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**Prayer Warriors
sent to front line**

New song book: Have your say

General Shaw Clifton, World Leader of The Salvation Army, has announced that work will soon begin on a new edition of *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*. The current edition was published 23 years ago.

"Since then, hundreds of new songs have become available for use in Salvation Army worship," said General Clifton in his announcement. These had come "from a variety of sources, including from within our own ranks, and many have already become much-loved by Salvationist congregations."

"Some originated as songs for songster brigades, some have come from other branches of the Christian Church and have been introduced to Salvationists at ecumenical gatherings. Whatever their source, they have enriched the corporate and personal lives of Salvationists and now deserve a place in the official English-language song book, with the provision of appropriate music accompaniment."

A Song Book Council will be established under the General's chairmanship, and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles King - Secretary for Communications and Editor-in-Chief at the Army's International Headquarters - has been appointed the full-time coordinator of the project.

The council's task will be to review and revise the existing song book, making it a dynamic resource for use in contemporary Salvation Army worship.

"Salvation Army favourites which have kept their popularity through the years will be retained," noted General Clifton, "as



Communications Director Captain Peter McGuigan with his wife, Lieutenant Tara McGuigan - off to lead the Capricorn Region Corps after 7 years at the helm of *Pipeline*.

will many of the classic hymns of the Church. But we will add contemporary songs of quality, which offer biblical truth expressed through sound theology, in the music style of today."

Not only will there be a new song book, but every Salvation Army territory and command throughout the world will be asked to participate in the selection of songs to be included - to name songs that could be deleted and new songs that could be added.

"In Australia Eastern Territory," said Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond, "we want to hear from the people on this, but we don't have much time. Through the January *Pipeline*, we ask Salvationists to name three songs from the current song book that should be retained, and three songs that should be included for the first time. Your responses will inform the territory's response to the General's request."

If you're like me, your shortlist of songs was almost complete within seconds of reading this invitation from Commissioner Bond.

Editorial

I'd definitely retain *And Can It Be, My Life Must Be Christ's Broken Bread* and *Who is He in Yonder Stall* (plus a few hundred others) and I'd add *At the Moment of My Weakness, How Deep the Father's Love, In Christ Alone* and *The Potter's Hand*. Whoops, that's four.

To have your say on the new *Song Book of The Salvation Army*, list your songs (three new and three old) and email to: newsongbook@ae.salvationarmy.org or post to New Song Book, The Salvation Army, PO Box A435, Sydney South NSW 1235.

Goodbye

On a very different note, from 14 January my wife, Tara, and I will take up a new appointment as Corps Officers of the Capricorn Region Corps in The Salvation Army's Central and North Queensland Division.

For the past seven years, it has been my privilege to share with you through the pages of *Pipeline* magazine, first as Editor and, since January 2008, as Communications Director for the Australia Eastern Territory. Thank you for being faithful readers and avid promoters of *Pipeline* and its message. It has also been an honour to lead such a gifted team of writers, editors and sub-editors. I commend them to you going forward under the expert eye of Managing Editor Scott Simpson and incoming Communications Director Major Peter Sutcliffe.

During this time, I have been on my own journey. I have come to know God as the great carer and healer of my soul, patient but persistent in leading me to the place he always wanted me to be. This is both a spiritual place of health and a calling to serve him unreservedly as a Salvation Army officer.

Jesus spoke about the cost of serving him - a cost that involves taking up our cross and following him. I have found that the cost is not so much a material or monetary one as it may be for some. The cost for me has been to identify and give up those attitudes, those ways of being, those chips on the shoulder that can develop through the hard knocks of life and retard your personal growth - that restrain you from moving forward.

But I want to say friends, as my time at *Pipeline* concludes, that the joy and freedom in serving Jesus Christ which comes as a result of "taking up your cross" far outweighs this price we pay. In fact, the cost quickly fades under the light of Christ that streams into our lives with renewed power and vitality.

In this new year, I encourage you to dig deeper, find the blind spots that disempower you, and let "the light of the world" revolutionise your life.

My warmest regards,

- Captain Peter McGuigan, Communications Director

Thanks for a job well done

In the modern editorial world, seven years at the helm of a publication is a notable achievement. The ever-increasing demands of steering the ship, even in Christian publishing and at a magazine like *Pipeline*, are such that the threat of burnout always lurks just below the surface.

For the past seven years, initially as Editor of *Pipeline* and more recently as Communications Director for The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory, Peter McGuigan has done an admirable job in not only shaping our publications but also juggling the demands of the high-pressure positions he has held.

The staff at *Pipeline* - the writers, editors, photographers and designers - take this opportunity to warmly thank Peter for his dedicated service to the magazine and wish him, along with his wife, Tara, every success and blessing as they enter a new phase of ministry as Corps Officers at Capricorn Region Corps.

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Feeding the masses

When the NSW country town of Condobolin decided to stage a major festival, organisers turned to The Salvation Army for help. **NORM ARCHER**, who was part of the Army team, says the Salvos response was a compelling case for the Mission Priorities in action

In late September, The Greater West Division Salvation Army Emergency Services undertook "Operation Condo", to feed the massive number of people at the Hear the Bush Beat festival at Condobolin, in Central West NSW.

The event had been organised and promoted as "a celebration of life in the bush for all farming families across NSW and western Victoria affected by the drought and economic downturn". Among the artists performing at the free concert were Jon English, Jonah's Road, and the Noll Brothers.

The final estimate of crowd numbers was in the vicinity of 3000 people. The Salvation Army assembled a team of more than 45 Emergency Services volunteers. They were tasked with operating two major feeding units, four Sally trailers, and two mobile cool rooms at the Condobolin Showground. They met the challenge comfortably.

The team and the services it provided meant there was a significant Salvation Army presence in this small country town. It was very much "hand to man". Aligning this operation and subsequent events with the seven Mission Priorities of the Australia Eastern Territory, it showed just what a great vehicle the Salvation Army Emergency Services is for working to achieve these objectives.

1. A Territory Marked by Prayer and Holiness.

For the Army's volunteers there was a pastoral carer appointed. The team also opened and closed each day with prayer. At one stage in the day, one of the prayer warriors from the group said

to me: "Norm, we should pray." Within moments the pastoral carer had formed a group of about a dozen people who stood out in the open lifting their prayers to God. It was after this that an approaching storm moved around the showground site instead of depositing its soaking rain right on top of the festival.

2. Our Whole Territory - in Every Place - Involved in Evangelism.

Geographically, Condobolin is in the very centre of NSW. This event enabled good relationships to be fostered between The Salvation Army and the local community. It was truly evangelism in action. We also had a team from another Australia Eastern Territory division helping us. One Army, one mission.

3. Corps Healthy and Multiplying.

The team enjoyed great support from a wide range of Salvation Army corps. Everyone had a fantastic time and there were smiles all round. Happy people are one of the key elements to growth.

4. Our People Equipped and Empowered to Serve the World.

This was a true test of the team's capability. The Salvation Army Emergency Services team were equipped and trained for the event and required only coordination, not control, to achieve what it did.

5. Territory Passionate About Bringing Children to Jesus.

Not only did the team have some teenagers working alongside some "older heads" having fun and learning about service, but The Salvation Army was invited to give the children's message at the combined

church service on the Sunday.

6. Youth Trained and Sent Out to Frontline Mission.

This was the biggest presence The Salvation Army has had in Condobolin and its future leaders were there, learning and experiencing just what can be achieved by activities like Salvation Army Emergency Services.

7. Significant Increase of New Soldiers and Officers.

This is a little harder to quantify, however the Salvation Army Emergency Services team had a very rewarding time working together and serving the community, under the flag of The Salvation Army. This can only be a positive experience which, in turn, can only help and encourage this Mission Priority.

Just a handful of weeks after the Condobolin festival, when Salvation Army Emergency Services teams were feeding Rural Fire Service volunteers as they battled bushfires in several locations across NSW, The Salvation Army was serving the community and building the relationships that are needed to start the journey of bringing Christ to the world.

There is absolutely no doubt that Salvation Army Emergency Services contributes to the realisation of the Mission Priorities of the Australian Eastern Territory.



Norm Archer is The Greater West Division Salvation Army Emergency Services Coordinator.

The privilege of being

Commissioner LINDA BOND says it is only by being vitally connected to the One who directs and empowers us that we bear fruit

Recently, I bought a Baskin-Robbins ice-cream cone. Did you know they have 31 flavours? I chose pralines and cream, my favourite. It was out-of-this-world delicious! But guess what it cost? \$4.90 (for just one scoop)! The price almost took my breath away, and the enjoyment did not last very long. And you can add to the cost and fleeting enjoyment the fact that I did not need one more calorie.

Did you know that for just 10 cents more you can purchase a book? Just before Christmas, two books were published by The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory and we set the price at just \$5 each.

Salvation Stories, edited by Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas and Fay Foster is about flesh-and-blood people who have had such encounters with the Lord that their lives have been turned around. The Mission Priority of evangelism is more than rhetoric. Here are today's gospel stories and here is a book that needs to be shared.

In the second book, *Samuel Logan Brengle (Heart for God)*, Major Peter Farthing has chosen powerful excerpts from Brengle's writings and put them into contemporary language. The book also contains small-group discussion questions for spiritual formation. It is a resource that's not to be missed and needs to be used extensively. Our vision for the territory is to be a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century. We want to be marked by holiness.

Fulfilling God's will

The subjects of both books also help us unwrap what we mean when we say "doing whatever it takes" to achieve our Mission Priorities and our desire to be One Army with One Mission. We want to fulfil God's will, and his will for his people is *full salvation*, coming to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and living victoriously through the indwelling of his Holy Spirit.

When we want to *do whatever it takes* to be, know and show who we are as an Army, this is not some goal that can be reached solely by organisational strategy and human effort. But the Lord does require both from us.

Doing whatever it takes is not a pompous statement or a veiled triumphalism. Nor is it a detachment from the only One

who can grow the Army. We know that it is only by being vitally connected to him that we bear fruit (John 15:4). This means each of us and the Army as a people of God must nurture a daily dependence on the Lord for strength, guidance and effectiveness.

Every Thursday morning at 7:30, hundreds of people around the territory pray to God to ask him to bless and revive our Army and show us the way forward with Mission Priorities we believe came from him. This year we will have a 24/7 prayer emphasis. These are not programs, not even good works to twist God's arm. No, this is a spirit of dependence, of calling on the Lord for every spiritual blessing that can make his desire for the Army a reality.

When resources like *Salvation Stories* and *Samuel Logan Brengle* are produced, they highlight the powerful work of God, a work only he can do. These books are telling his story. It is in the sharing of his story in word and deed and seeing lives transformed by his grace, that the Army rises to its full stature.

The awesome privilege is to be used of God. We will do whatever it takes but only as he directs and only by his power.



Commissioner Linda Bond is Territorial Commander of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

When Jesus goes missing

Last month, a new book featuring the writings of noted Salvation Army theologian **SAMUEL LOGAN BRENGLE** was published. In the first of a *Pipeline* series of excerpts from the book, *Samuel Logan Brengle - Heart to God*, Brengle suggests that when Jesus is absent from our company it's because we've failed to invite him

I remember a number of years ago going to a convention hoping to find Jesus there in power. I got there two or three days after the opening and I found, if I now remember rightly, that no-one had been saved.

There was no grip and power in the meetings. They would begin with a rush, and songs and prayers and jokes and laughter and collection and testimonies and a Bible reading would follow, and the meeting would end again without souls finding God. Everybody would go out good-naturedly, make a rush for the best seats at the dinner table, and enjoy themselves until the next meeting.

Everyone seemed to take it for granted that Jesus was in the gathering, yet no-one seemed to be especially conscious of his presence.

When Jesus was a boy of 12, he went with his parents and neighbours up to Jerusalem to the Feast of the Passover. "After the feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him" (Luke 2:43-45).

Their mistake was in taking it for granted that Jesus was in the company. Joseph knew he was not with him, and Mary knew he was not with her, and their relatives and friends knew he was not with them, and yet each took it for granted that he was with someone else. But when they searched for him, they could not find him. He was not there.

At last it was pointed out that the conference meetings were galloped through but no souls were saved. And it was suggested that perhaps Jesus was missing.

A prayer meeting was called to look for Jesus, and some of the people present had to admit that Jesus was not with them. Then some of them went to their rooms to look for Jesus, and some went to the woods and got down on their knees to look for him, and would not give up the search until at last - praise him - he was found. And when he was told that he was expected and that he must come, and that we would not let him go except he blessed us, then he came.

The Christians got awfully focused, and the lost people got awfully convicted, so that they were no longer anxious about what they should have for dinner.

I tell you, it was wonderful, the transformation that came over that camp

ground when Jesus got there! The shallow joy that put smiles on faces and made an empty racket, gave way before the deep joy of the Lord.

Humility and holiness

Now friends, let me promise you this. Jesus is ready and willing to go up to every convention and meeting all over the world, and to make his personal presence felt by every saint and soldier. But each one must look for him.

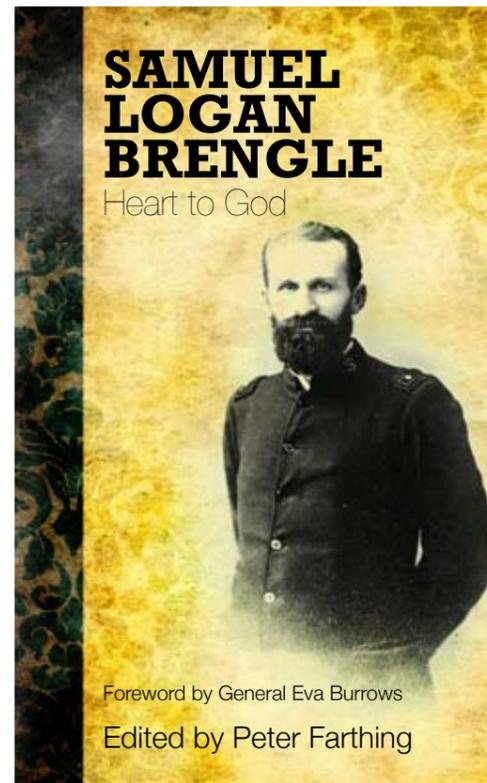
Jesus is holy and humble and he can only walk with humble, holy people. So if you want him to go with you, you must humble yourself and be holy. You must wait for him, and ask him to come.

If we want to know the presence of Jesus with us when we go home, he will not come if we close the door in his face and go in and scold the wife and children and talk about our neighbours and forget who we are in Christ. Our walk with him must be constant, not irregular.

We need to always know he is with us. We go on a fool's errand if we go serving without his powerful presence. Poor Joseph and Mary lost five days and had much anxiety and heartache, all because they supposed Jesus was in the company, but did not make sure.

Is he with you now? If he is not, then

get your Bible and go off alone and seek him, and if you search for him with all your heart, you will find him.



Samuel Logan Brengle - Heart to God is published by Carpenter Media and is available from Salvationist Supplies (www.salvosupplieasyd.com) for \$5.00

The secret of power

If I was dying, and had the privilege of delivering three words to Christians, I would say, "Wait for God!" Take time. Miss your breakfast if necessary, but take time to wait for God.

I once heard William Booth say in a Salvation Army officers' council: "Take time to pray God's blessing down on your own soul every day. If you don't, you will lose God. God is leaving men every day. They once had power. They walked in the glory and strength of God, but they ceased to wait on him. They neglected to seek his face, and he left them. I am a very busy man, but I take time to get alone with God every day and commune with him."

Wherever I go I find men and women who were once believers but have slid away. My heart aches as I think of the way in which the Holy Spirit has been grieved, and of the way in which Jesus has been treated.

If these backsliders were asked why they lost faith, they would give a thousand different reasons, but in the end there is really only one: they did not wait for God. If they had waited for him when the assault was made on their faith, they would have renewed their strength. They would have run through their enemies and not been weary. They would have walked in the middle of trouble and not fainted. Wait for God.

This means more than a prayer of 30 seconds on getting up in the morning and going to bed at night. It may mean one prayer that gets hold of God and comes away with the blessing, or it may mean a dozen prayers that knock and persist and will not be put off, until God reveals his presence.

There is a drawing near to God, a knocking at Heaven's door, a pleading of the promises, a reasoning with Jesus, that puts all the wealth of Heaven at the disposal of a person. Wait for God.

Samuel Logan Brengle

Prayer Warriors commissioned to join front line



By **BILL SIMPSON**
and **JULIA HOSKING**

Any Salvationist who was ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not really a Salvationist, Commissioner Linda Bond told a dedication and commissioning of new officers in Sydney on 6 December.

"They may wear a uniform; they may attend a corps; they may give of their tithes and offerings. They may practise serving suffering humanity," the Australia Eastern Territory Commander said.

"But if anyone is ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then they are not Salvationists."

Addressing 18 about-to-be-commissioned cadets of the *Prayer Warriors* session at the Sydney Convention Centre, Commissioner Bond told them they would need to pray to "stand secure and confident and know what it is to have a gospel that goes out from your life with power and effectiveness".

"You need to be Jesus to the world," she said to the cadets who four days earlier had signed their officer covenants during Covenant Day at the School for Officer Training.

Commissioner Bond warned the *Prayer Warriors* that their task would be a difficult and, at times, unpopular one. Their message would be rejected by many.

"When you share the [salvation] story, you're going to find that people will not believe it. It's too fanciful. Very soon, when you tell people that God put on flesh and was born a babe in a cattle shed ... it's going to be hard for them to believe.

"They surely will not believe that God himself could die. It's too difficult for them to believe. They would never believe that one could be resurrected and live forever.

"But it is the salvation story. People will reject it because it is too painful. Religious people will not want the Gospel of Jesus Christ because they do really believe that by good works, good giving and moral living, they can find a place in

the economy of God.

"They will not want you to tell them that their righteousness is as filthy rags when it comes to gaining their salvation. It will offend people. Your gospel in this modern world will not settle well with a multi-faith community.

"There is only one name by which we can be saved; only one way; one truth. It is by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

"The Apostle Paul said 'whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord – not for men – since you know you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Jesus Christ you are serving'."

For that reason, the

commissioner said, the *Prayer Warriors* must never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "You should never sell it short, for it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

At the beginning of the meeting, Booth College Principal Lieutenant-Colonel John Hodge prayed: "Our Father, this is a very significant moment." He acknowledged God's presence.

Chief Secretary Colonel James Condon said: "This is one of the most sacred days in The Salvation Army calendar."

He read a message from General Shaw Clifton, in which the world leader said: "God has touched each of your lives in a special way, calling >>>



you from your homes and from secular employment into paths of sacred service in his Army."

Representing the *Prayer Warriors* session, former teacher Tahlia Grounds told of a six-year-old boy in one of her primary school classes who struggled with mathematics. He could barely count to 10.

He was "an adorable, beautiful boy; a good athlete, but maths was a struggle for him". The boy became a special project. She tried to turn maths into a sport for him.

Even so, he battled in his maths exam. While other children finished the test quickly, he answered only a few questions.

She convinced him the exam was a mission and that he was a warrior

who needed to complete the mission. He accepted the role and cut short his lunch to finish the task.

"He chose his mission over his loves," she said. He completed the test.

"Like (him), we have a mission. Our mission is from God. God won't force us to do things we don't want to do. But he invites us to willingly surrender to his mission."

Her student would not have completed his mission if he had not "surrendered his lunchtime".

In the same way, she said, God was asking the *Prayer Warriors* to surrender their "loves".

In a personal testimony, Cadet Marco Lupis said: "It doesn't seem long ago that I was arguing with

God that he had made a mistake. I tried to convince God that maybe he should wait until my children were 25 or until I was tired with teaching.

"My biggest excuse was how on earth could God use me as an officer in The Salvation Army."

Cadet Lupis said he made a list of his weaknesses and imperfections, and was happy to place it before God.

"But with my weaknesses and imperfections, God still chose me. Better still, he gives me the promise that his grace is sufficient and his power is made perfect in my weakness. My best is good enough."

Other cadets taking part included Karen Harrison (congregational singing), and Bronwyn Williams and

Tara McGuigan (Bible reading and congregational prayers). Parramatta band, including soloist Murray Mayday, supported the service.

Appointments celebration

"Warrior", defined as "passionately engaging in God's mission", was the theme for the Appointments Celebration Meeting on the Sunday afternoon of Commissioning.

The newly commissioned officers, accompanied by family members, entered the hall to the beat of seven drums played by Sydney Youth Band members and set up around a centrepiece cross.

Following the opening song *And Can It Be*, Commissioner Bond welcomed all present, and Major

Wendy Watts and Colonel Jan Condon each offered a prayer.

Throughout the service, Lieut Dean Clutterbuck led several worship songs while Lieut Bindy Lupis got the children – and those young at heart – involved with a song especially for them.

Lieut Jean Ng, from the Hong Kong and Macau Command, shared her personal testimony.

She told of how she had been reluctant to come to Australia for officer training, but eventually put her faith in God and said yes.

On the day of her departure for Australia, Lieut Ng, in her personal devotions, read Psalm 139:9-10: "If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

She took it as confirmation and comfort from God that he wanted her in Australia.

Her time at the college has allowed her to receive countless blessings from God and experience life transformation.

"I encourage you to trust and follow God. Hold on to his direction and promise," she concluded.

"Follow him in faith, and you'll discover his plan for your life."

Lieut Paul Kurth used the theme "warrior" to speak on behalf of the *Prayer Warriors*. He shared his passion for mission and used an example from his early days as a Christian to dynamically illustrate >>>



Recognition, gratitude and celebration

Family and friends of the *Prayer Warriors* joined them for two events held prior to their commissioning and ordination.

On Saturday afternoon, 5 December, at the Sydney Congress Hall function centre, the parents and/or mentors of cadets were honoured at a Silver Star luncheon. Colonel Jan Condon, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, explained that the "Fellowship of the Silver Star" was inaugurated in 1930 in the United States and extended worldwide in 1936. It recognises and expresses gratitude to parents or other significant life mentors of Salvation Army officers.

Cadet Rhonda Clutterbuck represented the *Prayer Warriors* with a message on encouragement. "I find encouragement, not just in people's words, but also in their silent action," she said. "When people humble themselves and serve others; when they provide meals to the unwell; when they visit the isolated in their communities ... The way we live our lives impacts other people. Those of you here today receiving Silver Stars have encouraged us. You have touched our lives and left a lasting impression."

Denise Harrison, mother of Cadet Karen Harrison, represented parents and mentors with words of thanks to God for the cadets, and Cadet Hazel Hunt brought words of testimony.

In the Silver Star presentation ceremony, each cadet was individually introduced with their parents and/or mentors. The cadet responded with a particular spoken message to their parents and Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond then presented the Silver Stars.

In her message to the luncheon, Commissioner Bond outlined the impact of millions of people watching Olympic athlete Derek Redmond's father Jim Redmond help him over the finish line after the 400m runner had torn a hamstring in a semi-final of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. She also spoke of the New Testament character Barnabas, who encouraged others in the Christian ministry.

Drawing a parallel with the about-to-be-commissioned cadets, she said: "The *Prayer Warriors* are at the gate; they're ready to leave the pack now. They're eager, they're fit, they're trained, they're ready. They have a burning desire to go for gold. But when they get to their appointments, they won't have it easy ... They're going to need a Barnabas, they're going to need parents, they're going to need mentors, they're going to need divisional leaders, they're going to need corps people who will leap across the barrier and come alongside and say: 'I believe in them.'"

The luncheon concluded with prayer and the song *Help Us To Help Each Other Lord*.

Dinner with the Principal

The previous night, family members joined the cadets, training staff and members of The Salvation Army's Wider Cabinet at Booth College for a Principal's Reception. Training Principal Major Gavin Watts welcomed the guests, Commissioner Bond brought a greeting and Cadet David Northcott prayed.

In between courses, presentations were made to the *Prayer Warriors'* children, Cadet David Grounds brought a vocal item accompanied by Captain Adam Couchman, Cadet Belinda Atherton-Northcott testified to the grace and power of God in her life, and Cadet Jenny Reeves brought a message from the Scriptures.

Lieut-Colonel Philip Cairns, Principal during the *Prayer Warriors'* first year of training and now Secretary for Personnel, spoke about the William Cairns Memorial Awards that were presented to cadets for the first time last year. Since the promotion to glory of his father Commissioner William Cairns, a friend had made available a significant amount of money to be used for this purpose.

Awards were presented to (pictured above, from left) Cadet Belinda Atherton-Northcott (development in academic studies), Cadet Marco Lupis (development in Field Program) and Cadet Paul Kurth (development in Spiritual Formation).

the most important aspect of mission.

Lieut Kurth's co-workers used to offer him drugs and, trying to save them, he would in turn offer them Jesus.

"How about you have Jesus?" he would ask.

It was only later that he realised his witness was not motivated by love for his fellow workers.

"Love is the mission," Lieut Kurth said. "Pray and wrestle with God for how passionate love for God and passionate love for others would look in your life ... Love the world and see it come to Jesus Christ."

The Sydney Youth Band presented its message while a special collection was taken

to support The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's mission trip to South Africa to coincide with the football World Cup next year.

In light of the band's recent trip to Papua New Guinea, its performance of *Blessing and Honour* had a PNG influence, while a video showed footage of the band in PNG.

Major Gavin Watts, Training Principal at the School for Officer Training, gave a report, which was followed by the announcement of appointments for the new officers.

As Commissioner Bond announced each appointment, she gave every lieutenant an individual verse of Scripture to take with them. A blessing and then a message from the Sydney Staff Songsters followed.

Colonel James Condon then preached from John 2:13-22, which tells the story of Jesus expressing anger with the people trading in the temple in Jerusalem.

Colonel Condon explained how this passage of Scripture revealed the purpose and passion of Jesus' life.

A time of response then allowed many people to ask God about mission in life, or to respond to the call for salvation, Army officership or overseas mission.

The meeting concluded with the commissioner sending out the new lieutenants to *I'll Go in the Strength*, and a benediction delivered by the territory's Secretary for Program, Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas. □



'Friends of Christ' enter Booth College

As 18 newly commissioned officers from the *Prayer Warriors* session leave Booth College to take up their first appointments, another 18 new cadets begin two years of study at the School for Officer Training in Sydney as part of the *Friends of Christ* session. The 18 cadets are:



Jacoba Czoban,
Tuggeranong Corps,
ACT and South NSW
Division



Ji Sook Wunderlich,
Sydney Korean Corps,
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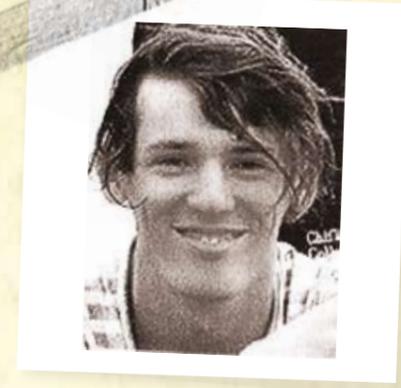
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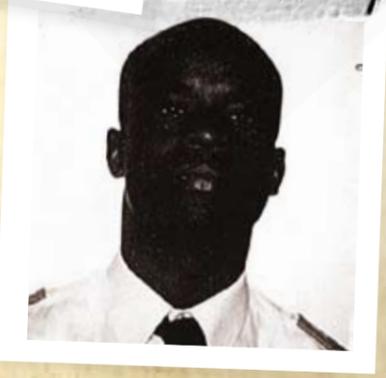
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Journey into the unknown



Late last year, a group of nine Australians went on a Salvation Army Project 1:8 mission trip to South Africa. Team member **ANITA MOYES** writes about their experience ...

On 24 September, nine Australians embarked on an 18-day mission trip of a lifetime. Our trip would see us arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa for The Salvation Army Roots Conference, then onto Umlazi Durban where we would be spending most of our time.

None of the nine had been to South Africa before so no-one knew what to expect. This was great for the team as we were all on a level playing field.

While at the Roots Conference we made many friends and it was a great chance for us to start getting used to doing ministry in another country. It was also great being able to volunteer at a great conference, and experience African worship which is totally different to what we had ever seen.

It was sad to leave Johannesburg but exciting to be heading to Durban for our time in Umlazi, the second-largest township in South Africa. Umlazi has one of the highest crime rates and death tolls in the world. The wider Umlazi area has a population of 750,000. More than 21 per cent of women visiting clinics in the township are reported to be HIV positive.

With a minimum of white people visiting the township, seeing nine white people travel around in a twin-cab utility was not only weird for the locals but also a bit confronting for us due to the looks we received.

The weeks spent at Umlazi were full of great experiences. They are also times we will never forget.

For the team coming from Australia and only hearing about AIDS and not seeing the effects is a bit naive of us, but I guess if it's not an issue in Australia, we don't seem to care as much.

The first week we saw the effects of AIDS on two different people. One lady was 54 and could walk but was very frail. The other was a young lady, only 25, who couldn't walk, get out of bed or even lift her head. We were all quite concerned she wouldn't even

make it through the rest of the day.

For us to see this was confronting and we could see the real effects of what AIDS does to families, friends and people who know the victim. We were able to pray for the two women and it was encouraging to hear before we left the country, that the two ladies were still alive. That's the amazing power of prayer.

Making a difference

We also visited other families connected to The Salvation Army's Umlazi Corps and were regularly asked "are your parents still alive?" To us it would seem a strange question but for them, well it's rare that people live into older age.

A joy was to see the smiles on children's faces when we gave them an Australian flag sticker. It was priceless.

We were also able to hang out with the kids from the crèche and kids club. It was great to do and a lot of fun. The kids have the same needs as children in Australia -- they want to be hugged, noticed and accepted; they want attention. We were able to give them hugs, sit with them and give them that attention.

It was a great feeling to know you made a difference in the life of a child whom you had only just met. It was sad

leaving them as they grew close to your heart in that short time.

With all the kids we were able to meet and hang out with, we saw a better understanding of respect. They didn't know us, yet listened and obeyed what we said. They were also content and didn't complain if they had nothing. They thought having their photo taken and seeing it on the camera screen was awesome. They taught us so much about appreciating the small things in life.

"It was a great feeling to know you made a difference in the life of a child ..."

Being in South Africa was a great experience that none of us will forget. It has changed us for the better and you

The Project 1:8 team conducts an activity with young people in South Africa.



really do start appreciating things a lot more.

The team consisted of: Majors Neil and Sharon Clanfield (leaders), Territorial Mission Directors; Joel Maxwell, Centenary Corps, Queensland; Kelly Emerton, Taree Corps, NSW; Ashleigh Newton, Wollongong Corps, NSW; Jacqui Maunder, Waverly Temple Corps, Victoria; Wendy Ravenscroft, Pine Rivers Corps, Queensland; Linda Gurry, Street Level Mission, NSW; Anita Moyes, Westlakes Corps, NSW.



(Top) The Project 1:8 team (from back left) Joel Maxwell, Linda Gurry, Jacqui Maunder, Kelly Emerton, Ashleigh Newton, (front from left) Anita Moyes, Wendy Ravenscroft, and Majors Sharon and Neil Clanfield, with Umlazi Corps Officers Majors Happy and Isaiah Madonsela. (Above) The team with some of the young people it ministered to in South Africa.

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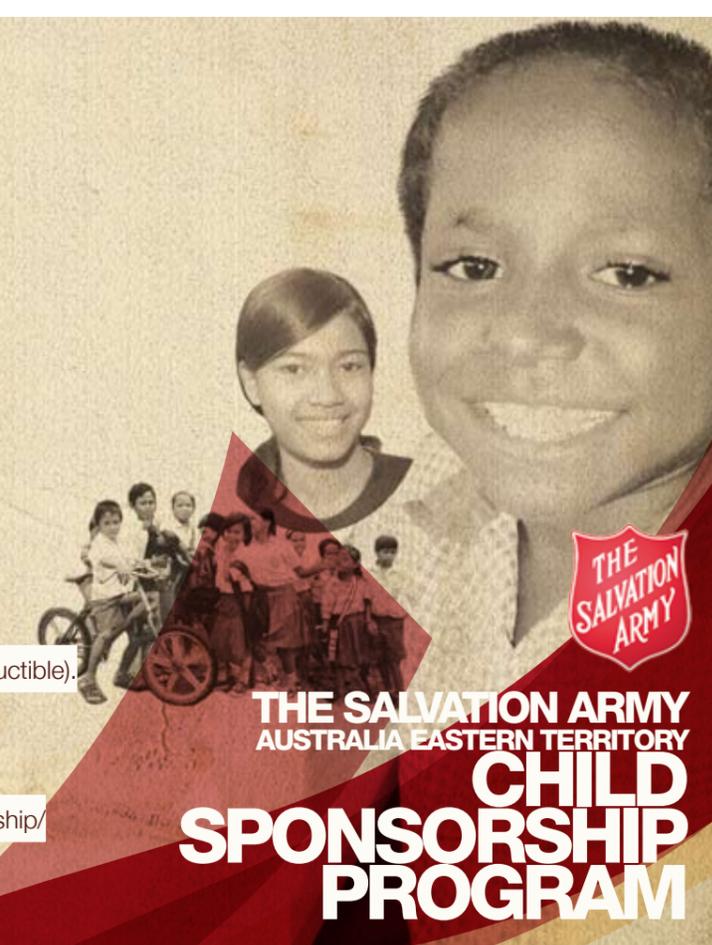
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Schools ACT Community Worker and Red Cap facilitator Craig Middelow. Photos: Shaaron Paterson



Christine Love, a Red Cap facilitator in Canberra, specialises in one-on-one contact with students.

Salvos Red Cap program begins in ACT Schools

By NAOMI SINGLEHURST

In the aftermath of the devastating Canberra bushfires in 2003, which destroyed more than 470 homes, local Salvation Army personnel were contacted by two concerned primary school principals to help support struggling students.

The relationship proved so beneficial that The Salvation Army appointed two permanent schools community workers. Together with a group of Salvation Army volunteers, they now work in nine state primary schools and one high school.

They offer a wide variety of programs including breakfast clubs, mentoring, homework support, and have recently introduced a new program known as "Red Cap".

The Red Cap anger management program, for eight-to-12-year-olds, was first developed by The Salvation Army in Canada.

It runs over an eight-to-10-week period and uses the metaphor of a traffic light to encourage kids to "stop" (red), "think"

(yellow) and "problem solve" (green) when facing stressful situations.

"We were initially contacted by two schools after the fires and asked to come in and just talk with the kids and play a bit of sport," said Salvation Army Schools ACT Community Worker and Red Cap facilitator Craig Middelow, who is also a qualified teacher.

"Lots of the kids had lost homes and depression was beginning to set in. There were also behavioural issues emerging and some kids were finding it quite hard to settle back to learning.

"We built great partnerships and as teachers eventually moved to other schools in the area, then those schools contacted us too.

"Red Cap is the latest resource that we can offer."

Christine Love, who attends the Canberra City Oasis Corps, is The Salvation Army's other trained Red Cap facilitator in the ACT. Both Craig and Christine are qualified to train volunteers and are steadily building a team of helpers.

A sympathetic ear

Craig has also established a kids club and youth group through his local Salvation Army corps at Woden Valley, to provide further contact points. He says he can relate to students who struggle with their schooling.

"I actually hated school and was quite hopeless," he said.

"But the one thing I loved was going to Boy's Legion [Salvation Army SAGALA group] for the confidence it inspired in me and the sense of responsibility it taught me. We see that in the lives of others now.

"For example, we have a young man in early high school who we have known since the fires. School is very, very hard for him and we don't know how long he'll stick to it. There is some pain in the family background and it has been a really tough time for him.

"But the one thing he just loves is coming to kids club and youth group. He feels like he's wanted - he has responsibility. He feels like his confidence is built up. He never misses."

Karen Connors oversees The Salvation

Army's work in schools in the Army's ACT and South NSW Division.

"Putting resources into supporting children is very intentional from our point of view," she said.

"We believe it is important to help address the things that make it difficult for young people and families in our society.

"One of the places where children spend a lot of time is in schools. So we help predominantly in schools, whether it is by providing a breakfast or helping kids to have better relationships with each other or helping kids during lunchtimes that are feeling isolated and need to learn how to make friendships and join into a group."

Karen says the Red Cap program will offer greater support to children who are dealing with significant emotional issues.

"If those issues are left to high school or later, they become even more difficult to deal with," she said.

"Red Cap [and the other programs] helps to give kids skills for life, and we believe that benefits not only those kids, but our whole society." □



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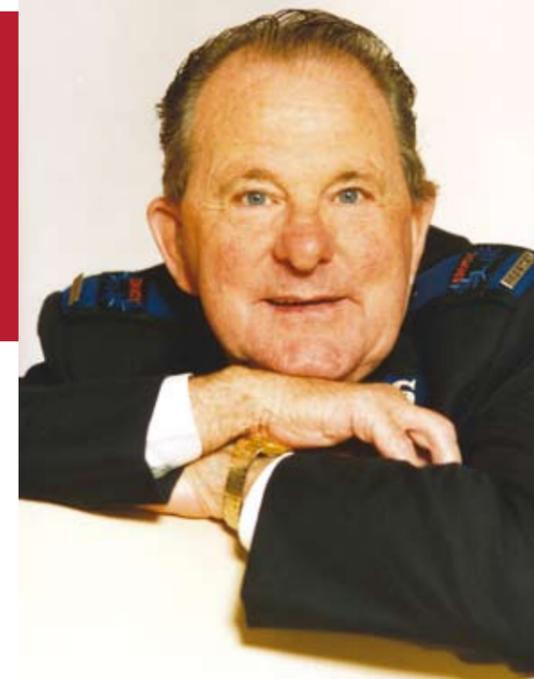
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One of God's champions

MERV COLLINS pays tribute to a remarkable Salvationist



Dick Collett was a champion bloke in the sense that we colloquially use the expression these days – a good man to know, a friendly encourager, a great mate who could build you a custom-made dresser or fix your car; in fact, a champion bloke.

But a champion, in the old sense, is more than that. A champion, one definition says, is one who fights or argues for a cause on behalf of another person. Dick Collett, then, was God's champion. The Salvation Army recognised this when it awarded him its highest honour, the Order of the Founder, in 2007.

He joined the cause, through The Salvation Army, in 1931 when he was in danger of being expelled from school for his high-spirited behaviour. His conversion was real and permanent. He threw his energies into Army life and became a cornerstone of the Preston Citadel Corps in Melbourne.

Over the years he held just about every commission in the corps – pastoral, musical and administrative. He was an accomplished cornet soloist and a musical leader who became the inaugural bandmaster of the Melbourne Veterans' Band. Already "retired", he remained the band's leader for 19 years.

Preacher and conversationalist

But Dick's real strength lay in the words he spoke, not the music he made. He was a preacher and a conversationalist, as much at home addressing a Salvation Army congress meeting as he was ministering at the mercy seat or talking to you one on one.

He became an envoy and, with his great friend, Envoy Bill Dodds, brought people into God's kingdom everywhere from the pavement in Preston high street to the largest Salvation Army corps in the country.

Together, Dick and Bill planted and, for years, serviced an outpost in needy East Preston. Dick was youth group leader Kevin Dupuy's inspired choice as spiritual leader when the young people of the Preston Corps campaigned in Western Australia and Queensland during the 1970s.

Dick's sermons were apposite, emotional and convicting. He was a

passionate preacher who relied on stories from the Bible and from life. His was not an academic or theoretical oration. He spoke simply of the Saviour he loved who changed lives. His sincerity assured people it could happen to them.

In Perth one Sunday night, in a tremendous outpouring of the Spirit, after his sermon seeker after seeker, eventually over 100, lined the penitent form finding Jesus or recommitting their lives; God's champion winning more battles for his Lord and Master.

Dick always seemed to find the words to fit the occasion whether on the platform or in the nursing homes and hospitals which he ministered at faithfully for years.

Once I was in the Austin (hospital) for minor repairs when the first visitor I had wasn't wife or family. It was Dick Collett in full uniform. He was as surprised to see me as I was to see him. It wasn't planned. Dick was just performing his faithful, unsung volunteer service – being there for those whose needs were far greater than mine, comforting, praying and, sometimes, for those in palliative care, preparing for the hereafter.

Man of God and the people

Dick's ability to communicate made him a godsend, literally, to many a corps officer at Preston.

One, unworldly and reserved, was requested to conduct a funeral service for a murderous bikie who had died in violent circumstances. The officer worried, probably rightly, that he'd be unable to make an impact. He asked Dick to stand in.

Dick later remembered looking out before the service at a sea of faces ranging from bored to downright angry and vengeful. He prayed for the right words to break the ice and was more than a little surprised when they came. Dick hadn't sworn anywhere in more than 50 years let alone on an Army platform, but

"He spoke simply of the Saviour he loved who changed lives. His sincerity assured people it could happen to them."

he addressed the crowd with the words of Jackie Weaver's down-trodden barmaid in the film *Caddie*.

"Sometimes," he said, "Life's a", summarising its unfairness and unpredictability.

You could feel the mourners relax. Here was a man they could listen to. A man who could empathise and share their pain; speak a common language without platitudes and ecclesiastical clichés; a man of God and of the people who might be able to bring some sanity to a bad situation.

On another occasion, Dick spoke directly to me. I'd obviously done something in a meeting in which he saw promise. I felt the warmth in his eyes as much as in his words.

"Oh that the Lord should have all there is of Merv Collins," he said.

Now I know it wasn't entirely original and that it's a paraphrase of a William Booth statement, but with my name personally inserted into it, it certainly made an impression on me. It was a compliment and a challenge summed up in a succinct Dick Collett phrase. I thought about it a lot at the time; I still think of it 30 years later. His words have resonated in a similar way with thousands of others over the years.

Dick's gone to his eternal reward now to reunite with his dear wife Myrle and meet his Master face to face, but his words and his influence will live on. Dick Collett was a champion bloke in so many ways, but most of all he was God's champion. *Envoy Richard Collett O.F. was promoted to glory on Saturday, 12 September 2009, at the age of 91.*

East Timor stint deepens Col's commitment to troops



(Left) Captain Col Kingston with Australian Idol judge Ian Dickson (centre) and Idol 2008 contestant Mark Spano in East Timor. (Above) Col on assignment with some of the Australian troops.

By KENT ROSENTHAL

Captain Col Kingston's latest mission as a "Sallyman" in East Timor has raised his commitment as a "friend of the troops" to a new level.

Captain Kingston, a Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services Representative, was posted to Australia's largest Army base at Townsville in early 2008.

In May last year, he was deployed to East Timor where he spent the next five months working with Australian Defence Force personnel, an experience which allowed him to connect with the troops at a deeper level.

"It's a different level of interaction because you're living what they're living," he said.

"Going over there with the soldiers takes my role to a whole new level because I'm sleeping there, working with them, and they know that I'm basically in the same boat. We've all left our families 3000km behind and so I was living the same adventures they were."

One of Captain Kingston's roles with the Australian Stabilisation Force in East Timor was to serve refreshments, which he says is an effective way to break the ice and allows him to support the troops in a non-threatening way.

His overseas assignment meant leaving behind his wife, Captain Bev Kingston, and their two sons, Joel and Luke. There were some familiar faces in East Timor, however, with many of the troops from Townsville's Lavarack Barracks where Captain Kingston is normally based.

"The role of the refreshments - The Salvation Army's role within the Australian Army - is physical and moral support and

welfare, and what we've found is that having the refreshments truck provides a place where you can actually spend time talking to the soldiers," he said.

"I think there's a false thought that all we do is provide refreshments. Whether you are in Australia or you are in Timor, you pull up and as soon as everyone sees the truck they know they are either going to get a cold drink or a hot brew, and it's while they're standing at the back of the truck that you can actually talk to them and find out how they are going.

"And in East Timor, I wasn't just turning up in the mornings and seeing the day out and then going home. I was with the troops full-time."

Captain Kingston spent long periods of time outside the Dili Army base with troops. On average, he would spend a week in Dili followed by three weeks at other locations.

Being a handyman, he found helping out with various maintenance jobs was often a more effective way to build rapport with the troops.

"They'd say to me, 'Are you here to talk or are you here to work?', and literally I'd spend the rest of the day walking around with the guys with a tool in hand helping them, and the [Sallyman] truck was at the other side of the base," he said.

He expects his Sallyman replacement in East Timor - Major Allan Daly, from Singleton - to be a welcome addition to the Dili base, being an ex-Army mechanic.

Captain Kingston is now back in Townsville, while the troops he worked alongside in East Timor will return in February.

"I'm hoping once they get back we'll pick up from where we left. Because I've spent that time with them it will be at a whole new level."

Tom top volunteer on Central Coast

Retired Salvation Army Captain Tom Hope has been named the Central Coast Volunteer of the Year for 2009.

Captain Hope and his wife, Dorothy, retired as Salvation Army officers eight years ago and have since lived in Gosford. They spent 35 years in active officership.

Through his many hours of volunteer work in Gosford, Captain Hope has become well-known and well-loved by people in the community. In hotels, shopping centres and at Gosford Railway Station, to name just a few of the places where he serves, Captain Hope is known as "Mr Salvation Army".

In order to be eligible for the award, he had to volunteer for a not-for-profit organisation for a minimum of 100 hours over a period of 12 months. It is normal for Captain Hope to clock up a 40-hour week of volunteer work for The Salvation Army at Gosford.

Among his many activities are raising funds to assist in welfare work, supporting individuals who have drinking and/or gambling problems, helping people at the local courts, driving a bus for various church and community groups, distributing Salvation Army publications at Gosford Railway Station and at shopping centres, ministering at local hotels, and working with the Salvation Army Emergency Services team.

Other volunteer activities include acts of random kindness, leading chapel services at a retirement village, conducting funerals, running SAGALA and coordinating a team for the annual Red Shield Appeal.

Captain Hope was nominated for the award by Gosford Salvationist Major Stan Evans.

Queanbeyan Corps celebrates 125 years

(Majors Peter and Debbie Hindle)

Queanbeyan Corps Officers Majors Peter and Debbie Hindle have described their 125th anniversary celebrations in November as "awesome, mega-awesome, fantastic, and tops".

The Salvo Country Band took the Saturday night celebration cabaret dinner to a higher level with their repertoire of great songs which even inspired some people to dance in the aisles.

Major Eileen Holley, representing the ACT and South NSW divisional leadership, spoke about celebrating the past, enjoying the present and having confidence in the future. A Powerpoint presentation of recent and historic photos sparked much interest.

Sunday celebrations in Queanbeyan Park attracted 100 people to a free breakfast provided by the Salvation Army Emergency Services team and a worship concert led by the Salvo Country Band.

The relaxed atmosphere gave people time to catch up with each other and afterwards many made their way to the citadel to see the displays of historic books and photos.

"The first meeting in Queanbeyan was held on 23 November 1884, so on Sunday, 22 November 2009, the divisional leaders, Majors Rodney and Leonie Ainsworth, led our celebration worship," said Major Peter Hindle.

"On the day, a number of appreciation certificates were presented to those who had faithfully supported the corps over many years. The celebration cake was also cut at morning tea by Chris Midgelow, the Family Store manager for almost 20 years, and Hettie Neilson who has been a community care worker for 15 years."

Streetsounds raises Army's profile

A special charity event held at The Rocks on Sydney's historic waterfront last month raised funds for the Salvos Christmas Appeal while allowing young people from the Army's Oasis Youth Support Network to showcase their talent and tell their story.

Sydney radio station NOVA FM hosted the event - streetsounds - at the regular Friday night Markets by Moonlight. It featured live music from popular new band The Verses (featuring Ella and Jesse Hooper, formerly of Killing Heidi). Sydney-based band Amy Meredith also performed.

Dwayne, from Oasis Youth Support Network, performed a hip-hop rap song that told his life story and described some of the tragedies he had witnessed. Dwayne, whose stage name is Supernal, uses music to encourage other young people to avoid a cycle of drugs and homelessness.

Kerri Lin, from The Salvation Army's Communications and Public Relations Department, said Dwayne's powerful performance caught the attention of many people walking through the Rocks.

"His message is to move forward. He wants to relate to other people in difficult circumstances and show them that there's a way out," said Kerri.

Apart from raising funds for the Army's social programs, Kerri said streetsounds is a way to raise awareness among younger generations of the Army's work and ministries.

She said there were quite a few inquiries on the night relating to volunteering and other Army activities.

Salvation Army volunteers collected \$1360 in donations on the night and more was collected through the streetsounds website.



(Top) Ella and Jesse Hooper, from The Verses, and (above) Dwayne, from Oasis, perform at streetsounds.

Singleton Corps shows green thumb

Men from The Salvation Army's Miracle Haven Bridge Program at Lake Macquarie joined Singleton Corps members for a community day of gardening, landscaping, food and fun on 18 November.

As a corps and as an integrated part of Singleton Salvation Army's Community Centre, members and participants decided to develop a garden on a block of land, about the size of a house block, between the meeting and community halls.

"The garden produces fresh vegetables for welfare and church functions as well as providing a contemplative environment through its monastic design," team leader Envoy Seamus Corcoran said.

"It provides herbs, shaded seating for quiet times and a place for people of all ages to meet, work together and enjoy and supply the balance of functionality and beauty to make the garden an exciting project for Singleton Corps."

The idea attracted donations of soil, turf, building materials, volunteers and vegetable plants from the Singleton community. A grand opening and dedication of the garden is planned for early this year.



Miracle Haven and Singleton Corps members enjoy the weekly Wednesday community day.

Open day connects homeless with Salvos services

Newcastle Police and Community Youth Club hosted the inaugural Hunter Homeless Connect Day on 26 November, providing the Hunter region Salvation Army community services a chance to show what they can offer.

More than 1000 homeless and financially disadvantaged people took advantage of free transport and many other offers provided by the network of services in the Hunter region.

Free food, haircuts and massages were provided along with access to a one-stop-shop of services including accommodation and housing, legal, financial and family services, a job and study centre and a range of health services.

Newcastle and Central NSW Division Communications Secretary, Major Colin Haggar, said most services offered by The Salvation Army in the Hunter were represented, including Salvos Stores (which gave away more than 3000 items of clothing), Employment Plus, Newcastle Community Welfare Centre, MoneyCare, Oasis Hunter and Newcastle Corps.

"We even had a visit from the Army's internet bus from Oasis in Sydney. Among the services we provided on the day were free tea and coffee, pancakes, music workshops and jamming sessions, guitar restringing and sports activities, as well as giving the disadvantaged an opportunity to find out more about what services are available to them from the Army," Major Haggar said.

"It was a great day, not only for connecting with many people who need our support, but also in forging stronger connections with our fellow service providers."



A music workshop run by Oasis Hunter.

Delve weekend explores officership

The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's northern beaches hosted a weekend gathering in November for people to explore whether God may be leading them towards officership in The Salvation Army.

Around 45 delegates from four divisions gathered for the Australia Eastern Territory's first "Delve - Exploring Officership" weekend.

An officer ministry team was also at the weekend to accompany delegates, answer questions as well as share their own journeys through officership, addressing issues such as appointment changes, family life, spiritual life, frustrations and joys.

Several officers from The Salvation Army Officer Training College were also available to answer queries about college life, study schedule etc.

Delve delegates worked through a series of specially written personal devotions over the weekend and were encouraged to share in groups about what God was saying to them.

Also included was information on

how the Army supports its officers, the appointment process as well as future plans for the territory and ministry opportunities for officers.

Another "Delve - Exploring Officership" weekend is scheduled for July this year, for delegates from Queensland and northern NSW.



Delve participants discuss the journey of Salvation Army officership during a weekend seminar held at The Collaroy Centre in Sydney.

Emergency workers accredited

Newly qualified Maclean Salvation Army Emergency Services workers (pictured below from left) Steve Spencer, Fay Small, John Small, Gary Arrowsmith, Cynthia Long, Betty Cowling and Lydia Spencer found themselves immediately called into action after finishing their training.

Maclean Corps responded when the Clarence River, on the NSW North Coast, was inundated with floodwaters in the middle of last year. Despite the challenges, the corps assisted those in need and arranged to feed the hungry and give shelter amid the rains and rising river level.

Just before the floods hit, the corps hosted the SAES training day and participants learned the finer points of this work from Laurie Flood and Captain Roscoe Holland.



Australia Eastern Territory sponsors African conferences

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory recently sponsored planned giving conferences in South Africa and Kenya.

Almost 100 delegates, drawn from six territories and four commands, attended the conferences, which were held in Johannesburg and Nairobi.

The keynote address in Johannesburg was given by the South Africa Territorial Commander Commissioner Andre Cox, while in Nairobi the honour was given to Kenya East Territorial Commander Commissioner Hezekiel Anzeze.

Both commissioners thanked the Australia Eastern Territory for its generosity and vision in sponsoring the conferences. They stressed the timing was right in helping the Africa Zone focus on the need to be more self-reliant and its people to grow in the grace of giving.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Hodge (Booth College Principal) and Major Phil McLaren (Territorial Internal Appeals Director), representing the Australian Eastern Territory, were the facilitators for the conferences which in addition to planned giving, also covered topics such as public relations, leadership and management.

Lieut-Colonel Hodge, joined by his wife, Lieut-Colonel Pam Hodge, also travelled to Zimbabwe to visit three Australia Eastern Territory officers - Captain Elizabeth Garland and Captains David and Kim Hawke who are serving there.

They also toured some of the Army's social centres in the country including Howard Hospital and High School.

Major McLaren, meantime, stayed on in Kenya to officially open the new officers' quarters at the Dandora Corps and Community Centre.

Young musicians offered Star Lake scholarships

Nathaniel Maxwell, a trombonist from Parramatta Corps in the Greater West Division, and Nathan Drury, a cornet player from Bundamba Corps in the South Queensland Division, have been offered scholarships to the Star Lake Musiccamp, held in The Salvation Army's USA East Territory.

The scholarships are available to the duo as co-winners of the Commissioner Richard E. Holz Program Staff Chair. Nathaniel and Nathan will be attending the camp from Friday 13 August to Sunday 22 August in New Jersey.

Star Lake Musiccamp will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, with Bandmaster Stephen Cobb, of the Army's International Staff Band, attending the camp as special guest brass conductor.

The camp offers "Major Tracks" in areas of brass and percussion, vocal, timbrels, contemporary music and intermediate/ advanced piano. Electives are also offered in fields such as audio engineering, ear training, drama, gospel choir, leadership, mime, sacred dance, guitar, Bible study and video production.

In the wake of a 2008 visit to Dandora, Major McLaren, his wife, Major Nancy McLaren (Territorial Child Sponsorship Secretary), and Major Philip Maxwell (Territorial Communications and Public Relations Secretary) initiated a fund-raising campaign to replace the substandard quarters.

More than \$18,000 was raised by the Australia Eastern Territory to build the new premises.

In appreciation, Dandora Corps Officer, Captain Peter Kivindy, said: "We thank [Major McLaren] for taking the time to come to open the house and have time with our people. You and your territory have made a mark in this corps and Kenya East Territory as a whole."



Major Phil McLaren officially opens the new officers' quarters at Dandora in Kenya.

Bankstown Corps

(Majors Phillip and Irene Pleffer)

A crowd of 130 people gathered to celebrate the enrolment of three senior soldiers and 14 adherents at Bankstown Corps on 11 October. All were new to The Salvation Army and came from various regions of the world including Africa and the Pacific Islands.

The Greater West Divisional Commanders Majors John and Narelle Rees were guest speakers for the Sunday morning meeting.

Musu Quee, Samuel Kamanda and Elizabeth Kamanda were enrolled as senior soldiers by The Greater West Divisional Commander Major John Rees. They are the first people from Sierra Leone to be enrolled at Bankstown Corps.

During the past 12 months, 32 adherents have been accepted at Bankstown. All have made commitments to the corps mission in the local community and are inviting their family and friends to the corps.

The Greater West Division has a goal of attracting 500 new senior soldiers and adherents over the next few years.



New soldiers and adherents at Bankstown Corps.

Rouse Hill Corps

(Captains Dennis and Sue-Ann McGuigan)

Four junior soldiers were enrolled at Rouse Hill in November when the new plant gained official recognition as a Salvation Army corps.

Madison Clutterbuck, Madelein McKenzie and Luke Barbour were enrolled by Cadet Dean Clutterbuck on 15 November and Rebecca Gorman was enrolled by Captain Sue-Anne McGuigan on 22 November.

Temora Corps

(Doug and Ruby Smith)



Margaret Smith was enrolled as a senior soldier at Temora on 22 November. Margaret had recently attended the ACT and South NSW Division's Soldiership Boot Camp at Young. Pictured (left to right) are Doug Smith (husband), Margaret Smith, Ruby Smith, Doug Smith and Heather Clarke (holding flag).

Mackay Corps

(Lieutenants Jeff and Terri Goodwin)

The Mackay Corps of The Salvation Army enrolled four adherents on Sunday 29 November.

Pictured (left to right) are Corps Officer Lieutenant Jeff Goodwin, Corps Sergeant Major Beverly Sitcher, and the new adherents, Sharon Eastwood, Lynette Southerwood, Colin Reaston and Chris Dunn.

These people are excited about their future with God and are making this commitment to show others in the congregation they are serious about their Christian faith.

Bundamba Corps

(Majors Warren and Denise Parkinson)



Majors Warren and Denise Parkinson with newly enrolled Bundamba Corps senior soldiers (from left) Thomas Earl, Sara Walters and Charlotte McNeill. They were enrolled on 29 November.

New senior soldiers a sign of Woonona Corps transformation

(Majors Brian and Clair Smith)

Woonona Corps members gathered excitedly in their renovated facility in Wollongong's northern suburbs on 29 November, and recalled how God had been faithful to his promise to transform the corps.

"In 2002 he told us he was going to transform Woonona Corps in such a way that the whole Army world will take note. A corps that 10 years ago was struggling to survive and to make an impact on the community, is now serving the community in very practical ways," Corps Officer Major Brian Smith said.

The corps provides free lunches three days a week, free showers and laundry for the homeless, food distribution, partners with the local health service to host Mental Health First Aid courses, youth drop-in services, study groups, budget haircuts and hosts Work for the Dole participants.

"This all started by using our Family Store as our doorway into the community and continually being open to opportunities that God was presenting," Major Smith said.

"Over the past 10 years God has increased our volunteer force by over 300 per cent and our income by over 700 per cent so that we have been able to commence these other ministries.

"The congregation reflected the transformation with volunteers, soldiers, adherents, clients and friends, shoulder to shoulder, sharing together for this special time of celebration

and dedication and the enrolment of two new soldiers, Lawry and Jules Bell."

The meeting was led by the Australia Eastern Territory's Secretary for Program Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas who reflected with the congregation on being free and what God's desire is for each of us.



(From left) Major Brian Smith, Jules Bell, Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas and Lawry Bell.



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about people

Bereaved

Major Bruce **Stoltenberg** of his father Walter **Stoltenberg** on 29 November.

Births

To Captains Kim and David **Hawke** a girl on 19 November.

International Appointments

Effective 1 January: Major Eugene **Bamanabio**, General Secretary, Uganda Command; Major Brigitte Odile **Bamanabio**, Command Secretary for Women's Ministries, Uganda Command.

Effective 1 February, pro tem for six months: Major Allan **Flemming**, Secretary for Programme, Papua New Guinea Territory; Major Fran **Flemming**, Administrator for Koki Secondary School, Papua New Guinea Territory.

Effective 1 June: Colonel Johnny **Kleman**, Chief Secretary, Sweden and Latvia Territory; Colonel Eva **Kleman**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Sweden and Latvia Territory.

Effective 1 July: Colonel Gillian **Downer**, Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory.

Marriage

Captain Mark **Williamson** to Captain Cathryn **Ford** on 21 November; Major Thelma **Ashford** to Don **Fischle** on 5 December.

Promoted to glory

Mrs Major Grace **Ward** on 3 December.

Retirements

Effective 30 January: Lieut-Colonels Brian and Elaine **Hood**; Major Eliana **Cristi**; Major Mervyn **Holland**; Major David **Brown**; Majors Brian and Glenys **Holley**.

SAGALA Awards

The following person has received the Commissioner's Challenge Award: Courtney **Meyn-Reilly**, Penrith.

time to pray

29 December – 3 January

Blue Mountains Recovery Services Centre (Hadleigh Lodge), Chaplains in Greater West Division, Hannam Vale Corps, Hurstville Corps, Petersham Corps, Rouse Hill Corps Plant, all NSW; Hervey Bay Corps, Palm Beach/Elanora Corps, both Qld.

3-9 January

ACT and South NSW Divisional Headquarters, Chaplaincy Services in ACT and South NSW Division, both ACT; Albury Corps, Armidale Corps, both NSW; Atherton Tablelands Corps, Qld; Aged Care Plus, Office of the Territorial Commander, both THQ.

10-16 January

Auburn Corps, Ballina Corps, Bankstown Corps, Barraba Corps, Batemans Bay Corps, all NSW; Ayr Corps, Qld; Office of the Chief Secretary, THQ; change of appointments (14).

17-23 January

Congo Brazzaville Territory; Belconnen Corps, ACT; Bathurst Corps, Bega Corps, Berkeley Mission, all NSW; Bayside Community Church, Beenleigh Corps, both Qld; Sydney East and Illawarra Division Officer's Fellowship (18-21); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Wider Leadership Team (21-22).

24-30 January

Commissioner Lyn Pearce, International Headquarters; Bethany Residential Aged Care, Bingara Corps, Blacktown City Corps, Blue Mountains Recovery Services Centre (Hadleigh Lodge), all NSW; Bethesda Residential Aged Care, Blackwater Corps, both Qld.

31 January – 6 February

Uganda Command; Bonnells Bay Corps, Bowral Corps, both NSW; Boonah Corps, Bowen Corps, Brisbane Central Community Welfare Centre, all Qld; Booth College, THQ; Territorial Policy and Mission Council Retreat (1-3); entry of the *Friends of Christ* session of cadets; Greater West Division staff retreat (5-7); Sydney Staff Songsters repertoire weekend (5-7); Sydney Youth Band retreat (5-7).

7-13 February

Broken Hill Corps, Broken Hill Social Programmes, both NSW; Brisbane City Temple Corps, Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah), Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, Bundaberg Corps, Bundamba Corps, all Qld; launch of Territorial 24-7 Prayer (7); Greater West Division Officer's Fellowship (7-11); North NSW Division Officer's Fellowship (7-11); orientation for envoys and ministry workers (7-19); Sydney East and Illawarra community welfare centres forum (8); School for Youth Leadership commences (9); Programme Team Leaders conference (11-12); Captivated, Brisbane (12-14); ACT and South NSW Youth Councils (12-14).

engagement calendar

Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

Campsie: Sun 10 Jan – Retirement ceremony, Major Eliana Cristi
Collaroy: Mon 11 Jan – Northern Beaches Aged Care Centres
Gosford: Fri 15 Jan – Woodport Aged Care Centre
London: Sat 23–Sun 24 Jan – Women Leadership Training (UK)
London: Mon 25–Thur 28 Jan – General Consultative Council
Wollongong: Mon 1–Wed 3 Feb – Territorial Policy Council retreat
Belmore: Sun 7 Feb – Sydney Korean Corps visit
Coffs Harbour: Sun 7 Feb – Installation of North NSW divisional leaders
Sydney: Thu 11 Feb – Candidates board
Brisbane: Fri 12–Sun 14 Feb – Captivated
Wollongong: Tue 16 Feb – Aged Care Plus conference
Campsie: Wed 17 Feb – Captivated day conference
Collaroy: Fri 19–Sun 21 Feb – Captivated
Collaroy: Mon 22–Wed 24 Feb – Wider Cabinet
Bexley North: Fri 26 Feb – School for Officer Training retreat day

Colonel James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

Rockhampton: Sun 10 Jan – Installation of Central and North Queensland divisional leaders
Tamworth: Fri 22–Sun 24 Jan – Corps visit/Country Music Festival
*Sydney: Fri 29 Jan – 2020 taskforce meeting
#Sydney: Sun 31 Jan – Sydney East and Illawarra Division officers welcome, candidates farewell, divisional leaders installation
*Parramatta: Sun 31 Jan – Installation of Greater West divisional leaders
Wollongong: Mon 1–Wed 3 Feb – Territorial policy and mission council retreat
Sydney: Thu 11 Feb – Candidates board
*Brisbane: Fri 12–Sun 14 Feb – Captivated
*Campsie: Wed 17 Feb – Captivated day conference
*Collaroy: Fri 19–Sun 21 Feb – Captivated
Collaroy: Mon 22–Wed 24 Feb – Wider Cabinet
Sydney: Thu 25 Feb – cadets welcome
#Sydney: Sat 27 Feb – men's ministry planning conference

* Colonel Jan Condon only

Colonel James Condon only