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Soaring on wings like eagles

Many years ago, a good friend rang me on the eve of being commissioned as a Salvation Army officer. He was having second thoughts.

"What? You can't have second thoughts now!" I replied, desperately grappling for some way to change his mind.

Over the next hour he revealed his inner turmoil. Along the way I was silently praying for a word from the Lord.

He told me his story, of being saved, of being called to full-time service and of his two years at college training to be a Salvation Army officer. But taking the next step was his biggest hurdle. He was afraid of being sent. Being sent into the big, wide world to represent The Salvation Army as an officer. Of all the testing times in life, he said this was the hardest. The responsibility was looming as too much for him.

"I just love college," he admitted. "It's like being in a nice, warm, cosy nest and now I'm being shoved out and I'm afraid I won't fly."

Deuteronomy 32:11 suddenly came to mind: "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them ..."

I explained to my friend how God is portrayed as a mother eagle in this verse, feathering the nest for her young and lovingly tending to them, until one day her behaviour suddenly changes. It is now time for the eaglets to leave the nest and learn to fly. The mother eagle starts ripping the nest apart and then gently nudges each eaglet out and into thin air.

Of course, the eaglets are terrified, squawking in fright as they plummet. But just before they hit the ground, the mother eagle swoops and catches them on her broad wings. She then carries the eaglets high into the sky before tilting her wings and tipping them off again. This time, however, the eaglets flap their tiny wings in fright and, to their surprise, they discover they can fly.

"This is what God does," I said to my friend. "He pushes us out of our comfortable nests so that we might stretch our wings and soar to achieve his purpose for our lives."

My friend went through with the commissioning ceremony and is still faithfully serving the Lord as an officer today.

Nineteen cadets of the 2012-2013 *Disciples of the Cross* session will be commissioned on 1 December and sent out to fly the flag for The Salvation Army as lieutenants. In this issue of *Pipeline* we hear the testimonies of five cadets, of how they were called by God and how the two years at college has prepared them for officership. We also highlight the cadets' mission trips, made in August.

Please pray for our cadets as they embark on their journey of officership, that God may help them to "soar on wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31).

Dean Simpson
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WOMEN EMPOWERED BY NEW CONNECTION

By SIMONE WORTHING

Salvos Women, a new approach for connecting all women involved with The Salvation Army, is being introduced in the Australia Eastern Territory.

"This new ministry, which is a part of the overall Mission Team, aims to network with, encompass and provide an identity for all women across The Salvation Army world, not just Salvationists or people who go to church," said Lieutenant-Colonel Simone Robertson, Territorial Salvos Women Co-ordinator.

"By being part of the Mission Team, which also oversees children's ministries, youth, men and seniors, Salvos Women brings the whole family, the whole body of Christ into one place," she said. "Previously, women were the only ones separate."

"I am a representative from the Mission Team and my focus is Salvos Women. Envoy Roz Edwards, for example, is a representative of the Mission Team and her focus is seniors."

Inspiring

"Salvos Women wants to make sure that we are connecting and building relationships with all women and not just those who are involved with a specific ministry in a corps. This could include Family Store volunteers, corps secretaries, Mainly Music mums, and younger women."

"We will also be working on how we can provide resources to

help women of all ages and stages of life, to grow spiritually.

"Our aim is to inform, inspire and invest in women and relationships."

Lieut-Colonel Simone emphasises that Salvos Women does not replace Women's Ministries, but is simply adding to it. Women's Ministries will still exist, as specific programs for women, but it will now become one facet of Salvos Women.

As Salvos Women develops, current divisional secretaries of women's ministries will become divisional Salvos Women co-ordinators.

The title "Divisional Director of Women's Ministries" (DDWM) will remain, as will Territorial President and Territorial Secretary of Women's Ministries, as they are part of the international Salvation Army.

"The DDWMs will still give oversight to the Women's Ministries facet of Salvos Women, with Commissioner Jan Condon remaining in her territorial role as President of Women's Ministries with an emphasis on that," said Lieut-Colonel Simone. "Commissioner Jan will make sure Women's Ministries is functioning well."

Major Karan Ross is Associate Salvos Women Co-ordinator and works with Lieut-Colonel Simone to resource the divisions according to their needs.

Envoys Glenda and Randall Brown, Territorial Mission and Resource Directors - Corps, are working together with Lieut-Colonel Simone and Major Karan to bring the ministry together and active throughout the territory.

A resource manual is a priority for Salvos Women, and printed

materials are being worked on and developed. Salvos Women has also launched a Facebook page - [facebook.com/salvoswomen](https://www.facebook.com/salvoswomen) which now has over 1600 "likes" - or people who receive its posts.

This is designed to be both a communication and resource tool, with a bright and friendly look, to help women in their journey through the various stages of life, to grow in their relationship with God, or be introduced to God through a range of articles, Scriptures, questions and quotes.

"It's about connecting with people, keeping the mindset of new people coming in, and doing what we do because of God's love, salvation, forgiveness and healing," said Lieut-Colonel Simone.

Moving forward, Major Karan and Lieut-Colonel Simone will be meeting with other Mission Team leaders to discuss how to meet the needs of women in their areas.

Identity

Salvos Women has not, and will not, be having a major launch as a new initiative. "Our identity is Salvos Women, we are women of The Salvation Army and our work will transition to that focus," said Lieut-Colonel Simone.

Commissioner Eva Marseille, Secretary for Women's Ministries in the South Pacific and East Asia Zone, congratulated the Salvos Women team of the "birth" of Salvos Women.

"This natural, yet adventurous re-branding and re-positioning of Women's Ministries show the determination of women Salvationists to stand up and be counted, and to take their part in the mission and ministry of the territory in an integral and integrated way," she said.

NEW MISSION FOCUS EMBRACES WOMEN

Seeing the integration of women's ministries into The Salvation Army's mainstream mission is the fruition of a long-term goal for Commissioner JAN CONDON, who reflects on what it means to women throughout the Australia Eastern Territory



Commissioner Jan Condon is Territorial President of Women's Ministries

These are exciting days for Salvos Women! I have had a dream for a number of years to integrate women's ministries in the mission team and have been waiting for the right time to do this.

This was re-enforced as I listened to a paper presented at the International Leaders' conference in Canada last year.

Commissioner Sue Swanson said, "For too long women's ministries often dwells in isolation from the mainstream Salvation Army mission. They are often not at the table when critical mission decisions are being taken; sometimes by the choice of others. By being a stand-alone department, women's ministries often miss opportunities to contribute mutually with other program elements of The Salvation Army. Our structures, at best, should serve the mission and not impede it. Our structures should also testify to our belief in gender equality in leadership."

By being a stand-alone department it weakens our mission effectiveness and under-utilises our human resources.

There is a time for everything and now is the time. At Territorial Headquarters we have moved women's ministry to the mission team with the new name of Salvos Women.

Corps officers see women's ministries as a corps program like men's, youth, children and seniors, so it makes sense to have ministry to women included in the mission team.

We want to minister to the whole family and this move enables that to happen. Salvos Women is not an event that will be promoted - it is a name of a department.

One of the reasons for the name change is to include women who are not involved in a women's ministry area, but do attend the corps.

This emphasises that Salvos Women is aimed at women in ministry and not just restricted to women's ministries.

We want to speak into the lives of all women who are connected in any way with The Salvation Army - therefore embracing both the mission priorities and the freedom language.

We see Salvos Women transforming communities through disciple-making, serving others (mission projects, local corps/community projects, one on one support) and speaking out the message of Christ, but also speaking against injustices to women, children etc (social justice involvement).

Coupled with this we need to be providing even more opportunities for women, including women officers, to find their ministry where they can utilise their gifts to the optimum rather than just being slotted into an assumed role.

The Women in Leadership Forum that was held recently gave opportunity for women and men to see the potential that lay under-utilised in so many women.

I thank God that in The Salvation Army women are equally called and commissioned as Salvation Army officers.

This month we will witness the Commissioning and Ordination of the *Disciples of the Cross* and then send them out to be disciple makers.

These are exciting days for the army.

I believe God is saying "Watch for the new thing I am about to do!" and I want to be part of it.

HOLINESS AND MINISTRY IN A VIOLENT SOCIETY

In the third instalment of a nine-part *Pipeline* series written by members of The Salvation Army's International Doctrine Council and entitled "Holiness and ...", **Commissioner OSCAR SANCHEZ** says suffering physically for Christ is a reality we must embrace

When Salvation Army officers talk about holiness in their ministry, they usually point to the fact that they should live lives that are an example for others as they strive to follow in the steps of their Master.

They have been trained to become good administrators, preachers, social workers, program managers and event organisers, among many other things. But, living in today's world, perhaps we should ask ourselves if The Salvation Army is preparing this new generation of officers to face a society that is increasingly violent – sometimes to the point that they are not only expected to counsel the victims of violence, but also to face aggression themselves. The questions are: what is a holy reaction when this comes home to us? Is it only a matter of our personality, or our personal background? Or should it be according to our faith and spiritual maturity? Is this part of our holiness today?

Captain Faber Palacios from Colombia was beginning his day as the administrator of one of The Salvation Army's schools in

Guatemala City, when he received three men who were asking for information to enrol their children in the program. Suddenly they produced firearms and asked for the money that was kept in the office from previous days' payments. He handed over the money and tried to reason with them in the name of God. He was shot four times.

Captain Palacios survived this trial and has confidence that God still has a plan for his life. He serves today as the Divisional Secretary, Costa Rica Division and as corps officer for the San Jose Central Corps.

Major Pedro Lopez is the regional officer for Venezuela as well as the corps officer of Cabudare Corps. He was dealing with a construction project at a corps in Maracaibo city and had to go to the bank to get cash to pay the workers and buy more building materials. As he arrived back at the corps premises, he was taken hostage in his own vehicle and driven to an unknown place, all the time being questioned about money and other valuables. Finally, his kidnappers took all the money they could find as well as the car, and left him after beating him up.

We thanked God this was a "good" ending, as these criminals usually kill those they rob so that no witness is left to identify them. Naturally, this incident shook up Major Lopez, but today he continues serving the Lord in the same place.

Traumatic ordeal

It was early in 2009 when I got a phone call from Major Nancy Munoz, Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, Guatemala Division. Her husband had recently travelled to London to attend the Army's International College for Officers and she was left responsible for the division. She shared with us that she had received a phone call from a gang demanding money for protection of her work and family otherwise her youngest son, who was at university, would be killed. These people knew all the details; where her son studied, and all mobile phone numbers and personal details of every officer in the city.

We advised her to call the police despite the threats of reprisal if she did. The situation escalated, becoming unbearable. That night all the officers received countless phone calls from the gang threatening their lives if Major Munoz didn't hand over the money they demanded by the next day's deadline. I travelled to Guatemala the next day with a member of our cabinet to meet with all the officers, as fear had taken root in their lives and some were asking to be transferred to another country for their family's safety.

While I was flying to Guatemala, many thoughts came to my mind as to what was the best way to face this situation as the territorial leader. How far can a leader go in asking his people to face not only persecution because some people don't like the gospel message, but also threats to their lives and loved ones because of the greed of evil people who place little value on life? But was this situation something new for Christians? Does the Bible give us some clues as to what to do in such a moment of distress?

Passages come to mind to

show us how some heroes of the faith dealt with similar situations. Daniel was God's servant and a faithful community worker in the city he was living in, taking care of the well-being of many other people. A gang of Satraps was asking for "payment" from Daniel in order to save his life, but Daniel was confident that his God would protect him. Because of this faithfulness, Daniel entered the lion's den and was delivered from death while his enemies were destroyed.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego provide another example of how we should live holy lives in times of violence and threats upon our lives. They too had their lives threatened if they didn't pay what was being asked of them. The answer given to the king deserves a more careful examination in this case. "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from your majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, your majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18).

Here they are saying first that they trust in the deliverance of their God in such a situation. But then they go further to reaffirm, "But if not". Even in the event that the will of God is our death in martyrdom, we won't compromise our faith. We will be an example for our generation. We will stand together for our God!

We met the officers in Guatemala City and read several passages of the Bible: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want ... though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Psalm 23:1,4 KJV). "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them" (Psalm 34:7). And finally, John's Gospel chapter 10, where Jesus reminds us of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand.

Were we all to flee for our lives and leave the sheep scattered behind? Or was now the time to live up to words we often preach so

easily from the platform when the circumstances don't impact on us personally? After a time of prayer and tears shed around the altar, I asked every officer if they were ready to stay no matter what. The answer came from each individual: "I will stay!" Praise God for such dedicated officers!

Divine protection

So we return to one of our first questions: Is this part of our holiness today? Paul urges us in Romans 12:1 to "offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God". He had in mind the fact that preaching the gospel needed courage and that hardships were part of a blessed life in any ministry. When Jesus prayed for his disciples as recorded in John 17, he was very clear about the fact that because of his Word we are going to be hated by the world. Despite this, we are to stay where we are, trusting in God's divine protection from the evil one.

If holiness can be defined as following in the footsteps of the Master and trying to imitate him in every aspect of his life while he was on Earth, then suffering in the name of the Lord at the hands of a violent society is a reality we must be prepared to face.

As we look around the world in these days, the stories I have shared from only one territory are replicated in many other places. Our officers are sometimes wounded and have to retreat for healing, both physically and spiritually. I would like to pay tribute to those colleagues who stand firm amid the storms and threats of this world, firmly believing that "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

This article appears courtesy of The Officer magazine.



Commissioner Oscar Sanchez is Territorial Commander of The Salvation Army's Brazil Territory



disciples OF THE CROSS

Cadet NICOLA STOWE

All photos: Shairon Paterson

Each year, men and women who have been drawn together from all walks of life are commissioned as officers of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. It follows two years of intensive training, during which they study subjects as diverse as theology, pastoral care, community development, public relations, world religions and ethics. They are also exposed to practical out-training and regular pastoral and public-speaking ministry. On Sunday 1 December, cadets of the *Disciples of the Cross* training session will be commissioned at the Sydney Town Hall. Here, five cadets tell the story of their calling and time in training.

Warmth and light floods through my study window as I write this testimony of what God is doing in my life at this moment.

As I prepare for Covenant Day and then for Commissioning, I don't find it easy to write about what God is doing in my life. It's not because he isn't doing anything, but rather that the spiritual side of the journey is difficult to put into words, especially when I am coming out of a rocky patch and not yet refreshed by streams of life-giving water.

The journey of life is full of mountains, valleys and plateaus.

Before coming to college I had a lot of plateaus, a few mountaintop experiences and several valleys thrown in for good measure.

College life seems to speed everything up a hundred-fold. You are not just in the race of life, but also in the race of college: how to get everything done super-fast, in two years. One minute I'll be having a fantastic mountaintop experience and the next I'll be writing another assignment or sermon or worship leading.

Within the college whirlwind are the mountains, valleys and the plateaus. Nothing lasts for long. You finish one task and then move

on to the next. Yet, in the midst of everything, God is there. He sustains me and is my strength. I can say along with Paul that "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

The Holy Spirit guides me on my journey of continual growth and discovery, but I have to do my part. It is not enough just to do the assignments I am given. I pray and read God's Word daily.

The days I don't spend time with God, I am spiritually dry. When I spend time with God he nourishes my soul and I continue to be refreshed and grow into a deeper relationship with him.



Nicola Stowe entered the School for Officer Training from the Parramatta Corps in Sydney.

Cadet WINNIE NG

I loved my real estate career and selling properties around Burwood. The property market had been strong in the 15 years which I worked. And being able to speak Chinese really helped me.

I was born in Hong Kong. My family migrated to Australia in the 1980s. I started going to the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Surry Hills. I got married in that church, too. But very soon, my husband did not want to be a Christian anymore. I struggled in my Christian faith for a few more years. It was a very dark time for me during our divorce in 1999. I knew I had to go back to find my God. God's word in Psalm 23 came out powerfully to me. "Even though I walk through the valley of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me, you rod and your staff, they comfort me ... I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

During my darkest time, God showed me a way out, and gave me strength to carry on.

It has been wonderful to come back to church and see my kids grow up in God's way. In 2004, I felt strongly about my calling to bring the love of God to many Chinese people. I hope I will go to China one day and be a missionary. In 2004, I started my 10-year plan for my training. I cut down on my workload (even though I still worked six days a week). I did this linguistic course called TESOL, because some missionaries told me it would be a very useful outreaching tool. After doing the course, I started teaching the community English class in Burwood Corps. I had been teaching there for seven years. I also studied at Bible College part-time, usually one subject each term for the next six years.

I applied for officership in 2010. I feel blessed and grateful to study in the College. The ministry training challenges and shapes my spiritual growth. I still have this dream: many Chinese people will come to know God and worship him; and The Salvation Army will enter China as a church one day, not just as a charitable organisation.

I believe God will open the door and I pray that it will happen in my lifetime. And in this great salvation plan of God, I have the privilege to play a small part.



Winnie, supported by her son Thomas, entered the School for Officer Training from the Burwood Corps in Sydney.

Cadet SUE MCIVER

I was blessed to have been born into a family who loved God. I attended the Mudgee Corps with my family and it was there at the age of seven that I gave my heart to God.

I married Ian in 1981 and we soon felt called into full-time ministry. We worked for The Salvation Army in Kings Cross but burnt-out a few years later. The call to full-time ministry was still there but we ran away from God and pushed that calling aside.

In 1996 Ian fell seriously ill and I was told he only had a few days to live. I thought our opportunity to serve God in full-time ministry had passed. However, God was faithful and after a number of years Ian's health began to improve and we were able to live life again.

For a time we found ourselves attending another denomination and believed God was leading us into ministry within that church, but in 2009 during our separate morning devotions God spoke to us individually and made it quite clear that we were to go into full-time ministry, but within The Salvation Army.

In 2012, at the age 50 and about 28 years after God had first called me, I entered the School for Officer Training as a *Disciple of the Cross*. God is faithful. He has journeyed with me all my life even when I have said 'no' and pushed his

call aside. I know that God still has a plan for my life. As I look forward to my commissioning I have mixed feelings. I am excited because I can't wait to see what God has planned but I am also a little anxious because I just don't know where God's plans may lead. However, I do know this; God has proven his faithfulness over and over. No matter where I go or what I do God is with me, he goes before me and prepares the way.

Ian and Sue McIver entered the School for Officer Training from the Mudgee Corps in NSW's central west.



Cadet ANDREW JONES

My journey to officership has been a long and slow one. I had a feeling that I was called to be an officer in my early teens, but rejected it because of my perception of officership. I never told anyone about my calling for fear of being coerced into applying. As I grew in my faith, and met many different officers, my idea of officership changed, however, I still did not want to become one. I didn't think I had enough experience to lead others in such a capacity as an officer. But God wanted me to be obedient and leave everything else up to Him.

I came to a point where I realised that unless I was doing what God has called me to do, I was not going to find lasting contentment.

My obedience was tested at

Commissioning in 2010 when there was a call for people who felt led to officership. I did not want to move, but I felt like my chair was vibrating, and I couldn't sit still any longer. I went down to the front and I immediately felt a sense of calm, as I was but one step closer in my obedience to God.

One thing that I have learned through college is to be open to new experiences to learn anything I can. I have done things these past two years that I never dreamed of doing, from spending a week with residents at Fairhaven Recovery Centre, to singing in front of people and completing a half-marathon.

I am looking forward with anticipation to what God has in store and I am confident that I can handle anything as long I keep close to him.



Andrew Jones entered the School for Officer Training from the Taree Corps.

Cadet TROY MUNRO

Two years can be a long time in some places. This has not been true for my experience of the School For Officer Training as a Cadet. For me this time has been an awesome period of challenge, growth, learning, and coming to know more about God's calling and plan for me.

This year I have seen God at work in many interesting places and in some powerful ways. Seeing some of these things has reminded me that, although at times we may not see God at work in the world around us, it does not mean that he isn't at work at all. During a recent mission trip God showed me that

his mission was not dependent on our organisational efforts or on the success of our plans and ideas. He showed me that no matter what the context, he is still able to reach those who need to hear the message of salvation.

God spoke to me through this experience and reminded me that no matter what my plans or desires, and no matter what I think needs to be done in order to be an effective servant, being ready follow God's prompting wherever it may lead, is essential. We need to make "God's plans, our plans" God has taught me during my college experience to let him be in control, and to live knowing that through my obedience, the small part I have to play will contribute to his greater plan.

As I finish my time of training at the School For Officer Training my focus will remain on being the servant that God wants me to be. Leading and ministering in his name, with the knowledge that others have come before me and many will come after.

Troy and Donna Munro entered the School for Officer Training from the Emerald Corps in Central Queensland.





Photo: Shairon Paterson

FIT FOR SERVICE

HEAVY WEIGHT LIFTS FOR FITNESS FANATIC BRAD

Brad McIver's life was spiralling out of control until, as he tells **NAOMI SINGLEHURST**, he allowed God to show him a new direction

Working up to 15 hours a day, smoking and drinking heavily and with his weight ballooning, Brad McIver, who at the time was overseeing operations for a national corporation in the Northern Territory, says he was "living two lives".

Brad, who is about to be commissioned as a Salvation Army officer, admits that for many years he was "the classic Sunday Christian". He would attend church on the weekend and display all the outward signs of a healthy God-centred life, yet inwardly his spiritual, physical and mental condition was in turmoil.

"I said all the right things, did all the right things, but during the week I was living a completely different lifestyle," he says.

While working in the Northern Territory, he suffered a stress-related breakdown. "I was 140 kilos, drinking heavily, working far too many hours six days a week, just ridiculous stuff. I was smoking heavily, did no exercise and had a poor diet," says the son of Salvation Army officers.

"It was affecting my

relationships with my wife and kids. I was not a nice man to be around."

Brad, whose weight now hovers around 81kg, explains that his old lifestyle also triggered fibromyalgia. The condition meant significant discomfort and he was on heavy painkillers, but it was the breakdown that finally prompted him to surrender to God.

New direction

In the aftermath of the breakdown, Brad had a conversation with his wife, Joycelyn, during which he said, "I don't know what God wants me to do, but I'd like your permission to find out".

"At the time we had significant debt, four children and for her to be able to do that was miraculous and she showed love, compassion, faith and trust," he says.

After working on an "amazing" assignment mentoring young Indigenous students, Brad secured a job with Mission Australia and spent more than five "wonderful, wonderful years" with the organisation, ultimately managing its community service programs across the Northern Territory. >>>

“... I HAVE FOUND A PLACE WHERE I CAN MEET WITH GOD.”



Brad also began to lose weight during that time and started walking regularly. Then, in October 2010 at a Salvation Army conference, he rose early one morning, went out and ran 6km.

“I was doing the Cliff Young gumboot shuffle and I’ll never forget it – a group of cyclists rode past me and they just laughed,” he recalls. “It was hilarious, but I ran non-stop for 6km and I had never done that in my life before.

“And,” adds the man who completed a marathon earlier this year, “I just really found that God was there. And every time I run now, God’s there ...”

Brad, a second-year cadet at The Salvation Army’s School for Officer Training at Bexley North in Sydney, says running has also helped his self-discipline.

“I always struggled with [allowing for] a quiet time and regular prayer times, but I have found a place where I can meet with God,” he says.

“Now, each morning I get up somewhere between 4.30 and 5, have a coffee and a devotional time and then I run with the worship music on.”

Call to ministry

While out running one day, Brad remembers God “very clearly giving me a vision of my future and that was in full-time ministry”.

“I sat on that for about 12 months, which I’d never done before,” he says. “I basically said, ‘God, I need to know if this is really you or is this me again wanting to take control? So I’m going to wait and I’m going to pray and if this is what you want, then you’ll let Joycelyn know’.”

A year later, Joycelyn approached Brad saying she believed she had been called to ministry. The couple entered the School for Officer Training in 2012.

“I always thought that theology had little to do with what happened

in the real world. How wrong I was,” Brad says when talking about what he has learned in two years at the training college. “I have been able to use every element of my college experience in practical ways during our practical ministry placements so far.

“My greatest passion is seeing others reach their God-given potential. To help someone come to a realisation that God has a plan for their lives and grasp hold of that with all their being is an incredible privilege. I am humbled by the fact that God has chosen us to share the journey of others as Salvation Army officers.”

Brad has now competed in Sydney’s iconic City to Surf race a number of times, done a half-marathon, and then in July this year ran the Gold Coast Airport Marathon. “I’m 43 and the fittest I’ve ever been in my entire life,” he says.

Running is deeply personal for Brad, but he also sees it as an opportunity to talk to people about his faith.

“I’ll keep running for as long as I can and I’ll keep running marathons for as long as I can, for my personal benefit, because it’s part of who I am now, but also to encourage others,” he says

“I enter events and put that information on Facebook and I tell everybody I can about my weight loss and running. I have been able to share my testimony just so many times already, it’s unbelievable.”

Brad McIver says keeping physically fit also helps him keep spiritually fit. (Below right) Brad with his daughter, Alyssa, after completing the Gold Coast Airport Marathon in July.



Ahoy there ... Cadet Tamaryn Townsend, Cadet Belinda Cassie and Cadet Nicole Park were a hit with kids in Quambone during their mission trip. Photo: Shairon Paterson.



Cadets engage in FRONTLINE MISSION

In August, The Salvation Army’s School For Officer Training, Booth College, fulfilled the biblical passage of Acts 1:8 by sending out cadets and staff on mission trips throughout the Australia Eastern Territory and overseas.

Seven teams travelled to different locations on two-week missions: Manly in the Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Blacktown and Macquarie Park in the Greater West Division; Wagga Wagga and Albury in the ACT and South NSW Division; Dubbo, Wellington and Quambone in the Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Nambucca River in the North NSW Division; Manus Island; and Bareilly, Batala and other towns in the India North Territory.

These mission trips enabled team members to apply their theoretical studies into frontline contexts and do this within a team framework.

The different mission focus in each place gave each group an opportunity to apply skills and gifts as well as attempt new tasks. It was critical to exhibit flexibility and creativity in each opportunity and challenge that arose – sometimes that challenge was just being part of a team.

Most importantly, everyone involved was encouraged to open their eyes to see specifically where God was at work and to join Him in mission, wherever that happened to be and whatever activities that involved.

This is central to our belief system within The Salvation Army – God is active in the world and we are called to partner in His mission and participate as missionaries wherever we are.

Over the next five pages, Pipeline brings you stories from each team, highlighting the School For Officer Training missionaries’ in action.

Manly and Macquarie Park Mission

Team leader: Cadet Winnie Ng
Team members: Cadet Kaylene Ford, Cadet Kara Hartley, Cadet Chris Ford, Cadet Sue Mclver, Cadet Brad Mclver, Cadet Ian Mclver, Captain Laithe Greenaway



We also engaged with Manly's Street Pastor Ministry, which responds to the area's urban problems. Three years ago, Captain Brett began ministering to people in Manly Corso every Saturday night and this ministry has been successfully carried out since.

The team also visited various ministries across the Northern Beaches Hub to learn about their work. This included Employment Plus, children's ministry work, Salvos Stores, The Collaroy Centre, and Pacific Lodge and Elizabeth Jenkins Place Aged Care Plus centres. At the end of our visit, we presented the Mitchells with a report on what we had observed and some possible mission opportunities for the hub.

Along with visiting Manly, our team also participated in the Macquarie Park Mission. We joined Nathan Moulds, who with his team runs the mission from Ryde Corps, to engage with people living in a public housing area.

Nathan, his wife Karen and their two-year-old son open up their house to the local community. They regularly run Cafe 47 which provides free coffee, a study shed (offering homework supervision) and a celebration Sunday service. It was a privilege to be able to connect with this community.

We also helped clean out a deceased estate, redistribute lounge suites around the community and helped a resident do some cleaning. We were blessed to be involved in an amazing incarnational ministry.

By Cadet WINNIE NG

In the affluent Northern Beaches suburb of Manly, we were at first baffled by the need for a soup kitchen.

Through preparing meals for the soup kitchen and the monthly dinner feast at The Salvation Army's Life Centre in Manly, we discovered the suburb's needs and sought to connect with the local homeless population. The Life Centre is run by Captains Brett and Louanne Mitchell.

Preparing meals in the soup kitchen (from left) Cadet Winnie Ng, Cadet Chris Ford, Cadet Kara Hartley, Cadet Kaylene Ford, Cadet Sue Mclver and Cadet Brad Mclver.

Blacktown

By Cadet HEATH FIRKIN

For two weeks we joined the Blacktown community in western Sydney to assist Blacktown Corps Officers, Captains William and Susanne Geracia, with their ministry.

Our team led Sunday meetings, Home League, "Kids at Play" program, and conducted a few pastoral visits. Cadet Mark Townsend also assisted with financial matters and, overall, we helped out around the corps in any way we could. In everything we did, we aimed to maintain the theme of "mission" as the focus.

As a team we helped the corps move closer to fulfilling their vision to reach out to children and young families living in the community. We planned and promoted a "Kids at Play" open day

Team leader: Cadet Heath Firkin.
Team members: Cadet Asena Firkin, Cadet Mark Townsend, Cadet Rose Raga, Captain Petra Dorman.

which is a playgroup for young children and parents.

Running "Kids at Play" involved advertising in the community which included letterbox drops. We kept the event simple with a sausage sizzle, a toy play station and a mini jumping castle. We also played games with the children.

The main objective was to make connections. One successful example of this occurred with a Sri Lankan family of refugees who had only been in the country for three months. Cadets Rose Raga and Asena Firkin had the privilege of assisting this family with welfare support. We were also encouraged to see them come back to the corps and attend Home League. They had never heard of The Salvation Army before, so once again we had the privilege of introducing them to the Army and ultimately Christ by the way we cared for them.

Dubbo, Wellington, Quambone

Team leader: Cadet Tamaryn Townsend
Team members: Cadet Nicole Park, Cadet John Raga, Cadet Belinda Cassie, Captain Kaelene Greenaway



By Cadet TAMARYN TOWNSEND

The central NSW towns of Dubbo, Wellington and Quambone were the focus of our two-week mission trip. We had the opportunity to come alongside and work with The Salvation Army's Newcastle and Central NSW Division rural chaplains - Dubbo, Majors Maree and Trevor Strong.

While in Dubbo, the team represented The Salvation Army at a local field day where we engaged children with craft, face painting and balloon activities. We attended rural chaplain meetings, led meetings in both Dubbo and Wellington, and visited farmers on their properties. We heard first-hand about the difficulties farmers are facing and the important role rural chaplains play.

The second half of our trip was in the rural town of Quambone. Staying on the McLeish's farm called "Thurn", we joined the rural chaplains in investing into local champions. This included running two kids programs and working on refurbishing a

local store that is owned by Christians who are connected with the Strongs.

We also visited farmers on their properties and once again witnessed the important role of rural chaplains. On the final Sunday, we ran a service based on the "Messy Church" model which offered a family-friendly environment.

Learning to work as a team was an objective of the trip. Whether we were at one of the local schools or at the store with our sleeves rolled up and dust mask on, each person not only completed what was expected of them but went over and above to help other team members.

Most of our team were new to the world out in the bush so it was necessary to adapt to this fresh context. Guided by the Strongs, we learnt to be sensitive to different circumstances and made changes to our ministry plans where necessary.

The mission trip enabled our team to support those in ministry in rural locations, bring the gospel to people we met, witness God at work in people's lives and allow God to work in our own lives through these experiences.

Cadet Tamaryn Townsend and Cadet John Raga were part of a team which ministered in the rural town of Quambone.

Northern India

Team leader: Cadet Joycelyn McIver
Team members: Cadet Helen Whittle, Cadet Brad Whittle, Cadet Donna Munro, Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown



Cadet Joycelyn McIver, Cadet Donna Munro, Cadet Brad Whittle, and Cadet Helen Whittle among cadets and staff from the India North territory training college at Bareilly

By Cadet BRAD WHITTLE

When I think about our time in northern India, the word “abundant” comes to mind. There were abundant religions, abundant traffic, an abundant amount of people, abundant wealth and also abundant poverty.

When we arrived in India we were immediately overwhelmed by the abundant kindness shown to us and care that was lavished upon us.

This was a pattern which characterised our experience in every new place we visited. It was their way of showing God’s love to us.

Although we had a timetabled routine, the specific details of our mission were largely a mystery to us. This meant we had to be ready for the unexpected.

It was in every respect, an adventure. A journey where our faith was enlivened, our dependency on God deepened and openness to the spontaneity of the Holy Spirit awakened.

Our team visited The Salvation Army Training College at Bareilly where we had the privilege of meeting our session-mates from the *Disciples of the Cross*.

We discovered the contrast between the colleges in India and Australia.

The cadets at Bareilly revealed to us a whole

new dimension of what it means to be a *Disciple of the Cross* in another nation.

We also visited a number of schools in India. One of the key ministries The Salvation Army provides in India is schooling. Their schools offer a vital service to many children who would normally not be able to access and afford education.

When we visited local villages, we discovered and were challenged by how infused the corps is with the community and vice-versa. At these villages, we shared worship and words with the large crowds present.

Learning to preach with a translator was a challenge but over time, through the course of proclaiming the Word of God, singing and testifying in seven meetings over six days to multilingual but largely non-English-speaking congregations, we became more confident.

Our team also visited a number of hospitals and witnessed the heartfelt passion of the doctors who serve those who cannot afford medical care elsewhere.

One of the main hopes of our trip was that we could be an encouragement as we travelled around. As we opened God’s Word, shared our testimonies and greeted fellow Salvationists, we saw that in some way our presence brought them the same joy that they gave to us.

Manus Island

Team leader: Cadet Kate Cathcart
Team members: Cadet Stewart Hartley, Cadet Troy Munro, Cadet Nichole Maxwell

By Cadet TROY MUNRO

While language was a barrier at times, our team learned to speak slowly and simply when sharing the love of Christ to the asylum seekers living on Manus Island.

When we arrived, our team was split up to become part of teams already in existence on the island. While we were separated, taking different shifts, we learned to adapt to the situation and fit in with the workers already there.

While our technical job description was as support workers, we were there as spiritual leaders. We felt we were recognised as ministry workers as this was more often how people related to us. Our team also felt that we were trusted to complete tasks successfully, often being left to our own devices.

Sharing the message of Christ had its challenges, particularly due to the Australian Government’s rules that prevented us from raising the subject of God/Christ on our own accord. However, we were able to share the gospel to eager listeners, more than we have experienced in other ministry settings as many asylum seekers asked us about Christianity. We saw a number of people commit their lives to Christ through these sharing times.

Our team discovered a strong and sincere desire from the people at Manus Island to want to know more about Jesus. We were able to identify other people who shared our faith and we saw in a small way that God was moving in their hearts.

Along with supporting the asylum seekers, we led prayers and devotions for the staff at Manus Island and provided emotional and spiritual support for Salvation Army workers and other service providers.

Overall, we felt privileged to have opportunities to share the love of Christ to many people. The spiritual conversations energised us and we recognised that God was working in these people long before we met them. We trust that God will continue to work in and around them.



Meeting the challenge of ministering on Manus Island (from left): Cadet Kate Cathcart, Cadet Nichole Maxwell, Major Annette West, Cadet Stewart Hartley and Cadet Troy Munro.

Nambucca River

Team leader: Cadet Nicola Poore
Team members: Cadet Chris Maxwell, Cadet Nicola Stowe, Cadet Donna Sutcliffe, Cadet Phil Sutcliffe, Cadet Adele Williams and Captain Steven Dorman

By Cadet NICOLA STOWE

While visiting Nambucca River, our mission team learned how to pull together as a group. We were stretched beyond our comfort zones and received many opportunities to minister to people in the Nambucca community.

The team helped to produce advertising material to promote Nambucca River Corps’ first Worship on Wednesday (WOW) service, which is aimed at community members who struggle with addictions and modelled on the WOW service at Coffs Harbour. We also participated in a WOW service at Coffs Harbour by reading a scripture or sharing a story.

At Nambucca, we helped to build bridges between the corps and Family Store, which is an important part of ministry at the corps. We ran barbecues to meet with Family Store volunteers to help bridge the gap.

Fellowship is an important part of an appointment to corps ministry and for our team members, there were plenty of opportunities to knit with corps members. We were able to connect with people at a fellowship dinner and also at Mish Mash, a mission and management meeting.

The team also participated in a “Difference morning tea”, an event that raises funds to support children at Destiny Rescue in Papua New Guinea who have been trafficked.



Ministering in Nambucca Heads (from left): Cadet Nicola Stowe, Cadet Adele Williams, Cadet Nicola Poore, Cadet Donna Sutcliffe, Cadet Philip Sutcliffe, Cadet Chris Maxwell, Captain Steve Dorman.

Wagga Wagga and Albury

By Cadet ERIN HORTON

Our first week on mission was spent at Wagga Wagga, in western NSW, engaging with the corps and local community. Throughout the week we had the opportunity to be a part of different activities, such as Home League and running a chapel service at Caloola aged care centre.

We ran a few different workshops for corps members about discipleship, producing simple worship and being culturally aware. The mission focus for the week was to minister to young people, which meant the Sunday worship at Wagga Wagga was interactive to engage all generations. The congregation responded enthusiastically and all ages joined in celebrating their belief and faith in God.

Keeping with the youth mission focus, two of our team members, Cadets Sean Li and Lydia Hong, went into a local high school. While there, they were able to connect with a group of Chinese students at the school.

Cadets Sean and Lydia then invited some of the students to an informal gathering at the corps on a Friday night. This was an amazing opportunity for people from the corps to connect with students.

The following night, the team ran a youth event that we opened up to other Salvation Army corps in surrounding areas. We had 29 people attend. Those who came enjoyed a mixture of meaningful worship, biblical teaching and relaxed fellowship.

After an enjoyable and successful week at Wagga Wagga, we then travelled to Albury for three days. Here we conducted a community analysis survey to discover potential ministry outreach opportunities in the communities surrounding Albury.

Overall, our two-week mission trip was an opportunity to be open to God's leadership for us as a team and as individuals.



Cadet Sean Li and Cadet Lydia Hong with students from the Christian College in Wagga Wagga.

Salvos Women

MISSION TRIP TO TANZANIA

14-25 August 2014

Would you like to be part of an exciting mission trip to Tanzania involving a weekend women's rally and various mission opportunities in and around Dar es Salaam?

Please email your expression of interest by 9 December 2013 to:
simone.robertson@aue.salvationarmy.org

An application form and further details will be sent to you on receipt of your email

Mission Team – Every Salvo a disciple-maker

APPOINTMENT CHANGES

The following appointments of Salvation Army officers are effective from 9 January 2014, unless otherwise stated. Please pray for these officers and their families as they prepare to move and take up new challenges across Queensland, NSW and the ACT

OFFICE OF THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

Booth College

Major Peter **Farthing**, currently serving as Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, is appointed as Principal, Booth College.

Major Kerrie **Farthing**, currently serving as Territorial Spiritual Formation Officer, is appointed as Vice Principal, Booth College.

School for Officer Training

Colonel Janet **Munn**, currently serving as Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, is appointed as Training Principal, School for Officer Training.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

Major Sharon **Clanfield**, currently serving as Corps Officer, Miranda Corps, Sydney East & Illawarra Division, is appointed as Secretary for Spiritual Life Development.

Lt. Colonel Philip **Cairns**, currently serving as Divisional Commander, ACT & South NSW Division, is appointed as Secretary for Education and Training.

School for Leadership Training

Lt. Colonel Jan **Cairns**, currently serving as Divisional Director for Women's Ministries, ACT & South NSW Division, is appointed as Director, School for Leadership Training.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Major Stephen **Briggs**, currently serving as Corps Officer, Menai Corps, Sydney East & Illawarra Division, is appointed as Territorial Youth and Children's Ministry Secretary - Strategy and Communication.

Major Tracy **Briggs**, currently serving as Corps Officer, Menai Corps, Sydney East & Illawarra Division, is appointed as Territorial Youth and Children's Ministry Secretary - Resources.

ACT and SOUTH NSW DIVISION

Major Howard **Smartt**, currently serving as Principal, Booth College and Secretary for Education and Training, is appointed as Divisional Commander, ACT & South NSW Division.

Major Robyn **Smartt**, currently serving as Director, Salvos Counselling, is appointed as Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, ACT & South NSW Division.

NORTH NSW DIVISION

Major Earle **Ivers**, currently serving as Corps Officer, Brisbane City Temple Corps, South Queensland Division, is appointed as Divisional Commander, North NSW Division.

Major Christine **Ivers**, currently serving as Corps Officer, Brisbane City Temple Corps, South Queensland Division, is appointed as Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, North NSW Division.

THE GREATER WEST DIVISION

Major Warren **Parkinson**, currently serving as Divisional Secretary and Second in Command, Newcastle & Central NSW Division, is appointed as Divisional Commander, The Greater West Division.

Major Denise **Parkinson**, currently serving as Divisional Mission and Resource Director - Corps, Newcastle & Central NSW Division, is appointed as Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, The Greater West Division.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Major Jo-anne **Brown**; ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY (PRO TEM EFFECTIVE 28 OCTOBER), Major Elwyn **Grigg**

SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (SAID)

DIRECTOR, Major Julie **Alley**; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PRO TEM EFFECTIVE 28 OCTOBER), Major Raewyn **Grigg**

BOOTH COLLEGE

School For Officer Training
FIELD PROGRAM OFFICER, Captain Laithe **Greenaway**; TRAINING OFFICER, Captain Carole **Smith**;

School For Multicultural Ministry

DIRECTOR (NOW PRIMARY APPOINTMENT),

Captain Kathy **Crombie**

RED SHEILD DEFENCE SERVICES

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE & OFFICER IN CHARGE, RSDS LAVARACK BARRACKS (TOWNSVILLE), Captain Nigel **Roden**; SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, RSDS LAVARACK BARRACKS (TOWNSVILLE), Captain Penni **Roden**; SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES, RSDS LAVARACK BARRACKS (TOWNSVILLE), Captains Lauriee & Paul **Arthur**; REPRESENTATIVE, RSDS LAVARACK BARRACKS (TOWNSVILLE), Envoy Greg **Curnow**; REPRESENTATIVE & OFFICER IN CHARGE, RSDS ROBERTSON BARRACKS (DARWIN), Lieutenant Jon **Belmonte**; SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, RSDS ROBERTSON BARRACKS (DARWIN), Envoy Arnold **Beazley**; REPRESENTATIVE, RSDS ROBERTSON BARRACKS (DARWIN), Lieutenant Leah **Belmonte**

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL & INSPIRE CO-ORDINATOR, Major Chris **Reid**; CHAPLAIN – TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS, Captain Joy **Lotty**

Pastoral Care & Officer Well Being Team
MENTOR TO NEWLY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (NSW & ACT), Major Daphne **Cox**; MENTOR TO TERRITORIAL ENVOYS & MINISTRY WORKERS, Captain Zane **Haupt**

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

TERRITORIAL DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC DISASTER RESPONSE, Major Topher **Holland**

Territorial Mission & Resource Team – Corps Planned Giving Department
PLANNED GIVING DIRECTOR QLD, Major Phillip **McLaren**

Territorial Mission & Resource Team Recovery
PROJECT AND DESIGN MANAGER, Major Lynda **Bliss**

Territorial Mission & Resource Team – Social
TERRITORIAL MISSION AND RESOURCE DIRECTOR SOCIAL (PRO TEM EFFECTIVE 28 OCTOBER), Major Jeanette **Stoltenberg**; TERRITORIAL CHAPLAINCY CO-ORDINATOR, Captain Ray **Lotty**; GOVERNMENT GRANTS FUNDING CO-ORDINATOR, Captain Braden **Spence**; >>>

PROPERTY MANAGER MIRACLE HAVEN & CHAPLAIN ASYLUM SEEKERS, Major Hector **Crisostomo**; ONSHORE ASYLUM SEEKER MISSION CO-ORDINATOR QLD, Major Chris **Cohen**; ONSHORE ASYLUM SEEKER MISSION CO-ORDINATOR NSW/ACT (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Lieutenant Tara **McGuigan**

Young Hope Out of Home Care
MISSIONAL LIAISON & CHAPLAIN, Captain Sandy **Hogg**

Chaplains to Statutory Authorities Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
SENIOR CHAPLAIN, Majors Dennis **Bryant**; FAMILY SUPPORT CHAPLAIN, Majors Dennis **Bryant**

Aged Care Plus
MISSION, PASTORAL & PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, AGED CARE PLUS SUPPORT SERVICES, Major Steven **O'Neill**; CHAPLAIN, BETHANY RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE, Major Christine **Atkinson**; CHAPLAIN, THE CAIRNS AGED CARE CENTRE, Lieutenant Thellie **Gunder**

Employment Plus
CHAPLAIN – ACT & MONARO (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Major Linda **Willing**; CHAPLAIN QUEENSLAND, Major Marie **Gittins**

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Salvos Legal
ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN, Major Margaret **O'Neill**

Salvos Stores
Salvos Stores Head Office
SALVOS STORES MISSION DIRECTOR, Major Melba **Crisostomo**; CHAPLAIN – SALVOS STORES ACT & MONARO, Major Linda **Willing**; CHAPLAINS – SALVOS STORES QUEENSLAND, Majors Russell & June **Grice**

ACT & SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

DHQ
DIVISIONAL MISSION AND RESOURCE DIRECTOR CORPS & SECOND IN COMMAND, Major Ann **Lingard**; DIVISIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY, Major Gary **Masters**; DIVISIONAL SALVOS WOMEN CO-ORDINATOR, Major Karen **Masters**

Chaplaincy
RURAL CHAPLAINS, Majors Bev & Colin **Kingston**

Corps
CORPS OFFICERS, BATEMANS BAY CORPS, Captains Melanie Anne & Roscoe **Holland**; CORPS OFFICERS, QUEANBEYAN CORPS, Majors Les & Sharon **Coulter**

CENTRAL & NORTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

DHQ
DIVISIONAL FAMILY STORE MANAGER (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Envoy Stuart **Grice**

Corps
CORPS OFFICERS, BOWEN CORPS, Envoys Heidi & Stuart **Grice**

Social
MANAGER, CENTENNIAL LODGE, Lieutenant Cara **Brackstone**

NEWCASTLE & CENTRAL NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

DHQ
DIVISIONAL SECRETARY & SECOND IN COMMAND, Major Jeff **Winterburn**; DIVISIONAL MISSION AND RESOURCE DIRECTOR – CORPS, Major Sue **Winterburn**; DIVISIONAL CHAPLAIN & PROPERTY OFFICER, Major Colin **Robinson**; DIVISIONAL SALVOS WOMEN CO-ORDINATOR, DIVISIONAL CANDIDATES SECRETARY & DIVISIONAL SALVOS CARING CO-ORDINATOR, Major Pam **Robinson**

Corps
CORPS OFFICERS, FORSTER/TUNCURRY CORPS, Captains Chad & Jodie **Pethybridge**; ASSOCIATE CORPS OFFICER, TUGGERAH LAKES, Corps Major Beatrice **Kay**

Social
MISSION & MINISTRY DIRECTORS, DOORALONG TRANSFORMATION CENTRE, Lieutenants Matt & Kate **Ryan**

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

DHQ
DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICER & PUBLIC RELATIONS, Captain Dale **Murray**; SECRETARY DIVISIONAL MISSION AND RESOURCE DIRECTOR CORPS & DIVISIONAL SALVOS CARING CO-ORDINATOR, Captain Darlene **Murray**

Corps
CORPS OFFICERS, GRAFTON CORPS, Majors Colin & Kate **Young**; CORPS OFFICERS, INVERELL CORPS, Captains Alana & Robert **Mills**; CORPS OFFICERS, MOREE CORPS, Lieutenants BJ & Rick **Moulder**; CORPS OFFICERS, NAMBUCCA RIVER CORPS, Captains Petra & Steven **Dorman**; CORPS OFFICER, NARRABRI CORPS, Lieutenant Alice Folan **Foley**

SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

DHQ
STATE COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY QLD (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Major Neil **Dickson**; DIVISIONAL MISSION AND RESOURCE DIRECTORS – CORPS (EFFECTIVE 11 FEBRUARY 2014), Majors Leanne & Robert **Duncan**; DIVISIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

SERVICES SECRETARY (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT, EFFECTIVE 11 FEBRUARY 2014), Major Leanne **Duncan**

Chaplaincy
CHAPLAIN – IPSWICH COURT & PRISONS Major Luke **Coller**

Divisional School for Mission and Ministry
MISSIONS & INTERNSHIP CO-ORDINATOR (RE ACCEPTED TO OFFICERSHIP), Captain Philip **Staines**

Corps
CORPS OFFICERS, BRISBANE CITY TEMPLE CORPS, Majors Dean & Vicki **Clarke**; CORPS OFFICERS, LOCKYER VALLEY CORPS, Lieutenants Craig & Katie **Harlum**; CORPS OFFICERS, PALM BEACH ELANORA CORPS, Captains Jenny & Neville **Hall**

Social
ASSISTANT OFFICER, BRISBANE RECOVERY SERVICES CENTRE (MOONYAH), Major Heather **Drew**; CHAPLAIN, GLEN HAVEN, Major Nancy **McLaren**; MANAGER, GOLD COAST RECOVERY SERVICES CENTRE (FAIRHAVEN), Major Robin **Pullen**; CHAPLAIN, GOLD COAST RECOVERY SERVICES CENTRE (FAIRHAVEN) (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Major David **Pullen**

SYDNEY EAST & ILLAWARRA DIVISION

DHQ
DIVISIONAL MISSION AND RESOURCE DIRECTOR CORPS Major Stuart **Reid**
DIVISIONAL YOUTH & CANDIDATES SECRETARIES Lieutenants Peter & Rebecca **Gott**

Chaplaincy
DIVISIONAL CHAPLAINCY CO ORDINATOR & CHAPLAIN – DOWNING CENTRE SYDNEY, Captain Michael **Hogg**; CENTRE SYDNEY CHAPLAIN – BURWOOD COURTS (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT, EFFECTIVE 4TH NOVEMBER 2013) Lieutenant Marcus **Wunderlich**

Corps
CORPS OFFICER & TEAM LEADER, BURWOOD CORPS, Captain Lai **Li**; ASSISTANT OFFICER, PETERSHAM CORPS, Captain Patsy **Shadbolt**; CORPS OFFICERS, WOLLONGONG CORPS, Captains Philip & Rebecca **Inglis**

Social
HOMELESSNESS SERVICES NETWORK CHAPLAIN – FOSTER HOUSE INNER CITY SERVICES NETWORK (EFFECTIVE 28 OCTOBER 2013), Captain Lindon **Kinder**; HOMELESSNESS SERVICES NETWORK CHAPLAIN – FOSTER HOUSE/SAMARITAN HOUSE, INNER CITY SERVICES NETWORK (EFFECTIVE 28 OCTOBER 2013), Captain Cheryl **Kinder**; HOMELESSNESS SERVICES NETWORK MANAGER – FOSTER HOUSE INNER CITY SERVICES NETWORK, Major Darrell **Slater**; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,

OASIS YOUTH SUPPORT NETWORK, Captain Karen **Flemming**

THE GREATER WEST DIVISION

DHQ
DIVISIONAL YOUTH & CANDIDATES SECRETARIES Captains John & Nicole **Viles**

Chaplaincy
CHAPLAIN – JOHN MORONY CENTRE COMPLEX OMMPPCC, Captain Raelene **Steep**; WINDSOR CHAPLAIN – WESTERN SYDNEY WOMEN'S PRISONS, Lieutenant Teena **Hughes**

Corps
ASSOCIATE CORPS OFFICER, AUBURN CORPS (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Captain Kathy **Crombie**; CORPS OFFICERS, HAWKESBURY CITY CORPS, Majors Brian & Geraldine **Wilson**; STRATEGIC TEAM LEADER, NORTHERN FORESHORE SYDNEY HUB (ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT), Captain Clayton **Spence**; CORPS OFFICER, RYDE CORPS, Major San **Holland**; DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS CORPS, Captain Sandra **Edge**

Awaiting Overseas Appointment: Majors Stuart & Donna **Evans**, Majors Bruce &

Gwenda **Pratt**, Captain Jennifer **Stringer**

Sick Leave: Lieutenant Belinda Atherton **Northcott**, Lieutenant David **Northcott**, Lieutenant Katherine **Mills**, Captain Janelle **Spence**

Sabbatical Leave: Major Paul **Moulds**

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

Majors Gary & Judith **Baker**, Majors Peter & Ruth **Dollin**, Captain Lenore Lea **Johnson**, Major Winston **Kardell**, Majors Frank & Narelle **Moxon**, Majors Peter & Helen **Pearson**, Majors John & Narelle **Rees**, Major Phyllis **Thorley**

Explanatory Notes
Appointments for the *Disciples of the Cross* session were announced on Friday 25 October at 10am.

Hubs - Where a hub is operational, active

participation in hub meetings and activities is expected of all officers.

Majors Elwyn & Raewyn **Grigg** - following consultation with IHQ they will not be taking up their proposed overseas appointment.

Spiritual Ministry Workers
The following soldiers will be employed as Spiritual Ministry Workers with the responsibility as Corps Leader or Team Member.

Port Stephens Corps - Howard & Sandra **Koutnik**, Corps Leaders

Menai Corps - Mark **Soper**, Corps Leader

Maroubra Corps - Matt & Jacqueline **Gluyas**, Corps Leaders

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On behalf of the Territorial Commander, **Commissioner James Condon.**

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Applications close 13 December 2013

Salvos at the firefront

By ESTHER PINN

As bushfires raged across the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, in mid-October, The Salvation Army Emergency Services were on the frontline assisting those reeling from the devastation.

Uncertainty was the emotion felt by bushfire victims at the evacuation centre set up at the Springwood Sports Centre, as many people were unsure whether their homes remained standing.

Salvation Army personnel maintained a presence at the evacuation centre, offering support, counselling and prayer to victims.

Emotions were at breaking

point when some families were able to return to their homes but discovered they had been destroyed.

The Salvos were out in the streets ministering and counselling bushfire victims as they began to come to terms with their situation.

"It's quite widespread with local pockets of devastation," said Lieutenant Jon Belmonte, Upper Blue Mountains Corps Officer.

"For example, I went to Emma Parade which is one of the places in [the local town of] Winmalee earlier this morning [Friday 18 October].

As I stood there as people were slowly coming back to their homes, or what remained of their homes, eight houses on one side of the

street were lost and some six on the left side."

Another evacuation centre was operating out of the Blackheath Community Centre in the Blue Mountains. The Salvos were involved with serving food to many victims and firefighters who passed through their doors.

As bushfires also broke out at Lithgow, Raymond Terrace, the Southern Highlands and along the Central Coast of NSW, the Salvos were on hand assisting with relief services. Along with officers, many volunteers, from soldiers to members of the public, joined with the Salvos to assist.

"We want to give support where it's needed - being out on the frontline, providing food and emotional support which allows us to ascertain the needs of the residents affected," said Captain Phil Sharp, Springwood Corps Officer.

The Lithgow Salvation Army Emergency Service crews offered comfort along with a cup of coffee or tea. At Raymond Terrace, north of Newcastle, Salvation Army personnel served about 1200 meals a day to firefighters.



Photo: Carolyn Hide



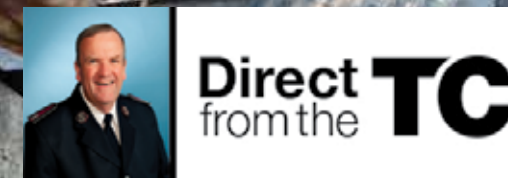
More than \$3 million was raised within a week of The Salvation Army's Bushfire Appeal which will be spent to help residents and communities in bushfire-affected areas recover.

The majority of funds were raised through phone and online donations, bolstered by Woolworths' commitment to match dollar for dollar those donations that came in via their stores.

"Australian businesses and corporations have been particularly generous," said Major Jeff Winterburn. "We'd like to thank Woolworths, Target, Westpac, Johnson & Johnson, Mr and Mrs Henry Ngai of ABC Tissues (Quilton) and the Western Australian Government for their generous donation and ongoing support."

The Salvation Army has also had many collectors on the ground donating their time, such as Neil Hide (pictured left) who had a collection bucket on hand at ANZ Stadium for Monster Jam on Saturday, 19 October.

To donate, call 137258 or go to salvos.org.au



Commissioner visits devastated areas

Friends,

The 20th of October was a different Sunday for me, as I chose to visit the Blue Mountains, so devastated by recent bushfires. Over 200 homes had been lost at the time.

I was privileged to be accompanied by Majors Ian and Kerry Spall, the Senior Chaplains for NSW Rural Fire Service and Senior Family Support Chaplain.

I was taken into some of the worse-affected streets.

It was great to see the mobile Salvation Army canteen in operation with SAES personnel from Springwood Corps. They had served over 100 breakfasts to residents from one street.

On another street corner, Captain Phil Sharp and Cadet Phillip Sutcliffe had the emergency services trailer giving out refreshments. It's all about being there for people during their time of need.

I experienced a very special moment when we arrived at the right time in another street. Three young siblings were seeing the ashes of their home for the first time. I was able to pray with them and offer other assistance.

The great relief effort happening in the Blue Mountains was being headed up by Norm Archer, The Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES).

Norm was joined by Major Darrell Slater who had been appointed as the Bushfire Response Co-ordinator to assist in the relief effort.

The weeks and months ahead will be tough for so many people. We are very grateful to the Australian public for their generosity and for the pledge from Woolworths to match donations made over the counter in their stores dollar for dollar. These funds will be distributed in a timely and accountable manner.

Please continue to pray for the people affected by these disastrous bushfires and for our people who are serving them in their time of need.

Thank you.
Commissioner James Condon
Territorial Commander



(Top) Commissioner James Condon surveys the remains of a house belonging to three young siblings he came across with Major Ian Spall, Senior Chaplain, NSW Rural Fire Service. The Commissioner counselled and prayed with the trio (centre), before heading to a Salvation Army emergency services truck (above) where he congratulated the fireless volunteers. Photos: Lauren Martin

Q&A



Photo: Carolyn Hide

DURING THE SALVATION ARMY'S RECENT FREEDOM CELEBRATION IN SYDNEY, SIMONE WORTHING SPOKE TO SPECIAL GUEST **COMMISSIONER SILVIA COX** ABOUT HER NEW ROLE AS WORLD PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES. HERE, PIPELINE BRINGS YOU AN EXCERPT FROM THE INTERVIEW ...

SW: During your installation as World President of Women's Ministries, you shared Isaiah 43:1: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; have summoned you by name; you are mine." What significance does that verse play in your life?

SC: Every time I am in a new appointment, God gives me a verse that he knows I need to hear. It was the same with this one and these words will stay with me, and be in my preaching, during this appointment. When I was in Finland, God gave me 2 Chronicles 32:7-8. In South Africa, God put Psalm 96:1 on my heart.

SW: In your new role, you will be involved with women's ministries on a global scale. What are you looking forward to most?

SC: I am so looking forward to visiting other countries, meeting the ladies there and learning to understand them and what their lives are like. I also want to make sure the focus we have in women's ministries continues to be deep, and I am thankful for the good team I have that will help me make that possible. I am also looking forward to deepening my faith and relationship with God as I travel and see more of his work throughout the world.



SW: There are so many issues affecting women around the world. Can you share with us some of the goals you have for your time as World President of Women's Ministries and some of your areas of focus?

SC: I have a heart for family, a heart for broken women and broken families, and so the development of women and families will be one of my focus areas. I also want women to know and feel that they are loved and valued by God. We have to share this biblical message, that God values women, with others. When I travel around the world I will emphasise this and pass the message on, that the King is our father. Love and acceptance is another focus area - showing that we cannot judge others. We are here to love and accept everyone, to show grace and treat each other as adults, as equals, and journey with everyone. I'd also like to see older ladies mentoring the younger, sharing experiences, developing relationships and passing on to them lessons they have learned. Women do need separate ministry areas, but I also hope that we can focus on working together with men to achieve our goals.



▶ TO WATCH A VIDEO OF SIMONE'S FULL INTERVIEW WITH COMMISSIONER COX, GO TO: video.salvos.org.au

(Far left) Commissioner Silvia Cox preaches on the freedom and restoration that comes through a relationship with Jesus, during the Sunday afternoon meeting; (Top left) Commissioner Silvia and Major John Rees offer goats for sale during the General's launch of the Salvation Army International Development gift catalogue; (Bottom left) General and Commissioner Cox are very proud of their three daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

Sadly, on the first day of the Freedom Celebration (7 September), Commissioner Cox's mother, Major Hulda Volet, was promoted to glory in Switzerland. The Commissioner has requested that we include with this interview, a special tribute to her mother and the legacy she leaves.

A tribute to my mother

My mother was a woman of faith, and I am here because of her. She had such an influence in my life. She leaves a legacy as a great woman of God. She taught me to read the Bible and her example will remain with me forever. She leaves me with her love of God and of the Bible. She told me when I saw her last week: "Don't cry when I go, have a party, because I will have arrived to be with Jesus!"



“... the Lord was most definitely in this whole thing that was happening.”

Ray and Sue Sandberg (left) have found a spiritual home at Caloundra Salvation Army, and are actively involved in the corps including running the Mainly Music program (above). Photos: Kathy Hughes

LOVE THY neighbour

A simple act of ‘friendship evangelism’ has, as **BILL SIMPSON** writes, had a phenomenal impact on Ray and Sue Sandberg and their family

This is a true story; an example of evangelism that should encourage even the one who feels least equipped to influence a friend or family for the Lord.

It isn’t a new story. It happens every day. Untold numbers of lost people have come to the Lord through the approach written about in this article. Sometimes the approach may not be deliberate evangelism, but, as we see in this story, God can use it, anyway.

Christian author and preacher Max Lucado says: “You want to make a difference in your world? Be a neighbour who acts neighbourly.”

Often-quoted 19th century evangelist DL Moody says: “There is not a better evangelist in the

world than the Holy Spirit.”

Put these two truths together and you produce a powerful force for eternity.

Our story starts in a smart suburban women’s fashion store around 17 years ago. The store owner is Sue Sandberg. Sue knows her business. She is a communicator. Her husband, Ray, works as a fitter and turner at a local coalmine. They have two adult children. There are personal issues in the family that cause heartache.

Into the store one day comes a Salvationist. Irene Webster lives a few streets from the store, in the Wollongong northern suburb of Fairy Meadow. Irene and husband Alan, a printer, attend Wollongong Corps. They are songsters. Alan

plays in the band. They, too, have two adult children.

Sue and Irene make initial contact in Sue’s store. A friendship is immediate. “We just clicked,” Irene remembers 17 years later. “I’m no preacher, but I say hello to people.”

Their contact in the store continues once a week for several months. Irene mentions that her Ladies Evening Fellowship group at Wollongong Corps is planning a fashion parade. Sue agrees to provide the fashions.

Sue starts attending the women’s group on a regular basis. Then she and Ray start attending Sunday church services.

They become adherents. In 2002, they are enrolled as soldiers.

“It was all in God’s timing,” Sue tells *Pipeline* today. “There were things that had to be done in our lives.”

Slow-burn evangelism

Sue had been dedicated as a child in The Salvation Army at Port Kembla Corps (now Shellharbour). She had attended Sunday school, but gave it up before her teen years.

Ray and his sister, Pam, were raised as Catholics. Pam met and married Barry Grainger. They

became Salvation Army officers.

Pam and Barry’s life began to influence Ray and Sue. The Fairy Meadow women’s fashion store connection took Ray and Sue’s lives further on the journey.

“We were never non-believers,” Ray says. “It’s just that we didn’t think much about it [a Christian life]. Pam and Barry would leave a little word when they visited and, now, we know it was having an influence.

“Sue would come home from the shop and talk about this lady [Irene] and the things they talked about. They seemed to have so many things in common, especially issues with their children.

“And, so it was, that we decided to go to church [Wollongong Corps] because of Irene’s friendship. I became friendly with Alan and we, too, seemed to get along really well.

“Even though Irene and Alan would never see themselves as evangelists, the Lord was most definitely in this whole thing that was happening.”

Sue involved herself in the corps from the start. Ray, a quieter personality, took a little longer.

Ray became concerned that the corps’ principal hotels collector, the late Dave Potter, needed assistance

with his pub round.

“I remember thinking that somebody should help Dave,” Ray recalls. “Then, I heard the Lord as clear as anything say: ‘Well, what’s wrong with you giving Dave a hand?’

“Well, that meant I would have to go into uniform. But I liked a glass of beer before dinner and I was a home brewer. I had a cupboard full of beer. To be a soldier, I would have to give up drinking beer. So, I did. I haven’t had a drink since.

“But the hardest thing to give up was swearing. It was just a natural part of the work environment. I had to work on that a bit harder. But I did it.

“The thing is that we looked at Irene and Alan and Pam and Barry, and we said that we wanted a life like they had. They were happy with what they had. We wanted to be like that.”

They were enrolled and Ray joined Dave in the pubs.

Family influence

Sue and Ray moved to Caloundra, on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast, in 2005, after Ray retired from work. Caloundra was a much smaller corps than Wollongong. “The >>>

people [at Caloundra] just loved us and made us feel a part of the place from the first day," Sue says.

Pam and Barry were already at Caloundra.

Sue and Ray involved themselves from the start and have played a significant role in seeing Caloundra Corps move from a community hall to its own complex late last year.

They have contributed through several roles, including their current leadership of the weekly children's Mainly Music program – involving mostly families from the community – and a school breakfast program. Sue also works in the corps Family Store shop. Ray has visited hotels and is the corps handyman.



"... WE WANTED A LIFE LIKE THEY HAD. THEY WERE HAPPY WITH WHAT THEY HAD. WE WANTED TO BE LIKE THAT."

Their influence for good in the corps has been invaluable. Their influence on family has been overwhelming.

Nine years ago, Sue and Ray's daughter, Marnie, and her husband, Terry, started attending church in Brisbane on a regular basis, after encouragement from Ray and Sue. Grandchildren Lachlan (12), Luke (9) and Abby (7) also attend church. Lachlan committed his life to Christ this year. Ray and Sue are very proud of that.

Four years ago, Sue's mother, Ina Walker, decided to return to church [Cardiff Corps in Newcastle] and, Sue believes, to the Lord. Sadly, Sue's mother died a short time later.

Three years ago, Sue and Ray's son, Jeremy, who had endured years of immense personal

issues, and was living with them at Caloundra, made a public commitment of his life – in their home.

"It was at the end of a 24-hour prayer vigil at the corps," Ray says. "The last session was at our home. Jeremy was in the house at the time, but not really taking any part in the prayer vigil.

"He knew our beliefs and was for a while questioning whether he should get involved. I had taken him a few times to work on the site of our new corps building. Our corps officer at the time [Major Kevin Holland] often had a quiet word with Jeremy.

"Anyway, just out of the blue [at the prayer vigil] Jeremy said he wanted to give his life to the Lord. Well, there were tears everywhere. It was quite emotional for us.

"Jeremy has been a regular part of the corps ever since. People here just love him for who he is, despite his problems."

And, so, there it is. Two people meet in a dress shop. The Salvationist is neighbourly to her neighbour. And the best evangelist in the world – the Holy Spirit – begins a work that changes not only a life but a family.

The Sandbergs with their daughter Marnie and grandchildren Lachlan, 12, Luke, 9, and Abby, 7; and (below) with their son Jeremy. Photos: Kathy Hughes



Bill Simpson is a staff writer for Pipeline and supplements

ENVOY RECEIVES TOP SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARD

By **SIMONE WORTHING**

Salvation Army Envoy Alan Staines has been presented with the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) 2013 Norman Farberow Award at the recent IASP conference in Oslo, Norway.

The award, named in recognition of Professor Norman Farberow, a founding member and driving force behind the IASP, is for outstanding contributions in the field of bereavement and survivors of suicide loss.

Alan, Director of Hope for Life: The Salvation Army Suicide Prevention – Bereavement Support Services, represented The Salvation Army at the conference and presented an evaluation of participants' perspectives of the Lifekeeper Memory Quilt Initiative.

"The evaluation highlighted the tangible and therapeutic value of the quilt to families left behind after the loss of a loved one to suicide," said Alan, who developed the initiative with Dr Kath Peters from the University of NSW in 2012.

"I give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity that has been mine through my Salvation Army service to provide holistic services for the bereaved by suicide throughout Australia.

"My ongoing vision is to establish and build a strong network that provides holistic, physical, emotional and spiritual support, comfort and understanding to enhance the health and well-being of every person bereaved by suicide."

Alan, who acknowledges the love and support of his wife, Envoy Lois, has an extensive history of working with those bereaved through suicide. He was responsible for convening the inaugural Australian Postvention Conference in 2007 and subsequent conferences in 2009 and 2012.

In response to needs highlighted at these conferences, this year Alan formed and established Postvention Australia – a national association



Envoy Alan Staines with the prestigious award he received in Norway for his work in suicide prevention. Photo: Shairon Paterson.

for those bereaved by suicide.

Alan has been actively involved in suicide prevention and bereavement support programs for more than three decades.

He played a key role in establishing the Salvo Care Line (1983) and the Salvation Army OASIS Youth Care Centre in Surry Hills (1992).

In 1991 Alan founded and helped establish Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA) and for 18 years he served on the SPA Board as national secretary.

In 2003, Alan was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to young people through SPA and The Salvation Army. In 2004, he was honoured with life membership of SPA. In 2007, Alan received the Order of the Founder (OF), the highest Salvation Army honour for distinguished service.

For more information on the Army's work in suicide prevention and bereavement support, go to suicideprevention.salvos.org.au

ALAN'S CHALLENGE TO SALVATIONISTS

I am inspired by our founder General William Booth's words when he said "Let us haste to the rescue, who in this company will lend a hand to take up the challenge?"

This is a call for action and commitment. This work provides a great opportunity for ministry for Salvationists worldwide at this significant time in our history.

You and I can make a difference to troubled lives, those at risk and the bereaved by suicide as we try to reclaim an area of work in which we once led the world.

The Salvation Army charter is found in Luke 4:18 when Jesus said "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted... to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Suicide prevention is everybody's (Salvationist's) business!

Together – led by the Spirit – we can make a difference, save lives and be Kingdom Builders.

Go to suicideprevention.salvos.org.au

CREATING GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Recently appointed as The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Social Justice Co-ordinator, **CASEY O'BRIEN** launches a new *Pipeline* column by examining what social justice looks like

In my new role as Territorial Social Justice Co-ordinator, I am regularly asked what, exactly, is social justice?

I believe that it is impossible, and somewhat unwise, to pin down a single definition as this would inevitably exclude many of its elements. However, it is my belief that working for social justice is working to see the Kingdom of God on earth.

When we pray The Lord's Prayer we ask, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". We are calling for God's Kingdom on earth to look like God's Kingdom in heaven. Therefore, those elements on earth which would not be present in heaven – those social ills and problems which make us uncomfortable when viewed in the light of holiness – are not part of a world based on God's justice.

This is a concept through which I now view the world, and one which encourages me to continue seeking God's face.

Social justice is an extension of our holiness. It is a lifestyle made up of a series of everyday choices, to live a life which responds to others as Jesus would.

Jesus' sole purpose was to bring those around him closer to his heavenly father and bring the Kingdom of God to earth. In reflecting on his example as portrayed through the gospels, we can find practical guidelines on how we should treat others.

The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission's resource, *Jesus and Justice*, (salvationarmy.org/isjc/jesusandjustice) presents four principles by which Jesus lived. It observes that in his dealings with others Jesus consistently included the excluded, challenged cultural practices, confronted the powerful, and advocated for the oppressed.

INCLUDING THE EXCLUDED

Being excluded, forgotten or left behind can generate some of the most powerful and hurtful feelings that can be experienced.

In Jesus' day, there was no question as to who the social outsiders were. Lepers were not only excluded from society, but were forced to yell "unclean, unclean" on the rare occasion that

someone approached them (Leviticus 13:45-6). Yet, when Jesus came across lepers, as recorded in Matthew 8, he did not turn his back and associate with the "clean" members of the crowd. Instead, Jesus touched the leper, skin-to-skin, and, in front of everyone, recognised them as a person.

Similarly, in Mark 1, Jesus' conversation with another leper saw him "filled with compassion", not with the disgust which the man would have experienced from other members of society.

Today's "lepers" are not always as visible. There are individuals and groups of people within society who are systemically excluded for a variety of reasons including financial status, race, religion, sexual orientation, even citizenship status. At times this exclusion hides itself so well that we don't even notice it. The Church itself can also fall into the trap of perpetuating such exclusion. Yet Jesus' example shows us a different model.

CHALLENGING CULTURAL PRACTICES

In Jesus' day, the concept of racism and corresponding social status was widely accepted. The Samaritans, an ethno-religious group, did not associate with Jews and vice versa.

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While at times it can be believed that racism is a thing of the past, particularly in a country like Australia, this is a problem still experienced by many every day. Be it through explosive public protests or subtle, insinuated jokes between friends, racism is a negative, shameful part of the lives of many. Racism is but one example of cultural practices which have become widely accepted over time.

Jesus was not oblivious to the socially ordered racial and religious caste system. Rather than ignoring it, he used it to model and explain how his followers should treat others. Jesus' use of ethno-religious groups in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) showed his challenging of cultural practices. Instead, he used it as a tool for teaching and demonstrating a new way of behaving and thinking.

Jesus clearly indicated that the most important factor in this parable was the man's unfortunate situation, not the religion or the race of those passing. Similarly, through his interaction with the woman at the well (John 4:1-42), he laughed in the face of social norms and accepted cultural practices.

CONFRONTING THE POWERFUL

Power can manifest itself in various ways and "the powerful" is often difficult to identify. In some cases, the government is "the powerful"; in other cases, the media. On a smaller scale, an oppressive boss or a difficult friend can be "the powerful".

Jesus' life presents to us a model through which "the powerful" is boldly confronted. His behaviour disturbed and infuriated the religious elite – the Pharisees and the Scribes. They were a well-educated, respected, confident and authoritative group – they were "the powerful" of the day.

Jesus' behaviour and words consistently saw him openly criticise this group and their social structure. He questioned society's blind acceptance of their teaching and encouraged a new way of thinking and behaving – much to the religious elite's anger and dismay. Despite the risks to his own reputation and personal safety, Jesus challenged their authority through the way he chose to live.

ADVOCATING FOR THE OPPRESSED

Oppression, like power, comes in many forms. Those with whom we come into contact can find themselves oppressed by financial burdens, sickness, social expectation, love of money, mental illness, relationship problems – just to name a few. As believers, we are not immune to being oppressed ourselves.

Jesus identified the spiritual and physical problems that were oppressing those in his time and freed them (Mark 1:22-34). While we may not always be able to free those around us from the things oppressing them, we can do what we can and simultaneously point them toward the One who can – Jesus.

Jesus' lifestyle modelled a life of social justice. As his disciples today, we must follow this example in our own context. By understanding the principles by which Jesus lived, we can begin to understand a little of how God's Kingdom on earth should look.



Casey O'Brien is the Territorial Social Justice Co-ordinator





An unsung hero

PART TWO OF CARPENTER STORY

In part two of his special feature, **Major DAVID WOODBURY** continues his profile of General George Carpenter who, after being banished back to Australia by General Bramwell Booth for his candour, was to rise again to lead The Salvation Army through the dark days of World War II

In January 1929, a High Council of The Salvation Army was called by the Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Edward Higgins. General Bramwell Booth, who had been ill for some time had been asked to retire, a request he'd refused. As a result the High Council terminated the active service of General Booth, and Commissioner Higgins was elected the third General of The Salvation Army on 13 February 1929.

With the change in international leadership came a change in appointment for George and Minnie Carpenter. On 15 April 1929, George Carpenter was appointed as Chief Secretary of the Australia Eastern Territory, a post he held until 1933 when he was promoted to commissioner and appointed to lead The Salvation Army in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Upon his arrival in South America, George Carpenter discovered the territory was in serious debt. George and Minnie Carpenter approached the dilemma as they had many times in their lives – on their knees to God in prayer. Soon afterwards, a phone call early one morning from an excited officer informed the commissioner of a considerable legacy which had been left to the Army. It was to become just one of the many financial contributions that came as an answer to their faithful prayers.

A cable from General Evangeline Booth, who had succeeded General Higgins as the international leader of The Salvation Army, arrived for the Carpenters in May 1937. It read: "DESIRE TO APPOINT YOU TO CANADA – WISH TO KNOW YOUR VIEW." Commissioner Carpenter replied by cable: "SURPRISED HUMBLED DARE NOT REFUSE WILL GO IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD."

While financial challenges in Canada were different from South America, George Carpenter soon discovered the Great Depression which had swept the world had left a severe stain on resources there. However, he soon realised that what



General George Carpenter was The Salvation Army's world leader from 1939-1946.

was needed was not so much financial resources as human resources. As he moved about the country he laid the claims of God through officership before young people. To his delight a number responded, resulting in a training session in 1938 of 50 cadets.

With the imminent retirement of General Evangeline Booth a High Council was convened in London in August 1939, to which George Carpenter was summoned. Searching through the list of officers with whom he had cultivated friendships over the years, George



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The funeral procession for General George Carpenter leaves Sydney Congress Hall after he was promoted to glory on 9 April 1948.

Carpenter looked for a man of vision, courage and faith who would lead the Army in the critical days ahead. Although there was strong feeling that he would be nominated he neither sought it nor expected it, but would consider it should it occur.

Rock in the storm

On 15 August 1939, with the storm clouds of war gathering over the world, the High Council of The Salvation Army met to elect a new leader. Commissioner Carpenter led from the first ballot and on 24 August 1939, was confirmed as the General-elect. Later he was to say of that occasion: "Were I not clearly conscious of the Divine overruling in the deliberations of the recent High Council, I might well have hesitated to accept such a charge." George Carpenter went on to acknowledge that he anticipated that the days ahead would be dark and difficult. "It is possible that we are on the edge of testings and trials in the world. We must be steadfast in courage and faith."

For George Carpenter, his time as General coincided with what was perhaps the most traumatic and disturbing period the international Salvation Army has had to face, as World War II raged around his global organisation. His term began at a headquarters sandbagged against air

attacks and ended with an Army whose officers and soldiers were decimated by almost six years of conflict.

To compound Carpenter's leadership hardships, in May 1941 International Headquarters was completely destroyed by fire following an air raid, with the consequent disruption of every department of the Army. Many documents and records were either destroyed or so badly damaged or destroyed that it became increasingly difficult for effective administration.

With war restricting his ability to travel the world as Salvation Army leader, George Carpenter used his literary skills to not only reach but also encourage his people. His regular column, "From My Desk", made its way into every *War Cry* that could be accessed during those difficult years.

On 20 June 1945, General George Lyndon Carpenter was due to retire and vacate the office of General as required by Salvation Army regulation. However, wartime restrictions had made it impossible to assemble a High Council in time. Following correspondence between the Chief of the Staff and Salvation Army leaders around the world it was decided to extend General Carpenter's term in office until June 1946.

George and Minnie Carpenter retired

to the Sydney suburb of Earlwood. Sadly, the General's retirement was brief; he took ill and was promoted to glory on 9 April 1948, aged 75. A funeral service was held at Sydney Congress Hall before his body was interned at Rookwood Cemetery in Sydney.

His successor, General Albert Orsborn, was later to pay tribute to Carpenter's life: "My outstanding impression of our fifth General was of translucent honesty and simplicity ... He was not of the world, but he lived in it, and always made shrewd appraisals of men and events."

The *London Times*, in its obituary, recalled: "He gave them what he promised on the day of his election – 'an example in simplicity, an example in faith, an example in sacrifice, an example in courage,'" while *The Sydney Morning Herald* paid its own tribute to his life and ministry: "General Carpenter has been described as one of the greatest and most saintly sons of Australia."



Major David Woodbury is *Pipeline's* founding editor

THE SALVAGING ARMY



With National Recycling Week in mind, Salvationist ecotheologian **MATT SEAMAN** explores the connection between recycling and the mission of The Salvation Army

For information to help you recycle more effectively in your local area, go to the Recycling Near You website: recyclingnearyou.com.au

Recycling has been part of Salvation Army mission and ministry since the early days of the movement. While recycling is most immediately apparent in the ministry of The Salvation Army through Salvos family or thrift stores, it is not just material goods that find new life; our ministries have also rejuvenated and reconditioned many hearts, souls and minds for the glory of God.

This “making old things new” is not unique to the ministry of The Salvation Army. As we read in Ecclesiastes 1:9, “what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun”.

Recycling is a fundamental part of the conditions God wills us to live by, whereby trees, plants, living creatures and humanity all return to the earth. As we read in Genesis 3:19, “By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return”.

So why does such an old idea seem so new? For much of human history recycling has been more through necessity rather than being more environmentally friendly or “green”. For many in developing nations, necessity is still a primary reason for recycling.

In Australia, during the earlier

20th century, economic depression and wars provided significant reasons to “reduce, reuse, and recycle”. It has only been in the past 60 years that consumerism and the economic prosperity of the Western world has removed the need for such frugality and created the potential for great waste in terms of food, materials and energy. Sadly, our lack of responsible stewardship with the resources provided to us has seen major increases in the levels of waste from consumer goods, associated pollution, and adverse impacts on God’s earth. It is in this context that the concept of recycling has taken on a new importance.

Booth’s Vision

In 1890, The Salvation Army’s founder, General William Booth published *In Darkest England and the Way Out*. This was an extensive scheme that aimed to bring salvation and hope to the “submerged 10th”: the homeless, unemployed and other marginalized groups within society.

General Booth saw the need for employment, affordable goods, and was concerned about disease, the amount of waste and its impact on the land. As part of this scheme, Booth sought to introduce “Household Salvage Brigades”. These recycling brigades were to

go from house to house to collect unwanted books, rags, paper, tin, shoes – any items that had the potential to be reused.

The Salvation Army Canada Thrift Stores website puts it well: “More than 100 years ago, General Booth recognised and responded to social and environmental challenges that we continue to face today, further illuminating not only Booth’s insight and social conscience but his compassion. Booth’s legacy lives on through the work of The Salvation Army and the recycling retail brilliance of the Salvation Army Thrift Stores”.

The widespread and well-regarded recycling centres otherwise known as thrift, Family, or Salvos Stores in Australia can trace their history back even further than General Booth’s “In Darkest England” scheme. During the 1880s the Prison Gate Brigade in Melbourne began a salvaging program to provide work for those who had been released from prison and to provide funds to keep the program financially viable.

The focus of Salvation Army recycling programs was, and still primarily is, to provide jobs for the unemployed, cheap goods, and funds with which to financially support the work of the Army. However, the environmental benefits of the significant amount of recycling that takes place in Salvation Army thrift stores worldwide is considerable and inspiring. Hence, thrift stores are increasingly seen as way to recycle and care for the wider household of God.

Biblical Principles

Richard Daake and Darek Jarmola, co-authors of the paper *Christian Stewardship of Natural Resources*, state that Jewish tradition has enlarged the principle of Deuteronomy 20:19-20 – “do not waste or destroy” – into guiding principles that include: Using only as much of a resource as you need; and don’t needlessly destroy any resource.

Daake and Jarmola also consider that the story of Jesus

feeding the 5000 in John 6:12 fits in with these principles and gives us insights, such as: God is not wasteful; God expects us to be prudent and frugal in our use of resources; wasteful, wanton use of resources is contrary to a biblical way of life; all resources are precious, not to be thrown away without thought for tomorrow or for the needs of others; and we are to handle excess resources wisely and carefully even if they are waste.

With National Recycling Week, biblical principles, and Salvation Army mission in mind, consider how you might more effectively reduce, reuse and recycle the resources that God has blessed you with in order to reduce your impact on God’s loved creation.



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Captain Phillips

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 24 October

Captain Phillips is as thrilling a film as you could hope for from a plot that embraces Somali pirates, a stand-off on the high seas and a deadly US Navy SEAL team. As entertainment it also highlights just the sort of heroes we would hope to encounter in such a situation. But a hero's identity actually depends more on his thoughts than his deeds.

Captain Phillips is based on the true story of the 2009 hijacking of the United States-flagged container ship Maersk Alabama. Tom Hanks stars as the titular commander charged with carrying relief supplies to stricken African countries.

After only days at sea he receives a warning that pirates are operating off the coast of Somalia and when two small vessels close in on his freighter Phillips' worst fears are realised. When Somali pirates finally reach the deck he has moments to both disable the ship and hide his crew. Their plans frustrated, the marauders abandon the Alabama in one of the ship's lifeboats. However, they take the captain with them with dreams of ransoming him for millions of dollars.

Meantime, the US Navy has responded in force, delivering a SEAL team to take out the kidnapers. But the Somali pirates are only miles from home and a deadly game of cat-and-mouse ensues with the captain's death the likeliest outcome.

Captain Phillips touches on the geopolitical problems that have made piracy something of a forced occupation for countries brought to the brink of destitution by international forces. However, Hanks does an excellent job of presenting an everyday man caught up in these larger-than-life problems. In his hands, Phillips becomes a character whose heroic qualities centre on his preparedness to sacrifice for others. But is the officer at its heart really the hero we'd like to believe in?

The film is based on Phillips' own best-selling book, *A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea*. Speaking from the film's set the real



Tom Hanks stars as Captain Phillips in a movie based on the true story of a ship hijacking.

Richard Phillips said he was devoted to his crew's safety, and the story is an accurate reflection of what happened. However, the Alabama's crew say it's not a fair picture of the man.

Eleven members including bridge officers have launched a court case claiming Phillips recklessly endangered their lives. According to evidence tendered, Captain Phillips received seven emails alerting him to piratical activity and ignored an advisory recommending ships stay 1100km from the coast of Somalia. Rather than self-sacrificing and heroic, the crew describe Phillips as sullen and self-righteous.

The events that took place are not in dispute by either party, but the attitude behind Captain Phillips' behaviour is crucial. After all, the difference between bravery and bravado is tied up in a man's motivation.

If the crew was uppermost in Phillips' mind, then he is indeed a hero. If,

however, it was pride and the company's bottom line then this film could look quite different.

Captain Phillips is an excellent watch, but we may never know if this officer was the champion or the cause of the danger that beset the Alabama. But Captain Phillips' vulnerability is Christ's strength. People have tried to read different motivations into Christ's words and deeds but his long-term character is too clear for the evidence to be easily distorted.

Where Captain Phillips might be charged with arrogance, no-one reading about Jesus washing feet, walking with sinners or making time for children could suffer the accusation. And if Phillips' account is self-serving then there's little doubt that Christ gained nothing personally from making his way to a Roman cross.

A life of service assures us that Jesus became death's hostage because he knew doing so would set us free.

The Fifth Estate

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 14 November

Is there nothing Benedict Cumberbatch cannot do? Since the British actor caught the mainstream public's eye with his modern-day reimagining of Sherlock Holmes, the son of acting parents has taken on the broadest range of roles imaginable.

In *The Fifth Estate*, we see him as one of this century's most reviled and praised figures, Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. But will acting talent alone be enough to answer the questions at the heart of this keenly anticipated film?

This Bill Condon-directed production attempts to bring into the mainstream an Internet marvel that has already given rise to some of the most dramatic news stories of the past five years.

In 2006, Assange, an Australian-born computer hacker and activist, established the whistleblower website Wikileaks. Employees of some of the most secretive organisations on the planet were free for the first time to publish evidence of criminal activities and human rights abuses with complete anonymity. But *The Fifth Estate* isn't likely to satisfy the well-informed or those only just becoming aware of the phenomenon.

The opening titles provide a potted history of human communication, landing in 2010 where *The Guardian* newspaper is struggling to digest the reams of information Assange has released regarding United States military atrocities. While editor Stanley Tucci strides up and down trying to decide whether to publish, we switch to the back-story that led to this day.

The film refocuses on the relationship between Assange and his right-hand man Daniel Domscheit-Berg, an idealistic IT specialist portrayed by Daniel Bruhl. Together they set out to change the world, but before long their partnership begins to break up over Assange's ego and the questions rising in Berg's mind. Condon manages to keep the pace going, but nothing can stop the hollowness at the heart of the film from emerging.

The question of whether or not it's good or even safe to permit the complete free flow of information clearly drives the plot. But the director promised his critics this was never going to be a documentary or an attempt to pass judgment on any party involved, and he's been true to his word. Consequently, we come no closer to really understanding Assange, his targets' guilt or an answer to the question: does information need to be set free?

During *The Fifth Estate*, Cumberbatch as Assange makes a number of impassioned speeches about the essential link between truth and freedom, including: "If we could find one moral man, one whistleblower, someone willing to expose those secrets, that man can topple the most powerful and most repressive of regimes."

Assange is not the first to suggest the power of truth to break chains. It was Jesus who advised Pilate that if he knew and

accepted the truth, then the truth would set him free. Jesus, of course, was talking about the truth of his identity as the Son of God, a fact that continues to liberate people from fear, ego and the expectations of society.

Truth is indeed powerful, but its context determines whether it heals or destroys. The Bible suggests that even the best intended and accurate words delivered without love – the desire to bless someone – actually do more harm than good: "If anyone loudly blesses their neighbour early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse" (Proverbs 27:14).

What's actually required is a mouth controlled by God's wisdom. Benedict Cumberbatch might pick up awards for his nuanced portrayal of a man obsessed with spreading the truth, but we're unlikely to come away from *The Fifth Estate* knowing where love would draw the line.



Benedict Cumberbatch (left) and Daniel Bruhl star in *The Fifth Estate*.

(Right) Troy with his "support crew" in London; wife Susan and daughters Heidi, 11, and Sophie, 9. (Far right) Troy recuperating after his terrifying bike accident only five weeks before the world championships.



IRISH EYES SMILE ON AUSSIE TROY

By SCOTT SIMPSON

Five weeks before the ITU Triathlon Age Group World Championships in London, Troy Grice was lying badly injured on the side of Mt Glorious Rd, north-west of Brisbane, after crashing heavily on a training ride. He'd misjudged a bend in the road and collided with a rock wall, suffering deep cuts and bruising to his face and right arm.

Troy required 12 stitches to a gash on his chin, and so deep was the laceration on his elbow that surgery was needed to close the wound. The prospects of competing in London looked dim.

But his determination to overcome this setback, heightened by a bout of food poisoning suffered on the eve of the championships in Auckland 12 months earlier that, obviously, affected his ability to compete on that occasion, ultimately saw him on the starting line in London's Hyde Park on 13 September.

"The initial diagnosis after the crash was that I would be out of the water, and therefore unable to do any swimming, for up to six weeks while the elbow healed," says Troy who with his family attends The Salvation Army at Carindale in Brisbane.

"But then I found a surgeon who was willing to operate on

the elbow and close the wound that way. In the end I was only out of the water for 18 days, and in the meantime was able to resume running and cycling. I was determined to be there in London."

Australian born and raised, Troy represents Ireland in international triathlon events. He qualifies for an Irish passport through his wife, Susan, who is from Northern Ireland.

Aussie dream

In London, Troy was competing in the 40-44 years age group category. He finished the sprint distance course - 750m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run - in 31st place out of 122 starters, cheered on by his "support crew" of Susan and their two children Heidi, 11, and Sophie, 9.

"I was very happy with that performance and result," says Troy. "Especially after last year's disappointment in Auckland when I was very sick with food poisoning during the race and finished well back in the field."

"The conditions in London [cool and wet] meant that the bike leg was particularly tricky. The road surface was very slippery and it was a case of just making sure the bike stayed upright around the corners and then trying to make up time on the straight sections."

While thankful for the opportunity Ireland has given him

to race internationally, Troy still harbours a strong desire to one day pull on the green and gold of Australia. International triathlon regulations state that you can't represent two different countries in a 12-month period, so Troy is considering "retiring" his Irish uniform and instead, focus on the Australian qualifiers next year.

"I've signed up for the 2014 Australian qualifying series and I'm optimistic of securing a place on the team," he says.

"In the Queensland sprint championships earlier this year [part of the qualifying series] I finished second in my age category and, given there are 20 spots available in the Australian team in my category, I'm hopeful of one day representing Australia."

His recent crash on Mt Glorious, however, has reshaped his perspective on what is important in life.

"Triathlons had become a huge part of my life and while they remain important to me, the crash has helped me see things differently," Troy admits.

"When I had the accident, I said to Susan that I was still alive - the crash could have been a lot worse - and that I have a lovely wife and two great kids. It puts a perspective on what's important in life.

"God has blessed me with so much that I am thankful for."

Helping people in practical ways



By SIMONE WORTHING

The vital Community Care Ministries (CCM) of The Salvation Army has been re-named and restructured as it takes on a new role and focus across both the Australia Eastern and Southern territories.

Salvos Caring, as it will now be called, will revitalise and broaden the ministry across the church and community - intentionally focusing on others to help and care for them in a practical way.

Salvos Caring is part of the Territorial Mission and Resource Team - Corps (TMARC) and will also be a part of the Divisional MARC teams, and the hubs.

"Salvos Caring will impact every one of our territory's seven mission priorities," said Lieutenant-Colonel Simone Robertson, Territorial Co-ordinator of Salvos Caring.

Practical help

"Salvos Caring reflects more than just a name change; it's an identity change," said Lieut-Colonel Robertson.

"It's all about corps and social centres working together, creating opportunities for people of all ages to reach out to others in practical ways, and living a way of life that reflects that."

"It is not a program pushed from the top down, but rather it's organic, open-ended and an outward-focused way of life. It should be part of our 'DNA'."

"It's the practical arm of equipping every Salvo to be a disciple-maker, and we are building into that."

The term "Salvo" does not just mean Salvationist, but rather everyone who is connected in some way to The Salvation Army - including employees, volunteers and supporters, both Christian and non-believer.

Salvos Caring can include, but is not limited to, random acts of kindness, giving bottles of water to workmen on a hot day, digging post holes for farmers, delivering a meal to new parents, or visiting someone who is sick.

"It's not complicated, it's simply sharing the journey with others and helping them along the way," said Lieut-Colonel Robertson.

The Salvos Caring team use the image of a tree to illustrate

how it connects with the life of The Salvation Army and the type of ministry it could include. The soil is God's Word.

In Matthew 25:35-40, God is very clear on his instructions to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the sick or those in prison.

The trunk of the tree is The Salvation Army, founded, rooted, established on and growing in the Word.

The branches are the different expressions of Salvation Army ministries such as corps, social centres, Employment Plus, Salvos Stores, Red Shield Defence Services, and many more.

The leaves on the trees are anything that is practical and involves reaching out to others or the community, be it repairing someone's car, driving a person to an appointment, weeding someone's garden, or helping for Clean-up Australia Day.

"The tree is alive, organic and growing; it's not restricted in how it grows," Lieut-Colonel Robertson explained.

"Salvos Caring then, aims to naturally build relationships with people in the community so that salvation, the ultimate relationship, can happen, and people can come to know Jesus."

"Practically, this means being a friend to everyone, kindness, practical and simple caring and responding to needs."

"We ARE Salvos Caring, not part of it."

Future plans

Lieut-Colonel Robertson, Associate Co-ordinator Major Karan Ross and the Mission team are working on training sessions across the divisions that will include discipleship, sharing your faith, practical tools, needs assessments, ideas sharing, competency boundaries and workplace health and safety.

"We want to make it as simple as possible for people to be involved," said Lieut-Colonel Robertson.

"Anyone and everyone can be doing this."

The team would also like to have an "others" week, based on Founder William Booth's Christmas telegram to The Salvation Army world in 1910 - "Others!"

Salvos Caring is currently developing resources and communication tools to help share ideas, such as a Facebook page - [facebook.com/salvoscaring](https://www.facebook.com/salvoscaring)

If you have any questions, please email the team at Salvos.caring@ae.salvationarmy.org

Commissioner opens garden of reconciliation

By SIMONE WORTHING

Commissioner James Condon formally dedicated and opened a garden of recognition and reconciliation on the site of the former Salvation Army Gill Memorial Boys Home in Goulburn, on Saturday 5 October.

Adorning the garden are two sandstone plinths bearing plaques of dedication. One honours all former residents, giving assurance that each boy who lived at the home will never be forgotten.

The other pays tribute to those faithful officers and their families who served at the home and whose respect for, and advocacy on behalf of the boys, demonstrated their Christian love and compassion.

"We are not in the business of forgetting or sweeping under the carpet the deplorable behaviour that did happen here, but we are in the business of healing and restoration," Commissioner Condon said.

"We want to walk alongside those men who were in our care and learn how best to help heal their pain."

The Commissioner led a minute's silence, giving everyone present time for quiet reflection. He also led a prayer of dedication, praying for healing, for hope for the future, and that the garden be a step in the journey towards reconciliation.

Positive steps

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) President James Luthy, a former resident of the Gill Home, thanked Commissioner Condon for understanding the need for reconciliation and taking positive steps to ease the burden on those who had been abused.

Mr Luthy spoke about a couple of officers who treated the residents inhumanely, but he also mentioned those who were "exemplary" in their care for



Commissioner James Condon prays over the garden of recognition and reconciliation at the former Salvation Army Gill Memorial Boys Home in Goulburn. Photo: Carolyn Hide

the boys, focusing on the late Lieutenant Colin Redmond.

"The young Lieutenant Redmond had worked hard to make the boys feel more comfortable about their surroundings," he said. "His then girlfriend, and now widow, Major Margaret Redmond, used to write words of encouragement to the boys which Lieutenant Colin would read to them at night."

As a gesture of gratitude, Mr Luthy presented Major Margaret, who attended the dedication and spoke warmly of her husband's relationship with the boys, with a bunch of flowers.

Mr Rod Foster, whose late father, Major Hedley Foster served at the Gill Home, shared his experiences of being the child of a respected and appreciated officer there. He spoke about some of the challenges he faced as well as the joys of having so many "brothers" in his childhood.

Ongoing support

More than 60 people attended the dedication, including Mr Peter Hatte, Territorial Integrity Co-ordinator, who was emcee for the day; The Hon. Pru Goward MP, State Member for Goulburn and Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women; and Councillor Geoff Kettle, Mayor of Goulburn.

The Campsie Corps Band Ensemble provided music for the occasion, and the Goulburn Corps catered for and served lunch for all those attending.

"It was clear there was good fellowship and that the day was a step towards restoration," said Peter Hatte. "We still have a long way to go and we don't have all the answers, but we are committed to walking with those affected by the past, as members of The Salvation Army family, and encourage and support them in whatever way we can."

Salvos program wins NAPCAN award

The Salvation Army's Safe from the Start project has won the Tasmanian state NAPCAN award (National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) for an outstanding prevention initiative at the recent 2013 Play Your Part awards.

These awards recognise individuals, communities and organisations that have played their part in creating safer communities for children and young people.

Safe from the Start is an early intervention, evidence-based project that aims to raise awareness of the effects on children aged from birth to five years who witness family violence and abuse. The program also offers resources and training to those working with children and their families to assist with healing and recovery for children.

In Australia more than 1000 workers have attended training and more than 750 resource kits have been distributed throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

Training took place in New Zealand last year and Major Pam Waugh is now The Salvation Army national trainer for the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory.

Last month, staff and volunteers from the Sholing Corps in

the United Kingdom with the Republic of Ireland Territory also received training in the program.

Safe from the Start project was initiated and designed in Tasmania in 2008, and has won a number of Australian awards including the top Australian National Crime & Violence Prevention Award in 2011.

Developed in partnership with the University of Tasmania and Swinburne University (Victoria), the project is specifically designed to respond to young children using innovative resources in activity-based play.

"I have been so encouraged and touched by the amazing support of all Salvation Army centres in every place we have been to," said Nell Kuilenburg, Development Manager for The Salvation Army in Tasmania whose passion for social justice, background in domestic violence, and experience working with children in women's refuges, formed the catalyst for the project.

"It's a great testament that the Australia Eastern and Southern territories work really well together.

"It's very exciting. God is using us to make a difference in the lives of children and we are promoting The Salvation Army out there in a powerful way."

Salvos fly the flag at Birdsville Races

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army rural chaplaincy four-wheel drive and trailer were among the thousands that rolled into Birdsville for the remote town's famous races last month.

Almost 8000 people converged on the western Queensland town that is home to 120 people, a bush clinic, primary school, pub and two service stations.

Captain Mark Bulow, Rural Hub Leader with his wife, Captain Jo, who are based in Dalby, led the Salvation Army team across almost 1500kms to set up an information tent and raise awareness of the Army and its services at this iconic Australian event.

Included in the team were Moneycare financial counsellors Ros Turner from Dalby and Penelope Summersby from the Lockyer Valley; personal counsellor Jason Bewick; administration assistant and volunteer chaplain Christine Brooks; Dalby Corps volunteer Ann Kimber; and Christian entertainer Dallas Atkins.

After two days travelling, the team set up The Salvation Army stall along with all the others on the main street.

"The stall was to let people know that we're still around, and what we can offer them, as the Army hasn't been to Birdsville now for eight years," said Captain Bulow.

Photos of the Flying Service, recent floods, rural ministry and other Salvation Army services attracted many visitors to the stall, as did the free cups of tea and coffee, and fresh donuts from the donut machine.

"We spoke to locals, staff from the bush clinic, fire crew, and many visitors," said Captain Bulow. "People were happy to see the Salvos there and find out about what we do."

"We were busy all the time, except when the races were on! We had some great conversations and people made appointments with our team here."

The team gave away 1000 donuts in two days, and more than \$1000 was donated.

"It was great to interact with everyone and represent The Salvation Army to people from all over Australia, and as far as Canada," said Christine.

"It was a blessing to minister to the local community."



Volunteer chaplain Christine Brooks churns out donuts as part of the Salvation Army's presence at the Birdsville races.



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Retired officers 'celebrate' on Gold Coast

By Lieut-Colonel ELAINE HOOD

Seaworld Resort on Queensland's Gold Coast proved to be an ideal venue for the 152 retired Salvation Army officers who met from 9-12 September for SPROC 13, the South Pacific Retired Officers Convention.

With the theme of "Still Celebrating", delegates came from New Zealand, Tonga, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Australia Eastern territorial leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, featured in the opening session, and the territory's Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn, brought the message in the closing session. Inspiring and challenging Bible studies were given by Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown, and Sheldon and Louise Mathieson led times of song and praise.

The debate has become a feature of SPROC and this year team members did an excellent job as they considered the question of: "If William Booth returned would he celebrate or abdicate?" While a serious debate, it also provided an opportunity for some fun and "Army humour" as well as some heckling from the floor.

There were plenty of options for free time, including a visit to the Seaworld theme park, swimming, shopping, enjoying a coffee, having a siesta, or a relaxing massage.

On the Tuesday night of the conference the group enjoyed an

authentic Aussie outback experience, from the corrugated iron roof of the arena to the three-course Aussie barbecue dinner, at the Australian Outback Spectacular.



Majors Bruce and Lillian Hodges and Majors Robona and Gabi Rotona admire a painting created during one of the sessions by New Zealand delegate Lola Bailey.

Property focuses on bold new vision

"What we see is God transforming communities - what we do is help others create environments to serve Christ," said Mr Peter Alward, Territorial General Manager - Property.

These words reflect the new vision and mission statements of the Australia Eastern Territory's Property Department as it strives to make a significant difference in the territory.

"We didn't want to just be the Property Department that built buildings and negotiated leases; we wanted to be a team

that really helped create environments for others to serve Christ," explained Peter.

Earlier this year the Property team, together with Kev Sheehan, a pastor and Director of New Heights Life Services (a leadership and development company) who assisted the facilitation and development of the vision and mission statements, and the adding of values that described the property team as both individuals and as a team.

"We have adopted these values as, not just a work vision, but a life vision

as well," said Peter. "They are: God dependence, servant heart, honesty, respect, encouragement, integrity and commitment."

"The vision is based on Philippians 2:1-11: a team with servant hearts, a team that places others above themselves, and a team with one message in ministry."

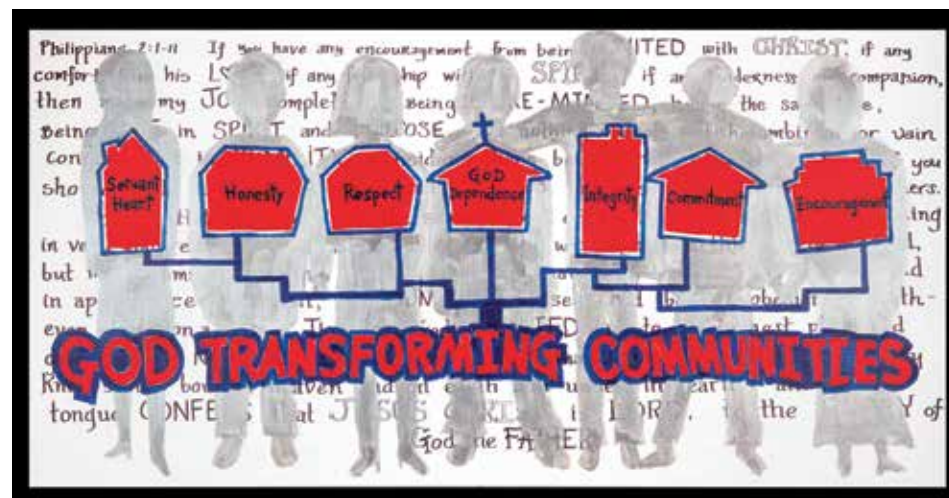
As part of the vision-casting exercise, the Property team commissioned Sarah Rowan Dahl, a live-performance artist and great friend of The Salvation Army, to paint the vision as they completed the task.

"This painting was then captured as a time-delayed clip and is now available on YouTube," said Peter. (youtu.be/bvYXliSZjxc) "Sarah's artwork also now hangs proudly in our office for everyone to see, and was used extensively as the basis for our vision."

During the Property Conference in September, the new vision was launched to property teams around the territory.

"Everyone has really embraced what it means to have servant hearts, and, with humility, not to promote ourselves, but to encourage and support others," Peter shared.

Each month, the Territorial Headquarters property team volunteers at the Sydney Streetlevel Mission, and will hold a fundraising barbecue for the service on 14 November.



The painting created by artist Sarah Rowan Dahl for the Australia Eastern Territory's Property Department which depicts their vision.

130 years serving the community

The Raymond Terrace corps has put out an open invitation to the community to help them celebrate their 130th anniversary on 17 November.

There will be a celebration service on the Sunday morning, with music provided by the Maitland Corps band, and a new junior soldier will be enrolled. Following the service, a "birthday party style" lunch will be shared, complete with cake. They plan to have the oldest soldiers, who have been in service for just over 65 years, and the newest junior soldier, cut the cake.

Past officers and corps members, as well as local businesses and political figures have been invited. However, Raymond Terrace Corps Officers, Envoys Ron and Susan Petterson, are daring everyone from the community to come along.

"We're challenging people to come along and find out what we're all about. And we're about people finding freedom," said Envoy Ron.

In June this year, the corps was able to move in to a new building, which they are leasing. "Over the years the corps has seen God provide for its needs, and it's grateful for that," said Envoy Ron.

They are very aware that the community they are ministering to is disadvantaged. "People are probably more aware of their physical needs than their spiritual needs," said Envoy Susan. "It's a struggling community. But the people here are faithful. I think

that they really believe that God is going to do a new thing. It's time for a new thing."

The celebration will take place at the Raymond Terrace Corps on 17 November at 10am, and all are welcome.



Envoys Ron and Susan Petterson are expecting a large gathering for the 130th anniversary celebrations of the Raymond Terrace Corps. Photo courtesy: The Port Stephen's Examiner

Collaroy rewarded for catering expertise



The Collaroy Centre representatives at the Catering Awards (from left) Lobsang Jinpa, Kristy Franks, Kathy Nakic, Josi Gregorio, Tracey Van Breugel and Nada Smidt.

Photo: Jarrod Mercer

For the second year in a row, The Collaroy Centre's catering team were finalists at the Sydney Metropolitan Restaurant and Catering Awards on 30 September at The Star in Sydney.

Competing against nine catering and restaurant businesses in the Function/Venue Caterer category, The Collaroy Centre's catering team went up against high profile establishments including Doltone House and Taronga Zoo. The team also competed against Scotts College in the Industrial/Institution Caterer category.

"From my perspective we were sitting in a room with some of the most iconic venues not only in Sydney but Australia from Centre Point Tower through to [the] Opera House - really big name celebrity places," said Richard Javor, Manager of The Collaroy Centre.

"Sitting amongst these people, while a little bit intimidating, at the same time we felt honoured to be amongst them."

Kristy Franks, The Collaroy Centre's Sales and Marketing Executive, who coordinated the team's nomination in the awards, said she was impressed by the team's ability to work together.

"Very proud of everyone in the team for all working together. By putting a lot of effort in and being proud of what they do, in turn reflects in that award."

Richard also added similar sentiments: "It's impossible to be recognised as one person. This sort of thing is done by countless of people. Everyone from the guys who wash the dishes, the guys that serve, right through to the guys that even cut the grass."

Parramatta welcomes asylum seekers

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Parramatta Corps hosted a welcome afternoon tea for asylum seekers from their local community on Sunday 13 October.

Single and married men, including those who had left their families behind with the dream of one day bringing them to Australia, and an Iranian family, attended the event.

Major Deborah Robinson, Parramatta Corps Officer, welcomed the asylum seekers on behalf of the corps, assuring them that the corps would do what it could to provide support and to work with the asylum seekers in addressing their needs.

Major Paul Moulds, Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Social, and Major Alwyn Robinson, Parramatta Corps Officer, echoed the message of support, acceptance, and offer of practical assistance.

Local representatives from the Red Cross, and a legal firm specialising in migration, also spoke about the help they could provide.

A couple of the asylum seekers shared their stories, showing those present some ways in which the corps could offer help.

In addition to the afternoon tea, the corps had prepared toiletry packs and home-made baking to give to the asylum seekers.

“God has really brought the needs of asylum seekers to us,” explained Major Deborah.

“We felt challenged, not just to respond as we have been through our welfare, but also through the corps. We wanted to hear what their needs were and how we could work with them in meeting their needs

“We are learning that, as well material goods like furniture and bedding, they want to learn English, they want company, and they are ready to help.”

Many of the asylum seekers are qualified and professional in their field but have no outlet for their skills.



Captain Rebecca Inglis talks with an asylum seeker during the afternoon tea held at Parramatta Corps last month.

The corps is starting small in their response and considering future options.

“We might look at a drop-in centre one day a week where the asylum seekers can receive welfare, participate in English conversations, and perhaps cook some meals,” said Major Deborah.

“Whatever the needs are, we will respond and see what we can do.”

The welcome afternoon tea was a response to the Welcome to Australia initiative. This organisation exists to engage everyday Australians in the task of cultivating a culture of welcome in our nation. For more information, upcoming event details, or volunteer opportunities, go to welcometoaustralia.org.au

New book tells police officer's arresting story



The story of Gary Raymond, a retired police officer, APM, OAM and Salvation Army senior soldier from Parramatta Corps, is being told through a recently published book called *Top Cop*.

Since 1980, Gary has been sharing his story to about 80 churches each year. One Sunday, after sharing his testimony at a service, a member of the audience and self-published author, Reverend David Nicholas approached Gary about writing a book focused on his life.

Top Cop tells of the challenges Gary faced during his childhood, explaining how his mother marked the day where she planned to kill herself, Gary and his brothers and how God saved their family.

The book also focuses on Gary's trials of being a Christian while working as a police officer. Being confronted daily with emotional and devastating incidents, the book explains how God consistently helped Gary deal with the difficult situations he faced.

“I rescued a lot of people but God rescued me,” says Gary.

“As a Christian police officer, God was present on police patrol through his Holy Spirit dwelling within me and around me. Best partner on patrol was Jesus.”

While Gary did not expect to have a book written about his life, through the release of *Top Cop* he desires that it will point people to Christ.

“Yes it's a real humbling experience [referring to the book] and a reflection on how God sustained my life through dangerous incidents and how I was able to reach people with the gospel.”

Gary now spends his days coming alongside police officers in his role as the Chaplain for Police Post Trauma Groups. He says many police officers internalise their emotions which ultimately has long-term consequences. Gary is there as a support and to provide a listening ear. On many occasions, Gary has received opportunities to pray with police officers and share the message of Christ.

Top Cop will be available for purchase soon.

Indigenous leaders gather at the Grasstree

By SIMONE WORTHING

God, and working through faith to address the poverty and injustice in local communities was the focus of the recent Grasstree Gathering, a national non-denominational conference for emerging Indigenous Christian leaders.

The Grasstree Gathering took place at Riverglenn, just outside Brisbane, from 30 September–4 October.

Brooke Prentis, a Salvationist and emerging Aboriginal Christian leader who comes from the Waka Waka people and attends the Ipswich Corps, co-ordinated the event.

“The vision of the Grasstree Gathering is to celebrate, encourage, equip and inspire an emerging generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders from across Australia,” said Brooke.

The vision for the Grasstree Gathering comes from Aunty Jean Phillips, a well-respected Aboriginal Christian leader.

Three other Salvation Army delegates were among those participating in the Grasstree Gathering: Shirli Congoo, Indigenous Engagement Officer based in Townsville; Chris Congoo, Mt Isa Recovery Services manager; and Allen Minniecon, Indigenous Community Development Worker based in Cairns.

“Major Pamela Marshall, Territorial Cross Cultural and Indigenous Ministries Consultant from the Australia Southern

Territory was also invited as a guest,” said Brooke.

Throughout the four-day conference, Indigenous leaders led Bible studies and workshops on topics including Biblical justice, advocacy, mission, and challenges for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The attendees and guests shared stories from communities and ministries. Some non-Indigenous leaders were also selected to lead specific workshops.

In keeping with the ecumenical flavour of the event, the evenings were spent at different churches in Brisbane. “We were able to take the platform and share with the public of Brisbane through testimonies, stories from communities, Bible readings, worship music and culture,” said Brooke.

On the Tuesday evening, delegates attended a “Surrender Truth Lab” with guest speaker, Christian author and activist, Shane Claiborne, at the University of Queensland. The Surrender Truth Lab also involved many of the Grasstree Gathering delegates providing music, interviews and panel discussion.

“We are here at the Grasstree Gathering to learn more about how to preach the message of God in a culturally sensitive way,” said Chris. “This is what we, as a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians, want to achieve.

“We get frustrated with the social justice issues that affect our people in such proportions, and need to find a voice in our churches, and in our government,

so we can speak up against suicide, incarceration, alcoholism and other issues.

“There is dialogue with the leaders of The Salvation Army and good opportunities, so hopefully in time things will change for us.”

Allen, who has only been in his appointment since July, appreciated learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and elders.

“I have new ideas, and an extended network, to take back to Cairns so I can better assist our people there,” he said.

“The speakers, the encouragement to get more involved, and the networking were all highlights of the conference for me,” said Shirli. “The networking will allow us to keep connected, to offer each other prayer and support and to move forward together in unity.”

Major Pamela gave a presentation on Indigenous Ministries in the Australia Southern Territory, beginning with its early history in the 1880s, as well as current ministries and future goals.

“As a non-indigenous attendee it was a privilege to be given an invitation to come, share, listen and learn,” she said.

“I am challenged about actions of the past on Indigenous peoples and how that leaves an impact on lives today; I am challenged by their faith and commitment to God to look to the future for direction; and I am challenged in my role to adequately share the heartbeat of the Indigenous peoples to our leaders in the Salvation Army.”

The aims of the Grasstree Gathering are:

- Create a network amongst established, emerging and young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders.
- Offer theological and community development, training and equipping.
- Encourage and empower new and existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry workers.
- Provide a platform to discuss issues affecting our communities and the issues affecting our people.
- Explore pathways for the wider church to partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries.
- To have representation from remote, rural and urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



Salvation Army Grasstree Gathering delegates, (from left): Allen Minniecon, Brooke Prentis, Chris Congoo, Shirli Congoo and Major Pamela Marshall.

Blessings flow for Vanuatu village

A small rural village in Vanuatu now has its own fresh water supply thanks to a group from Tarrawanna Corps on the NSW South Coast. *Pipeline's* **BILL SIMPSON** joined the team for this report

A 13-member team connected to Tarrawanna Salvation Army Corps spent the NSW September-October school holidays building a 9000-litre concrete water tank in a small rural village in Vanuatu.

They also spent time in classrooms with children from a village primary school, reading books and playing games.

Led by Corps Officer Lieutenant Matthew Moore and youth group leaders Paul and Emma Mather, the team included five high school students, a school chaplain, health worker, plumber and two retired people.

Adult members of the team paid their own airfares, accommodation and living expenses. The students were sponsored by The Salvation Army and individual church members. The Salvation Army and Corrimal Rotary Club financially contributed to the cost of building materials.

Tarrawanna Corps arranged the project through the international Christian organisation Youth With a Mission (YWAM), which has a base near Port Vila, Vanuatu's capital city.

Team members were accommodated at the base during their work, travelling up to an hour each day to and from the construction site on the back of an open truck along deeply pot-holed roads and dirt bush tracks.

The tank was built in the village of Emorwerik, which is a community of about 250 people accessed by a rough dirt track almost 2km into the bush from a main road. Their houses, built of concrete, tin or bush materials, are mostly one or two rooms and are scattered through the bush.

Lieut Moore said the work was done in hot and hard conditions, but the lasting value of the water tank to the village community was immeasurable.

"For the first time, these people will have a guaranteed storage of fresh water. Until now, they have collected their fresh

water whenever it rained in buckets, cans and anything else they could find," he said.

"Now, they will be able to turn on a tap at the tank and get instant fresh drinking water. Not only will it provide instant drinking water, but it will also enormously assist their health. They won't have to rely on water for drinking from a well, which is of questionable quality.

"I am proud of and mightily impressed with how our team members conducted themselves during this project. It was tough work, especially for those of us who don't do this type of thing every day.

"Most of the organisational work was done by Paul and Emma Mather. I was really there as a support for them."

Community minded

The accommodation arrangements allowed team members to share meals and free time with YWAM staff, who appreciated the encouragement and support they received from the Tarrawanna group.

Lieut Moore said Tarrawanna Corps was likely to involve itself in other community projects, whether overseas or in Australia.

"We are a strong community-minded corps. Emma and Paul Mather started thinking about a Vanuatu project after a holiday there. They spent some time with myself and my wife, [Captain] Emma.

"Between us, we developed ideas and discovered the YWAM projects. I think any corps could get involved. It's great for team building and building up communities which have need of things [like fresh water] that we just take for granted.

"I would encourage corps to discover the opportunities for themselves."



Some of the Tarrawanna workers share their achievement of reaching the halfway mark with local helpers.



The job is done and artwork added to the water tank wall to remind the local village that Tarrawanna Salvation Army has been in their area.

Army helps Syrian refugees fleeing conflict

A Salvation Army International Emergency Services team in Jordan is working with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to assist refugees fleeing the ongoing conflict in Syria. The United Nations reports that more than two million people have fled Syria, with in excess of half a million seeking safety in Jordan.

Salvation Army emergency workers Damaris Frick, Major Barrie Sampson and team leader Major Henk Van Hattem are being supported by Nader Duqmaq, the head of LWF's Jordan office, and his team in Amman.

Working in conjunction with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation they have purchased supplies of gas stoves and cylinders, warm clothing, and hygiene family kits containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, sanitary towels, cleaning detergent, washing-up liquid, washing powder and hand sanitiser, for distribution.

Major Sampson travelled with Salvation Army team members and representatives from LWF to Al Mafrqa, about an hour's drive from Amman, to assess the refugee situation.

"Al Mafrqa has seen a large number of Syrians come into the city seeking refuge," he said. "Prices are high, forced up by the increased numbers now living there."

The Salvation Army will continue its work in Jordan for the foreseeable future, with plans to send more team members as necessary.



TOP: Major Barrie Sampson (far right) is taken to a shelter housing four Syrian refugee families.



RIGHT: Majors Barrie Sampson (centre) and Henk Van Hattem (far left) visit a Syrian family in their refugee accommodation in Jordan.

European trafficking targeted

Thirty-six delegates from 23 European countries have met in Budapest, Hungary, to develop and launch The Salvation Army's European anti-human trafficking response.

The Army is uniquely placed to respond to the problem of human trafficking. It works in almost every European country and - with a ministry in 126 nations - is often present in source, transit and destination countries of trafficked people. A major aim of the conference has been to ensure that the Army makes best use of this geographical advantage with a united and coordinated approach that works across borders and boundaries.

In every European country in which the Army is at work there is now a national contact person who - in some cases working with a national task force - will focus on three actions: prevention of trafficking, and the protection and reintegration of victims. Prevention will involve data collection, raising awareness, education and training. Protection will take the form of practical help through outreach programs and safe houses. Reintegration will enable victims to return home and reconnect with their families and communities.

Salvos at centre of Colorado flood relief

Salvation Army disaster relief teams are continuing to assist tens of thousands of people recover from devastating floods in Colorado, United States, in September.

The floods have been blamed for at least eight deaths, while 1500 homes have been destroyed and another 17,000 properties damaged. Emergency services teams say it could take months to search through all the flooded areas and confirm a final death toll.

Several days of heavy rain was followed by a storm which brought flash-flooding in the early hours of 11 September. Several towns were encircled by raging waters and thousands of people had to be evacuated, many of them by air. Many roads and bridges have been washed away.

It's in this environment that Salvation Army teams have worked tirelessly to bring relief. Tens of thousands of meals have been distributed from mobile canteens and shelter has been provided for many of the flood victims.

The Salvation Army has set up a number of Disaster Assistance Centres across Colorado from which it will provide long-term help to those affected.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Loyal Soldier



Edna Bust was promoted to glory at Bundaberg with a private service being held at the Bundaberg Crematorium, led by Major Joan Birch.

During the service of thanksgiving, Major Heather Unicomb, who had shared time with Edna during the last months of her life before her death on 21 September, 2012, stated how Edna was glad she had been able to serve her Lord always during her earthly life.

Edna May Hansen was born on 8 November 1923 to George and Elizabeth Hansen, and was the youngest of five children.

She attended the Bundaberg Salvation Army Corps her whole life. She became a junior soldier at eight years of age and a senior soldier at 15. She was a senior soldier for 73 years.

In 1942, Edna May Hansen married William Robert Bust. Edna and Bill found in The Salvation Army a home to use their God-given gifts to his service.

Together Edna and Bill gave faithful service to their Lord and Saviour for 150 years within The Salvation Army Bundaberg corps. "You could depend on them, Jesus".

Edna served in many roles during her lifetime – as Primary leader for 36 years, Home League thrift secretary, Home League treasurer for 36 years and Home League secretary for 17 years. Edna loved the home league and had attended from the age of two with her mother. She was also a community care worker for 22 years.

Many staff remember Edna from her weekly visits to various aged care places in Bundaberg when she came in for respite. Edna was also the home league historian in her later years.

She was also a songster, timbrellist and Young People's worker in her younger days.

Edna's life experience was fully in The Salvation Army till 1969 when her daughter commenced nursing at the Bundaberg Base Hospital.

Edna became a member of the Bundaberg Base Hospital auxiliary in 1969 and held the position of treasurer, then president in 1971, till the auxiliary was closed in 1980.

During this time Edna helped raise many thousands of dollars towards special equipment and needs of the hospital. Edna came into contact with a wide selection of the community that she had not mixed with prior to this.

Edna always lived a Salvationist life in her dealings with fundraising.

All knew the areas that she would not "help" with. This stand never took anything away from her standing within the community.

Edna would transport many children over the years to and from Primary or Sunday School. The children of the children would also come under Edna's care as primary leader.

Edna would transport ladies to and from Home League throughout the years. She would also transport folks to the meetings if required.

In all, Edna was a very busy and active Christian and it was lived within the mission of The Salvation Army faith.

Edna in her later years was cared for at home for four years after her daughter returned from Darwin.

With failing health, Edna entered the RSL Fairways Nursing Home and was Promoted to Glory after 51 weeks.

Within the final hours of her earthly life she was calling to be at peace with her Lord.

When the Lord answered her call he took her gently into his arms.

The staff did not understand that it was to her Lord Edna had called, but stated that it was so quiet and gentle.

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Bereaved

Captain Mavis **Salt**, Major Heather **Craig**, Major Robyn Smartt of their mother, Commissioner Nancy **Cutmore** of her sister and Captain Laithe **Greenaway** of his grandmother, Kath **Mackay** on 26 September; Major Cecil **Woodward** of his mother, Major Isabel **Beckett**, Major Glenys **Dovey** and Captain Mervyn **Dovey** of their aunt, Marjorie **Woodward** on 21 September; Major Alison **Cowling** and Colonel Joycelyn **Parkinson** (ret.) of their aunt, Major Charlotte **Cowling** (ret.) of her sister-in-law, Captain Cathryn **Williamson** of her great-aunt, Olga May **Cowling** on 3 October; Major David **Tong** of his brother, Ernest Bevan **Tong** on 19 September.

Birth

Majors Kim and David **Hawke**, a girl, Tatenda Helen on 11 September.

Marriage

Major Ray **Kurth** to Pamela **Reid** on 19 October; Captain Lenore **Johnson** to Ian **Whittaker**.

Promoted to glory

Auxiliary-Captain Peter **Murphy** on 6 October.

Retirement

Major Colin **Haggar** on 8 October; Major Peter and Ruth **Dollin** on 12 October; Captain Lenore **Johnson** on 23 November.

School For Officer Training

The following candidates have been accepted into full-time training as part of the *Messengers of Light* Session 2014-2015: Belinda **Zhou** and Frank **Wang**, Campsie Corps. The following candidate has been accepted into full-time training as part of the *Joyful Intercessors* Session 2015-2016: Drew **Williams**, Long Jetty Corps.

time to pray

27 October – 2 November

Lieut-Colonel Geanette Seymour, International Social Justice Commission based in New York; Wellington Corps, Cooma Corps, Deniliquin Corps, all NSW; Territorial Mission and Resource Team – Systems, THQ; SAILSS (Salvation Army Individual Lifestyle Support Services), Qld; Canberra Community Welfare Centre, ACT; First Year Officers Residential (28 Oct – 1 Nov); ACT and South NSW Division Kids Camp (1-3); Sydney East and Illawarra and The Greater West Division SAGALA Camp (1-3).

3-9 November

Dural Corps, Cardiff Corps, Cowra Corps, all NSW; Noosa Corps, Outback Flying Service, Redcliffe City Corps, all Qld; WOW Weekend (8-10).

10-16 November

South Queensland Division Chaplaincy Services, Warwick Corps, Inala Community Welfare Centre, all Qld; Northside Women's Services, Port Kembla Mission, both NSW; The Salvation Army Employment Plus, Australia.

17-23 November

Captain Zane Haupt, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory; Wagga Wagga Corps, Springwood Corps, Cessnock Corps, Chatswood Corps, Chatswood Community Welfare Centre, Oasis Youth Support Network Youth Connections Chatswood – Campus, all NSW; Central and North Queensland Division Chaplains, Qld; Finance Conference (20-22).

24-30 November

Eastlakes Corps, Waterloo Community Ministries, Temora Corps, Port Stephens Corps, Manly Corps, Dooralong Transformation Centre, all NSW; Chaplains to Statutory Authorities, THQ; DYS Consultative Conference, Collaroy (27-29); Territorial Advisory Board (27); Covenant Day (28) Commissioning (30 Nov-1 Dec).

1-7 December

Carinya Cottage, Long Jetty Corps, Mudgee Corps, Oasis Youth Network Hunter, Bonnells Bay Corps, Tamowrth Corps, Tenterfield Corps, all NSW; Commissioning (1).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

* India North: Wed 13-Wed 20 Nov – Conduct retirement of India North Territorial Leaders
Earlwood: Thu 21 Nov – School For Officer Training Graduation
Brisbane: Fri 22 Nov – Queensland Retired Officers Christmas Function
Long Jetty: Sun 24 Nov – School For Youth Leadership Graduation
Sydney: Mon 25 Nov – Sydney, ACT and South NSW Retired Officers Christmas Function
* Sydney: Wed 27 Nov – Territorial Advisory Board
Bexley North: Thu 28 Nov – Covenant Day
Earlwood: Sat 30 Nov – Principal's Reception/Silver Star Luncheon
Sydney: Sun 1 Dec – Commissioning

* Commissioner James Condon only

Colonels Richard (Chief Secretary) and Janet Munn

Sydney: Fri 8-Sun 10 Nov – WOW weekend, The Greater West Division
London: Mon 11-Fri 15 Nov – IHQ Orientation
Newcastle: Mon 25 Nov – Newcastle Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Function
Sydney: Thu 28 Nov – Covenant Day Booth College
Earlwood: Sat 30 Nov – Principal's Reception and Silver Star Luncheon

Colonel Janet Munn only

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SATURDAY 2 November 7:00pm Concert at Hurstville Corps

SUNDAY 3 November 9:30am Worship Service at Dulwich Hill Corps
6:00pm Worship Service at Parramatta Corps

WEDNESDAY 6 November 7:00pm Concert at Port Macquarie Corps

THURSDAY 7 November 7:00pm Concert at Eastlakes Corps

SATURDAY 9 November 7:00pm Concert at Canberra City Corps

SUNDAY 10 November 9:30am Worship Service at Tuggermogong Corps

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Thursday 21 November 2013

7.00pm Graduation of
Stage 2 Training

Venue: Earlwood Salvation Army

Sunday 1 December 2013

10.00am Ordination and Commissioning
2.30pm Sending Out

6.00pm The Movement

Venue: Sydney Town Hall