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'There is perhaps no more unlikely Salvation Army soldier and worker than me,' says Erik Lennestaal.

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Celebrating 150 years of Booth's 'destiny'

SCOTT SIMPSON, Managing Editor

From little things, big things grow. When a young William Booth accepted an invitation to spend a week preaching in a tiny English village in the early 1850s, little could he realise that he was establishing the foundations for what would become his "life's business". But that week in the village of Caistor opened his eyes to how God, through him, could reach the lost, beyond the confines of a church building.

In 1865, upon returning home from preaching in the poverty-stricken East End of London, he famously declared to his wife, Catherine: "Darling, I have found my destiny."

The seed that had been planted more than a decade earlier in Caistor, taking root in an exhausting schedule of mission work throughout the United Kingdom, had finally started to flower. William Booth had caught the vision of salvation for the lost. The Salvation Army was born.

This month, thousands of

Salvationists will gather in London to celebrate the 150th international anniversary of the organisation that William and Catherine Booth founded.

As they stepped into the unknown, little could the Booths – just like William's experience in Caistor over a decade earlier – have realised just how big an impact the Army would subsequently have around the world. It now has an official presence in 126 countries and ministers to millions of people every year.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, we bring you a special feature on The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary, and the Boundless international congress in London that is being held to mark the milestone.

Among the many articles that we have prepared, you can read about Booth's "foundational" experience in Caistor; learn about the numerous international congresses that have been held during the Army's existence; and, in our Integrity

column, reflect upon the importance of the word "Boundless" in the Army's history.

And for those Salvationists who hold dear the Army's long and proud association with singing, we bring you a feature-length article about the new *Song Book of The Salvation Army* which is being launched at Boundless.

AND ANOTHER THING ...

The Salvation Army's history is littered with stories of transformation, and this issue of *Pipeline* is no different.

Erik Lennestaa's is the story (page 28) of a once-militant and articulate atheist and communist. In his own words, he was "firmly convinced of the truthfulness of atheism and would not hesitate to tell anyone who would listen". And then the love of God broke into his life.

His life is now one of healing and hope – two pillars that have been the foundation for 150 years of Salvation Army ministry.

God's love knows no bounds

WILLIAM BOOTH, THE FOUNDER OF THE SALVATION ARMY, PLUNGED TO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONVEY GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE WHEN HE WROTE HIS SIGNATURE SONG

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Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory



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As I write this message, sitting on a balcony overlooking the ocean, it is not difficult to imagine the boundless ocean that William Booth wrote about in his song, *Boundless Salvation*. The waters span as far as the eye can see and tides are constantly rolling in and out and one cannot fathom the ocean depths.

Booth likened salvation to a boundless mighty ocean. No-one can fully grasp the depth of God's love and grace in providing salvation for all. The pounding waves are symbolic of the power that is available through the Holy Spirit. His forgiveness is constant and cleansing, like the never-ending tide.

In the Founder's song, we sing the words: "the whole world redeeming, so rich and so free ..." We stand amazed that 150 years later, Booth's vision of the whole world being redeemed has seen this Salvation Army expand to 126 countries, and I am excited about our latest addition, though not yet official, in Vanuatu.

This month, as we celebrate 150 years since the commencement of The Salvation Army with the theme Boundless, my mind

was drawn to the gifts so freely and lavishly given to us in Christ Jesus.

Paul, in Ephesians, refers to the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ and the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. In John chapter one, we read of God being generous inside and out and that we live off his generous bounty – gift, after gift, after gift. Or, as another translation records it: "From the fullness of his grace we have received one blessing after another".

We believe in a boundless God – boundless in love and forgiveness, in grace and joy, in his provision and his presence. We lack nothing in Christ Jesus. And the words of a song endorse our boundless God:

*His love has no limits, his grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men.
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.*

He is the God of more and will do more when we make ourselves available for his power to work in us as we do our part to see the whole world redeemed.

May our prayer be: "O come mighty ocean and roll over me".

An anthem fit for an Army of love

AT THE HEART OF SALVATION ARMY THEOLOGY
IS A BELIEF THAT GOD'S LOVE IS FOR ALL
PEOPLE, SOMETHING WHICH GENERAL WILLIAM
BOOTH PERFECTLY ENCAPSULATED IN HIS
SIGNATURE SONG, *O BOUNDLESS SALVATION*

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words CAPTAIN ADAM COUCHMAN

When William Booth came to pen the words of the song which would prove to capture the imagination of the movement he and Catherine had founded, it was the love of God for him and for all people that was at the heart of its message.

*O boundless salvation!
Deep ocean of love,
O fullness of mercy, Christ
brought from above,
The whole world redeeming,
so rich and so free,
Now flowing for all men,
Now flowing for all men,
Now flowing for all men,
Come, roll over me!*

There's something special about the Founder's Song. Perhaps it's something to do with growing up in The Salvation Army and singing this song at significant events like a congress or commissioning. Maybe it's the times when, somewhere during verse three or four, a member of the congregation inevitably and spontaneously walked up to the platform, grabbed the flag and waved it around the hall while others followed. I have to say I am looking forward to joining thousands of Salvationists at the Boundless congress to sing this

song with enthusiasm.

For me, though, the importance of this song has got to go beyond nostalgic sentimentalism. Remembering the past for the sole purpose of wishing those days were here again serves no purpose in the present nor the future. Rather, at the heart of this song lies a critical belief of Salvation Army theology; God's love is, indeed, boundless.

We believe in a God who loves the world so much that he gave his one and only Son for the salvation of the whole world. The incarnation and atoning work of Jesus Christ are together the ultimate expression and definition of this love. William Booth expressed this himself when he wrote: "Christ is the Deliverer for time as truly as for eternity ... He is the Messiah who brings glad tidings! He is come to open the prison doors. He is come to set men free from their bonds. He is indeed the Saviour of the world! Men

can have liberty, gladness here and now through Him, and I will consecrate my life to persuade them to apply to Him for the deliverance that He came to bring."

OFFERING HOPE

Catherine Booth shared this optimistic view of God's love. In typically straightforward fashion, she expressed it this way: "The doctrine of the New Testament on this point is not that 'God so hated the world that His own Son was compelled to die in order to appease his vengeance,' as we fear has been too often represented, but that 'God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son'."

Importantly, for both William and Catherine, the salvation made possible by the boundless love of God brings about a new reality in the present and offers a hope for the future. As William wrote: "Now I saw that this was the work that Jesus Christ came to accomplish – that He was

manifested to dispossess all these fiends of evil for the souls of men, to destroy the works of the devil in the present time, and to set up in the soul the kingdom of heaven instead."

WESLEYAN INFLUENCE

To be clear, this wasn't particularly new theology. Rather, it was something both William and Catherine had inherited from John Wesley via their Methodist context.

It is not hard to hear the sound of Wesley's voice echoing in those of William and Catherine. Wesley wrote: "[Salvation] is not at a distance. It is a present thing, a blessing which, through the free mercy of God, [you] are now in possession of ... the salvation which is here spoken of might be extended to the entire work of God, from the first dawning of grace in the soul till it is consummated in glory."

Wesley, though, had wrestled with understanding that God's love was freely given and never

earned. Even as an ordained minister in the Church of England, and following a failed missionary journey to Georgia, he felt himself to be unsure of God's love for him.

Yet Wesley eventually came to realise the personal nature of God's love. It was for him. It was for you. It was for me. His brother Charles would capture this same thought beautifully in one of his many hymns. I doubt, anyone has expressed it better:

*And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's
blood?
Died he for me who caused
his pain,
For me who him to death
pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, shouldst
die for me?*

PERSONAL MESSAGE

In the same way, when William Booth came to pen the words of the song which would prove to

capture the imagination of the movement he and Catherine had founded, it was the love of God for him and for all people that was at the heart of its message.

The meaning behind the metaphor of "waves" and "waters" that we plunge beneath and continually roll over us is made clear from the first line of the song. These "waters" are a "deep ocean of love".

For Salvationists, at the heart of our theology is a belief that this love is for all people. It extends to the rich and the poor, the drug addict and the dealer, the prisoner and the warden, the sick and the healthy, the politician, the terrorist and the refugee. No-one is beyond the scope of God's love.

Importantly, in the second verse of the song, William Booth recognised his own need for this love: "My sins they are many, their stains are so deep."

He didn't preach a message that somehow he was exempt from. No, William would likely ►

Soul Food

My favourite verse

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

"Be still in the presence of the Lord and wait patiently for him to act" – Psalm 37:7

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Wait patiently, and be still. How foreign are these words? We live in a world that rushes from one thing to the next without so much as taking a breath. We want things immediately and expect an instant response when we ask something of someone else.

We pride ourselves on hard work and getting things done. We need to show our value and worth by what we have achieved.

We can often feel that unless we are doing something then we are wasting our time.

Often we've taken this mindset into our Christian walk and become people

who must be doing so that we can achieve all we need to for God.

Then there are also the times when we want to take things into our own hands, too impatient to wait, thinking if we don't then nothing will get done – as if everything is dependent upon us to make things happen. You know the saying: "If you want something done, then do it yourself".

So when I read these words – "be still" and "wait patiently" – it seems to contradict everything we have imagined or believed we need to do to please the Lord.

Yet what I love about this verse are these things – the "being still" and the "wait patiently" – these are the actions we have been asked to take. It's not depending upon our own abilities or strengths in getting a job done, but our action is to be still and

to wait patiently. The action is found in waiting patiently but it's *in the Lord*, and the doing is in abiding, being still, yet *in his glorious presence*, and in this action where God is our focus we see him do his amazing work.

When we are no longer getting in the way, God then steps forward to act.

I believe this takes much greater strength and often is not seen as achieving anything. Yet "waiting" is doing and being "still" is action.

It's allowing God central place and acknowledging it is his work we have been called to, not ours.

It's in trusting him by putting our hope and confidence in him alone to act.

It's in these actions that we become people of greater faith, able to see God at work.

► *continued from page 7...*

have adopted the same message that Paul had preached years before him: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst" (1 Tim 1:15).

Yet this is no "worm theology" either. There is a recognition here that God's love transforms, cleanses and renews us as well: "Thy waters can cleanse me, come roll over me."

In true Wesleyan fashion, here is that deep sense of optimism regarding the capacity of God's love to transform the worst of sinners into the holiest of saints, and his desire to do so here and now today.

This is in contrast to other Christian traditions that suggest that true holiness comes only at death. John Wesley, Catherine and William Booth, as well as others within the Wesleyan tradition were unwilling to wait until then. In simple terms, they asked: "If

holiness can happen then, then why not now?"

Wesley expressed it this way: "It is ... a divine evidence and conviction that he is able and willing to do it now. And why not? Is not a moment to him the same as a thousand years? He cannot want more time to accomplish whatever is his will ... We may therefore say, at any point of time, 'Now is the day of salvation'."

SALVATION FOR ALL

To be sure, though, this was not "sinless perfectionism". That false doctrine suggests that we can attain a condition where we are without sin and even the possibility of sin is removed.

Don't be deceived. Holiness, in the Wesleyan and Salvationist tradition, is our lives being perfected in love. It is dynamic, ongoing, and relational.

For us as Salvationists, this is the tradition in which we march forward together today. For 150 years, and counting, this is the message we have proclaimed.

All need to be saved. All can be saved. All can be like Christ.

And no-one is beyond the reach of God's love.

May we, in this year of celebration, join with William Booth and Salvationists from all over the world, raise high the flag and declare joyfully together:

*And now, hallelujah!
the rest of my days,
Shall gladly be spent in
promoting his praise,
Who opened his bosom
to pour out this sea,
Of boundless salvation
for you and for me.*



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SALVATION FOR ALL THE WORLD

THE SALVATION ARMY WILL THIS MONTH CELEBRATE THE EVENTS THAT BROUGHT IT INTO BEING 150 YEARS AGO. BEGINNING AS A CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE IMPOVERISHED EAST END OF LONDON IT SOON SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD. TODAY IT MINISTERS TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN 126 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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words MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY



While William Booth is designated as the founder of The Salvation Army, the reality is that his wife Catherine was to play an equally important and influential role.

Born in Nottingham on 10 April 1829, the third of five children to Samuel and Mary Booth, William's early years were difficult. Because of family problems he found himself, at 13 years of age, apprenticed to a pawnbroker.

It was during his attendance at the Broad Street Wesley Chapel that he knelt and determined that "God should have all there was of William Booth". Whatever the encounter entailed, God lit a fire in the heart of the young William Booth that was never extinguished.

Moving to London in 1849, William served as a lay preacher in the Methodist New Connexion Church where he caught the eye of Catherine Mumford. Born on 17 January 1829, the daughter of John and Sarah Mumford, Catherine's life was to be plagued by ill-health. However, this did not deter this highly intelligent young woman from applying herself to study.

After a brief courtship, William and Catherine were married on 16 June 1855 and in the years that followed they were part of the Methodist New Connexion with William over-sighting churches in various locations.

NAME CHANGE

Early in 1865, William and Catherine moved to London where William, returning home from preaching in the poverty-stricken East End of London, declared to his wife: "Darling, I have found my destiny." Among the beer shops and gin palaces, overflowing with drunk, poverty-stricken masses, William had caught the vision of salvation for the lost.

In July that year, William was invited to take over a small evangelical movement known as The Christian Mission. By 1878, The Christian Mission was an army in all but name.

A printer's proof for the mission's report of 1878 referred to it as a volunteer army. William's eldest son, Bramwell, objected to the word volunteer, declaring he was a regular rather than a volunteer. William Booth picked up a pen and struck out the



LEFT: William and Catherine Booth around the time of their wedding in 1855. William was a minister with the Methodist New Connexion church at the time.

word volunteer and wrote "salvation".

Although the Booths originally had no vision of an international Salvation Army, the popularity and ethos of their movement soon resonated with people in countries outside Britain.

More often than not it commenced by spontaneous spiritual combustion, where a Salvationist who had moved to another part of the world simply saw the need for The Salvation Army and started it. Within 15 years of its commencement, the Army was expanding across the world at a rapid rate, with Australia being one of the first countries to embrace the movement in September 1880.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Driven by this spontaneous spiritual combustion, William Booth announced to a meeting in the Exeter Hall during October 1884, that a great international gathering was being planned. In 1886, just six years after the Army had ventured from English shores, this worldwide event took place. In this first international congress, Salvationists assembled from Australia, Canada, France, India,

Ceylon, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

The concept of multi-racial inclusiveness was one of the stated objectives of the Congress: "That, there may be a great increase of that brotherly love and mutual sympathy which at present so largely prevails, but which it is very desirable should be increased."

Catherine lost her battle with ill-health, dying from breast cancer on 4 October 1890. William continued on, travelling the world many times to oversee his rapidly growing Army.

On 20 August 1912, William Booth was, in Salvation Army terminology, promoted to glory, at 83 years of age.

Today, The Salvation Army ministers in 126 countries around the world through a wide variety of spiritual and humanitarian programs ranging from day-care centres for children to nursing homes for the aged; programs to assist those with dependency issues, the homeless, the abused and those without advocacy.

More than 14 million people around the world are helped every year by The Salvation Army. □

THE VILLAGE CLOSE TO BOOTH'S HEART

WHILE WILLIAM BOOTH IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN THE SLUMS OF EAST LONDON, IT WAS HIS EARLY PREACHING EXPERIENCES IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE NORTH-EAST OF ENGLAND THAT INFUSED IN HIM A ZEAL FOR REACHING THE LOST

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words MAJOR HOWARD WEBBER



ABOVE: The town centre of Caistor where William Booth saw many souls saved through his preaching as a young Wesleyan Reformist minister.

Flags and bunting and a festive air greeted General William Booth as he entered the tiny village of Caistor, north Lincolnshire, on a Saturday in late 1905.

Two-wheeled carriages had come from all over the neighbourhood to this town of little more than 2000 souls, and a civic reception was prepared for him. Nothing unusual about this. In his latter years, Booth was greeted in similar fashion wherever he went.

What made his visit to Caistor different to any other was what he said there. He spoke of coming to Caistor more than 50 years earlier, a young man with few friends, and the lasting impressions that it made. "It was at Caistor that I first commenced the work that was to become so dear to me," he said.

One Friday in mid-December 1853, towards the end of his time as a Wesleyan Reform minister in Spalding, William Booth, then 24, received a letter from a Parkin Wigelsworth, a solicitor in Donington, requesting he spend the following week in Caistor, almost 100km away. Wigelsworth assured Booth that he would look after any appointments he had for that week.

Booth didn't need asking twice. Despite needing a rest and recently being "very ill", he set off the following morning, having first written to

his fiancée Catherine in London, to tell her what he was about to do.

Earlier, he had told her how difficult it would be to leave his circuit for more than two days even if her poor health had made it necessary. Consequently, Catherine was none too pleased to hear his news, as is clear from her reply: "I was surprised to hear of your going to Caistor, after intimating to me the impossibility of your leaving your circuit for more than two days without consequences being so serious, even if I had been so bad (ill) as to make it necessary. I am truly sorry to hear of your state of health, but give up in utter despair the idea of making you judicious and prudent. After labouring in public so incessantly for a month or six weeks I cannot think it was wise to undertake to preach three times on Sunday and every night of the week. Neither do I think it was necessary or right."

GLORIOUS HARVEST

Arriving at 4pm, Booth discovered he was "altogether unexpected". However, rather than return, he sought out the bellman (town crier) and some friends to advertise the fact that he was there. At the meeting the following morning "I offered many reasons why the members should

join me in seeking revival in Caistor. We knelt and gave ourselves afresh to God." In both the afternoon and evening meetings many came under conviction and committed their lives to Christ.

In his journal, Booth highlights one particular case, that of a Mr Joseph Wigelsworth, the 24-year-old brother of the man who had requested Booth visit Caistor. Deeply troubled during the morning meeting, he returned in the afternoon and wept. In the evening, Booth spoke to him and discovered that he had been brought up in a Christian home and been a Methodist for years, "yet he was unsaved". As Booth spoke with him, "he broke down, came boldly to the penitent form, and with many tears and prayers he sought and obtained forgiveness. It was a splendid case and did us all good."

The place was filled every night that followed and "36 found salvation". Having promised to spend another week there, Booth returned in the January and was pleased to find that only two of the 36 had fallen away and returned to their previous life. With increasing congregations the Reformers managed to acquire a redundant Congregational chapel in time for Booth's return. The result was, "a glorious harvest. Seventy-six were saved during the week," Booth recorded.

LIFE'S BUSINESS

At the end of his final visit in the February of 1854, shortly before he moved to London, Booth recorded: "Every night many souls saved ... The parting with this dear people was very painful. I had never experienced anything approaching to the success with which God crowned my labours here."

Booth loved Caistor and returned in June, and again the following year with his new bride. On his visit in 1905, the chairman of the council spoke of the "abiding results" of his "unwearied self-denying labours as an evangelist in this town 50 years ago," so many were the lives that were transformed.

Booth's 15-month stay in Spalding was used powerfully by God, but it was at Caistor that his eyes were opened to how God, through him, could reach the lost, beyond the chapel confines.

With all he achieved in founding The Salvation Army, "soul-saving" would ever remain what he in his old age termed his "life's business". □

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Browsing the internet on the eve of The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary year, I discovered that planning permission had been granted for the demolition of a single-storey shop at 20-22 (once 272) Whitechapel Rd, London. The proposal is for a six-storey hotel to be built.

Situated in a line of mainly commercial buildings, the site is now in a conservation area. The planning application form, however, included searching questions about any "biodiversity or geological features" likely to be affected by the proposal.

Flummoxed by the unfamiliar jargon, and by the fact that all the answer-boxes were ticked "no", I blundered to myself: "Don't they know this building was acquired by General William Booth and opened in 1870?"

Built in 1868, the building was to become The Salvation Army's first corps – Whitechapel. The headquarters of William Booth's "Christian Mission" (which was renamed The Salvation Army in 1878) was relocated there from 220 Whitechapel Rd. Its porch was used for open-air meetings and it was in those early years that the movement's constitution was established.

MANY USES

After the transfer of headquarters to 101 Queen

Victoria St in 1881, the Whitechapel building prioritised social work – first for women, as a soldier of the corps, Elizabeth Cottrill, housed stranded girls at her home in nearby Christian St – and in 1884 secured the first rescue home in Hanbury St, heralding the larger women's shelter, almost next door, in 1889.

In 1887, No 272 became a food depot and training garrison. The following year, unwary cadets were horrified when, in the middle of a meeting, policemen suddenly charged into the hall, blowing whistles and demanding which member of the congregation was Jack the Ripper!

In 1889, with its frontage newly painted in red-and-white stripes, it opened as a men's shelter, with 106 beds. Here, during the Great Dock Strike, dockers and their families received half-price meals. After the publication of William Booth's *In Darkest England And The Way Out* it became headquarters of the City Colony and then of the Men's Social Work until 1926.

The building features in Margaret Harkness's celebrated novel *In Darkest London*. Originally called *Captain Lobe: A Story Of The Salvation Army*, it centred on the true-life corps officer Captain David Leib and his work with the slum sisters of Angel Alley.

The *War Cry* of 5 October 1940 reported "the Army's first London headquarters, lately used



as a men's social institution, has been damaged and evacuated" in The Blitz – gutted, with only the frontage left intact. Later, a tool distributor took over the site, using its flattened ground for a transport depot.

After the company relocated in 1974, the remains were removed and were replaced in the 1980s by the single-storey shop that is about to be demolished.

As the hotel construction will occasion the first substantial working of that plot since shelter days, who knows what relics might be found! I wonder if the demolishers and builders will take great care of what may not be an "important habitat", but was certainly an "important habitation".

HERITAGE SITE

I feel strangely gratified that the resurgent building will provide short-term accommodation in 50 rooms.

The clients will surely book online, rather than queue for hours on the off-chance of a "coffin-bed"; enjoy courtyard and roof gardens, without having to tramp to Vallance Road or Itchy Park; and be allowed indoors all day rather than stay out in all weathers because of Common Lodging House rules. However, they will certainly have to pay much more than fourpence for their daily bread and bed!

BELOW LEFT: The Whitechapel building in the early 1870s, depicting William Booth leading an open-air meeting in the porch. **BELOW RIGHT:** The Whitechapel building in 1904, advertising an upcoming international congress.



Often, over the years, I have felt saddened that there is no memento of the unique premises in the vicinity.

An early minor Christian Mission station, the Dancing Academy, has a pretty plaque, and the crystalline new International Headquarters an architectural award, but no Army building has ever been so significant as Whitechapel.

In 1887, *The War Cry* appealed for £300 for roof repairs with the headline "Shall The Old Headquarters Rot?", stating: "Dear old Whitechapel! How many glorious memories of desperate battle, of glorious victory, of heavenly revelation, of soul gladness, of bold startings, and delightful festivities, and stern plodding, and patient endurance, and tremendous funerals, centre under the dear old roof of what was headquarters for so many years!"

This is holy ground and a heritage site, and Salvation Army history is East End of London history.

Let's hope the borough or the new hotel could accommodate a memorial, fit for a conservation area; in our anniversary year. □

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Salvation Army timeline

1865 - 2015

1865

William Booth begins work in East London. Christian Revival Association is formed, which later becomes The Christian Mission.

1867

First Headquarters opens (Whitechapel Road, London).

1868

The East London Evangelist first published, later becomes *The Christian Mission Magazine*, then *The Salvationist* (October 1879) then *The War Cry* (December 1879).

1870

Food for the Millions feeding program commences and William Booth made "General Superintendent" of the mission.

1872

Christian Mission Station commences in Cleveland, USA, but closes in 1876.

1874

Work commences in Wales.

1878

First use of the term "Salvation Army" and description of Booth as "General". First use of brass instruments and first flag presented.

1879

First cadets trained as officers; first print run for the *War Cry*. Salvation Army commences in Guernsey, Jersey, and establishes corps in Scotland.

1880

Salvationists "open fire" in Ireland, Australia and the USA; children's work commences.

1881

The Army commences operations in France; children's paper *The Young Soldier* (then known as *The Little Soldier*) first issued. The Salvation Army is targeted by Skeleton Armies (mobs of working-class men who objected to the Army's opposition to alcohol). First home for "fallen women" established.

1882

Salvationists land in Canada, India, Switzerland and Sweden. In England, 662 Salvation Army soldiers are assaulted (mainly in clashes with the Skeleton Army): 251 of them women and 23 under 15 years of age.

1883

The Salvation Army's work starts in Sri Lanka, South Africa, New Zealand, Isle of Man and Pakistan (still part of larger India at this point). First prison ministry commences, in Melbourne.

1884

Women's social work commences. The Salvation Army lands in St Helena. *The Salvation Army Brass Band Journal* first published.

1885

Family Tracing commences. Doctrines of The Salvation Army published. Maiden Tribute Affair to stop the white slave trade and lift the age of consent is published in the *Pall Mall Gazette*.

1886

"The work" commences in Newfoundland and Germany. First "self-denial" fundraising appeal held and first International Congress held. *The Musical Salvationist* first published (now *Sing to the Lord*).

1887

The Salvation Army marches into Italy, Denmark, Netherlands and Jamaica.

1888

First food depot opened. The Army opens fire in Norway. Catherine Booth, dying of breast cancer, gives her last public address.

1889

The work starts in Belgium and Finland.

1890

The Salvation Army starts in Argentina and Uruguay. Catherine Booth is promoted to glory. The Salvation Army opens its own bank. General Booth publishes *In Darkest England and the Way Out*.

1891

The Salvation Army lands in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) and Zululand. Commissioner Booth-Tucker publishes *In Darkest India* to show the cross-cultural relevance of General Booth's scheme. The Salvation Army opens a safety match factory.

1892

League of Mercy work (hospital, aged care and "shut-in" visitation, now called Community Care Ministries) commences in Canada. Salvation Army Limelight Department commences, later to produce a number of movies including *Soldiers of the Cross*.

1893

The Officer magazine is first issued for Salvation Army's officers. William Booth writes the song *O Boundless Salvation*.

1894

Work commences in the Hawaiian Islands and Java (now part of Indonesia). Naval and military league (now Red Shield Services) established. Swiss Supreme Court grants The Salvation Army religious rights. Second international congress held.

1895

The Salvation Army kicks off in British Guiana (now Guyana), Iceland, Japan and Gibraltar.

1896

Corps cadets (teenagers' Bible study) commences, and The Salvation Army commences in Bermuda and Malta.

1897

Initial international social council held. Army opens its first hospital, in India.

1898

The Salvation Army commences in Barbados and Alaska. First commissioned songster brigade.

1899

Mary Murray commences Salvation Army work with troops in the Boer War.

1901

The work commences in Trinidad. The Limelight Department films Australia's inauguration as a Commonwealth.

1902

The work starts in St Lucia and Grenada.

1903

The Salvation Army opens fire in Antigua.

1904

William Booth holds his first "motorcar campaign" in England. Work begins in Panama and St Kitts. Third International Congress held.

1905

General Booth campaigns in the Holy Land, Australia and New Zealand. First emigrant ship chartered by The Salvation Army sails for Canada. The Salvation Army opens fire in St Vincent.

1906

General Booth made "Freeman" of London and Nottingham and receives an honorary doctorate from Oxford University.

1907

Anti-Suicide Bureau commences, as does the Home League (meetings for women in a social setting). The Salvation Army's work commences in Costa Rica.

1908

The Salvation Army lands in Korea.

1909

Leprosy work commences in Java. Army opens fire in Chile.

1910

The work begins in Peru, Paraguay and Sumatra (now part of Indonesia).

1912

The Founder's last public appearance, in London's Royal Albert Hall. General Booth is promoted to glory on 20 August, aged 83. His son, Bramwell, becomes the new General.

1913

The Salvation Army lands in Celebes (now part of Indonesia) and Russia (until 1923). The Army's "life-saving scouts" (now the Boys' Legion) commences.

1914

The fourth international congress is held, in London. The Canadian Staff band and a large number of Salvationists perish on the Empress of Ireland sinking. The First World War begins and Salvationists serve the troops on every front.

1915

Army commences work in British Honduras (now Belize) and Burma (now Myanmar); the Life Saving Guards, a group for girls similar to the Girl Guides, commences. Salvation Army chaplains land in Gallipoli with the ANZACs.

1916

The Salvation Army enters China (until 1951; humanitarian work is now carried out by Hong Kong into mainland China), Portuguese East Africa (now Mozambique) and St Christopher Nevis.

1917

The work commences in the Virgin Islands. The "Order of the Founder" (recognition of outstanding Salvationists) begins. First Salvation Army doughnuts made on the frontlines in WWI.

1918

The "War to End All Wars" ends. Salvationists commence ministry in Cuba.

1920

Nigeria and Bolivia receive the attention and care of the Army. Salvation Army commences migration services to Australia.

1921

Sunbeams (a girls group) commences. The Army enters Kenya.

1922

The Salvation Army lands in Zambia, Brazil and Ghana.

1923

The Salvation Army starts the work in Latvia (until 1939).

1924

Salvationists open fire in Hungary (until 1949), Suriname, and The Faeroes.

1927

Austria, Estonia (until 1940) and Curacao (until 1980) see their first Salvationists.

1928

General Bramwell Booth's last public appearance.

1929

General Edward Higgins elected by the First High Council. General Bramwell Booth is promoted to glory; the Army enters Colombia (until 1956).

1930

The Salvation Army opens fire in Hong Kong.

1931

Salvationists commence the work in Uganda and the Bahamas. ▶

Salvation Army timeline 1865 - 2015

► 1932

Namibia receives its first Salvationists.

1933

The Salvation Army commences work on Devil's Island penal colony in French Guiana (until closure in 1952); as well as landing in Yugoslavia (until 1948) and Tanzania.

1934

Army opens fire in Zaire, Democratic Republic of Congo and in Algeria (until 1970). William Booth's daughter, Evangeline Booth, is elected General.

1935

Salvationists land in Singapore.

1936

The work commences in Egypt (until 1949).

1937

The Salvation Army opens fire in Republic of Congo, The Phillippines and Mexico.

1938

Torchbearer group (a senior youth group) commences. The Army spreads from Singapore to Malaysia.

1939

The Third High Council elects Australia's George Carpenter to General. WWII commences.

1940

The Second World War expands its theatre of operations and Salvationists follow suit where possible.

1941

Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Service (recognition of outstanding contributions by non-Salvationists) commences. International Headquarters destroyed by bombs in the London Blitz (10 May). Australian Salvationists commence a Postal Sunday School.

1943

The Salvation Army Medical Fellowship, and the SA Nurses Fellowship (until 1987), commence.

1944

Thanksgiving service for William Booth's conversion, in St Paul's Cathedral, London.

1945

WWII ends. The Flying Padre Service commences in Darwin.

1946

Fourth High Council elects Albert Orsborn to General.

1948

First world-wide broadcast by the Army.

1950

The Salvation Army commences in Haiti. First television broadcast by a General. Students' fellowship commences. First international youth congress. International Staff College commences (later called International College for Officers).

1954

Fifth High Council elects Wilfred Kitching to General.

1956

The Salvation Army opens fire in Papua New Guinea. First international corps cadet congress.

1959

Over-60s club commences.

1960

The Salvation Army opens fire in Swaziland.

1962

The Salvation Army opens fire in Puerto Rico.

1963

Sixth High Council elects Frederick Coutts to General. International Headquarters re-opened. The Joystings are formed, signed a contract with EMI Records and reached chart success.

1965

The work commences in Taiwan; Queensland Flying Padre service commenced. Australia, USA and UK issue stamps to commemorate the centenary of The Salvation Army.

1967

The Salvation Army opens fire in Malawi.

1969

Seventh High Council elects Erik Wickberg to General. The Salvation Army opens fire in Lesotho.

1970

The Salvation Army commences work in Bangladesh with cyclone relief measures.

1971

Work commences in Spain. First corps opens in Portugal.

1972

The Salvation Army opens fire in Venezuela.

1973

Officers appointed to Fiji.

1974

Eighth High Council elects Clarence Wiseman to General.

1975

The work recommences in Costa Rica.

1976

The Salvation Army's work commences in Guatemala.

1977

Ninth High Council elects Arnold Brown as General.

1978

Fifth International Congress held.

1979

"Sally Trailers" were first used to assist in feeding during emergencies.

1980

Work officially re-opens in French Guiana.

1981

Tenth High Council elects Jarl Wahlstrom to General.

1983

Official recognition of The Salvation Army tartan designed by Captain Harry Cooper.

1985

The Salvation Army reopens its doors in Colombia, and opens in the Marshall Islands, Angola and Ecuador.

1986

The work commences in Tonga. Australia's Eva Burrows is elected General at the 11th High Council. Employment 2000 job training centres opened in Australia.

1988

Work commences in Liberia.

1989

The Salvation Army opens fire in El Salvador. Salvo Care Line commences for telephone counselling.

1990

The Salvation Army officially recommences in East Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ukraine and Latvia. Sixth International Congress held. A locomotive in the British Rail fleet named "The William Booth".

1991

Work officially recommences in Russia.

1993

Bramwell Tillsley is elected General by the 12th High Council. Salvation Army opens in Georgia and Micronesia.

1994

General Tillsley retires due to ill-health. Paul Rader is elected General by the 13th High Council. The Salvation Army opens fire in Guam and Moldova.

1995

Married women officers gain The Salvation Army rank in their own right (from lieutenant to commissioner). The Salvation Army re-commences its social and evangelical work in Estonia. The work is recognised in the Dominican Republic and Rwanda.

1996

The work commences in Sabah (East Malaysia). The Salvation Army's work officially starts in Rwanda, following relief and development programs.

1997

South African Salvationists sign commitment to reconciliation for past stand on apartheid. International Youth Forum held in South Africa. Salvationist commence work in Botswana.

1998

International Conference of Leaders, in Melbourne, addresses challenges of a new millennium. Employment Plus commences throughout Australia.

1999

The Salvation Army initiates work in Vietnam. Army marches into Romania and St Maarten. John Gowans is elected General by the 14th High Council.

2000

The Salvation Army opens fire in Honduras and Macau. Seventh international congress held, Atlanta, USA.

2002

John Larsson is elected General by the 15th High Council.

2004

New International Headquarters opened in London.

2005

Work commences in Lithuania and Poland. The Salvation Army named as one of the world's top 10 "enduring institutions".

2006

Shaw Clifton is elected General by the 16th High Council.

2007

The Salvation Army spreads to Burundi and Greece. Website for office of the General launched.

2008

Migrant Salvationists open the work in Kuwait, Mali, Mongolia and re-opens in Namibia. In Australia, Hope for Life suicide prevention program commences, as does Moneycare for financial counselling.

2009

The Salvation Army opens fire in Nepal.

2010

The Salvation Army marches into Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and United Arab Emirates. Salvation Army World Youth Convention, Sweden. First helicopter purchased by The Salvation Army for the Flying Padre Service in Mt Isa.

2011

Work commences in Solomon Islands, Togo, and Turks and Caicos Islands. Linda Bond is elected General by the 17th High Council.

2012

Cambodia and Greenland receives the work of The Salvation Army.

2013

André Cox is elected as the 20th General. "Takasa" (Swahili verb 'to purify', and acronym of The Artists Known As Salvation Army perform "You and Me" at Eurovision Song Contest.

2015

Eighth international congress, Boundless, marking 150 years of Salvation Army ministry held in London. UK Royal Mint strikes a £5 coin to commemorate 150 years of The Salvation Army.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

MAJOR PETER FARTHING IS SET TO RELEASE HIS NEW BOOK, *1865 – THE YEAR THAT MADE THE SALVATION ARMY*, AT THE BOUNDLESS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS. HERE, PIPELINE REPRODUCES AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK, A CHAPTER ENTITLED *2 JULY, 1865*

Late the following Sunday afternoon, William made his way back to Whitechapel, prayed up and ready to preach. It was a hot, sultry evening, and by the time he had made the long walk from Hammersmith, his shirt stuck to his back. The calendar read 2 July, 1865.

At six o'clock, the missionaries formed a circle on the Mile End Waste, and began to sing. There was a short prayer. Someone read from the Bible. Someone else gave their testimony. Then William preached.

As he concluded, he called out: "Why don't you follow us now to the tent in Thomas Street? We are going to have a very happy time there tonight. You are all very welcome." The missionaries then paraded up the Whitechapel Road, singing as they went.

The old tent belonged to the East London Special Services Committee. For two summers they had pitched it in parks, until the police commissioner prohibited meetings in public parks. Thankfully, the Society of Friends – the Quakers – stepped in with an offer: "You can use our old burial ground." So it was to there they hauled the tent.

Tucked in behind Whitechapel Road, the cemetery was bounded by narrow streets, with buildings on the opposite sides. The whole area made a square no more than 30 yards in each direction, so it was small. Across one street stood a workhouse where homeless people stayed. It boasted a hospital, but funds were short. An investigation found that in one ward all the patients shared a single comb!

William stepped inside the old circus tent. Its sides were worn thin and several corners had been ripped and repaired. Rows of wooden benches were set out on the bare ground.

There would be no gas lighting, he saw. Hung on wires from pole to pole were naphtha flares, to be lit when darkness fell. Naphtha was a derivative of petroleum, and smelt foul as it burned.

Could anything have looked less promising? Gradually the people came in, to be welcomed warmly by William and the mission workers. Many were poorly clad. Some reeked with the fumes of gin or beer. There were eager young faces, bored and hoping for some fun. A few people had wandered across from the workhouse. Scattered about were broad-brimmed Quaker hats, and bonnets as well. And standing around the sides were workers from the missions.

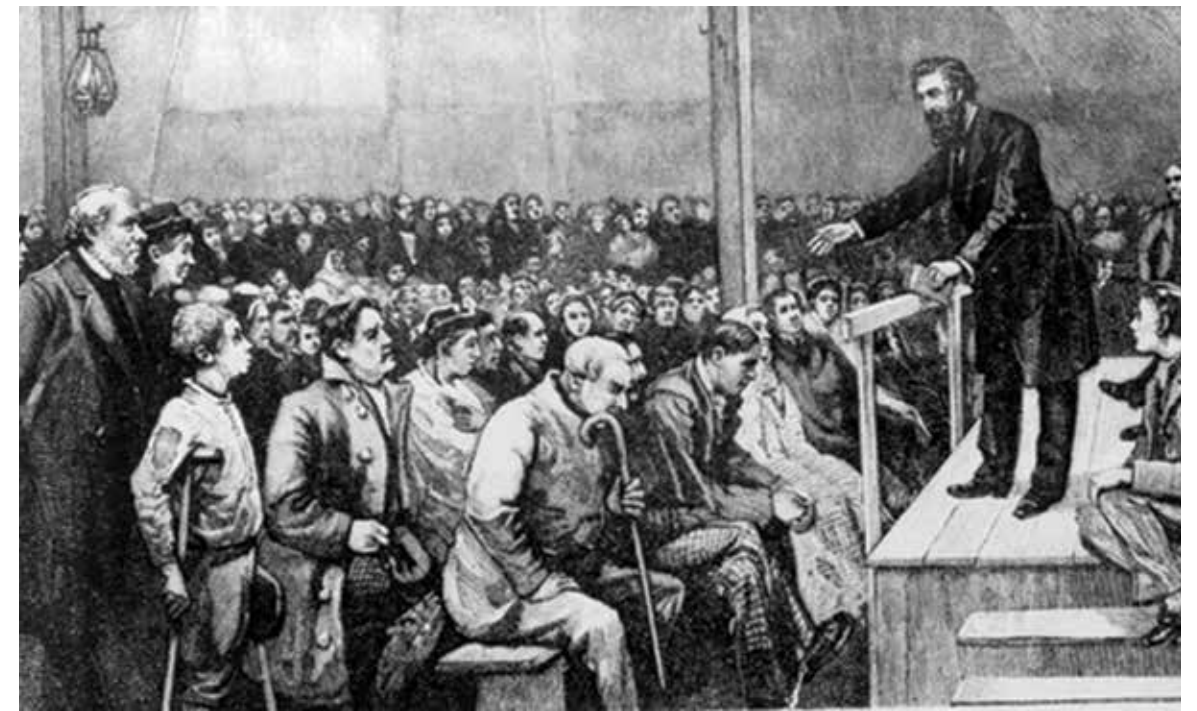
The missionaries gathered for prayer. Then the service commenced with bright songs. The whole purpose of these meetings was to reach people who lived hard lives and never went to church. So the songs were happy, they bounced along, the melodies were easy to learn.

The point was to get the people singing and having a good time.

When the time came, William began to speak.

In an early painting of the scene, the artist has William standing on a platform around two-feet high. A simple wooden rail walls off the front of the platform. There is no pulpit, and William leans over, close to the people sitting in the front row, as if reaching out.

The crowd declined to hear him in silence.



Drunken men noisily called out. Young roughs tried to interrupt. But Booth was used to it all, and he pressed on, trying to capture their attention with vivid word pictures.

Did he describe a river with boats and people in the water, and it all surging towards a waterfall and doom? Passionately he told them about the one who could save their souls. He pleaded with them to seize hold of Christ's outstretched hand of rescue.

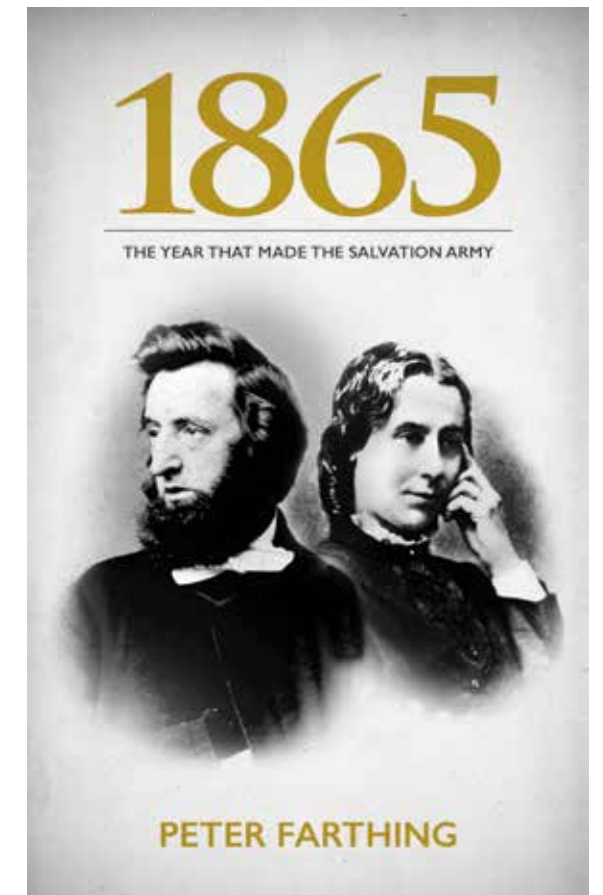
The *Revival* magazine of 13 July carried a report from Samuel Chase: "On Sunday, 2nd July, after our brother's address, many stayed behind to be spoken to about Jesus. Four professed to find peace in believing and two backsliders were restored."

So the evening came to an end. Samuel Chase and John Stabb shook William's hand, and said thank you. William set out on his walk home. Quite possibly, Catherine had been preaching that day as well, in the West End, and they would compare experiences.

Years later, he looked back on that night and remembered: "My field of labour was the Mile End; my tabernacle, an old tent in a disused burying ground; my audience, a crowd of poor Whitechappellers; and the result – blessed be God! – was a few desolate souls at the mercy seat."

In the East End of London God had lit a light that would one day shine around the world. □

1865 – The Year That Made The Salvation Army will soon be available from *The Trade* (thetrade.salvos.org.au).



TOP: William Booth preaches during one of the many tent meetings that typified his early ministry.

ABOVE: The cover of Peter Farthing's new book.



BOUND FOR BOUNDLESS



LEFT:
Commissioners James and Jan Condon (front) with just some of the almost 300 delegates from the Australia Eastern Territory who will be attending Boundless.

words **ESTHER PINN** / photo **CAROLYN HIDE**

More than 16,000 Salvationists from 126 countries are gathering at The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary celebration – Boundless: the whole world redeeming. About 280 Salvationists from the Australia Eastern Territory are part of the congress.

"It will be a great sight to see 16,000 Salvationists gathered in one place and as they move around the congress venue, people will know that something is happening," says Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon. "The times of worship with Salvationists from around the world, the international officer's councils, the musical that has been especially written for the congress, catching up with friends and sharing fellowship together will be highlights."

The congress – held from 1-5 July at the O2 arena in London – consists of five days of worship, concerts, preaching, prayer and much more.

The "much more" includes such attractions as a Boundless World Cup round-robin football tournament, a virtual Salvation Army choir and international prayer meetings.

A musical called *Covenant*, which delves into

the history of the Army, is also making its debut at the congress, along with other concerts featuring musical bands and groups from the Army world.

The Melbourne Staff Band is performing a joint concert with the Sweden and Latvia Territory's Vasa Gospel Choir on 2 July.

There are segments for children – under the banner of Boundless Kids – as well as sessions, known as "Neon", for Salvation Army youth. Salvation Army women also have their own gathering to mark women's contributions to the Army worldwide.

Commissioner Condon is encouraging Salvationists to engage with anniversary activities happening at their home corps.

"The Boundless committee is urging corps to have a Boundless Sunday on 5 July and resources for this can be found on the Boundless Congress website," he says. "I would support this and encourage corps to celebrate the 150th anniversary and also Founders' Day [2 July]."

"There are some very creative people in the Army so the sky is the limit of what corps and centres can do."

Go to boundless2015.org for more information.

BE A PART OF BOUNDLESS

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SEVEN MAIN EVENTS AT BOUNDLESS BY WATCHING THEM VIA LIVE STREAM AT BOUNDLESS2015.ORG. BELOW IS A LIST OF THESE EVENTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SESSION ONE A JOYFUL ARMY

1 July, 7pm, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (4am Thursday 2 July Australian Eastern Standard Time)

"A Joyful Army" – the opening session of the 2015 International Congress – will be a time to commemorate the joyful way The Salvation Army has spread the Gospel in its 150 years of service, as well as underscore the belief of early-day Salvationists, and indeed present-day Salvationists, that the world can and will be won for God.

SESSION TWO A UNIFIED ARMY

2 July, 10am, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (7pm Thursday 2 July AEST)

Responding to some of the most challenging global issues, like malnutrition, disease, and natural disasters, the work and ministry of The Salvation Army has never been more critical. In the second arena session, "A Unified Army" will be highlighted for its work to improve the human condition globally in emergency services, health services, and special projects.

SESSION THREE A SERVING ARMY (FOUNDERS' DAY)

2 July, 7pm, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (4am Friday 3 July AEST)

William and Catherine Booth's commitment to serve the least, the last, and the lost, continues to inspire Salvationists in 2015 – the 150th year of the movement they began. In Session Three, "A Serving Army", we will celebrate the founding of The Salvation Army and reflect the values the Booths knew to be essential for the Army to remain relevant.

SESSION FOUR A CARING ARMY (SOCIAL JUSTICE)

3 July, 10am, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (7pm Friday 3 July AEST)

The Salvation Army remains a beacon of hope for many in the world where slavery, human trafficking and child labour are prevalent. The Army speaks out against these evils and fights them daily. "A Caring Army" will explore the difference The Salvation Army is making in the world, putting into action the Founder's words: "While there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight!"

SESSION FIVE AN ALL-EMBRACING ARMY

3 July, 7pm, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (4am Saturday 4 July AEST)

"An All-Embracing Army" will celebrate the internationalism and multiculturalism of the Army, and the Lord's goodness and faithfulness to all peoples and nations! This session will highlight our diversity in background and ministry, and our unity in mission.

SESSION SIX A YOUTHFUL ARMY

4 July, 7pm, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (4am Sunday 5 July AEST)

While this session is for all ages, the youth extravaganza will feature young people and young adults from around the Army world. "A Youthful Army" will highlight their passion, commitment, and incredible talent, all of which have been dedicated to the honour and glory of God.

SESSION SEVEN AN ARMY OF INTEGRITY

5 July, 10am, The O2 arena (estimated duration – 2 hours) (7pm Sunday 5 July AEST)

The final session of the 2015 International Congress will focus on the fact that The Salvation Army is a holiness movement that not only preaches, but also practises personal holiness. "An Army of Integrity" will end with a great celebration of the five days shared together and the Great Commission to go forth and make disciples of Jesus.

THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

AS THE SALVATION ARMY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS IN 2015, *PIPELINE* TAKES A LOOK AT THE PREVIOUS EIGHT INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS

Salvationists from all over the world are gathering in London this month to celebrate 150 years of The Salvation Army's work, which now spans 126 countries.

The centrepiece of the celebration is the international congress – Boundless: The Whole World Redeeming.

"It's going to be an event that will inspire the entire Salvation Army world, and for the first time we truly have the capacity to reach the entire Salvation Army world," says Lieutenant-Colonel Eddie Hobgood, congress coordinator.

The congress is named after Army founder William Booth's timeless song, *O Boundless Salvation*.

"When William wandered into the East End [of London] and saw the poverty and neglect of the church he was moved to do something," says Lieut-Colonel Hobgood. "We believe very strongly the call to save the world is as strong today and The Salvation Army needs to sometimes be reminded of what we're all about. 'Boundless' is a call to continue into the next 150 years."

Past international congresses include:

1886

Just six years after the first overseas extension of The Salvation Army's work, the first international congress emphasised the cultural and ethnic diversity of the Army and included reports from around the world. A mile-long procession through London and along the Thames Embankment drew a crowd that police estimated to be over 100,000.

1894

Known as the "Jubilee Congress," the second international congress celebrated the 50th

anniversary of the founder's conversion and the 29th year of the Army. In a *War Cry* article published at the end of this congress under the title, "What Next?," William Booth reminded officers and soldiers alike that the Army's current position of "discipline and power and influence" should not overshadow the "day of small and feeble things". He wrote: "Thousands will not compose your audiences on every occasion, nor hundreds flock to your penitent form every night, but let us be grateful for the bruised reed and smoking flax, and mind we do not break the one nor quench the other. Praise God for ones and twos and see to it before all else that we do the work given to us with all our might, and that we do it well."

1904

The third international congress brought together representatives from 49 countries and colonies. Meetings were held primarily in the "International Congress Hall," erected for the occasion to hold 5000 people, far more than any other venue in London at the time. Organised principally by the Chief of the Staff, Bramwell Booth, and Commissioner George Pollard, this gathering was praised in the British press as "a model of skilful and dignified management." During this event, William Booth was received by King Edward VII at Buckingham Palace, an event the *War Cry* dubbed the "beginning of new recognition" for the Army. Booth notably travelled by car throughout the congress, as a demonstration of his commitment to innovation and progress.

1914

The first congress to be held after Booth's death was marred by what was called "perhaps the



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Salvationists march through Trafalgar Square during the international congress of 1914; United States delegates to the 1914 international congress aboard the USS Olympic; An Indian delegate to the 1914 international congress gives his testimony beside General Bramwell Booth (right); Prince Charles at the international congress of 1978.





FROM LEFT: Colonel Eva Parker wearing the 1904 international congress uniform; General John Gowans speaks at the 2000 international Millennium Congress; King's House Guards at the 1904 international congress; Delegates at the 1990 international congress enjoying one of the meetings.

► greatest tragedy in the whole history of The Salvation Army" – 167 Canadian Salvationists died after the Empress of Ireland was rammed by another ship in the Gulf of St Lawrence and sank within 15 minutes. Among the dead were Territorial Commander Commissioner David M. Rees and family, and the bulk of the Territorial Staff Band. Memorial services were held days later in the Royal Albert Hall. Despite this disaster, the event referred to as the "Congress of Nations," brought 2000 overseas delegates, including 720 Americans led by Commander Evangeline Booth and former US President Theodore Roosevelt. General Bramwell Booth reported that the Army was then at work in 58 countries and colonies and ministering to 84 ethnic groups in 34 languages. It was said to be an event that "consolidated the spirit of the Army's scattered regiments and so left it unshaken by the holocaust of the 1914 Armageddon".

1965

About 1800 Salvationists from around the world gathered in London to observe the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Salvation Army. The 1966 *Salvation Army Year Book* chronicles the event and records that General Frederick Coutts conducted an open-air meeting in the East End of London, where there now stands a memorial to William Booth commemorating his first open-air witness and the beginnings of what was to become

The Salvation Army. Queen Elizabeth spoke at the inaugural ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall.

1978

This international congress, under the leadership of General Arnold Brown, included inaugural ceremonies at the Empire Pool attended by Prince Charles, and a special service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey. Before the congress adjourned, delegates had heard messages from the Army's leadership and from such revered figures as William Booth's grand-daughter, Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth.

1990

This congress adopted the theme "With Christ Into the Future." General Eva Burrows presided over the event, leading to the final meeting in which almost 9000 Salvationists in the Royal Albert Hall and the Wembley Arena signed covenant cards reconsecrating themselves to the Lord's service.

2000

Themed "The Army Next - Carrying the Flame into the Future", the Millennial Congress signified The Salvation Army's commitment to the service of God and man in a new era. The first congress held outside of London – at the World Congress Centre in Atlanta, Georgia – welcomed more than 20,000 delegates from around the world. □

AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY



Welcome

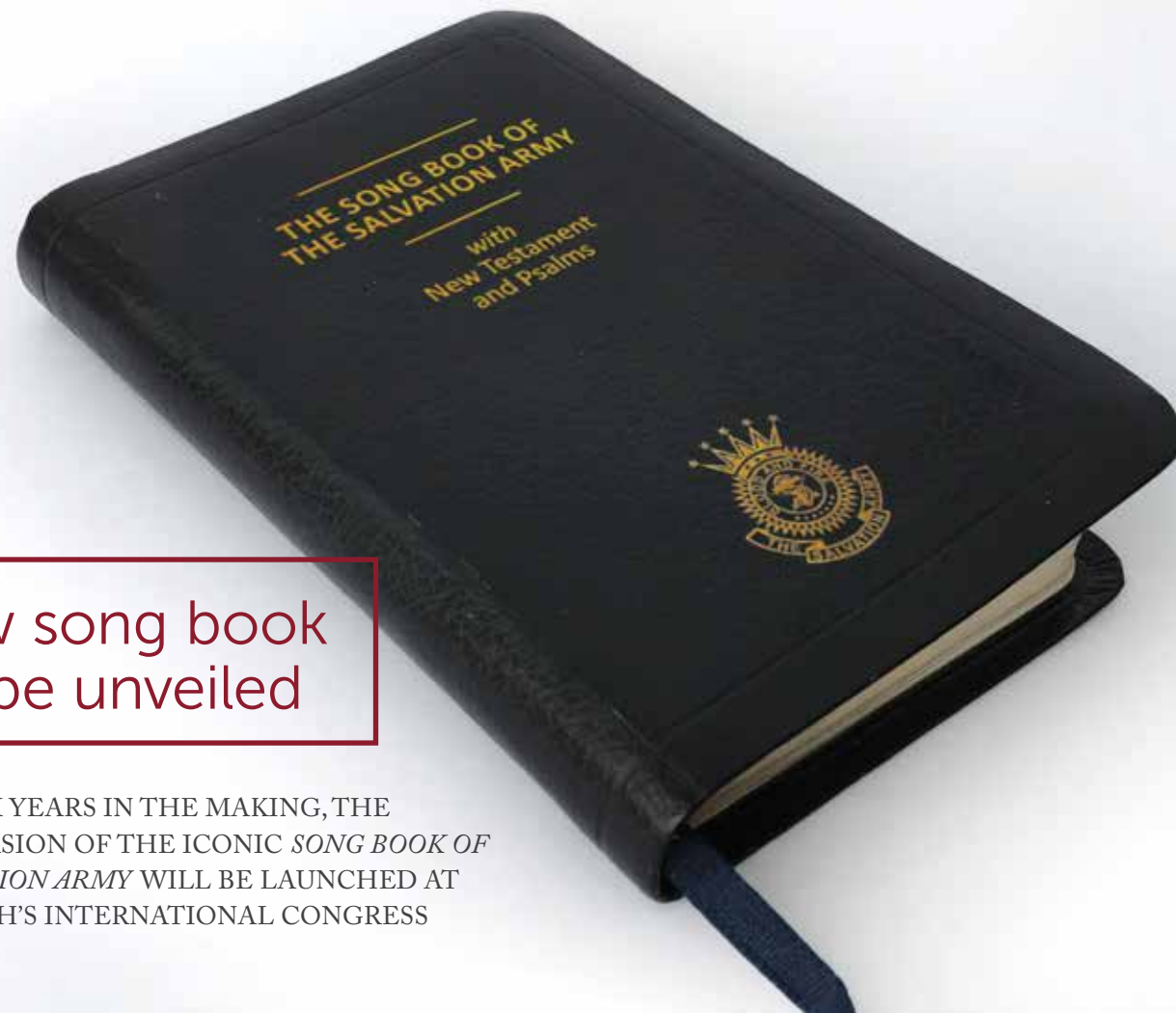
Colonels Mark and Julie Campbell
Chief Secretary and Principal of School for Officer Training

The Installation will be conducted by
COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON

Sunday 9 August 2015
3:00pm
Sydney Congress Hall



Supported by PARRAMATTA BAND and SYDNEY CONGRESS HALL SONGSTERS
Afternoon Tea will be served on Level 4



New song book to be unveiled

ALMOST SIX YEARS IN THE MAKING, THE LATEST VERSION OF THE ICONIC *SONG BOOK OF THE SALVATION ARMY* WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THIS MONTH'S INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

words **MAJOR CHRISTINA TYSON**

Almost 30 years after the last Salvation Army song book was published, a new "user-friendly" edition is being released – in the Army's 150th year. *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*, which launches on 2 July (Founders' Day) at the Boundless international congress, is intended to meet the needs of contemporary Salvation Army worship around the world.

"Music has always played an enormous role in the worship of God's people," General André Cox says. "It touches the soul in a unique way and can lift and inspire. God has gifted The Salvation Army with great poets who have a unique ability to express in words some of our deepest emotions, desires, devotion and love for God, which many of us would struggle to do without their special talents. As well, *The Song Book of The Salvation Army* is a repository containing much of our doctrinal teaching, making it an essential tool for the development of our faith."

Salvation Army song books have tended to be updated around every 25 years. The vision for the latest edition came from General Shaw Clifton, who convened a Song Book Council in 2009, a year before his retirement as the Army's international leader.

"Our song book has come to mean a great deal to me through the years, as a spiritual help and

source of inspiration," says General Clifton (Ret.). "I spoke with my predecessor [General John Larsson] before taking office and he agreed a new book was needed. I also discussed it at length with my closest and most senior advisers, and then sought feedback from throughout the Army world."

Although the use of large screens to display congregational songs has changed the way the English-language *Song Book of The Salvation Army* is used, the feedback received by International Headquarters was that this technology should not deprive the Army of a printed song book.

Having decided to move ahead with the project, suggestions were then sought about which new songs to include. Not all the "new" songs were written recently; some are 50 or 60 years old. At the same time, the Song Book Council needed to decide which songs from the 1986 song book to omit.

"Previous Generals had not hesitated to drop about one-third of the content of a song book when planning for a new edition. Therefore, the Song Book Council felt able to be bold in a similar fashion," General Clifton says.

Work on the new edition, particularly song selection, was well under way when he handed oversight of this task to his successor.

A key goal for the Song Book Council was to make the new edition as user-friendly as possible.

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This has seen the addition of new features, such as key Bible references above every song. An index to those references is included to further assist leaders in worship planning. In addition to piano and brass music for all songs, guitar chords are included for the first time, along with suggested introductions for every tune. Parts are provided in concert pitch and in the key of F, and some tunes have been brought down in pitch so they are easier to sing.

The previous song book contained 962 songs and 251 choruses. The new edition has 1041 songs but a separate chorus section is no longer included, as many modern compositions are not easily classified as "songs" or "choruses". Songs in the previous edition were grouped into 12 major sections. The new song book has three main sections: "The Eternal God", "Our Response to God" and "Benedictions", with songs organised into categories and sub-categories of these sections.

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

Four years ago, Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Davis – National Bandmaster and Head of Music Editorial and Territorial Music Secretary in the United Kingdom – was asked to accept the role of Tune Book Coordinator on the Song Book Council. He has worked closely with Andrew Blyth, Assistant Territorial Music Director of the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, the Music Ministries Unit of that territory and other musical arrangers. Their aim was to provide easier and more accessible accompaniments that assist congregations to worship God, and to ensure the musical settings did not detract from song lyrics.

"I think the new song book represents who we are in The Salvation Army very well," Lieut-Colonel Davis says. "Naturally I, like everybody else, will have my own joys and disappointments about what is included. However, from the tune book side of things, the song book has been prepared by a group of competent people who have done this with integrity and skill, not to mention extreme dedication."

Blyth's contribution reflects his long association with Salvation Army music-making. He joined the Music Editorial Department in the UK at 18,



becoming a member of the International Staff Band the same year. Since then, he has been the leader of the International Staff Songsters and Enfield Citadel Band. Currently, he serves as bandmaster of Peterborough Citadel Corps Band.

Blyth says that although a number of 1986 arrangements are used in the 2015 tune book, 200 new arrangements were still required, taking around two years to complete. And although brass arrangements are provided for all songs, he cautions that some songs are not ideally suited to brass band accompaniment.

For those counting the cost of upgrading to the new song book, General Cox recommends it as a worthwhile investment. "My parents purchased a copy of the 1986 song book when I was a young officer serving in Zimbabwe," he says. "That copy has been with me for almost 30 years now and the pages are well turned, so I guess that was good value for money!"

"Our song book contains songs that point us to the life of faith, inviting us to lift up our eyes and to embrace and rejoice fully in the realisation that God is with us no matter what our circumstances or whatever challenges we face." □

The new *Song Book of The Salvation Army* will be available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au) in the coming months.

ABOVE: General André Cox (right) reviews the new songbook with Chief of the Staff Commissioner William Roberts.



ATHEISM TO SALVATION

ERIK GIVES GOD A CHANCE

AS A YOUNG STUDENT, ERIK LENNESTAAL WAS AN EXPERT AT CONVINCING PEOPLE TO ADOPT ATHEISM ... UNTIL SOMEONE CHALLENGED HIM TO READ THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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words **BILL SIMPSON** / photos **MATT SULLIVAN**

It was hard to believe the man sitting across the coffee shop table in Salvation Army uniform was once a militant and articulate atheist and communist.

Here he was speaking exuberantly about his faith in God. Customers at other tables in the outer-west Sydney suburb looked up as Erik Lennestaal talked about finding faith in Jesus and how the discovery had changed his life.

Yet, a decade and a bit earlier, as a young student in Sweden, Erik (pictured left) had convinced Christians to abandon their faith. He had persuaded people searching for faith that they were wasting their time looking for God "because he didn't exist".

Erik, now 34, married with three children and living in the Blue Mountains, even says it himself: "There is perhaps no more unlikely Salvation Army soldier and worker than me.

"For most of my life, I was a proud, argumentative atheist, a rather staunch communist and a radical vegan.

"In my book, there were few things as decidedly evil and obviously delusional as organised religion. I was firmly convinced of the truthfulness of atheism and would not hesitate to tell anyone who would listen.

"I could be rather persuasive and managed to convince quite a few people to abandon their religious beliefs."

Erik was raised in Sweden with atheism in his family. By the time he reached high school,

he was skilled at debating. He was a feared member of the school debating club.

"I was winning; everything was going well. I was driven. I was a bit of a language nerd and seized every opportunity to learn a new language.

"I threw myself into learning Latin and loved engaging with the old Greco-Roman philosophers as part of religion and philosophy studies at school. Many of them were atheists like me.

"I still remember our very first class where our religious studies teacher came clean and told us she, too, was an atheist. I was cheering on the inside."

Outside school, Erik was involved in protest marches, writing articles for communist publications and participating in "not so peaceful animal liberation activities".

As for Christians, Erik saw them as either delusional, weak people who needed a crutch to get through life or ecstatic fanatics working themselves into some sort of frenzy.

"I was neither of those things. I was convinced of my atheism – and a bit of a proselytising atheist." He was proud and boastful of his achievements to turn believers into non-believers.

As he neared the end of his high school days, he befriended "a statistically unlikely number of rather strong Christians".

One of his fellow students, he says, ►

“For most of my life, I was a proud, argumentative atheist, a rather staunch communist and a radical vegan”

► loved a good debate and confronted Erik. He still remembers her words: “Erik, I can’t take you seriously anymore,” she said. “You keep making our lives hell, but you haven’t even given Christianity or God an honest chance.”

She challenged Erik to read the Gospel of John. “Read it before we speak again next week or I’m never talking to you again,” she told Erik.

“I was a bit surprised by her forcefulness. But I wasn’t about to say no. So I told her I would read the Gospel of John and then prove to her from her own book that God was not real.”

A Bible! Where would he find a Bible at home?

He recalled that when he started high school several years earlier, a member of Gideons International had addressed students and “forced” a small red Testament into his hands.

“For some reason, I hadn’t quite been able to bring myself to throwing it out. I turned my room upside down and managed to find it. It had fallen behind a desk drawer.”

EXPERIENCING GOD

Erik read the Gospel of John from start to finish – Testament in one hand and a pen and paper in the other, making notes.

“As I was doing this, something strange began to happen,” he says. “I began to doubt my atheism. What if I was wrong? What if Jesus was who he said he was? What if ... what if ... what if?”

“It was eating me up inside. I could hear my friends saying: ‘Why don’t you pray? Why don’t you at least give God a chance?’”

He didn’t tell his friends of any change in attitude. “On the outside, it was business as usual. I stuck with the old script. But on the inside, I couldn’t shake the seeds of doubt – maybe it was faith – that had been planted”.

School ended. His Christian friends – maybe noticing a change – invited him to a Christian youth event. He declined “in no uncertain terms”.

“But as the summer holidays progressed, I started to change. I decided to go to the youth event. Like Nicodemus in the night, off I went to the youth event incognito.

“I had packed my now well-read Testament. For the very first time, I voluntarily set foot in a church – and the roof did not fall in!

“It was as if there was just me and a strange presence. I prayed a most unexpected atheist

prayer: ‘God, if you’re real, show me. I need to know’.

“I experienced God speaking to me. I felt love and acceptance, and forgiveness for actively working against God for nearly 19 years of my life.

“At the last possible moment, I left my seat and ran forward, and knelt, surrendered. I ended up spending hours talking to one of the Christian workers, trying to make sense of what had just happened.

“My whole worldview was changing. I would go for a walk in the forest and cry my eyes out, realising that God had made all that I could see.”

After the youth event, he phoned the friend who had first challenged him to read the Gospel of John. Neither she nor any of her group of friends went to the event because they felt discouraged that he wouldn’t attend.

He tried to tell his friend in the phone call that he had become a Christian. She thought he was mocking her and she hung up. He called back and told her it was true – the atheist was now a Christian!

Erik joined a church and stayed. He bought a full Bible and “started devouring it”. His family saw the change in him. They said he had been brainwashed.

He then spent a few years in France, London and the United States, exploring ministry opportunities and learning as much as he could about God. He came to Australia in 2003 to study at the Hillsong church’s college in Sydney, where he met his wife, Amanda. They married in 2007.

Erik later studied at the Baptist church’s Morling College in Sydney and started attending a small inner-city church.

FULL-TIME MINISTRY

In 2013, Erik responded to a Salvation Army recruitment drive for people to work with asylum seekers on Manus Island. It was his introduction to The Salvation Army – and it was positive.

On his return from Manus Island, Erik and Amanda walked into The Salvation Army’s Penrith Corps building and have remained a part of the program there ever since. They were enrolled as soldiers last November and shared a full-time role as Family Ministry Coordinators for the Nepean Hub.

In June, Erik was appointed Distance Education



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Erik is now a proud Salvationist; with his wife Amanda, whom he married in 2007; the Lennestaals’ three beautiful girls – (from left) Dorotea, 2, Elsa, 4, and Miriam, 5.

Coordinator at Booth College and will also be involved in teaching at the Discipleship School and School for Christian Studies. Amanda will also be involved in teaching at the Discipleship School and completing studies at Booth College.

Erik and Amanda have three girls, Miriam, 5, Elsa, 4, and Dorotea (Swedish for Dorothy and meaning gift of God), aged 2.

“I want to encourage everybody not to give up on those God has called you to reach out to,” Erik says. “Pray for them; stand in the gap for them. No matter how discouraged you might feel, at times, God is at work.

“I want to leave you with the words of James 4 (*The Message*) verses 4-7: ‘So, let God work his

will in you. Yell a loud no to the devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he will be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the master; it’s the only way you will get on your feet.’

“Remember the religious studies teacher back in Sweden who confessed to the class that she was really an atheist? Well, on a visit back to Sweden, I was invited to speak in church.

“Some friends invited her to come. She responded to the call at the end of the service. That is special to me.” □



LATE LAST MONTH, 21-YEAR-OLD CHERIE CLANFIELD RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA AFTER A SIX-MONTH STINT HELPING OUT AT A SALVATION ARMY CHILDREN'S HOME IN KENYA. SHE SPOKE TO *PIPELINE*'S ESTHER PINN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

What motivated you to go to Kenya?

Ever since I was 12 years old God has given me a vision that I would one day go to Africa. I didn't know what that would look like, and how and when, but I knew I was going to be in Africa someday. I was volunteering in Nairobi, in The Salvation Army's Kabete Children's Home. I had been to Kenya twice before, in 2011 and 2013, on mission trips with my corps [Miranda] to a Salvation Army primary school for disabled children called Joytown. We stayed in Kenya for about two weeks each time and on our last trip we visited Kabete Children's Home. Before we even drove into the compound I knew I could see myself here. I knew this was where I wanted to spend more than two weeks.

What work were you involved in?

I came to Kabete with absolutely no idea what my day-to-day would look like. But God just guided me every day. I would wake up with no real plan or

agenda and things just came up; things that might seem insignificant but really make a difference. It could be purchasing school supplies, taking the children on outings, helping them with homework, sharing about God or praying with the kids, or even just saying goodnight! It was really just about being a presence at the home, building relationships and loving the kids.

What have you enjoyed about this experience?

Absolutely everything, even the many times when I was pushed out of my comfort zone. The experiences I enjoyed the most were the everyday things with the amazing kids; the conversations and games, the relationships built with every one of them! Also the many men and women I met along the way, friendships I know I will have for life.

Has this experience been challenging?

Yes, it has been challenging, but not in a way that I expected. I expected to find the separation



from family and friends to be so difficult and challenging, but I honestly never felt alone there. I always felt the amazing presence of not just people, but God. He has been my constant. My greatest challenges were the injustices I saw, or the hurt at not feeling able to give or do as much as what I would like. Things I so often take for granted back home, are an everyday struggle in Kenya.

How has your faith been impacted by this experience?

Wow! In a huge, enormous way! I knew before I went that I wanted to be stretched and challenged and be completely dependent on God. My faith has been so very impacted, more than I could have even imagined. I have learnt and seen things that couldn't be explained in any other way than what an amazing God we serve. I learnt something from the kids every day and what it really is to trust God. Even when it's tough and uncomfortable, Christ truly is enough.

Has your perspective on life in Australia changed after living in Kenya?

I know that I have returned to Australia changed, and for the better! I'm challenged by what the world considers important and valuable. I love living in Australia, but it's amazing how you can have all the material things in the world and yet be so far from what's truly valuable – and that's a

relationship with Jesus. My heart is now focused on more exciting and amazing things, like the opportunities to be Christ and walk in all that God has for me.

Do you have plans to return to Kenya?

Yes, most definitely. It has been a huge struggle to leave the kids at Kabete after building such strong relationships with them. I also know there are other places in Africa I want to see and experience. God has truly placed Africa on my heart, whatever that looks like, wherever that is.

What would you say to others who are considering overseas mission?

I would say go for it! If it's what God has called you to, he has called you for a reason! I didn't necessarily have the qualifications or even the experience to live in a country like Kenya, but if it's God leading and guiding me then I couldn't be in better hands! I would rather be where God wants me in what seems like an "unsafe" place, than be surrounded by the familiar and the safety of things and yet far from God! God was so very with me in Kenya and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world. □

TOP: Cherie Clanfield surrounded by the children of The Salvation Army's Kabete Home in Nairobi, Kenya, where she spent several months as a volunteer worker.

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Conference to explore matters of evil and suffering

How does personal suffering impact our understanding of God's mercy? Is defending our nation's safety with war ever justified biblically? As followers of Jesus, how are we to respond to issues of evil in our world, such as terrorism?

Enabling everyday Salvationists to reflect on such significant issues is at the heart of the 2015 Thought Matters Conference.

The conference, to be held in Sydney from 4-6 September, is preparing to tackle the theme: "Living as people of hope in a time of despair – A Christian response to evil and suffering".

"Thought Matters aims to provide a space for those who want to explore these issues and seeks to extend people in their understanding through hearing from a range of presenters and perspectives," says forum member, Captain Stuart Glover.

The annual conference is run by the Australasian Tri-Territorial Theological Forum and brings together Salvation Army academics, practitioners, officers and soldiers to create a dynamic context for exploring issues of critical importance to both individuals and The Salvation Army as a movement. A feature of the conference is the opportunity for participants to reflect and discuss how the ideas presented might inform the everyday life and faith of the participants.

"Thought Matters is less about knowledge for its own sake, and more about engaging in the issue and having a

conversation about it," Captain Glover says.

Over the past few years, the Thought Matters conference has attracted increasing numbers of participants from Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and East Asia. Last year, 100 delegates attended the three-day event.

"It's important that people can have a safe place to explore ideas or thought," Captain Glover says. "A good example is last year's topic, which looked at issues of human sexuality. The conference is not about pushing the position that The Salvation Army takes on such issues, but to allow people who have had different experiences to have the space to talk about it and to do some reflection on that."

"It's an approach that broadens the conversation, while not ignoring the position we clearly hold. The significance of this approach has been shown by a request from the [Army's] International Theological Council [formerly the International Doctrine Council] for papers presented at the past two conferences, so that they can be included in their own deliberations."

The annual conference has been running since 2007, but the Australasian Tri-Territorial Forum has been engaged in dialogue around significant issues affecting The Salvation Army mission and ministry practice since 2003.

For more information about registering for the 2015 conference, go to: facebook.com/thoughtmatters

– Anne Halliday

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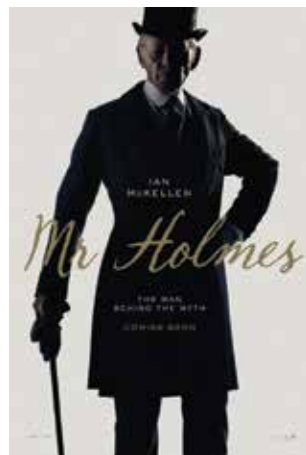
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Sherlock Holmes is by far and away the most famous detective to have never lived. Since the 19th century, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional character has been reintroduced in print to every generation, renewed in films and even revamped for modern American and British TV series. However, in the vast majority he remains a timeless character, but this will be remedied in the release of *Mr Holmes*.

Set after World War Two, Sherlock (Ian McKellan) inhabits a sprawling farmhouse in a remote part of Sussex where he keeps bees in the company of his housekeeper Mrs Munro and her young son Roger. He is a grumpy, demanding curmudgeon who proves a constant trial for a string of servants. His surface resentment arises from the way he has been caricatured as a deerstalker-wearing dramatist by his deceased friend, John Watson. The good doctor's books and subsequent films leave him snorting in disgust.

However, at 93, Holmes' bitterest regret is the slow loss of his mental faculties. His once boundless energy has been reduced to a shambling gait and his formidable mind struggles to retain even the names of the people he is speaking to. Yet he is dogged by the fragmented recollections of the case Watson titled, "The Lady In Grey". All Sherlock knows for certain is that it was never wrapped up as neatly as his companion recorded. In fact, it was this very tragedy, he tells Roger, that brought him to this remote farmhouse: "I chose exile for my punishment and I have absolutely no idea what I did. But it must have been terrible because I've spent the last 35 years here."

Before he dies, Sherlock is determined to rewrite this unsolved mystery. But how can he hope to solve a case that's sinking in a sea of forgetfulness?



Mr Holmes steps carefully through the detective's memories, slowly assembling the fragments of its mystery until a most unexpected villain emerges. However, the goal of the film is not so much a clear conviction as a conviction of conscience. It's a transference of wisdom from the ageing Holmes to the housekeeper's son. Roger is something of a prodigy who is mesmerised by the detective's knowledge. At the same time this "young Holmes" feels stifled by his mother's decisions, leading to very unkind words about her own capacities.

In the weakness of his latter days, Holmes has discovered a new form of wisdom. He spent his life priding himself on

his detachment, yet Sherlock has come to realise that his single-minded devotion to the intellect separated him from those who loved him best. Worse, his pride ended up being the cause of great pain.

The book of Ecclesiastes encourages its readers to, "Remember your Creator in the days of youth ..." and learn wisdom before "... the strong men shall bow themselves," and old age snatches away our chance to change: "Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. 'Vanity of vanities,' says the Preacher, 'All is vanity'" (Ecclesiastes 12:7-8, NKJV).

Sherlock might have solved any number of diabolical mysteries but he admits to Roger he missed the path of angels: "Do whatever it takes to calm and comfort others – this is the duty of every human being." Or, as Jesus puts it: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31).

Mr. Holmes is not a Christian film but Sherlock's realisation is a biblical one. Believer or non-believer, if we intend on doing good, we must begin and end by loving others. Otherwise, all that is left is pride's clanging gong.



13 Minutes

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The activity of Nazi Germany in the lead-up to World War Two provided a moral test for individuals as well as nations. *13 Minutes* is about one man who finds his courage in the face of that challenge. But does his motivation to act arise from a determination to do what is right, or the fear that there is no justice apart from his own hands?

13 Minutes tells the true story of Georg Elser, a woodworker in 1930s Germany who became obsessed with the need to kill Adolf Hitler. In 1938, he hatched a plan to assassinate the Fuhrer during his annual speech in Munich's Bürgerbräukeller Hall, and spent the following year manufacturing a bomb that he hid in a pillar behind the speaker's podium. Yet a surprise change in plans for Hitler and a matter of a mere 13 minutes would assure its failure and Elser's fate.

Elser is no Bonhoeffer – the famous Christian minister caught up in another plot to kill Hitler. Georg is pictured as an opportunistic philanderer happy to sleep with his neighbour's wife. However, he discovers a moral centre as the Nazi Party transforms his town. He can't help but admire some of the progress the National Socialist agenda has achieved, but he tells the Gestapo he constructed his bomb because he realised Hitler was not the man to lead Germany.

Practically speaking, Elser is more opposed to what is wrong than in favour of any particular right. He appears to choose the path of assassination because he feels God can't be relied on if Nazism is allowed to thrive.

At the heart of *13 Minutes* is one of the most difficult teachings of the Bible: that God might permit great harm to unfold for the sake of his own purposes. It's a truth that is



attested to in the Bible: "Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?" (Lamentations 3:37-38).

However, it raises all manner of difficult questions. Who decreed that Elser's bomb would miss its intended target if not God? And how many lives might have been saved if the Fuhrer had been where he planned to be, rather than where God decided he would go? The only answer that has the power to comfort arises from the conviction that God's ultimate control is directed by his ultimate love.

When an evil person triumphs, when a loved one dies, we have to hold on to the fact that God loves us too much to settle for anything that will make us merely happy. He is so dedicated to saving us and remaking us in the image of Jesus that he is prepared to permit as many tears as are necessary to accomplish these ends. Why? Because dry eyes do us no good if we remain distant from him. And his salvation is not some sort of clinical process where we do all the suffering. No, God is prepared to commit his son to a world of pain, himself on the cross, and to shatter the relationship at the centre of his own heart so that we can be released from pain for eternity.

Georg is presented as the hero who chooses to act when others look away, but he does so because he believes if he doesn't, no-one will. Too many people look at historical events like those captured in *13 Minutes* and conclude that God's failure to intervene argues he doesn't exist or doesn't care. Yet I prefer to think that God actually cares so much he will not let a single minute go by, even the painful ones, without using it to turn people towards himself.

West Wyalong celebrates 121 years

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE 121 years of The Salvation Army's work in the NSW south-west slopes town of West Wyalong on 23 May was also the final public meeting in the present corps building.

More than 80 people packed the small hall in Shire St for the emotional occasion, which was overseen by ACT and Southern NSW Divisional Commanders, Majors Howard and Robyn Smartt.

Earlier this year Captain Vanessa Garven was appointed to the role of Regional Mission Leader for South-West Slopes which covers such towns as West Wyalong, Temora, Cootamundra, Young and Grenfell.

The celebration service opened to the strains of *To God be the Glory* by the Tuggeranong Corps Band, which emphasised the theme of the meeting to follow.

Captain Garven, in her prayer, acknowledged it was a "sad day and a hard day" but that she believed God would "continue to bless West Wyalong as he has done in the past".

Various speakers then paid tribute to The Salvation Army's work in the town over the years. They included Doris Standing, Envoy Bill Sweeting, councillor Liz McGlynn and Community Church Pastor Cameron Webber.

Envoy Sweeting recalled wonderful Harvest Festival displays at the corps when Grenfell Corps

would visit for a Saturday night program. He also acknowledged the significant influence on the corps by men such as Lieutenant Geoff Whybird and Cadet Brian Watters during their appointments.

Major Robyn Smartt made a certificate presentation to all volunteers of the Family Store and thanked them for their dedicated service.

A special presentation was also made to Allan and Doreen Smith, the corps leaders, for their commitment and service over the past three years.

Major Howard Smartt brought a message of encouragement, acknowledging that West Wyalong was entering a new season of ministry and that there would be a time of transition. To emphasise this, he brought to the stage Captain Garven and the Rural Schools Ministry coordinator Judy Shutte, along with Pastor Webber and Reverend Noel Staniforth from the Anglican Church who have been working closely with The Salvation Army in West Wyalong. The Smiths then took up the Army flag and it was handed over to Captain Garven, signifying the change in direction of the Army's work in the town.

Major Ann Lingard, Divisional Mission and Resource Director, then led the congregation in song, a prayer and the benediction before a lunch was served outside the church.



ABOVE: One of the ceremonies honouring the ministry workers in West Wyalong.



LEFT: Major Howard Smartt, Divisional Commander, delivers his message.

While a few tears were shed, most people remembered with pride and grateful hearts the wonderful achievements of the West Wyalong Corps, looking to the possibilities of the future, flowing from the new ministry focus of The Salvation Army.

Booths' romance topic of presentation

WHEN WILLIAM, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, AND KATE MIDDLETON married in Westminster Abbey in 2011, millions of people around the world tuned in to watch the ceremony. Over the years leading up to the wedding, royal watchers had avidly followed the course of their romance through television and magazine stories.

More than 150 years earlier, another William and Kate were married. There was little interest in their romance or their wedding. No paparazzi, no media pack. Only five people were in attendance for the simple ceremony; not even the mothers of the bride and groom were present. Yet these two unpretentious people would significantly impact the lives of millions around the world through the organisation they founded, The Salvation Army.

It was a whirlwind romance and William was well and truly smitten by the 23-year-old Catherine Mumford. They first met

sometime in March 1852 and within a month he was writing to Catherine: "I honour you, I worship, I adore, I have loved you ..."

It is a love story that rivals many of their famous 19th-century contemporaries for its passion, intensity and devotion.

Their romance will be the topic of a presentation by Major David Woodbury at the next meeting of the Sydney Chapter of The Salvation Army Historical Society.

The event will take place on Thursday 13 August from 7.30pm at the School for Officer Training (Conference Room) at Bexley North.

The presentation and light supper is open to all who would like to attend. Further information can be obtained by contacting Dianne Cameron at di.cameron@ae.salvationarmy.org, or by phoning 02 9502 0424.

Streetlevel deadly serious about reconciliation

"DEADLY SALVOS" – THE BRISBANE Streetlevel Mission group that aims to increase engagement with Indigenous people – hosted its first Sorry Day lunch on 26 May.

More than 70 people attended the lunch as volunteers served kangaroo stew and other Indigenous dishes to the guests.

"The goal of Deadly Salvos is simply to provide a safe, encouraging and friendly environment where Indigenous people feel welcome and respected," said Major Bryce Davies, Streetlevel Team Leader.

"We chose this name because if anything is cool, then it's definitely 'deadly'".

Deadly Salvos members ran the lunch. Dusty Muller gave an Acknowledgement of Country and David Thomson read a summary of former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's formal apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, recorded in parliament on 13 February 2008.

"It was a really nice event with such a happy and joyful atmosphere," said Major Davies. "Our Indigenous people really appreciated the effort we went to, and the love and respect we showed them. They are just looking for ways to be happy and embraced into society. It's really not that hard."

The Sorry Day lunch event is part of Streetlevel's commitment to understand



ABOVE: Dusty Muller gives an Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of the Sorry Day lunch which was hosted by Brisbane Streetlevel Mission.

people's stories, the issues behind them, and build relationships.

"Our emphasis is on making friends," said Major Davies. "We're happy to hear people's stories, sit together at the table and have a yarn."

"Providing a safe and friendly place for Indigenous people, building relationships and being part of NAIDOC and other events will go a long way towards reconciliation."

– Simone Worthing

Australian public true heroes of Red Shield Appeal

FOR 50 YEARS THE RED SHIELD APPEAL HAS BEEN successfully funding the social arm of The Salvation Army in Australia.

Each year the funds raised go towards helping more than one million Australians access the Army's social services, including emergency accommodation, addiction recovery programs and counselling.

Major Bruce Harmer, the Australia Eastern Territory's Communications and Public Relations Secretary, said The Salvation Army was not the hero of the Red Shield Appeal, rather it was the Australian public.

"The Australian public who have jumped on board the Red Shield Appeal since its first year in 1965 (when \$87,000 was raised) are the true heroes of our Red Shield Appeal," he said.

"The Australian public have stayed loyal to us through good times and bad and have always stood by the Red Shield Appeal, knowing that the appeal correlates directly to support Australians doing it tough."

"The 50th year celebration is all about the Australian public who have never wavered in their generosity and we are forever thankful

for their continued financial support."

The appeal closed on 30 June and final figures are being tallied.

Major Harmer said the Red Shield Appeal would cease to exist without the army of volunteers who give their time each year over the Doorknock Weekend in late May.

"I'd like to recognise and honour the amazing work of all those who volunteered to support our appeal this year," he said.

"We simply could not conduct the appeal without their support and assistance and we are indebted and in awe of our volunteers. Thank-you to each and every one."



RED SHIELD APPEAL

Salvos Legal picks up more awards

AFTER BEING NAMED LAW FIRM OF the Year in 2014, Salvos Legal has received more recognition for their high law practice standards with three more major awards.

Two of them came at the 2015 Australasian Law Awards, held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Sydney on 21 May, where Salvos Legal picked up the Australian Boutique Firm of the Year and Corporate Citizen of the Year awards.

Then, on 3 June at the 2015 Social Enterprise Awards, Salvos Legal was named the Australian Social Enterprise of the Year (Large).

Luke Geary, Salvos Legal Managing Partner, said he didn't expect to win anything after the success of last year.

"It was a good surprise," he said. "Previously we had the novelty of being a very unique law practice that has already been previously recognised. Winning this time around is a good affirmation that quality gets recognised."

A growing ministry, Salvos Legal has 15 offices across NSW and Queensland, and employs 37 staff and has 180 volunteers. Over the past 10 years it has handled about 13,000 cases.



LEFT: Salvos Legal managing partner Luke Geary (centre), with partners Mark Khoo and Maryanne Ireland, celebrate their latest honour at the Australasian Law Awards.

This law firm had humble beginnings in 2005, when Luke set up a free service for clients, who were unable to afford legal assistance, with the help of Auburn Salvation Army in Sydney.

Over the course of the next five years, Luke and his small team of hard-working helpers provided free legal advice in more than 750 cases at Auburn and nearby Parramatta Corps.

Then, in 2010, this ministry expanded through the Australia Eastern Territory with the launch of Salvos Legal and

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To mark The Salvation Army's 150th international anniversary, the Australian Eastern and Southern territories are releasing a commemorative history book, *150 Years of The Salvation Army Worldwide*. Available free at most corps and centres, it will feature highlights of The Salvation Army's history in the two Australia territories, as well as the captivating story of its international roots.



Army's role in war remembered in evening of reflection

AN ANZAC REFLECTION PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE SYDNEY Chapter of The Salvation Army Historical Society and the Hurstville Corps on 30 May, celebrated the Army's support and care for service personnel, both in times of war and peace.

Focusing on the events of the Gallipoli landing and the events of World War One, the evening featured music from that era by the Hurstville Salvation Army Band, presentations on WWI chaplains by Salvationist historian Lindsay Cox and narration by former ABC journalist Lauren Martin.

The evening, held in the Hurstville citadel, took the form of a multi-media presentation with numerous on-screen images and video clips of the event, linked by a continuous narrative by Lauren. Of special interest were video clips of commentary on the Army's position during the war by retired General Shaw Clifton. Photographs of Salvation Army ministry during the war and a diorama depicting the ministry of Chaplain William McKenzie were also on display.

Among the music selections provided by the Hurstville band were the WWI military marches *Imperial Echoes* and *Colonel Bogey*, and The Salvation Army march *The Red Shield*, written to celebrate the participation of Salvation Army personnel in WWI. The band also provided thoughtful reflection with an arrangement of *Abide with Me* and *Sunset*.

Lindsay Cox, from the Melbourne Heritage Centre, spoke on four of The Salvation Army's World War chaplains who later became territorial commanders – William McKenzie, Robert Henry, Benjamin Orames and Ernest Harewood. The informative presentation, with flashes of humour, covered the unique ministry



ABOVE: Major David Woodbury, Lauren Martin and Lindsay Cox at the ANZAC Reflection afternoon at Hurstville Corps on 30 May.

of these men. A highlight of the evening was provided when the 100-year-old flag used by William McKenzie in his burial of fallen soldiers was displayed.

Remembrance for the fallen was led by Neil Hide with bugler Duncan Reay providing the *Last Post* and *Reveille*. A sing-a-long of WWI songs, led by Gaylene Millar, and a special arrangement of *Onward Christian Soldiers*, by Warren Brooks, gave an opportunity for all present to join in the evening.

The Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, closed the evening with a prayer and benediction.

Stafford hosts multicultural Pentecost celebration

THE FLAGS OF SEVERAL NATIONS STOOD at salute around the auditorium to welcome the crowd to a multicultural Pentecost celebration at Stafford Corps, in Brisbane, on Sunday 24 May.

The flags represented the 21 nations that form part of the Stafford Corps community. Several other cultures and churches joined the colourful celebration, commemorating the "unity in diversity" demonstrated on the first Pentecost.

South Queensland Divisional Leaders, Lieutenant-Colonels David and Sandra Godkin, and Councillor Fiona King, from Brisbane City Council, also attended.

In an inspiring re-enactment, children from Stafford Corps with international heritage read in their own language the Biblical account of Pentecost from Acts chapter two. Six young people, with the flag of the nation they represented as a backdrop, simultaneously read in English, Shona, Vietnamese, Pidgin, Persian/Farsi and French.

"The children's voices mingled in a

powerful illustration of what that first day of Pentecost must have been like when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers," said Major Michelle Oliver, Stafford Corps Officer.

Captain Nesan Kistan, Territorial Multicultural Ministries Coordinator and guest speaker for the event, challenged the congregation with the "Great Commission" of Jesus – to actively go and make disciples of all nations. He encouraged everyone to show their resolve to live this commission by adding their colourfully painted palm print to a large canvas as a pledge to cross cultural and religious boundaries to make disciples.

"Placing your prints on the canvas signifies a covenant with God that says, 'Send me, God. I'll go'," he said.

Many of the people from other nations now living in Brisbane said the service had touched them in a way they had not experienced before. An Indian woman publicly asked the congregation to pray for her family in India who were of another faith.



ABOVE: Papua New Guinean families who worship at Stafford Corps, dressed in national costume as part of the multicultural Pentecost celebrations.

Aged Care Plus announces scholarship winners

THE SALVATION ARMY AGED Care Plus has awarded training scholarships to successful applicants of its annual Fellows Program.

The program provides scholarships of up to \$5000 to Salvation Army employees and officers who are looking to enhance their professional development. This year, 20 people were chosen from the 44 individuals who applied – the highest number of applicants since the Fellows Program launched five years ago.

“It helps them to be able to realise their dreams but also to make better and more positive contributions back to The Salvation Army,” said Aged Care Plus chief executive officer, Sharon Callister, at an official ceremony at the Army’s Territorial Headquarters in Sydney on 22 June.

Some scholarship winners will be travelling overseas, including Carindale Assistant to the Corps Officer and Corps Mission Coordinator, Lincoln Proellocks, who will be attending a four-day church planting conference in Orlando, United States.

“God has placed on my heart for many years the desire to learn and put into practice effective church growth strategies that are relevant for our changing culture,” said Lincoln.

Others will be using their scholarship locally, including Gosford Corps Officer, Captain Adam Couchman, who will use the funds to complete a Doctor of Theology at the Sydney College of Divinity.

“My desire is to be the best teacher I can be and this scholarship will go a long way to helping me achieve that lifelong goal,” said Captain Couchman.

Two successful Fellows Program applicants from last year spoke at the official ceremony and shared how their scholarship has impacted their professional lives.

As part of the New Employee Category,



which was introduced last year, Angela Ryan received a scholarship that enabled her to complete a Bachelor of Social Science (Social Welfare) degree. Angela has subsequently gained employment as a case worker for the Army’s welfare and counselling program, Doorways. This year, a further three new employees were given scholarships.

Macquarie Park team leader, Nathan Moulds, also spoke highly of his opportunity to develop leadership skills with Sydney Alliance, an organisation aimed at assisting people to use the tools of community to help cities become better places to live.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon spoke at the awards ceremony, expressing his appreciation for learning opportunities. He added that he was eager to take up further study when his retires in May next year.

“I might need to apply for the Fellows Program,” he joked.

- Esther Pinn



TOP: Fellows program scholarship winners celebrate their success with Commissioner James Condon. **ABOVE:** Commissioner Condon presents Lincoln Proellocks with his scholarship.

Safe from the Start program earns research grant

THE SALVATION ARMY’S SAFE FROM the Start program has received a Tasmanian Community Fund grant to conduct a men’s domestic violence research project in partnership with the University of Tasmania.

Safe from the Start is an innovative, early-intervention and evidence-based program which looks at the impact and specific needs of children aged 0-5 who witness family violence.

The program was birthed in Tasmania, which is part of The Salvation Army’s Australia Southern Territory, and is now recognised and being implemented nationally.

Dr Peter Lucas, a University of Tasmania Research Fellow, will be the principal researcher on the men’s domestic violence research project.

“The research project is aimed at reducing the harmful effects on children resulting from exposure to family violence ... and to develop a suite of evidence-based

resources to support men’s behaviour-change programs and to make a significant contribution to Australia’s efforts to reduce family violence,” he said.

The work of Neil Kuilenburg, who is the Development Manager for the Tasmania Division of The Salvation Army, was integral to the formation of the Safe from the Start program.

Neil has a passion for social justice, a working background in the area of domestic violence, and experience working with children in women’s refuges. He says the research study will include:

- Mapping the scope of men’s Change Abusive Behaviour (CAB) programs in Australia;
- Determining how these programs can address educating abusive men about the impact of violence on their children;
- Developing a training module that can be incorporated into CAB and a range of other social programs within Australia;

- Producing a brochure for men detailing how to relate to their children’s needs and how to repair the damage done by violence;
- Writing recommendations to Governments and domestic violence peak bodies to include the impact of men’s violence on children in all action plans and policy statements in the areas of child protection, justice, mental health and addictions;
- Focusing on statements from children affected by living with violence and determining how the voices of children can be heard by men who use violence.

“This project has the potential to bring healing to both children and their fathers who mostly do not realise their behaviour has a damaging effect on their children,” said Neil.

More details at salvationarmy.org.au/en/Find-Us/Tasmania/Safe-from-the-Start-Project

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Flag unfurling marks Bayside indigenous commitment

THE SALVATION ARMY'S BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, located in Brisbane's south-east, recently marked its commitment to be a welcoming place for its indigenous brothers and sisters with an unfurling of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Bayside Salvation Army flags.

"We are committed to being a church where bridges are built, stories are heard and reconciliation through Christ is a reality," said Cadet-in-Appointment Natalie Frame, Bayside Corps leader.

"We have a large population of indigenous peoples in the Redlands area, and God has placed it on our heart significantly and is bringing about opportunities for reaching a hand out to our indigenous brothers and sisters."

Brooke Prentis, a Salvationist and Aboriginal young leader, assisted in unfurling the flags and explained their meaning and significance.

"We recognise, though, that the symbolism is only as good as our heart's desire to wear the symbolism on our hearts and through our actions," said Natalie.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Boni Robertson, Professor of Indigenous Policy at Brisbane's Griffith University and a Kabi Kabi Elder who started the COOEE Indigenous Elders, Youth and Family Resource Centre in the Bayside area.

"Professor Boni shared deeply and openly about her experiences and her heart for her people," said Natalie.

"Others in the church shared and contributed to the service through kids' time, explanations of artwork created to reflect reconciliation between peoples, and through song and prayers for healing and reconciliation."

"We now display our flags and our new reconciliation painting in our foyer for all to see as they enter the building, knowing that



ABOVE: Bayside Corps leader Cadet-in-Appointment Natalie Frame holds the reconciliation painting at last month's flag-unfurling ceremony. With her are (from left) Bayside Corps leader Cadet-in-Appointment Scott Frame, Brooke Prentis, Kerri Paterson, Caitlyn Mole and Professor Boni Robertson.

this welcome will be a blessing to those from our indigenous community and a positive example to others."

Raelene Baker, South Queensland Divisional Divisional Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, has been pivotal in assisting the corps on this journey.

— Simone Worthing

Historical Society honours Major Drew's contribution

THE LIFE AND WORK OF MAJOR Graham Drew was honoured during a special dinner hosted by the Brisbane Chapter of The Salvation Army's Historical Society.

Major Graham Drew, who was promoted to glory on 14 December last year, was the society's founding treasurer and an active member of the Brisbane Chapter.

Major Heather Drew (wife) and Helen Drew (daughter) were guests of honour at the dinner, where the title "Fellow of the Society" was posthumously bestowed on Major Drew.

Between food courses, Glenda Lopez read messages from then-Chief Secretary Colonel Richard Munn, South Queensland Divisional Commander Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin and Sydney Chapter president Major David Woodbury.

The presentation of the citation and plaque was made to Major Heather Drew by Garth Hentzschel, president of the Brisbane Chapter. Garth explained that the "Fellow of the Society" was bestowed "to honour the exceptional service of a member." He then read the citation: "The Brisbane Chapter recognises Major Graham Drew for his outstanding contribution to the society both as the founding treasurer of the Brisbane Chapter, which he engaged tirelessly until his promotion to glory and also for the promotion of Salvation Army history."

To complete the formal segment of the evening, Major Glenda Hentzschel offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and work of Graham. Robert Marshall and Laura Macleod also participated in the celebration.



ABOVE: Major Heather Drew receives her late husband Major Graham Drew's citation and plaque for "Fellow of the Society", from Brisbane Chapter president Garth Hentzschel.

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TAGABE OUTPOST, VANUATU

Major Darren Elsley, Tweed Heads Corps Officer who also oversees the work of The Salvation Army in the Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu, enrolled five senior soldiers and nine junior soldiers at Tagabe Outpost last month. More than 120 people attended the meeting to celebrate the enrolments.

"That now brings our strength to eight senior and 25 junior soldiers across three islands of Vanuatu – Efate, Aneityum and Pentecost," said Major Elsley. "We also have two new recruits from the island of Tanna. These are exciting days!"

RIGHT: Members of Tagabe Outpost in Vanuatu celebrate the enrolments that took place last month.



COOMA CORPS

Captain Louise Nicholson recently accepted Helen Payne as an adherent. Helen has been worshipping at Cooma Corps for over a year, and has decided to make it her spiritual home. "I feel like Cooma Corps is my home and it's been a long time since I felt that way about a church," she said.

Helen's husband Fred, who takes Helen to the corps and brings her home each week, stayed for the service to see her accepted as an adherent.

RIGHT: Helen Payne signs her adherent's certificate as Captain Louise Nicholson, the Cooma Corps Officer, looks on.



NAMBUCCA RIVER CORPS

Four new juniors soldiers – Valarie Wardrope, Shakira Prinz, Thandile Ndebele and Zara Brown – have been enrolled at Nambucca River by Corps Officer, Captain Petra Dorman.

Another four girls – Bethany and Madeline Scott, and Paris and Reese Briggs – also signed their junior soldier renewals on the day.

"This was a great time of celebration for the Nambucca River Corps and the smiles on the eight junior soldiers' faces was priceless," Captain Dorman said.

RIGHT: The eight junior soldiers with assistant junior soldier leader Amylia Ferdinand and Captain Dorman. Bob Lindsay is holding the flag.



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CAPRICORN REGION CORPS



ABOVE: Major Colin Maxwell stands with the new soldiers (front row, left to right) Jaiden Ivers, Jan Maxwell, Kayla Jupp and Patricia Saunderson, with the new adherents behind them (from left) Christopher Floyd, Belinda Floyd Tia Hogan and Sylvia Sell. Alan Wayman is holding the flag.

Corps Officer Major Colin Maxwell recently enrolled four new senior soldiers and accepted four new adherents.

In mid-May, Major Maxwell enrolled Jaiden Ivers as a senior soldier. Jaiden gave his testimony, explaining that becoming a soldier of The Salvation Army had not always been a priority for him.

"Over the years other churches appealed to me," he said. "However, despite those experiences, I am sure today that God has called me to be a soldier of The Salvation Army and I promise to serve him faithfully."

On Sunday 14 June, the corps celebrated the enrolment of three new senior soldiers – Jan Maxwell, Kayla Jupp and Patricia Saunderson – and the acceptance of four adherents – Christopher Floyd, Belinda Floyd, Tia Hogan and Sylvia Sell.

"Jan, Kayla and Patricia each gave a good account of their love for God, their relationship with God and their desire to serve God," said Major Maxwell. "Each testified to knowing the healing hand of God."

MT ISA CORPS

Corps Officer Lieutenant Brad Whittle enrolled Brad Hay as a senior soldier and accepted Cheree Blewitt as an adherent on Sunday 14 June.

"Brad is a police officer who does a lot of work in the community and with young people," said Lieut Whittle. "He has been part of the corps since coming to town last year and has found his spiritual home at Mt Isa Corps."

"Cheree works in our women's crisis centre, Serenity House, as a caseworker."

During the service, Cheree gave her testimony, sharing how God had always been active in her life, she just didn't always know it.

"People often ask the question, 'What is the secret to life?'," Cheree explained. "Actually, it's not a secret. It's knowing, trusting and believing in the Lord."



LEFT: (Left to right) Lieut Brad Whittle with new soldier Brad Hay, adherent Cheree Blewitt and flag bearer Bill Park.

GOULBURN CORPS

Captains Nigel and Sandy MacDonald, ACT and South NSW Divisional Youth and Candidates Secretaries, enrolled Jaslyn Dockary and Grace Mills as junior soldiers on Mother's Day, 10 May. Jaslyn and Grace are the first junior soldiers to be enrolled in Goulburn Corps for many years.

The girls' Prayer Pals, Carole Dobing and Hazel Menzies, encouraged them as they read and signed their promise.

"Both girls have huge gifts of helping," said Captain Tuesday McCall, Goulburn Corps Officer. "They give out song books and leaflets as people arrive and will also be involved as welcomers, assisting the welcome sergeant, Sandra McLean."

"The girls also bring worship items during the service, together they sing and play timbrel items and both young ladies have prayed several times after the offering and shared in reading the Bible during service."

"We try to encourage all ages to take part in the worship."



ABOVE: Junior soldiers Jaslyn Dockary and Grace Mills with their prayer pals Carole Dobing and Hazel Menzies during the enrolment ceremony. Denise Patrick is the flag bearer.

Commemorative coin honours Army anniversary

The Royal Mint in the United Kingdom is issuing a special £5 coin honouring 150 years of The Salvation Army.

The first limited edition sterling silver coin was minted by Lieutenant-Colonel Eddie Hobgood, who is the coordinator of the Army's international congress.

The coin was struck for Alderney – one of the Channel Islands situated between the south coast of England and France. A Royal Mint representative said he believed this was the first Salvation Army coin created by an official mint.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 150th anniversary and evolution of this much-loved organisation – still bringing hope to people today," the Royal Mint's Director of Commemorative Coin and Medals, Shane Bissett, said.

The reverse design for the coin was created by Laura Clancy, one of The Royal Mint's leading designers. It includes the familiar Salvation Army shield and a laurel wreath.

"I wanted to create a design that commemorates their [the Army's] achievements," said Laura.

"Something classic, celebratory and with something we all know and recognise at the heart of it."

The coin is being released in two forms, a cupro-nickel version (similar metal content to all silver-coloured UK coins) and a limited edition sterling silver version. The cupro-nickel coin will sell for £13 (\$A26) and the silver coin – of which only 1500 are being minted – will cost £80 (\$A160).

The coins are available to purchase direct from the Royal Mint and will also be for sale at The Salvation Army's international congress, Boundless – The Whole World Redeeming – which is being held in London this month.

For more information, go to royalmint.com/shop



ABOVE: Boundless International Congress coordinator Lieut-Colonel Eddie Hobgood mints the first limited-edition coin honouring 150 years of The Salvation Army.

General hosts Grand Imam at IHQ



ABOVE: General André Cox chats to Grand Imam Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad at the Army's headquarters in London.

The Salvation Army's world leader, General André Cox, has hosted a visit from The Grand Imam Maulana Syed Muhammad Abdul Khabir Azad, from the Badshahi Mosque in Lahore, Pakistan – the second largest mosque in south Asia and fifth largest in the world.

The two had met during the General's visit to Pakistan in 2014, when he had made an open invitation for the Grand Imam to

visit him at the Army's International Headquarters the next time he was in London.

The meeting took place in an atmosphere of warmth and mutual respect.

The General spoke about the work of The Salvation Army in Pakistan and also gave the Grand Imam an overview of its worldwide ministry.

Grace abounds at Danish congress

Amazing grace permeated the Denmark Territory's congress as General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) proclaimed a powerful message of God's boundless grace and commissioned new lieutenants from the *Heralds of Grace* session.

Reflecting the sessional name, the inspirational gathering in the Danish capital, Copenhagen, took the theme "Amazing Grace".

The five new lieutenants had received their training in either Norway or the United Kingdom, and the two ceremonies to mark their ordination and then appointments as Salvation Army officers, were attended by members of the cadet sessions from both countries. The congregation was reminded that all Salvationists are called to be heralds of grace.

Through every event at the congress people were encouraged to recognise the great things God is doing in an increasingly secular, suffering and faithless world, as well as being aware of the even greater things he still wants to do.

A special highlight of the congress was the sight of many beneficiaries from The Salvation Army's outreach work to marginalised families kneeling together in prayer. The General described these scenes as "a wonderful picture of God's grace".

God's amazing grace was not only received but also shared during the congress, particularly through open-air meetings and a



ABOVE: A highlight of the congress in Denmark was a March of Witness through central Copenhagen.

vibrant march through central Copenhagen that was witnessed by many people.

The participation of Regent Hall Band, from London, was particularly appreciated, with the visitors providing captivating and creative music throughout the weekend.

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SERVANT OF GOD



MAJOR JOY Everitt was unexpectedly promoted to glory on 8 May, aged 85, at Long Jetty on the NSW Central Coast.

Joy was the beloved wife of Major Albert Everitt, mother of Robyn, Carol, John and Janice and a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Not only has Joy's promotion to glory been sudden for Albert and the family, but for the corps at Gosford, as well as Salvationists and friends throughout the Australia Eastern Territory. Joy was well-loved and respected, having a gentle spirit and compassionate heart.

Majors David and Lea Palmer conducted the "Thanksgiving to God" service at Gosford Corps where the band was in attendance. Major John Wiseman sang Joy's request song *My Tribute*, and a letter from Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon was read by Captain Megan Couchman.

The retired officer's tribute was given by Major Jean Evans, and Kevin Reddie paid the corps tribute. Moving tributes were

given by her daughter Robyn James, her son John Everitt, and by grandson Luke Franks. Albert spoke a personal tribute to Joy, his wife of 63 years.

Joy's chosen scriptures were read by grand-daughter Tania Ford and grandson Caleb Baker. The Order of Service featured Joy's "Call to Officership", based on Isaiah 43:1.

The family committal service was held at Palmdale Crematorium and was conducted by Majors David and Lea Palmer, where Albert's tribute included a plea for all the family to know Joy's saviour as their own. Other voluntary tributes were given.

Joy Rudd was born on 12 June 1929 in Sydney to Salvationist parents, Charles and Elsie Rudd. A sister, Dulcie, was born a few years later.

Joy's childhood and teenage years were spent attending Parramatta Corps, where she became a senior soldier. At 20, she entered the *Standard Bearers* session of cadets at The Salvation Army training college.

Following Joy's commissioning as a Salvation Army officer on 18 January 1951, her first appointment was as assistant

officer of Laidley Corps and in 1952 to Adamstown Corps.

Joy and Albert were married on 18 October 1952 and were appointed as corps officers to Gosford Corps. They shared in ministry at Ryde, Goulburn, Maryborough, Albion, Fairfield, Rockdale, Dulwich Hill and Sydney Congress Hall.

In June 1978, Joy was appointed as the Assistant Divisional Home League Secretary in the Sydney Central Division when Albert was the Divisional Chancellor for five years, their longest appointment before retiring in January 1984.

Joy was a wonderful prayer intercessor and loved the scriptures. She has written more than 100 journals over the years which included the names of family, friends and missionary endeavours for whom she prayed.

Her compassionate heart expressed itself in seeking the "lost" and encouraging people to continue to follow Jesus.

As was written in her call to officership, Joy's love for Jesus was the motivation of all her living. Joy was a faithful Salvation Army officer for more than 64 years, and all who knew her would say "Servant of God, well done!".

Break my heart for what breaks yours

SEEKING THE MIND OF GOD FOR REFUGEES



PETER MCGUIGAN

MORE and more these days I catch myself wondering how God sees things. It can be in the middle of a conversation. Momentarily my thoughts will drift into the God-space and then the words come out: "How do you think God sees this issue?"

Sometimes the words don't come out and I keep my thoughts to myself. If I'm feeling desperate enough it could even become a silent prayer: "God, what's your take on this?"

It seems to be happening now as a matter of course, like I'm living in an in-between world thinking my own thoughts but always wondering about God's point of view. Don't worry, it's not a "Secret Life of Walter Mitty" scenario. Nothing quite that chaotic, at least not yet.

Actually, I do believe it is a vital question for the complex times in which we live and that we do need to be intentional about asking it. It is a disarming, sobering question. You can quickly get to the heart of a matter by asking it, kind of like the WWJD campaign from the late 20th century: What Would Jesus Do?

And, if you don't mind me saying, I think it's the question we should be asking about the current asylum seeker crisis in Australia. Surely this has become a human dilemma way beyond the ability of a nation to handle on its own. Shouldn't we be getting into the mind of God on asylum seekers, looking way beyond sovereign borders for solutions?

It's not really a matter of "stop the

boats" or "curb the people traffickers" or "dissuade through harsh detention". These are trite, quick-fix, incomplete answers to a debilitating and complex blight on humanity – the persecution of citizens on account of ethnicity, belief, or cultural tradition. Sometimes it's all three. Most asylum seekers flee their country of origin because their lives and their freedom in that country are in grave danger.

Despite the surface appearance of Australia as highly multicultural, the Government's off-shore solution to asylum seekers exposes a neo-colonial attitude towards our neighbours – both Developing Nations – and towards asylum seekers themselves. Do we care at all about what will happen to the people of Nauru and Manus Island when the detention centres close? Very quickly, socially and economically, these communities have centred their lives around the industry created by the detention centres.

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

And do we care at all about people who have fled for their lives and who arrive in Australian waters hoping they will be safe and welcome? Detaining them indefinitely on an island somewhere in the Pacific surely gives a message that we don't. What does it say about us as a people? What does it say about our ability to respect the rights of others to seek asylum – internationally recognised rights? I would have to say, along with rapidly increasing numbers of Australians, that I am ashamed.

So what would be the mind of God for Australia on asylum seekers? I think God would say to us: "Think global, act local."

In this decade, national-mindedness without global-mindedness is small-mindedness. What we need perhaps is for a few regional towns to put their hands up and say: "We will welcome asylum seekers here." These will be communities that see through the misnomer about asylum seekers ruining the social fabric of Australia or putting the economy at risk or taking our jobs. They will be people who see themselves and asylum seekers as global citizens who can go on a rich journey together.

There will need to be a period of "on-shore" detainment to sift out the minority of opportunists among asylum seeker numbers. But surely a three-month period would be sufficient, and under conditions that respected and generously provided for the needs of asylum seekers. It would be our coming of age, Australia giving profound leadership to the world on one of the world's most urgent problems.

Asylum seekers are among the most vulnerable people on earth. Jesus himself belonged to an asylum-seeker family early in his life.

It is an issue close to the heart of God (Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 25:35-40). What can you do? What can I do?

Perhaps our starting point should be this profound prayer from Brooke Fraser's well-known song: "Break my heart for what breaks yours."

A Tribute to Lt. Col. Ray Steadman-Allen

A Night of Music and Song

5 September
Sydney Congress Hall
7.30 pm

Sydney Staff Songsters
- Songster Leader Graham Ainsworth

Parramatta Citadel Band
- Bandmaster Glen Kuiper

The Ray Steadman-Allen Tribute Band
- Bandmaster Ron Prussing

150th Celebration

THE SALVATION ARMY

Mission Priorities

1. Our people marked by prayer and holiness.
2. Our people in every place sharing Jesus.
3. Corps healthy and multiplying.
4. Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world.
5. Our people passionate about bringing children to Jesus.
6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission.
7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers.

One Army, One Mission, One Message

We're about people finding freedom.

ABOUT PEOPLE**ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Major Deon **Oliver**, Divisional Multicultural Ministry Coordinator, South Queensland Division, effective 11 June.
 Major Darren **Elsley**, Officer responsible for oversight of Vanuatu Ministries; Captains Paul and Kaylene **Morrice**, Divisional Chaplaincy Coordinators, Great West Division, effective 4 June.

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 4 June: Major David **Twivey**, Manager, Townsville Recovery Services, Divisional Mission and Resource Director – Recovery and PR Director – Townsville, Central and North Queensland Division.

Effective 11 June: Lieutenant Belinda **Cassie**, Associate Corps Officer, Stafford Corps, South Queensland Division.

Effective 15 June: Captain Tara **McGuigan**, Development Manager and State Team Leader NSW and ACT, Territorial Communications and Public Relations Department.

Effective 1 July: Envoys Victor and Vicki **Keenan**, Assistant Rural Chaplains, ACT and South NSW Division.

Effective 16 July: Major Keith **Hampton**, Corps Officer, Springwood Corps (Pro-tem), Greater West Division.

Date to be advised: Major Chris **Cohen**, Administrator at Boroko Primary School and Koko High School, Papua New Guinea.

BEREAVED

Major Ian **Liddell** of his mother-in-law, Margaret **Johnson** on 28 May; Major Lenore **Clanfield** of her mother, Val **Clanfield** on 29 May; Major Judith **Baker** of her mother, Mary **Wells** on 30 May.

CONCLUSION OF SERVICE

Captains Tracy and Noel **Payne** on 15 May and 1 June.

RETIREMENT

Major Keith **Cook** on 1 June.

TIME TO PRAY**28 JUNE – 4 JULY**

Glen Innes Corps, Grafton Corps, Gunnedah Corps, Hope House – Gunnedah, Inverell Corps, Kempsey, all NSW; ACT and South

NSW Division Snow Mission (29 June–12 July); International Congress, London (1–5).

5–11 JULY

Lismore Corps, Maclean Corps, Moree Corps, Nambucca River Corps, Narrabri Corps, Port Macquarie Corps, all NSW; EQUIP Qld (5–11); National NAIDOC Week (5–12).

12–18 JULY

Tamworth Corps, Tenterfield Corps, both NSW; South Queensland Divisional Headquarters, South Queensland Division Chaplaincy Service, South Queensland Flying Service, Bayside Community Church, all Qld.

19–25 JULY

Beenleigh Corps, Brisbane City Temple Corps, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, Bundamba Corps, Caboolture Corps, Calamvale Corps, all Qld; Soldiers Brengle (24–26).

26 JULY – 1 AUGUST

Caloundra Corps, Carindale Corps, Centenary Corps, Coolum Mission, Coomera Corps, Dalby Corps, Fassifern Corps, all Qld; Recovery Prayer Day (30); Youth and Kids Ministry Conference, NSW (31 July–2 Aug).

2–8 AUGUST

Forest Lake Community Church, God's Sports Arena, Gold Coast Temple Corps, Gympie Corps, Hervey Bay Corps, Inala Corps, all Qld; Junior Soldier Renewal Day (2); Officer 19-Year Review (3–6); Divisional Mission and Resource Team Leaders Forum (7).

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

London: Wed 1–Sun 5 July – Boundless Congress.

London: Tues 14 July – International Management Council, International Headquarters.

* Newcastle: Fri 24 July – Luncheon and fellowship at Divisional Headquarters.

Collaroy: Fri 24 July – Welcome dinner, Brengle for Soldiers.

* Commissioner James Condon only

There are no engagements for Colonel Mark Campbell during July.

