLDIER



WILLIAM (BILL) Hood, a devoted servant of Jesus and a dedicated Salvationist, was promoted to glory, aged 95, on 5 February, from

Rockhampton.

Bill was married to Irene Nutter, forming a life-long partnership of love and ministry. They were married in Scotland on 12 May, 1939, and shared 70 years of marriage with a family of five children (Veronica, first born, passed away as an infant).

Throughout his life Bill had been involved in various leadership roles in several Salvation Army corps both in Australia and Scotland, with most positions relating to music. Bill was passionate about music and presented the Gospel through both vocal and instrumental means. He was an accomplished euphonium player, vocalist and a great encourager.

Bill was a much-loved and respected father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Born in Kilbirnie, Scotland, on 18 November, 1919, Bill grew up in the Kilbirnie Corps. In 1934, he left school and commenced his work life in Lochwinnoch, while continuing his involvement in corps life.

Shortly after marrying Irene, Bill joined the Royal Air Force (11 November, 1940).

This military service included service in India from 1945-1946.

Bill returned to work at the London Midland and Scottish Railways at the end of World War Two, however, after several years, Bill and Irene decided to immigrate to Australia.

What followed this decision was an impact for God far beyond any dreams. Members of the Hood family continue this day to be active and influential for God in various avenues of witness and ministry.

Bill and Irene Hood enlisted in a sponsorship program, implemented by the Wangaratta Corps in Victoria, and in January 1959 the family departed the United Kingdom for Melbourne on the SS Arcadia, arriving on 7 February.

They then travelled by train to Wangaratta where Bill began work with a Salvationist and where the family began their involvement in the Wangaratta Corps.

Bill eventually became the corps bandmaster and served God with distinction in that capacity.

In November of 1966 the Hood family moved to Bundaberg where Bill commenced work with Toft Brothers Industries until his retirement from active work in 1989.

Throughout this time the family attended the Bundaberg Corps where Bill served as the bandmaster and songster leader. In both of these positions he was highly regarded and nurtured the young members of these sections.

In 1993, Bill and Irene moved to Rockhampton where they lived with family.

William (Bill) Hood served as a faithful servant of God in The Salvation Army in Kilbirnie (Scotland), Wangaratta (Victoria), Bundaberg (Queensland) and finally in Rockhampton (Queensland).

His Celebration and Thanksgiving Service held on 9 February at the Capricorn Region Corps (Major Colin Maxwell) was a lovely service of recognition and praise to God, featuring songs and scriptures of Bill's choice.

Bill is survived by children – Dorothy, Lieut-Colonels Brian and Elaine, David with wife Judy, and Carolyn with husband Tony. Grandchildren include Timothy and Michelle, Jacqui, Paul and Vien, Nerys and Michael, Kent and Lorraine, Tavis and Elizabeth, Tifanie and Justin, Rhys and Natasha, Joshua and Gillian, Beth and Jordan, Jared, Kiana. Bill was blessed with 12 great-grandchildren.

"Well done good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of your Lord".

EXEMPLARY LIFE



MAJOR GRAHAM Drew was promoted to glory on 19 December 2014, after several years battling asbestosis as a result of his years as

marine engineer prior to Salvation Army officership.

After a private graveside service, Major Jenny Allen conducted the Service of Thanksgiving.

Major David Terracini, the Carindale Corps Officer, in opening the service said that between the record of the birth and death there is a dash and challenged people on how they lived their "dash".

Tributes were brought from Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander, Major Kevin Hentzschel on behalf of retired officers and bandsman Ron Cox on behalf of the corps. Emphasis was given of Graham's honesty, integrity, loyalty and an exemplary life mirroring the life of Jesus.

Bandsman Ralph Grigg brought a vocal solo *Take My Life and Let It Be* which was also sung at the wedding of Graham and Heather in 1973.

Graham's children – Robyn, Helen and Peter – each spoke of their father's influence on their life and his commitment to God and The Salvation Army. Graham's brother, David, spoke of Graham's childhood as the eldest son of Salvation Army officer parents and the simplistic life of Salvation Army officer children, as well as Graham's early life as a marine engineer and school teacher specialising in maths and manual arts.

Norma Gill read a tribute from Major Heather Drew outlining Graham's devotion to his Lord, his wife and his family.

Major Jenny Allen spoke of Graham as a quiet achiever and developed Graham's request to challenge those present from Jeremiah 29:11-13.

At Graham's request, the band played two of his favourite marches at the conclusion of the service.

Graham Drew was born in Bowen, North Queensland, on 21 January 1947, the

eldest of four children to Roy and Beth Drew.

As the son of Salvation Army officers, Graham lived in many places throughout Queensland and NSW, attending five primary schools and five high schools.

After studying to become a marine engineer, Graham worked in that role for 10 years in the Merchant Navy. During this time, he met his wife Heather.

After the birth of their first child, Graham felt that the sea was no life for a family man and studied to become a school teacher.

Graham served as a Salvation Army officer for 24 years, with all of his officership served in social work, mostly in recovery services. Graham was also a qualified auditor.

Graham is survived by his devoted wife, Major Heather Drew and their three children, Robyn with Jamie and Max, Helen, Peter with Kirsten and Stella as well his three siblings, Judith, Ross and David.



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The shadow of war

OUR FREEDOM COMES AT A GREAT COST



PETER MCGUIGAN

As a boy growing up, I lived with a shadow. It wasn't my own shadow caused by sun or moonlight. Neither was it "a shadow hanging over me" as The Beatles put it in their brilliant ballad, *Yesterday*. It was more like the awareness of something missing in my life, or perhaps something not quite right. This shadow was always with me, and now and then I was aware of it.

Many years later – I think it was September 2003 – I was on a train to Canberra where I would attend the annual Australasian Religious Press Association conference. The train stopped for a while at Goulburn, and I decided to alight and have a look around. It was an historic old station and I noticed on the platform wall a memorial honour roll of Goulburn railway workers who had served in World War One.

I was interested in this because I knew my grandfather, a Goulburn man most of his life, had served in the war. And sure enough, as I read down the list, there was his name: Michael McGuigan. Without warning, I found myself fighting back tears as I stood in front of the Honour Roll and giving thanks to God for a grandfather that I never knew. Suddenly, this really meant something – that my grandfather's life had been cut short by injuries sustained in war and that I had

been robbed of knowing him and loving him.

In those moments I realised that my childhood shadow, in fact, was my grandfather. Every three years in the 1960s and early 70s, I visited Goulburn for holidays with my family. Dad was the youngest of eight siblings, so my sister and I were the youngest of the cousins. I loved spending time with my grandmother who lived in the same house on Sloane St, opposite the station, for decades and our uncles and aunties treated us with special attention.

But there was always silence around my grandfather, almost like the family's memory of him had faded to the point where thoughts of him no longer figured in the routine of their lives. Or perhaps there was pain in remembering and so it was avoided. In hindsight, it was probably both.

LAST RESORT

I have mixed feelings about war. It's one of humanity's great conundrums. More than 37 million people died in World War One alone. And that's not counting those, like my grandfather, who died later from the long-term impact of war injuries. Grandad McGuigan had a plate inserted in his head and I've been told was not the same person he was before going to war.

Many families have similar

stories. We cannot possibly measure the extent of the pain, suffering and grief caused by war. I have spent time imagining what my life would have been like with a full complement of grandparents. Who knows what richness, what blessing, what nurture, what excitement and what memories could have been mine if my grandfather in Goulburn had been alive to invest himself into my young life.

Surely war is the last resort. All other answers to an aggressor's actions are exhausted and humanity braces itself. Evil and misdeed cannot go unchecked, so people fight and die for the cause of good, right and freedom. In the wake of war, others grieve and learn to live with the painful reality that their loved ones are gone from this earth forever.

Good Friday and Anzac Day each year are reminders that sometimes the supreme sacrifice has to be paid. And I'm glad Good Friday always comes first. Somehow, there is comfort in knowing that our God who loves us has been to the cross and there suffered and died to redeem the whole of humanity, including me.

That, too, is a conundrum. I want to live now in the shadow of this cross, knowing that Jesus bears my life's pain, disappointments and grief if only I will give them up to him.

ABOUT PEOPLE**APPOINTMENTS**

Effective 1 July: Lieut-Colonel Mark **Campbell**, Chief Secretary, Australia Eastern Territory; Lieut-Colonel Julie **Campbell**, Principal, School For Officer Training; Colonel Richard **Munn**, Territorial Secretary for Theology and Christian Ethics, USA Eastern Territory; Colonel Janet **Munn**, Principal, College for Officer Training, USA Eastern Territory; Majors Kelvin and Cheralynne **Pethybridge**, Secretary for Business Administration and Assistant Secretary for Personnel, Australia Eastern Territory.

PROMOTION

To Colonel: Lieut-Colonel Mark **Campbell** Lieut-Colonel Julie **Campbell**, effective 1 July.
To Lieut-Colonel: Majors Kelvin and Julie **Alley**, effective, 11 March; Majors Kelvin and Cheralynne **Pethybridge**, effective 1 July.

CONCLUSION OF SERVICE

Lieutenant Katherine **Mills**, 5 January; Captain Jacob **Robinson**, 31 January.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

General Eva **Burrows** on 20 March; Major Jean **Walker** on 19 March. Major Diana **Harris** on 26 February; Major Veronica **Tomlinson** on 2 March; Captain Richard **Martin** on 11 March.

BEREAVED

Colonel Richard **Munn** of his mother, Marie **Munn** on 23 March.

SECONDMENT

Captain Christine **Gee** to the Papua New Guinea Territory for two months.

TIME TO PRAY**29 MARCH-4 APRIL**

Batemans Bay Corps, Bega Corps, Cooma Corps, Cootamundra Corps, all NSW; Belconnen Corps, Canberra City Oasis Corps, both ACT; International Day of Prayer for Children (29); Camp Kiah (3-6 April).

5-11 APRIL

Cowra Corps, Deniliquin Corps, Goulburn Corps, Grenfell Corps, Griffith Corps, Leeton Corps, all NSW; Northside Corps, ACT.

12-18 APRIL

Queanbeyan Corps, Shoalhaven Corps, Temora Corps, Wagga Wagga Corps, West Wyalong Corps, all NSW; Tuggeranong Corps, ACT.

19-25 APRIL

Woden Valley Corps, Canberra Community Welfare Centre, Canberra Recovery Services Centre, Oasis Youth Service, ACT; Young Corps, NSW; Central and North Queensland Divisional Headquarters, Queensland.

26 APRIL - 2 MAY

Central and North Queensland Division Chaplains, Atherton Tablelands Corps, Ayr Corps, Blackwater Corps, Bowen Corps, Bundaberg Corps, all Qld; All Age Worship Sunday (26).

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR**COMMISSIONERS JAMES (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND JAN CONDON**

#Abbotsbury: Wed 1 Apr – Greater West Refresh Day

Gympie: Fri 3 Apr – Good Friday meeting

Brisbane: Sun 5 Apr – Camp Kiah, Riverview

Bowral: Mon 13-Wed 15 Apr – Territorial Policy and Mission Council retreat

*Sydney: Fri 17 Apr – Employment Plus Board meeting

Stanmore: Sun 19 Apr – Young Adults Champions

*Sydney: Mon 20 Apr: Devotions with Sydney Staff Songsters

*Central Coast: Wed 22 Apr – Official opening, Red Shield Appeal

*Cairns: Fri 24 Apr – Official opening, Red Shield Appeal and Advisory Board meeting

Stanmore: Thu 30 Apr – Soldiership Training Course

* Commissioner James Condon only

Commissioner Jan Condon only

COLONEL RICHARD MUNN (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Sydney: Fri 3 Apr – Good Friday, Rockdale Corps

Sydney: Sun 5 Apr – Easter Sunday – Rockdale Corps

Bowral: Mon 13-Wed 15 Apr – Territorial Policy and Mission Council Retreat, Berida Manor

Bexley North: Thu 16 Apr: Spiritual Day with cadets

Stanmore House: Sun 19 Apr – Young Adult Champions gathering

Blacktown: Sun 19 Apr – Sydney Salvation Brass

Sydney: Sat 25 Apr – ANZAC Day

Stanmore House: Thu 30 Apr – Train the Trainer Dinner

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