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Accepting change is our Christian responsibility

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Change in life is inevitable, let's get that straight. So why is it that so many of us can be so resistant to change? It's probable that before you started reading this your mind was already beginning to fill with thoughts of change.

Our cover story this month will have seen to that – the bold, new vision for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory that promises to usher in a new era significantly different to anything that has come before.

Many of the other stories that feature in this issue of *Pipeline* also speak of change. There's our article on Russ Cooke, the change-management expert who has been identified by the Army's leadership to help usher

in this new era for the territory. Professionally, Russ' job is all about change, but personally, his life is also a wonderful story of transformation. We also bring you a feature on newly appointed rural chaplains, Envoys Vic and Vicki Keenan. Again, it's a great story about transformation.

I guess you could say, in this issue of *Pipeline* at least, that change is everywhere. But before we proceed any further, it's vital that we understand the importance of change. You see, regardless of whether we feel comfortable with it, we should all be willing to readily embrace change. Why? Because as Christians, we're all in the business of change. Whether it's God, through us, working transformation in others, or God carrying out his ongoing work of sanctification in our own lives, change is unavoidable.

Resistance to change arises because it is never easy and, yes, sometimes it can downright painful. Our natural inclination to retain the status quo comes from the fact that change has a tendency to carry us outside our comfort zone. But because we are called as believers in Christ to holiness, we simply can't stay where we are.

Change, especially in the context of holiness, is also something that we play an active role in. Of course we need God's help, but we cannot be changed without making a conscious choice to change ourselves. It is something that we are to get involved in. We choose to change.

Do you need to change some things in your life? With your commitment and God's help, it's possible. ¶

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COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON IS TERRITORIAL COMMANDER
OF THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY



I have always been a man of vision. As I reflect on all of my appointments, in each one I have dreamed of what could be. Many dreams or visions – some large, some small – have been realised, but not all. I resonate with the dream of General André Cox, the world leader of The Salvation Army, who says:

I Dream ...

- *I dream of a committed, effective and joyful Army, rooted and confident in the Word of God and on its knees.*
- *I dream of an Army that truly reflects the mind of Jesus in our commitment to the poor and the marginalised.*
- *I dream of an Army that practises what it preaches from the top leadership down, an Army that is a visible and living example of kingdom values.*
- *I dream of an Army that values its youth, where our young people feel that they have a voice.*
- *I dream of an Army with strong, relevant and streamlined administrative structures and a much more effective use of our financial and material resources.*
- *I dream of an Army where all cultures are equally accepted and celebrated through the spiritual ties that bind us all together.*
- *I dream of an Army that shuns the dependency culture.*

I have often reflected on Proverbs 29:18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." It is important that we have dreams and visions, so we have something to aim at. A lot of what I see in the dream of General Cox is happening now.

The fifth point in the General's dream says: "I dream of an Army with strong, relevant and streamlined administrative structures and a much more effective use of our financial and material resources". In an interview about his dream, General Cox said: "The only reason headquarters exist is to support the front-line mission and be a resource. I know that in every territory that I have served in, we've had a careful look at our structure because, if we get the balance wrong, we can suck up far too great a proportion of our resources just to keep the machinery going, and that's not our purpose. We're there to continue to ensure that souls are being saved, suffering humanity is served and that we're growing disciples."

The announcement I made on 23 September marks a significant day in the history of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. Our territory is committed to seeing that every part of our headquarters activities are as effective as possible in supporting front-line mission. To that end, I share with you the news that Territorial Policy and Mission Council, supported by General Cox and the Army's International Management Council, has decided on a comprehensive restructure of Territorial Headquarters (THQ) and Divisional Headquarters' (DHQ) in order

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to deliver the best possible mission-centric support to the front line. The changes we make as part of this restructure will help us to be a stronger, more agile and innovative Army now and into the future. Some of the key components of this restructure are:

- A new vision for Divisional Headquarters, released from administrative responsibilities to become highly focused on supporting missionally vibrant, healthy faith communities within corps, centres and hubs.
- Consolidating the number of divisions from seven to two, to facilitate a more consistent, collaborative and team-centric approach to corps, centres and hubs mission support.
- The two divisions will be divided into 11 areas with the appointment of Area Officers.
- Significantly increasing the capacity of divisions to come alongside the front line through the creation of the new Area Officer role.
- Aligning all front-line social services throughout the territory into a unified Territorial Social Program Department, allowing for significant improvements in strategy, consistency and collaboration.
- Increasing the delegation of authority to the front line, and increasing support available to the front line, by streamlining the structure for territorial support services such as Human Resources, Property, Finance, and Communications and Public Relations.

This is a time of mixed emotions. We have conviction that this is the right move for the future of our territory, but at the same time we are acutely aware that these decisions bring with them considerable pain for some highly valued members of our team. The territory's executive would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of employees and officers throughout DHQs and THQ over many years. We are eternally grateful for the diligence and professionalism that you have displayed in supporting our mission.

As a territory, the coming months will be filled with new opportunities but also new challenges. If The Salvation Army is to become everything that God is inviting us to be, we must be deeply rooted in prayer, overflowing with hope and grace, and committed to transparency, honesty, vulnerability and tremendous love for one another. Each of these things must be true for us now more than ever.

The territory's executive team would be pleased to receive any questions, which can be emailed to forwardtogether@aue.salvationarmy.org. You are also able to view information regarding this restructure and other initiatives at salvos.org.au/forwardtogether. I truly believe that the best days of our territory are before us. Let us together raise up a holy roar of fervent prayer as we press forward together into all that God has for us to do.¶

Repentance, faith and regeneration

CONTINUING A SERIES ON THE SALVATION ARMY'S 11 ARTICLES OF FAITH WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF ITS INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE COUNCIL, WE FOCUS ON THE SEVENTH FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE

WORDS • MAJOR AMY REARDON

Our seventh doctrine is a product of New Testament teaching. While repentance, faith, and even regeneration are evidenced in the Old Testament, they come into full light through the saving work of Jesus Christ. According to Hebrews 10:1, under the law Israel had "a shadow of the good things that are coming". The perfect sacrifice of Christ brought those "good things". A history of salvation, from the initial sin to the resurrection of Christ, is enriching for both mind and soul, but the nature of salvation that is described in doctrine seven – and its pertinence to our lives – is decidedly a New Testament teaching, contingent on Christ's saving work.

The wording of this doctrine draws attention to each person of the Godhead, as well as each step in the salvation process. The first two steps – repentance and faith – are

taken by the human being in equation. Before investigating any part of the doctrine any further, the immediate question is: "What causes a person to become aware of his/her need for reconciliation with God?" How can he/she be sensitive to spiritual things while still in his/her "natural" state?

The first work of the Holy Spirit in the act of salvation is to convict the sinner. John Wesley is credited for coining the term "prevenient grace". Prevenient is simply an old-fashioned word for "preceding". The grace-filled act of the Holy Spirit is to prod us, to alert us to our sinfulness and need for a Saviour. While those in the Calvinist/Reformed tradition have understood God's grace as something a chosen person could not refuse, we in the Wesleyan tradition believe that we can reject the conviction brought about by the Holy Spirit. Just as our first parents had a free will and chose sin, we have a free will and may choose to accept or refuse the wooing of the Holy Spirit.

REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD

Those who respond to the prevenient grace brought by the Holy Spirit experience an unselfish desire to repent. Theologian Millard Erickson said that repentance is "godly sorrow for one's sin together with a resolution to turn from it". A sinner's behaviour becomes distasteful to him, not because of a fleshly desire for self-improvement, but "because of the wrong done to God and the hurt inflicted upon him".

In Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, the son's offence is against his father. Similarly, we understand ourselves as having offended the Father God. We realise our offence against him both as our eternal parent and as the one who is known as the judge of humanity (Hebrews 12:22-23). And like the prodigal son, we do not return to him with ulterior motives. We come with genuine understanding of and regret for our offences, simply hoping for mercy. Thanks be to God, his mercy is abundant (Ephesians 2:4-5)!

We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation.

(The seventh doctrine of The Salvation Army)

FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Greek New Testament word that is translated as “faith” has at least two meanings, as pointed out by Erickson. As a verb (pisteo) it means, “to believe what someone says, to accept a statement (particularly of a religious nature) as true” (Bultmann, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*). As a noun (pistis), it can mean “personal trust as distinct from mere credence or belief” (G. Abbott-Smith, *A Manual Greek Lexicon of the New Testament*). These definitions are important to our understanding what faith in Jesus is, especially in this age in which the word “faith” is often used carelessly. Faith is not simply a matter of aligning oneself with Christ as opposed to another religious figure. True faith in Christ means accepting his teaching as both irrefutable and personally applicable. A true believer in Christ says, “This doctrine affects my life”.

Jesus taught that he was the reconciler between God and

men (John 14:6). Faith in our Lord Jesus, then, requires accepting him as Saviour – the only one capable of restoring the broken relationship between ourselves and God. The repentant person finds in Christ the forgiveness he/she craves, as well as access to God the Father (Hebrews 4:15-16).

Romans 3:25-26 says: “God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

While other concepts can be teased out of these verses, there are two key points relevant to the subject at hand: the sacrifice of Christ is to be received by faith, and faith in Christ results in God’s justification.

Theologian Donald Bloesch has written: “We are not redeemed in fact until we rise to claim our pardon ... His redemption on the cross is our redemption in fact if we are united to it in faith.” What an amazing responsibility is ours! Christ has completed the saving act. Yet, this salvation can only be appropriated to us by our act of faith! Once we have truly believed, God grants us his justification. “For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law” (Romans 3:28).

REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

The salvific work of Christ is so pre-eminent in our understanding of salvation that the action of the Holy Spirit is often overlooked. It is critical that we feel remorse for our sins and understand that Christ’s sacrifice is the only remedy for them. But the picture is not complete until we are actually changed. Our doctrine book says: “Regeneration means that we die to our old life and come



Soul Food

My favourite verse

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS EITHER IMPACTED THEM AT ONE STAGE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST, OR CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE AND NOURISH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. **LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CHRIS REID** SHARES HER FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy ... The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."
–Psalm 126:2-3

I love life and try to make the most of every situation that I find myself in. One of my prayers is that I would never lose my sense of joy. I don't want to look back over my life and see that I have missed so many blessings because I have been looking at what *isn't* instead of what *is*. God is always at work, he is always good and "his faithfulness extends to every generation". Therefore, I choose to be joyful. That said, I admit this is not an easy task that I have set myself and at times I fall short of the "joy" goal.

Psalm 126:2-3 are some of my favourites, because I picture the emotion and gratitude behind them. The Israelites have been released from captivity and have returned home. I can only imagine the feeling of being overwhelmed with joy and praise as the promise of God's people restored as a nation was finally fulfilled. The response was recorded in the Hebrew songbook, Psalms. Pilgrims would enter Jerusalem singing the psalms, remembering the goodness of God. The psalms are full of joy. The Christian journey is one of joy.

Sadly, not everyone can see the joy in life. There are those who say, "I want to be happy in life", and yet can't seem to find it. I wonder what difference it would

make if they desired joy instead of happiness? Happiness depends on "good happenings". Therefore, if life is not going a certain way, I am not happy. Joy is something entirely different. It is not dependent on our circumstances, it is an attitude within the circumstance.

CS Lewis says: "One of the primary signs of faith is experiences of joy". We read: "the joy of the Lord is my strength", "shout for joy to the Lord all the earth", and "consider it pure joy when you face trials etc". In each situation that these are written, we find the focus is not on the circumstance but on God who has promised to be present in every circumstance. How can I not be joyful when I serve such a great God.¶

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alive to Christ (Romans 6:2-4; Colossians 3:3)." The Spirit is the one who regenerates. He is the one who empowers us, bears fruit in us, and guides us in holy living. He is the one who turns our lives around.

Titus 3:4-7 puts it this way: "But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on

us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."

The phrase "rebirth and renewal" is simplified by the *New Living Translation* as "a new birth and new life". In this new life, the reign of sin has ended. This is, according to Samuel L. Brengle, the point at which "the power of evil habits is broken, the tide of corruption is stayed, the central purpose of the will is changed, and new affections are planted in the soul" (The Meaning of a "Clean Heart": How to Obtain a Clean Heart and to Know It, as quoted by R. David Rightmire in *Sanctified Sanity: The Life and Teaching of Samuel Logan Brengle*).

COHESIVE WORK OF TRINITY

The verses from Titus quoted above are densely packed, but they are a beautiful expression of the concerted work of the Trinity. God the Father declares us as saved, because he is merciful. The saving work of Jesus Christ – which is inestimable – enables the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. In turn, the Holy Spirit redesigns us, making us into the image of Christ. All of this is to the glory of God, prompted by his love for us. We are undeserving and we are limited in our understanding of the great mystery of salvation; however, we are privileged to be the recipients.¶

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Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, makes the Australia Eastern Territory restructure announcement via a video message on Wednesday September 23.

Commissioner James Condon has announced the most comprehensive restructure of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory since its inception in 1921. Commissioner Condon, the Territorial Commander, made the announcement via a video message to the territory late last month. A package of documents outlining the changes has also been sent to all officers and employees of the territory.

The most eye-catching component of the restructure, the detail of which was provided by the Chief Secretary, Colonel Mark Campbell, in a separate video message, is the decision to reduce the number of divisions from seven

to two: the NSW/ACT Division, based in Sydney, and the Queensland Division, with its headquarters in Brisbane. Eleven "areas" will be established throughout the territory, each overseen by the newly created role of Area Officers. Each Area Officer will have direct oversight of a specific list of hubs and corps. Seven of these areas will be in the NSW/ACT Division, with the other four in the Queensland Division (see details on pages 12-13). Commissioner Condon has highlighted other key measures in the restructure, in his TC@Pipeline column on pages 4-5.

In announcing the restructure, the territorial commander said: "Our territory is committed to seeing that every part of our headquarters' activities are as effective as possible in supporting front-line mission. To that end ... our territorial executive, supported by International Headquarters (IHQ), has decided on a comprehensive restructure of Territorial Headquarters (THQ) and Divisional Headquarters' (DHQ) responsibilities in order to deliver the best possible mission-centric support to the front line. The changes we make as part of this restructure will help us to be a stronger, more agile and innovative Army now and into the future.

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The new two-division structure will come into effect on 7 January next year, at the same time as officers take up new appointments across the territory. The implementation of other changes to the way the territory is structured, has already begun. For more information about the restructure, go to salvos.org.au/forwardtogether

► SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO STREAMLINE TERRITORIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

1. All support services' responsibilities throughout the territory (Human Resources, Finance, Property, IT, Communications and Public Relations) will come under the direct oversight of the respective territorial head of department. (It should be noted that this restructure will not change employee roles within Employment Plus, Aged Care Plus or Salvos Stores.)
2. Specialist staff in support services areas will be deployed around the territory in accordance with organisational need and best use of territorial resources. Divisional and/or Area boundaries will not affect the way these services support the front line.
3. As much as is possible, greater authority will be delegated to front-line managers, to remove unnecessary delays in decision-making.
4. Where decisions cannot be fully delegated to the front line for any reason, simpler streamlined approval processes will be put in place to provide faster outcomes and greater transparency to the decision-making process.

► SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO SUPPORT FRONT-LINE SOCIAL SERVICES

1. All operations for social services throughout the territory will come under the direct oversight of a restructured Territorial Social Program Department. Divisional and/or regional boundaries will not affect the operational management of these services.
2. Best practice and professional supervision will be more consistent through specialised leadership and oversight from an appropriately experienced person. For example, all homeless and accommodation services will come under the oversight of a senior coordinator in either NSW/ACT or Queensland, respectively.
3. Divisional chaplaincy operations will officially become part of the Territorial Social Program Department, under the oversight of the Territorial Chaplaincy Coordinator via specialised stream/program coordinators.

4. All front-line social services will be expected to be active and engaged participants in their local hub, continuing to strengthen the missional connections between corps and social on the front line.

► SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO SUPPORT FRONT-LINE CORPS

1. Divisional Headquarters will be released from administrative responsibilities to become highly focused on the growth of missionally vibrant corps and hubs.
2. There will be fewer divisions (from seven to two), to facilitate a more consistent, collaborative and team-centric approach to corps and hubs mission support. The Queensland Division will have its headquarters in Brisbane and the NSW/ACT Division will have its headquarters in Western Sydney (Auburn).
3. As part of the new divisional teams, Area Officers will be deployed throughout the territory to deliver a higher level of engagement and support to the front line. Corps officers and hub leaders will report directly to an Area Officer.
4. Divisional Youth and Children's Secretaries will continue to form part of the divisional team and will be deployed around the territory similar to the present arrangement.
5. The divisional team will also include a Divisional Secretary (2IC), a Divisional Personnel Secretary, a Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, and a small administration support team (understanding that many administrative tasks will no longer fall under the responsibility of the divisional team).
6. The two Divisional Commanders will be added permanently to the territorial executive team, bringing greater representation for front-line mission to executive decision-making.
7. The THQ Mission and Resource (Corps) Department, including the Territorial Youth, Children's and Young Adults team, will have a clarified role. In the new structure, the THQ department is clearly focused on supporting and resourcing the agreed mission support strategy of the two divisions.



● NORTH QUEENSLAND REGION — ONE AREA OFFICER BASED IN TOWNSVILLE

Hub: Far North Queensland

Corps/centres: Atherton Tablelands Corps (Far North Queensland Cluster), Cairns Corps, Centennial Lodge.

Hub: Northern Queensland

Corps/centres: Ayr Corps, Townsville Faithworks, Townsville Recovery Services, Townsville Riverway Corps.

Hub: Rural Expressions

Corps/centres: Bowen Corps, Chaplaincy Base, Mount Isa, Mount Isa Recovery Services, Normanton Recovery, Serenity House.

● CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGION — TWO AREA OFFICERS BASED IN ROCKHAMPTON

Hub: Central and Northern Queensland

Corps/centres: Capricorn Region Corps, Central Highlands Corps, Gladstone Corps, Longreach Corps/ Rural, Mackay Corps, Mackay Northern Beaches Mission, Rockhampton Corps, Samaritan House Mackay, Yeppoon Mission.

Hub: Wide Bay Burnett

Corps/centres: Bundaberg Corps, Gympie Corps, Hervey Bay Corps, Maryborough Corps, SAILSS Bundaberg, Tom Quinn Centre.

● WESTERN QUEENSLAND REGION — ONE AREA OFFICER BASED IN TOOWOOMBA

Hub: South Queensland Rural

Corps/centres: Dalby Corps, Fassifern Corps, Lockyer Valley Corps, SAILSS Darling Downs, South Burnett Region

Corps, Roma Corps, Toowoomba Corps, Toowoomba Crisis Housing, Warwick Corps.

● BRISBANE WIDE REGION — TWO AREA OFFICERS BASED IN BRISBANE

Hub: Sunshine Coast

Corps: Caloundra Corps, Coolum Mission, Maroochydhore Corps, Nambour Corps, Noosa Corps.

Hub: Northern Brisbane

Corps/centres: Glen Haven, Caboolture Corps, Pine Rivers Corps, Redcliffe City Corps, North Brisbane Corps, Stafford Corps.

Hub: Brisbane City

Corps/centres: Brisbane City Temple Corps, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, God's Sports Arena, Moonyah, Pindari, SAILSS Toowong, Toowong Student Residence, Youth Outreach Service.

Hub: Brisbane South

Corps: Bayside Community Church, Beenleigh Corps, Calamvale Corps, Carindale Corps, Life Community Church, Lifehouse Carole Park, Wynnum Corps.

Hub: South West Brisbane

Corps/centres: Boonah Corps, Bundamba Corps, Centenary Corps, Forest Lake, Inala Corps, Indigenous Ministries, Ipswich Corps, Kalbar Corps, Soundpoint.

Hub: Gold Coast and Tweed Heads

Corps/centres: Coomera Mission, Gold Coast Temple Corps, Palm Beach Elanora Corps, Still Waters, Tweed Heads Corps.



● **NSW NORTHERN RIVERS REGION — AREA OFFICERS,
PLACEMENT STILL TO BE DETERMINED**

Hub: Upper NSW North Coast.

Corps: Ballina Corps, Casino Corps, Coffs Harbour Corps, Grafton Corps, Kempsey Corps, Lismore Corps, MacLean Corps.

Hub: Lower NSW North Coast **Corps:** Forster/Tuncurry Corps, Nambucca River Corps, Port Macquarie Corps, Hannam Vale Corps, Taree Corps.

● **NORTH / NORTH WEST NSW REGION — ONE AREA OFFICER
BASED IN TAMWORTH**

Hub: North East Inland. **Corps:** Armidale Corps, Gunnedah Corps, Moree Corps, Narrabri Corps, Tamworth Corps.

Hub: NSW Northern Tablelands. **Corps:** Barraba Corps, Bingara Corps, Glenn Innes Corps, Inverell Corps, Tenterfield Corps.

● **NEWCASTLE REGION — FOUR AREA OFFICERS BASED
IN NEWCASTLE**

Hub: Newcastle/Port Stephens/Upper Shire. **Corps:** Cessnock Corps, Maitland City Corps, Newcastle Corps, Singleton Corps, Port Stephens Corps, Raymond Terrace Corps.

Hub: NSW Central Coast. **Corps/centres:** Dooralong Transformation Centre, Gosford Corps, Long Jetty Corps, OASIS Hunter and Wyong, Tuggerah Lakes Corps, Umina Beach Corps.

Hub: Lake Macquarie. **Corps/centres:** Bonnell's Bay Corps, Cardiff Corps, Eastlakes Corps, Northlakes Corps, SAL's by the lake, Westlakes Corps.

● **CENTRAL WEST NSW REGION — TWO AREA OFFICERS
BASED IN ORANGE**

Hub: NSW Country. **Corps/centres:** Bathurst Corps, Broken Hill Corps, Broken Hill Social Program, Dubbo Corps, Forbes/ Parkes Corps, Orange Corps, Wellington Corps, Lithgow Corps, Upper Blue Mountains Corps.

● **SYDNEY WIDE REGION — THREE AREA OFFICERS BASED
IN SYDNEY**

Hub: Inner West Sydney Hub. **Corps:** Auburn Corps, Bankstown Corps, Belmore Corps, Burwood Corps, Campsie Corps, Hurstville Corps.

Hub: Parramatta/Hawkesbury/Hills. **Corps:** Blacktown Corps, Dural Corps, Granville Corps, Hawkesbury City Corps, Hornsby Gateway Corps, Parramatta Corps, Rouse Hill Corps, Ryde Corps.

Hub: Outer South West Sydney. **Corps:** Campbelltown Corps, Fairfield City Corps, Greater Liverpool Corps, Macquarie Fields Mission, Narellan Corps, Southern Highlands Corps.

Hub: Nepean. **Corps:** Penrith Corps, Chifley Mission, St Mary's Corps.

Hub: Blue Mountains. **Corps:** Springwood Corps.

Hub: Northern Beaches. **Corps:** Dee Why Corps, Manly Corps, Chatswood Corps.

Hub: Sydney City and Eastern Suburbs. **Corps/centres:** Inner City Homelessness Service, Maroubra Corps, OASIS - Sydney, Sydney Congress Hall, Sydney Streetlevel Mission, Waterloo Mission, William Booth House.

Hub: Outer City. **Corps:** Petersham Corps, Glebe Corps, Rockdale Corps, Dulwich Hill Corps, Earlwood Corps.

Hub: South Sydney. **Corps:** Miranda Corps, Menai Corps, Panania Corps.

Hub: Illawarra. **Corps/centres:** First Floor Program Wollongong, Port Kembla Mission, Shellharbour Corps, Tarrawanna Corps, Wollongong Corps.

● **ACT AND SOUTH NSW REGION — TWO AREA OFFICERS
BASED IN CANBERRA**

Hub: ACT North and Goulburn. **Corps:** Belconnen Corps, Canberra City Corps, Goulburn Corps, Northside Corps, Shoalhaven Corps.

Hub: ACT South and Monaro. **Corps/centres:** Canberra Recovery Services, OASIS - Canberra, Queanbeyan Corps, Tuggeranong Corps, Woden Valley Corps.

Hub: NSW South Coast. **Corps:** Batemans Bay Worship and Lifestyle Centre, Bega Corps, Cooma Corps, Moruya Mission, Ulladulla Mission.

● **SOUTH WEST NSW REGION — ONE AREA OFFICER BASED
IN WAGGA WAGGA**

Hub: Murray/Riverina. **Corps:** Albury Corps, Deniliquin Corps, Griffith Corps, Leeton Corps, Wagga Wagga Corps.

Hub: South West Slopes. **Corps:** Temora Corps, Cootamundra Corps, Cowra Corps, Young Corps, Grenfell Corps.

** The information in these lists includes all corps and a sample of Salvation Army expressions.*

Strategic Thinking

RUSS COOKE'S PIVOTAL ROLE IN RESHAPING THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE

WORDS • ANNE HALLIDAY / PHOTOS • ADAM HOLLINGWORTH



He's The Salvation Army's Director of Strategic Change yet holds no commanding rank, has no "Army heritage" to claim and, as he reminds himself, no power to change another person. Russ Cooke smiles. Things are just as they should be. The corporate consultant, who reports directly to the territorial commander, does, however, have a mission. To work with the Australia Eastern Territory's senior leadership to facilitate the changes needed to

address the internal and external pressures that impact on its future.

Since his appointment in September last year, Russ and his strategic-change team have spoken with hundreds of Salvation Army personnel – from employees, to soldiers, along with officers and leaders. "We have worked with focus groups, conducted one-on-one interviews, meetings and briefings. We have met with all different groups, department heads, young adults, divisional commanders and their staff." Their task was to inform the development of the territorial strategic plan, called Forward Together, announced by Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, in April this year. Its goal is to bring increased health and vitality to both the organisational culture and its missional effectiveness.

Born and raised in the United States, Russ, an industrial-organisational psychologist, brings two decades of experience to the task. "My early experience in organisational psychology was working with the US Navy in the Department of Defence. We were trying to help address issues relating to improving productivity with an increasing number of civilians in the military and working out how to manage civilians alongside enlisted people." He pauses. "Sound familiar? I was a part of introducing an approach to managing people in ways counter to the historical, highly structured military environment. I was testing quite a collaborative, coaching style of management." That was the late 1980s. There really wasn't even a field called 'change management' then." ►



Russ Cooke brings a wealth of experience to his new role with The Salvation Army.



► **JUSTICE CLUSTER**

Russ moved to Australia in 2002, when he married his Australian wife Marita and began working with a range of public-sector organisations, including NSW Police, Housing, Transport and the Attorney-General's office. Prior to coming to work for The Salvation Army, he wrote a \$140 million business plan to help transform the justice cluster, bringing a more collaborative model for the 18 agencies that administer the NSW justice system. "The majority of the contracts I have had are where the organisations have brought me in from the outside with a clear mandate to bring about large-scale change. It means I am able to call things as they are, while helping bring others along the journey."

As someone with deep Christian faith, Russ understands the high stakes of bringing change at such a key time in the Australia Eastern Territory's history. "The things that the Army are challenged by and working through is common to many organisations but what is unique, truly unique to The Salvation Army, is the opportunity that the movement has in terms of impact on our society. There is nothing out there that even comes close to the social capital The Salvation Army has in Australia. You could walk into any town, and go into almost any house and be invited in because of who The Salvation Army is in our time. As a movement, we can see that unbelievable

opportunity and our heart breaks, because we often feel we are missing some of those opportunities and can see how much more there is to do."

While not a member of The Salvation Army, Russ says working with its leadership came from a sense of calling and a passion for the local church. He began working with the Army in early 2014 as a consultant to the Nepean hubs leaders. It was a vivid mental image, a kind of vision, which first alerted him that God was drawing him to work further with the Army. "Firstly, again, let me say that what I saw is true of the Western church as a whole. But in the midst of some preparation for a weekend with the hubs leaders I saw a 'Keep Out' sign in the midst of The Salvation Army. When I took that vision to the group I was working with, there was a deep resonance that the future of the Army would be one where there was less isolation and fewer barriers between who we are and those we want to reach.

"I love and feel a strong commitment to the local church and the role we play in our community. The way we do things needs to change so that we see more thriving churches that are highly relational and deeply connecting with the needs of our communities, focusing more on what's needed, rather than what we are comfortable or familiar

with. As we lovingly pursue and establish deeper connections with others, we will see the revival and growth we are all hungry for."

BALANCING RELATIONSHIPS

According to the research that Russ and his team have conducted, the biggest obstacle to this goal is not external factors, such as public perception, but internal relationships within The Salvation Army itself. He's not just talking about the ongoing desire to balance the work of social services and corps, but balance in relationships at every level of the movement's life and ministry. "It's about how we work more effectively together as partners whether you are talking about territorial headquarters and divisional headquarters, or officers and corps members. The concern about our health and our future requires us to ask, what does it mean that it looks like corps numbers are shrinking, as with much of the Western church? What does it mean that the ways we have done things in the past is not necessarily the way of the future, if we are talking about being really missionally effective in our communities?"

"I also get a sense that there is need for us to keep working to find the right balance when it comes to the pressures to professionalise our social services, perhaps losing some of our connection with the kingdom work that is so critical to who we are. We have to keep putting energy and focus on building authentic, collaborative relationships in which greater reliance on each other is developed. To be successful in this requires that when we face these challenges, we are establishing a culture where we know that we are for each other as we work through them."

Which means that the success of Forward Together will not be about running successful programs or initiatives, but about a determined, dogged and earnest commitment to the grassroots relationships that people in The Salvation Army, have with one another. "I think our capacity to build the desire for partnership with those external to us, begins with us building it first internally, with one another," Russ says. "There are no short-cuts for this process."

"Which is why a journey of working on our desire to partner more authentically with one another is so critical. It is about moving into a new space that will, at times, be uncomfortable because it will be unfamiliar to us. Some things that we used to do we are going to stop and we will start things that don't look like anything we have done before." The journey may be unfamiliar and sometimes uncomfortable, but Russ is adamant that it is not impossible.

"God is in the business of transformation and restoration, and this is the calling I bring to my work with the Army," he says. ▣

"... organisations have brought me in from the outside with a clear mandate to bring about change. It means I am able to call things as they are."

EMOTIONAL JOURNEY TO STABILITY

Russ Cooke's belief in the possibility of transformation is more than a idealistic hope. It's his conviction, borne out his own painful journey of losing his father to cancer and the breakdown of his first marriage in the early 1990s.

"I lost my father and my wife at the same time," he says. "I was running my own psychology practice and travelled about 1000km to be with my father on weekends. During that time my wife started an affair and then literally disappeared from my life. It was an unbelievably tough time and it really knocked me around. I went into a really bad spiral mentally and emotionally and began to do some things that were destructive from an addiction standpoint. It took a few years for me to climb out of that again."

Through professional support and a Christian community, Russ emerged from the darkness of addiction in 1997. "In that process I learnt a lot about who God is and the kind of person that he has created me to be. I don't believe in being powerless. I've done things that I wish I could take back, that I am sad for. I lost a lot of time and there was a big cost. And yet in the process of growing deeper in my faith and being saved, I never got a sense of God as angry or a punitive father."

"Instead, I got this heart yearning, God's deep sadness at how far I had fallen short of what he had created me to be. Again, that wasn't a shame thing but a sense of how desperately he loves me and wants me to be healthy and wants me to be in a loving relationship with him. I realised that we have to make choices based on the God we serve."

Russ and Marita have two sons and are actively involved in their local church in the lower Blue Mountains.



Nathan Moulds who, with his wife Karen, is the leader of The Salvation Army's Macquarie Park Mission.

THE FAMILY ESTATE

SALVOS BRING 'WILD' COMMUNITY TOGETHER

WORDS • ESTHER PINN / PHOTOS • LENA POBJIE

Tucked away within the affluent suburb of Macquarie Park in Sydney's north is a unique multicultural community. Its 500 residents have diverse cultural backgrounds, but they have one thing in common – their address. They all live along the same long, winding stretch of road called Ivanhoe Place. And yet while they share the same address, it's not their location that draws them together. Rather, it's their Salvation Army "family".

When walking through the area, it's noticeably quiet and peaceful. Yet, it wasn't always this way. It's not until you speak with the residents that you realise they live in one of the largest social housing developments in the City of Ryde, known as Ivanhoe Public Housing Estate. Prior to The Salvation Army taking up residence in the estate, at number 47, drug-related crime, break-ins, vandalism and gangs were prevalent. Kerry, who has lived in the Ivanhoe community since 1999, remembers those days vividly. "Parents used to walk around the streets with baseball bats. It was very wild," she says.

In 2001, Salvation Army leaders Craig and Dannie Stephens voluntarily moved to Ivanhoe estate after the NSW Government of Housing gave them a 12-month deadline to help transform the community. Fourteen years later, the Army is thriving in Ivanhoe. After helping to create a safe, family-oriented environment, the Stephens' handed the keys to number 47, also known as Macquarie Park Mission which is a ministry of Ryde Corps, to fellow Salvos Nathan and Karen Moulds in 2013. "Before the Army moved in, Ivanhoe estate was one of the hotspots of crime in the City of Ryde," says Nathan. "We've gone from a community which was very dysfunctional to a community where they [Ivanhoe residents] love living here." Residents, who previously ignored their neighbours, now look after each other. A culture of sharing has been adopted throughout the estate. Nathan says it's quite common to see a resident carrying

their neighbour's grocery bags. Each morning, one resident even reads the newspaper to her neighbour who cannot read English. It's now a community of caring neighbours.

RELATIONSHIP POVERTY

While many of the residents of Ivanhoe have found hope through The Salvation Army, there are still those who are living on or below the poverty line. In light of national Anti-Poverty Week this month (11-17 October), there is no better time to highlight that this tight-knit "family" at Ivanhoe is still very much at risk of being ripped apart. The estate remains under threat of demolition by a NSW Government that is seeking to make more land available for upmarket apartments around the Macquarie Park hub. Many Ivanhoe residents now live with an uncertainty about whether their homes and community will be taken away. For some, says Nathan, the loss of their home could literally be the difference between life and death.

While there are many physical needs at Ivanhoe, Nathan says the poverty of isolation is prominent in the community. "When we talk about Anti-Poverty Week, there's poverty of the body, food, health care or income and we can help with that. But there's also this deep poverty of relationship. Some would say that the greatest poverty of our time is [a lack of] connection and love. And I think when you bring that, then suddenly all the other things such as food and supplies, come off a lot easier when you know someone cares about you."

One of the successful social inclusion programs the Army has implemented is Café 47, which is open every Wednesday. Other programs have also made an impact, including a homework club, school holiday program, parenting group and food security programs at Macquarie Park Mission. Twice a week, bread is distributed to the community from Baker's Delight at Macquarie Centre. On weekends, residents receive fresh fruit and vegetables, donated from an organic food company. While the programs are vital to the work at Macquarie Park Mission, Nathan says a big part of his ministry work is just being present and available to anyone who needs assistance.

"We've gone from a community which was very dysfunctional to a community where they [Ivanhoe residents] love living here."

STANDING IN GAP

Despite the uncertainty hanging over the future of Ivanhoe, Nathan is continuing to build the "family" at the estate and stand in the gap for his community. In 2014, he was awarded a scholarship from The Salvation Army's Aged Care Plus Fellows Program, to complete leadership training courses with Sydney Alliance. These courses have equipped him with the skills to tackle this housing estate battle head-on.

Nathan stands firm on the idea of longevity of mission. He believes the reason why Ivanhoe has been so successful is because of the dedication of the Stephens' before him. Over time, more lives are being changed for the better, and there's even been a breakthrough in generational poverty within the Ivanhoe community. Young people who were once part of a gang and/or didn't complete their schooling, are now attending university.

No matter what the future holds, Nathan says the Salvos will continue to offer a beacon of hospitality and a place of embrace for the people of Ivanhoe. "The Salvation Army is committed to this community, and committed to a community beyond redevelopment as well," he says. "Our goal is to ensure, no matter what happens, the very best outcome for every family and every person in the estate, particularly the most vulnerable." ■

On the day *Pipeline* went to print, Housing NSW staff informed Ivanhoe residents of its decision to redevelop the estate. Housing NSW has proposed that 2570 apartments will be built, a mixed development of social and affordable housing, and private units.

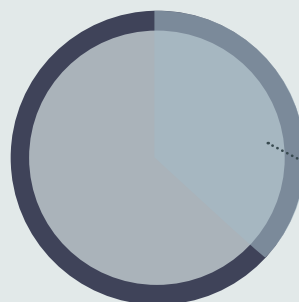
Ivanhoe Estate will be closed gradually over the next three years. The Salvation Army is committed to supporting all residents in this period of transition, with their grief over the closure of the estate, and concerns about residential relocation. During this time, the Army will retain its lease on the No 47 Community Home.

Lives transformed



Liz

Liz, who lives next door to Salvo workers Nathan and Karen Moulds, spoke openly about how The Salvation Army saved her life. She says that without the ongoing support of her Salvo "family", she would either be back on the streets or dead. Liz remembers the moment, 11 years ago, when Craig Stephens knocked on her door and offered to pray for her. Since that moment, Liz has been on a journey of transformation. Formerly a drug addict who lived on the streets, Liz says she has left those days behind because she now sees herself as a child of God. With the freedom she has found in Christ, Liz now spends her time assisting people in her community. "A lot of people are isolated here and I want to help dig them out," she says.



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Kerry

Kerry used to keep to herself in Ivanhoe estate. It wasn't until her husband walked out on her and her two children earlier this year that she reached out to The Salvation Army for help. "There were many years that Kerry wouldn't wave to us in the street; she would have nothing to do with us," says Nathan. "There wasn't any real great need. After her husband left, she reached out and we were able to support her." Kerry adds: "It's very family-orientated out here in the estate now. Even as a single parent, you still feel part of a family – you have the support."



Janet

Janet is a prime example of someone who experienced deep isolation in Ivanhoe estate. Prior to the Army's presence at Ivanhoe, she was a disliked member of the community. This is no longer the case. Janet is now a key member of the community. Many know her as the waitress who takes their coffee order every Wednesday morning at Café 47. "If anyone thinks of Janet, they think of the Salvos and if anyone thinks of the Salvos, they think of Janet," says Nathan. "It's really beautiful to see someone go from [being] isolated and alone to actually having purpose and value and relationship."

WHAT IS ANTI-POVERTY WEEK?

Anti-Poverty Week was established in Australia as an expansion of the United Nations' annual International Anti-Poverty Day on 17 October. This year, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from 11-17 October. Some activities are organised by welfare and health organisations, religious groups, community organisations, schools and youth groups. Many other types of organisation also arrange activities, including government departments, local councils, business organisations, universities and sporting and cultural groups.

The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:

- Strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and
- Encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

According to the Anti-Poverty Week website, poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor. For more information, go to antipovertyweek.org.au



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*Sourced from the Australia Bureau of Statistics 2011 Census

^Sourced from the Australia Institute of Health and Welfare, 2014 National Social Housing Survey



Vicki and Vic Keenan are revelling in their new roles as rural chaplains.

Lost and found

THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING RURAL CHAPLAINS HAS INVOLVED MANY TWISTS AND TURNS FOR ENVOYS VIC AND VICKI KEENAN, BUT, AFTER YEARS OF BEING “LOST”, THE COUPLE HAVE FOUND PURPOSE IN SERVING JESUS IN THE SALVATION ARMY

WORDS • BILL SIMPSON

It was Easter. Vic Keenan, entering middle-age, woke on the Sunday morning with an urge to attend a little church at Alstonville on the NSW North Coast. He didn't know why. He and his wife Vicki had tried church a few times as kids and young adults. But church didn't hold any long-term appeal for either. On that Easter Day, however, Vic just knew it was time.

A lot of life had been a struggle for both. Each had come from broken families. Vic and Vicki were young teenagers when they met. They “ran away” together, with Vicki's little boy, to escape an unhappy home life. They got engaged, but didn't marry until seven years later and had two more children. Life was like being on a rollercoaster. Sometimes it was good; sometimes traumatic. During the tough times, it was more like a slippery slide, when it seemed as though they couldn't stop the downward spiral.

There were times when there was plenty of money and success. There were times when their marriage almost imploded. There were times when they lost hope. At 35, Vic appeared to be doing well – probably the most successful in life up to that stage. He had a wife, three children, a house, and could afford family holidays. But, as in many cases, life on the outside was masking a mess on the inside. There had to be more to life than just getting out of bed in the morning, having a shave, going to work, and earning enough money for the next holiday or thing, he thought. Vic was empty. Life was meaningless. Something was missing. He knew it.

Alcohol had become a big influence on their lives. They

didn't drink to get drunk. It was just that alcohol seemed to numb some of the pain they had experienced and mistakes they made while growing up on the fringes of the outer south-western suburbs of Sydney. Their relationship was often rocky. There was little guidance to help two young and inexperienced adults work through their marriage minefield. They moved a couple of times to try to make things work better. But nothing was making sense to Vic. “Was this all that life had to offer?” Vic recalls asking at the time. He and Vicki increasingly sought consolation in alcohol.

Vic was overwhelmed with guilt – guilt for things he had done; people he had hurt. There was “much unforgiveness” in his heart for people who had hurt him. Dispirited and living in Sydney, Vicki went to church looking for solace. Vic asked if he could go with her the next time. The right time never seemed to come for Vic to attend church. There were two more house moves as Vic and Vicki tried to find what they were looking for in life. They headed to the NSW North Coast. Five years had now passed since Vic indicated he might like to go to church with Vicki.

TURNING POINT

It was Easter in Alstonville. Vic told Vicki he was “ready” to go to church and asked if she and the kids would go with him. It was a little Uniting church, with about 30 mostly older people. They heard about Jesus coming to earth to open the way for forgiveness of sin. This was exactly what Vic Keenan had been waiting all of his life to hear. The message seemed to be especially for him that day. For the first time, Vic saw how he could be forgiven and how he could forgive others. “It wasn't a conscious decision on my part; it was like a beam of light had



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Vic and Vicki Keenan are enjoying their new role as rural chaplains, based in Griffith.

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The Keenans recently renewed their wedding vows, with three of their grandchildren as flower girls.

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The Keenans with their "great encouragers", retired Commissioners Les and Coral Strong.

► flashed from the altar and penetrated my heart," says Vic. "I started to cry. As tears rolled down my face, I turned away from my family so they didn't see me crying. An elderly man in a motorised scooter saw me and smiled. I didn't know then what had happened, but I felt the burden of all the things that I had done wrong – all the guilt and unforgiveness – had been lifted from me and later realised that my sins had been forgiven and I was able to forgive others. I no longer had any resentment or anger towards anyone. I wasn't the same person."

Vic and Vicki bought a caravan and travelled around Australia with two of their teenage children. Vic was keen to visit churches as they moved from place to place. Vicki struggled with his enthusiasm. Some issues between them remained. In Darwin, Vicki bought a one-way plane ticket to return to Sydney to start a new life. Vic persuaded her to stay with them and they travelled back to Sydney together. Back in Sydney, Vicki gave her life to the Lord. She also discovered that she had cancer. She wasn't sure why she had decided to have the test that revealed the cancer, but believes it was the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The doctor told her that her decision to have the test saved her life.

Vicki studied to be a nurse. Vic investigated ministry opportunities. They moved to Melbourne to allow Vic to become a missionary pilot. In Melbourne, Vicki's health deteriorated and their daughter in Sydney became unwell. Vic and Vicki moved back to Sydney to help. Back in Sydney, Vic was very disillusioned but decided to study chaplaincy through Chaplaincy Australia, which uses The Salvation Army curriculum.

FINDING MEANING

The study drew Vic and Vicki to The Salvation Army.

They agreed to attend Narellan Corps, not all that far from where they grew up as children – on the outskirts of Campbelltown. That was five years ago. The first person they met at the door at Narellan was retired Commissioner Les Strong, who, with his wife Coral, became "great encouragers" of Vic and Vicki. Through the influence of the Strongs and then-Corps Officers Captains Lindon and Cheryl Kinder, the Keenans grew closer to God. They became Salvation Army soldiers and investigated officership. Instead, they opted for becoming envoys and were accepted.

Their first appointment was to assist at Narellan Corps. After six months, they accepted an invitation to Moree Corps in far-west NSW. Then they served as chaplains at The Salvation Army's Weeroona Village aged care centre at Bass Hill in western Sydney. A few months ago, they were appointed rural chaplains, based at Griffith in the NSW Riverina.

"In the Gospel of Luke," Vic says, "the story is told of an immoral woman who goes to the house of a religious leader, where Jesus was dining. The woman weeps, washes Jesus' feet with her tears, wipes his feet with her hair, kisses his feet and pours perfume on them. Aware of her many sins and who Jesus was, she shows him much love. Jesus tells her that her sins – and there were many – have been forgiven. This is my story.

"Vicki and I are so grateful for all that God has done in our lives. He can also do this for you if you accept with faith the love that he has for all who call on his name. Our children are now all settled in their lives and are all walking with the Lord. We have four grandchildren. But, most importantly, we have hope and purpose and have found what was missing in our lives."□



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Getting creative about helping others

WORDS • ESTHER PINN

The Self Denial Appeal takes on a life of its own in many corps throughout the Australia Eastern Territory.

The Salvation Army's Fundraising and Communications Director, Leigh Cleave, says she loves hearing stories of how corps have embraced the appeal in creative ways.

For some corps, that involves setting up prayer rooms, while others invite officers and Salvationists who have worked overseas, to share their stories with the congregation during the appeal. "It's [Self Denial Appeal] valued and we know that many corps we provide material for, they take the material and make it really quite relevant to their own church community," Leigh explains.

The Self Denial Appeal is the Army's annual tri-territorial fundraising and awareness campaign. From Sunday 14 February to Sunday 20 March next year, a six-week video series will be screened in corps across the Australia Eastern territory. The series will also be shown in the Australia Southern, and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories during their Self Denial campaign. Salvationists and corps members are encouraged to sacrifice one week's salary to give on Altar Service Sunday. All funds raised go towards those in need overseas.

Last year, \$2.1 million was raised throughout the appeal. While for many the Self

Denial Appeal is a tradition, for others it's a new tradition that's being embraced. Interestingly, one of the Army's non-traditional corps, Streetlevel church in Brisbane, saw an increase in giving last year. Leigh says she is forever grateful to those who give to the appeal. "We'd like to say thank you because without their generosity, there would be many across the world who would continue to feel they have no hope." While raising \$2.1 million is a significant amount, Leigh says they hope to see an increase in giving in 2016 as there are still many more lives to change through the appeal. Salvationists resonated with the word "hope" in last year's campaign, so the 2016 appeal will continue the theme – "One Family, One Hope". Leigh says Salvationists will be able to connect to this theme through a sense of belonging to a wider church family, which includes the individuals who are supported by the Self Denial Appeal overseas.

The six-week DVD series will feature 14-year-old Nigel, who has been blind from birth and has been given an education through The Salvation Army School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Jamaica. Thein Aye from Myanmar will then share how the Army provided her with two small loans to purchase goats and ducks, through which she has earned enough money to feed and educate her children and grandchildren.

Next, Salvationists will hear of the inspiring work being done by Dr Nicolai Caraman, who provides medical aid to the poorest communities in Moldova. Aruna follows with her heart-breaking story of how she and her daughter narrowly avoided a life of prostitution in India when they came in contact with The Salvation Army.

For those who would like to give one week's salary to the appeal but struggle to achieve that in the six-week intensive campaign, there's an opportunity to set up an ongoing regular plan.

Go to www.selfdenial.info/Pipeline to sign up for regular giving, or to give a one-off gift online. If you would like to speak to someone about regular giving, contact Ben Craig on 02 8878 2651.†



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01. Blind since birth, Nigel attends The Salvation Army School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Jamaica.

02. Thein Thein is able to support her children and grandchildren after gaining a loan through The Salvation Army in Myanmar.

03. Dr Nicolai Caraman (left) with a fellow Salvation Army worker in Moldova, where the doctor issues medical care in some of the poorest villages in the country.

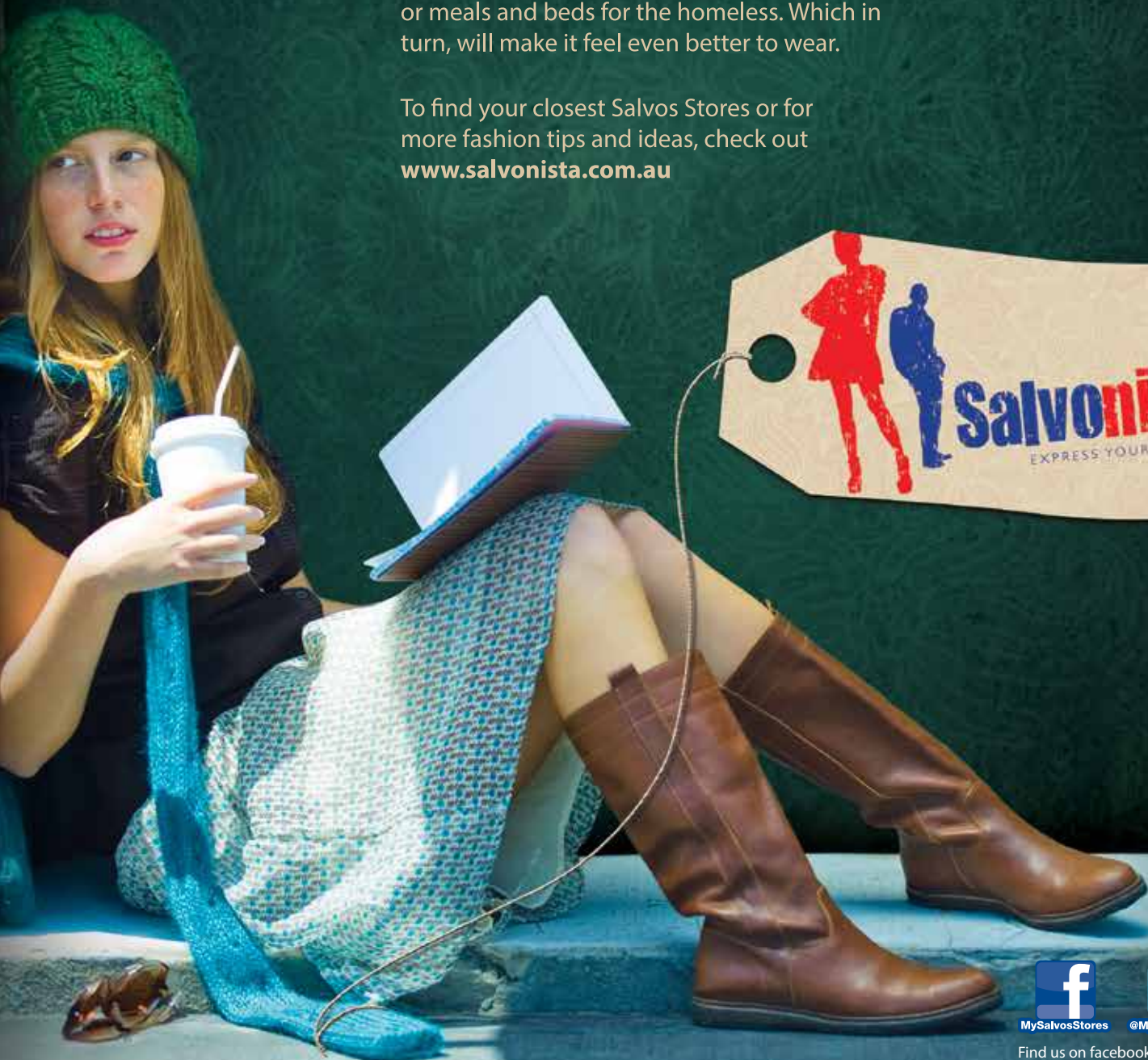
04. Facing a life as a prostitute in India, Aruna was taken in by a Salvation Army women's shelter where she has gone on to help other women in crisis.

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WORDS • ANNE HALLIDAY



Making a purchase through the Salvos Gifts catalogue will help improve the quality of life for people in poorer countries.

Few Christmas presents mean the difference between life and death, yet it's true when it comes to the gifts offered in the 2016 Salvos Gifts catalogue. This year, you can prevent a teenage girl from getting HIV/AIDS or a husband infecting his wife with the disease, through early detection. Buying a fishing rod (\$72) or boat (\$97) will provide a family with daily food and income for health and education. Safe housing (\$127) will provide a month's accommodation for a girl vulnerable to human trafficking.

The 2016 Salvos Gifts catalogue reflects a wide range of projects vital to The Salvation Army's International Development (SAID) work in Developing Communities, which provide clean water for a local school (\$591), packs for school students (\$7), and agricultural animals such as a cow (\$249) or a goat (\$54) or even a farmer start-up kit (\$149) to help create long-term solutions for poverty-stricken communities.

New to this year's catalogue are gifts including Sex Education (\$54), Condoms (\$11), and a Pyjamas and Girls' Necessities Pack (\$47), reflecting the daily risks of girls and women in Sub-Saharan Africa. These will fund critical programs designed to reduce the health and community impact of HIV/AIDS in the nation of Swaziland.

Lieutenant-Colonel Julie Alley, Director of the Salvation Army's International Development office which produces the catalogue, says: "Our

programs are about capacity building – helping communities identify some of the obstacles that prevent them from reaching their full potential and reach self-sustainability." One of those obstacles is education.

"In a lot of countries, sex education, or even the word sex, is still very difficult to talk about," says Lieut-Colonel Alley. "It is a taboo subject. Similarly, in many countries HIV has a stigma attached. If you have HIV, you are an outcast of your village. It separates husbands and wives and children. They don't know that HIV is transmitted through body fluids. They think you contract it through a hug or touch."

"In Swaziland, the infection rate is around 25 per cent which is appallingly high," adds Kathryn Lee, who spent two years working with a range of SAID community projects. "There is still a strong stigma attached to being HIV positive, so many people, particularly men, are unwilling to be tested, which means there are a lot more people living with HIV but not knowing it. A major focus is not only to get people tested and provide support but also to test for secondary illnesses, in particular tuberculosis, which is what many patients end up dying from."

Gifts such as the Community Nurse Training (\$317) and Palliative Carer (\$120) will create opportunities for health support and care for those affected by the disease, while Tuberculosis Screening (\$29) and AIDS Testing Kits (\$34) will enable early detection and better treatment outcomes. Now in its fifth year, the catalogue provides a practical way for everyday people to bring transformation to communities by purchasing gifts that fund development-focused projects.¶

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The evolution of a spiritual army

IN THE DARKNESS OF THE POOREST PART OF LONDON, AN “ARMY” FORMS THAT WITHIN 150 YEARS WILL ENCIRCLE THE WORLD AND CONFRONT SIN, EVIL AND SUFFERING IN 127 COUNTRIES. IN PART ONE OF A TWO-PART SERIES, *PIPELINE* LOOKS AT THE BEGINNINGS OF THIS ARMY, WHICH IS BEING LED BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC COUPLE WITH A PASSION FOR SAVING SOULS

WORDS • MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY



After spending a number of years as an itinerant preacher and a Methodist minister, William Booth was invited in July 1865 to take over a mission operating in a dilapidated tent in one of the poorest parts of London, the East End. The mission led by William Booth had a variety of names before it became The Salvation Army, but for simplicity we shall simply refer to it as the Mission.

Neither William nor Catherine seemed to have entertained any idea of setting up a new religious organisation, but rather saw their role as simply missional; to bring the lost to an experience of Salvation. However, one of the major problems confronting the fledgling Mission was “the need to keep converts from falling away before they were established in the faith”. As record in *The History of The Salvation Army – Vol 1* (p65), “William Booth had not reached the conclusion that it would be necessary to establish any new body. He regarded the purpose of the Mission as being, in the main, to form a link between the unchurched masses and the Churches.”

The Mission at this time was obviously making an impact. *The Wesleyan Times* (20 August 1865) reported that: “The Rev. William Booth had held a series of special meeting in the East end of London where: ‘Hundreds of working men and numbers of persons who never enter a place of worship have listened night after night to appeal of this devoted servant of God, and many conversions had taken place’.”

When William and Catherine Booth commenced their ministry they had no thought of instigating a new religious movement, let alone one constructed along military lines. Its arrival was not the result of some instantaneous “Boothian” thought bubble, but rather that of a gradual evolution, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, from a evangelical mission organisation to an autocratic, military-based spiritual army.

Despite the Booths’ best efforts, integration of their new converts into the established churches finally proved all but impossible. In the first instance, the new converts felt secure in the Mission family and refused to go. Secondly, most established churches did not want these new converts who, more often than not, were from the lower strata of society. Thirdly, the Mission needed some of them to assist in its own ministry. The Mission had a simple yet effective strategy: 1. Insistence on a definite confession of faith in Christ; 2. The pastoral care of

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An artist's impression of William Booth preaching to a packed forecourt of the People's Mission Hall in the early 1870s.

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William Booth (seated at front) with his Christian Mission staff in 1877, the year before his movement officially became known as The Salvation Army.

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and teaching of new converts; and 3. Training them to bring others to the point of deciding for Christ.

By the late 1860s, the Mission was becoming well established and successful. James Dowdle became the first paid, full-time evangelist with the Mission extending its ministry outside the East End of London. The purchase of a large market saw the Mission avail itself of its first building, and work on the building was completed by early 1870 on what was termed the "People's Mission Hall".

Administration of the Mission was along the lines of the Methodist form of government with its regular conferences which William Booth felt spent far too much time in discussion. Often meetings would go on for three to four hours without any worthwhile decisions being made. A delegation to William Booth in 1876 summed up the frustration being felt by Mission workers: "We did not give ourselves to form a little church as an appendix to Methodism. We gave ourselves to you to be guided by you."

Whether consciously or unconsciously, it would appear that the Mission was evolving into something more that had first been envisaged. It may well be this evolution was not so much planned as directed by the Holy Spirit, whose guidance William and Catherine Booth had always sought. Having already realised that their new converts needed pastoral care and other churches were either unwilling or unable to meet such a need, the Booths sought some sort of structural organisation for the Mission.

At a Conference Committee held in early 1877, a new form of government was discussed. In his later writings, William Booth recalled: "Some of the evangelists whom I had engaged to assist me rose up and wanted to convert our Mission into a regular church." William Booth called them together and said: "My comrades, the formation of another church is not my aim. There are plenty of churches. I want to make an Army." Whether or not William Booth foresaw at that point an

organisation such as The Salvation Army, we may never know. What we do know is that from that point on the Mission began to evolve into a militaristic organisation.

Mission members, such as Elijah Cadman, began to use military terminology. In the autumn of 1877 Cadman was stationed in Whitby and set about advertising a campaign led by "Captain Cadman from London, declaring War in Whitby, appealing for 2000 men and women to join the Hallelujah Army. Mr. Booth, the General of the Hallelujah ARMY is coming to WHITBY TO REVIEW THE TROOPS."

By 1878, the Mission was an Army in all but name. Booth, known as the General Superintendent, was often referred to as The General and many of his workers adopted military terminology. A printer's proof for the mission's report of 1878 referred to the mission as "a volunteer army". While there is conjecture about what actually took place, the official history of The Salvation Army records that William Booth objected to the phrase "volunteer army", declaring: "We are not volunteers, for we feel we must do what we do, and we are always on duty." Without a further word, Booth is said to have picked up a pen and struck out the word "volunteer" and wrote "salvation".

Although it would take some time for the use of military terms and organisation to be implemented, the evolution had brought the Mission from a derelict tent on an old burial ground to the commencement of The Salvation Army. On 17 May 1879, while addressing a meeting in Newcastle, north England, Catherine Booth was to declare: "We are an Army, we grew into one, and then we found it out and called ourselves one." □

Part two will appear in the November issue of Pipeline.



Legend

RATING: M

RELEASE DATE: 15 October



The Kray twins were two of the most infamous gangsters to ever darken the streets of London's East End, and the film *Legend* chronicles their rise and fall during the turbulent decades of the 1950s and 60s. In so doing, it also opens a window on the split nature at the heart of every human being – that which longs for something better, battling against that which pursues the pleasures of the flesh.

There will be at least one Academy Award nomination tied up with *Legend* and it's likely to centre on the performance of Tom Hardy (pictured). Aided by flawless camera work, Hardy presents viewers with the lucid, troubled character of Reginald Kray alongside the insane rantings of his brother, Ronald. Reggie has grown up in the shadow

of World War Two and shares his brother's talent for violent crime. However, his relationship with Frances Shea (Emily Browning) tugs at him to be a better man. As their life together moves towards marriage, Reggie looks to leave behind his gangster background and transform "free and clear" into a respectable club owner. The greatest roadblock to his renewal is his twin brother. Ronnie is Reggie's living, breathing alter-ego. Dangerous and deranged, Reggie is at one point trying to save African children, at another smashing in the faces of rival gang members.

Legend gives credence to the biological fact that identical twins begin life in the womb as a single egg that splits into two embryos. The Krays, as Hardy presents them, are two sides of the same man. They are united by their penchant for violence and their absolute loyalty to each other, but divided in their approach to the outside world. In *Legend*, their conflict with the law is dwarfed by their conflict with each other. At a spiritual level, I was reminded strongly of the deeply personal moral struggle the Apostle Paul describes in the book of Romans. In the same body we can have the redeemed heart reaching to be more like Jesus even as the sinful body stoops to delight in all manner of sin: "So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with

me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?"

But unlike the Christian who struggles with sin, Reggie and Ronnie have one other thing uniting them: their desire to remain unreformed. Frances eventually becomes aware that her Reggie is less honest about it than his unbalanced brother. The problem Reggie eventually has to face is that he lacks the power to do anything about his brother or his troublesome other half. Like us, he finds that the sinful nature has a way of sweeping away our best intentions.

Legend moves to its inevitable, tragic conclusion because Hardy's character never encounters the Jesus who delivered Paul from his own internal struggle. It's a riveting film in every respect, though it wasn't the conclusion I was looking for. A little research will reveal that after a lifetime of imprisonment the real Reggie Kray actually found the apostle's solution and became a born-again Christian. It's a pity Hollywood feels that answer won't play so well in cinemas.

- Mark Hadley



The Martian

RATING: M

RELEASE DATE: 1 October



The Martian is more than brilliant science fiction; it's the fantasy story that shouldn't exist. As a novel, publishers rejected it so many times the author ended up giving it away online. Now it's a major motion picture. Which goes to show, just because those who should know better don't recognise the truth, doesn't mean it isn't true. Something worth remembering when it comes to spotting God in *The Martian*.

The cinematic version stars Matt Damon (pictured) as astronaut Mark Watney, an engineer attached to the third manned mission to Mars somewhere in humanity's not-too-distant future. His crew has only been on the surface of the planet a few days when a fierce dust storm forces their mission to be scrubbed. However, Watney is swept away by flying debris and his bio-monitor destroyed, leading his comrades to believe his heart has stopped and

launched without him. Only, Mark isn't dead. He wakes up half-buried in sand and realises he is alone on a hostile planet. Armed with only today's science and the will to live, Watney has to find a way to survive for four years before any rescue attempt can reach him – assuming he finds a way to let earth know he's still alive.

The Martian's focus is split between Watney's inspired survival efforts and the worldwide effort to secure his rescue. The result is a thrilling ride filled with geeky science that advances a believable theory about what it means to be truly human. Though at times we might be desperately selfish, *The Martian* suggests humanity is ultimately a social species that values the life of every individual.

Watney and the world reaching out for him realise that even if he is able to find a way to survive indefinitely on Mars, it won't amount to life as it was meant to be. In Genesis 2 we listen in on our Creator's conversation and learn: "It is not good that man should be alone." It's this axiom, and the subsequent struggle to bring Mark home, that makes a two-hour exercise in practical science such a inspiring, encouraging tale. So, why did the professional publishers get it so wrong? They missed the success story under their noses because they couldn't see the truth behind the

equations. It's the same reason most people will miss God's presence in this production.

On the whole, *The Martian* is presented as a triumph of scientific rationalism that might even suggest there's no need for someone to pray to. Yet in the middle of a story that celebrates human ingenuity and the power of the human spirit, it amazes me we still make room for the hand of God. The sheer number of "lucky breaks" Watney benefits from amount to a silent argument there is someone moving behind the scenes.

We may write about how high the human spirit can rise, but God's presence and his thinking continue to shape our stories. A truly atheistic version of *The Martian* would have left Mark to die alone. He is, after all, only one man and the billions spent trying to engineer his safe return could logically save the lives of millions. There is, after all, no sympathy in a world with a purely evolutionary outlook. Yet *The Martian* routinely makes space for repeated doses of luck because we recognise Mark's ingenuity isn't enough to guarantee his survival. And those who long for his safe return unconsciously reflect the value their Father places on every human being: "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live" (Ezekiel 18:32, *ESV*).

- Mark Hadley

New releases



BOUNDLESS - THE EXPERIENCE

AUTHOR • IHQ COMMUNICATIONS

A book about The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary international congress, *Boundless – The Whole World Redeeming*, has been released by the International Headquarters (IHQ) Communications Section. *Boundless – The Experience* is a 120-page photographic book, with informative text to guide the reader through five days that will have lasting repercussions on the worldwide ministry of The Salvation Army.

The book seeks to capture some of the vibrant internationalism, warm fellowship and inspiring worship that took place at The O2 in London, right up to the march along The Mall that brought the congress celebrations to such a memorable conclusion. The IHQ Boundless Media Team photographers were at events right across the congress, taking thousands of photos.

"The Boundless congress exceeded hopes and expectations for the 15,000 Salvationists and friends who gathered at The O2 in July," says Major John Murray who headed up the media team. "We can't go back and relive the congress but, through the outstanding photographs taken by our media team members, we can revisit the Boundless experience and remember over and over again this God-inspired event which has invigorated and re-energised people across the international Salvation Army."

Boundless - The Experience is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)



THAT CONTENTIOUS DOCTRINE

AUTHOR • MELVYN JONES

That Contentious Doctrine, with a subhead of "Studies in the history of holiness teaching", is written by Melvyn Jones, the Spiritual Life Development Secretary in The Salvation Army's United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland. Prior to his latest appointment, Jones spent five years as principal of William Booth College in London.

In his foreword to the book, Dr John Coutts writes: "The author considers in detail the links between first-generation Salvationists and the 'Higher Life' movement which flourished in Great Britain in the 19th century, as well as the Army's relationship with Pentecostalism in the 20th. Many questions, some contentious, were asked and variously answered. Does a Christian's commitment to holy living offer, or even require, a second blessing after conversion? Or is the path of perfection both a crisis and a process? What is the relationship between the experience of entire sanctification and 'signs following' such as the ability to speak in tongues? Believers are promised 'power ... when the Holy Spirit has come on you', but how is that divine power to be understood in personal living?"

"Here Melvyn Jones distinguishes between two New Testament concepts: *dunamis* and *exousia*. Both words mean 'power', but the first denotes power as personal spiritual energy, while the second refers to power exercised through communal authority. Both insights, he believes, are essential to provide

balance in the life of the church and the individual. He sustains his argument through a thoughtful and wide-ranging survey; the detailed notes at the end of each chapter provide a mine of information about interesting men and women who are little known today."

That Contentious Doctrine is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)



HOLINESS ALIVE

AUTHOR • ANITA CALDWELL

To some, the very idea of holiness conjures up a vision of dullness and death, but by striking the right balance, the experience of holiness is one of liveliness and life abundant. In this work, Anita Caldwell, a former guest writer for The Salvation Army's daily devotional book, *Words of Life*, expresses her joy in attempting to live the life and to teach the truths of holy living that can be found in Scripture and experienced personally.

Using her experience of life and ministry not only in her native United States but in Haiti, Russia, Moldova, Georgia and now as corps officer at Waco, Texas, Anita expresses the joy which belongs to living a life of holiness. Her work will prove a blessing, especially to new Christians, but also to any who wonder what is really meant by this concept of holiness. This book will be of value to individuals, as well as to groups who will find much to discuss within its pages.

Holiness Alive is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)

SALVO TEAMS SET TO TACKLE KOKODA TRAIL ▼



Two teams, one from The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory and another from the Australia Southern Territory, will tackle the rugged mountain terrain and tropical rainforests of the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea next year on fundraising expeditions. The trek, in September, will be the first tour for a new Salvation Army national initiative, Adventure Fundraising. Individuals and corporations who already financially support the Army are being invited to take part, with those who participate asked to each raise at least \$5000. All proceeds raised will go directly towards supporting Salvation Army projects.

Peter Cleave, who is heading up the initiative, says Adventure Fundraising is not just about raising money, but also an opportunity to develop long-term relationships with Army supporters. Ultimately, he hopes these supporters will become advocates for the Salvos. "We would want them to go away and tell the world how great the programs of the Army are," Peter says, "then encourage others to get involved with the Army."

The Kokoda Trail was chosen for the inaugural trek because of The Salvation Army's historical ties with the area. During the Second World War, the Army's Red Shield Officers, also known as the "Sallymen", established "Hop In" centres along the trail to support troops who were fighting the Japanese. Trek participants will learn about the history of the "Sallyman" while hiking Kododa, and will also have the opportunity to visit an Army centre while in Papua New Guinea.

A second trip to Kodaka is being planned to coincide with Anzac Day in 2017. Peter is also considering other future trek options such as Machu Picchu in Peru, a cycling tour in Asia, Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and the Great Wall of China. For more information, email Peter at peter.cleave@aue.salvationarmy.org – **Esther Pinn**



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01: A section of the Kokoda Trail which two Salvation Army teams will tackle.

02: Peter Cleave, who heads up the new Salvation Army initiative Adventure Fundraising.

ACTOR GIVES COUCH PROJECT A BOOST ▼



PHOTO: ABBY MUENDEL

Iconic Australian actor Ray Meagher gave The Salvation Army's Couch Project a high-profile boost ahead of the annual youth homelessness fundraising and awareness campaign last month. *Home and Away* favourite Meagher appeared on the Seven Network's *The Morning Show* (pictured left) where he was interviewed by co-hosts Larry Emdur and Kylie Gillies about The Couch Project for which he is an official ambassador.

On 18 September, more than 1000 people sacrificed the comfort of their bed to spend a night on the couch to raise funds for the fight against youth homelessness. In doing so, they were also raising awareness of couch surfing – where young people sleep on a couch at a friend's house – the most common form of youth homelessness in Australia.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF RURAL FLYING MINISTRY ▼



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Several past and present flying padres were among the guests as The Australia Eastern Territory's Outback Flying Service celebrated its 50th anniversary in the Mt Isa airport hangar. Lieutenant-Colonel Noela Dawkins (1965-70) and Majors Don and Eva Hill (1984-91) attended the occasion on 5 September, along with current padres Lieutenants Simon and Natalie Steele, who have been based in Mt Isa since 2008, and Captain Mark Bulow, who is the South East Queensland Division Rural Flying Service Chaplain, based at Dalby.

Lieut-Colonels Alf (dec.) and Noela Dawkins began the Outback Flying Service in Longreach in 1965. The service moved its base to Mt Isa in 2000, with the south-east Queensland base opening in Dalby in 2012. "We feel very privileged and honoured to be a part of the rich history of the flying service and to be here when we're celebrating a significant anniversary," said Lieut Natalie Steele. The mark the occasion, an open day was held which attracted about 200 people. The flying padres' aircraft were on display, as were a range of historical photos and



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01. Lieut-Colonel Noela Dawkins is joined by Lieutenants Natalie and Simon Steele to cut the 50th anniversary celebration cake.

02. The 50th anniversary celebrations were attended by many past and present flying padres. Photos: Kate Glover

documents representing the past 50 years of the service. A small brass-band ensemble provided music, there was a sausage sizzle and children were kept busy with a paper-plane competition, jumping castle and arts and crafts. Among the dignitaries were The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary Colonel Mark Campbell, Central and North Queensland divisional leaders Colonels Merv and Elaine Rowland, Mt Isa Mayor Tom O'Grady, and Councillor Joyce McCulloch.

"I feel really thankful for the people that came together to celebrate," said Lieut Steele. "When you sit back and think that you're a part of something bigger than yourself ... and that these people all came together to celebrate this history and to rejoice in what God has done, it's wonderful to be a part of that. Continued rural chaplaincy is an important part of ministry in the bush," she added. "People need to be loved and that doesn't change. We need to come alongside each other and we need to know we're not forgotten and you've got someone with you when you're going through tough times." – **Nathalia Rickwood**

RIBBON CUT FOR WAGGA WAGGA'S DISPLAY OF UNITY ▼



Deputy Mayor Dallas Tout, Margaret Plowman (corps secretary) and Judy Allen (store manager) at the opening of the new Family Store.

With the sun shining warmly on a late winter's morning, it was the perfect occasion to open the new Salvation Army Family Store and SalvosConnect centre in Wagga Wagga in southern NSW. The development brings together the two centres on the one site.

Locals remember the old Rundle's Auction site which has been transformed through the support of corps members, volunteers and Family Store staff. Corps Officer Captain Bindy Lupis acknowledged the centre's neighbours, both residential and commercial, who have welcomed The Salvation Army to the site. ACT and South NSW Divisional Commander, Major Howard Smartt, pointed out that on the SalvosConnect site, the work of hope and transformation, through Jesus, will bring new life.

Wagga Wagga Deputy Mayor, Dallas Tout, recognised the presence of the Salvos in the city for the past 129 years, proclaiming his pride in what the volunteers had achieved in transforming the premises. He likened it to a phoenix rising, bringing all services together with many new opportunities. Margaret Plowman (corps secretary) and Judy Allen (store manager) then joined Councillor Tout as he cut the ribbon to declare the Family Store officially open. Students of Wagga Christian College provided musical entertainment as the festivities continued and shoppers looked for bargains.¶

ARMY MAKES ROOM FOR HOTEL CHAPLAINCY ▼



Territorial Chaplaincy Coordinator, Captain Ray Lotty, is excited by the ministry opportunities in the clubs industry. Photos: Carolyn Hide

The Salvation Army has partnered with the ALH hotel group to trial a new hotel chaplaincy ministry in the Greater Sydney region. The trial, which began in August, will run for three years across 36 hotels. “The potential there [in hotels] is incredible – the opportunity to meet people at their point of need and to provide a safe and trusting environment for people,” said Territorial Chaplaincy Coordinator, Captain Ray Lotty.

“We see the chaplains as a link to other expressions of The Salvation Army and also other community groups who support people, whatever their need may be. But also to build relationship so that people can see that The Salvation Army itself is a community where people can belong and feel accepted.”

The Salvation Army recognises October as “chaplaincy month”. Captain Lotty said it is an opportune time to celebrate the success of the inaugural NSW Club chaplaincy ministry which has just completed a two-and-a-half-

year trial. Over the course of the trial, six chaplains have been a regular presence in NSW clubs such as Mingara Recreation Club, Bankstown Sports Club, Pittwater RSL Club and Twin Towns Club in Tweed Heads. Captain Lotty said it’s important for Salvation Army chaplains to be in clubs because they are places where a large percentage of communities gather.

“Many years ago the village green, if you like, where people would come to belong and to socialise and to learn and so on, was the local church,” he said. “That’s no longer the case for a lot of people. For a lot of people they go to the local club to belong and to socialise. So the club chaplain is part of the ‘village green’ and part of that community.”

The NSW clubs ministry is now a permanent feature of the Army’s chaplaincy work. Captain Lotty is now hoping to expand the ministry to clubs in both Queensland and ACT. For more information about chaplaincy work in The Salvation Army, go to salvos.org.au/need-help

HURSTVILLE DEDICATES CHINESE TRANSLATION PROJECT ▼

A special dedication service at Hurstville Corps has marked the completion of an intensive project to translate some of the writings of Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Clarke into the Mandarin language. The project has particular importance for Hurstville Corps, which has strong ties to the Chinese community and has its own Chinese congregation.

Almost two years ago, Lieut-Colonel Clarke invited the Associate Officer at Hurstville, Lieut Lydia Hong, to translate six parables selected from his two books on “The Parable of Jesus”. With the approval and support of Australia

Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, Hurstville Corps Officer Major Trevor Nicol then set about coordinating a team of people to complete the task. The translation has subsequently received the approval of the Army’s newly implemented International China Task Force, of which Commissioner Condon is a member.

Two manuscripts, in English and Simplified Chinese (Mandarin), have been sent to the Army’s International Headquarters in London for printing. They will then be marketed and distributed to the people of China.¶

WALKATHON SHEDS LIGHT ON MODERN-DAY SLAVERY ▼



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Photos: Tony St Leger

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01. Aged Care Plus CEO Sharon Callister, Freedom Partnership manager Jenny Stanger and Sydney City councillor Angela Vithoulkas took part in the walkathon.

02. Three participants take in the beautiful Sydney Harbour which was part of the walkathon route.

03. Some of the many people who took part in the walkathon.

The sun came out just in time for The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus' annual fundraising and awareness walkathon on 10 September in Sydney. Salvationists, employees and community members completed a 5km walk through the streets of Sydney to raise funds for The Freedom Partnership, the Army's national initiative to end modern day slavery.

"Aged Care Plus is dedicated to transforming lives and making a positive difference, whether that's locally or globally," said Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer, Sharon Callister as she prepared to talk part in the walk. "Today, I'm going to challenge the rest of us to give generously, to walk proudly and to stand up for the fight against modern-day slavery."

The Sydney walkathon was one of nine walkathons held across the Australia Eastern Territory. When *Pipeline* went to print, more than \$60,000 had been raised. Walkathon sponsors, Grindley and Catering Industries have each pledged \$10,000 to the fundraiser. At the walkathon, national manager of The Freedom Partnership, Jenny Stanger, spoke about the importance of creating awareness and taking action against human trafficking and slavery.

"Thank you so much because this is an issue again that's hard to make visible," she said. "It's hard for people to understand how an issue like slavery can happen in this country. The reality is, slavery does happen here. The money raised here will fill critical gaps faced by victims across Australia, from the moment they get out of that situation right through to point where I've been able to see a very powerful thing, where people are reunited with their children and their loved ones."

For more information about The Freedom Partnership, go to endslavery.salvos.org.au. If you would like to donate to the Aged Care Plus walkathon, go to agedcareplus.salvos.org.au

HISTORY
SNAPSHOT

In the late 1800s, local larrikins in Bega pelted Salvationists conducting an open-air meeting with flour, over-ripe fruit and vegetables, eggs and even a dead cat. Read all about this incident at the "Local History" (ACT and South NSW - Bega) link at salvos.org.au

BUSBY NOW OFFERING FOOD FOR THE SOUL ▼



Volunteers at the 2168 Food 4 Life Market when it opened in 2013.

A Salvation Army-run food ministry in Sydney's south-west, which has been serving low-income members of the Busby community for the past two years, has evolved into a corps. The Food 4 Life ministry, led by Salvation Army volunteers Joel and Kianna Spicer, has had a huge impact in the community.

"Food 4 Life happened because the 2168 community, which is the area we are in, was identified as a community that had a problem with food insecurity," said Joel. "Food insecurity is when people skip meals to feed their kids, pay their bills, that kind of thing. We sign up local residents on a membership basis, they pay \$15 each shop and have the dignity of choosing what they want from our little supermarket. They probably get about \$70 or \$80 worth of food for the \$15."

The establishment of Busby Corps is a direct result of the success of the Food 4 Life ministry. "Most of the people who come to the church are clients from our Food 4 Life market – they weren't going to travel into another area to go to

church so we brought the church to them!" said Joel. "A lot of people have been saved and received healing."

Joel said a deeper sense of connection is being established among the community as they meet in worship. "God has put this community on the hearts of people. A lot of people in the area are looking for a place where they can belong and be in community with others and church is another opportunity for them to do that. A few people have said they would just come once to check it out and they have never missed a Sunday since! God is amazing."

Joel and Kianna have been greatly encouraged by the support they have received from Liverpool Corps and the community itself, fostering a sense of optimism. "Having Food 4 Life is a vital part of why this corps has come together," said Joel. "It has always been on our hearts to do something like this. We have been really blessed in so many ways as we have started the corps. We are establishing ourselves and seeing where God wants to lead us!" – **Katherine Franks**

BRISBANE STREETLEVEL CHRISTENS NEW PREMISES ▼

"This is The Salvation Army and these are our people," said Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, South Queensland Divisional Commander, at the Brisbane Streetlevel Mission's inaugural chapel service at its new premises, on 10 September. "I am incredibly excited to be sharing this space together and seeing the expansion and growth of God's family here. It's wonderful that you are part of us here ... and incredible things are going to happen."

Streetlevel is now located, together with the Army's South Queensland Divisional Headquarters and Youth Outreach Services, in the Spring Hill area of Brisbane. Moneycare also has an office within the Streetlevel space. During the chapel service, Streetlevel outreach worker Paul Maunder led a "share and care" segment, emphasising that the mission is a safe place where all people are accepted. "We are a family where we are loved and understood, even when we don't always get it right," he said. "This is a place of faith, where Jesus is the cornerstone and gives us our worth and value."

Major Bryce Davies, Streetlevel team leader, spoke about the mission being a place where broken people could meet with love, grace and forgiveness and be refreshed and renewed. "We need a place where it's safe to be messy and dirty, and being accepted here is part of our healing and getting back on track," he said. "Streetlevel wants to point us to the lifestyle of living in forgiveness and being made strong by that so we can face the storms of life."

Just over a week earlier, the annual Streetlevel Fraser Island fishing had taken place with 13 community members and supporters from Caloundra Corps, 96.5FM Family radio, and other Christian churches. Andy, a Streetlevel member, went on the trip for the second time. "I was able to fish, despite my Parkinson's Disease, and it was a good bonding time," he said. "Life has only got better for me since I found Streetlevel three years ago. I feel a purpose being here and have someone to talk to." – **Simone Worthing**

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE MUSICALS ERA ▼

It is almost 50 years since the first of The Salvation Army musicals written by John Gowans and John Larsson were produced. Over the course of the intervening years, the duo was to write 10 musicals, many of which have been produced all over the world.

The reality was that it almost didn't happen. A small group, including young captains John Gowans and John Larsson, called together to discuss ideas to celebrate International Youth Year in 1968, failed to come up with any realistic ideas, although a suggestion of a Salvation Army "Guys & Dolls" had been mentioned. At the second meeting of the group, then National Youth Secretary, Denis Hunter, was informed that no progress had really been made. Turning to Gowans and Larsson, he said: "I hear what I hear with great disappointment, I do not have it in me to write one note of music or one sentence of stage direction, but you two can do it. Please don't ask me to accept your decision as final." The result of the stinging challenge was the first of the musicals, *Take Over Bid*.

The musicals ushered in the greatest change in Salvation Army music since its beginning in 1865. The music and lyrics from the musical were to find their way into every dimension of Army life around the world with numerous arrangements for band and songsters, many becoming part of the content in the *Song Book of The Salvation Army*.

To celebrate the rich history of the Gowans and Larsson musical, The Salvation Army Historical Society, Sydney Chapter, will be holding a special celebration as part of its regular program. It will be held at Hurstville Corps on 7 November, starting at 7.30pm, with an open invitation for anyone to attend. The evening will celebrate the musicals with support from the Hurstville Salvation Army Band, soloists and opportunity for the audience to join in many of the favourite Gowans and Larsson songs.

More information can be obtained from Major David Woodbury, david.woodbury@aue.salvationarmy.org or Dianne Cameron, di.cameron@aue.salvationarmy.org



NEW OP-SHOP CONNECTS WITH COMMUNITY ▼

Lismore Corps recently opened an op-shop with a difference in the nearby community of Goonellabah. The "Community Wardrobe" operates from the corps' building and is specifically for people holding a healthcare or pension card, or from a low-income household.

"This store fills a much-needed gap in Goonellabah for people in need, many of whom are geographically cut off from the Lismore CBD services," said Captain Jenny Reeves, Lismore Corps Officer. "The Community Wardrobe aims to provide clothing and other small household goods to low-income families at super-cheap prices. It is also a place where people can just drop in for a cuppa and chat.

"After the changes with Salvos Connect and Doorways

we have been looking at new ways to serve and connect with the community around us. The idea of a community wardrobe grew as a way to create a space for people to come together in a natural way. It's all about relationships and the conversations we have with people. This is our measure of our success, not how much money we make."

Community Wardrobe is open two mornings per week, with plans to expand opening hours. "At the moment we offer a cuppa and a biscuit to those who drop in, but we would like to develop the hospitality side with things like a soup in winter, or fresh baked scones" said Captain Reeves. "Our goal is to build a welcoming environment, be available to spend time with people and see what God will do."



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TUGGERANONG CORPS ▼



The new junior soldiers with their prayer pals (left to right) Zoe Ismael, Tyrone Windolf, Aidan Windolf, Addie Ismael, Taylor Russell and Liam Russell.

Corps Officer Captain Mark Everitt recently enrolled six junior soldiers: Taylor and Liam Russell, Aidan and Tyrone Windolf, and Addie and Zoe Ismael. In front of the congregation and with their prayer pals praying with them, each young person signed their Junior Soldiers' promise. They also received a gift from Duncan and Ruth Woodhouse, members of Tuggeranong Corps, who give every new junior soldier a book or Bible, in memory of their daughter, Amy. ¶

WELLINGTON CORPS ▼



Corps Officer Lieutenant Andrew Jones accepted two new adherents at Wellington on Sunday 30 August. David Eslick and Ingrid Jeffery (pictured with Lieut Jones) are both active members of the congregation, helping out at the monthly market stall in the community, serving morning tea after the Sunday meeting, and doing odd jobs around the place. They both show their love for others in their acts of service. ¶

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CORPS ▼



Corps Officer Majors Graham and Christine Longbottom flank (from left to right) Anthony and Michelle Milton, and Colin and Samantha Pullan.

Three senior soldiers have been enrolled and an adherent accepted at Southern Highlands Corps. Colin and Samantha Pullan's introduction to The Salvation Army came through contact with the "Sally Man" when Colin was in the military. Their children joined SAGALA and began Sunday school, eventually enrolling as junior soldiers. Their children's influence led Colin and Samantha on a journey that has now led to soldiership. Both work in the local Family Store; Colin as store manager and Samantha as a volunteer assistant. Michelle Milton began attending the corps after her children joined SAGALA. Michelle is now an assistant to the leader of SAGALA, and her husband, Anthony, has joined with his family as an adherent. ¶

MT ISA CORPS ▼



Natasha Steele celebrates her enrolment, flanked Mt Isa Corps Officers Lieutenants Brad and Helen Whittle (left), her parents Lieutenants Natalie and Simon Steele (right), and her brother Joel and sister Isabel.

Corps Officer Lieutenant Brad Whittle enrolled Natasha Steele as a senior soldier on Sunday 6 September. Natasha, who has attended the corps for the past 12 months, spoke about the role her parents, Lieutenants Simon and Natalie Steele, have played in her faith journey. "Through the ups and downs, I have always cherished the example of my parents and their example of unconditional love, mercy, kindness, dedicated service and example of Jesus," she shared. "My desire is to serve God as a Salvation Army soldier with wholehearted passion, in the same vein as mum and dad." The Steeles manage the Army's Outback Flying Service, based in Mt Isa. ¶

NORTH BRISBANE CORPS ▼



(From left to right) Major Craig Todd, Jeremy Clarke, Sharon Cottam, Brittany Nordling, Narissa Anderson, Geoff Mathieson, Major Donna Todd and recruiting sergeant Joyce Greentree. David Head is holding the flag.

Corps Officer Major Donna Todd enrolled five senior soldiers – Jeremy Clarke, Sharon Cottam, Geoff Mathieson, Brittany Nordling and Narissa Anderson – on Sunday 6 September. All the new soldiers are committed to ministry and mission in The Salvation Army. “We are very proud of their heart for others, love for God and commitment to our church and the extension of God’s kingdom,” said Major Todd. “We are so thankful of being able to enrol such great soldiers of Christ.” ¶

PANANIA CORPS ▼



Jenny Maiden (pictured) was recently enrolled as a senior soldier at Panania. When asked why she chose soldiership, she replied: “I just want the opportunity to help others. When I see someone in need, I do what I can to help”. Jenny also testifies to knowing the love of Jesus in her life and wants to share this with all she comes in contact with. ¶

GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS ▼



Shell Walker (pictured with Corps Officer Major Heather McKeown) was accepted as an adherent on Sunday 30 August. Shell began attending the corps as a participant in the Gold Coast Recovery Services (Fairhaven) program earlier this year. “I didn’t really like it at first but over a period of time, as I got more peace in my life, I had to tear myself away from the meetings,” she said. “Now I have completed the program at Fairhaven and my continued recovery depends on the maintenance of my spiritual health. Without God, I cannot operate. It’s taken me a long time, but I am becoming the person God wanted me to be.” ¶



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GENERAL MAKES HISTORIC VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA ▼



General André Cox is interviewed by young Salvationists during his visit to Cuba.

General André Cox has become the first world leader of The Salvation Army to visit the island of Puerto Rico since 1964. His day-long visit culminated in a Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands divisional rally at San Juan Central Corps, which included the enrolment and acceptance of 30 men, women and children as Salvation Army soldiers and adherent members. “Each one of you is unique in the eyes of God,” he told them. “No matter your age, this is the first step on a journey and it will be exciting to see what he does through all of you.”

Earlier, the General, accompanied by his wife, Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women’s Ministries), had flown to the Dominican Republic, becoming the Army’s first active international leaders to visit the country. At the

main public meeting, a congregation of 350 gathered to hear the General challenge them to be visible Christians in their communities. The enrolment of 45 soldiers demonstrated that the Army is moving forward in the Dominican Republic, a fact that was borne out by the many young people who indicated their acceptance of a calling to officership.

The General and Commissioner Cox’s time in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic had been preceded by a visit to Cuba, where they were special guests at a congress with the theme of, *Tocados Por Su Gloria* (Touched by His Glory). A highlight of the congress was the enrolment of 115 senior soldiers, which took place during the Sunday morning holiness meeting. ¶

SALVATION ARMY CALLS FOR ‘PRACTICAL AND CARING’ RESPONSE TO REFUGEE CRISIS ▼

The Salvation Army’s international leader, General André Cox, has issued a strong plea to all European leaders to respond urgently and comprehensively to help the hundreds of thousands of refugees seeking assistance within the region. “From wherever these men, women and children have come, and whatever the circumstances that have driven them to undertake perilous journeys,” said General Cox, “we cannot either turn a blind eye or simply do the minimum in terms of aid and assistance. These are our brothers and sisters and we must help with all urgency and with great practicality.

“I call on governments to work together to devise and implement practical and caring solutions for the immediate and longer-term future. The Salvation Army will continue its wide-ranging ministry among refugees, providing food, water and other essentials while also offering spiritual and emotional support. As the citizens of Europe welcome

thousands of people into their towns and cities, The Salvation Army – through its national programs but also in its local centres – will be waiting with arms open.”

The Salvation Army is mobilising as many of its resources as possible to assist refugees in many European countries. It currently has significant programs operating in 14 countries and is planning on opening more services in the near future. This does not take into account the one-to-one care provided by individual Salvationists and through Salvation Army corps across Europe.

An interactive map showing some of The Salvation Army’s current refugee projects in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, can be viewed at sar.my/europerefugees

FAITHFUL SERVANT ▼



Major Pamela Alley was promoted to glory on 26 July, aged 65, in Brisbane. A Tribute Service was held at Brisbane City

Temple on 8 August, conducted by Lieut-Colonel Don Woodland. Major Vicki Clarke offered an opening prayer and read from 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. A Salvation Army tribute by Major Errol Woodbury was read by Lieut-Colonel Bernice Woodland. A vocal item, *To The Hills*, was given by Barbara Brown and Meghan Hodge, before family tributes from Major Kingsley Alley and Andrew Alley. Lieut-Colonel Don Woodland gave an address before a prayer and benediction by Major Dean Clarke. Many of Pam's favourite songs and choruses were sung during the service.

Pamela Mildred Faulkner was born at Barcaldine on 16 August 1939, the youngest of three sisters and sixth in a family of eight children. The family moved to Rockhampton when Pam was still a little girl and it was here that she gave her life to Jesus and was enrolled as a junior soldier at Rockhampton Temple. The family moved to Brisbane in 1949, firstly to Sandgate and then to Nundah. The younger children attended Sandgate Corps for a time, but eventually Pam transferred with her brother, Clyde, to Albion Corps and there began to grow in her faith, becoming a senior soldier at the age of 14.

Pam revelled in her life at the Army and a growing awareness of God's purpose for her life led her eventually to officership. On Christmas Eve 1960, Pam became engaged to Kingsley Alley. Two years later, after training in the *Soldiers of Christ* session of cadets, they were married on 19 January 1963 at Albion Citadel. In due course, they welcomed into their family Andrew (1966), Timothy (1968), Philip (1970), Karyn (1972) and Amanda (1977).

Pam and Kingsley served at Coffs Harbour (1963-65), Sydney West Divisional Headquarters (1966-68), Orange (1969-72), Coorparoo/Carina (1973-74), Grafton (1982), Campsie (1983-87), Sydney West DHQ (1988), Chatswood (1989-91) and Red Shield Industries at St Peters (1993-94). Following retirement, they gave "second-mile" service at Ballina

for three years, and Palm Beach for five months, as well as other shorter relieving situations at Fairhaven Rehabilitation Centre, Maryborough Corps, Brisbane City Temple and Mt Gravatt. During this time she welcomed eight grandchildren into her circle of love – Michael, Nicholas, Jasmin, Bradley, Kalani, Tristan, Rahni and Ava.

In the wider area of Christian service they also accepted the role of Queensland chaplains for Christian Camping International, now known as Christian Venues Association. In connection with this ministry they travelled all over Queensland to Christian camps and conference centres each year, until Pam's final illness necessitated going into care at The Salvation Army's Aged Care Plus centre at Riverview Gardens in July 2009.

Pam's life and service was marked by consistency of purpose as she used her many gifts from God with humility and love. Without question she has now entered into the nearer presence of her Saviour and Lord and has heard his words of commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

FEARLESS SOLDIER ▼



Major Kathleen Walton was promoted to glory on 30 August, aged 98, at Macquarie Lodge, Arncliffe. She had been a resident at Macquarie Lodge for the past four years.

Her funeral services were conducted by Lieut-Colonel John Hodge, at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium and at Dee Why Corps on 7 September. Tributes were read from the territorial commanders of the Australia Eastern Territory and the Caribbean Territory. Colleen Eirth (nee Gough – an adopted niece) and Tresna McComb contributed loving tributes to the life of Kathleen.

Born in February 1917, Kathleen travelled from the United Kingdom

in 1939 as a young woman to live in Australia. During the years of World War Two she was introduced to The Salvation Army at Willoughby, and entered The Salvation Army Training College in 1945 as a member of the *Fearless* session. Following commissioning, she served in many corps and social centres in the Australia Eastern Territory, including Chelmer, Stanmore, Stanley Street, Walker Street, Portland and Paddington.

Her best years were alongside her close friend, Major Daphne Gough. These ladies, both only about five-feet tall, sailed for the West Indies in 1956 where they were to serve as missionaries in Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad for the next 20 years. Having served God and the Army for 31 years as an active officer, she returned to Australia in 1977 to serve as a retired officer and soldier at Campsie and Dee Why corps for a further 38 years.

This "Fearless" lady outlived many of her comrades and friends but had a confident faith in God and to move out to the unknown in service to others. This confidence was shown even as she faced illness in recent years.

HISTORY
SNAPSHOT

Cadet Matthew Thompson was the first Australian Salvation Army officer "promoted to glory" in 1884 after he was viciously attacked while establishing the Army's work in "sin-cursed, half-damned" Parramatta. He was only 21. Read all about how the Army eventually flourished in western Sydney at the "Local History" (Greater West - Parramatta) link at salvos.org.au



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Note to self: Relax in Christ

A LITTLE BIT OF MINDFULNESS GOES A LONG WAY



PETER MCGUIGAN

If you're like me, you're not sure how to respond when someone tells you, out of the blue, to relax. You know, you're hyped about something or under pressure to get something done or impatient because something's not happening the way it should or you're just plain passionate, and someone says right into your personal space: "Hey, relax!"

You probably should take notice, but retort: "What do you mean, relax? I don't want to relax!" Or, "This is important. It's not time to relax!" Or, "I'm passionate about this. Why should I relax?" At least, you might think these things even if you don't verbalise them.

Relaxing, of course, is important, moreso than you or I would sometimes want to admit. I was on a plane last month where the flying time was about one hour and 15 minutes. It was an afternoon flight, so I'd already had a packed day, starting early with writing emails, then getting ready for my trip, followed by meetings. After all of this, I dashed to the airport, got on the plane, sat in my allocated seat like everyone else, and we took off.

About a third of the way into the flight the stewards came down the aisle with their trolley, offering food and drinks. I ordered a coffee, and enjoyed it. As I finished I looked down at the cup and noticed a word staring right at

me, "Relax". That was the only word, "Relax". I actually turned the cup around a full 360 degrees looking for other words, but there were no others. Just, "Relax".

Immediately, a sense of wellbeing came over me and I did what the cup told me to do. Relaxed my mind, relaxed my body, relaxed my spirit. Later, I was talking with someone else about this experience and we laughed when I said: "I could take it from a cup!" Interestingly, on one occasion during this business trip I left my mobile phone in my hotel room. When I realised I didn't have it on me, the first thing I thought was: "Relax."

PERMANENT DISTRACTION

How easy it is for people in this era of immediate access to just about everything, to live in a state of permanent distraction. I want to put it out there that this is not a healthy way to live – not good for us. The technological and electronic age is helpful (my phone has become my office) but it must be managed. Surely, out of respect for others, we have an obligation to be present in every conversation, not distracted. Surely, out of respect for ourselves, we need to organise time away from technology and gadgets. Surely, out of respect for God, we need to exercise good stewardship of technology and its use.

To do this, it is vital that we not only

find "relaxation time" but develop ways of relaxing even while in full flight on the job. Taking that a step further, I have a hunch this is part of what the Apostle Paul meant when he encouraged his readers over and over to live their lives "in Christ" and "with Christ". In his letter to the Ephesians (2:4-5), Paul writes: "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions." And this: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (2:10).

I think it's hard to truly "be" in Christ, or with Christ, when you're bogged down with distraction or busyness – for our "in-Christness" and "with-Christness" to reflect in our behaviour. So my encouragement is to "relax" in Christ and develop some mindfulness around relaxing. Catch yourself being distracted or bogged down. Listen for the cues of others. Take a few deep breaths in the middle of the office or wherever you are. Literally step into Christ, into his peace, into his Spirit, into the mind of Christ, into the ideas and creativity of God for the challenges of your day and your life. Make it your 24/7 prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, I step into you, into your ..."

You'll be amazed at the difference it makes, both to you and to the environment around you.¶

ABOUT PEOPLE ▼

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 3 September: Major Keith **Hampton**, Corps Officer, Springwood Corps, The Greater West Division.

Effective 4 September: Major Bev **Kingston**, Divisional Support Officer, ACT and South NSW Division; Major Colin **Kingston**, Divisional Support Officer, ACT and South NSW Division.

Effective 4 November: Captain Sharilyn **Bush**, Corps Officer, Kempsey Corps, North NSW Division; Captain Jeffrey **Bush**, Corps Officer, Kempsey Corps, North NSW Division.

Effective 1 December: Lieut-Colonel Kelvin **Alley**, Chief Secretary, Papua New Guinea Territory; Lieut-Colonel Julie **Alley**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Papua New Guinea Territory.

BEREAVED

Major Phillip **Pleffer** of his father, Gordon **Pleffer** on 31 August; Major Neil **Dickson** of his mother and Major Merv **Holland** of his aunt, Bertha **Dickson** on 4 September; Captain Gwen **Gray** of her sister and Captain Wendy **Spindler** of her aunt.

CONCLUSION OF SERVICE

Captain Karen **Keddie** on 10 August.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Kathleen **Walton** on 30 August; Territorial Envoy Elizabeth (Betty) **Hill** on 5 September.

SCHOOL FOR OFFICER TRAINING

The following people will commence officer training at the non-residential School For Officer Training, Brisbane Campus in 2016: Stephanie **Savage**, Caloundra Corps; Danielle **Starr**, Doorways, South Qld.

The following person has commenced officer training at the School For Officer Training in the USA Western Territory: Cadet Leah **Fowler**.

TIME TO PRAY ▼

27 SEPTEMBER – 3 OCTOBER

Glebe Corps, Hurstville Corps, Manly Corps, Maroubra Corps, Menai Corps, Miranda Corps, all NSW; International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (27); EQUIP, NSW (27 Sep-3 Oct).

4-10 OCTOBER

Narwee Corps, Petersham Corps, Port Kembla Mission, Rockdale Corps, Shellharbour Corps, Sydney Congress Hall, all NSW; Seniors Assembly (6-9); Candidates Weekend (9-11).

11-17 OCTOBER

Sydney Streetlevel Mission, Tarrawanna Corps, Wollongong Corps, First Floor Programs, Illawarra Community Welfare Centre, Homeless Services Network (Foster House, Knudsen Place, Samaritan House, Carinya Cottage and Waterloo Mission), all NSW; Salvos Women Mission Trip (14-27); Appointment Announcement (15).

18-24 OCTOBER

Oasis Youth Support Network – Sydney, St George Community Welfare Centre, William Booth House Recovery Services Centre, The Greater West Divisional Headquarters, The Greater West Chaplaincy Services, all NSW.

25-31 OCTOBER

Auburn Corps, Bankstown Corps, Bathurst Corps, Blacktown City Corps, Broken Hill Corps, Campbelltown Corps, Chifley Mission, all NSW; HUBS Gathering (27-29); Just Men, NSW (30 Oct-1 Nov).

1-7 NOVEMBER

Dural Corps, Fairfield Corps, Forbes/Parkes Corps, Granville Corps, Greater Liverpool Corps, Hawkesbury City Corps, Hornsby Gateway Corps, all NSW; Just Men, QLD (6-8 Nov).

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR ▼

COMMISSIONER JAMES (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND JAN CONDON.

Collaroy: Sat 3 Oct – EQUIP NSW Open Day.

Miranda: Sun 4 October – Retirement Salute to Major Eva Phillips.

*Adelaide: Tues 6-Wed 7 October – Royal Commission hearing

Dee Why: Thu 8 Oct – Home League meeting.

Bexley North: Sat 10-Sun 11 Oct – Candidates weekend.

*Sydney: Mon 12 Oct – Aged Care Plus Leadership Forum and Spiritual retreat.

*Hong Kong: Wed 14-Fri 16 Oct – International Consultation on ministry to Chinese people.

#Bexley North: Sat 17 Oct – Gala Day.

*Bexley North: Fri 23 Oct – Lecture, second-year cadets.

#Queensland: Friday 23-Sun 25 Oct – WOW weekend, Central and North Queensland Division.

*Stanmore: Sat 24 Oct – Salvationist Advisory Council.

*Sydney Congress Hall: Sat 24 Oct – International Staff Band program.

*Sydney: Wed 28 Oct – Territorial Advisory Board.

*Collaroy: Sat 31 Oct – Just Men Conference.

* Commissioner James Condon only

Commissioner Jan Condon only

COLONEL MARK CAMPBELL (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Collaroy: Sat 3 Oct – EQUIP open day.

Sydney: Fri 9 Oct – Leadership lecture, School For Officer Training, first and second-year cadets.

Adelaide: Mon 12 Oct – Royal Commission Hearing.

Sydney: Wed 14-Fri 16 Oct – Australian Institute of Directors Course.

Sydney: Sat 24 Oct – Salvationist Advisory Council – Stanmore House.

Sydney: Mon 26 Oct – ASCA Blue Knot Day evening launch, Government House.

Sydney: Thu 29 Oct – Spiritual Day, School For Officer Training, first and second-year cadets.

London: Fri 30 Oct-Fri 6 Nov – Leaders orientation, International Headquarters