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## FINAL EDITION HERALDS A NEW CHAPTER

WORDS SCOTT SIMPSON MANAGING EDITOR

As with all journeys, there must ultimately be an end. After 20 years of sharing the stories of The Salvation Army in the Australia Eastern Territory, with this issue of *Pipeline* the curtain falls on an iconic publication.

This edition that you are holding in your hands or reading online, is the final issue of the magazine. In line with National Commander Commissioner Floyd Tidd's vision for a "new creation" of The Salvation Army in Australia, the *Pipeline* masthead will be retired as the Australia Eastern Territory editorial team transitions to a new-look National Editorial Department. From that department will come a new national internal magazine, due for launch in February 2017.

Our publications have always been viewed as important mouthpieces for The Salvation Army's leadership in Australia. They play a crucial role in facilitating two-way communication between territorial headquarters and Salvationists serving across our vast country. Subsequently, leadership has determined that editorial will be at the forefront of the Australia One project to create a new National Territory out of the Army's two territories (Eastern and Southern) in Australia. As we journey towards one territory, this new national publication will carry key messages from our leaders to the tens of thousands of Salvationists and others associated with The Salvation Army across our land.

In this farewell issue we look back over two decades

of *Pipeline*; from its origins as an "idea" put forward by then-Commissioner John Gowans, to the publication of international standing that it has become. We also provide information about how you can engage with the new national magazine and, in particular, how you can get your hands on a copy.

### AND ANOTHER THING ...

Momentum continues to build towards the creation of a National Territory in Australia, with Commissioner Tidd launching new National Mission and Values Statements for The Salvation Army late last month. You can read about the key details of the statements in this month's issue of *Pipeline* (pages 12-15).

As Commissioner Tidd writes in his letter introducing the statements (page 12): "It's clear that there are many more similarities than differences in how we (the two territories) go about our mission. But while we share the same heart and passion, the language for describing mission is different for each territory. In order to help us move forward, we need a common language for our united mission."

These are exciting days for our Army. While some doors are closing, many new opportunities are waiting to be explored. As we stand on the threshold of 2017, a new chapter in the long and rich history of The Salvation Army in Australia is about to be written.

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## COMMUNICATING THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE WITH COMPASSION

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... because Christ's love compels us



*Colonel Mark Campbell is the Chief Secretary-in-Charge of the Australia Eastern Territory*

A few years ago, I went with a Salvation Army officer friend to drop off Christmas presents and food hampers to various households. My friend had used a local radio station to promote a campaign called "dob in a friend". Essentially, he asked people to "dob in" a person, or a family, who they thought would be doing it tough at Christmas.

My friend knew his community well and knew the campaign would be successful. We met all manner of people that day, as we made our way through his list. The thing that struck me most was the reaction of people when the two of us turned up at their door with gifts. They were completely unaware that they had been "dobbed in", so to speak, due to their personal circumstances.

There was a glazier who had experienced a loss of income. A recent injury meant he was unable to work and operate his business, so there was no income for the family. There was another man, in his 60s, who was living on his own and suffering from bad health. And then there was the single mum with four children. When we turned up, the dad was having custody rights with the children on the front lawn.

People expressed all manner of reactions to our visit and our expression of Christian compassion. Many were simply speechless. They did not know what to say and some got quite emotional. One lady grabbed the bags we offered and headed inside without saying a word! Most people, however, tried to explain and justify their situation and suggested that there were other people worse off than them.

In the Bible, in John 1:11, we read, "He (Jesus) came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." These are the very same responses that Jesus experienced when

he was born. Herod pursued Jesus because he deemed him a threat to his kingdom and leadership. Herod even wanted to do away with Jesus. The religious leaders of the day were against Jesus in all he said and did, but thank God there were also those who accepted him and recognised him as Lord and Saviour. It is no different from today. However, we could say it is more from indifference than a total unbelief.

Going back to my friend and I ... we tried to be Jesus that day and communicate the reason why we were there. Why? In 2 Corinthians 5:14, it says, "For Christ's love compels us ..."

This Christmas we must do all we can to communicate the love of Christ to our community ... because Christ's love compels us.

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As you read this final issue of *Pipeline*, I want to say a huge thank you to all those who have contributed to this communication channel for the Australia Eastern Territory over the years. Communication is essential for us as a territory and even more so now for our nation as we move into a unified Salvation Army in Australia. It's not only communicating what is happening in the territory through this avenue of editorial publication, but how we communicate the message of Jesus to the people of this nation.

And, finally, my wife Julie and I would like to say a thank you to everyone for their support during our short time as territorial leaders and commend Lieutenants-Colonels Kevin and Cheralynne to the territory for their leadership.

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*Colonel Mark Campbell is the Chief Secretary-in-Charge of the Australia Eastern Territory*

# Experiencing the greatest gift of all.

Jesus holds key to peace in a troubled world

WORDS GENERAL ANDRÉ COX

For children in many countries around the world, Christmas is a time of great anticipation and excitement. Christmas is rightly emphasised with the joy of children, for the wonderful story of Christmas is about the coming of the Christ-child of whom we read in Luke's Gospel:

*At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger — there was no room for them to stay in the inn. There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born — Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels*

*went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them (Luke 2:1-20 - Good News Translation).*

The Christmas story is for all people of all ages and cultures, and is about how God came into our ordinary, everyday world as a little baby so that he could live with us and share in our lives. The coming of Christ at Christmas changed the course of human history.

We love to look at what we think is an idyllic and beautiful picture of that first Christmas. Yet a stable is hardly a good place for a baby to be born. The reality is that there was no room for Jesus. That reality is still true today with the over-commercialisation of Christmas to the point where most of our time, energy and attention is focused on other things. We are so busy that we have no space or time left to remember that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child.

God came into the world for the poor, ordinary people, not just for kings and princes. The announcement of the



angels concerning the birth of God's Messiah is to a group of shepherds. What a wonderful thought that God came into the reality of our human existence and came, without discrimination, for the humble, ordinary people.

James Irwin, one of the few astronauts to have walked on the moon, was asked about his experiences in space. He spoke about the importance of space exploration and how mankind has been helped with medical research, new technologies and a greater understanding of the universe in which we live. He went on to describe the wonder of gazing at our small blue planet from such a distance in space and realising just how beautiful and unique it is.

He also spoke about the wonder of standing on the moon in 1971 and seeing an "earthrise". He said that it is important for the good of mankind that it is technically possible for a man to walk on the moon, but how much more important it is that God, in Jesus, came into our world and walked upon Earth.

The arrival of Jesus in our world makes many things possible: it is possible for us to know hope and love; to enjoy a personal relationship with God the Creator; to experience forgiveness for the wrong things that we do; and it is possible for us to experience a sense of peace and belonging in this troubled world.

Sadly, we see still so much injustice, hate, violence and corruption in the world that at times we are brought to utter

despair. If only the world would see and take hold of the greatest gift that God gives us in Jesus. The words of Major Joy Webb's song *Come into our world!* reflect a longing and a plea, for without God our world is a sorry place:

*All around us, seemingly, darkness holds its sway;  
Truth and love are faltering, peace in disarray;  
And if we needed you, we need you now!*

*Come into our world,  
Come into our world, now, Lord Jesus!*

*People sit in loneliness, children cry for bread;  
Men fight men in hatred, by suspicion led;  
And if we needed you, we need you now!*

*Faced with such confusion, hope has slipped away;  
Men have stopped believing, forgotten how to pray;  
And if we needed you, we need you now!*

Thankfully it does not need to be like this, our world can be different, but if that is to happen it requires each of us to experience a change of heart, to be changed and transformed so that the life God intended for us becomes a reality through his Son, Jesus. No wonder that the angels rejoiced and sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven ..." (Luke 2:14 -*Good News Translation*).

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**General André Cox** is the world leader of *The Salvation Army*



## Christmas arrives early in outback communities.

Country musician goes on tour with Salvos 'family'.

PHOTOS ELLIE WOODFIELD

The Salvation Army and country music artist Adam Brand have helped to spread a little early Christmas cheer to children in outback Queensland. Flying padres, Lieutenants Simon and Natalie Steele, travelled to the communities of Dajarra and Camooweal with Brand and Mt Isa Corps Officers, Lieutenants Brad and Helen Whittle, in a helicopter laden with presents for the children.

In both locations, the visitors were eagerly received by the excited children at the local schools. The children were given an opportunity to select two presents; one for themselves and another to give to a family member or friend. Brand led a time of singing, including Christmas carols, at both Dajarra and Camooweal, and the story of Jesus' birth – the true meaning of Christmas – was shared with the kids. Brand also led a quick sing-along with locals at the Dajarra hotel.

Returning to Mt Isa, the Salvos contingent





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and Brand hosted a free community event at the Civic Centre. About 150 people enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and performance from Brand, who chose to ditch the sound system and instead join locals on the grass for an intimate impromptu concert.

The visit generated local media coverage, with Brand telling *The North West Star* newspaper that he felt honoured to be part of the Salvos "family" for events such as these. "The Salvos called me and asked me to come spread a little pre-Christmas cheer and meet some communities and I couldn't resist," he told the newspaper. "I really believe in what they do."

"There is no way to sugarcoat it, there are a lot of Australians doing it tough and that is where The Salvation Army comes in at its strongest. They just go out there and help those who need it, so it is a great initiative. It gives those who could have had an ordinary Christmas, a reason to smile and I think we should all invest in that."



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- 01. Bringing hope to the outback – (from left) Lieutenant Brad Whittle, Adam Brand, Lieutenants Natalie and Simon Steele and Lieutenant Helen Whittle.
- 02. Adam Brand plays a few tunes for children during the visit to Dajarra.
- 03. Dajarra children jump aboard the back of the truck with Adam Brand to promote The Salvation Army.
- 04. School children cheer as Lieut Simon Steele prepares to land his helicopter at Camooweal.
- 05. Lieut Natalie Steele reads the Camooweal students a Christmas story.
- 06. Lieut Simon Steele unloads Christmas presents for the Camooweal community.

## A chapter closes.

After two decades of telling The Salvation Army's story in its Australia Eastern Territory, the curtain is falling on *Pipeline* magazine

WORDS SCOTT SIMPSON

It's spawned more than 200 issues, over 10,000 pages of print, tens of thousands of articles and photos, and millions of words. But after 20 years of production, this edition of *Pipeline* that you are holding in your hands or reading online, is the final issue of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's iconic magazine.

Editorial will be at the forefront of the Australia One project to create a new National Territory out of the Army's two territories in Australia (Eastern and Southern). Consequently, from this month the two teams responsible for producing the internal magazines of these territories, *Pipeline* (Eastern) and *On Fire* (Southern), will combine and transition to the National Editorial Department, which has for many years overseen the production of *Warcry* and *Kidzone*. From February 2017, a new national internal magazine will come into existence.

The first issue of *Pipeline* was printed in January 1997, under the guidance of its launch editor, then-Captain David Woodbury. The magazine had been the outcome of conversations between Captain Woodbury and then-Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner John Gowans, who was later to become General Gowans and world leader of The Salvation Army.

"Commissioner John Gowans shared with me his frustration of not having an effective channel of communication with his soldiers on the front line and 'requested'

that I develop a means through which he could effectively communicate," said now-retired Major Woodbury. "After some discussion, I presented him with the concept of a magazine through which he could communicate openly and effectively.

"I was delighted when Commissioner Gowans shared my vision and *Pipeline* was born, with the first issue going to print in the summer of 1997. *Pipeline* had a simple philosophy: 'To tell Salvationists what is happening in their Army'. It was, in essence, a pipeline from leadership to the front line.

"Following his election to General, John Gowans continued to be a keen reader and encourager and often communicated his support through handwritten notes. *Pipeline* went on to establish itself as a leader in Salvation Army publications and attract a global readership with letters and emails of support and interest coming from around the Army world."

Initially printed as a quarterly magazine, the growing popularity of *Pipeline* resulted in it becoming monthly by 2000, with supplements *Women In Touch*, *Creative Ministry* and *Venue* added at the same time. Earlier this year, the Pipeline Online website was introduced.

David Woodbury remained editor of *Pipeline* until early 2004, when now-Major Peter McGuigan took over the reins. In early 2008, then-Captain McGuigan became



Territorial Communications Director, and I was appointed to the newly created role of Managing Editor and have continued in that role since.

The editorial that appeared in the first issue of *Pipeline* outlined the mission of the magazine: "To provide effective two-way communication between territorial headquarters and those who are at the coalface in Salvation Army service". It has always been printed in the name of the Australia Eastern territorial commander. To that effect, it has been seen as the TC's mouthpiece to Salvationists and friends in the territory.

"*Pipeline*, during my time as Territorial Commander and for many years before that, has been a significant communication tool for the territory and the world," said Commissioner James Condon, who was Territorial Commander of Australia Eastern until his retirement in May this year. "While serving at International Headquarters (as International Secretary for the South Pacific and East Asia Zone in 2010-11) many people commented to me about the high standard and quality of *Pipeline*, some saying it was the best Salvation Army magazine in the world."

While content in *Pipeline* has always been targeted at an Australia Eastern Territory readership, the magazine has developed an international audience over its lifetime. Research in early 2014 revealed that the magazine's global reach extended to dozens of countries on every continent on the planet.

Among those around the world who make *Pipeline* part of their monthly reading is General John Larsson (Ret.), a former world leader of The Salvation Army. General Larsson has long been a keen encourager of the Australia Eastern Territory editorial team, recently sharing in an email that "Freda (his wife, Commissioner Freda Larsson) and I regularly share Sunday lunch with Commissioner Gisele Gowans (wife of the late General John Gowans) and conversation around the table often begins with, 'Did you read in the latest *Pipeline* ...?'"

As with all journeys, there must ultimately be an end. After 20 years of sharing the stories of The Salvation Army in eastern Australia, with this issue of *Pipeline* the curtain falls on an iconic publication. But as one door closes, another opens and a new chapter in the long and rich history of Salvation Army publishing in Australia is about to be written.



For 20 years, *Pipeline* has been sharing the stories of The Salvation Army.



#### Subscription information

For those individuals or corps/centres who have an annual subscription to *Pipeline*, your order will automatically carry over to the new national magazine. In lieu of there being no January 2017 issue of either magazine, all subscriptions that have a 2017 expiry date will be extended by a month. For more information, email: [subscriptions@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:subscriptions@ae.salvationarmy.org)

# One mission, one language.

New vision statements reflect common heart

Friends and colleagues,

As we move forward on the Australia One journey, one of the things I will continually say is that this venture is not about  $1+1=2$ , it's about  $1+1=new$ .

I firmly believe that our two current territories have a common heart. As I speak with Salvationists, employees and volunteers, the visions and the ideas that motivate us are overwhelmingly the same. It's clear that there are many more similarities than differences in how we go about our mission.

But while we share the same heart and passion, the language for describing mission is different for each territory. In order to help us move forward, we need a common language for our united mission.

With the support of the two chief secretaries, a small group of Salvationists from each territory has come up with this new language. I want our mission to be articulated by the grassroots, so while our executive teams have had opportunity to provide input, it is this working group of Salvationists who own the wording.

It is vital to me that we honour the past as we move forward into this next chapter of doing mission together. One of the things that the working group has done is to carefully consider the previous mission

language from both territories to ensure we carry forward everything of importance from the past. The results have been approved by the Australia One Steering Committee, cabinet secretaries, and divisional commanders from both territories.

On behalf of all these officers around Australia, I am pleased to share with you the new National Mission and Values Statements for The Salvation Army in Australia. These statements sit under the umbrella of The Salvation Army's International Mission Statement and International Vision Plan, working together to explain our mission for an Australian context.

We look forward to sharing more about the mission and values language in the near future, and if you have any questions then please head to the website and don't hesitate to get in touch.



**Commissioner Floyd Tidd**  
National Commander



THE SALVATION ARMY  
NATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

The Salvation Army is a Christian movement dedicated to **sharing the love of Jesus** by:

1. Caring for people

- Being there when people need us most
- We offer care and compassion as a sacred encounter with transformative potential

2. Creating faith pathways

- Taking a holistic approach to the human condition that values spirituality
- We graciously share the Good News of Jesus and grow in faith together

3. Building healthy communities

- Investing ourselves in relationships that promote mutual flourishing
- We find the wholeness God intends for us in community

4. Working for justice

- Tackling the social systems that harm creation and strip away human dignity
- We join God's work to build a fairer world where all can thrive





## THE SALVATION ARMY NATIONAL VALUES STATEMENT

Recognising that God is already at work in the world, we value:

1. **Integrity**
  - Being honest and accountable in all we do
2. **Compassion**
  - Hearing and responding to pain with love
3. **Respect**
  - Affirming the worth and capacity of all people
4. **Diversity**
  - Embracing difference as a gift
5. **Collaboration**
  - Creating partnerships in mission

We commit ourselves in prayer and practice to this land of Australia and its people, seeking reconciliation, unity and equity.



# Q&A

## Why have new mission and values statements been created?

While the two existing territories have a common heart and passion for mission, there have been differences in the language used in each territory to articulate this mission. In the context of Australia One, it quickly became apparent that a common language for mission was required. Without a common language for mission, conversations would be more difficult and we would waste considerable time and energy through misunderstanding and miscommunication.

A common language for mission and values will assist leaders at all levels in facilitating productive conversations about moving forward towards a new national territory.

## What do the new mission and value statements replace?

The National Mission Statement replaces the "Gowans Triad" (Save Souls, Grow Saints, and Serve Suffering Humanity) as well as the "Freedom Language" in Australia Eastern. It replaces the four "Mission Intentions" in Australia Southern. The National Values Statement replaces "Transformation, Integrity, Compassion" in Australia Eastern, and "Human Dignity, Justice, Hope, Compassion, Community" in Australia Southern. Some of these previous messages may still have artistic use in specific contexts, but they will no longer be considered the "official" articulation of The Salvation Army's mission or values.

## When do the new mission and value statements come into effect?

The new Mission and Values Statements are available for use immediately.

## Where will the new mission and values statements be used?

The Mission and Values Statements are primarily internal messages. They are to be used by officers, employees, volunteers and Salvationists to ensure that our individual activities and resources are aligned to the ethos of The Salvation Army. Further information is available from [mission.AustraliaOne.info](http://mission.AustraliaOne.info)

## How do I use the new mission and values statements?

A handbook to assist is available from [mission.AustraliaOne.info](http://mission.AustraliaOne.info)

## Am I required to use the new mission and values statements in my local context?

We recognise that many local corps and centres already articulate The Salvation Army's mission in a way that is appropriate to their context. We encourage you to table the new statements for discussion with your local leadership teams. If it is possible to transition to using the new National Vision and Values Statements then we encourage you to do so. If there is already a well-established articulation of mission used in your context then that is okay to continue, provided that it is not contradictory to the National Mission and Values Statements. In these circumstances, local leaders and leadership teams should keep in mind that they may still be required to provide reports and display accountability using the language of the National Mission and Values Statements.

For more about the new National Mission and Values Statements, please visit [mission.AustraliaOne.info](http://mission.AustraliaOne.info)







The Tamang family:  
(from left) Phurba, Usha  
and 17-year-old Poshan.

## Auburn's gift to Nepal.

God puts silver lining on family's visa anguish

WORDS BILL SIMPSON PHOTOS LENA POBJIE

The scene at Sydney International Airport was sad. There were heavy hearts and tears. It was early October. A small group of Salvationists stood singing as a Nepalese family boarded a flight. They had been denied approval to stay in Australia after nine years in a country they hoped would give them a new life free of the persecution they had suffered back home.

There were just over 20 in the group from The Salvation Army's Auburn Corps, where Phurba and Usha Tamang and their 17-year-old son, Poshan, had found support, encouragement and God. As the family prepared to board their plane, the group of Salvationists sang: "I have decided to follow Jesus ... no turning back." They prayed – and Phurba, Usha and Poshan were gone. Their removal from Australia was cruel, says Auburn Corps Officer, Major Paul Moulds. He is confident that God will turn what he says is a bad decision into good.

Phurba and Usha left Nepal in 2007 to find "a more peaceful life" and higher education opportunities in Australia. At home, they had suffered persecution by family and friends because their marriage was inter-caste. As Hindu, Phurba and Usha were from different castes – or society structures. Reaction to the marriage caused turmoil and mental anguish. They were disowned by close family and felt threatened. They needed to start

again somewhere else. They chose Australia.

Phurba came on a student visa. He and Usha settled in Sydney's western suburbs. Phurba started a Masters Degree in Professional Accounting and a Graduate Diploma in Management. He worked part-time as a cleaner to support his family. Usha later also found work as a cleaner.

After completing his studies, Phurba applied for a protection visa and asylum in Australia. Confident they would get the visa, they sent for their son, who had remained in Nepal until the family was settled in Australia. Poshan arrived in 2012.

Preparation and consideration of their application took time and expense. Phurba and Usha continued working. Poshan started school in Sydney. Surviving was tough. Life was basic. But they persevered. Life became tougher. Their application was rejected. Paying their bills became a strain as an appeal was lodged. Appeals are expensive.

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Three years ago, they received an eviction notice from their home. There were no resources to pay for new accommodation. Desperate, Phurba went to Auburn police station to seek help for his family. An officer at the station suggested they should seek help at the local Salvation Army. Phurba ►



phoned the Auburn Corps office on a Sunday morning. He was invited to the church. There, he met the then-corps officer, Captain Nesan Kistan.

"When we reached the church, everyone welcomed us with an open heart," Phurba told *Pipeline* days before leaving Australia. "Nesan was very kind and generous. He not only helped me to get accommodation, but he gave me a new hope."

The Tamangs continued with their life, still hopeful of being allowed to stay. But 18 months ago, the Australian Government denied their appeal. Phurba appealed to the relevant government minister. As the appeal went to the minister's office, the government withdrew Phurba and Usha's right to continue working. Again desperate, Phurba and Usha returned to The Salvation Army for help. Majors Paul and Robbin Moulds were the new corps officers. They provided letters of support for the family in their appeal to the minister.

Usha started attending Sunday services at Auburn. The corps supported the family with ongoing rent and living expenses. "The three members of the family were living together in one small room of a share house," Major Paul Moulds revealed to *Pipeline*.

He discovered other families and individuals in a similar situation. While making enquiries about how best to help the families, a Christian couple offered the corps, at minimal rent, a six-bedroom home. Phurba, Usha and Noshan were the first tenants. The house is still used as a refuge for families and individuals dealing with visa issues.

*"We realised that God had a purpose for this family back in Nepal. We commissioned them back to their country as his ambassadors"*

Usha was so moved by The Salvation Army's generosity to her family, that she became a Sunday service regular. She volunteered for whatever needed doing. She loved street ministry. "Although brought up a strict Hindu, she had always been attracted by the story and life of (Catholic saint) Mother Theresa," Major Paul Moulds recalls. "She began learning about Jesus and was drawn to him."

#### LIFE TRANSFORMED

Six months after becoming a Sunday morning regular worshipper, Usha, in the words of Major Moulds, "made a very sincere decision to follow the Jesus way (as she described it)". She became a soldier of The Salvation Army.

"Her life was transformed," says Major Moulds. "She told everyone she met about how Jesus and The Salvation Army had helped her and saved her life. Many people have been touched by her story. She shared it with all the neighbours in her street. She also began hotel ministry and was still doing that until the day she left Australia."

Phurba watched his wife's transformation with interest. He was, says Major Moulds, much more intellectual in his approach to faith. He read the entire Bible from cover to cover and had many questions. "He was very deliberate and thoughtful about embracing Jesus as his saviour and lord." But Phurba eventually made that decision and three weeks before leaving Australia, he joined Usha as a soldier of the Auburn Corps.

At his enrolment, Phurba quoted Salvation Army founder William Booth's famous "I'll fight" speech word for word without reference to notes. He amazed the congregation by not condemning the Australian Government's decision to disallow he and his family to stay, but, instead, declaring that the decision and hardship it brought had resulted in he and his family learning about Jesus and beginning a new life in him.

Before leaving Australia, Phurba told *Pipeline*: "I found Jesus in the form of Major Paul (Moulds). In one of his Sunday sermons, he said, 'Be Christ; not Christians'. The message touched my inner soul deeply.

"I started to dream of a world full of people with the virtue of Jesus – merciful, kind, generous, helpful. That would be a wonderful world. I saw these virtues in Major Paul, working tirelessly day and night to



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give hope to the displaced and needy. Most importantly, I have seen him giving hope, a reason to live, a reason to love life. He has been a role model and mentor who helped me to find Jesus, surrender my life to Christ Jesus and become a soldier of The Salvation Army.

"Equally, I give credit to Major Robbin for my transformation. I used to watch her playing with children. I could see her fondness and love for the children. As it says, we can see God in the form of a child. I saw God in the child in Major Robbin."

As he prepared to leave Australia, Phurba told *Pipeline*, "I can see now that because of all of my visa issues and problems, meeting Majors Paul and Robbin was planned by God. It was a blessing in disguise. I believe that God wanted me to serve him as a soldier of The Salvation Army."

#### NEW CHAPTER

The Auburn Corps was devastated when Phurba's final appeal to the minister was denied. "We prayed so hard and believed so hard for a positive outcome," Major Paul Moulds confesses. "But then God gave us his word and vision from the life of Joseph: You meant this to harm me, but God meant it for good (Genesis 50:20).

"We began to see with God's eyes. We

realised that God had a purpose for this family back in Nepal. We commissioned them back to their country as his ambassadors. They also caught this new vision and while it was still sad to see them go, they knew that without doubt God was at work in their circumstances and that he went with them."

After their arrival back in Nepal, Major Moulds was contacted by The Salvation Army there. They were seeking Phurba's contact details. A business manager's position had unexpectedly come up within The Salvation Army in Kathmandu. Phurba's educational qualifications received in Australia were ideal for the position. At the time of writing this article, Phurba was about to start in the job.

"The Salvation Army Commissioners for the Nepal Territory were visiting Kathmandu on the Tamangs' first day at the corps. On meeting Phurba and Usha, the Territorial Commander said, 'Thank God he has sent you to us. We need you here,'" Major Moulds said. "And, so, already God is at work creating good out of a bad decision. A new chapter in the Tamangs' story has begun."

As he boarded the plane from Sydney, Phurba was advised that he had been accepted to do a Master of Divinity degree by long-distance learning through The Salvation Army's Booth College in Sydney. □



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01. Phurba and Usha Tamang and their 17-year-old son Poshan at Auburn Corps, where they found love and acceptance.
02. The Tamang family with Auburn Corps Officer, Major Paul Moulds.
03. Phurba and Usha may have been denied asylum in Australia, but they head back to Nepal with the love of Jesus in their hearts.

# An unholy wedlock.

Freeing victims of forced marriage

WORDS JENNY STANGER

Australia's response to early and forced marriage is still very new compared to other nations such as the United Kingdom. Government agencies, non-government service providers, police, schools, health professionals and other stakeholders are on a steep learning curve to implement best practice in an Australian context.

Early and forced marriage occurs when one party does not freely and fully consent to a marriage because of coercion, threat or deception. Young people may be at-risk of being forcibly married by family members in Australia or overseas, and forced marriage of adults is a practice among many cultures, faiths and communities. It sits within the Australian Government's anti-slavery framework and became a Commonwealth criminal offence in March 2013.

Early and forced marriage are emerging issues in Australia, with the number of reports rising since it was criminalised. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) investigated 34 cases of forced marriage between 2013 and 2015, of which 29 were related to persons under the age of 18 (source: Australian Federal Police). Since 2014, the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has received 70 reports related to forced marriage.

The Salvation Army's Trafficking and Slavery

Safe House responds to young people at-risk and adults who have been forced to marry. In both scenarios, the coercion involved is usually at the hands of relatives who genuinely believe they are doing what is best for their child/family member. The cost of resisting these efforts for the person who does not want to be married is very high; they risk losing their entire family support structure and extended community networks. A very intense level of support is then needed to help people who leave their family to rebuild a free and independent life.

Criminalising forced marriage is only one part of a complex and comprehensive response needed to best support people affected by marriage. At The Salvation Army's Freedom Partnership, we are committed to an approach that prioritises the social, emotional and cognitive development of young people over a criminal justice response. We also support adults who choose to engage with law enforcement and those who do not. Some examples of people we have been able to help include:

## AMIRA

Year 11 student Amira was worried her parents would send her overseas to be married, and told her school counsellor. Amira knows her parents have discovered that she has a girlfriend and they do not approve of same-sex relationships. The



Freedom Partnership met with Amira and her school counsellor to discuss her options. Amira decided to contact Legal Aid NSW, who assisted her to get a court order that stops her parents from taking her out of the country to be married. Amira made a safety plan and sees her Safe House case worker on a regular basis.

#### YASMEEN

Nineteen-year-old Yasmeen contacted The Freedom Partnership via the Domestic Violence Line. Yasmeen was forced to marry her husband while on a family holiday overseas last year. Her family was expecting her to sponsor him to come to Australia and leave her job to have children after his arrival. Freedom Partnership staff arranged for Yasmeen to get free legal advice and meet Safe House staff to discuss her situation. Yasmeen decided to move to the Safe House and withdraw the immigration sponsorship of her husband. She has enrolled in a full-time TAFE course, has a new part-time job and is planning to move in with a friend she met at school. She plans to go to university.

#### NISHA

The Australian Federal Police contacted The Freedom Partnership after meeting with Nisha. Nisha was unsure about what would happen if she didn't marry the man her parents chose for her. She met with



*Jenny Stanger (second from left) with Freedom Partnership team members (from left) Anil Shrestha, Sydney Hirt and Alison Rahill.*

*“... the coercion involved is usually at the hands of relatives who genuinely believe they are doing what is best for their child/family member.”*

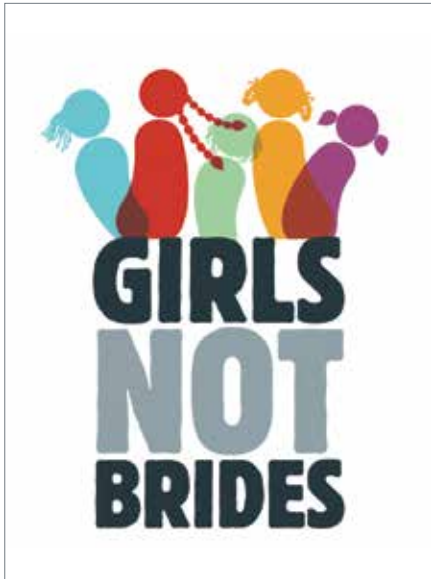
a peer who shared her own experience of being in the same situation. The peer understood Nisha's family relationships first-hand and the difficulty of going against the wishes of her parents, siblings and others in the community. Nisha decided to leave home and was supported by a Safe House case manager to move into youth accommodation. Nisha says, “Being able to meet with a peer was a turning point; I was able to see that I could have a good life even if I didn't do what my parents wanted. It was also reassuring to know I wasn't alone, and that many of the negative things my parents said would happen, didn't happen.”

If you have information about a person at-risk of early or forced marriage or need help to assist someone who has experienced forced marriage, contact The Freedom Partnership on 02 9466 3570 or email [endslavery@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:endslavery@ae.salvationarmy.org). If a child or young person (under 18) is at immediate risk of being taken overseas, contact the Australian Federal Police on 131 AFP and make a mandatory report to your state child welfare authority.

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*Child marriage ►*

## CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD MARRIAGE



Every year, 15 million girls around the world are married before the age of 18. That is 28 girls every minute. One every two seconds. Child marriage happens across countries, cultures, and religions, and is fuelled by gender inequality, poverty, traditions, and insecurity.

Globally, the rates of child marriage are slowly declining but progress isn't happening fast enough. More than 700 million women, and over 150 million men, already suffer the

consequences of child marriage. If there is no reduction in child marriage, the global number of child brides will reach 1.2 billion girls by 2050, with devastating consequences for girls, their families and their countries.

So, how do we get from the current situation to a world without child marriage, where girls and women enjoy equality with boys and men, and are empowered to reach their full potential? There is no single solution to end child marriage, but there are a number of steps that can set girls on a path to a better future.

Girls Not Brides is one organisation that is working towards a solution. It is a global partnership of more than 600 civil society organisations committed to ending child marriage and enabling girls to fulfil their potential. Girls Not Brides has integrated the collective expertise of more than 150 member organisations, partners and other experts to develop a collective Theory of Change ([girlsnotbrides.org/child-marriage-theory-of-change](http://girlsnotbrides.org/child-marriage-theory-of-change)) which maps out the critical strategies to end child marriage and support married girls. □

To find out more about Girls Not Brides, go to [girlsnotbrides.org](http://girlsnotbrides.org)

**15 million girls** are married every year before they reach 18 years

**1 in 3 girls** in the developing world are married by age 18

**1 in 9 girls** in the developing world are married by age 15





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# Honouring lives well lived.

Service founder motivated by opportunities for mission

WORDS ESTHER PINN

It was an unusual career change for Salvation Army accountant Malcolm Pittendrigh, but Salvos Funerals was an idea he couldn't get out of his mind.

For the past 19 years, Malcolm has worked for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's finance team. The last eight have been as financial controller for Aged Care Plus. With a solid background in finance, Malcolm's career path was set. However, that all changed when he pitched the concept for Salvos Funerals at a Salvation Army revenue ideas meeting in 2012.

While on the surface it might appear Malcolm is solely business focused, that is not the case. In fact, the missional side of Salvos Funerals is what has driven him to lead this program. "One of the catchphrases of the Army is, 'We're there for when it matters most'. During grief and the loss of the loved one, we want to be there because the Army has always been there, whether it's a bushfire, a flood or a time of crisis. We're there for those key moments," says Malcolm.

After receiving approval from Salvation Army leadership to explore the program, Malcolm spent time in prayer. "Having been with the Army for so long I felt deeply committed to it. I understood the financial side well and thought, there's an

opportunity here to serve the community, connect people into corps but also see ourselves set up in a financially sustainable way so we can give back. It kind of weighed up that I had to do something about it."

Malcolm started to research the funeral industry, with the support of Aged Care Plus. Then, at the start of 2016, Malcolm, in collaboration with an external partner, began a six-month trial with funeral company, Magnolia Funerals. The success of the trial then paved the way for the recent soft launch of Salvos Funerals.

"One lady whose mum had passed away said to me, 'This has been the best day of her life'," says Malcolm about a funeral his team conducted during the trial period. "I think for her, we'd honoured her mum in such a special way that gave fresh perspective on a life well lived. There were tears of sadness but the were also joyful celebratory tears at the same time."

Genuine care for people in a time of grief and crisis is at the heart of the mission of Salvos Funerals. "As Christians, a funeral is a sad process but there's a celebration and there's hope, where for some, they don't have that hope," says Malcolm. "The Army is here to walk them through what can be a really horrendous load. I could tell you



Malcolm Pittendrigh has seen his vision for a Salvation Army funeral service come to fruition.





countless stories where we've been able to pray and come alongside families."

Malcolm and his team make it a priority to take the time to listen attentively to the needs of grieving families and pray with them, wherever appropriate. They also provide space for families to share the story of their loved one to assist them with the grieving process. "This can be really helpful in the funeral-planning process as they share about a life well lived, they honour that person while we take down the key details we need," explains Malcolm.

Salvos Funerals also aims to offer tailored funerals. Throughout the trial period, Malcolm found the little details to make all the difference in creating special services which honoured their clients' loved ones. They achieved this by working to meet any request from their clients, such as releasing doves at a ceremony or scattering a loved one's ashes at sea. "Mission is the key, to support families and offer a loved one a personalised and transparent funeral," he says.

Flexibility and affordability are also priorities for Malcolm and his team. An average Salvos Funeral will cost \$6408, well below prices offered by many other funeral companies. "We pride ourselves on not having marks-

ups and being open about what the costs are," he says. In the future, Malcolm hopes to subsidise funerals for those who unable to afford a funeral for a loved one.

He sees Salvos Funerals as an avenue to open up further ministry opportunities within the Army. Wherever needed, Malcolm hopes to connect clients with other Salvation Army services, such as Salvos Counselling, to provide families with the support they need throughout the grieving process. He also hopes to see salvation stories and connections with corps develop out of Salvos Funerals.

"I feel the real added value is that we've got other support mechanisms in place within the Army that offer hope in life. It's more than just a funeral service we provide, there's a post support available that we can provide," he says.

All profits raised through Salvos Funerals will be invested back into the work and mission of The Salvation Army. Salvos Funerals is currently operating throughout Sydney, the NSW Central Coast and Newcastle. Malcolm's vision is to expand to all major metropolitan areas across Australia.

For more information, go to [salvosfunerals.com.au](http://salvosfunerals.com.au) or email [info@salvosfunerals.com.au](mailto:info@salvosfunerals.com.au)



Salvos Funerals offers tailored funerals, such as the one pictured above, which add a personal touch to honour the deceased and their family and friends.

## STORIES OF INSPIRATION BEHIND THE SONGS

This year has been the 150th anniversary of the first *Song Book of The Salvation Army*. In this edited extract of a Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Historical Society presentation, we look at some of the contributors to our song book over the years.

WORDS LAUREN MARTIN

As it did in many religious organisations, music was to play an integral part in the development of The Salvation Army. *The Revival Hymn Book* – used by the forerunner to The Salvation Army, *The Christian Mission* – appeared sometime around 1866 and contained 112 hymns.

In the early days, The Salvation Army was well known for composing songs to fit some of the secular tunes of the day. In fact, General William Booth is known to have said, “Why should the devil have all the best tunes?” Perhaps one of the best known was the chorus, *Bless his name he sets me free*, set to *Champagne Charlie*, a lively music-hall song by George Leybourne and Alfred Lee.

Another contributor to this genre was a Scottish Salvationist, Robert Johnson. A competent violinist, Johnson became an officer and a member of the Singing Brigade at the London Training Home. Among his songs was one set to the music hall ditty, *Here’s to good old whiskey*. This popular tune was applied to Johnson’s missional song, *Storm the forts of darkness*.

Song writers generally fall into two categories – those who write the music and those who write the lyrics. A few, a very few, have the unique talent of being able to do both. Australian Howard Davies, a more recent contributor to The Salvation Army song book, falls into that category; able to write beautiful music and moving lyrics.



Howard writes: “The song *The Wonder of His Grace* was written one clear, starlit night ... With my wife Muriel, I was in my first corps appointment at Broadford in Northern Victoria Division. The stars seemed so much brighter and clearer far away from the city of Melbourne. The big question I pondered (not surprisingly!) was the question of eternity and never-ending space. Some poetry lines and melody came into my head – ‘Higher than the stars that reach eternity, Broader than the boundaries of endless space ...’ Sensing this might be a song, I walked into the Broadford Hall (right next to the Quarters) sat at the piano and wrote the first verse and chorus that night.”

Like Howard’s song, *Many are the things I cannot understand*, each song, hymn and chorus in our song book is more than just a musical ditto – each has its own story of how it came into being. Unfortunately, some have been lost over time.

One that we know is the tale behind Herbert Booth’s song, *Blessed Lord in Thee is Refuge*. Discouraged and unable to secure sufficient funds for the new Men’s Training Garrison in London, Herbert tried putting pen to paper, and when an unexpected cheque arrived, he penned the final verse of the song, *O for trust that brings the triumph when defeat seems strangely near!*

Perhaps the most famous Salvation Army song is, of course, the Founder’s song, *O Boundless Salvation*. The seven verses use a simple, yet profound imagery – the ocean – as the all-inclusive, redeeming love of Christ. The longevity of this song is best summed up by Salvationist musician and author Ronald Holz: “Its message of the boundless, redeeming love of Christ will continue to have a lasting impact in worship. Each generation will take the anthem as its own, but the inspiration that first brought forth this compelling hymn will remain.”

\* Edited extract of *The Power of Song* – a Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Historical Society presentation written by Major David Woodbury.



## TAMING THE INNER TANTRUM

### Heeding God to do what really matters

WORDS DANIELLE STRICKLAND

I've got a six-year-old and a three-year-old who both have something wrong with them. Massive hormonal swings. I think this is the case with all kids, but I'm sure it is with mine. They are prone to extensive and extreme reactions to normal decisions. Crazy ideas like "clean-up time" and "homework before screen time" are met with wailing fits of protest. They literally rage against the injustice of it all.

On the occasion when I can take a moment to look at it from a distance, it's funny. But mostly I just hold in my own hormonal responses to theirs. What I want to do is to scream and shout louder. But I don't. Because I'm an adult. I think it's rather big of me to stop the cycle.

Upon reflection of the most recent fit (this morning), I saw myself. I saw my own inner emotional reflexes to God's invitation to put the things that matter first. Homework before screen time? The nerve. I rage against the discipline, yelling out on the inside of my head, "He never lets me have any fun!" and head to my room to sulk and turn on the screen anyway. Ha ha. That'll teach him.

Prayer before action? I've never!! No one has time to pray – all the other kids don't have to! I want to get something done! And I rush on past the prayer closet in the hope of getting on with the "real work", sulking through the effort because of my Divine parents' nerve to try to steer me in what will help me get the real work done.

Making time for relationships? Are you serious? I'm swamped already. Plus, let's be honest, I'm so awesome I don't need anyone! And the inner tantrum begins.

It would appear that I'm in a perpetual state of a spiritual toddler. My initial reactions are almost always extreme ones. I guess the difference with me is that instead of it being done out loud it's an internal battle. I shout and scream and pound the floor in my own mind, heart and will. And then I take a step back to look at my own hormonal self raging out of control and I feel the parent in me rising. I tell myself, "let's review".

What has God asked of me? I go over it in my mind. Why has he suggested this? I realise that if I participate in this journey it's going to lead to freedom. Much like my six-year-old

this morning, reluctant to practise his letters line by line before the screen time was released, I find the practice of prayer journaling to be both liberating and infuriating. But as he looked up and smiled at me when he was finished and said with a great sense of accomplishment, "I did it!", I remembered how I feel when I finally relent to the instructions of God who is teaching me what really matters on a daily basis.

I'm thinking the reality of internal toddler-tantrum hormonal swings may never really leave me, but I'm so glad God is patient and kind and willing to keep inviting me to put what matters first. Maybe you need to take a moment in the midst of your own reactions to remind yourself of the incredible scriptural promise that God disciplines (instructs, enforces boundaries, gives direction) to those he loves. Then count yourself blessed for that kind of parent and do what he asks.

Because in the end, that's what really matters.

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*"Freely you have received; freely give."*

MATTHEW 10:8

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## WHEN CHRISTMAS ISN'T SO WONDERFUL

Struggling families need our love and support



WORDS CASEY O'BRIEN MACHADO

"Simply having a wonderful Christmas time" – the words of Paul McCartney's song ring out at this time of year in almost every shopping centre you visit. The thing is, his words are not true for everyone. In fact, for many, while Christmas may be simple, it is anything but wonderful.

As American economist James Heckman stated, "Some kids win the lottery at birth; far too many don't – and most people have a hard time catching up over the rest of their lives." I was one of those who won the lottery when it came to my birth and childhood, and this was exemplified every Christmas. My memories are filled with carolling, robust meals (and leftovers for days), the joy of seeing others open the presents I had given them and always ample-filled Santa sacks. Yet my experiences in life have seen me meet many who perhaps did not "win the lottery at birth", and this, too, was exemplified every Christmas.

Almost half of those families who come to The Salvation Army for assistance throughout the year cannot afford up-to-date school items, nor do they have money to participate in school activities<sup>1</sup>. In addition, 90 per cent of people who came to The Salvation Army for assistance reported that they do not have \$500 in savings for an emergency.

What does this mean for Christmas? It means an even more difficult time financially than the rest of the year. It means choosing between Christmas dinner or a Christmas present. It may mean putting on a brave face so the rest of the family doesn't know the real situation. It may mean visiting The Salvation Army to get a gift for the kids.

Those people mentioned above are not in need of a handout. While a toy for the kids, or a hamper of food to cover Christmas dinner is certainly helpful, so, too, is friendship, a listening ear and some help to discover tools to help manage everyday life. The Salvation Army's role at Christmas is not to provide a handout but relationship, connection, understanding and Christ's love.

And yet so many of us "Salvationists" choose to overlook,

or put out of mind, the fact that people are struggling at Christmas. We see the Salvos' ads which tell us that Christmas is not a time of extravagance and joy for everyone, and we thank God that the Army is providing for them – but is this enough?

This is not about feeling guilty about what we have. Christmas is a time for us to celebrate God coming to Earth and we do this through rich celebration. I believe that God wants us to celebrate the joy of his son coming to Earth. However, we must be mindful in the midst of this celebration. As followers of Christ, what better time is there to follow his example of including the excluded.

It's not about feeling guilty, it's about us remembering that Christ came to Earth to bring his Kingdom here, and that as a result of that coming we are to do the same – right throughout the year *and* at Christmas.

What does this mean for us at Christmas? It means taking the time to recognise when someone is struggling. It may mean contacting your corps or local Salvos Connect to see if there is anyone you could invite for Christmas lunch. It may mean inviting your neighbour to a carol service. It may mean whatever.

Let's have a mindful Christmas this year. Let's be mindful that there are some in the world (and yes, in our own country, in our own city and likely in our own street) for whom Christmas will not be "simply wonderful". Let's be mindful, and act on that mindfulness as individuals, not just as The Salvation Army. Let us be the ones who show Christ's love this Christmas – through the giving of not only our ample resources but of our time and our love.¶

<sup>1</sup> *Out of Reach, The Salvation Army's National Economic and Social Impact Survey 2016.*

Casey O'Brien Machado is Territorial Social Justice Coordinator

## + A box of Christmas all-sorts.

Boxing Day is fast becoming the biggest date on the calendar for Aussie movie-goers. *Pipeline* culture writer **MARK HADLEY** says movie houses across the country are again gearing up to provide you with a wide range of releases this year that will not only provide a comfortable place for digesting holiday feasts, but also to feed the appetite for spiritual things ...

### 01 Moana.



Disney's next venture into musical animation. This is the story of Moana, a Polynesian princess who is chosen by the ocean to be the saviour of her people. A lava monster threatens Moana's ancestral home and so she must travel the seas in search of the demi-god Maui to enlist his help. The shape-shifter, demi-god and hero of men is played by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. He presents viewers with a character who is all too well aware of his heroic stature, and not impressed with the idea of going on a quest with a little girl. However, the pair forge an unlikely friendship and descend into the realm of monsters to confront the creature threatening their world.

*Moana* has excellent pedigree and promises to be a real pleaser for girls who like princess stories. It's the first computer-animation project by John Musker and Ron Clements, who developed their story from the New Zealand creation myths which involved Maui drawing islands from the ocean with his giant fishhook.

The ill-informed might like to draw parallels between this mythology and the Bible's own creation story. However, you can still enjoy the story while assuring your children of two things: unlike such fables, the Bible presents itself with all the seriousness of history; and though both contain amazing events the Word of God's chief purpose is conveying why we are here, and to whom we belong.

### 02 A United Kingdom.



The stirring and true story about fidelity to the one you love above all else is certain to capture mature audiences this year. *A United Kingdom* is a biographical drama based on the true-life romance of Sir Seretse Khama and Ruth Williams Khama. Ruth is a well-educated woman living in 1940s post-war Britain. She meets Seretse at a dance organised by the London Missionary Society and they strike up what becomes an incredibly divisive relationship. The colour of Seretse's skin scandalises Ruth's friends and family, but the couple come under even more pressure to separate when it is revealed that her boyfriend is the heir of a disavowed African monarchy. Ruth is told that if she marries Seretse and supports his return, she will undermine England's presence in Botswana, and bring about the end of the British Empire.

Filmed on location in both

London and Botswana, *A United Kingdom* demonstrates just how far a seemingly Christian society had fallen from the equality of sex and race espoused by the early church: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Yet this story provides a cautionary tale of how wrong we can go as believers when we look to popular culture over the Bible as our guide for life. In the case of Ruth and Seretse, the Bishop of London refused to allow the couple a church wedding unless the government gave permission. We can see the error of his ways now because the world has turned on questions of racism and apartheid. *A United Kingdom* reminds us that our first opinion on any action, any relationship, any person should be directed first by what Jesus has to say.

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**03 Sing.**



*Sing* picks up on the rash of reality talent shows that have crowded television channels and translates it into a feature-length animation about a Koala trying to rescue his theatre. Matthew McConaughey voices Buster Moon, a marsupial showman facing the awful truth that the curtain may be descending on his career. In a last-ditch effort to save his theatre, he promises \$100,000 to the winner of a city-wide singing contest. His publicity draws the attention of a number of misfit animals united by their ability to sing and their desire to transcend their everyday lives.

*Sing* is a feel-good story that brings together an exciting voice cast – Scarlet Johansson, Reese Witherspoon, Taron Egerton, Nick Offerman, Seth MacFarlane – united by a truly amazing collection of musical numbers. The film’s soundtrack includes 85 classic songs as well as an original number by Stevie Wonder and Ariana Grande, titled *Faith*. It’s this featured track that very much delivers the film’s theme. Children’s films have been trading on the “you just have to believe in yourself” format ever since Cinderella found her way out of the fireplace. The challenge for parents is to balance a child’s notion of good, with the trust that God knows what’s actually great. If we can teach them to value every day God gives them as much as the high points that *Sing* suggests, we’ll be doing well to prepare them to praise him for the days with and without applause.

**... plus the inevitable stocking filler**

Even though it’s opening on 12 December, two weeks before this year’s Boxing Day bonanza, chances are *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* will perform so well, it will still be available to entertain your family and sharpen your thoughts.▶

**04 Rogue One: A Star Wars Story.**



Remember that enigmatic line in the original *Star Wars* film, when a rebel general tells the crews assembled to attack the Death Star, “Many Bothans died to bring us this information”? This is the story sitting behind that sentence.

The recently formed Rebel Alliance is all that stands in the way of Darth Vader and his Sith Master, Emperor Palpatine. The revolutionary leader Mon Mothma hears the Empire is about to test a new secret weapon that will put an end to all resistance, and begins a search for just the right team to bring her the information she needs. Enter Jyn Erson, a maverick fighter with a huge chip on her shoulder where the Empire is concerned. Used to going it alone, Jyn puts aside her preferences to work with a team made up of veteran Rebel soldiers, fighting monks and freelance assassins to

obtain the plans needed to destroy the Death Star.

The usual spiritual focus of *Star Wars* films is the ubiquitous “force”. It is mentioned in the film, but this time the emphasis is on the need for people to cooperate in order to achieve a worthy goal. It’s strange, but though Hollywood has produced this film as a celebration of modern values, I see more in common between the historical church and the Rebel Alliance. It’s the boisterous voices of moral liberalism that insist everyone conforms to their ideals or face acrimony and exclusion. It’s the church, however, that displays more acceptance of people from every tribe and nation, uniting them under the common purpose of saving the world for God. It goes to show you can have a mental rebellion even while you’re watching the Rebellion.

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Listen

## All Glorious

– New York Staff Band, Music of Dorothy Gates



The music of Dorothy Gates is featured on the brass band album *All Glorious*, a fitting summation of her work as the New York Staff Band's composer in residence from 2002-2015. The recording also features trombone soloists Brett Baker and Paul Woodward, both of the Black Dyke Band in the United Kingdom. Both the New York Staff Band and the soloists are in fine form over 14 entertaining, contrasting, challenging and inspirational works of music.

The strength of this album is in the music composed by Gates. The contrast of styles is refreshing to listen to, as is the "American" style of composition for brass bands. This revolves around full use of tone colours within the band, a concerted effort of not doubling instrumentation for the sake of it, and the influence of the "brighter" sounds within the band (cornets and trombones). This is evident from the opening music of the CD, with the title track *All Glorious* energetically declaring the words of "O Worship the King", using the tune of *Hanover*. *Dambusters* also utilises this sound well, with a trombone solo over the top of the bright, classic brass band march. Another energetic highlight is *War Cry*, an arrangement that sounds as if inspired straight from a film score mix of *The Matrix* and *Lord of the Rings*.

There are also good examples of writing for slow melodies, best displayed in *Breathe*, a beautiful meditation around the worship song of the same name by Darlene Zschech. The sensitive playing of the New York Staff Band leads us to the

text of the song: "This is air I breath, Your holy presence, Living in me ... I'm lost without You." This is cleverly intertwined with the tune of *Carlisle*, associated with the hymn *Breathe on Me Breath of God*. Such is the depth of this devotional music, it is hardly noticeable the song runs for almost seven minutes, not common in meditational brass music.

In *His Provision* we are treated to a synergy of three key ingredients to a memorable musical moment, fantastic writing, classy solo playing, and tasteful accompaniment. Gates treats this song by Gowans and Bosanko in a gentle Latin style, and it is beautifully interpreted and performed by Baker. The band accompaniment is sensitive, and the harmony between composer, soloist and band is evident. The interpretation of performance of Latin music is again mastered in the band vocal of *David Danced*, although my one criticism of this CD is that the brass band version of this track (so expertly arranged by Gates) was not included.

On the whole, *All Glorious* is one of the finer Salvation Army brass band albums to be produced in the recent past. While the musicianship is of a high quality, the real hero is in the music written and the contrast of styles on display. - Jared Proellocks

*All Glorious* can be purchased from Salvationist Supplies: [thetrade.salvos.org.au](http://thetrade.salvos.org.au) or phone (02) 9466 3257.

02

Read

## When Hope Speaks

– Jessica Morris



*When Hope Speaks* is a memoir by Jessica Morris about faith, depression and finding hope. Living

with anxiety and depression since she was 12, Jessica was described as "the girl who was afraid of everything". In the years since her diagnosis, she has travelled extensively and found that, though depression is a significant part of her life, it doesn't define her. Faith in God and the support of family, friends and professionals have enabled her to live a life she once only dreamed of.

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03

Read

## Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth behind the Birth of Christ

– Timothy Keller



*Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth behind the Birth of Christ*, by Tim Keller, examines the meaning of Christmas and our response to it by taking a look at the women in the narrative. The New Testament begins not with a dramatic narrative or lofty poetry but with a genealogy.

Interestingly, Matthew's gospel includes women in Jesus' family line – something that wasn't customary in an ancient culture, where women were largely powerless and uninfluential. In this surprising take on the Christmas story, Keller reveals how, by focusing on the women in Jesus' birth narratives, a colourful, scandalous and refreshing tale of grace emerges.

*Hidden Christmas* can be purchased for \$13.75 at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



04

## Listen

## I Give You My Heart

– Silvie Paladino and the Melbourne Staff Band



Inspiring, powerful, uplifting. Silvie Paladino and the Melbourne Staff Band are together again on an immaculately presented album that unashamedly presents the gospel message. Whether it is Silvie's breathtaking vocals, a world-class band or simply great music, this album is both an experience and a ministry in itself. From classic hymns to energetic contemporary pieces, the selection of music is both engaging and enjoyable.

We jump straight in with a flawless rendition of Chris Tomlin's *Crown Him [Majesty]*. From a majestic beginning and a verse filled with awe, the song builds to a chorus with Silvie in full voice and backing to match, proclaiming the glory of the King. While the title may be unfamiliar, *Nella Fantasia* is based on one of the most famous and well-loved oboe solos in the repertoire: *Gabriel's Oboe* by Ennio Morricone, the theme from the movie *The Mission*. Silvie's Italian heritage allows her to navigate the lyrics with the beauty and peace that they speak of.

Of the several brighter pieces on the

album, the rhythmic and Latin-styled *Almighty* lifts up praise with tight accompaniment and high-energy solos. There are three pieces by Carol Cymbala (Director, Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir) which Silvie sings including the narrative-styled *Oh The Cross*, and the energetic *Declare Your Name*. Bringing the message of the gospel home, however, is *King of Glory*, in which Silvie includes a challenge to the listener, describing Jesus and the gift of salvation.

During rehearsals, Silvie talks about the challenge that it is to be a Christian in the musical-theatre scene, risking reputation, acceptance and her livelihood when she shares her faith. Despite this, she has been faithful in boldly declaring the message of the gospel, and with the support of the band, has challenged thousands in their faith at concerts across Australia, the UK and USA. On this album, she has presented moving renditions of the classic hymns *Amazing Grace* and *Abide With Me* as well as more recent worship offerings including Reuben Morgan's *I Give You My Heart*. *Jesus Paid It All* is a beautiful piece also appearing on this CD and was performed as part of Silvie's 2015 "When You Believe" tour.

*Jesus I Love You* is a simple, honest and heartfelt acoustic arrangement featuring Silvie and music industry veteran David Cameron on guitar. As the final track on the album, *More Than Wonderful* is a piece which Silvie regularly shares was a pivotal point in her faith. She collaborates on this piece with Fatai, semi-finalist from *The Voice* (Australian, season one).

– Chris Brindley

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05

## Read

## In the Master's Hands: Each Life Sacramental

– Robert Street



*In the Master's Hands* book and DVD convey what the Army sees as essential, or not so essential, in its Christian faith and practice. They show how the Army places the highest value on each person's relationship with Jesus Christ, and focus on the Army's aim of putting itself and its people in God's hands for blessing and service.

While *In the Master's Hands* looks at what it means to be a Salvationist, it also reflects on the place and use of specific ceremonies, observances or sacraments in the Church as a whole – some of which have caused both unity and division down through the centuries. Extracts from the book script are provided at the end of each chapter for group or individual reflection. Suggestions for personal response are also offered and related Scripture readings are given under each heading.

The accompanying DVD is also available online – together with the full series of *One Army* resource teaching materials at [www.salvationarmy.org/onearmy](http://www.salvationarmy.org/onearmy).

*In the Master's Hands* can be purchased from Salvationist Supplies: [thetrade.salvos.org.au](http://thetrade.salvos.org.au) or phone (02) 9466 3257.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Noreen Clanfield was selected as the winner of our giveaway copy of *Brillante*, an album that features the father-and-son euphonium duo of Derick and Stephen Kane.

# Booth College to launch mission program for young adults.



▶ Captains Emma and Matt Moore will oversee Propel, a new mission program at Booth College. Photo: Lena Pobjie

Imagine a room full of committed young Christians from around the world. They are sitting around tables, discussing cross-cultural mission. Tomorrow they will work in a disadvantaged area, bringing the love of Jesus. The next day they will spend the morning in prayer, small groups, and spiritual mentoring. And that night, they will enjoy a barbeque and fun time together. This will be Propel, an exciting new mission program soon to be launched by The Salvation Army's Booth College.

"Right now The Salvation Army is very eager to engage with young adults," said Booth College Principal, Major Peter Farthing. "We need to engage them, and retain them, and deploy them. One way to do that is through education and training. At Booth College we want to draw more young adults into the Army's mission."

Propel is geared to do just that. Starting in February next year, it will be a one-year residential program based at Bexley North in Sydney. Students will study at university level for a Diploma in Christian Studies. They will learn Old and New Testaments, theology, discipleship and spiritual formation. And they will study subjects including mission and justice, cross cultural mission,

communicating the gospel, and church planting. The students will study three days per week and engage in practical, frontline mission work for two days per week.

"We call this the Booth Way," explained Academic Director, Dr Evelyn Hibbert. "The best education today sees students doing real work, and connects that work with the classroom." Dr Hibbert will drive the studies program for Propel and brings much experience to the role. She has served as a missionary with Muslim people coming to Christ, and then in leadership with World Evangelisation for Christ (WEC), the global missions agency, for 20 years.

Captains Matt and Emma Moore will lead the program, work with the students in hands-on mission, develop community, and nurture the young adults in Christ. The Moores have two roles: the first is to develop and lead Propel; the other is to give careful thought to and experiment with new ways of gathering as the church.

Propel is also seen as complementing the Salvos Discipleship School at Berkeley Vale. "Every year we have students who leave the school wondering what comes next," said the Discipleship School's Director, Major Andrew Humphreys. "We think for some

of them, Propel might be that next step. We want the discipleship school to shape their hearts – or God will do it, really. We want them to learn to pray, learn to follow Jesus. But then, if they want to be equipped more for mission, and they want to learn more about the Bible, Propel will be a good step."

Booth College is hoping to attract young adults from not only Australia, but also from overseas. The college is seeking donors who can give to scholarship funds for students without adequate money. "Aussie students can apply for HECS help, but of course the overseas students cannot," explained Major Farthing. "Some will be able to afford the course, which will cost around \$20,000 when you add up fees and accommodation costs. But others just could not manage that. That's where we hope scholarships will help." For more information, go to [www.boothcollege.edu.au/propel](http://www.boothcollege.edu.au/propel), or phone (02) 9502 0432.



## Thought Matters Conference pushes boundaries of salvation.



*A delegation from the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory took part in the conference.*

More than 80 Salvation Army academics, practitioners, officers and soldiers explored biblical, contextual and theological perspectives of “salvation” at the recent Tri-Territorial Thought Matters Conference in Melbourne. The only conference of its kind in The Salvation Army world, the event drew speakers from Australia Eastern, Australia Southern, New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga, and Canada & Bermuda territories, to explore

the theme “Rediscovering Salvation: New Creation and an Abundant Gospel”.

Held at Catherine Booth College from 14-16 October, the conference was run by the Australasian Tri-Territorial Theological Forum (TTTF). Participants listened and engaged with 14 papers, including presentations from Sydney-based officer Captain Emma Moore, Queensland Salvationist Matthew Seaman, and Colin Reynolds, the

Sunshine Corps officer in Victoria .

“The topic of salvation has an obvious interest for The Salvation Army but the conference was looking to present it in ways that perhaps haven’t been said before, to get people to think beyond the standard categories of thinking,” forum member Captain Stuart Glover said. “It is important for people to engage with ideas because we can have a stated theology but until people engage with it and apply it, it’s really just words.

“The Thought Matters Conference really seeks to create a safe place for people to explore their theology and faith. Just knowing The Salvation Army’s theology won’t cut it in our daily lives, if we don’t understand it and can’t explain it in ways that people outside our faith can appreciate. We have to explore how we can live out the concepts we talk about in church.”

The next Thought Matters Conference will be held in New Zealand on 29 September-1 October, 2017. For the first time, the conference will run back-to-back with the Australian Centre for Wesleyan Research’s annual conference.

- Anne Halliday

## Seniors hold annual mission conference.



*At the seniors conference were (left to right) Major Jennifer Cloke, Envoy Roz Edwards, and Majors Howard and Sheina Davies.*

“God’s purpose for you” was the theme for the Australia Eastern Territory Seniors Conference held in Coffs Harbour on 17-20 October. Speakers at the conference, which attracted 80 delegates, included Majors Howard and Sheina Davies, Captain

Mavis Salt, Major Jennifer Cloke, and Major Maree Strong.

Major Geoff Freind was due to be guest speaker at the conference but was tragically killed, while in Africa, three weeks before the event. Major Freind’s books were sold

at the conference, with proceeds going to his humanitarian projects through “Enjoy the Journey” Foundation. Delegates also held a memorial service for Major Freind.

Major Howard Davies led opening night, themed “An evening with a classic” – a journey through some of the songs he has written over the years. Chris Brindley, Territorial Worship Arts Director, provided music support.

Throughout the conference, Major Sheina Davies spoke about God’s purpose for you; Major Cloke on intentional grandparenting; Major Salt on ministering to your own generation; and Major Strong on “arteries and attitudes” – allowing the advancing years to have a positive effect on your ministry.

“Many delegates were challenged by statistics confirming the growing percentage of worshippers 55 years and over in church congregations, and the urgency of the older generation’s experience to mentor those younger,” said Envoy Roz Edwards, Divisional Seniors on Mission Coordinator.

## Australian delegates forge rural ministry partnerships at Canadian symposium.



Major Maree Strong was part of a four-member Salvation Army delegation from Australia to attend a rural ministry symposium in Canada.

Rural and remote ministry has always been a focus area for The Salvation Army in Australia. To help raise the profile of rural ministry and respond to its growing and changing needs, delegates from the Australia Eastern Territory went to Canada last month for a rural ministry symposium in Kingston, Ontario.

“Rural Church into the next 100 years” was the focus of the ecumenical symposium, held from 14-16 November. Territorial Rural Ministry Consultant Major Maree Strong, Flying Padres Lieutenants Natalie and Simon Steele, and Orange Corps Officer Captain Tahlia Grounds attended the symposium. Major Strong remained in Canada for an

additional 10 days to network with Salvation Army stakeholders in rural ministry in the Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Speakers and workshops at the symposium addressed subjects such as natural church development, training lay leadership, reconfiguration of congregations, options for small churches, online ministry, remote church planting, indigenous outreach, and rural ministry “out of the box”.

“This is an exciting opportunity for us to explore new options in our approach to rural ministry and mission,” said Major Strong before flying out to Canada. “This visit will strengthen networks with others who face similar conditions in terms of vast distances, small congregations and challenging economic and environmental conditions.

“The Salvation Army’s response to the needs of Australians living in the rural areas will undoubtedly look different into the future. We need healthy faith communities led by healthy leaders in order to see a revival in our land. Establishing communities of hope based on an integrated mission model and offering a holistic approach to ministry and engagement with the local community will be key to a vibrant, healthy future for the whole body of Christ. Forming beneficial partnerships within the Army and with other denominations could be critical in establishing and sustaining healthy faith communities.”

– Simone Worthing

### Art exhibition. ▾

Artists are invited to submit a painting, sculpture, musical composition, photography, written expression, fabric craft, mosaic or any other creative artwork to the 2017 Jayne Wilson Memorial Arts Competition and Exhibition in Wollongong.

Now in its third year, the exhibition was established to honour Jayne’s life and work at The Salvation Army’s First Floor Program in Wollongong. Jayne was instrumental in establishing the program, which is a holistic and family-inclusive counselling and support service for those impacted by alcohol and other drug misuse, mental health issues, grief and loss and trauma.

All entries must be received no later than 5pm on 21 December. For more information or to submit an artwork, go to [wollongong-salvos.org.au/the-jayne-wilson-memorial-arts-competition](http://wollongong-salvos.org.au/the-jayne-wilson-memorial-arts-competition) or phone (02) 4229 1079.

### New cadets. ▾

Seven candidates are preparing to enter The Salvation Army’s School For Officer Training in Sydney as part of the 2017 *Messengers of Compassion* session.

The youngest candidate is 21-year-old Hayley Cooke from Brisbane City Temple and Taree Corps.

“I was hating my job and wasn’t feeling comfortable in it and I just felt God say this is what I want you to do,” Hayley said.

Joining Hayley are Rita and Ashley Biermann from Bayside Community Church (Brisbane), Star Conliffe and Charlie Jung from Belconnen Corps (Canberra), and Andrea and Peter Martin from Northlakes Corps (Brisbane).

The candidates will begin their training at the college in Bexley North in late January 2017.

## Packs reflect biblical mandate to care for refugees.



Bringing hope and encouragement to refugees and asylum seekers has been the focus of the Queensland Divisional Women's Ministries project this year. Corps around the division have raised funds and put together "resettlement packs" – including basic household appliances, linen and a mobile phone – to distribute to refugees settling into their local communities who came through the Army's Connect sites.

Officially called the Leviticus 19:34 project, the packs reflect the biblical mandate Christians have to care for displaced people and refugees, as outlined in Leviticus 19:33-34. "Since there is a growing concern in the community for a compassionate response to the asylum seeker and refugee issue, it was

timely to involve the women from corps around the division in a project where practical support could be given," said Lieutenant Leisa Humbley, Divisional Salvos Women Coordinator. "The practical support is a way to bless people with goods, and is in addition to the financial support we give the territorial women's projects."

Additional packs were distributed in the Brisbane area to Soundpoint – The Salvation Army and Sony Foundation Youth and Community Centre; The Salvos Life Community Church; and the Bundamba Corps. Captains Ben and Emma Johnson, Bundamba Corps Officers, operate programs to support refugees and asylum seekers in the area including English classes, a social enterprise plant nursery, sports teams and general assistance.

"One of the packs went to a refugee family who had just received permanent residency but who lost everything in a house fire," said Captain Emma. "We were able to give them a pack with the brand-new appliances and fluffy towels, which was just so good to have on hand for them. It helps meet the needs which we knew were out there when we started this project. This resettlement packs project allows the corps people to invest in their local community and what is happening within their corps, and helps retain some of the joy and fulfilment in ministry as a Connect site."

– Simone Worthing

## Salvos and Woolworths take a S.T.A.N.D for disaster victims.

The Salvation Army has announced a new national partnership with Woolworths to help bring hope to people across Australia in times of natural disaster.

The partnership, called S.T.A.N.D. (Support Through Australian Natural Disasters), will raise funds to help local communities get back on their feet in tough times. Some of the proceeds will be used to support the work of Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) who feed and provide support for disaster survivors and the emergency services personnel who respond.

Woolworths have pledged to support the Army with donations of \$500,000 a year for the next five years, and will also provide opportunities for their customers to donate. Additionally, Woolworths will now be selling six-packs of bottled water, with \$1 from every pack sold going to support The Salvation Army.

Your corps or centre can support this initiative by purchasing these specially marked S.T.A.N.D. six-packs of bottled water to use at your events, for \$3.50 per pack. However, if you already have local partnerships or arrangements to source bottled water in your community then please note there is no obligation for you to switch to the S.T.A.N.D. packs.

## Violence forum. ▼

Rosie Batty, one of Australia's most prominent domestic violence reform advocates, at the invitation of The Salvation Army and local domestic violence agencies, was the guest speaker at a forum in Broken Hill in October. More than 300 people attended the open forum on 25 October, including domestic violence victims, domestic violence workers and police officers, and social service agencies.

"Hearing Rosie's personal story is, of course, heartbreaking, but also inspiring to hear of what changes are being made in domestic violence response, and how the government and agencies are working together is so encouraging," said Raylene Radford, who is the manager at Catherine Haven, The Salvation Army's Domestic and Family Violence Support Services centre in Broken Hill.

## Blessing bags. ▼

"Blessings bags" for women and men establishing new lives in the community, and for those at risk of homelessness and other social isolation, are part of a new Salvos Women project in the NSW and ACT Division.

The bags will be distributed to at G House, a service for women who have been in prison and are transitioning into their own accommodation, in Sydney, and to men and women at The Salvation Army's Wuyong Oasis Youth Centre. For more information, contact Divisional Salvos Women Coordinator, Lieutenant Joycelyn McIver, at [joycelyn.mciver@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:joycelyn.mciver@ae.salvationarmy.org)

To read more about these stories and for daily news updates, go to [pipelineonline.org](http://pipelineonline.org)

## Hope and healing at core of postvention conference.



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The Salvation Army will again play a major role at the fifth annual Australian Postvention Conference, to be held from 23-25 March, 2017, at the University of NSW in Sydney.

Postvention is suicide prevention for those left behind after the loss of a loved one to suicide. The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics figures reveal that suicide rates in Australia are rising. In 2015, 3027 people lost their lives to suicide. The social, emotional, health and economic consequences of this are immense. For each suicide, at least

seven people close to the person who died are left severely grieving. Those left behind after a suicide are at up to eight times greater risk of suicide themselves, than the general population.

“To lose someone close through suicide commonly results in intense emotional trauma, shock, grief, guilt, physical and mental ill health and adverse social consequences,” said The Salvation Army’s Envoy Alan Staines who is National Secretary of Postvention Australia, the organisation hosting the conference.

The theme for the conference is “Hope and Healing - Surviving the Impact of Suicide”. International guests and Australian presenters will conduct workshops and speak throughout the conference, which will conclude with a Healing and Remembrance Service for the bereaved by suicide. Delegates invited to the conference not only include the bereaved by suicide and those who support them, but also chaplains for military personnel, emergency services, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

“The conference provides comfort, hope and healing for those bereaved by suicide, as well as providing education, information and opportunities for collaboration for those supporting the bereaved by suicide,” said Envoy Staines. “This is to facilitate resilience and equip the bereaved with skills to survive the impact of their loved one’s suicide.”

The Salvation Army, through the Hope for Life program, has been at the forefront in providing training programs and support for the bereaved by suicide over the past 10 years. Suicide is a major issue impacting many Salvation Army programs including homelessness and drug/alcohol programs.

## Social justice conference challenges delegates.

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Delegates from both the Australia Eastern and Southern territories of The Salvation Army attended the annual Justice Conference in Melbourne from 21-22 October.

The conference is a vital global platform for the faith and justice community, bringing together world-class speakers and artists into gatherings designed to catalyse emerging works of justice around the world. Speakers this year included the Army’s Major Danielle Strickland, World Vision Chief Advocate, Reverend Tim Costello, and advocate for women and girls, Melinda Tankard-Reist.

Members of the Eastern Territory’s Social Justice Department attended the conference, and were joined by a number of other delegates from the territory. After the conference, Eastern Territory delegates spent time with the Southern territory’s JUSTSalvos staff, as well as divisional and regional social justice coordinators to share and learn from

each other’s experiences.

“The conference gives us an opportunity to step outside our Salvation Army context and see what other organisations are doing in this space, but also to share with others the way in which the Army is working in the justice space and the principles on which we are working,” said Casey O’Brien Machado, Territorial Social Justice Coordinator. “I was greatly challenged by the call to be missional as individuals. It is not enough that we belong to a missional or justice-bringing organisation. We must be missional and intentional in our own lives also.”

The Salvation Army’s Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery is a founding and ongoing sponsor of the Justice Conference. For more information, go to [thesocialjusticeconference.com](http://thesocialjusticeconference.com)

– Simone Worthing

### HISTORY SNAPSHOT

Goulburn Corps was founded by the first Australian-born Salvation Army officer, Alexander Canty, and his wife, on 1 September 1883. Read all about the Cantys and other stories relating to Goulburn Corps at [salvos.org.au/goulburncorps/](http://salvos.org.au/goulburncorps/)

# Salvos drum up support for cultural diversity.



Salvation Army drummers accompany participants of the Walk Together parade in Sydney on 22 October.

The Salvation Army's Syrian and Refugee program this year participated in the Walk Together parade to celebrate cultural diversity in Australia.

The parade, organised by the Welcome to Australia organisation, was held as part of

National Unity Week (22-29 October), which invites local communities to host inter-faith events to celebrate the varying faiths and cultures that exist in Australia.

Welcome to Australia is an organisation that aims to encourage a welcoming culture

in our nation. On 22 October, a group of 20 Salvation Army employees, volunteers and church members completed a 2km walk from Belmore Park in Sydney's CBD to Victoria Park, Broadway, to support refugees and migrant families as they make Australia their home.

"By bringing a group together, we wanted to show that The Salvation Army supports social inclusion and diversity," said Salvos team member Taryn Somerville.

Among The Salvation Army group were six drummers who played throughout the entire walk to help prompt questions from bystanders about National Unity Week. "We had the boys drumming which people responded to really well. It was a really positive environment," Taryn said.

At Victoria Park, Welcome to Australia hosted a Multicultural Festival featuring music and food stalls from a variety of cultures. After the walk, the team from The Salvation Army took part in the activities on offer at the festival.

– Esther Pinn

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## Gold Coast Temple Corps.



Senior soldier Rodney Martin (left), and adherents Johann Townend and Simon Lee, with Major Heather McKeown after the service.

Major Heather McKeown (Corps Officer) enrolled one soldier and accepted two adherents on Sunday 6 November. Major McKeown enrolled Rodney Martin as a soldier and accepted Johann Townend and Simon Lee as adherents.

Rodney is a graduate of the Gold Coast Recovery Services (Fairhaven) and is active and growing in his faith. Johann and Simon both serve in the corps, Simon in skatepark ministry and Johann collecting at hotels. "It was wonderful to see all three make their commitments and continue to share their faith," said Major McKeown.

## Glen Innes Corps.



Corps Officer Mary Timperley prays over (from left) new Corps Sergeant-Major Yvonne Proctor and new senior soldiers Kas Seagrave, Maralyn Pollard and Jackie Ridley during the service.

Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, NSW and ACT Divisional Commander, enrolled three soldiers of the Glen Innes Corps as part of a visit to nearby Tenterfield Corps on 23 October. Lieut-Colonel Gluyas enrolled Jackie Ridley, Maralyn Pollard and Kas Seagrave as senior soldiers. She also installed Yvonne Proctor as Corps Sergeant-Major of the Glen Innes Corps.

Maralyn works in the Family Store and has been an adherent of The Salvation Army. Jackie and Kas have been attending the corps for two years and wanted to show their commitment through soldiery.

## Palm Beach Elanora Corps.



Major Jenny Hall accepts Joe Brodie as an adherent, with senior soldiers David and Audrey Gilbert holding their enrolment certificates.

Majors Neville and Jenny Hall (Corps Officers) enrolled David and Audrey Gilbert as senior soldiers on Sunday 2 October. They also accepted Joe Brodie as an adherent.

Audrey was a soldier in the United Kingdom many years ago, and is now back with The Salvation Army and active in the corps and community. David began attending the corps to play the drums. "There was a movement of the Spirit and it has all fallen into place for him," said Major Neville. "It's been wonderful to be a part of both their journeys."

Joe has been attending the corps for more than a year, and was ready to make his commitment as an adherent.

## Townsville Faithworks Corps.



Celebrating faith (from left) Lieutenant Bronwyn Lithgow, Zoeanne Elliott, Vicki Hawkins and Lieutenant Perry Lithgow.

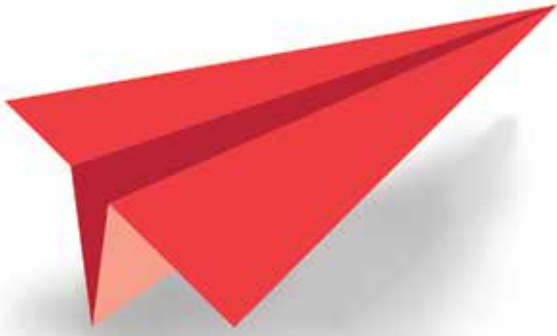
Lieutenants Perry and Bronwyn Lithgow enrolled Zoeanne Elliott as a senior soldier at Townsville Faithworks on Sunday 9 October. Vicki Hawkins was also accepted as an adherent.

"It was a really exciting day for Faithworks," said Lieutenant Bronwyn. "As a corps we celebrated to see these two ladies make such a significant stand in their faith."



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## General and Commissioner Cox lead 25th anniversary celebrations in Russia.



General André Cox speaks during the congress in Rostov-on-Don to celebrate 25 years since the re-opening of The Salvation Army's work in Russia.

A congress to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Salvation Army restarting its ministry in Russia was led by General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox, World President of Women's Ministries. People gathered from all around the country to meet in Rostov-on-Don (more than 1000km south of Moscow) to worship and hear God's message. Some came from as far as Vladivostok in the east, a distance of more than 6800km.

The theme of the congress was based

on Joshua 3:5: "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you". In every meeting these words were confirmed for the Russia Command. An opening celebration concert set an atmosphere of joy as the many cultures of the Russian Salvation Army family joined together. The General spoke about the joy of knowing God.

At a Worldwide Salvation Army Mission seminar on Saturday, the General and Com-

missioner Cox spoke about their vision for the future of the Army. Explaining the need to be relevant in the 21st century, the General spoke openly about the current state of the worldwide Salvation Army. He called all Salvationists to take an active part in the Whole World Mobilising campaign that will take place throughout 2017.

Later, the General spoke at a men's rally, challenging his listeners to 'live in holiness'. At the same time, delegates to a women's rally under the leadership of Commissioner Cox heard how precious they are in the sight of the Almighty God. Saturday concluded with a youth festival whose sections were based around the theme, I Came to Christ. Three young soldiers spoke about their response to God's calling to officership before Commissioner Cox shared her testimony of her journey with Christ. The evening concluded with young people laying their hands on and praying for the General and Commissioner Cox.

The holiness meeting on Sunday heard the General speak about visible grace, encouraging everyone to have a living relationship with Jesus. A group of 15 young people responded to the call for officership and many knelt in prayer both individually and in small corps groups.

The Salvation Army originally began working in Russia in 1910, but was proscribed in 1923. It reopened after the fall of Communism in July 1991.

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## Madagascar joins Army world with joyful ceremony.



*Salvation Army leaders and members of the Alakamisy community, including many children, gather outside the hall following the official ceremony to open the work in Madagascar.*

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Madagascar was officially recognised as the 128th country in which The Salvation Army is at work, during an inauguration ceremony in the African island nation on 23 October. Commissioner Joash Malabi, Territorial Commander of Zimbabwe Territory, which is overseeing the new work, conducted the opening ceremony in the town of Alakamisy.

The official opening was supported by the International Headquarters Under Secretary for East and Southern Africa, Major Isaac Siundu, and Assistant Under Secretary for

Africa, Major Judith Nkounkou, and Salvationists from Zimbabwe. The event was witnessed and supported by local government officials represented by the Mayor of Alakamisy, councillors, leaders of other Christian denominations as well as Madagascan Salvationists and new recruits. The hall was filled to capacity, with nearly 500 people gathering.

In a special meeting on the Sunday, Commissioner Malabi read from Isaiah before unveiling a ceremonial plaque. As this hap-

pened, the congregation enthusiastically sang *How Great Thou Art*. The commissioner went on to cut a ribbon as he officially announced the opening of The Salvation Army in Madagascar. The doors to the hall were opened for the people to enter freely for worship.

During the meeting, Territorial President for Women's Ministries, Commissioner Florence Malabi, reiterated that The Salvation Army was not bringing Jesus to Madagascar but rather it was Jesus who had brought the Army to Madagascar. "Today, Madagascar joins the rest of The Salvation Army world where women are preaching this gospel of peace," she asserted, emphasising the ongoing ministry of Salvationists "doing their best to bring the love of God to different communities".

A colourful presentation of the new Salvation Army Madagascar flag saw the pioneer officers, Majors Kiala, receiving the flag from Commissioner Malabi. The congregation expressed their joy amid ululation and celebration. The mayor thanked The Salvation Army and affirmed his support to the new church in his community.

After the ceremony, Andriamananomy Rasahoby – the pioneer Salvationist who brought the Army from Russia to Madagascar – gave a touching testimony in which he thanked God. He could not hide his joy as his dream of The Salvation Army ministering in his homeland was realised. During the meeting eight senior soldiers and six junior soldiers were enrolled.  
– Major Dominic Nkomo

## Salvos provide aid after devastating fire in Peru.



*Salvation Army workers deliver food and water to the fire-ravaged community in Lima.*

The Salvation Army in Peru has been helping more than 400 families whose homes were destroyed in a fire that swept through the Cantagallo community in Lima, the capital city. Cantagallo is a shanty area, consisting primarily of simple wooden huts, that has been home to the Shipiba indigenous people since 2000.

At least 300 homes were destroyed in the fast-moving fire, leaving around 2000 people homeless. No one was killed but a child was admitted to hospital with severe burns and almost 50 people were treated for smoke inhalation. A Salvation Army team has been working with the people of Cantagallo, providing breakfast, essential care items and support to families who have lost their homes and possessions.

## Rock-steady character



**Margaret Rose Allen** was promoted to glory after a long battle with cancer on 19 September, aged 74, at Caboolture Private Hospital with her beloved husband Bruce

by her side.

As a young woman, Margaret answered God's call to ministry in The Salvation Army and, after attending the training college in 1963-64, was appointed as the Auburn West Corps Officer. Further appointments followed before Margaret married her first husband Doug Lyon. However, after several years as married officers, it was necessary to both retire for health reasons.

Margaret enjoyed her term as a Salvation Army officer and found it gratifying to help, guide and comfort people spiritually, practically and emotionally.

Margaret Rose George was born on 14 November 1941 in Broken Hill. She was the eldest daughter of Brigadiers John and Rosanna George and sister of John, David, Beth and Rosalie. Margaret moved with her parents in their various appointments during which time she was influenced by their work and values. This included the ideals of hard work, self sacrifice, service to others and dedication to

Christian ideals. These qualities shaped her life and influence.

She grew up in a very frugal household where nothing was wasted. She once spoke of receiving one Easter egg that was to be shared with all her brothers and sisters and other times when the family's dinner was shared with people who often came to the door looking for assistance from The Salvation Army.

Margaret's greatest mentor and hero was her father, who, along with her mother, developed the call for spiritual salvation, a fantastic sense of humour, a charitable spirit and a love for music and poetry in Margaret; the values that shaped her character to cope with life's challenges. Margaret often spoke about how her parents instilled in her a love of poetry and, right up until the end of her life, she was able to recite many of the poems taught to her as a child. She often recalled fond childhood memories with her parents and siblings; particularly family visits to her father's cousin's farm at Guerie, or singing duets with her brother John and sister Beth.

As she went through life, Margaret's great passion was family, and holidaying with them at places such as The Salvation Army flats at Margate. This brought back memories as a child when she lived with her family while her father recovered from a serious accident after being hit by a car in Brisbane while on his hotel ministry rounds.

In retirement Margaret endeavoured to be an active member of her congregation at the

Uniting Church on Bribie Island, often playing the piano or organ for church services. Music was one of her great passions and the family has many fond memories of listening to her play the piano or playing music with her.

Margaret was an elder family statesman who could always be counted on for wise and unbiased counsel, unconditional love, friendship and support. Her rock-steady moral character and strength was the cornerstone of her relationship with family and friends whom she loved beyond measure.

She lived by faith, never dented by life's events, and lived by a conviction that virtue consists in knowing what is in one's control and what is not. Despite Margaret's cancer diagnosis, she focused on positives and, with the indefatigable support of her loving husband Bruce, faced all of life's challenges head on with great determination.

Her faith and character in health and sickness can be summarised in the song written by Horatio Spafford:

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well; it is well with my soul.*

Margaret is survived by her husband Bruce, her brothers and sisters and their partners, cousins, nieces and nephews and her children – Jeffrey, Cherylanne, Lee, Kathryn and Paul, and their partners. She was also the very proud grandmother to 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.





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## About people.

### Additional appointments

Captain Craig **Harlum** Prison Chaplain, Qld Corrective Services; Lieutenant Helen **Whittle**, Corps Officer, Mt Isa Corps and Chaplain, Serenity House, Mt Isa, effective 12 January, 2017.

### Appointments

*Effective 14 November:* Major Angela **Eyles**, Territorial Safe Guarding Director.

*Effective 1 December:* Captain Paula **Glover**, Chaplain, Pacific Lodge Aged Care Plus Centre.

*Effective 1 January, 2017:* Lieut-Colonel John **Hodge**, Secretary for Business Administration (pro tem, active-on-retirement).

*Effective 12 January, 2017:* Majors Colin and Bev **Kingston**, Support Officers, Recovery Services Canberra, NSW and ACT Division; Captain Stuart **Glover**, Divisional Social Liaison Officer, Qld Division; Captains Andrew and Paula **Hambleton**, Corps Officers, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission; Captain Lenore **Whittaker**, Corps Officer, Central Highland Corps; Cadet Anthony and Lieutenant Vanessa **Hunt**, Corps Officers, Forest Lake Community Church; Major Phil **Staines**, Corps Officer, Caloundra Corps; Majors Kevin and Valmae **Holland**, Corps Officers, Gold Coast Temple Corps; Lieutenant Nicola **Poore**, Training Officer (additional appointment) Booth College School for Officer Training; Cadets Lloyd and Sally **Stanimirovic**, Chaplains, Hornsby Employment Plus.

*Effective 1 February, 2017:* Captain Kathy **Crombie**, Area Officer, ACT/NSW South Coast.

*Effective 6 April, 2017:* Majors Heather and Kevin **Unicomb**, Corps Officers, Port Macquarie Corps; Lieutenants Jisook and Marcus **Wunderlich**, Assistant Corps Officers, Hurstville Corps (additional appointment); Cadets Ben and Rachel **Knight**, Corps Officers, Batemans Bay Corps (previous appointment rescinded); Captains BJ and Rick **Moulder**, Team Members, Capricorn Region Corps.

### Birth

Cadets Jacqueline and Matthew **Gluyas**, a boy, Levi James on 11 October.

### Retirement

Major Beatrice **Kay** on 20 November; Major David **Knight** on 11 December.

### Promotion to Glory

Auxiliary Captain William **Cole** on 20 October; Auxiliary Captain John **Manley** on 30 October.

### Bereavement

Major Bill **Mole**, of his sister Olive Ilis on 19 October; Auxiliary-Captain Jennifer **Cole**, of her husband Auxiliary-Captain William **Cole**, on 20 October; Auxiliary-Captain Esther **Manley**, of her husband Auxiliary-Captain John **Manley** on 30 October; Major Elva **Banks** of her sister

Joy **Ley** on 23 October; Captain Robyn **Black**, of her mother Beryl **Black** on 8 November.

### Conclusion of Service

Major Braden **Spence**, on 21 October; Territorial Envoy Jake **Clanfield**, on 24 October.

### International College for Officers

Major Brett **Gallagher** has been selected as a delegate for the 232 Session of the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development in London from 11 January-20 February, 2017.

## Time to pray.

### 27 November-3 December

Salvos Housing – North Brisbane, Stafford Corps, both Northern Brisbane Hub; Brisbane City Temple Corps, Brisbane Recovery Services Centre, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, God's Sports Arena, all Brisbane City Hub.

### 4-10 December

Pindari Services, Sails – Toowong, Toowong Student Residence, Youth Outreach Service – Brisbane, all Brisbane City Hub; Bayside Community Church, Beenleigh Corps, Calamvale Corps, all Brisbane South Hub.

### 11-17 December

Carindale Child Care Centre, Carindale Corps, Communities for Children, Life Community Church, Lifehouse, Carole Park, Wynnum Corps, all Brisbane South Hub; Coomera Mission, Gold Coast Recovery Services Centre (Fairhaven), both Gold Coast and Tweed Heads Hub.

### 18-24 December

Gold Coast Temple Corps, Palm Beach Elanora Corps, Still Waters, Tweed Heads Corps, all Gold Coast and Tweed Heads Hub; Colonels Andrew and Yvonne Westrupp, Papua New Guinea Territory; Colonels Edward and Deborah Horwood, Tanzania Territory; Lieut-Colonels Ian and Wendy Swann, Hong Kong and Macau Command.

## Engagement calendar.

Commissioners Floyd (National Commander) and Tracey Tidd Brisbane: Fri 2-Sun 4 Dec – Commissioning events (AUE).

Melbourne: Thu 8-Sun 11 Dec – Commissioning events (AUS).

Colonels Mark (Chief Secretary-in-Charge) and Julie Campbell

\*Redfern: Thu 1 Dec – Major donors thank-you breakfast; Honoured Friends morning tea.

Stafford: Fri 2 Dec – Officers Councils.

Qld: Sat 3 Dec – Principal's Reception and Silver Star Presentation.

South Brisbane: Sun 4 Dec – Commissioning meetings.

Melbourne: Sun 11 Dec – Commissioning (AUS).

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## TAKING A PUNT ON GOD THE BEST DECISION OF MY LIFE

WORDS GRAHAM TAMSETT



Major Graham Tamsett has been freed from a life that was weighed down with 'baggage, junk and rubbish'.

I grew up in the Salvos and was really involved with things, but I didn't have a relationship with Jesus and took some wrong paths with the wrong people along the way. I was addicted to gambling, mostly dog racing.

I would work at my government job for a few minutes each morning, play poker until lunchtime, be seen by the right people over lunch, and sleep in my car all afternoon to be ready for the night's gambling. I went to different greyhound racing venues each night and would visit friends with dogs. I was also abusing alcohol and cigarettes – I'd been smoking for 15 years.

Christine and I got married and then children started coming along. Christine asked whether I was going to continue to live like this in front of my children and I said no, but change didn't happen for a while. I soon felt, though, that it was time to change and was attending an Army corps. I went to a corps seminar and there was a challenge to memorise three Bible verses. I thought I'd give it a go and it changed my life. One of the

verses was 1 John 5:1-12: "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Here I was, a person who'd been in The Salvation Army all his life, but had never been convicted by this. The leader asked who had never invited Jesus into his heart and life. I was that person; I had been around but never done those things, never become a Christian. I invited Jesus into my heart and life and started learning more scriptures. I learned to ask God about things, my life changed, and joy became a part of my life.

I was sometimes tempted to do some of the things I did before, but then I realised I can have victory over temptation. All I had to do was read 1 Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

I had so much baggage, junk and rubbish in my life, just like the people I now minister to at Moonyah (The Salvation Army's Brisbane Recovery Services Centre), but I now knew I could be released from that. I claimed the promise of 1 John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." This promise was for me and it changed my life. So did Proverbs 3:5-6, about acknowledging God in all our ways so he will make our path straight. Most of us don't do this because we don't want to submit to God in all our ways but if we do, always, and not just when we feel like it, he will make our paths straight – but they won't be easy!

As I grew spiritually, my work ethic changed and I tried to work harder, and make up for what I'd taken. I heard God telling me to leave that job and become a Salvation Army officer. I eventually obeyed him and have been on the journey ever since. So, I challenge you to do whatever it takes to get your life pointed in the direction it needs to go. ¶



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