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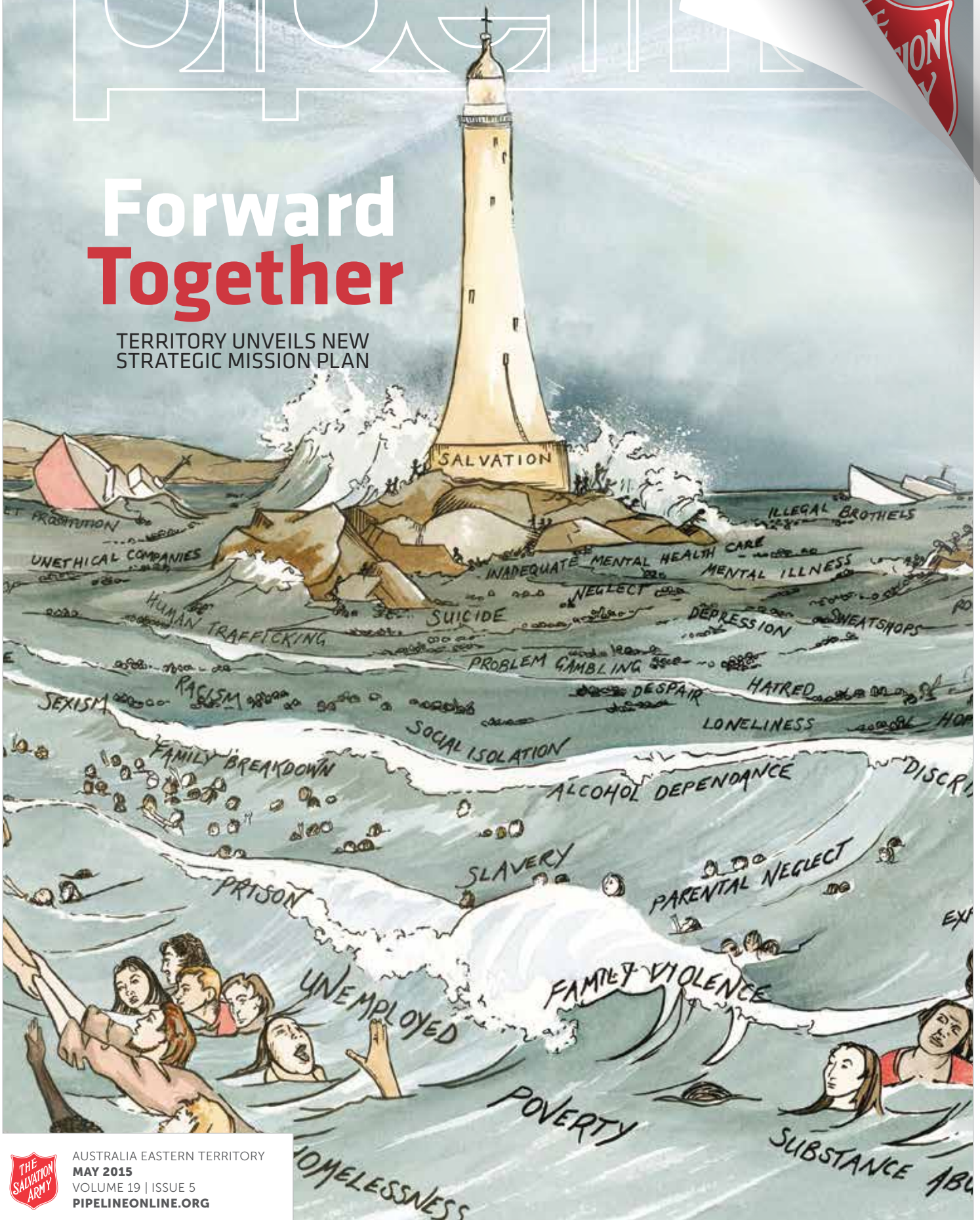
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ABOVE: Andrew Hill hasn't missed a Red Shield Appeal doorknock weekend since he was a young boy. For him, the excitement rivals Christmas Day. Photo: Shairon Paterson

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Moving forward together

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON HAS UNVEILED A NEW STRATEGIC MISSION PLAN FOR THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY

words *SCOTT SIMPSON* photos *CAROLYN HIDE*

In July last year, a small group of strategic thinkers from across The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory gathered under the leadership of Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon. Their responsibility was to assess what was required to achieve maximum effectiveness in fulfilling the territory's mission.

Particularly important was building on the visionary and strategic initiatives that have played significant roles in the territory's recent history. This assessment has now become the basis for the Forward Together plan.

Last month, at a specially convened meeting in Sydney that was also live-streamed to a potential audience of thousands of Salvationists, the plan was unveiled to the territory.

"Our Forward Together plan is the consolidation of much hard work over recent years," Commissioner Condon said. "It is not a 'new direction' but is a vital step to continue building on the important work of the past."

Addressing the meeting, Commissioner Condon announced what he described as "two key developments" that the plan will incorporate.

"Firstly, as a territory we will be examining our organisational culture and looking for ways to increase the health and vibrancy of our workplaces and mission fields," he said. "We have already commenced this work at territorial headquarters, and in the coming weeks we will be expanding discussions with the divisions and corps and centres and will be seeking your [Salvationists in the territory] involvement and feedback.

"Secondly, we are also working on a plan to review, refine and improve the organisational structure of our territory to best serve the mission of The Salvation Army in 21st century Australia.

"Rigorous work, completed over the last five years, has gone into the planning and analysis of this current review and ultimately, as we are led by the Holy Spirit, we want to ensure every available resource is used to maximum effectiveness in strengthening the mission."

FOUR GOALS

While "Save Souls, Grow Saints and Serve Suffering Humanity," the 7 Mission Priorities and the Freedom language will all continue to play a role in determining the way forward for the Australia Eastern Territory, Commissioner Condon said four key goals have been identified that are critical to



the territory becoming more effective. They are:

- People transformed by Jesus (soul saving);
- Healthy faith communities (growing saints);
- Unified mission expressions (serving suffering humanity) and;
- Being courageous stewards (using our mission resources effectively and efficiently).

Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Campbell, the territory's Secretary for Business Administration, also addressed the meeting, focusing on the need to be courageous stewards of the Army's resources.



LEFT: Commissioner James Condon unveils the new strategic mission plan to a packed audience at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney. **ABOVE LEFT:** Lieut-Colonel Mark Campbell also spoke at the launch, focusing on courageous stewardship. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The event was live-streamed across the territory.

"I believe that we can be either wide and thin in our ministries and effectiveness, or deep and transformational," he said. "It would be true to say that at times we have stretched ourselves a little on the lean side, challenging the available resources and capacities we have."

"The principles underlying this review process are to have everything we do as missionally-focused, community-relevant, delivery-strong and financially sustainable as possible. We want to ensure the platforms that support everything we do are organised and distributed in such a way that support can be strong and the right resources are able to be mobilised to the places where they are needed the most."

"Some of our structures will need to be centralised while others will need to be decentralised to be most effective so that we may see people flourish, the Word of God spread, disciples increase significantly and people getting saved."

LIVING DOCUMENT

Working groups are being created to spearhead the various initiatives that will be required to achieve the Forward Together goals. These groups will comprise of subject-matter experts and other representatives from across the territory. Each

group will be tied to a specific outcome, and it will be their responsibility to research, decide and implement what is required to see progress made.

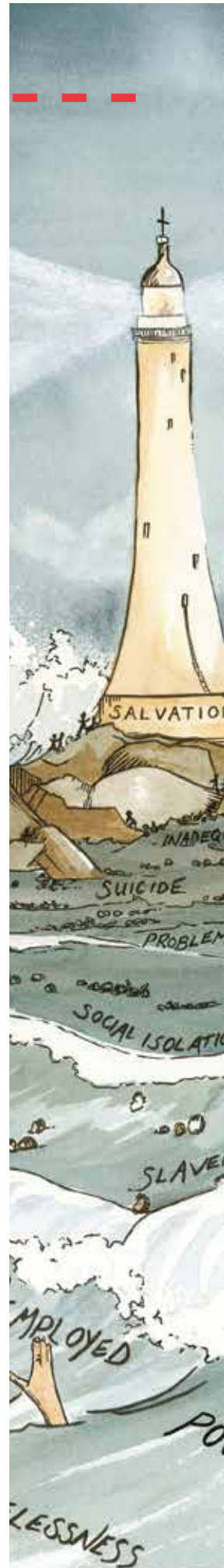
"I give you my assurance that our territory's energy and resources will be aligned to the plan so that we see real, measurable results in response to each of the four Forward Together goals," said Commissioner Condon.

"From its inception, The Salvation Army has carried a bold vision of seeing the whole world transformed by Jesus. It's only as we all work together, guided by the Holy Spirit in wisdom and unity, that we will see this become a reality."

"We are not afraid to ask hard questions and make brave decisions in response to what we hear. Our plan is a living document that will be developed and revised over coming years in response to progress that is made and new challenges that emerge."

"Any subsequent changes won't change who we are or what we do. Rather, these changes will release us to move into new places and take significant steps forward in our mission. We have prayerfully considered this and are trusting God that this is the right way forward for our Army."

To have your say on the Forward Together plan or to find out more, go to salvos.org.au/forwardtogether.



THE FOUR KEY GOALS OF FORWARD TOGETHER

PEOPLE TRANSFORMED BY JESUS (SOUL SAVING)

Jesus continues to be the foundation, inspiration and driving force of everything we do. Our international mission statement calls us to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human need in his name without discrimination. These two things are inseparable in our understanding of what it means to be The Salvation Army. Our core conviction is that Jesus cares passionately about the physical, emotional and spiritual freedom of every person, and that when people meet Jesus he can bring ongoing healing and transformation in ways far beyond what we can achieve in our own strength.

We'll know we are succeeding when:

- The number of people making a commitment to Jesus is increasing year-on-year;
- Stories of healing and transformation are heard continually in all parts of the territory;
- The declaration of God's love is evident in all our expressions;
- People are able to begin or join a faith journey from any of our expressions, and;
- Our people are sharing regular, uninhibited testimony of the ongoing work of Jesus in their own lives.

HEALTHY FAITH COMMUNITIES (GROWING SAINTS)

We believe that true freedom encompasses body, mind and spirit. We want every expression of The Salvation Army to be an environment that encourages the growth of the whole person. We want to see more great leaders emerging as part of healthy, empowered teams. Healthy faith communities is about more than just our corps, it's about every gathering of staff, volunteers, officers and soldiers being a place of encouragement and growth. It's about every centre being a place where conversations about spirituality and about Jesus are the norm, while being inclusive and respectful of our diversity.

We'll know we are succeeding when:

- Our faith communities are growing and multiplying;
- Passionate prayer and spirituality is embedded in culture throughout the territory;
- Increasing numbers of highly competent and courageous people are entering leadership roles;
- Empowered teamwork is the normal leadership model around the territory;
- Our faith communities are financially sustainable through the generosity of local members, and;
- Innovative and experimental expressions of The Salvation Army are emerging regularly.

UNIFIED MISSION EXPRESSION (SERVING SUFFERING HUMANITY)

The international mandate of The Salvation Army is "One Army, One Mission, One Message". Our goal is to see a united and inspired Salvation Army that is moving forward strategically to impact the world in the name of Jesus. Our work across the territory is only at full strength if everyone is working in unity.

We'll know we are succeeding when:

- There's shared passion and understanding of mission and culture throughout territorial headquarters, all divisional headquarters, and all frontline expressions;
- Local effectiveness is maximised through all expressions working together;
- Empowerment and accountability are embraced as core values at every level of the territory;
- Best-practice leadership and management models are in place to support every area of frontline mission, and;
- Communication is open, effective and collaborative.

BEING COURAGEOUS STEWARDS (USING OUR MISSION RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY)

Courageous stewardship is about seeing maximum impact through every available resource. The resources under our care have been entrusted to us by God and one day we will be held accountable for their wise and effective use. Being a courageous steward is about boldly saying "yes" to opportunities that are aligned to our strategic goals under the Holy Spirit's leading, while also boldly saying "no" to things that distract us from our core mission.

We'll know we are succeeding when:

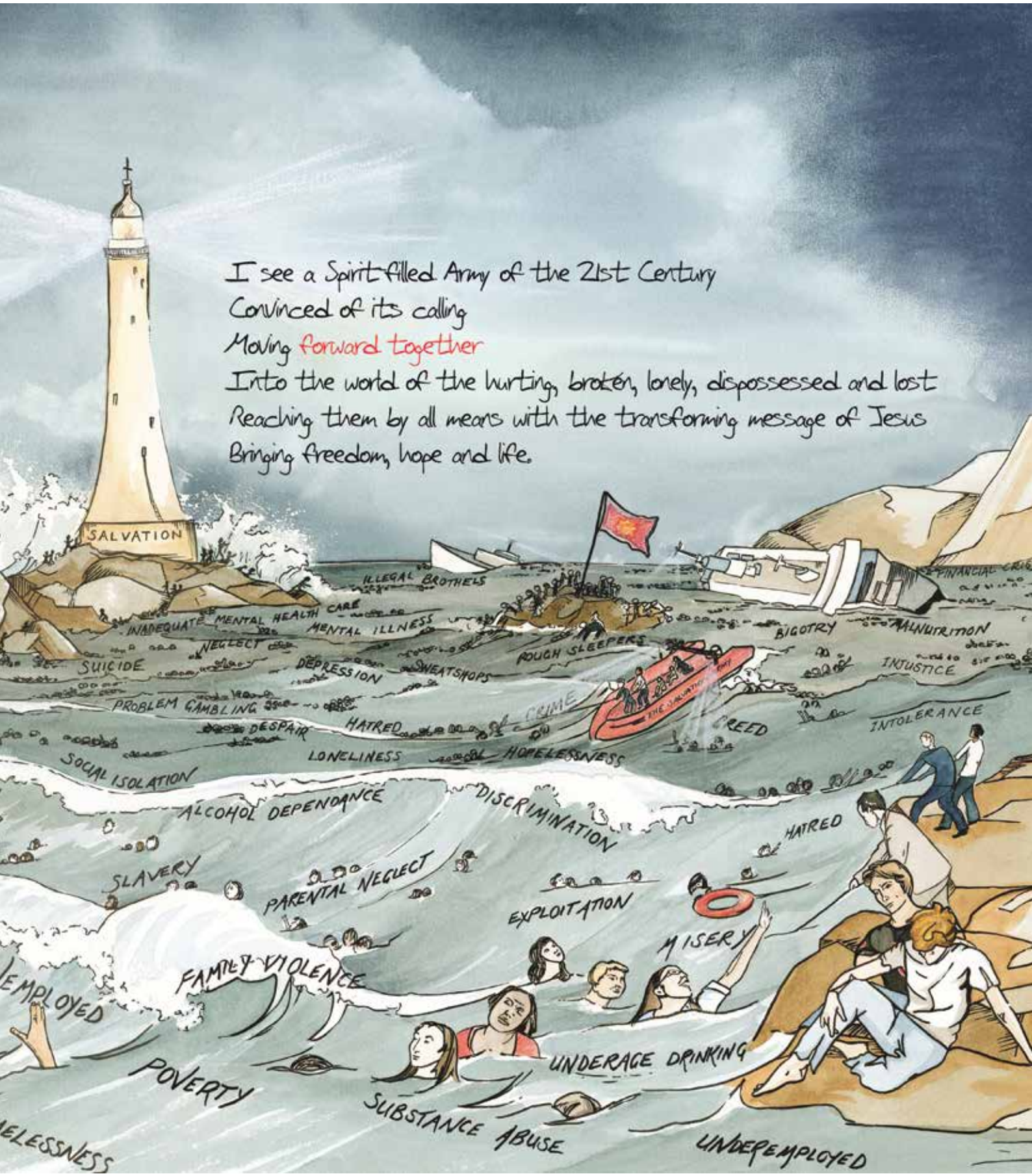
- Leaders at every level are empowered and accountable for the wise use of available resources;
- Every component of the territory is aligned to the strategic plan;
- Structures and processes are highly streamlined to better support mission;
- Long-term sustainability is a core consideration for decision making at every level, and;
- A commitment to innovation and creativity is embedded in every part of the organisation.



Strategic Mission Plan

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory





I see a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st Century
 Convinced of its calling
 Moving **forward together**
 Into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed and lost
 Reaching them by all means with the transforming message of Jesus
 Bringing freedom, hope and life.

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The doctrine of the Trinity

CONTINUING A SERIES ON THE SALVATION ARMY'S
11 ARTICLES OF FAITH WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF
ITS INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE COUNCIL, PIPELINE
FOCUSES ON THE THIRD FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE

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words *LIEUTENANT-COLONEL IAN BARR*

The study of Christian doctrine would be considerably less complicated if the Bible contained a straightforward and unequivocal exposition of the Trinity. Instead we have the testimonies of eyewitnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the Early Church's attempts to find words to describe and interpret what it saw and experienced.

How, for example, did the Christ who lived, died and rose in their midst, relate to the Father and Creator of all things? And how did Jesus and his Father relate to the Holy Spirit? It took centuries for the Church to develop the language, and with it a coherent theology, to explain how God can be Father, Son and Holy Spirit and yet "One God."

More recent theologians usually approach the doctrine of the Trinity in two traditional ways.

The first is God's successive self-revelation through Creation, salvation history and in the

persons of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The second relates to how Christians understand the inner nature of God. In other words: What do we learn from God's self-revelation about the inner nature and life of God? And how does this impact upon Christian life, teaching and worship?

REVEALED TRINITY

In terms of the "revealed Trinity" the New Testament demonstrates that the apostles and the Early Church had a strong sense that Jesus was more than a prophet and more than just a human agent commissioned to fulfil God's will and purposes.

The first Christians evidently had no doubt that the man Jesus who had walked with them was also divine. John's Gospel (1:1-3) and the letters of Paul (Philippians 2:5-11 and Colossians 1:15-19) describe how Jesus was present and active in Creation, sharing the divine nature and central to the

redemption of all things. Thus, the great theological themes of Judaism, God's activity in Creation and salvation history, are ascribed also to Christ.

The same can be said of the Holy Spirit. The Bible describes him in terms that clearly take the reader back to the Creation story in which the eternal and pre-existent Spirit is present and active (Genesis chapters 1 and 2) as he is also in the subsequent life and history of Israel and in the life of the believer and the Church (Romans 8:1-17).

Later generations came to speak of Father, Son and Holy Spirit as "distinct but not separate". This is how God has made himself known through the revelatory process of Creation, salvation history, Christian experience and the Church. The unity of will and purpose that is at the heart of our understanding of God's self-revelation from the moment of Creation leaves no room for degrees of deity, division of powers, competing wills or any

We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.

(The third doctrine of The Salvation Army)

hierarchy of divinity. We speak of “Three persons”, but of only “one substance or essence”.

RELATIONAL TRINITY

In some ways the picture that emerges from the “revealed” approach to the Trinity is about differentiation and function. In general terms we recognise God the Father as the Creator and preserver of all things. The Son is the self-giving Saviour, and the Spirit is God present in the world today working in and through the Church, both in the lives of individual believers and in the life of the Christian community.

However, we cannot be satisfied simply with having sorted out “who does what” in the Godhead. The interrelationship of Father, Son and Spirit has to be understood in terms of the inner life of God as well as the apparent function of each of the three persons.

The “tri-unity” (trinity) of God has been expressed in different kinds of analogy over the centuries: water, ice, vapour;

the three-leafed shamrock, and even in terms of the family unit – father, mother and child. This last analogy leaves us with the distinct problem of a hierarchical relationship rather than an essential unity. It also draws us away from the inner nature of God to attempts to reconcile the “number issues” in the doctrine.

In the fourth and fifth centuries, Saint Augustine developed a “psychological” model of the Trinity according to which Father, Son and Spirit are universally reflected in the human psyche, as the self, the understanding and the will. While this and other analogies are helpful in terms of distinctness, they do not necessarily help us with the problem of the essential unity of the Godhead.

In the 20th century, the German theologian Jürgen Moltmann proposed a more relational approach of the Trinity. He taught that there is a parallel relationship between the mutual indwelling of Father,

Son and Spirit and the indwelling presence of God in the Church.

Moltmann draws together two particular biblical insights to highlight this principle of mutual indwelling. One is the continued presence of God in the scattered community in the period of the Exile; the other is in the high priestly prayer of Jesus in John chapter 17: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit” (Isaiah 57:15) and “Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:21).

In his 1973 book *The Crucified God*, Moltmann explained the distinct yet unifying roles of Father, Son and Spirit in the crucifixion of Christ: “The son suffers dying, the Father suffers the death of the Son.”

The grief of the Father here is just as important as the death of the Son. At the heart of the inner life of God, therefore, lies not only divine majesty, but >>>

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.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JULIE CAMPBELL SHARES HER FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
- **Philippians 4:4-7**

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These verses inspire and challenge me to rejoice in the Lord and pray about everything instead of worrying about everything. Easier said than done for a compulsive

worrier, yet God has proved that I can trust him.

When I do my part and rejoice in the Lord, by looking for the positives and praying about everything, my love and faith in him grows stronger and I experience the incredible power, peace and presence of God guarding my heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

I love the picture of God’s peace standing as a guard to protect my heart and mind to overcome the negative and anxious thoughts and attitudes. I have practised this process many times in seasons of worry, doubt and uncertainty, both as a parent and leader. Each time I have experienced the peace of God in ways I never

would have imagined. My 30 years as a Salvation Army officer has involved many changes and challenges, and this year more than ever before. However, with every change God has reminded me of this promise.

A few years ago, I was driving to the office and worrying about a change of appointment, when I heard these verses quoted on the radio station. God uses so many different ways to get my attention and to assure me that I am partnering with him in life and ministry.

God is faithful and continually equips and provides all I need to serve him and others, when I rejoice and pray about everything.

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a fellowship of suffering: “The Son suffers abandonment and death, the Father suffers the death of the Son in the infinite grief of love, and the Spirit is the love that cries out with them and binds Father and Son.”

REDEEMING TRINITY

In all of this the Holy Spirit is the unconditional bond of self-surrendering agape (or divine love) that binds both the Father and Son, and enables forgiven and redeemed humanity to be drawn into this fellowship of love.

The Swiss theologian Karl Barth speaks in perhaps more accessible terms when he uses three simple expressions – “Giver, Given and Gift” – to describe the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit at Calvary.

However, for Moltmann it is the cry of grief that rends “the silence of eternity”: The Son’s cry of abandonment on the cross, the Father’s cry of anguish as he enters into his Son’s sense of abandonment,

and the Spirit who is himself the broken-hearted cry of love in the face of this horror.

The inner life of God is not merely a serene unity of will, purpose and mission. It is essentially a fellowship of suffering and a community of love, a mutual indwelling into which the earthly community, the Church, is drawn through the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Christian teaching on Creation and redemption highlights the oneness of will and purpose that unites the Father, Son and Spirit. Yet, their unity is not purely functional, it is essentially relational. This helps us to understand better God’s intention for the life of the Church. It, too, is a social organism; people relating to each other, indwelt by God, living in fellowship with him, worshipping, mirroring and participating in his life through worship, prayer and service. □

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In term 2 this year, The Salvation Army will launch Salvos Schools, a national initiative matched to the Australian National Curriculum, with resources to help schools connect with students on a range of social issues. Salvos Schools has worked directly with more than 50,000 students and hundreds of schools to raise awareness of social issues and renew partnerships with schools and local Salvation Army corps and services. You can watch Salvos Schools Coordinator, Bee Orsini discuss the program at mySalvos.org.au/SalvosSchools.

Later this month, thousands of Salvos and friends will knock on millions of doors across Australia for the Red Shield Appeal. Keep up with all the latest news and information, including videos and stories, at mySalvos.

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HALF *a* CENTURY *of* HOPE



THE SALVATION ARMY'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER CELEBRATES A 50-YEAR MILESTONE

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words *ESTHER PINN*

The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal turns 50 this year and organisers are hoping for 30,000 volunteers to help it celebrate this significant milestone on Doorknock Weekend (30-31 May).

Since 1965, The Salvation Army has developed a unique relationship with the public through its annual appeal, which raises money to help improve the lives of a million disadvantaged and marginalised Australians each year.

This year, the national fundraising target is \$74 million, with the doorknock appeal hoping to contribute \$9.4 million. The Australia Eastern Territory is looking to raise \$4.8 million towards that goal.

"Having conducted the Red Shield Appeal for 50 years, we have built a reputation for using donated funds wisely and also providing high-standard social services at a very reasonable cost," says Major Bruce Harmer, Territorial Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

"Because of this rich history and exceptional track record, the Australian community has embraced us and supported us magnificently over the years and I would hope that this support will continue as we raise funds needed to deliver services to an Australian public that is experiencing increasingly diverse and complex needs.

"The Doorknock Weekend is the one occasion

when all Salvationists and so many employees and volunteers come together with the shared goal of raising the funds needed to ensure our social services have the resources they need to operate for another year.

"This annual effort is such a unique and exclusively 'Salvation Army' experience and I'd encourage everyone to get involved and make this a truly amazing fundraising experience."

Major Harmer also says the doorknock could be the only time of year Australians come into contact with The Salvation Army, bring about other missional opportunities.

"Each year we hear amazing stories coming from our Red Shield Appeal teams of people reconnecting with the Army, amazing interactions with community which remind us that the opportunities for missional involvement are limitless," he says. "What a unique experience we have in the Red Shield Appeal."

BUSINESS BACKING

This year's Red Shield Appeal has already gained momentum through the 26 appeal launches held across the Australia Eastern Territory over the past three months.

At the official Sydney Red Shield Appeal launch at The Westin Hotel on 25 March, the business community dug deep and donated \$1.65 million.



ABOVE: Among the speakers were (clockwise from left) Premier Mike Baird, Salvation Army Commissioner James Condon and entrepreneur Dick Smith. **RIGHT:** Kerry Baird, Mike Baird, TV presenter Georgie Gardner and Commissioner James Condon. Photos: Carolyn Hide and Grant Turner

The Sydney appeal was officially launched by the NSW Premier, Mike Baird, who pledged \$200,000 on behalf of the NSW Government.

"Imagine NSW without the Salvos," Mr Baird told the gathering. "Could you imagine what it would look like, how many people would be in need without the work of the Salvos; where would we be? The Salvos put the beat in the heart of NSW."

Channel Nine television presenter Georgie Gardner compered the Sydney launch. She shared her passion for the Army's work with homeless youth and encouraged people to give generously.

She also interviewed Mick Evans, a former alcohol and drug addict whose life was restored through a Salvation Army recovery centre. "Reaching out to The Salvation Army certainly saved my life," he said.

Among the distinguished guests was the official patron of the Red Shield Appeal in NSW and former NSW Governor, Dame Marie Bashir. "Indeed, The Salvation Army is a significant part of the image which we identify as truly Australian," she said. "Without them, the lives of countless people would undoubtedly have been more desperate."

The newly appointed chair of the City of Sydney Red Shield Appeal, Frank O'Halloran, who is taking over from Roger Massy-Greene, spoke passionately about achieving the target of \$15 million for the Sydney area.



Guest speaker and entrepreneur Dick Smith spoke of his first encounter with The Salvation Army in September 1968. Prior to becoming a successful businessman, he had met a Salvationist while at a pub and was struck by their dedication to helping others. He thought: "If I ever do well ... I would love to help the Salvos."

Mr Smith then encouraged all Australians to dig deep and give to help those less fortunate, reaching into his own pocket with a donation of \$100,000. The launch was told that Mr Smith has now, in total, donated more than \$7 million to the appeal over the years.

Commissioner James Condon (Territorial Commander) and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws (Divisional Commander, Sydney East and Illawarra) both expressed sincere thanks to all donors.

To volunteer for Doorknock Weekend, call **13 SALVOS (13 72 58)** or sign up online at salvos.org.au. To donate, go to salvos.org.au, call **13 SALVOS**, or in person at any Westpac Bank branch or by mailing a cheque to **PO Box 9888** in your capital city. □

'IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS DAY'



IT WOULD BE HARD TO GET MORE EXCITED ABOUT THE RED SHIELD APPEAL THAN ANDREW HILL, WHO SEES DOORKNOCK SUNDAY AS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH HIS COMMUNITY

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words **BILL SIMPSON**
photos **SHAIRON PATERSON**

As the clock ticks to 6am on Doorknock Sunday, Andrew Hill will leap from his bed and prepare for a day of action and adventure.

"It's like Christmas Day for me," he says. "I love it. It probably sounds corny to some, but a day connecting with the community can make all the difference in the lives of people who need us.

"Doorknock Sunday is a day when The Salvation Army collects millions of dollars. My ambition is for the people who give to understand that they are helping to make a difference.

"They are actually the ones making the difference possible.

"And I want our people – Salvationists; volunteer collectors – to realise that they are the link through which people in need are assisted.

"It's not just a day of collecting money. It's a day – maybe the only day of the year for some – when Salvationists, in particular, get the chance to do something for somebody who needs their support.

"That's exciting. I want Salvationists and everybody connected with us to know the excitement and sense of satisfaction. It's a great thing to do."

It will be cold and dark when Andrew gets out of bed on Doorknock Sunday. He will wake his children, Caleb, 13, and Liberty, 9. His wife, Kimberly, will already be awake.

He will have a shower, get dressed, have breakfast and, with the family, drive to meet their team from the Hurstville Corps at their annual collection site.

COMMITTED COLLECTOR

Andrew, now 45, has been collecting pretty much the same Hurstville streets since he was four or five. His first collection was beside his aunty, Noreen Packer.

Ever since, he has collected with his parents, David and Diane Hill, who, incidentally, participated in the first official Red Shield Appeal in 1965.

Andrew will spend about three hours on Hurstville streets before counting his collection at the local corps and having lunch.

Then, Andrew will drive a few kilometres to Menai – now his home corps – for a couple of hours collecting at a local shopping centre.

Although a Menai Corps member, he still likes to do a few hours collecting at Hurstville to keep in contact with the people he has been calling on every Doorknock Sunday since he was a little boy.

"I like to keep up the contact," he says. "It's valuable. At the same time, it is important that I also support my new corps (Menai)."

He will also have collected a few hours at Menai the preceding day (Saturday).

Back to Sunday ... and after his afternoon



ABOVE: *The Salvation Army's Territorial Community Fundraising Director, Andrew Hill, and his family will be out in force on Doorknock Sunday.*

collection at Menai, he will head for home about 5pm, have another shower and some dinner and then drive to Territorial Headquarters in the city.

There, as Territorial Community Fundraising Director, he will collate results from each division across the territory and compile collection summaries for Salvation Army leadership.

He will get to bed around midnight.

It's quite a commitment. But there is a key – a profound purpose – for it.

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

About 10 years ago, while working for The Salvation Army's job network Employment Plus, Andrew met a man who changed his attitude to a lot of things – among them Red Shield Appeal collecting.

The man had once been a high flyer in the Information Technology field. He had been a successful businessman.

But he contracted a serious disease, lost his job and lost his brother. He spent his redundancy on alcohol and gambling.

He was basically homeless and penniless when he went to Employment Plus for assistance.

Andrew was his case worker. They became close – so close, they were almost family. The man shared meals with Andrew's family.

"I will never forget the day he bought himself

his first suit for a job interview. He was so proud. We were all proud and I want all Salvationists to feel proud," Andrew says.

His friend died a few years later from his disease.

"And, so, I remember him every time I go doorknocking. It is for him and people in his position that we do this (collecting).

"The first time I went collecting after meeting my friend, a man came to the door of a very nice three-storey home. He put his hand into his pocket to get some loose change.

"I felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to tell him – because of my friend – that people needed to understand there would be people sleeping on the streets that night - people without hope – and that what he gave could make a huge difference in their lives.

"I said that I could take a cheque, if that was possible. He went upstairs and got his cheque book.

"I still take this attitude into collecting. I don't do it to put pressure on people. I do it because I think it is very important to communicate the need to those who can give. It's putting the donor at the centre and helping them to see that they can do something amazing for somebody.

"And I want our collectors to stand tall and be proud of the contribution they are making." □

THE PUBLIC'S FAVOURITE APPEAL



IN AN EDITED VERSION OF MAJOR JOHN SMITH'S ARTICLE
PUBLISHED IN *HALLELUJAH* MAGAZINE, *PIPELINE* LOOKS
AT THE HISTORY OF FUNDRAISING IN THE SALVATION
ARMY WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO THE INTRODUCTION
OF THE SUCCESSFUL RED SHIELD APPEAL

In September 1880, underneath the proverbial gum tree in Adelaide's Botanic Park, the seeds were sown for a partnership between the people of Australia and The Salvation Army.

Immigrant London milkman John Gore, at the conclusion of that alfresco evangelistic meeting, offered: "If there's any man here who hasn't had a meal today, let him come home with me."

From that moment, an incremental dynamic relationship between the Army and the Australian public ensued.

Not all who were exposed to the Army's evangelistic methods or message made the response that the Army desired, but what did develop was a respect, trust and confidence in what the people of the Army did in continuing to offer support and responding with concern, care and compassion to their fellow Australians in need or distress.

At no time was it ever thought that the Army could be, or would be, financially independent of public support in the light of the service offered and given.

Army history records that from the very earliest days, it was evident that money was required to support the burgeoning work and ministry of the Christian Mission in East London.

William Booth wrote: "God wants men and money to win the world for Jesus. Will you help Him?" At every opportunity the Army 'took up a collection'.

Carolling at Christmas, or weekly open air meetings and street and shop collections, harvest festival appeals were the norm.

It was one of the never-failing indicators of that respect and growing relationship with the Army and the community that in Army collection boxes in the street, at the gate of a railway station, football ground or in the bars of hotels across the country (in exchange for a copy of *The War Cry*), a coin always rattled.

SEEKING FUNDS

The Self Denial Appeal, ingeniously introduced in England in 1888, and copied in Australia, became the face of the call to Salvationists to deny themselves of some little luxury annually for a week and devote the savings to the Army funds.

It was also the name of the annual Army fundraising appeal across the nations. The appeal proceeds were distributed to the Army's missionary program, its social work and general funds.

The gathering of those funds was, to quote Australian poet Henry Lawson: "hot and dusty work", when for weeks, and sometimes months on end, officers would visit the homes and businesses in their area seeking funds to maintain and advance the work of the Army.

Many are the stories of those money-collecting adventures by both officers and soldiers so that the evangelical, missionary and welfare ministries of the Army would be sustained.

Added to those efforts were the legendary expeditions of officers known as "special collectors" whose task it was to represent the Army primarily in areas where no Army corps existed.

These officers became more than fundraisers. In most instances they exercised a pastoral or >>>

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FROM TOP: Key personnel of the Australian Red Shield Appeal organisation in 1970; then-Major Don Campbell explains how the appeal works in the 1960s; a billboard promoting the appeal in the 1970s.

From modest and incremental increases in the early years, the Red Shield Appeal continues to be one of the most generously supported of charitable appeals in the country.



chaplains role in remote communities.

These appeals for financial support were appreciated as they were necessary, but became increasingly inadequate to support the existing and potential networks of social service response and endeavour.

As demand grew, so did the pressure to explore ways and means to address the problem.

The late Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Lucas, who was the Army's Public Relations Secretary in Sydney in the 1970s, records in a paper entitled "Financing the Salvation War" a sequence of happenings that seems to be the key to how that "pressure to explore" new direction for Army fundraising was broken.

"In 1956, Commissioner (later General) Frederick Coutts, who had succeeded Commissioner Edgar Grinstead, looked seriously at the question of how the territory's finances could be improved.

"There were two proposals. One was put forward by Major Gordon Petersen. It included an offer by Mr Sid Herron, of the Wells fundraising organisation, to train selected Army officers in planned giving and fundraising without charge, and that we accept the offer with a view to introducing the systems, so taught, into the territory.

"Mr Herron was an ex-Salvationist and son of an officer. With him in the Wells organisation was Mr Ron Butt, also an ex Salvationist.

"Proposal number two was put forward by the

Commissioner. It was that the territory should consider the 'stewardship' concept as it operated in Canada."

Both proposals were accepted and implemented.

CANADIAN MODEL

Commissioner Coutts appointed Major Charles Cross to visit Canada on a fact-finding mission to study all aspects of the functioning of public relations and fundraising activity in that territory. He was partnered in that 1963 survey by Major Don Campbell from the Australia Southern Territory.

As Lieut Colonel Lucas observed: "Like Caleb and Joshua they returned with favourable reports".

Cross and Campbell reported to their respective headquarters on Salvation Army advisory boards, effective stewardship organisation among Salvationists, the need for effective public information programs, capital appeals and the manner in which Canada had, since 1942, conducted an annual national-wide blitz and called it the Red Shield Appeal.

Major Cross' energies were immediately applied to the introduction of stewardship promotion, while in the south Major Campbell worked with characteristic zeal in setting up a Red Shield Appeal structure.

While operating separately, there was concord in both territories on the need to recruit and establish citizens advisory boards in cities and



FAR LEFT: Dick Smith at the Red Shield Appeal launch in 1985.

LEFT: All hands on deck to help count donations from the Red Shield Appeal in 1975.

towns where more than one expression of the Army existed.

These boards would be comprised of influential local people whose advice, though advisory in nature, would extend to fundraising.

Major Don Campbell (later Commissioner) noted that "during 1963-64 significant consultative conferences took place between both Australian territories involving officers of most ranks. These conferences produced understanding and enlightenment about the new pattern of fundraising under consideration."

The professional fundraising training in Sydney had its marked impact upon the development of the Red Shield Appeal structure, with the planned-giving concept replacing the stewardship approach, first in the Eastern Territory, and then in the Southern Territory.

There was reason to believe that with effective planned-giving programs in every corps, the separation of the Self Denial Appeal as an internal appeal to Salvationists for missionary work, the proceeds of a national Red Shield Appeal would be devoted to the Army's community welfare, emergency relief and the network of social services.

Along with the announcement that the Red Shield Appeal would be the flagship of Army fundraising, influential community leadership was being recruited to match the detailed structure developed and modified on the Canadian model.

Emphasis was given to the setting up and the distinction between the approaches to business, corporate and key gifts and the residential or doorknock aspects of the appeal.

In 1965, the Australia Eastern Territory conducted its first Red Shield Appeal doorknock, while in the Southern Territory several Red Shield-type pilot appeals were undertaken.

The 1966 and 1967 efforts were promoted as The Annual Appeal, with the 1968 appeal being the first official Red Shield Appeal in the south, and effectively the first nationwide campaign for the Army.

From modest and incremental increases in the early years, the Red Shield Appeal continues to be one of the most generously supported of charitable appeals in the country.

A former senior brigadier who had worked long years in Army social services and in the last years of his active service was appointed to be one of the Army's special collectors used to say that "fundraising was friend raising".

He exemplified that maxim by, long after his legislated retirement date, working on making friends and enhancing that relationship and engagement of the Army with its community that John Gore so long ago and commenced. □

Major John Smith worked as an information officer in the Southern Territory Public Relations Department from 1965-75.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED SHIELD APPEAL, PIPELINE PRODUCES A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S PRINCIPAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Captain James Condon, Adrian Golding, Major Noel Reeves and Captain Ivan Lang promote the Red Shield Appeal in 1985; Di Gluyas with a collector; Captain Glenn Whittaker with cricket personality Max Walker in 1991; Major Mark Campbell (second from left) with volunteers.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Miss Red Shield Sue Bowker with actor/author Ruth Cracknell in 1985; Miss Red Shield Meredith Smith teams up with Humphrey B Bear to promote the appeal in 1983; strongman David Huxley gives the appeal and Melissa Williams and Jodi McLaren a lift in 1993; Aussie actors Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman lend their support to Captain Merv Dovey during a movie shoot in Bowen in 2007; ironman Trevor Hendy with Salvation Army cadets.

APPEAL PIONEER LEAVES DOOR OPEN



ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED SHIELD APPEAL, RETIRED COMMISSIONER DONALD CAMPBELL RECALLS FOR *PIPELINE* THE PROCESS WHICH LED TO THE APPEAL BEING ESTABLISHED AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF DONATED FUNDS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY IN AUSTRALIA

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words *BILL SIMPSON*

photos *SHAIRON PATERSON*

The mind is still willing but the body isn't so sure anymore. If the two can agree on the day, then one of the pioneers of the Red Shield Appeal in Australia will be knocking on doors again during this month's 50th anniversary collection.

It's not as easy now for Donald Campbell as it was when the first appeal was conducted in the mid-1960s. He was a 40-year-old major in Melbourne then. Now, he's a 91-year-old retired commissioner living in an aged-care facility in Sydney, close to his daughter Helen Drew.

"I will know on the day whether I'm good enough to go out collecting," Commissioner Campbell advised *Pipeline* during a recent conversation.

"My mind and body aren't as good as they used to be, you know," he said. "Oh, mentally I think I'm still up to it, but physically, well, that's another story, I suppose."

The Commissioner last year missed his first collection in 49 years. "My support staff let me down," he said. "But I am keen to get out for the 50th."

The then-Major Campbell was Divisional Youth Secretary based at Ballarat when he received a call to Southern Territory headquarters in late 1962. His appointment was a special mission with the then Major Charles Cross (later Brigadier) of the Eastern Territory. Brigadier Cross was promoted to glory in 2004.

They were to travel to Canada to investigate that country's Red Shield Appeal, which had been operating since 1942 (see John Smith story Page 20), as well as other Canadian fundraising

initiatives. Although his mind today may not be as sharp as it was 50 years ago, Commissioner Campbell kept a diary for every day of his officership. He was highly organised.

His 1963 diary records him travelling by the Spirit of Progress overnight train from Melbourne to Sydney on 8 January.

He had afternoon tea with Eastern Territory leaders in Sydney on 10 January and, with Major Charles Cross, flew from Sydney on 12 January, via Suva and Seattle, arriving in Vancouver two days later.

They met Canadian leaders on 17 January, arriving back in Australia six months later to report to their own territorial leaders.

John Smith's article records that Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Lucas (Eastern Territory Public Relations Secretary at the time), commented: "Like Caleb and Joshua, they returned with favourable reports".

A former Salvation Army officer, John Smith has intimate knowledge of the starting of the Red Shield Appeal in Australia. He was Southern Territory Information Officer from 1965-75, serving in the early years with then-Major Donald Campbell.

"While the two territories may mark 1965 as the official start of the Red Shield Appeal in Australia, it was not until 1968 that it was truly national," he told *Pipeline*.

"In the Southern Territory, it was still called the Self Denial Appeal in 1965 and then became the Annual Appeal and then the Red Shield Appeal, with the slogan Thank God for the Salvos coined in 1969 and adopted nationally after that." >>>



Retired Commissioner Donald Campbell, one of the pioneers of the Red Shield Appeal.



ABOVE LEFT: *Then-Major Don Campbell discusses a promotional poster in the early days of the Red Shield Appeal.*

CONCEPT ADOPTED

Pilot appeals were tried in several corps in 1964 in both territories. The Eastern Territory launched the appeal officially in 1965, while the Southern Territory continued with trials for a few more years.

The recommendations of Majors Campbell and Cross from the visit to Canada were adopted “pretty much”, according to Commissioner Campbell. The Canadians had a sound concept.

“There were just a few minor modifications,” Commissioner Campbell conceded in our chat.

While then-Majors Cross and Campbell visited Canada in 1963, history notes titled *Origins of the Red Shield Appeal* and filed at the Australia Eastern Territory Heritage Centre in Sydney disclose that Colonel John Cugley, as Territorial Public Relations Secretary, heard of the Canadian model while attending the International College for Officers in London in 1959.

“On his return to Australia, he persuaded territorial authorities to introduce this (Canadian) concept on the basis that as much of our social services were of benefit to the community, the community should assist in the fundraising,” the notes reveal.

The notes were provided by Colonel Cugley’s son Ray (also an officer), based on an interview with his father some years ago and revised in 2004. Major Ray Cugley was promoted to glory in 2006.

It was to be another four years after Colonel Cugley’s suggestion (1959) before the then-Majors Campbell and Cross were despatched to Canada to investigate.

The *Origins of the Red Shield Appeal* notes also contain recollections from Charles Cross – given to Major Ray Cugley in 1999 – in which he recalls that pilot appeals were conducted by Dulwich Hill, North Sydney (now Chatswood), Hurstville and Parramatta Corps in 1964.

Charles Cross recalled the first “national” appeal took place in 1965 and that “for several years the doorknock was held on the first Sunday of the new

financial year when it was felt that purse strings would be more relaxed”.

STEELY DETERMINATION

The *War Cry* of 9 January 1965 reported the first national doorknock would be held on 4 July 1965.

John Smith’s recollection from working in the Southern Territory public relations department at the time was that the Southern Territory trialled the appeal in some corps before joining the national appeal in 1968.

A report in the *War Cry*, dated 23 October 1965, recorded that Charles Cross had visited 51 corps in the Eastern Territory to introduce the Red Shield Appeal concept, an achievement publicly lauded by then Territorial Commander Lieutenant-Commissioner Bramwell Cook.

At a thanksgiving service for Brigadier Cross in 2004, his son Warren said his father had a sharp mind, fierce determination and entrepreneurial skills, with an ability to communicate with people from all walks of life.

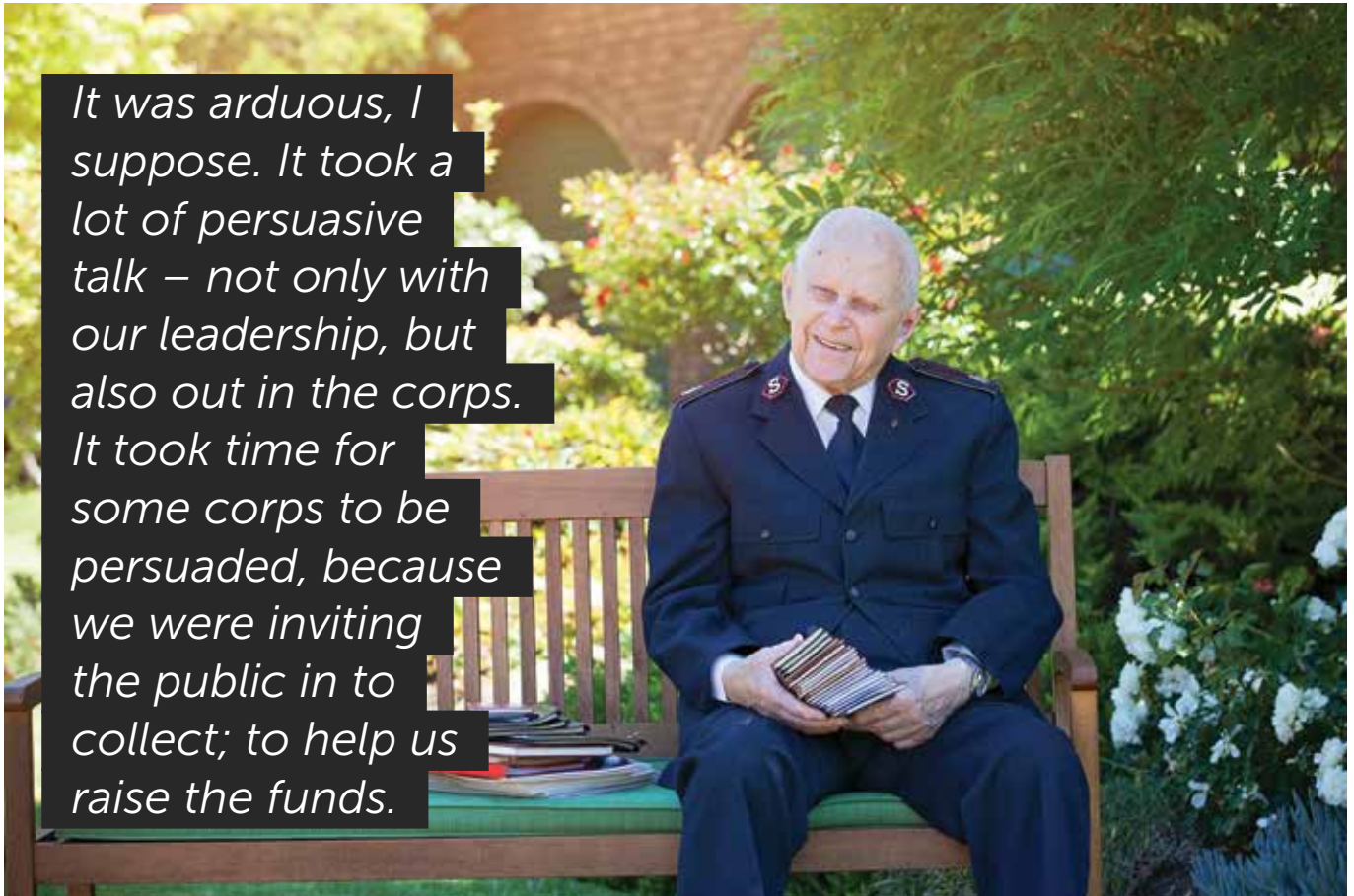
It was those skills and determination which persuaded the Eastern Territory to introduce the Red Shield Appeal concept.

Brigadier Cross received the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1977 for services to the community.

John Smith remembers the then-Major Campbell for similar steely determination and organisation.

“He was an alert, energetic and achieving character. Because he saw himself and the process as change and himself as an agent of change, and with his driving personality and accent on getting things done, he did encounter considerable resistance from all levels of Army administration.

“I believe that without the knowledge, zest, vision, energy and entrepreneurship of Don Campbell, the process of the establishment of the Red Shield Appeal in the Australian Southern Territory would have taken so much longer.”



It was arduous, I suppose. It took a lot of persuasive talk – not only with our leadership, but also out in the corps. It took time for some corps to be persuaded, because we were inviting the public in to collect; to help us raise the funds.

Commissioner Campbell today recalls a similar workload in the Southern Territory to that attributed to Brigadier Cross in the Eastern Territory.

"We were away from home a lot. There were a lot of people to convince," he said.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

The first people to persuade were his territorial leaders. It was an awesome experience for a 40-year-old "reasonably junior officer" to give advice to his 60-year-old superiors.

"The Army was different in those days," he said. "Speaking to your superiors in those days could be a daunting task for a young officer.

"We tried to be loyal. This (Red Shield Appeal) was a radical concept for Australia then and it took some explaining and convincing. We had to be patient and respectful.

"As I saw it, lots of privileges were given to me to speak with the territorial leadership. I suppose I wasn't so much fearful as challenged. We knew we were on the right track and we needed to show great respect as we took our leaders with us on this journey.

"It was arduous, I suppose. It took a lot of persuasive talk – not only with our leadership, but

also out in the corps. It took time for some corps to be persuaded, because we were inviting the public in to collect; to help us raise the funds.

"That was a radical concept back then. Until then, Salvationists were the only ones collecting in public through what we called the Self Denial Appeal. Now, we were asking the public to help us collect."

But Salvationists quickly caught on as the money came in. And the public not only gave their donations; many donated their time to help with the collecting. Public participation in doorknock collections, in particular, became a vital part of the appeal.

"There have been excellent refinements to the appeal structure over the years. The results speak for themselves. They are excellent," Commissioner Campbell said.

"We made the right decision."

He does, however, have one regret of recent changes.

"I'm not happy about some corps cancelling their Sunday morning worship service on doorknock day.

"That, I think, is a sad outcome. It wasn't our intention. I hope corps can give some more thought to that." □

ABOVE:

Commissioner Campbell with all his diaries which he diligently kept during his officer days.

SYMBOL OF SERVICE

Unlocking the Army's Archives

FROM ITS FIRST APPEARANCE IN WORLD WAR ONE, THROUGH TO ITS ADOPTION AS THE ICONIC SYMBOL OF THE ANNUAL DOORKNOCK APPEAL, THE SIMPLE SALVATION ARMY LOGO OF THE RED SHIELD HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME

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words MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

Utilisation of a symbol, such as a coat of arms, has been used for many centuries as an emblem denoting the character of an entity and generally refers to the cape, shield, crest and helmet, often used by knights.

Over years they have evolved into a symbol that provided an explanation of family history, certain professions or occupations as well as corporate and national identity. The Salvation Army has two main symbols that embody its mission; the Crest and the Red Shield.



The crest, as we know it, first appears on a letter from Bramwell Booth to Elijah Cadman on 26 March 1879, and the design by Captain William H. Ebdon was submitted as the official insignia.

The official description affirms the leading doctrines of The Salvation Army:

- The round figure, the sun, represents the light and fire of the Holy Spirit;
- The cross in the centre is the cross of Christ;
- The "S" stands for salvation;
- The crossed swords for the warfare of salvation;
- The shots for the truths of the gospel;
- The crown of glory which God will give to his faithful soldiers.

Due to legal reasons, for some years the use of the crest in the United States included the American eagle atop of the crown.

While the crest remains the main symbol of The Salvation Army, it is not as well known or understood as The Red Shield, which has become an international symbol of Salvation Army service and ministry.

However, the use of the

terminology predates The Salvation Army, with the Rothschilds, a German family of financiers, utilising the use of the words for their family insignia. The literal translation of their family name means "Red Shield" in German and signified Concordia, Integritas, Industria (Unity, Integrity, Industry).

The Salvation Army's use of a shield as a logo was common within the early Salvation Army, with the familiar use being that of a 45-millimetre silver brooch pierced with the words Salvation Army and engraved with the crest and crown (below left). Early Salvationists wore them as a dress or hat badge appendage.

The appearance of a Red Shield seems to have had its beginnings in The Salvation Army's ministry to men and women in the armed forces during World War One.

Pictured in an English *War Cry* in December 1915 was a photograph of an Army welfare hut bearing a shield with the words "The Salvation Army" emblazoned across it.

Within a couple of years, it was claimed that: "The Salvation Army Shield has become the best known and most prominent sign in the military training



camps [and] among the troops in France.”

ACCEPTED SYMBOL

Early Red Shield signs were often hand-crafted by serving personnel and some early logos were on a blue background. Over the period of the war they evolved until a *War Cry* report in July 1917 described them as “a large shield on enamelled sheet iron with a blood-red background”.

The design was officially recognised when *War Cry* artist, Joseph Hoy, was requested by “Colonel (later General) George Carpenter, then Literary Secretary to Bramwell Booth, after the end of the First World War to consolidate the image of the Army’s recreation huts, mobile canteens, etc., which had been serving the troops during the war years, and continued to do so in the military establishments in Britain.

But soon it became the accepted symbol for The Salvation Army’s widespread activities in the service of humanity”. (Correspondence from Joseph Hoy to Major D. Lorimer, 16 July 1988, held at Australian Southern Territory Archives & Museum.)

To celebrate the ministry of Red Shield personnel during World War One a New Zealand officer, Henry C. Goffin, wrote what was one of the great iconic brass band marches of The Salvation Army – *The Red Shield*. Published in 1928, it was to become a firm favourite of brass band recitals both within The Salvation Army and among secular brass bands, with the world famous Black Dyke Band recording it as the leading track on their album, *World Class Marches of The Salvation Army, Volume 1*.

With its redemptive theme on Jesus Christ as the Saviour, it featured heavily in Australian newspaper adverts in the 1930s as a feature of Salvation Army band programs.

FAMILIAR LOGO

It would appear that the Australian public had little knowledge or understanding of the Red Shield until the outbreak of World War Two, when Red Shield huts and marquees were to proliferate wherever service men and women gathered.

One of the earliest references is found in the Lismore, NSW, *Northern Star* of Saturday 14 October 1939.

The *Star* went on to report on a military camp being set up in Victoria.

“The interests of the men going to camp with the militia are being given every consideration by The Salvation Army,” said the report.

“A large marquee, writing tables, stationery, crockery, piano and materials for a platform, with lighting arrangements in the form of petrol lamps, in fact, a complete equipment for the well-known war work which will go on at the sign of the Red Shield ... is en route from Melbourne to a certain spot in Victoria, which is rapidly being transformed into a canvas town, the population of which will soon take possession.”

The Red Shield logo was to become one of the most familiar symbols of Salvation Army ministry to service men and women throughout World War Two and can still be seen at various military establishments throughout the world affixed to huts and vehicles used by Red Shield Defence Service personnel.

The popularity of the logo is now widely used by The Salvation Army to represent its financial appeals and as a well-recognised symbol on clothing, stationery and Salvation Army buildings. □

ABOVE: *Red Shield sign at a post in Papua New Guinea during World War Two.*



Officer Recruitment

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THE SALVATION ARMY'S SCHOOL FOR OFFICER TRAINING FACES MANY CHALLENGES IN THE RECRUITMENT AND PREPARATION OF PEOPLE FOR OFFICERSHIP, BUT ONE PRINCIPLE STANDS FIRM – THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF EACH CADET

...

words *ANNE HALLIDAY*

You could argue that Thursday is the most important day of the week at The Salvation Army's School For Officer Training in Sydney. On this day, cadets undertake no academic classes, they don't develop their practical ministry skills or get involved in the local community. Thursday is a day for prayer, worship and spiritual development – a day given over to *being* rather than *doing*.

For outgoing training college principal Colonel Janet Munn, there couldn't be a better way to equip officers for their missional call.

"Sometimes the attention to spiritual disciplines or carving out time for personal reflection or to think and listen to the Holy Spirit is wrongly criticised to be detached from mission," she says. "I don't agree with that perspective."

Preparing Salvation Army soldiers for officership has always been urgent business. And it seems never more so than now, in the face of a firmly established secular culture and an increasingly multicultural and multi-faith landscape. However, Colonel Munn is unfazed.

"I don't think cultural trends should result in loss of confidence in the gospel but a renewed attention to it," she says. "The pressure is to neglect

the *being* and be all about the *doing*. [But] as we encounter the living God, that will inevitably overflow into lives, mission, service and fruit-bearing. He is the source and the life. Apart from him, we can do nothing."

Which is why spiritual formation is an indispensable component of the two-year School For Officer Training (SFOT) residential program. It is an approach designed to develop officers who can not only survive the spiritual and cultural challenges of our age, but can lead ministries marked by spiritual and moral integrity.

"Our approach is to train officers who would have a deeper resolve to seek the face of God over a lifetime," says Colonel Munn, who will return to the United States next month to take up her new appointment as principal of the USA Eastern Territory's College for Officer Training.

"In all the different seasons of life and ministry – in popularity and unpopularity, whether there is unity or disunity – it's our goal that the people who are commissioned have learned holy habits and taken on as a central value to nurture their own spiritual life, listening for the voice of God, pursuing a clean heart and attending to their own internal self. >>>



ABOVE: Colonel Janet Munn, principal of The Salvation Army's School for Officer Training in Sydney.

"I think that foundation gives more strength and freedom to wrestle through some of the challenges of ministry and can prevent some real failure – morally and relationally."

The approach challenges one of the most culturally pervasive attitudes within Salvation Army tradition – that for the soldier and officer alike, their practical service is their highest calling.

"If you are a loyal Salvationist and love the Lord and you've got a teachable spirit and a genuine desire to serve, then we'll take you."

"One of the narratives in The Salvation Army," adds Parramatta Corps Officer Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown, author of *21 Questions for*

a 21st Century Army: Being the Salvos Now and who, until last year, was SFOT academic program officer, "is that it is our job is to help people in need. The missional question is then, 'how can I meet people's needs?' Our training needs to be encouraging officers, in any context, to be asking, 'How can I be Christ here?' – which isn't always the same question."

Investing in the spiritual formation of future officers resonates deeply with incoming training principal Lieutenant-Colonel Julie Campbell, who takes up her new appointment in June.

"I feel strongly that I can't lead well if I'm not in the right place with God," she says. "I come from a long line of 'doers' and I think in the past the Army has been about 'doing'."

"But God has really challenged me on that in the past few years. Unless we have that deep relationship with God we can't lead as he needs us to."

MANY CHALLENGES

The training of Salvation Army officers in Australia began shortly after its work was established in the early 1880s. But it wasn't until 1921 that the Australia Eastern Territory opened its own training college, originally based at Petersham in Sydney. Back then, the training was only 10 months long,



ABOVE: Booth College at Bexley has been the centre for Salvation Army cadets since 1980.

extended in 1965 to two years. The college moved to its current site at Bexley in 1980.

Captain Sandercock-Brown says one of the things that has changed very little over the years has been the criteria for officership.

"There has never been any academic qualification," he says. "Rather, if you are a loyal Salvationist and love the Lord and you've got a teachable spirit and a genuine desire to serve, then we'll take you."

But there are tensions, not least of which is the growth in the numbers of soldiers who are now undertaking theological, leadership and ministry studies but with no intention of training to be officers. Since the late 1990s, they have been able to undertake those studies at the Army's Booth College School for Christian Studies at Bexley, and The School for Leadership Training at Stanmore.

"Traditionally, Salvation Army ministry training has not been seen as a leadership school," says Captain Sandercock-Brown.

"You came because you wanted to serve, not because you wanted to lead. Many people would be leaders, but many would not. One of the tensions SFOT has felt is that there are many good young people who say, 'I want to lead, but I don't want to be an officer'. So, if we talk about SFOT as our premier leadership school and they won't

come here, we have a problem. It's probably the biggest question SFOT will wrestle with in the next few years."

Another challenge Colonel Munn sees is how to harness the gifts of cadets who think outside the square.

"I would like to see The Salvation Army have space for the unconventional, the innovative and the creative," she says. "That we wouldn't present officership as narrow and conformist; that the surrender required to become an officer would actually lead to innovation in terms of missional effectiveness.

"One of [former General] Linda Bond's mission priorities globally was to encourage innovation."

Captain Sandercock-Brown says he would like to see SFOT offer streamed training, creating the possibility for cadets to specialise in an area of gifting or skills, whether that be leadership, social work or chaplaincy. But mostly, he would like to see SFOT to be producing officers whom people want to imitate spiritually.

"The SFOT is about laying the foundation," he adds. "The great strength of a residential program – of people living in community – is to learn to know yourself and help you grow in terms of your character and to hold you accountable before God in terms of your spiritual growth." □

Cadets begin BRISBANE VENTURE

A NEW WAY OF TRAINING SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS IS UNDERWAY IN BRISBANE WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A NON-RESIDENTIAL MODEL BEING OVERSEEN BY LIEUT-COLONEL SANDRA GODKIN

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words **SIMONE WORTHING**

photo **KATHY HUGHES**

Cadets-in-Appointment, a pilot non-residential Salvation Army officer training program for cadets in Brisbane, commenced at the end of January with six participants.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sandra Godkin is the cadet training coordinator for the new program. She will also act as a mentor to the cadets.

"The non-residential training for cadets in Brisbane is based on the premise of full-time ministry and part-time study," says Lieut-Colonel Godkin. "It is a three-year program which differs from residential training which is full-time study and part-time ministry over two years.

"The training is in line with the School for Officer Training [SFOT] in Sydney and all our cadets went through the same application process. They will meet the same criteria for commissioning for officership as those trained in the residential program."

The sessional name of the cadets is *Messengers of the Gospel* – the same as those cadets who will begin the residential program next year. They will all be commissioned together at the end of 2017.

Four of the six participants – Scott and Natalie Frame, Leanne Hardaker and Karen Sagala – are known as cadets-in-appointment. Richard Hardaker is a territorial envoy reapplying for officership, upskilling as necessary and meeting

with the group throughout the program, while Alona Sagala has been accepted as an envoy and is undertaking elements of the training including spiritual formation and field training. All those going through the new program already have appointments in the Army's South Queensland Division.

GREATER FLEXIBILITY

The non-residential training program is the result of a partnership between SFOT, the South Queensland Division and the individuals. After a year of conversations and much brainstorming and problem solving, the current template has been developed.

According to Colonel Janet Munn, principal of the School for Officer Training, there is rationale for the pilot:

- The South Queensland Division is an excellent expression of The Salvation Army with several individuals of high capacity already serving in various full-time ministry capacities;
- The division has outstanding human resources in terms of employees and officers who could support and invest in the training of these individuals;
- The Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane, where the cadets will undertake regular study,



ABOVE: Five of the six participants in The Salvation Army's new non-residential program – Scott and Natalie Frame, Leanne Hardaker, Karen and Alona Sagala.

is strongly aligned with the Army theologically and was recognised as an obviously compatible institution of higher learning;

- The time has come for greater flexibility in the training of officers. There has been a recognition that, for some people, the traditional residential model would either be inaccessible or a less desirable means of training than this new non-residential model.

There are three main elements to the program – spiritual formation, field training, and academic studies.

"Everyone is at different levels with their academic study," says Lieut-Colonel Godkin. "In consultation with the School for Officer Training, we are offering some subjects through the Booth College distance education program, some through the Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane and a few selected courses will require the Cadets-in-Appointment to participate in Winter School at Booth College, Bexley."

The cadets will also meet at the Nazarene Theological College for their monthly spiritual formation and field training classes, as well as their spiritual formation group which Lieut-Colonel Godkin leads.

"I do some of the teaching and we also have guest lecturers from Booth College in Sydney

come up occasionally to teach, including Colonel Janet Munn, Major Alywn Robinson and Captain Laithe Greenaway," says Lieut-Colonel Godkin.

"We also use our local Brisbane resources. Major Jo-Anne Brown, Calamvale Corps Officer, will teach on spiritual formation and retreats, and Sheldon and Louise Mathieson, divisional creative ministry and worship facilitators, on creativity and worship."

Field training is also taught, although on a modified level as the cadets are already in full-time ministry.

Colonel Munn says the new training model will immediately connect non-officers in full-time Salvation Army ministry with each other and to The Salvation Army beyond their local community.

"This will increase their sense of support, belonging and value and help mitigate feelings of isolation and loneliness," said says. "The on-the-job training will also improve their skills and understanding of Salvation Army mission and ministry."

Lieut-Colonel Godkin adds: "The program is still very new but we're getting positive feedback and feel we're making progress. At the end of this pilot program we will have five new officers and a new envoy we wouldn't have had otherwise. And people are already talking about applying for next year!" □

God prepares a PATH FOR SERVICE

NATALIE FRAME, ONE OF THE SIX PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEW BRISBANE SCHOOL FOR OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM, SHARES HER TESTIMONY ABOUT HOW GOD HAS LED HER TO BE PART OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S *MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL* SESSION OF CADETS

I was born into a Christian family and into The Salvation Army – a fourth-generation Salvo. I can never recall a time that I did not know God's love deeply.

My earliest memories are of knowing Jesus as my friend and that I was his child. But more than that, I recall always having a strong sense of purpose. I knew that my purpose in life was to serve God and to tell others about him.

I have very vivid memories of wearing my junior soldier badge to school and hoping people would ask me about it so that I could tell them that I was a junior soldier and what that meant to me.

My life has always belonged to the Lord and I've always wanted everyone else to know about it.

In the years of figuring out what my life would look like, I recall many people at various events expressing the intense fear that God would call them to become a Salvation Army officer. I don't recall ever feeling that tension. I guess that's because I had a strong sense that ministry was everywhere, every day. I never felt like I would need to step out of life and into ministry.

After completing school I went to university and got a commerce degree, which led to a job at a big accounting firm. On my first day at uni and on my first day at work – even at the interview for the accounting job that I ended up with – I made it known who I was and what I believed.

"I knew that my path had become clear and my prayer was just make it happen Lord, because I can't see how it will."

I ended up working in that accounting firm for 12 years. Each day, my prayer was: "Give me a conversation opportunity for you, Lord, and help me to make this about serving you."

I wasn't aspirational in the job, although I kept getting promoted. I kept saying I wasn't cut out for a full-blown career and yet they kept disagreeing.

For about the first six years the opportunities to share Christ were great. I would come home often having had the opportunity to chat to friends about my prayer life, to let them know I was praying for them, and just to keep trying to speak Christ into their lives.

By this time I had married Scott and we were establishing our church at Inner City West (Toowong, Brisbane). So I was linked into a full-time ministry context. However, I remained



LEFT: Natalie Frame says full-time ministry is her calling from God. **BELOW:** Natalie and her husband Scott are part of the Messengers of the Gospel session of cadets. Photos: Kathy Hughes



convinced that my ministry was in the world.

I did not have pastoral gifts. I was a bit of an introvert. I did not have teaching or preaching gifts. I didn't mind public speaking but I didn't love it. My passion was for the lost and one-on-one evangelism was my thing.

As time progressed, the job started to get progressively stressful, and it began to pull my focus. It began to cloud my purpose. By this time I was a senior manager with a decent-sized team and I was trying to fit my work into part-time hours as God had added children to our family.

Work and family life was intense, but I still felt convinced that my mission was in the world and not in full-time ministry.

PATH REVEALED

In 2010, Scott and I were invited to a "Delve" weekend to explore officership. There was a response time at the end of the weekend and, while I was kneeling, I felt God having a conversation with me about all the things in my life – work, family, ministry. Officership was on my mind but I had doubts.

So from that weekend I handed it all over to the God. I knew that my path had become clear and my prayer was just make it happen Lord, because I can't see how it will.

It took 2.5 years for that path to be revealed.

I was challenged in so many areas in my job that allowed me to leave feeling confident in people skills, public speaking skills – all the things that I thought I didn't have to cut it as a ministry worker. We all know God doesn't look at skills anyway, he looks at the heart.

So as things transpired, Scott and I were asked in January 2012 to step into full-time service at Bayside (Salvation Army Bayside Community Church). Wow, God! Full-time ministry together in The Salvation Army and still in Brisbane close to family and support networks while our kids are young. Wow! We couldn't have orchestrated that any better!

Every day in full-time ministry is a joy. By no means easy, not at all, but a joy and a privilege nevertheless. The tension of work/family/ministry is gone and I no longer feel like a square peg in a round hole plugging away at a career I'm okay at but doesn't really allow me to have time to be used to grow the Kingdom.

I'm grateful for the opportunity that has arisen to engage in training in Brisbane that will stretch me and help me become a more effective minister of the gospel.

Glory goes to God for his faithfulness in my life and his faithfulness to my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who served him faithfully and who have prayed for me all of their life! ☐

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Time for a change

SALVATION ARMY ENCOURAGING A NEW APPROACH TO RECONCILIATION

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words *ESTHER PINN*

The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week (27 May–3 June), "It's time to change it up", is encouraging Australians to adopt a fresh approach when celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in their community.

Reconciliation Week marks the success of the 1967 referendum and the 1992 Mabo decision, which paved the way for equal rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

"It is a challenge to take some fresh action in your workplaces, in your families, in your ministry, in your youth groups or as an individual and to bring about an awareness of these national events in your areas of influence," says Shirli Congoo, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Indigenous Ministry Coordinator.

"It is about sharing culture, connecting with your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and stopping racism."

The Army's Brisbane Streetlevel Mission started its Reconciliation Week celebrations early with a moving flag ceremony on 9 April. Raelene Baker, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator for the South Queensland Division, handed over a full set of both Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander flags to Major Bryce Davies, Streetlevel team leader, and Dusty Muller, an Aboriginal Wiradjurri Elder and an adherent at Streetlevel.

"This powerful ceremony symbolised our commitment to hear indigenous stories, build bridges and make sure everyone feels welcome and respected at Streetlevel Salvos," Major Davies said.

Brisbane Streetlevel's Aboriginal Cultural Practice Group will also be cooking a kangaroo stew to share on National Sorry Day on 26 May. For the second time, The Salvation Army in Townsville will hold a reconciliation concert, called My Brother's Keeper, to raise funds for its indigenous men's support group. Across Queensland, corps at Logan, Ipswich and Bayside (Alexander Hills and Wynnum), Chermside, Bundamba, Goodna, Fairhaven, Moonyah and Pindari will hold reconciliation chapel services.

If corps and centres are looking for Reconciliation Week activities, Shirli has a few suggestions. They include screening an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander film; running an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander awareness and information booth at a local Reconciliation Week community event; or hosting a reconciliation lunch



ABOVE: Raelene Baker with Major Bryce Davies and Thomas, a Streetlevel member, at the flag hand-over.

and learn circle ("Shared Stories – Telling it the Proper Way").

Email Shirli Congoo at shirli.congoo@aue.salvationarmy.org or phone 0400 713 819 for more information, ideas and assistance with Reconciliation Week events. For further Reconciliation Week resources, go to www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw

ACTION PLAN

The Salvation Army will launch its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) on 3 August this year. The RAP's purpose is to outline the Army's vision for practical reconciliation within the Australia Eastern Territory.

It will provide a framework for corps, programs and ministries throughout the territory to help build closer relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, focusing on three key areas – respect, relationships and opportunities.

"It will assist us to build or strengthen relationships and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and The Salvation Army, and how we can create and drive equality through improved opportunities," Shirli said.

The RAP will also provide practical activities for corps and ministries. Each division within the territory will nominate a RAP Champion to be on the ground to help action the plan.

Adrian Kistan, who has been overseeing the development of the RAP, said it's important for the whole territory to engage with the plan.

"One of the outcomes is that the whole of the organisation owns this plan – a plan that points us in the same direction," he said. "This gives us an overall plan of how we engage effectively and how we embrace one another." □



SETTING CAPTIVES *free*



SALVATION ARMY FOUNDER WILLIAM BOOTH HAD A PASSION FOR THE SOULS OF PRISONERS, SO HE WOULD BE PROUD OF ANDY STEELE, THE BRISBANE STREETLEVEL COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO HEADS UP A THRIVING PRISON MINISTRY IN QUEENSLAND

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words **SIMONE WORTHING**

Andy Steele had been helping feed the homeless for years, but felt that somehow it just wasn't enough. "I was searching for something of significance in my life and wanted to do something that gave people a hand up, not a hand-out," he says.

"[The Salvation Army's] Brisbane Streetlevel Mission was identified as a place to go, through a business coach of mine, and as soon as I walked through the door I knew this was where I wanted to be."

That was in March 2013, and since then Andy has become a Salvation Army adherent and volunteered as a day supervisor at Streetlevel. As an ultra-marathon runner, he also assists Streetlevel community members with health and fitness issues.

His major focus, though, is a growing prison ministry.

"In November 2013, I was visiting a [Streetlevel] community member in Brisbane and Woodford correctional centres and God directed me to realise how vitally important it is for our Christian community to stay connected with people in prison and to assist them with their journey when they are released," Andy explains.

"The Streetlevel community is a vital link with exiting prisoners who need to have a positive community to join, as this will ensure they are safe and lessen the risk of them reoffending."

And so a specific volunteer ministry began.

Other Streetlevel community members, including soldier Denise Smart and adherent David Bromely, have joined the prison ministry team. Streetlevel mission leader, Major Bryce Davies, and outreach worker, Paul Maunder, join the team on

occasions as well. Visits can include up to three people at a time and other Streetlevel community members are encouraged to support the ministry.

VARIED SUPPORT

The team visit four prisons – Woodford, Arthur Gorrie, Wolston Park and Brisbane Women's correctional centres.

The team averages about one visit per week, mostly to Streetlevel community members who have been detained in prison. They also visit people referred to them by other Streetlevel members.

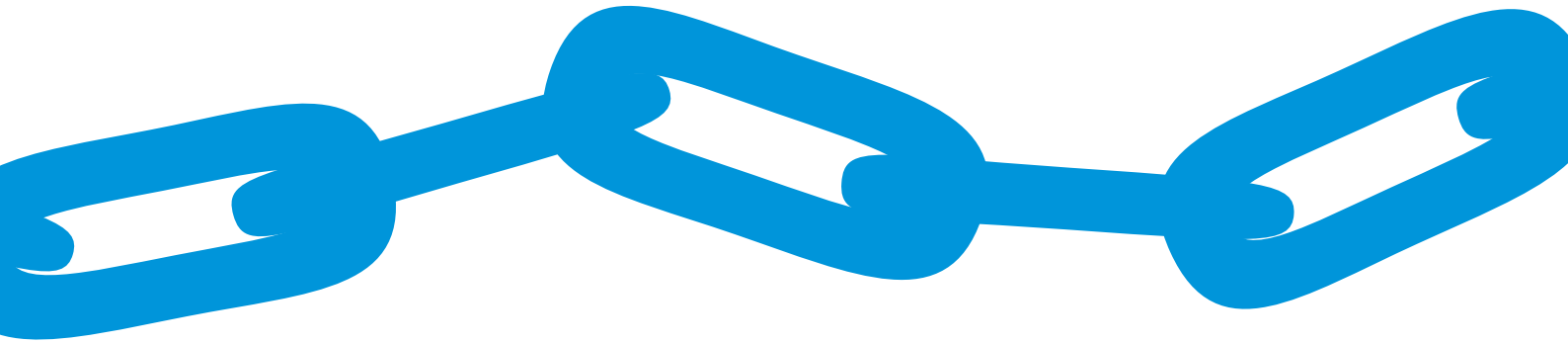
If Andy is asked to visit someone, he always writes to them first to see if they are happy to receive him.

In addition to their weekly visits, Andy and the team communicate with prisoners' families, including going with them on their first visit to their incarcerated family member. The team also assists prisoners with finding suitable accommodation when they are due for release, and liaise with transitional coordinators on behalf of prisoners. They also support prisoners, upon release, by accompanying them on visits to their parole officer and to Centrelink; meet exiting prisoners, take them to their accommodation and stay connected with them; provide letters of support and attend court; and arrange for places in rehabilitation and detox programs.

The team also provides "welcome home" packs for exiting prisoners which include a phone card, transport card, toiletries and other essentials.

"We have even met with the [Queensland] attorney general and a local MP to discuss the lack of suitable accommodation for released prisoners, as well as prisoner needs," says Andy.

The team encourages those who aren't



TOP: *Andy Steele (left) with fellow Streetlevel prison ministry team members Denise Smart and Major Bryce Davies.*

BOTTOM: *The Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre is one of four prisons the Streetlevel team visits.*

comfortable with visiting people at these centres, to pray for prisoners and send them cards and letters.

"This connection means a lot to people inside, when they know people have thought about them long enough to write a letter and actually post it," says Andy. "Most people receive replies to their letters and it's a good connection, for both those on the inside and outside."

REBUILDING LIVES

Upon release, Andy and the team encourage prisoners to either connect or reconnect with Streetlevel to get the support they need, as well as assistance with housing, health and other issues.

"This ministry has given me a reason to get up in the morning," says Andy. "It's been a learning curve for me but my heart is in it and I am really happy with what I'm doing and the team God has given me."

Seeing people rebuild their lives after prison is a highlight for Andy. "One person we helped transition from prison after 20 years has now returned to God, reconnected with family and friends and is rebuilding his life," he says.

"Another lady has also transitioned, is working on her addiction issues and has re-established relationships with friends and family. A couple of others, inspired by the work we are doing, are going on to do further studies in community services so they can help take this to a higher level."

Andy, a consultant quantity surveyor, was recently offered an excellent job opportunity overseas, but turned it down.

"I just love what I'm doing now and feel this is really where God wants me for now," he says. □



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Bound for new horizons

A SALVATION ARMY OFFICER COUPLE WILL FLY OUT FOR THE BOUNDLESS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN LATE JUNE, BUT THAT WILL ONLY BE THE BEGINNING OF THE ADVENTURE



LEFT: Majors Jeff and Sue Winterburn will find it hard to leave behind family, including youngest daughter Tianna, but are trusting them into the hands of God. Photo: Shairon Paterson

For Majors Jeff and Sue Winterburn, the Boundless International Congress in London will be an extraordinary introduction to new officer appointments.

Almost immediately after the congress in early July, the Australia Eastern Territory officers will travel just 250km – or three hours by road – to their new home in Cardiff, Wales.

Jeff is currently Secretary and Second in Charge of the Australia Eastern Territory Newcastle and Central NSW Division, and Sue is the Divisional Mission and Resources Director (Corps).

In their new appointments, Jeff will be Divisional Evangelism Director for Mid-South Wales and Sue will be Officer in Charge at Canton (Cardiff) Corps.

But even before London and Wales, the Winterburns will embark on a “trip of a lifetime”. They will leave Sydney in early June to “walk the steps of the Apostle Paul”, taking in large areas of his three missionary journeys almost 2000 years ago.

“This will be an extraordinary opportunity to experience where St Paul spent a large part of his missionary service; to see the places where the churches were to whom he wrote,” Jeff said.

“For Sue and I, the Bible will come alive as we walk where St Paul walked.”

The Winterburns had decided to attend Boundless before their new appointments were announced.

“We chose Boundless because we wanted to

be part of the worldwide Army and to meet like-minded people from other countries,” Jeff said.

“Of course, we want to experience God’s Holy Spirit in our lives. And, hey, 150 years is a fantastic achievement for the Army. Why wouldn’t we want to be a part of that celebration.”

Boundless will be the first international congress for both Jeff and Sue.

They are most looking forward to experiencing the presence of God in such a celebration and renewing their passion for The Salvation Army.

“These events have enormous value in that they open your eyes to see what others in the worldwide Army are doing in their country, to hear about the struggles and to value what we have in our (Australia Eastern) territory,” Jeff said. “Then, on 9 July, Sue and I will start our new appointments in Wales, refreshed, renewed and encouraged.

“We feel very privileged to be able to attend Boundless. We look forward to it with enthusiasm for what it will do for The Salvation Army, as a whole, and for us, in particular.

“Boundless is very meaningful for Sue and I. So, when you take in the Steps of St Paul tour, Boundless and new appointments in Wales, Sue and I are facing one of the most privileged and meaningful stages of our life together.

“And, for Sue, especially being the corps officer at Canton Corps, has extra special meaning because we have discovered that her grandmother attended that corps for 30 years. That is special for Sue.” □

The fire within

FIRE HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE THROUGHOUT HISTORY, BUT NONE MORE SO THAN THE 'FIRE OF GOD' WHICH IS BREATHED INTO EVERY PERSON WHO ACCEPTS THE OFFER OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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words MAJOR PETER FARTHING

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.

It was a world lit only by fire. At night, homes relied on the yellow flame of oil lamps. People baked bread with fire, hardened pottery with fire, melted metals to make tools, using fire. In today's world, some of us go weeks without seeing much fire; ancients saw it every day.

And it was that familiar flame that God assigned to symbolise his presence. In the minds of ordinary people, fire represented power and mystery, so it well symbolised God.

There is hardly a more startling sentence in the Bible than, "God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29).

At many significant moments in the biblical story, God appeared with fire. "In flames of fire from within a bush", God appeared to Moses (Exodus 3:2). On Mount Sinai, "the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain" (Exodus 24:17). On Mount Carmel, Elijah

prayed, and, "the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice" (1 Kings 18:38).

Then down by the Jordan River, John the Baptist shouted the news that Messiah was near, and he will "baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The Messiah came. He lived his life of love, gave his life and was raised again. Before he ascended to Heaven, he commanded his disciples: "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptised with water, but in just a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5, *NLT*).

GOD'S OWN BREATH

Jesus was crucified just before the Jewish Passover Festival. Every year, 50 days after that celebration, the Jews held another festival called Pentecost, or "Fiftieth", to mark the time when their ancestors arrived at Mount Sinai and received the commandments. Thousands of Jews living overseas made pilgrimage to the holy city for the great day.

Early on the morning of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus began to assemble in an upstairs room, of one large house. Eventually 120 of them filled the room and, we may assume, they began to celebrate like good Jews. Then suddenly a roaring wind swept through the place.

Not for much longer would God's story chiefly focus on Israel: now that Jesus had done his work, the salvation of God would go out to all the earth. And it would be God's Holy Spirit, the holy fire, who would power the way.

"What looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:3,4 NLT).

Flames of red and yellow flickered and danced on the heads of young people and old. "Every one of them was filled to the gills with God's own breath," says Barbara Brown-Taylor, the American preacher

No doubt some fell to their knees, others raised their hands. Praying broke out around the room, singing started, whispers grew into shouts of praise.

And the noise attracted a crowd of pilgrims. The believers began to talk to the overseas visitors in their own languages.

Luke took care to tell us their origins. They came from the north, and places like Cappadocia or Turkey, from the south in Arabia, from the west as far away as Libya, and from the east, with Elamites from what is now Iran.

So they represented the four corners of the globe, and all people on earth. And God was sending his good news message to them all in languages they could understand.

SALVATION FOR ALL

Not for much longer would God's story chiefly focus on Israel: now that Jesus had done his work, the salvation of God would go out to all the earth. And it would be

God's Holy Spirit, the holy fire, who would power the way.

In that upstairs room God breathed his Spirit, not just on special people like Peter, but on the teenager sitting near the door, on the new convert in old rags, on everyone.

Soon, Peter stood up to explain what was going on. "What you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel," he said. Through Joel, God promised, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people."

And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below – blood and fire and clouds of smoke (Acts 2:16,17,19 NLT).

Author AW Tozer wrote: "The fire which came on the disciples in that upper room was nothing less than God himself ... The God who had appeared to them as fire throughout their long history was now dwelling in them as fire. He had moved from outside to the interior of their lives ... They were now men and women of the 'Fire'."

Ever since that day of Pentecost, God has been giving his Holy Spirit to every person who trusts Jesus Christ for salvation. Every one of them!

AW Tozer wrote: "This is Christianity ... God, who moved out of the heart of man because of sin, now enters again his ancient dwelling."

This is the Christian life – life with the fire within. □

WHAT WOULD JESUS VIEW?

with Pipeline culture writer
MARK HADLEY

NETFLIX

The rise and fall and rise of TV

PIPELINE CULTURE WRITER MARK HADLEY LOOKS AT THE CHANGING FACE OF TELEVISION IN AUSTRALIA

Television in Australia has changed forever. The arrival of streaming video has introduced a seismic shift as significant as black and white pictures to colour. The question is, are we prepared for the aftershocks to viewing behaviour this new technology will usher in?

You only have to be in your 40s to realise that Australia has gone through changes like this before. Screens changed from grainy black and white to lurid colour in 1975, and though it was internationally one of the quickest changeovers in television history, the wonder itself didn't last. The same might be said of the shift from analogue to digital signals in 2001, or the switch from 4:3 to widescreen, 16:9 in 2003. The technologies are initially amazing, but so is how quickly they become commonplace. Australians are very good at wondering how we could ever have lived without such transformations.

I'm not the first critic to consider this brave new day for broadcasting. News services and print publications are currently weighed down with praise for services like Netflix, Stan and Presto that provide instant access to every episode of everything interesting on TV, all at once.

Sydney radio personality Richard Glover wonders how we ever put up with watching our much-loved programs on Free to Air TV: "It was like falling in love with someone who'd only agree to see you at 9pm on Thursdays.

And when Thursday at 9pm rolled around, your new friend was nearly always 15 minutes late. Then – to complete the analogy – she would leap up, eight minutes into the date, in order to brief you on the latest supermarket specials ..."

Phrases like "golden age" and "the future of television" have been bandied about to describe the new state of affairs. But few pundits are looking to the horizon – this is not just a technological revolution this time, but also a social one. The wonders of Netflix & co. will also fade into the background, but the implications for how we watch will be with us for a lot longer.

Make no mistake, what we are looking at is the triumph of greed over greed.

RIVER RUNS DRY

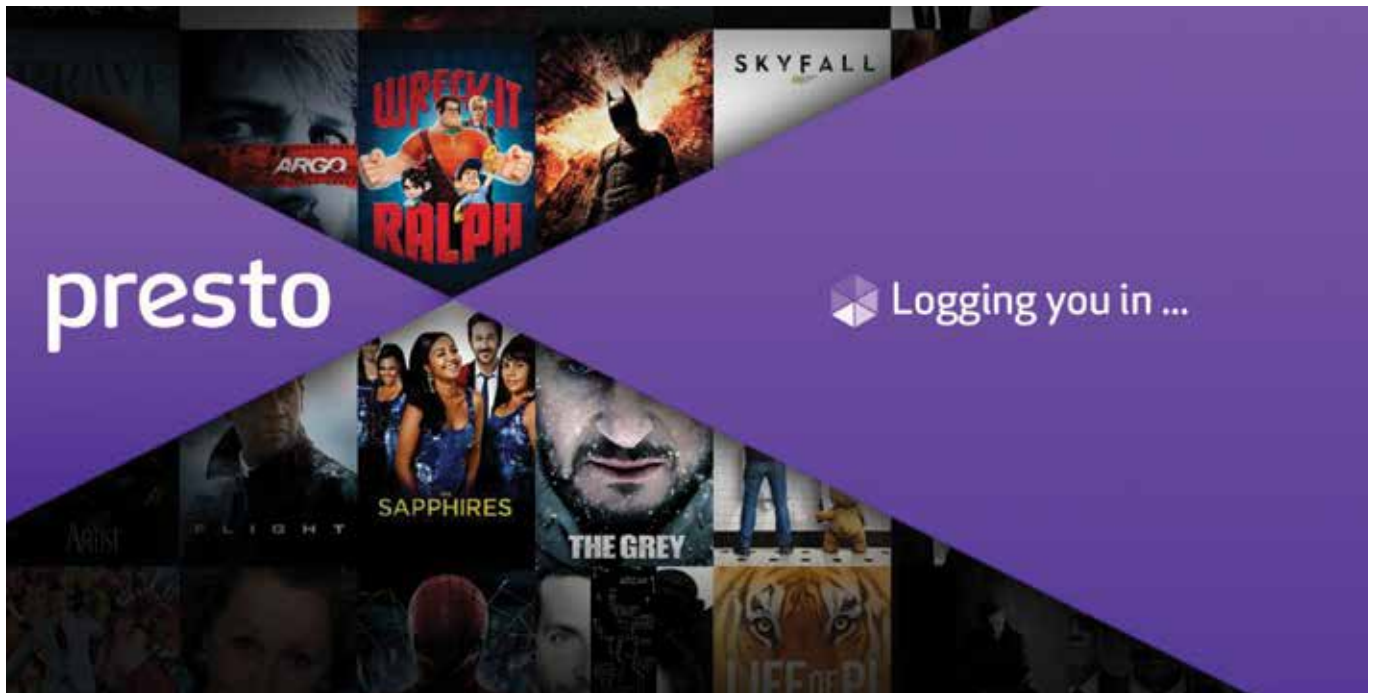
During the late 20th century, newspaper journalists used the term "rivers of gold" to describe the classified ads that used to pour millions of dollars into the coffers of their publications each year. The arrival of the Internet has so undercut that income that most publications have since had to adopt drastic austerity measures, and many more have closed altogether.

Australia's commercial networks had their own "rivers of gold" to rely on: the ad breaks in between programs. Greed led to the creation of three, five and seven-minute commercial blocks as Seven, Nine and Ten mined the audience for all they were worth.

The ability to create an artificial scarcity by holding back on the world's best programming and delivering it when it proved most valuable to the network further inflated their profits. But those golden rivers are now running dry.

The arrival of the digital video recorder, the expansion of the discount DVD market, and the advent of Internet video have all drained the broadcaster's ability to earn.

Audiences no longer had to suffer the supermarket



specials. But even as the audience was walking out the door, networks continued to cram even more ads in as though their tired relationship still made sense.

The Nine Network promised new heights of Australian drama with the release of its commemorative series *Gallipoli*, only to cripple its broadcast with insufferable amounts of advertising.

Benchmark television, certainly, and 1.1 million Australians tuned in for the first episode, but only a fraction were left by its second hour and a meagre 580,000 tuned in for the second episode.

Netflix, Stan and Presto are the new paramours offering just the shows without the tease. The dramatic upsurge in Australian Internet traffic from the very day Netflix arrived – as much as 50 per cent in the first weekend, and growing – shows we're ready to begin a new love affair.

But, as I said, this is a triumph of greed over greed.

BINGE CULTURE

The way that Australians have responded to the ability to buy box sets of TV series, and now devour entire seasons in one sitting via streaming video services, has required the creation of a new descriptor: binge viewing. We eat through our television menus so fast now that there is little time to digest anything we see.

Waiting a week to view the next episode might have been artificial but it had the side-benefit of giving us time to think through, discuss and even challenge what it was we were seeing.

The lessons at the end of story arcs could be savoured; now they are skipped as we move back to the menu to

select the next chapter. If you've signed up for Netflix you don't even have to bother.

The next episode will play automatically in 15 seconds ...

I'm in the front rank of people celebrating the death of the abusive relationship sustained for so many years by Free to Air television. But I reserve my greatest concerns for the increasing number of "on demand" Australians. I'm worried for the viewer who can finally have everything they want, when they want it, without interruption, particularly if they call themselves Christian. This is a good time to remember the Bible's lesson on gluttony.

Traditionally, we've associated the sin of gluttony with overfilling the stomach. However, the apostle Paul warned believers that any desire we allowed to rule over us, however thrilling, threatens to sow a seed that will blossom in destruction – even amongst the seemingly saved: "For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things" (Philippians 3:18-19).

Sign up for video on demand; it's not a bad thing. You can certainly use it to program around much of the sinful rubbish broadcasters serve. But watch your remote, and watch yourself. When the ability to view becomes the compulsion to devour then desire has given birth to gluttony, and a new god that subtly threatens your sense of where you belong.

However, our citizenship is in Heaven, not in the lounge room, and we eagerly await our Saviour Jesus Christ, not the fourth season of *House of Cards*.

The Man the Anzacs Revered

A Salvation Army officer, William McKenzie ministered in some of Australia's toughest mining and industrial towns around the beginning of the 20th century.

With the outbreak of World War One, he volunteered to serve. Despite his evangelistic zeal and preaching against the vices enjoyed by many of the soldiers, he became well-known and loved by the men of the Australian Imperial Force, during their training camps in Egypt, on Gallipoli and then on the battlefields of France, as well as by many of the soldiers' families back in Australia.

A new book by Daniel Reynaud goes much deeper into this remarkable story, the larger-than-life personality and the active faith of the most famous Anzac chaplain.

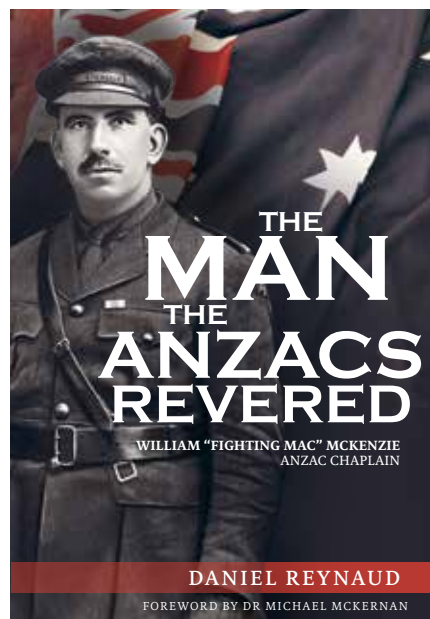
The Man the Anzacs Revered

is both a work of careful historical research and a good story, written with respect for its subject and an understanding of the faith that drove him. Reynaud has been researching different aspects of the Anzac stories for many years, with a growing interest in the role of faith among those Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

The Man the Anzacs Revered is an important contribution to the discussions of what the Anzac mythology means, questioning some of the assumptions and offering another important story to our understanding of what it can mean to serve others and to serve God in even the most difficult of circumstances.

– Nathan Brown

The Man the Anzacs Revered is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au) for \$24.99.



Spiritual Formation: A History of Mysticism

Spiritual Formation: A History of Mysticism, by Salvation Army officer Major Dr Donald Gates and Dr Peter Steane, portrays a spiritual pilgrimage. It is a journey we take in our faith lives.

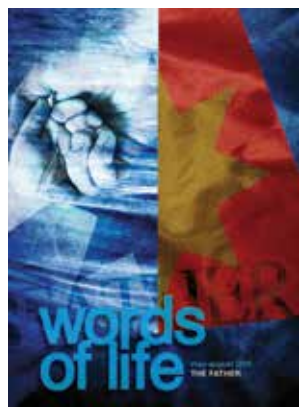
Mystical experiences from the Old and New testaments are described, as are the revelations of early church leaders, from Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, to later European mystics and saints such as John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila.

The 18th-century Enlightenment saw mystics such as John and Charles Wesley,

emphasise a "social holiness" evidenced in social action. This emphasis on practical holiness continued with William and Catherine Booth's founding of The Salvation Army.

This book provides a framework for ministry, social justice action, and policy with practical disciplines for the spiritual journey.

Spiritual Formation: A History of Mysticism can be purchased online at religioninsociety.cgpublisher.com for \$30 (print) or \$10 (electronic copy).



Words of Life

Focusing this year on the Trinity, the May-August 2015 edition of *Words of Life* centres on "The Father".

It explores the powerful Old Testament books of Joshua and Samuel, observes Ezra's discerning leadership, and seeks insight from the sufferings of Job.

In the New Testament, it looks at Matthew, the opening chapters of John's Gospel, and the Acts of the Apostles.

Guest writer Commissioner Lalkiamlova leads the reader into Pentecost.

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Aussie officers share knowledge with Latvians

LATVIA, A TINY COUNTRY IN the Baltic region of Northern Europe, was the destination for Australia Eastern Territory Salvation Army officers Majors David Pullen and Phillip and Nancy McLaren, who recently spent nine days with officers and soldiers there teaching on Recovery Services and Planned Giving.

Latvia, part of the Sweden and Latvia Territory, is one of the Australia Eastern Territory's partners in mission.

The majors spoke at a three-day conference at The Salvation Army centre in Skangali, just outside the capital Riga, before visiting five of the six Latvian corps. Their workshops and teaching sessions were translated into Latvian and Russian.

"There is a critical need for recovery treatment in Latvia; alcohol and other chemical addiction is tearing at the very fabric of this society," said Major Pullen, Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Recovery.

"The Salvation Army has no treatment services in Latvia; only one of the corps has what we would call supported accommodation for addicts.

"The officers and soldiers are passionate about getting some treatment options in place and working with the last, the lost and the least. One officer talked about transforming people, making them 'able' – able to make choices, get a job and do many of the things that addiction has prevented them from doing.

"There is a hunger to find out about the transformation of lives and one of the things that really resonated with them was our corps-based recovery mantra – 'We're all broken, we all need transformation'."

At the end of the week, Major Pullen left the Latvian officers and soldiers with printed resources, including program material on The Salvation Army Bridge Program, in Latvian and Russian.

"This will continue to assist them in developing a culturally-based strategy and program for the many people they minister to," he said. "We



LEFT: *The Salvation Army centre in Skangali where the conference was held.*



BELOW LEFT: *Major Phil McLaren (front right) prepares to speak at the conference.*

will also assist them develop a 'Pathway to Recovery' strategy they may be able to present to their government.

"This trip to Latvia left a burning in my spirit. They have so little materially but their love for their people, and their generosity, is incredible."

HUNGRY TO LEARN

Major Phillip McLaren taught on Planned Giving, focusing on the biblical principles of giving and how to implement those in a corps.

Major Nancy McLaren gave devotions, speaking on Jesus' feeding of the 5000 and the principle of giving from what you have.

"Those at the conference were very responsive, as were the corps officers we visited," said Major Phillip. "The country is very poor and the Army there is very young with many new converts and young officers, but the

people are generous, intelligent, want to learn and are committed to The Salvation Army and working within their communities.

"We will continue to work with the officers on a package for Planned Giving, which will be similar to that of Self Denial in our territory.

"We will resource, encourage and help them put material together and also serve as accountability partners."

Majors McLaren will also assist each corps in planning a Generous Life/Planned Giving program by the end of 2015.

"It was a privilege to serve the Latvia Region and we took away much more than we received through hearing and seeing the dedication and commitment of the officers and staff who live and work in some very challenging and difficult situations," said Major Phillip.

- Simone Worthing

Salvos celebrate 12 years of airport chaplaincy

THE SALVATION ARMY AND SYDNEY Airport have marked their 12-year chaplaincy partnership at a celebration afternoon tea.

The partnership began in October 2002, in response to the terrorist bombings in Bali. Salvation Army chaplains were available at the airport during that time. Since then, the Army has had a team of chaplains based at the airport, offering practical and spiritual advice where needed.

“It’s a partnership we are so proud of and hope to see it well into the future,” said Sally Fielke, General Manager of Corporate Affairs for Sydney Airport.

The afternoon tea was also an opportunity to install the new Sydney Airport Chaplain and Co-ordinator, Major Keith Hampton. He leads a team of five retired officers who voluntarily give their time to chaplaincy work. They are Major Ken Middleton, Major Chris Witts, Major Ray Allen, Major George Lingard and Commissioner Verna Skinner.

The team is often called upon to offer directions to lost travellers and comfort



ABOVE: *The Sydney Airport chaplaincy team includes (from left) Major Ken Middleton, Major Chris Witts, Major Keith Hampton, Major Ray Allen and Major George Lingard.*

people in times of emergency or tragedy.

“We do get called by the Australia Federal Police when someone dies on a flight or is taken seriously ill and their family are at the terminal waiting for their loved one,” said Major Hampton. “Our

chaplains at this time sit with the family, sometimes for hours, and assist them to various places around the city, especially overseas guests when the unexpected occurs.”

– Esther Pinn

Brisbane Chapter of historical society on display

THE SALVATION ARMY HISTORICAL Society, Brisbane Chapter, under the guidance of its president, Garth Hentzschel, has been helping to keep history alive.

The chapter recently organised and presented a display of artefacts and uniforms of historical significance to SAGALA at the Territorial Camp Kiah. Badges, trophies, certificates, handbooks and flags were all available for viewing, and Belinda Youssef developed an Instagram of characters who time-travelled to take “selfies” with different SAGALA groups throughout history.

Members of the Brisbane Chapter – Garth and Rachel Hentzschel, Majors Kevin and Glenda Hentzschel, and Laura Macleod – distributed flyers, an activity sheet and explained artefacts on display to the SAGALA members. The young people and their leaders were fascinated by the display and revisited the presentation a number of times throughout the morning. A number of “old” guards had photographs taken next to uniforms of their era and related their own SAGALA experiences and



LEFT: *A part of the SAGALA display which was organised by the Brisbane branch of The Salvation Army Historical Society.*

memories to the young people.

In a separate event, members of a number of corps and churches met at Carindale Corps for the Brisbane Chapter’s annual Passover meal. The event was again presented by Lyndal Maggs and each stage of the meal was explained to give relevance

to the Christian faith and Christ’s part in the Passover festival.

More information about the meetings of the historical society in Brisbane and Sydney can be found at your corps, or become a member of the society to receive personal invitations to events.

Salvos Schools addresses social justice issues

MORE THAN 2000 STUDENTS REPRESENTING 12 SYDNEY schools recently gathered to learn about topics ranging from racism to social inclusiveness at the junior social justice conference at Auburn Salvation Army.

The second annual conference, held in late March, was organised by Salvos Schools and informed Year 9 and 10 students about social justice issues.

Salvos School Co-ordinator Bee Orsini said it was exciting to be able to offer teachers professional development workshops for the first time.

“A lot of teachers are constantly looking for updated resources – they’re looking for volunteer opportunities and campaigns they can take back to the school,” Bee said. “For a lot of them, that means going online and researching it, or going by word-of-mouth. So to put 15 or so teachers in the same space where they can talk to us but also to each other, they found that extremely beneficial.

“It is the first time that we’ve ever delivered a stream of professional development just for teachers. The feedback, especially from the teachers who attended both last year and this year, was extremely positive.”

Students and teachers took part in main-stage sessions that addressed leadership development. A panel featuring Auburn Corps Officers Majors Paul and Robbin Moulds, Territorial Social Justice Co-ordinator Casey O’Brien, and members of the Auburn

community who arrived in Australia as refugees, discussed the topics of racism, social inclusiveness and refugees.

Attendees heard presentations from the Army’s Freedom Partnership and Salvos Street Teams, and online youth mental health service reachout.com.au.

The Salvation Army’s International Development team also spoke about Project Futures, a not-for-profit organisation that aims to end human trafficking and slavery.

“A student wrote on our Facebook page that she’ll never forget the experience,” Bee said. “I guess sometimes you can underestimate the impact of what it is to invest in younger students and junior students who are not often regarded as being mature enough to take on these opportunities.

“I think that is quite a renewing feeling for us to work with.”

– Nathalia Rickwood

PROGRAM ROLL-OUT

Salvos Schools, a national initiative matched to the Australian National Curriculum, will continue to roll out resources to help schools connect with students on a range of social issues this term.

The material includes curriculum-mapped lesson plans, supporting web pages, a range of additional workshops and leadership development opportunities.

Salvos Schools has already worked directly with more than 50,000 students in hundreds of schools. The material has been adapted based on feedback from schools.

“Our foundation is based on three principles: learn, feel, act,” said Bee Orsini, Salvos Schools Co-ordinator. “Our hope is that students will be able to learn about social injustice in a way that meets learning outcomes, feel by developing empathy and their social conscience, and act through experiences where they can bring about real change and making a lasting impact on future generation.”

For more information, go to salvos.org.au/edu



ABOVE: Salvos Schools Co-ordinator Bee Orsini speaks to students at the social justice conference. Photo: Cal Harmer

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Canadian officers special guests at Brisbane City Temple

“WHO IS THIS MAN?” WAS THE THEME LEADING UP TO Easter at Brisbane City Temple Corps last month, culminating on Easter Sunday morning. Majors Ron and Donna Millar, corps officers at Scarborough Citadel in Ontario, Canada, were the special guests for the weekend as part of the corps’ 130th anniversary celebrations this year. They were joined by a number of former BCT corps officers.

“We wanted to replay Easter as a significant event and focus on who Jesus is, what he achieved and what this means for us today,” said Major Dean Clarke, BCT corps officer.

On Maundy Thursday night, Major Ron Millar led the congregation in “Who is this man and where did he walk?”, taking them via slide presentations to some of the places Jesus walked as he journeyed towards the cross and his resurrection.

On Good Friday morning, “Who is this man, both human and divine” was the focus of the message as Major Millar looked at seven sayings of Jesus that showed his humanity and divinity.

The hall was full for the Easter praise concert on Saturday afternoon, which featured the BCT brass band, praise and worship team, songsters, timbrels, seven soloists and congregational songs.

“This was an opportunity for us as God’s people to celebrate Easter and to engage with family and friends and invite them to join us,” said Major Clarke.

On Easter Sunday morning, Major Millar spoke about “Who is this resurrected man, the risen Saviour?” His focus was that, because Jesus lives, his Word is the living Word, his Church is the living Church and his Spirit is the living Spirit. “Because Jesus lives, I can enter into the presence of God, and I can face tomorrow,” he said.

DIVISIONAL CELEBRATION

On the Sunday afternoon, Salvationists and friends from across the South Queensland Division gathered for a divisional Easter celebration at BCT.

Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander, gave a greeting and an encouraging message to the division, as well as sharing some glimpses of activities taking place throughout the Australia Eastern Territory.

Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, South Queensland Divisional Commander, facilitated a sharing time and discussion on how the division has been impacted by 40 days of prayer and fasting, from 18 February to 29 March.



ABOVE: Major Ron Millar gives his message during the Easter celebrations at Brisbane City Temple.

“Someone mentioned an increased awareness in their corps of the need for prayer and holiness; another talked about the increased spirit of co-operation in social centres; one officer shared about enhanced Sunday worship and another spoke of those attending weekly activities inquiring about the prayer room,” he said.

“The focus was ‘Every place and every person prayed for every hour every day for 40 days’. It obviously had an impact on a number of people with several testifying to the transforming power of Christ in their lives.”

Major Millar then continued the Easter journey, focusing on, “After the resurrection, what comes next?”

“Jesus appeared to ordinary people in their ordinary lives,” he said. “He appeared to the disciples as they gathered together in fear in the upper room, he appeared to Mary in her grief at the graveside, he appeared to Thomas in his doubt, to the discouraged disciples as they returned to their fishing, and to Peter in his failure and restored him.

“This man Jesus is he who appeared to ordinary people and this risen Lord appears to us today and is here in our everyday lives,” he concluded.

– Simone Worthing

Fassifern hosts Streetlevel for Easter

A GROUP OF THE SALVATION ARMY’S Brisbane Streetlevel Mission community members shared the Easter weekend with Fassifern Corps at Boonah, 85km south-west of Brisbane.

“The Easter message was presented and received powerfully at meetings on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday with the Kalbar and Boonah community,” said Major Bryce Davies, Brisbane Streetlevel team leader.

“Streetlevel loved being involved with the Fassifern Corps and [Corps Officers] Lieutenants Ian and Sue and McIver made sure we all felt welcome and loved. We hope to do it again next year.”

RIGHT: Brisbane Streetlevel team leader Major Bryce Davies (centre) with Corps Officers Lieutenants Ian and Sue McIver.



Staff Songsters bring blessing at Hawkesbury City

THE SYDNEY STAFF SONGSTERS, UNDER LEADER Graham Ainsworth, visited Hawkesbury City Corps on the weekend of 11-12 April.

Bringing enthusiastic testimony through song and the spoken word, the ministry of the songsters was moving and powerful.

A varied and enthralling repertoire of gospel music was presented at both the Saturday evening concert and the Sunday morning worship service. Testimony-based interviews were scattered throughout the weekend and proved to be a highlight. During her testimony, Major Sandy Hogg expressed the personal impact of the lyric, "Time to believe in what God said".

Major Deborah Robinson brought the message on Sunday, with a two-fold emphasis on the universal thirst for God and the urgency of the harvest (John 4).

The ministry of the Sydney Staff Songsters was a gift to Hawkesbury City, with one local exclaiming, "Talk about being ministered to! I was in tears during the sound check!"



ABOVE: Staff Songster Brooke Sellers sings during the group's visit to Hawkesbury Corps last month.

Relief effort ongoing in cyclone-hit Vanuatu

THE SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY Services team is currently operating several relief projects in Vanuatu, just two months after a category-five storm caused widespread destruction across the Pacific Island nation. It is estimated that 116,000 people have been directly affected by this disaster.

Restoring the extensive damage done to shelters, water and sanitation systems, medical clinics and education facilities, are among the nation's top priorities and The Salvation Army team has joined with existing aid services in Vanuatu to assist the co-ordination of disaster relief response.

At the invitation of the Australia Eastern Territory, supervising territory, the team of five is working with local staff and volunteers to complete various projects.

According to team leader, Captain Brad Watson from the Australia Southern Territory, the work of The Salvation Army so far has included: Facilitating the delivery of food to households on Tanna, the island most affected by the storm; providing emergency water supplies and fixing water sources for three villages on Tanna; establishing a "food for fees" program at a local high school so students could return to school and to support families who have lost incomes; distributing hygiene kits; commencing a project to rebuild houses on Tanna; providing books and rebuilding toilet facilities in two schools; establishing agreements for training courses in construction, tourism and driving; purchasing seeds and seedling for 600 families to re-establish their gardens for long term self-support; and establishing a partnership with a local hardware store to encourage and support the self-repair of homes by 140 families in Port Vila.



"There are also approved plans in place for the re-establishment of livelihood activities on Tanna through fishing," said Captain Watson.

"As we drive around, the resilience and spirit of the local people is evident. Every day there are a few more people selling their wares at the local vegetable markets and another retail store opening for business.

"This week [13 April] the first cruise ship returned with 2000 passengers. This is massive for Vanuatu, which earns almost half its income from tourism. There is even greenery returning to the trees that were obliterated by the cyclone."

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

ABOVE: Salvation Army volunteers assist Vanuatu residents at the hygiene distribution centre in Port Vila.

Strongs honoured for dedicated service

MAJORS TREVOR AND MAREE STRONG HAVE BEEN HONOURED for their 35 years of Salvation Army officership. The service, on 25 March, was also a retirement ceremony for Major Trevor Strong.

The service was held at Northside Corps in Gungahlin, Canberra, and led by Commissioner Lyn Pearce. Commissioners Ian and Nancy Cutmore led the formal recognition and retirement presentations.

All three commissioners were staff at The Salvation Army School For Officer Training College in Sydney when the Strongs were cadets, from 1978-79.

Tributes to Major Trevor's service were given by Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Commander Major Gavin Watts, Rodney Toll and Nathan and Sarah Strong. He was honoured for his faithful service, gentle and practical ministry approach, and his capacity to care for and come alongside people of all ages.

After being recognised for their wide range of appointments, including their final appointment together as rural chaplains for the NSW Central West region, the Strongs were given recognition certificates and badges.

Before presenting Major Trevor with his retirement certificate, Commissioner Ian Cutmore spoke of his gentleness, humble spirit and integrity.

Major Trevor then responded and expressed his thanks for the kind words spoken. He shared about his initial struggle with answering God's call to be an officer and God's faithfulness over the



ABOVE: Majors Trevor and Maree Strong, flanked by Commissioner Lyn Pearce (left) and Commissioners Ian and Nancy Cutmore, at their recognition and retirement service in Canberra. Bill Sweeting is the flagbearer.

years through fulfilling his call.

He spoke of the promise God had given him, from the Bible passage 1 Thessalonians 5:24, when he surrendered to God's call on his life and how he is holding on to this same promise for whatever lies ahead. He then sang *Great is Thy Faithfulness* as a testimony to God's faithfulness to him through all seasons of life.

Dee Why guard earns top award

TEEENAGER SASHA CARROLL HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE highest SAGALA honour – the General's Guard Award – during a special ceremony at Dee Why Corps.

Corps Officer Captain Marianne Schryver presented the award to Sasha during the Sunday morning service on 22 March.

Sasha has been involved in SAGALA sections at Dee Why since 2005, when she enrolled in Moonbeams.

"Sasha performed various tasks to achieve this General's Guard Award," said Captain Schryver. "From helping teach both Moonbeams and Sunbeams in some badge work, which she had to prepare, and then teach as well as helping here at Kids Club on Wednesday afternoons, together with different leadership tasks performed through her school.

"Sasha has worked consistently and was very determined to complete Guards and gain the Generals Award. "She should be very proud of the work she has done over the past 10 years as a member of Dee Why SAGALA and be honoured with this award."



ABOVE: Captain Marianne Schryver presents the General's Guard Award to Sasha Carroll who is supported by fellow SAGALA members Belle Marshall and Imogen Carroll. The flagbearer is Lieut-Colonel Ruth Jessop.

CORRECTION

IN THE APRIL EDITION OF CREATIVE MAGAZINE (LEGACY OF A Legend, page 7) it was reported that the Ray Steadman-Allen tribute concert at Brisbane City Temple would be held on 6-7

June. This is incorrect. The concert will be held on 21 June. The Melbourne Staff Songsters will, in fact, be visiting the corps over the weekend of 6-7 June.

BATEMANS BAY CORPS

Corps Officer Captain Roscoe Holland has enrolled Evelyn Bennett and Graeme Duffey as senior soldiers, accepted Barbara and Rod Simpson as adherents and enrolled four new junior soldiers; Zac and Zoe Williams, Sean Bartley and Reuben Holland.

Evelyn has also been commissioned as prayer convenor and Graeme as colour sergeant. "Evelyn also leads our courthouse ministry team every Monday, praying with people before and after cases and having morning tea with them," said Captain Holland. "Graeme has also joined our Salvos Connect team."

Barbara is part of the Mainly Music and finance teams, and Rod serves with the Salvation Army Emergency Services team and men's fellowship. "It's been very exciting to see people making covenant with God and that has really changed the atmosphere of the corps," said Captain Holland. "We already have another three children and four adults about to start [soldiership] preparation classes and wanting to make covenant with God."

"People are seeing that first and foremost we love and serve God, and that plays out in practical ways. We praise God for his blessing of new people to our corps and believe this is just the beginning of a revival in the Bay."



ABOVE: Captain Roscoe Holland enrolls the new junior soldiers.

ULLADULLA MISSION

Mission leader Envoy Jake Clanfield enrolled Jody Searles as a senior soldier at Ulladulla on 15 March.

It was an exciting moment for the mission with Jody believed to be the first soldier enrolled at Ulladulla Salvation Army, which was established eight years ago.

"Jody has been coming to Ulladulla Mission for a bit over two years now and it's been a gradual process to a point where she decided that senior soldiership was a step she wanted to take," said Envoy Clanfield.



LEFT: Jody Searles is enrolled as a senior soldier by Envoy Jake Clanfield. The Salvation Army flag is held by Dennis Breheny.

GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS

Corps Officer Major Andrew McKeown recently accepted Wendy as an adherent.

Wendy has been attending the corps for five weeks but, as she said in her testimony, "It feels like I have been here for months and months, due entirely to the incredible love and support given to me since the first Sunday when I walked through those temple doors!"

Wendy also shared about her abusive childhood, dysfunctional adult relationships and "poor choices" that saw her end up in a city watch-house. She begged God for his mercy and the next day was offered assistance by a Salvation Army officer.

Wendy was accepted into Still Waters Salvation Army crisis accommodation, and knows this is part of God's plan for her. "He has set me on this right path, to this very temple, so that I might truly know him and his plan for me and my salvation," she said.

BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Corps leader Cadet-in-Appointment Scott Frame enrolled four senior soldiers – Ashley and Rita Biermann, Effy Dadson, and Adam Lawrence – and accepted Tamara Smith as an adherent, on Palm Sunday.

"It was a great day and aligned very nicely to the Palm Sunday and Self Denial altar service theme as we reflected on the giving of our lives generously to the service of Jesus," said Cadet-in-Appointment Natalie Frame. "All of our new soldiers and adherents have a strong passion for Christ and the work of The Salvation Army and are committed to a life dedicated to the Lord through our movement."



LEFT: Cadet-in-Appointment Scott Frame enrolls (from left) Ashley and Rita Biermann, Effy Dadson, and Adam Lawrence as senior soldiers, and accepts Tamara Smith as an adherent.

World leaders tour Asia and Middle East

THE SALVATION ARMY'S WORLD leader, General André Cox, and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) have had a busy few weeks touring countries in Asia and the Middle East.

The first stop was Myanmar where they led a historic weekend of celebrations marking 100 years of Salvation Army ministry in the south-east Asian country.

Under the theme "Great Is Your Faithfulness", the centenary weekend included participation from Salvation Army officers from around the world who had helped develop the mission in Myanmar over the years.

Mirroring the commitment of early-day pioneers, throngs of Salvationists and friends streamed into the Franc Auditorium in the country's former capital Yangon. For some, this was at least a three-day journey.

The Palm Sunday holiness meeting included the commissioning of three new Salvation Army officers, and cadets of the *Messengers of Light* session were covenanted.

From there, the General and Commissioner Cox travelled to Singapore for an Easter congress. During a weekend that marked 80 years of Salvation Army ministry in Singapore, there were great celebrations. But the General cautioned, "it is more important we celebrate Easter. Without Easter, there would be no celebrations. The world needs credible witnesses, who talk less and live more. The world needs to see Christians live dedicated lives. The cross reminds us of God's strength and his grace."

On Easter Saturday, the General



LEFT: General André Cox speaks during Easter services in Singapore.



BELOW LEFT: General Cox waves the Army flag during the commissioning of new officers.

commissioned six new Salvation Army officers of the *Heralds of Grace* session.

The world leaders then flew to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to meet Salvationists and friends of the Army's Middle East Region.

Expatriate Salvationists from India, The Philippines, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada gathered at Christchurch Jebel Ali in Dubai

for a meeting that was a true representation of the worldwide Salvation Army. When the congregation prayed the Lord's Prayer – each person speaking in their own language – it was a clear affirmation of being One Army!

A regional round-up revealed that the Army's Middle East Region now has nine corps: four in the UAE, three in Oman, and one each in Kuwait and Bahrain.

General joins campaign to end extreme poverty by 2030

GENERAL ANDRÉ COX HAS JOINED more than 30 leaders from major world religions and heads of global faith-based organisations to launch a call to action to end extreme poverty by 2030.

The General added his signature to a joint statement, *Ending Extreme Poverty: A Moral and Spiritual Imperative*, noting that remarkable recent progress has been made in reducing extreme poverty. Over 25 years the world has gone from nearly two billion people living in extreme poverty to fewer than one billion. Now, the statement explains, for the first time in human history

there exists both the capacity and moral responsibility to ensure that no-one has to live in extreme poverty's grip.

"We have ample evidence from the World Bank Group and others showing that we can now end extreme poverty within 15 years" the Moral Imperative statement says. "In 2015, our governments will be deciding upon a new global sustainable development agenda that has the potential to build on our shared values to finish the urgent task of ending extreme poverty.

By signing the statement, endorsers are committing to galvanising greater

commitment and action from within the faith community globally and across every sector to end extreme poverty.

"The Salvation Army will continue to engage with policy makers and will seek to work in strategic partnerships with like-minded people in order to make this dream a reality," said General Cox.

"Much of what we do now and many of our development programs around the world are actively supporting these ideals and goals."

The Moral Imperative statement is available at sar.my/faith2endpoverty

GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT



MILLICENT CARTER was promoted to glory on 8 March, aged 92, in Brisbane.

A Thanksgiving Service, led by Commissioner Ivan Lang, was held at Brisbane City Temple. Robert Walker delivered a family tribute, and a Bible reading was brought by Jennifer Walker. Jennifer is Millicent's niece and she and her husband Robert travelled from the United Kingdom for the service. Barbara Brown gave a friend's tribute.

During the service there was a time of reflection when a visual photo display was shown, accompanied by a recording of the song *Goin' Home* sung by Brynn Terfel. Commissioner Lang then expanded on the song in his message, encouraging those present to live lives worthy of a home with the Lord.

Millicent Amy Carter was born in Liverpool, England, on 24 January 1923. She was the third of four children born to Salvation Army officer parents.

Millie's early years were plagued by ill health and, as a result, her schooling and life in general was somewhat difficult. Fortunately her health improved in her teens and she eventually found employment at The Salvation Army International Headquarters in London as a telephonist.

When Millie's parents retired, the family continued to worship at the Tottenham Corps in London where Millie met her beloved Mac (Malcolm Carter), who had become the principal trombone player in the corps band. They were married at Tottenham Corps in June 1957.

For various reasons Mac and Millie made the difficult decision to leave family and friends behind and move to Australia early in 1968, settling in Melbourne.

They attended the Box Hill Corps where Millie was a songster and was actively involved in the corps' activities. Mac was a member of the Melbourne Staff Band.

After many happy years in Melbourne, Mac was transferred to Brisbane in the early 1980s with his employment as a military bandsman. As was the case wherever she went, Millie forged many wonderful friendships in Brisbane, particularly in Salvation Army circles.

They attended the Brisbane City Temple Corps where Mac was commissioned Bandmaster in 1986.

Millie excelled at supporting Mac in this role and looked on it as part of her service. She became a good friend and

encourager to the bandsmen and their families. If there was a testimony time during a meeting, Millie was quick to get to her feet with an up-to-date word of what God was doing in her life.

She also had the gift of encouragement and would write cards and notes to many people who needed a little comfort or cheer.

Mac and Millie retired to Buderim, on the Sunshine Coast, in 1994. Here once again Millie made many new friends and happy times were shared with family and friends before Mac eventually succumbed to the cancer that he had battled for some years.

Millie moved back to Brisbane in 2007 and became a much-loved member of the Tricare community at Upper Mt Gravatt.

Life became difficult for Millie in her later years as health issues started to surface. As a sprightly, non-medicated 90-year-old, she found the transition to something short of that mark difficult to cope with.

When a higher level of care was needed, Millie moved down the road to the Tricare Nursing Centre. She appreciated the many visits from faithful friends and it was a special treat on the rare occasions when members of her family were able to visit.

Although Mac and Millie had no close relatives living in Australia, they became part of so many families.

Over many years, they together, then Millie on her own, shared in all the happy occasions of family life with their friends.

In her latter years Millie's favourite verse of Scripture was: "For the Lord has been gracious to me and I have all that I need" (Genesis 33:11). What a fitting testimony that after 92 years the Lord was all Millie needed and on 8 March he gently came and took her to her eternal reward.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

WITNESS FOR CHRIST



BARRY WHEELER WAS promoted to glory on 11 March, aged 63, in Gosford. A Thanksgiving Service, led by Major Stan Evans, was held at Gosford

Corps, with the corps band supporting the service.

The Bible reading was brought by Val Hopewell (Woodport Retirement Village Chaplain) and a friend's tribute was brought by Rick Archer from Campbelltown Corps.

Barry was sworn in as a senior soldier at Campbelltown Corps six years ago, and his wife, Jenny, became an adherent.

Barry loved to wear his uniform and loved to witness to everyone – that Jesus had saved him – and that his eternal security was assured.

Barry was a people person, and he soon began to be involved in street ministry at Macarthur Square Shopping Centre in Campbelltown, with Jenny by his side. They both loved this ministry and were, in return, loved by the people.

Barry had suffered with diabetes for more than 35 years and this increasingly became a problem to him. Then he was diagnosed with leukaemia.

For better care, Barry was transferred from Bradbury in Campbelltown to Gosford – to The Salvation Army's Woodport Nursing Home, in December 2014. The residents and staff at Woodport came to love and respect Barry and his wife Jenny.

Barry was born in Cowra, in NSW's Central West, on 16 April 1951. He had four brothers and sisters.

Barry, however, was a slow reader and a slow learner and early in life he went to stay with his grandparents.

His grandfather gradually taught him to read – and his learning book was the Bible. Barry made steady progress from there.

Barry had various employment opportunities, working for many years for Telstra as a linesman and in other areas. Later he became a security guard, working at the Parramatta Family court. This was often challenging work.

Barry and his first wife Joy were married for 29 years before she passed away.

They had three children – Daniel, Catherine and Joshua, although Joshua sadly died at three months of age. Barry and Jenny were married on 8 August 2008.

As his health deteriorated, Barry was transferred to Gosford hospital. But he then came back to Woodport Nursing Home as his wish was to be able to sit with his wife Jenny and hold her hand as he passed from this world to the next. And he did!

GENEROUS SPIRIT



CAPTAIN RITA Robinson was promoted to glory on 28 July 2014, aged 94, at Woodport Village, Gosford.

A Celebration of Life Service, conducted by Jim and Joy Burton, was held at the Bonnells Bay Salvation Army on Thursday 8 August 2014.

She was remembered by her children Margaret and John, Phillip and Sandra, Maree and Nick; grandchildren Jeanette and Steve, Regina, Nathan and Davinia, Ben and Kimberley, Stuart, Joshua, Keyra and Daniel and great grandchildren, Ethan, Josiah, Amyliah, Bethany, Samuel, Ryan and Eden. Tributes were made by all family members in their own special way.

Rita May Morgan was the first born to Harry and Rita Morgan on 5 May 1920 in Broadwater. She was followed by two brothers, Alan and Don, both deceased. After school she went on to train as a nurse which helped in her later appointments.

In 1940, at age 19, she entered the Salvation Army Officer Training College as a member of the *Holdfast* session. As this was during the war, her training was only one year. Her varied appointments included Boothville (Brisbane), Rockhampton, Townsville and Newcastle, all being within unmarried mothers hospitals/homes. After only four years of service, Rita had to resign and return home to Casino to help care for her ill mother.

During this time at home, Rita became friends with some young people in the Presbyterian Church where she met her husband to be, Arthur Douglas Robinson (dec). They were married in August 1947 and were happily married for 36 years.

During their married life they had several vocations, which included nearly 20 years (1947-1965) on the family farm in Casino. Then in 1965 they entered The Salvation Army Officer Training College as members of the *Defenders of the Faith* session.

Among their appointments was Ashfield Corps, in addition to headquarters administration roles. Due to ill health they both resigned from officership after completing about 10 years of service. They retired to Bonnells Bay where they helped form Bonnells Bay Corps and served faithfully as soldiers and valued members of the community.

After the loss of her husband, Rita continued her service in a voluntary capacity

in several Salvation Army health-care settings within a health care and pastoral role.

In 1989, she moved to Lawnton in Brisbane to be closer to her brothers. Her family soon followed. During her time at Lawnton she worshipped at the Pine Rivers Corps with her family. While in Brisbane she fulfilled a dream of travelling overseas and visited Europe and Canada.

Rita also had a short time of living in Maroochydore before returning to Newcastle in her final years.

Rita was always a "home person" who devoted much of her time to her house, gardens and family, but most of all to the Lord. Rita also devoted time to friends and members of community in whatever way she could.

Rita always saw the funny side of life and could put a positive spin on everything. She will always be in the hearts and will never be forgotten by those who loved her.

SERVANT EXAMPLE



(JOHN) GRAHAM McQuinn was promoted to glory on 23 March, aged 86, at Wollongong.

A service celebrating Graham's life was held at The Salvation Army Wollongong centre on 30 March, led by family friend Captain Mark Williamson, assisted by Corps Officer Captain Phil Inglis.

Graham's eldest son Gary paid a family tribute, explaining how his father's life had changed dramatically, especially after coming in contact with The Salvation Army.

Bill Simpson contributed a corps tribute, saying that Graham was a very much loved, respected and appreciated member of the church, who did everything he could to make the corps a better place and to enrich and inspire the people who were a part of it.

A male voices group sang *When I Survey*

and Kyle Walker, a teenage member of the band, sang *Bring Him Home*. Wollongong Corps band supported congregational singing of *He Giveth More Grace* and *When All My Labours and Trials*.

Captain Williamson spoke from 1 Corinthians 13.

Graham, with his wife Fay, first connected with The Salvation Army in Wollongong in 1984. Fay came by herself, at first, but within a few months Graham was also attending, due to the friendliness of corps people who spoke with him when he called to collect Fay after Sunday morning meetings.

It was the start of a 30-year association with the Wollongong Corps, most of it spent in a variety of valuable service areas. Graham and Fay served together. They became soldiers in 1990. They took on leadership of the Golden Years seniors group, boosting it to become the biggest single corps section with 110 members.

Fay joined the corps songsters. Although Graham did not become a member, he drove Fay to weekly songster practices and engagements for 20 years, sitting at the back of the hall until she was ready to return home.

Together, they entertained elderly people in retirement villages and nursing homes through music. Both played guitar and Fay sang.

They were also regular guests at Illawarra Seniors Band (Salvation Army) engagements and assisted in emergency services work and street ministry, including Red Shield Appeals and Christmas Appeals, and served for a time as Adherents' Secretary.

Fay and Graham were also regular travellers with the Territorial Caravan Mission team.

They formed a strong friendship with Captain Williamson through spending time assisting him for several years when he was corps officer at Woodburn, in northern NSW.



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ABOUT PEOPLE**ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Captain Zane Haupt, Vocational Training Officer, Booth College, effective 13 April.

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 30 March: Major Darrell Slater, Assistant Officer, Divisional Public Relations Team (Pro-tem), Sydney East and Illawarra Division.

Effective 13 April: Major Lindon Kinder, Employment Plus Chaplain NSW, The Salvation Army Employment Plus.

Effective 14 May: Major Colin Hopper, Mission Leader, South Brisbane Missional Communities and Centenary Corps, South Queensland Division; Major Sue Hopper, Mission Leader, South Brisbane Missional Communities and Centenary Corps, South Queensland Division; Captain Derek Whitehouse, Assistant Officer, Brisbane Recovery Services – Moonyah (pro-tem), South Queensland Division; Captain Sonia Whitehouse, Assistant Officer, Brisbane Recovery Services Centre – Moonyah (pro-tem), South Queensland Division.

Effective 15 June: Captain Scott Allen, Divisional Secretary and Second in Command, Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Captain Sharon Allen, Divisional Mission and Resource Director – Corps, Newcastle and Central NSW Division.

Effective 1 July: Major Sue Davies, Pastoral Care and Officer Well-Being Coordinator (Queensland), Personnel Administration; Captains Stephen and Lynley Oliver, Corps Officers, Newcastle and Community Centre, Newcastle and Central NSW Division.

Effective 9 July: Major Jeff Winterburn, Divisional Director for Evangelism, South and Mid Wales Division, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland; Major Sue Winterburn, Commanding Officer, Cardiff Canton Corps, South and Mid Wales Division, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland.

BEREAVED

Major Bob Garven of his father, Major Genness Garven of her father-in-law, Captain Vanessa Garven of her grandfather, John Garven on 13 April.

CONCLUSION OF SERVICE

Captain Brett Mitchell on 20 March.

MARRIAGE

Lieutenant Jo Catalano to Kevin Williams on 14 March.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Envoy Laurel Pink, 30 March; Major Kelly Mulligan, 15 April.

RETIREMENT

Major Anne Gumuna on 1 May.

TIME TO PRAY**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).

3-9 MAY

Cairns Corps, Capricorn Region Corps, Emerald Corps, Gladstone Corps, Longreach Corps/Rural Chaplaincy Base, Mackay Corps, all Qld.

10-16 MAY

Mount Isa Corps, Outback Flying Service, Townsville Faithworks, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission, Yeppoon Mission, Centennial Lodge, Mount Isa Recovery Services Centre, Samaritan House, Mackay, all Qld.

17-23 MAY

Serenity House, Townsville Recovery Services Centre, both Qld; Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Headquarters, Newcastle and Central NSW Division Chaplains, Bonnells Bay Corps, Cardiff Corps, Cessnock Corps, all NSW.

24-30 MAY

Dubbo Corps, Eastlakes Corps, Forster/Tuncurry Corps, Gosford Corps, Hannam Vale Corps, Long Jetty Corps, all NSW; National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June); Red Shield Appeal Doorknock (30-31 May).

31 MAY – 6 JUNE

Maitland City Corps, Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, Northlakes Corps, Port Stephens Corps, Raymond Terrace Corps, Singleton Corps, all NSW; Officers 5-Year Review (1-4); Youth Councils in The Greater West, North NSW and ACT and South NSW divisions (5-8).

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

Sydney: Sun 3 May – Sydney Youth Councils

Hurstville: Sun 3 May – Farewell salute to Colonels Richard and Janet Munn

#Orange: Wed 6 May – Refresh Day

*Canberra: Wed 6 May – Official opening, Red Shield Appeal

*Newcastle: Thu 7 May – Official opening, Red Shield Appeal

Stanmore: Thu 7 May – Stanmore House launch

*Parramatta: Fri 8 May – Official opening, Red Shield Appeal

Bundaberg: Sat 9-Sun 10 May – Official opening, Bundaberg Corps Hall

Bexley North: Fri 15 May – Lecture, First-year cadets, School For Officer Training

*Sydney: Sat 16 May – Graduation, Sydney College of Divinity

#Epping: Mon 18 May – Australian Church Women, annual service

*Wollongong: Fri 22 May – Official opening, Red Shield Appeal

Sydney: Mon 25 May – Inter-Territorial Conference

Hurstville: Sat 30 May – ANZAC reflection

Sydney: Sun 31 May – Red Shield Appeal Doorknock

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COLONEL RICHARD MUNN (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Hurstville: Sun 3 May – Farewell from AUE Territory, Colonels Richard and Janet Munn

Gold Coast: Wed 6 May – Gold Coast launch of Red Shield Appeal

Sydney: Fri 8 May – Hope for Life Healing and Remembrance Service

Sydney: Sat 16 May – Sydney College of Divinity and Booth College graduation ceremony

Hurstville: Wed 20 May – Midweek holiness meeting

Our cultural blind spot

PARTYING OR PAIN – ALCOHOL AN UNWISE MIX



GRANT SANDERCOCK-BROWN

The fact that many Australians delight in drunkenness still catches me by surprise. Our recent cricket World Cup win was just such an example. Television interviewers laughingly enquired about drinking plans for the victors, happily looking forward to sore heads and memory loss.

It's not just cricket, of course. I remember being taken aback by exactly the same sort of expectations coming from interviewers after the netball World Cup. Apparently it's not just a bloke thing. Somehow, it seems that the only proper way to celebrate a significant achievement in Australian culture is to get drunk.

And it's not just celebrations. Some years ago, I was called by the police to be with a family whose son had been violently killed. It was a long and difficult day for the family at the police station. The young man's brother, who had been with him at the time of his death, was in a state of deep grief and anger.

As a policeman and I walked out of the station with the brother, he declared his intention to go and get drunk. I cautiously suggested that being with his mum and dad to comfort them might be a more helpful thing to do. He walked off, while the policeman who was with me

seemed surprised that I thought that grief and anger wouldn't mix well with alcohol.

My discomfort with drunkenness could just be my Salvation Army teetotaler heritage. And, of course, that heritage flows directly from Catherine Booth's experience. She was the daughter of an alcoholic and despised its use. She eventually weaned her husband, William, who went on to become The Salvation Army's founder, from alcohol, along with the movement they started. It's why so many traditional Army ministries are built around helping people who are victims of alcohol addiction and misuse. I'm sure that plays a part for me now.

However, my personal dislike of drunkenness is also from experience. I drank to excess for a few years in my late teens and early 20s. While many sober years have passed since then, I don't remember hangovers or memory loss as enjoyable; in fact, quite the reverse!

UNNECESSARY VICE

It seems there is this strange and accepted cultural paradox of Australians deploring drunken violence but delighting in drunkenness itself, as if somehow there isn't a link.

Yet we know that lock-out laws in Newcastle and Kings Cross, keeping more drunk people

off the streets, have significantly reduced the violence. We know that countless cowardly punches, sexual assaults, domestic violence incidents, and road fatalities are a direct result of, or at least directly fuelled by, excessive alcohol consumption. Perhaps it's not a paradox so much as a cultural blind spot.

If only there were communities of people who had chosen to live another way, who in the midst of Australian culture's wide embrace of drunkenness, could bear witness to the fact that one can celebrate, mourn, enjoy and remember just as well without excessive alcohol. Perhaps even more so!

Well, of course, there is. As The Salvation Army we are just such a community! We're not the only one, but we're a pretty significant one.

Yes, we understand that the vicar who enjoys a wine will still get to heaven. We welcome partnering in mission with the advisory board member who has a beer. We would want the adherent who has a wine or two to feel fully part of our worshipping community.

However, we must be clear that alcohol is not at all necessary for the well-rounded life.

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