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Honouring the Founder's final words

According to tradition, among William Booth's dying words was an order directed to his eldest son, Bramwell, the man who would take over the generalship of The Salvation Army from its founder.

"And the homeless children, Bramwell, look after the homeless. Promise me ..." are the words he is acknowledged to have spoken.

On 20 August, it will be 100 years to the day since Booth gave this final instruction to his son.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, we bring you a special feature celebrating the life and death of one of the most influential men of the Victorian age – a man who gave himself to helping the poor. But of all the societal ills encountered that Booth could have chosen to emphasise to the man he had appointed to succeed him a General of The Salvation Army, he deliberately focused on the importance of helping the homeless.

Really, this should come as no surprise to us; alongside saving souls, serving suffering humanity was, after, all, the Founder's passion.

Booth's wife, Catherine, once told the story of her husband, having witnessed the deprivation of the slums of London's East End for the first time, returning home and proclaiming: "I have found my destiny." It was a destiny he would spend his life – and in the process charging fellow Salvationists to be of the same mind – seeking to fulfil.

Compassion for needy

I wonder what General Booth would make of the modern-day Salvation Army's attitude to the homeless?

Sure, we have many wonderful programs designed to meet this ever-growing need – and they certainly do a fantastic job – but in reality they are serviced by only a very small number of Salvationists.

In my job as editor of *Pipeline*, I have been privileged to go to developing countries to see first-hand the work of the Army in these places. On my travels, I've met Salvationists in large numbers, many of them living in poverty themselves, who are committed to serving suffering humanity and are enthusiastically opening their own homes to those in need.

But what of Salvationists in the Western world and in particular right here in our own Australia Eastern Territory? Do we display the same level of compassion for the needy, or have we become just a little bit too comfortable in our middle-class Christianity?

One-hundred years on from General William Booth's promotion to glory, are we "... look[ing] after the homeless," as he implored his son, Bramwell, to do?

Perhaps this 100th anniversary is an appropriate time to re-examine on an individual basis, whether we are honouring those final words of the Founder.

Scott Simpson,
Managing Editor



Song book speaks to heart

There are many praise and worship songs written in recent years which certainly have blessed us all, but it is *The Salvation Army Song Book* which is closest to my heart. It always seemed to have been there. It was the ideal Christmas/birthday present along with the companion or the concordance. Your song book and Bible were like a pigeon pair. You never attended a meeting without them both.

The first song that meant something to me was Song 794, *I Think When I Read*. I was only seven when in a Salvation meeting I told my late father I wanted to go forward. He took me by the hand and led me to the Mercy Seat where Bandsman Harry Flatt led this little child so gently into the Kingdom.

My first songster piece, Song 766, *To The Hills*, has proven a strength throughout my life.

At our farewell from our corps to full-time service, Song 525 was used, accompanied by the band playing the hymn tune arrangement *Jude's Consecration*. The Holy Spirit saw fit to enable Lieut-Colonel Phillip Cairns to arrange the music to the same song for our session where it was sung for our Dedication Song when becoming officers in The Salvation Army.

There were many other songs such as Song 879, *Give Me The Wings Of Faith*, and Song 658 *Thy Word Is Like A Garden, Lord* which hold significant meaning. Song 615, *Mid All the Traffic of the Ways* brings me to that place of quietness. How often I have used my song book in my devotion time!

But one that stands out is General Albert Osborn's Song 512, *My Life Must Be Christ's Broken Bread*. This great communion hymn is where we can all meet around the shewbread table and commune with God in prayer and worship.

It was in September 2011 when God spoke to me through Song 507. As I sat in my family room looking around at all God had provided, the words of the chorus came into my mind, "Ask what thou wilt my devotion to test, I will surrender the dearest and best". How often had I sung these words and did not realise what I was singing. God in his wisdom had taken me at my word and taken my dearest and best to be with himself. My wife of 39 years had been promoted to glory.

These days I sit adjacent to my garden in the backyard to have breakfast, but a different song now comes to mind. It is not in our song book but in the American song book. The song is *I Come to the Garden Alone*.

But while I do, it's the chorus that brings me blessing for it says, "And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own and the joys we share as we tarry there, none other can ever know".

I am truly blessed. And so my journey continues ...

Warren Ravenscroft,
Carindale Corps

Heaven ...

*Heaven is such a beautiful place,
Full of worship, full of grace.
God has prepared it for everyone,
He's tried to make it really fun,
By giving us trees that heal our skin,
Changing our spirits, freeing us from sin.
The paths we'll walk are made of gold,
We'll stay young, we'll never grow old.*

*Bullies, pain, fear, and sin,
They aren't the things we want to live in.
Something can rid these nasty things,
And that is God; not us human beings.
In Heaven all bad things are gone,
There will be war and God will reign.*

*God is loving, kind and wonderful,
He made Heaven pure and beautiful.
He made it just for you and me,
Peaceful with no sin, as it should be.
And after what my God has done,
I thank him ... so should everyone.*

*God created woman and man,
And that is how sin began.
He told them not to eat from the tree,
They disobeyed ... just like me.
Along came Satan in the form of a snake,
"You will not die from this apple you take,
The fruit of this tree will open your eyes,
Don't listen to God, he's telling you lies."*

*Adam and Eve took a bite,
Then looked and they got such a fright.
They hid in the garden,
God called their names.
They hid because they felt ashamed.
They hid from God and became afraid,
Because God is who they disobeyed.*

*Our God he always had a plan,
To save the souls of woman and man.
He sent his son down to earth,
To give us new life; just like birth.
Jesus made us better than before,
What he did is hard to ignore.*

*When you ask God in your heart,
This is when your real life will start.
Pray to God and spread the word,
Being who you really are is preferred.
There are some people who don't know the Lord,
They don't know about getting the reward.
The reward that is bigger than you think,
When you die it will be just one blink.
One blink and you will be in
HEAVEN!!*

Abby Muendel (aged 12),
Eastlakes Corps

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Let's bring them home

Commissioner JAMES CONDON is praying that all corps in the Australia Eastern Territory will be getting ready to put the welcome mat out for people who are invited to return "home" to The Salvation Army

When I was appointed as the Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory, I spent time in prayer, asking God for vision, direction and much more.

It came to me, I believe, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we set aside a year when we would focus on "welcoming home" people who had left us.

This is planned for 2013, so for the remainder of this year we will pray and plan strategically for this to happen across the territory.

As I began to think this through, I thought specifically of people that I had known over the past 40 years of my officership, who had left us.

They fall into a number of categories:

1. People who have left us and now find their place in another church, where they believe they are meant to be and are fulfilled in ministry. I don't believe we need to follow them up.
2. People who have left us, but are still very much Salvation Army at heart and don't feel fulfilled in another Christian denomination and are not really involved in ministry, who I believe if we invited them back, they may return.
3. People who have left us and go nowhere and in some cases have become prodigal sons and daughters.

I believe in some cases we would need to apologise to people and bring them to a place of healing as part of the process.

What we bring them to will be most important and prayer is a significant part of the whole strategy now and into the future.

Obviously this fits with the Mission Priorities and I pray that we will do "whatever it takes" to see people "coming home".

At the start of the year a small working group met at Rockdale Corps. I had the opportunity to present the keynote address, then Secretary for Program, Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, facilitated the day. We brought together representatives from across the territory including officers, soldiers and people who had left us. One thing that emerged from this initial meeting of the taskforce was that we may not be ready for this to happen in 2013. A lot of work, praying and planning needs to go into this strategy. This we have come to realise.

Jonathan Browning has been appointed as the Welcome Home Project Director. He commenced employment with us a short time ago and already it has been confirmed he is the right person for the role.

Our Mission Priority 3 speaks of "corps being healthy and multiplying". We would not want to bring people to an unhealthy corps. As I've thought about MP3, I realise there is no special formula that would see a corps return to health. What's going to work in one place, will not work in another - it is really the work of the Spirit.

I was greatly challenged when watching a DVD series, produced in the United Kingdom, which is based on the Rob Parsons book *Bringing Home the Prodigals*.

Many people have returned to the church in the UK using Parsons' strategy and I must admit I was challenged and had a few tears as I viewed it.

Parsons raises a most challenging point from the biblical story of the Prodigal Son, when he talks of people coming home to the church or bringing home the prodigals. He prays that they will meet the Father first and not the elder brother. This is powerfully illustrated in the DVD and that would be my prayer as well.

Further information regarding the Welcome Home strategy is featured in this edition of *Pipeline*, including stories of people who have been welcomed home recently.

Please pray for this Holy Spirit-inspired initiative. God is already at work. Let us all be ready to welcome home those who have left us and those who are meant to be in The Salvation Army.



Commissioner James Condon is Territorial
Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

Why a second blessing?

Retired Salvation Army officer
Lieutenant-Colonel NEIL YOUNG
 builds a story around the doctrine
 of holiness which applies to every
 Salvationist

A common theme adopted by Salvation Army leaders these days is holiness. Much is being written and preached about this doctrine and the need to revive it in our corps.

We are a holiness movement, a way of life our early leaders learned from the great Anglican cleric and Christian theologian John Wesley and others.

The community at large think of us as a very good charity and I often get asked what The Salvation Army really believes.

We need to let people know that we are primarily a church and that is the basis and the reason for all that we are and do.

When I tell people that we are not a breakaway church, they are surprised. Our

teaching is strictly that of the central and essential elements of the Christian faith and our beliefs are right in the centre of mainstream Christianity.

I also tell them that we are, and always have been, strictly Wesleyan. The Salvation Army's founder, William Booth, once said, "To me there is only one God and Wesley was his prophet".

Wesley, as a minister, introduced the doctrine of holiness to the Church of England. He taught that holiness was not just a belief on the outskirts of Christianity, something you could believe and practise if you wanted to be extra spiritual. That is not true and it is not an option. Holiness is right in the centre of the Christian faith, an essential part of normal Christian living,

and required by God of us all because God is holy.

Wesley did have some conviction about the two Protestant sacraments, particularly the Lord's Supper, but has little if anything to say about baptism. He certainly did not claim that either was necessary to the acceptance of salvation nor the maintenance of it.

Let me get back to the title of this article, "Why a second blessing?" Is not being saved enough? The simple answer is "no". God wants us to be holy as well as being good and hard-working Salvationists.

I will illustrate this point with a fictional story about a corps member who holds an influential position. It could be the corps treasurer, the bandmaster, the primary leader or even the corps officer. But in this instance it is the corps pianist, and we will call her Elizabeth.

Elizabeth attends a very good corps. The local officers are sanctified Salvationists and give the glory to God in all they do. But these leaders are concerned about Elizabeth's spiritual life. She is no doubt an excellent pianist. She can play anything meticulously at a moment's notice and is of great assistance in meetings. She is saved, she is totally reliable and always available.

But the corps leaders fear that

Elizabeth plays the piano not so much to glorify God, but to show how good she is. They fear she plays so that people will praise her.

The corps leaders decide to take Elizabeth off the piano and replace her with a less efficient pianist, but one who plays for God's glory.

Elizabeth is furious and stops attending the meetings. But slowly she begins to see that her bitterness is eroding her salvation and returns, sitting in the congregation.

Then one Sunday morning the officer introduces the powerful song, *All To Jesus I Surrender*, putting very strong emphasis on that little word *all*. This, he explains, means everything has to be surrendered to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit convicts Elizabeth and shows her that she has been playing the piano for herself and not for Jesus. What is she to do? Still remain bitter and angry or surrender her gift to God? It is a crisis for her.

A godly soldier sees that Elizabeth is having a terrible struggle and goes to her. They go to the holiness table and there amid many tears Elizabeth surrenders her piano to Jesus.

You see, holiness is not about outward things we do, even though they may be well done. It is about motive. Why we do

the things we do, even in the Army. Do we do them for ourselves or for God?

As General Linda Bond says, "Everything we do in the Army, we must do for God and for him alone".

That is why a second blessing is necessary. We not only need to be saved, we need to surrender everything to God and that will, mostly, involve a crisis. Only then will the process of living a holy life begin.

We may have more than one crisis in our lives and a need to surrender something again and again. That was what John Wesley, William Booth and Samuel Brengle taught and what our current General wants from all Salvationists.

To finish our story, Elizabeth has since formed a young people's band which plays a variety of instruments, including a piano. God is blessing her in a way she never thought possible.

Elizabeth gave her piano to God and God has given it back to her to use in a much wider and a more joyful way.



Lieut-Colonel Neil Young retired from officership in 1993 but continues to teach Salvation Army officers through the SALT College in Kenya

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COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON

THE ‘WELCOME HOME’ PROJECT

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has launched a new initiative aimed at opening the door for reunions with those who have left our ranks. The strategy is called “Welcome Home” and will be overseen by Jonathan Browning. In a special *Pipeline* feature, reporter **SIMONE WORTHING** explains the aims of the project and the background to its creation, and also speaks to four people who have recently been “welcomed home”

Welcome Home is a fledgling initiative currently being launched in The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

It is not a program, but rather a strategy to welcome home people who, for various reasons, have left the Army over the years. It is not intended to try to bring people back who have since linked with other churches, but rather to focus on those who do not attend a place of worship anymore.

“The purpose of Welcome Home is to rebuild relationships and say sorry to those who have been hurt and left the Army as a result,” says Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon.

“Corps are absolutely vital to the Welcome Home strategy. Not all people who have left us will return to the same corps, but corps need to be healthy and welcoming to those who wish to return home.”

Specifically, the two express aims of the strategy are:

1. To provide a pathway home for those who have left The Salvation Army over the years;
2. To ensure that those who have not left the Army find in their local context, and within the wider movement, a place “at home” with God.

This will enable “our people and those who have left our movement to see, in our various

places, a compelling environment where they would experience and find their true spiritual home,” says Jonathan Browning who has been appointed to oversee the project.

“The primary objective of the Welcome Home strategy is to ensure that all Salvation Army expressions throughout the territory are communities of grace where the healing and restorative presence of God permeates the culture, as well as the lifestyles, of those who gather.”

There is a past, present and future focus to the initiative:

Past

To provide a pathway home for those who have left The Salvation Army over the years and have not found another spiritual home.

Present

To ensure that our present Salvation Army officers and laity find in their context a healthy and compelling environment for life and ministry.

Future

That The Salvation Army continues to fulfil its original mandate of providing a place for those searching for a home with God.

Recommended reading on the topic includes Henri Nouwen’s *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, and Timothy Keller’s *The Prodigal God*.

CALLED BACK FOR FULL-TIME SERVICE

For cadets Mark and Tamaryn Townsend, the journey back to The Salvation Army has been one of answering God's call to full-time ministry, for both of them

Mark Townsend grew up in The Salvation Army and spent almost 30 years at the Hurstville Corps in Sydney. He worked with the Army in Kings Cross after leaving high school, focusing on homelessness and drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Tamaryn Townsend attended Sunday school at a Uniting church and went to an Anglican high school, but even after university, hadn't decided whether or not to believe in God. She went with her mother to an Alpha course at the Hurstville Corps in 1998.

"I met God in a real way there, made a commitment and also met Mark," Tamaryn says. "He had just completed his application for Officer Training College, but then he met me!"

Tamaryn became a regular at Hurstville Corps, and she and Mark were married in 2000. They moved to Sutherland and started attending the corps plant in Cronulla (now Miranda Corps). The Townsends had a little girl, Julia, bought a home in another part of Sydney but continued to travel each week to the corps.

During this time, the Townsends felt God calling them deeper into their local community.

"We wanted to find a local established

church with a strong family presence," Mark says. "We didn't have anything against The Salvation Army, we just wanted to settle and invest in local relationships and strong community connections."

The couple became actively involved in a local Anglican church and "fell in love" with friendship evangelism in a community. "We thought we were there for good," Tamaryn says.

In 2010, Mark felt that God was calling him to full-time ministry and he applied to the Anglican Moore College in Sydney. Training was due to begin in 2012.

"The practicalities though, of the different system of training and its implications for our family in terms of living arrangements just didn't seem to be coming together," Mark says. "We were asking God to help us figure out the details."

Confirmation

During this time, the Townsends went to Hurstville Corps for a relative's birthday party. On the way there, little Julia asked her dad: "When can I go to Nana's church so I can go to Sunday school there?"

"That was a significant moment for me," Mark says.

"Later, in the hall [at Hurstville], I just

felt that God was with me and telling me that this is it; it's The Salvation Army and a call to full-time ministry. It still wasn't quite making sense though."

Mark didn't sleep much that night, but got up the next morning with a sense of peace and happiness that God was leading him back to The Salvation Army.

"I told Tamaryn and she was happy," Mark says. "She even told me that for a while, she'd had a quiet voice within her asking whether they should consider the Salvos for full-time ministry. It all made sense now."

Peace about the decision had been confirmed for them both. They also spoke with their Anglican minister, who was very supportive.

"For me it had always been Mark's calling to ministry," Tamaryn explains.

"Being a minister's wife in the Anglican church was one thing, being a minister myself was something else. I didn't want to just bounce off Mark's calling; I wanted God to confirm this in me."

The conviction came, and Tamaryn is confident that God will use the gifts he has given her through her officership.

The Townsends are now into their first year as cadets at the Army's Officer Training College in Sydney.



Mark and Tamaryn Townsend felt God calling them back to The Salvation Army to serve as officers. Photo: Shairon Paterson

"I JUST FELT THAT GOD WAS WITH ME AND TELLING ME THAT THIS IS IT; IT'S THE SALVATION ARMY AND A CALL TO FULL-TIME MINISTRY"

MARK TOWNSEND

NEW STRATEGY REFLECTS PROMISES OF JESUS



Leading way 'home' ... Jonathan Browning

Project leader **JONATHAN BROWNING** discusses the scriptural basis of Welcome Home

The exhausted traveller turns the key, opens the front door and, with a sense of relief, sighs. There is no place like home.

A newly married couple sits down for a meal with the yet to be unpacked boxes surrounding them. With a sense of anticipation they exclaim: "There's no place like home".

A young foster child trudges up the front path between his two case workers and unknowingly mutters a short prayer: "Please, God, can this be my home?"

The newly widowed mother of two adult sons returns to an empty house.

"Will this place ever feel like home again?" she wonders despairingly.

The idea of "home" is powerful because it expresses a deep longing we all share and yet, at the same time, it often continues to remain elusive.

In a sense, we spend our entire lives searching for a place where we absolutely fit in. We keep travelling and moving from place to place, but we never seem to actually arrive there.

One of the overarching themes of Scripture is that we have been wandering as spiritual exiles ever since the Garden of Eden, searching for our true home. The

idea, then, of finding one's true home, is compelling.

The incarnation of Jesus was God's way of bringing us home. Jesus experienced homelessness throughout his ministry (Matthew 8:20) and yet he was able to be "at home" with God in all sorts of places: From temple to synagogue; from banquets in the homes of tax collectors to an intimate supper with his close friends; from a fishing boat on a stormy sea to a lonely, blood-soaked cross.

In each of these locations Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, knew his Heavenly Father and experienced the security, identity and blessing that came from being "home" with him.

Jesus promised us a way home. "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever ... You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you ... And he who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I will love him and manifest myself to him ... we will come to him and make our home with him (John 14:16-23 *English Standard Version*).

We are reminded here that the experience of finding our way home is entirely dependent on encountering our risen Lord.

The security, identity and blessing that come with being "at home" with God must be experienced.

Search for home

These experiences, these encounters, are varied and unique. "Home" can and will look different for each of us, as the biblical narrative reflects. David had many homes, one of which was a cave in the wilderness; Isaiah found his home in the throne room of his Lord; Ruth finally found her way home late one night on the threshing room floor; Daniel found a new home in a distant land; Paul and Silas were able to be at home with God while in prison.

I think that will be the challenge for us as a movement as we embark on this Welcome Home project.

The search for home will continue to be an elusive enterprise for many, and what home looks like will differ from person to person.

Our response can only be to ensure our Salvation Army expressions across the Australia Eastern Territory are places that hunger after the presence of God, and our people who gather continue to grow and mature into Jesus followers who have found their security, identity and blessing at home with God.

Jonathan Browning recommended working for The Salvation Army in April and is employed as the Welcome Home Team Leader. He is interested in spiritual renewal and formation. With his family, Jonathan runs Sanctuary House, a ministry training and retreat centre in Sydney. Jonathan, his wife, Michelle, and their three children attend Ryde Corps.

ACCEPTANCE HEALS OLD WOUNDS

After an absence of 11 years, Major Glenys Page has returned to The Salvation Army, thankful for the changes that have made her return possible and looking forward to continued growth in the years ahead

Major Glenys Page grew up attending a Baptist church. In her mid-20s, after not attending services for a while, she answered a conviction to return, but didn't feel that she quite fitted into her local congregation.

"My first thought about The Salvation Army was out of the blue as I had no previous connection with the Salvos at all," she explains. "Although I didn't want to admit it at the time, I felt that God was leading me there."

Dulwich Hill was Major Glenys' first corps, where she instantly found people to be friendly, interested, genuine and accepting. She felt at home. Within a year she had become a senior soldier, and then continued to the Officer Training College. Major Page was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1983, part of the *God's Messengers* session.

"HE GAVE ME AN APOLOGY ON BEHALF OF THE SALVATION ARMY ... THIS MOVED ME GREATLY AND STILL DOES EVEN NOW"

Later that year, she married Graham Want. They served as officers together for 17 years until their marriage broke up.

"Under the rules of the time, I had to leave officership for six months," Major Page explains quietly.

"I was given a position as a personal assistant at The Greater West Divisional Headquarters but, knowing that nothing was going to change regarding officership, I decided to leave."

She later moved to Queensland and worked for a few years as a ministry assistant in a Brisbane corps before leaving and marrying "a lovely Christian man". She maintained some connections with The Salvation Army through friends and occasionally visited a corps.

In 2011, just before she moved back to Sydney, Major Page bumped into Australia Eastern Territorial Secretary for Program, Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, with whom she had gone to training college, at Stafford Corps. They

arranged to meet again in Sydney.

"I had coffee with Miriam and talked to her about what had happened," says Major Page.

"She was upset and sad that it had happened that way. She told me that they would love to have me back as an officer or employee.

"That was the first time anyone had said that, and it was significant for me."

Call to return

After the meeting with Lieutenant-Colonel Gluyas, Major Page felt that



Major Glenys Page is the Youthlink Chaplain in the Greater West Sydney Division. Photo: Shaïron Paterson

perhaps God was calling her back to The Salvation Army, although she tried to put those thoughts to the back of her mind.

Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, who had been Field Training Officer when she was in college, also rang and asked her to come in for a chat.

"I was only expecting a chat, but he asked me about what happened and expressed how sad he was to hear it," Major Page explains.

"He gave me an apology on behalf of The Salvation Army, which was totally unexpected. This moved me greatly and still does even now."

Commissioner Condon asked Major Page what her dream job would be. She was surprised by her own answer - to be a Salvation Army officer and not move.

"I didn't think it was possible because my husband wasn't a Salvationist, and I wasn't fully aware that things [rules] had changed," she says.

Accepted back

From that time on, she felt a sense of peace, that what she was doing was right and it was all coming together.

Major Page was accepted back into officership with the rank of Major.

She is now the Youthlink Chaplain in the Greater West Division, and is thankful for her warm welcome back into the Army.

"Everyone is thrilled and happy for me to be back. It really is nice to be home!"

Major Page's husband, Ron, has been "cautiously supportive" about her return to officership.

"I support him by attending Hillsong with him, as well as going to the Army, and am very happy and thankful to be where I am," she says.

"I am excited about the changes already made and am looking forward to being a part of the growth and increase of the future."

THREE DECADES IN THE WILDERNESS

A faithful friend, a listening ear and a simple act of kindness have helped Frank White reconnect with the Army after 28 years. He is taking one step at a time and waiting on God's direction for the future.

Frank White's Christian faith has always been the focus of his journey, both in and out of The Salvation Army.

"I give thanks to my mother for that," he says. "She came from an Anglican background and got saved through my Salvos father. The Lord meant everything to her."

Frank grew up attending the North Sydney Corps (now Chatswood) and then moved to Sydney Congress Hall Corps for 10 years. He was an active part of both corps bands.

In the early 1980s, there were some issues surrounding several bandmen from Congress Hall, Dulwich Hill, Chatswood and Earlwood corps, including a move to dismiss them. "I was treated differently to the other six guys in question and so decided to return to Chatswood Corps in 1984," says Frank.

Although Frank was welcomed back to Chatswood, some further issues around his involvement with their corps band, and how he was treated, led him to leave.

"I felt like a leper, cut to the quick, there is no other word for it," he says. "It was just a dreadful time."

Frank continued to play professionally with the NSW Fire Brigade Band, the NSW Ambulance Band and in a military division under the Australian Defence Force.

His wife, Iris, was also deeply hurt by what happened and, although she now attends Parramatta Corps with Frank, does not consider herself a part of the Army. Their daughter Karen, a teenager at the time, continued to serve at Chatswood Corps before leaving for overseas. She now worships at the Parramatta Corps with her husband and sons. Sadly, the Whites' son, Paul, has never been back to church.

Warm welcome

Fast forward to 2011, and Noel Druery, Territorial Coordinator of Mobile Mission, invited Frank and Iris on a mission tour.

"I've known Noel since my Salvo days and he, along with his brother Ken, had kept encouraging me and praying for me no matter what," Frank says.

"I'd always promised that we'd do a mission tour together one day."

Frank was concerned about playing again but he and Iris worked through their "trepidations", set off for Grafton and Tenterfield, and found everyone very friendly. Mission bandmaster, Avenel Gray, also told Frank and Iris about the bush missions scheduled for December.



Iris and Frank White attend Parramatta Corps.

"I thought that the mission would be a nice thing to do and beneficial," says Frank.

Not long afterwards, Frank started attending Parramatta Corps when his eldest grandson, Jack, asked him to go to church with their family.

Frank and Iris are particular about mentioning the role that then Parramatta corps officers, Majors Edwin and Daphne Cox, played in his return.

"Without their care, consideration and non-judgmental approach, neither of us would be discussing our journey with anyone ... one simple act of kindness on their part has made our journey possible thus far ... so a big thank you to both of them."

Frank and Iris joined the bush mission team at Cobar in December and there met Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, whom they remembered from many years ago.

"He came and spoke to each of us privately, twice, and I was very honest with him about my experiences and the past," Frank says. "He listened to everything and then asked to meet when we got back to Sydney."

"There he offered the most profuse apology for what had happened. I didn't need an apology but my wife certainly did. James added that, although he'd apologised, he also realised that nothing brings back close to 30 years of being in the wilderness.

"Basically, I am now waiting on the Lord to lead me in the right direction."



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Photo: Shairon Paterson

Tom can see clearly now

Thomas Eyles always believed in a higher purpose for his life but, as **BILL SIMPSON** finds out, it took the loss of his eyesight for God's plan to come into focus



Thomas and his father, Major David Eyles, and the jeep. Photo supplied

A shiny black jeep sits in the driveway of Thomas Eyles' Canberra home. It belongs to Thomas, but it's unlikely he will ever drive it.

Thomas is legally blind. He has direct but not peripheral vision. It means he can see immediately ahead of him - if he focuses intently- but can't distinguish anything on the edges.

It means he isn't allowed to drive a vehicle. He has to use taxis or rely on others to get him places. He can't use buses because the lack of peripheral vision makes crossing a street dangerous.

Looking at a television or computer screen isn't easy, either. He sees only what is at the centre of the screen. The strain on his eyes restricts the amount of time he can watch.

It's an inherited condition. The

problem surfaced for Thomas only three years ago, at the age of 20.

He was serving in the Australian Army. He was medically discharged as his eyesight worsened.

Thomas was, obviously, shattered, by the news.

The Australian Army had given him the friends and "brothers" he struggled to find in his younger years.

"While the day I was discharged from the Army was sad in some respects, I suppose, it was also the proudest day of my life," Thomas tells *Pipeline*.

"As I went to join my family for dinner [at the Army base], Dad walked toward me in his Salvation Army uniform, shook my hand, and said: 'I'm very proud of you, son'.

"That meant everything to me; to know that my Dad was proud of me."

Dad is Major David Eyles, Divisional Secretary of The Salvation Army ACT and South NSW Division. Thomas' mother is Major Angela Eyles, Divisional Community Care and Seniors' Ministry Coordinator.

When Thomas returned home from the Australian Army to live with his parents, he bought the black jeep. It's for Thomas and his dad to go four-wheel driving together. Father and son have a strong bond.

As Major Eyles walks past our interview point, he ruffles Thomas' hair and says: "He's Superman." What does he mean? I ask Major Eyles. "I mean it in the sense that he is always protective of other kids," he says.

"He always takes a generous interest in them; he's very generous with his time." >>>



Thomas (above) in combat gear for training drills during his time in the military army.

The Superman description is something that Thomas once never thought would even remotely apply to him. His story is one of a young person struggling to understand his place; to find friends; to be accepted.

He wrote his story for a Salvation Army youth website last year. This, in part, is what he wrote:

"When I was born, I was supposed to have a twin. But he died at birth. For people who are

twins, they feel complete when they are near their twin.

"But I've sort of had this hole my entire life and I've constantly been chasing after friendships to fill what I've lost.

"I'm an officers' kid and I've had to move around a lot [13 times in 18 years]. So, I've always had to leave my friends and this has always opened that hole in my life. I got bullied a lot at school."

After completing secondary school, Thomas enrolled at TAFE. Although raised through the usual Salvation Army junior ranks (Sunday school, junior soldiers), and living at home with his officer parents, he started drinking alcohol with his TAFE fellow students because they were the friends he had craved. He enjoyed "hanging out" with them.

Friendship base

As his drinking increased, his interest in TAFE studies decreased. He joined the Australian Army to train as a vehicle mechanic. It was, he thought, a perfect environment. He had all the friends he needed. And if it meant he had to drink as much as his mates to be accepted, he could accommodate any excess.

He had never considered becoming a soldier in The Salvation Army because, he said, he felt more comfortable with his Australian Army friends than his Salvation Army friends.

"I never felt as though I fitted in with my Salvation Army friends," he says. "But I always thought that God had something for me.

"Joining the military was something I had always wanted to do. When I found out I couldn't stay in the Army, I broke into tears because I was going to lose all my mates.

"I had finally found friends - 118 brothers - and now I was losing them all at the same time. It was hard because we had been like a family at the Army base."

His doctor advised that



Thomas has a heart for youth and, despite the limitations with his eyesight, loves to use his gifts to help children. Photo: Shairon Paterson.

excessive drinking would worsen his eyesight. But he didn't want to give up drinking because it was, to him, an important connection with his mates; a way to find and keep friends.

He kept drinking until it dawned on him that it didn't make sense in his condition. So, he stopped. In 2010, he became a soldier in The Salvation Army at Fairfield Corps in Sydney, where his parents were the officers.

Towards the end of that year, an incident occurred that changed the direction of his life. As he walked home from a corps youth event, he was struck by a car. "I went over the car's bonnet, smashed the windscreen and landed on the other side of the car. A second car hit me.

"I was in hospital for four days, but the thing was that my only damage was a chipped tooth, a cut on my head and bruising of my body. There were no broken bones or brain damage. It was a miracle.

"While I was in hospital, I realised that God was looking after me. He must have had a plan for me if he protected me in that accident. It was a sign to me that God wanted me alive."

Thomas attended a Gospel Arts Camp at Collaroy, where a

speaker's story about her troubled life triggered a response in his heart.

In his youth website article, Thomas wrote: "Everyone is a hero, whether they like it or not. They have someone who looks up to them. Whether big or small, no matter if we like it or not, we need to be an example."

Great potential

Thomas has chosen to be an example. And the focus of his example is young people - hopefully, he says, kids who need a friend.

He is now attending Woden Valley Corps in Canberra, where he assists youth ministry through school breakfast programs and Kids Club at the corps. His dream is to be a full-time youth worker.

"There is a great potential," says Craig Midgelow, The Salvation Army's Schools ACT community worker and Red Caps facilitator, who has worked with Thomas over the past 18 months.

"Thomas has a real passion for kids and a passion for serving Christ through the work he does with kids. His eyesight means he has some limitations, but only in little things. At times, you wouldn't even know."

Comments like Craig's encourage Thomas. "I feel my life is in a good spot," he says. "I feel that God has been preparing me for this [youth work]. I have friends.

"We all have baggage and we need to deal with it. I have been dealing with my baggage. I now realise how important it has been to hang on. I know that people go through tough times and many become bitter about it. I didn't want to become bitter.

"I want my story to be an inspiration to somebody else; to show them that we can get through the tough times and that God has something special for each of us."

For Thomas, beyond youth work, that something special may be officership. "I have been thinking about it," he says.

But for now, it's trying to be the friend - a brother - to a young person that he missed having when he was younger. □



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Preparing breakfast at a school in Woden Valley. Photo: Shairon Paterson

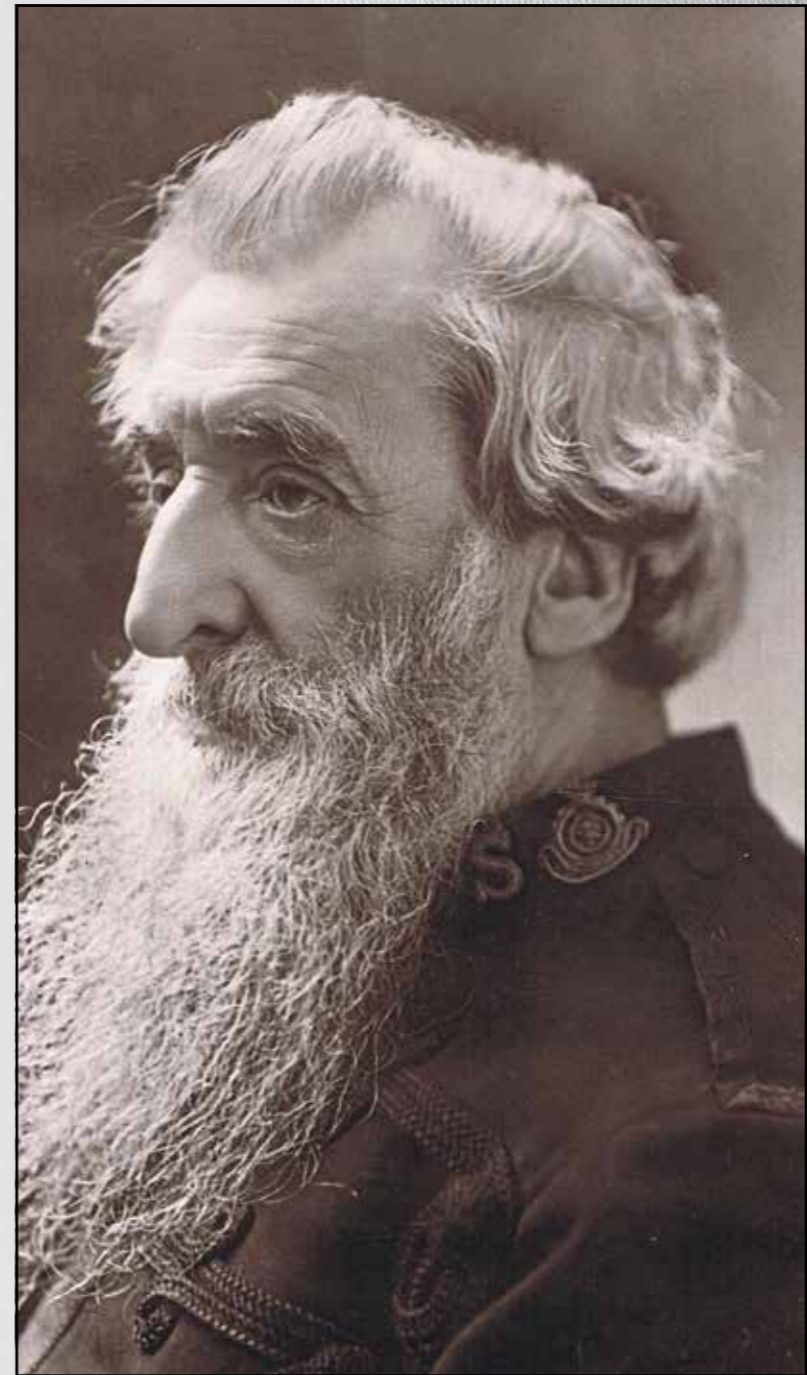
Century of glory

FOUNDER'S LEGACY STILL CALLS US TO FIGHT

When General William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, was promoted to glory on 20 August 1912, it made front-page news around the world.

Royalty and world leaders paid tribute to the General, with many of them among the 35,000 people who attended his funeral. The centre of London was brought to a standstill as crowds lined the streets for the funeral procession from The Salvation Army's International Headquarters to Booth's final resting place at Abney Park Cemetery.

On the 100th anniversary of General Booth's promotion to glory, *Pipeline*, in a special feature, looks at the life of one of the most influential men of the Victorian age, and the extraordinary response to his death and funeral.



“While women weep, as they do now, I’ll fight; while little children go hungry, as they do now, I’ll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I’ll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I’ll fight - I’ll fight to the very end!”

- General William Booth

Pawnbroker's apprentice to founder of God's Army

William Booth was born in Nottingham in 1829. At the age of 13 he was sent to work as an apprentice in a pawnbroker's shop to help support his mother and sisters. He didn't enjoy his job but it made him only too aware of the poverty in which people lived and how they suffered humiliation and degradation because of it.

During his teenage years, he became a Christian and spent much of his spare time trying to persuade other people to become Christians too.

When his apprenticeship was completed he moved to London, again to work in the pawnbroking trade. He joined the local Methodist Church and later decided to become a minister.

After his marriage to Catherine Mumford in 1855, he spent several years as a Methodist minister, travelling around the UK preaching and sharing God's word to all who would listen. Yet he felt that God wanted more from him, that he should be doing more to reach ordinary people. He returned to London with his family, having resigned his position as a Methodist minister.

One day, in 1865, he found himself in the East End of London, preaching to crowds of people in the streets. Outside the Blind Beggar pub some missionaries heard him speaking and were so impressed by his powerful preaching that they asked him to lead a series of meetings they were holding in a large tent.

The tent was situated on an old Quaker burial ground on Mile End waste in Whitechapel. The date for the first meeting was set for 2 July, 1865. To the poor and wretched of London's East End, Booth brought the good news of Jesus Christ and his love for all men. Booth soon realised he had found his destiny.

He formed his own movement, which he called "The Christian Mission". Slowly the mission began to grow but the work was hard and Booth would "stumble home night after night haggard with fatigue, often his clothes were torn and

bloody bandages swathed his head where a stone had struck," wrote his wife.

Evening meetings were held in an old warehouse where urchins threw stones and fireworks through the window. Outposts were eventually established and in time attracted converts, yet the results remained discouraging - this was just another of the 500 charitable and religious groups trying to help in the East End.

It was not until 1878 when The Christian Mission changed its name to The Salvation Army that things began to happen. The impetus changed. The idea of an Army fighting sin caught the imagination of the people and the

organisation began to grow rapidly. Booth's fiery sermons and sharp imagery drove the message home and more and more people found themselves willing to leave their past behind and start a new life as a soldier in The Salvation Army. Inevitably, the military spirit of the movement meant that The Salvation Army soon spread abroad.

By the time Booth was promoted to glory in 1912 the Army was at work in 58 countries.

Information taken from The Salvation Army International Heritage Centre website.



Left: William and Catherine Booth in his days as a Methodist minister.



Below: General Booth and his son Bramwell embark on the motorcade tour of Britain in 1904.

General lays down his sword

The *War Cry* for 17 August, 1912, reported from London that the General was "not so well". Three days later, on Tuesday, 20 August, at 10.13pm, and following a terrific thunderstorm - as had occurred just prior to the passing of his wife, Catherine, 22 years before - General William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, "laid down his sword". He was 83.

In accordance with a widely felt desire, the body of General William Booth lay pavilioned in state at The Congress Hall in Clapton, London, on the Friday, Saturday and Monday following his passing. Around 150,000 people passed the casket to gaze upon the ivory-like features of "the world's best-loved man".

On 27 August, Booth's funeral service was held at London's Olympia where 35,000 people attended, including the Queen mother, Queen Alexandra, who came incognito, and representatives of King George V and Queen Mary.

The procession took 20 minutes to pass down the extended central aisle. It was impossible for everyone to hear the speakers in that vast auditorium, so great boards, bearing numbers coinciding with those on the 52-page program, were placed on either side of the platform to indicate what was happening during the service.

The following day, Booth's funeral procession set out from The Salvation Army's International Headquarters. The heart of London stood still for nearly four hours as the lengthy procession of some 7000 Salvationists, including 40 bands, wound its five-mile way through densely crowded streets.

Booth was buried with his wife, Catherine, in the main London burial ground for 19th century non-conformist ministers and tutors, the non-denominational Abney Park Cemetery in Stoke Newington. His son and successor as General, Bramwell Booth, delivered a striking address at the graveside, in the course of which he said:

"If you were to ask me, I think I could say that the happiest man I ever knew was the General. He was a glad spirit. He rose up on the crest of the stormy billows, and praised God, and laughed at the devil's



The funeral procession of General Booth through the streets of London in 1912.

rage, and went on with his work with joy. That gladness communicated itself to others ... I rode the other morning on a ministering journey with Commissioner Sturgess up a little lane in Limehouse, in the East End of London, and oh, how my mind turned back to 40 years ago, and to a fishmonger's shop there. The fishmonger was friendly to us, and used to take out the windows of his shop for us on Sunday mornings. I have heard the General from behind that fish counter pouring out his soul on the people."

Lofty tributes

Messages of sympathy, addressed to Bramwell Booth, arrived from leading men and women in all parts of the world.

King George wrote: "Only in the future shall we realise the good wrought by him for his fellow creatures. Today there is universal mourning for him. I join in it."

Queen Alexandra, who also sent a wreath of flowers from the royal gardens at Sandringham, wrote: "Thank God, his work will live forever."

The Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany explicitly commanded that a wreath should be placed on the coffin by Baron

von Bulow. A wreath was also received from King George and Queen Mary. King Christian of Denmark sent a message, as did United States President William Taft.

The British Prime Minister Herbert Asquith and the governors and prime ministers of Commonwealth countries, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Lord Mayor of London paid their tributes.

The newspapers of the world devoted columns of space to high and affectionate tributes.

"Whatever we may think of William Booth, and of the wonderful organisation which he so triumphantly established, it is certain that he belonged to the company of saints ... We judge him to be one of the chief and most serviceable figures of the Victorian age," said London's *Daily Telegraph*.

The *Westminster Gazette* added: "General Booth, who has gone to his rest full of years and honour, after a long life of inexhaustible activity, will live in history as one of the most remarkable figures of these times."

Information taken from The Salvation Army International Heritage Centre website.

My Dear General... what would you think?

One hundred years after his promotion to glory, what would William Booth think of The Salvation Army in the 21st century? In a series of letters to "My dear General", this question is posed by Commissioner Wesley Harris, a retired Army leader and writer dedicated to keeping his "inky fingers" on the pulse of the movement. The following is "Letter 31: Technology", an excerpt from Commissioner Harris' latest book *My dear General - Letters to William Booth from the 21st century*

My Dear General,

You and your followers often proved adept at adapting technological developments for Salvation Army service. For example, when the motor car was still new enough to be novel you went on a series of "motorcades" through Britain, and local residents turned out in their droves to hear you speak when

you stopped in their town or village. Your hero, John Wesley, did something similar on horseback, whereas you chose a mechanical steed with hard tyres - which was hardly a more comfortable ride and definitely a whole lot noisier!

Another development in your lifetime was the telegraph cable - a great advance in communication for people in places distant from each other. However, the cost of using this means could be high and, ever a stickler for economy, you were

conscious of this. So it is said that when an unknown supporter offered to pay for you to send a message to your forces around the world, you practised extreme economy of words and money by encapsulating your message in one word: "Others."

Economy was also sought through the publication of a 500-page book entitled *The Salvation Army General Telegraphic Code* published in 1910, a copy of which I have in my possession. To reduce the length of a cable, single words could convey whole messages on a variety of topics. For example, the strange word "kunge" meant: "Let us pledge ourselves to love each other. With every injury forgiven, every grudge banished, with souls full of holy resolution to love each other as never before, let us march on to war." That sounds good, even in code!

Another example of the Army making use of new technology for the furtherance of the Gospel placed us among pioneers in the film industry in the 1890s. In Australia, Captain Joseph Perry, encouraged by the then territorial commander, your son Herbert, used moving pictures to portray Christian themes. This established the Army as a leader in the country's film industry, entrusted with key assignments such as the proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia, which was shown on television in recent years.

The development of air travel has had a profound effect on Army leadership. Journeys to far-flung outposts of the Army empire which took you more than a month can now be covered in a day. In Australia, the Army has its own light aircraft and a flying padre service to people living in remote locations.

The latest addition has brought a helicopter into service, more convenient



Above left: General Booth sets out on his 1904 motorcade tour of Great Britain when he stopped off in cities, towns and villages to preach to the assembled crowds from inside his open-top car.

Above: General Booth's grand-daughter, Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth, being interviewed for the BBC *Everyman* series in 1978.

for landing in limited spaces.

Technology has advanced by leaps and bounds and the Army has sought to include many developments in its methodology. There has been a phenomenal development in means of communication, with many diversions which clamour for our attention. Through television, millions can watch events on a screen as they are taking place on the other side of the world, and entertainment is piped into our homes in a way that would astound people of your time. Such technological developments can be dazzling, if not always enlightening!

Gaining access to television coverage is not always easy but your granddaughter, Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth, became famous in Britain through her appearances on this medium. In an interview, she agreed with me that by this means she had reached more people with the Gospel after the age of 95 than in all her years before. Similar means of communication have been used within the Army so that great meetings taking place in London have been shared on the other side of the world.

In the conduct of Salvation Army business, extensive use is now made of what are called emails - letters which arrive at their destination in the twinkling of an eye, which should certainly make

for greater efficiency, although the human element is still of paramount importance.

What are known as "mobile phones" have become ubiquitous, with those in buses or on the streets talking into their hand-held phones to people on the other side of the country or beyond.

In the Army, technology is still seen as a means of saving souls and serving suffering humanity. Perhaps the danger is that we may become preoccupied with the means and lose sight of the ends! What would you think?

Yours for communication of the Gospel,

Wesley Harris

My dear General - Letters to William Booth from the 21st century is now available as a book, as an audio book or as an e-reader, from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosupplieasyd.com)



A man of letters

DAWN VOLZ asks Commissioner Wesley Harris about the inspiration behind his new book, *My dear General – Letters to William Booth from the 21st century*

When Wesley Harris was a boy, he had two abiding passions: a love of writing, for which he had a natural aptitude, and a love of The Salvation Army, in which he was dedicated to God as a baby. Seven decades later, those passions remain undimmed.

“Writing has been ‘my thing’ since childhood,” Commissioner Harris says, “and I can’t remember when I didn’t love the Army. I think I was born with red, yellow and blue blood in my veins,” he adds with a smile.

For 63 years, the commissioner has enjoyed what he terms a “parallel ministry” of writing for The Salvation Army. Serving for 26 years as a corps officer in England, as well as editor-in-chief at the Army’s International Headquarters in London and international leader in Scotland, New Zealand and Canada, throughout his officership he has written hundreds of articles for Army periodicals.

As an author he has been no less prolific, especially in retirement. *My dear General: Letters to William Booth from the 21st century* is his 11th book, written in part to commemorate the centenary of the Founder’s promotion to glory.

In *My dear General*, Commissioner Harris writes rhetorical letters to the Founder, walking with William Booth through his long and extraordinary life and regaling him with stories of the Army of the 21st century.

The inspiration for his latest literary venture was a previous book entitled *Dear Paul*. Sparked by a vivid dream, it saw the commissioner writing 80 letters to the apostle. This led Commissioner Harris to think that the same idea could be followed with a series of letters addressed to William Booth.

“While biographies of the Booths have been required reading,” he says, “as a young person I knew a lot of people who knew the Founder himself. My mentor was retired Commissioner George Jolliffe, who as a young man was private secretary

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– COMMISSIONER WES HARRIS



to William Booth and, for a while, lived in his house.

“From Commissioner Jolliffe, and others, I picked up some of what might be termed ‘oral history’, previously unpublished. I hope that through reading *My dear General* people will get a clearer appreciation of the man who, when he ‘found his destiny’, found ours, too.”

“Better than our best”

Throughout the book, Commissioner Harris – unsure “whether saints in glory have information about what is happening on Earth” – recounts the growth of the Army over the past 100 years and canvasses a wide range of issues including soul-winning, holiness and prayer, as well as celebrating the joy of Salvationism.

Broaching the intriguing question of what William Booth would think of The Salvation Army in 2012, the commissioner writes to him: “I think that if you were to

return to observe the Army of today you might want to do something about a lack of urgency in soul-saving. In some places we have, unfortunately, got used to an empty Mercy Seat. You would galvanise us into action and urge us to do ‘better than our best’ as soul-winners.”

An octogenarian, Commissioner Harris has followed the Founder’s lead and embraced present-day technology, especially the Internet. He writes for the online *Journal of Aggressive Christianity*, maintained a blog for some years and posts on Facebook.

“One of the things that thrills me with this book is that we are employing eBooks and audiobooks in addition to the printed word,” he says. “I’m hoping this will be the start of a new era and that we may get the message out to more people than in the past.”

Taken from *On Fire* magazine.

THEOLOGY CONFERENCE TO HONOUR WILLIAM BOOTH

The 100th anniversary of General William Booth’s promotion to glory will be the focus of a gathering of theological minds in Sydney later this month.

The Thought Matters Conference, hosted by the Tri-Territorial Theological Forum, will be held at The Collaroy Centre from 17-19 August.

The forum draws representatives from the Army’s Australia Eastern, Australia Southern, and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Vision for the Lost, or a Lost Vision? William Booth’s legacy 100 years on”.

Delegates will be challenged to consider whether and in what way The Salvation Army today still represents William Booth’s vision 100 years after his death.

“There has been a call for papers across the three territories which has drawn an extraordinary response,” said Major Donna Evans, Assistant Principal of the Army’s Booth College in Sydney. “There’s also been an essay and creative

Thought Matters Conference

arts competition which has generated great interest.

“The Friday night of the conference will be a special night where keynote speaker, Major Dr Harold Hill, will deliver a paper, and there will also be a small segment acknowledging the legacy of

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William Booth and a media presentation of his funeral.”

Major Hill is an officer of the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory. He has extensive experience working in corps and education-based appointments in New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

A number of books have been released this year to coincide with the 100th anniversary of General William Booth’s promotion to glory. *Pipeline* offers two of the best reads

FAREWELL TO THE FOUNDER

Author: R G Moyles

Farewell to the Founder, a tribute to the 100th anniversary of William Booth’s promotion to glory, includes a moving account of his last days on Earth, his death and funeral, and the world’s reaction to the loss of a great evangelist. When the General died on 20 August, 1912, he made front-page headlines in scores of countries and many religious newspapers ranked him alongside John Wesley, Martin Luther and even the apostles Peter and Paul.



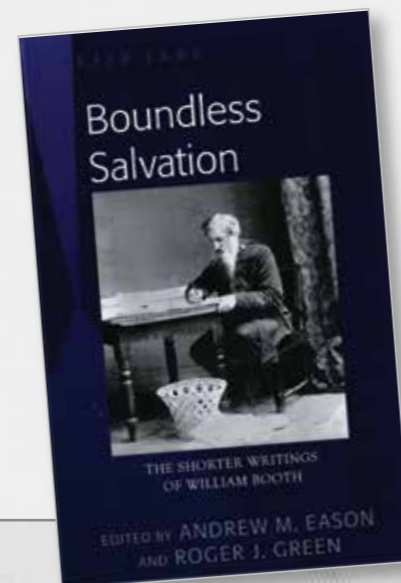
BOUNDLESS SALVATION - THE SHORTER WRITINGS OF WILLIAM BOOTH

Edited by Andrew M Eason and Roger J Green

Boundless Salvation - The Shorter Writings of William Booth convincingly demonstrates that General Booth’s enormous accomplishments arose from deeply held religious convictions. It argues persuasively that his life and ministry must be understood in relation to the Methodist theology and transatlantic

revivalism that inspired and guided him. This edited collection offers valuable insight into the origins and development of The Salvation Army, one of the most remarkable organisations to arise during the 19th century.

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Every Christian seems to have a favourite Bible verse that has either impacted them at one stage in their walk with Christ, or continues to encourage and nourish them on their spiritual journey. In this issue, *Pipeline* introduces a new feature in which selected people share their favourite piece of scripture

My Favourite Verse – Major Beatrice Kay

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

This is a verse I grew up with, having a beautiful godly mother who quoted this Scripture regularly.

Many times throughout my life I felt assured that God was in control, not me. I relied on him heavily in all situations and quite often he takes over when I feel at my weakest.

As human beings we all have limitations, but with God all things are possible. We are able to set goals in our lives knowing that he is in control.

I can remember going to The Salvation Army Training College over 32 years ago knowing that God had called me, and I must obey.

I commenced this wonderful journey with my husband, Noel, and four young boys between the ages of four months and six years old. I had studies to undertake, lectures to attend, assignments and exams to do, sermons to prepare and present, the list goes on. This in addition to being a mother for my children. In my own strength, I was going to fall short.

Transitioning between many different appointments, God was with me, helping me to be all I wanted to be for my Lord. Even when I gave birth to my beautiful daughter, my fifth child, this verse of Scripture would come to me again, knowing the busyness of motherhood, being an officer, supporting my husband, and being there for the sinner as well as the saint. God has never let me down.

In October 1992, my husband was diagnosed with his first brain tumour. My children were still young, but our faith in God never wavered. The surgery was very invasive, but God used these opportunities to strengthen our faith all the more. For another 16 years, this journey of surgery,

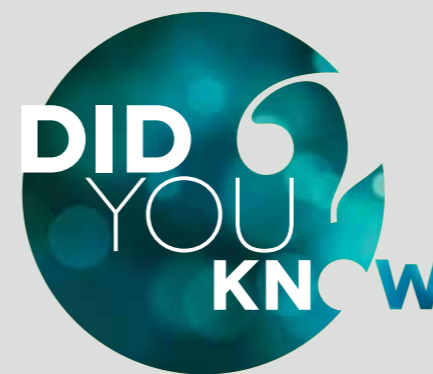
miracles and "faith building" would continue.

With Noel having 46-plus tumours removed in more than 16 surgeries, I could feel that God was carrying me. Throughout this time we took every opportunity to share our faith as it was so strong.

Noel believed he would travel the world to share his story. Through others hearing our story, people have been saved and grown in their faith. God would also say to me: "I know the plan I have for you," declares the Lord, "not to hurt you, not to destroy you but to give you a hope and a future," (Jeremiah 29:11).

Noel was called home to our heavenly Father at the age of 55. I knew my journey was now to be alone but I felt compelled to continue my ministry as a Salvation Army officer.

When difficulties and challenges come my way and a decision needs to be made, I say to myself "I can do it", for "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".



- There are two books in the Bible that never state the name of God – Esther and Song of Solomon.
- The word *Bible* comes from the Greek word *biblia*, which means "books", which comes from another word, *byblos*, meaning papyrus, a material books were made from in ancient times.
- The Bible is the world's best-selling book as well as the world's most shoplifted book.
- The Red Letter edition of the Bible, first published in 1900, was devised by Louis Klopsch, then editor of *The Christian Herald* magazine in the United States in 1899.
- The name *Jesus* is mentioned 1276 times in the Bible (*NIV* version). David receives second place for being mentioned 1118 times. Sarah, the wife of Abraham, receives the most references as a woman – 56.
- There are 1189 chapters in the Bible – 929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New Testament.
- When the translation of the Bible known as the *Authorised Version* or the *King James Version* was first published, the great playwright William Shakespeare was 46. If you go to Psalm 46 in that translation you will find that the 46th word from the start of the Psalm is "shake", and the 46th word from the end is ... "spear".

MONTEVIDEO FALLEN GAIN RECOGNITION IN SOMBRE MEMORIAL SERVICE

By **ESTHER PINN**

It was the moment not to miss. A sombre mood settled across the Australian War Memorial in Canberra as The Salvation Army's Melbourne Staff Band played in front of the Hall of Memory.

The air was bitterly cold, but the sun shone on family members as they placed red poppies on the Roll of Honour next to the names of their fathers, uncles and brothers from the 2/22nd Battalion who passed away on 1 July, 1942.

Marking the 70th anniversary of Australia's worst maritime disaster, for the first time in history those Australians who died in defence of Rabaul and the New Guinea islands and aboard the ill-fated Japanese prisoner of war ship, *Montevideo Maru*, were honoured publicly for their service during the Second World War.

More than 1000 Australian prisoners of war and civilian internees lost their lives in the sinking of the *Montevideo Maru*. Among the victims were Salvation Army bandsmen who were predominately from the Brunswick Citadel Band in Victoria, including renowned bandmaster Arthur Gullidge. They were all part of the 2/22nd Battalion.

Sole survivor

When the Japanese invaded the island of Rabaul, two Salvationists were killed during the initial attack, four lost their lives while trying to escape, and a further 16 were marched aboard the *Montevideo Maru* on 22 June 1942, which was headed for Hainan Island.

Eight days into the voyage, the unmarked Japanese vessel was sunk by a torpedo from the American submarine, *USS Sturgeon*, off the coast of the Philippines.

"Only one [Salvation Army] bandsman survived," said Lindsay Cox, The Salvation Army Southern Territory Archivist. "Fred Cole Morgan escaped Rabaul after the attack and trekked 1100 kilometres for four months through the jungle to safety. He was a Salvation Army bandsman from Melbourne and he died just last year, aged 94."

Only 17 people survived the sinking and the subsequent march through the Filipino jungle and sadly, the fate of the Australians who perished was not made known to their families until 1945.

And it was not until June 2010 that the Australian Government gave recognition



Clockwise from left: Colonel Wayne Maxwell and Colonel Peter Walker lay a wreath on behalf of The Salvation Army; the Melbourne Staff Band make their presence felt; Arthur Gullidge's daughter Judith lays a wreath during the ceremony; the memorial sculpture which now stands in the grounds of the War Memorial in Canberra.

to the men who lost their lives at Rabaul and on the *Montevideo Maru*.

"Thankfully we are now making up for this silence. The Parliament passed a resolution last year offering its condolences and thanks to relatives and loved ones for their forbearance over time," said Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for Education, at the Australian War Memorial service.

In remembrance of this tragedy, The Salvation Army took part in a number of events over the weekend of 30 June-1 July. The Melbourne Staff Band opened the weekend commemorations by performing in the streets of Canberra, which was followed by a luncheon for the Rabaul and *Montevideo Maru* Society.

On the Saturday evening, a special Melbourne Staff Band concert was held

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– Governor General Quentin Bryce

at Canberra Girls Grammar School, honouring the music of Arthur Gullidge.

The following morning, a commemorative ceremony was held at the Australian War Memorial and then an afternoon concert at Tuggeranong Corps.

Following the Melbourne Staff Band's performance at the Australian War

Memorial's commemorative area, all eyes turned to the sky as three Australian Army aircraft – a Hudson Bomber, a Wirraway and a Catalina – flew overhead to honour the men who died at Rabaul and on board the *Montevideo Maru*. The Governor General, Quentin Bryce, then officially unveiled a new memorial.

Memorial unveiled

"We need to comprehend the sheer size of this loss. In one night in 1942, nearly twice as many Australians lost their lives as did in the 10 years of the Vietnam War. They deserved to be remembered. Today we reaffirm our promise to remember them – their achievements and their fate," said Ms Bryce.

Designed by Melbourne sculptor James Parrett, the memorial now sits in the

gardens of the Australian War Memorial. The sculpture's plaque explains the shape of the memorial: "The artist was inspired by circular 'wave-like' forms with the large sweeping curves conveying both the power of the sea and the magnitude of the tragedy."

The Governor General and Mr Garrett, on behalf of Prime Minister Julia Gillard, lay wreaths in honour of the fallen. Both Colonel Wayne Maxwell, Chief Secretary, Australia Eastern Territory, and Colonel Peter Walker, Chief Secretary, Australia Southern Territory, laid wreaths on behalf of The Salvation Army.

The *Last Post*, accompanied by the Melbourne Staff Band, then echoed into the distance and was followed by a minute's silence to remember the sacrifice of these brave Australian men.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The 2/22nd Battalion was made up predominately of members of Brunswick Citadel Band in Victoria. But one of their number, Albert Fry, was originally from The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

Growing up attending The Salvation Army corps at Wagga Wagga, Albert discovered his passion for percussion at a young age. During his early 20s, Albert moved to Sydney and became the deputy bandmaster at Petersham Corps. A few years later, he moved to Melbourne and joined the 2/22nd Battalion, playing percussion.

Like many family members of the 2/22nd Battalion, Albert Fry's relatives travelled from Victoria to be part of the celebrations in Canberra.

His two nephews, Daryl and Colin McMillion, have both followed in his footsteps. Daryl plays cornet in the Melbourne Staff Band while Colin is a percussionist in Waverley Temple Corps Band. Colin's nephew Shane and his wife Tabetha and their daughter Darcy also attended the commemorations.

"We wanted to go to pay respect to our uncle and to remember those gentlemen who perished on the boat," Colin said.

HONOURED IN SONG

An attribute song was especially written for the 70th anniversary of the *Montevideo Maru* sinking, and was performed by the Melbourne Staff Band, led by Bandmaster Ken Waterworth, on the Saturday evening of 30 June.

Strong to Save, by Roger Trigg, was written to honour the 2/22nd Battalion. It has a personal connection for the composer as his grandfather, Wilfred Ernest Trigg, was one of the Army bandsmen who died in the tragedy.

The Saturday evening concert focused on honouring The Salvation Army 2/22nd Battalion bandsmen and, in particular, Arthur Gullidge.

Throughout the concert, a number of Gullidge's pieces were performed including *Liberty*, *Divine Communion* and *Emblem of the Army*.

A limited edition CD titled *Unconquered: The Music of Arthur Gullidge* was also released at the Melbourne Staff Band concert.

Journey of trust in fight for life

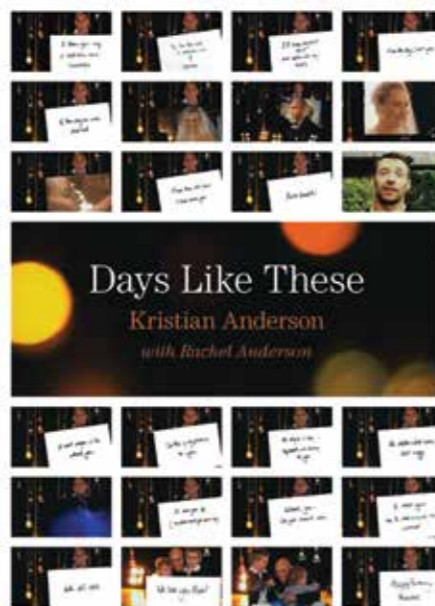
Days Like These

I have to confess that I am an avid book browser. This book caught my attention in a local Big W store. I picked it up simply because it looked biographical. I explored further when the back dustcover simply said: "I am 34 years old. I have a beautiful wife and two boys. I have cancer."

There have been many books written by those who have faced the battle with cancer. They all share a journey of the struggles and the victories of the human spirit when faced with the life and death battle with a biological invasion. However, it seems to me that men seldom write about this challenge and discuss their threatened disconnections from family and career.

Kristian Anderson shares his journey with us, but it is much more than the horror of chemotherapy and radiation therapies. It is also a journey of trust in the still small voice of the Spirit of God saying, "You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus." Phil. 4:19 (*The Message*).

One of the common techniques presented in management theory for



effective "progress" is to examine the situation, decide on the appropriate course of action, do it, and then review the result for its effectiveness and possible modification of what to do next. This technique had an obvious place in the various treatments Kristian was subjected to. But when it comes to trusting in God's

provision, there is no opportunity for a trial and error approach; his only option is to be "anchored with deep roots". "My hope, my confidence is in the God of heaven," he declares.

The book is a compilation of Kristian's blogs during his journey which he wrote primarily so that his two young sons would eventually have a statement of their daddy's love for them and his battle to be there to share their growing-up years. As such this is a very personal record. At several points in the book his wife, Rachel, adds her comments.

At some time or other, every congregation will include a person - a family - taking this sort of journey. To read this book is to be made aware of some of the challenges and opportunities of ministering to those who are caught up in such battles.

When the heart strings of compassion are touched, have the tissues handy, but never doubt God's promises: "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you." Heb 13:5 (*The Message*).

- Major Cec Woodward

Days Like These is available from all good bookstores

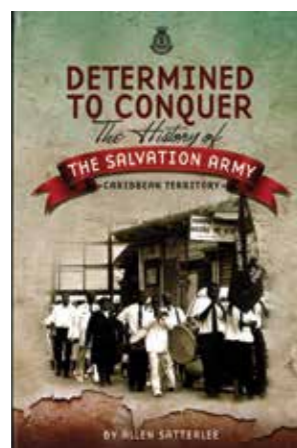
Determined To Conquer - The history of The Salvation Army, Caribbean Territory

The Salvation Army arrived in Jamaica in 1887, just 50 years after the abolition of slavery in the Caribbean.

Jamaica was struggling economically and socially under the rule of a colonial white elite and resulting tensions were acute. This sweeping history by Allen Satterlee unveils the socio-political as well as physical fault lines facing the Army as it began to break new ground in the region.

Here you will learn how in the early decades Salvationists met with fierce persecution from both police and the general public. Doctrinal battles erupted, splinter groups formed and tensions flared between local leaders and incoming officers. But as pioneer Salvationists united with enterprising ethnic Africans, the Army's mission in the Caribbean grew in unique ways and forms of expression.

Determined To Conquer - The history of The Salvation Army, Caribbean Territory by Major Allen Satterlee is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosupplieasyd.com),



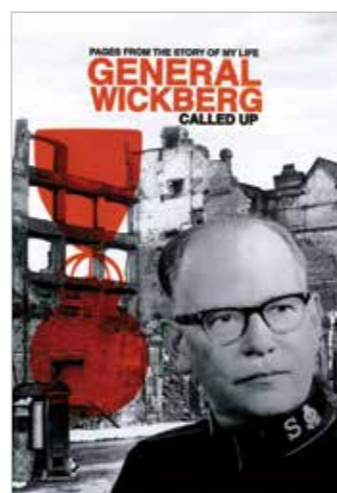
Called Up - Pages From The Story of My Life

Called Up - Pages From The Story of My Life is the English language edition of the autobiography of Erik Wickberg - the ninth General of The Salvation Army.

This book, first published in Swedish in 1978, describes how, having spent his formative years in Sweden, Germany and Switzerland, Erik Wickberg then served as a Salvation Army officer in those countries as well as the United Kingdom. His vast knowledge of languages and different cultures proved invaluable when he was elected to the office of General in 1969.

This book gives a fascinating account of his life, including his role as liaison officer during the years of World War II.

Called Up - Pages From The Story of My Life by General Erik Wickberg is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosupplieasyd.com).



Love triumphs over tragedy

By LAUREN MARTIN and NAOMI SINGLEHURST

John lost more than most in the 2011 Queensland floods. When his home in Bundaberg was flooded in late December 2010, he retreated with his salvaged belongings to his parents' home in the Lockyer Valley. Five days later, floodwaters swept through and took not only the house, but his father's life.

In the five weeks of uncertainty before John's father's body was recovered, John met Charlotte - an old neighbour who still lived in the area. Despite the tragedy, love triumphed.

"Charlotte was the most compassionate, caring and loving person I had ever met," John remembers. Within a month, he knew she was the person he wanted to spend his life with.

A few months after the floods, John and Charlotte were invited to attend a Salvation Army retreat in Sydney for people affected by the Queensland disasters.

"The camp was good," remembers John. "It was good to be away from Queensland for a little while - a good break."

There they met The Salvation Army's Major Paul Moulds, coordinator of the Queensland relief effort, and a friendship formed. They kept in contact and as John and Charlotte's relationship grew stronger, Major Moulds offered them support and encouragement.

"Paul's been great. He's always been there for us - he's a bit like a second family," says John.

On New Year's Day 2012, Major Moulds had the honour of marrying John and Charlotte in an emotional ceremony, saying: "Out of one of the most devastating events to ever impact this state, out of that tragedy, love blossoms. A new relationship and future is born, and today that journey leads to this place and this joyous moment."

"You have walked together the road of suffering and heartache. You know you will be there for each other, because you already have been."

"Charlotte and John have chosen

today, the first day of the new year, as a symbol of the power of redemption, of good coming out of bad. After a difficult and life-changing 2011, they symbolically claim a new 2012, a year of happiness and new experiences, a new journey together."

For more stories about the devastating floods which hit much of Queensland in 2011, visit salvos.org.au to read The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Queensland Disaster Report 2012 *Still Standing*.



Major Paul Moulds prays during the wedding ceremony of John and Charlotte on New Year's Day.

"Out of one of the most devastating events to ever impact this state, out of that tragedy, love blossoms."

How Sweede the sound

VASA GOSPEL CHOIR THRILLS AUDIENCES IN AUSTRALIA



"They bring a powerful message, phenomenal music and a special worship experience"

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Vasa Gospel Choir, with its unique blend of energy, passion and joy, toured The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory from 27 June to 9 July. The choir, from Vasa Salvation Army in Sweden, gave concerts in Canberra, Sydney, Wollongong and Tweed Heads in NSW, and in Brisbane, Queensland.

The choir formed in 1994 and is led by Kristin (Tina) Holmlund, Emma Eriksson and Emanuel Andersen.

"There's a lot of joy in gospel music and that's what we want to bring to the people," says Tina Holmlund.

"Many people say, 'I'm not a Christian but I love gospel music, I love the dancing, I love the joy.' And the joy is Jesus."

The heart of the choir is to share that love of Jesus with others – both within the church and in outreach.

"We always seek God in what we do," says Emma.

"Our plan is to have open minds and hearts and look to what

God has in store for us, and for the people we meet and who come to hear us.

"I love music, but our choir is not just about music. It's about being with people, praising God, and everyone encouraging each other to seek God and grow spiritually.

"The best thing about being in the choir is that we worship God together with music that we all love. We asked God to speak through us on this tour, and we feel like it's us who have been receiving so much."

The choir writes its own music, largely inspired by Afro-American gospel.

This influence was certainly evident in their joy-filled, harmonious and worship-focused performances and in songs such as *I am Convinced*, *No-one Else* and *My Child*.

Message of grace

The choir decided to tour Australia after meeting Graeme Hodge, an Australian Salvationist based in London, at The Salvation Army Youth Convention in Stockholm

two years ago. Graeme assisted with a Vasa Choir trip to England and subsequently organised and accompanied the group on its Australia tour.

"Until you experience Vasa Gospel Choir, it's really hard to imagine what they're like," Graeme says. "They bring a powerful message, phenomenal music, and a special worship experience and I knew they would go down a treat in Australia."

"The heart of this choir is not to play in the [Sydney] Opera House and the world's finest venues, but to communicate a message to those who need it, and that came through everywhere we went."

"I was hit every time by their message of grace. In the context of [The Salvation Army's] Streetlevel and Recovery Services [programs], for example, it was so genuinely relevant and reminded me of the undeserved gift of grace God extends to all of us."

The choir also held an open gospel workshop at Hurstville Corps, and worked with the Queensland Performing Arts School

Choir before joint performances with them at "Inside Out", a divisional outreach event at South Bank in Brisbane, and during the QPAS final concert.

"We don't teach as they do in the songsters with sheet music and with lyrics," says Tina.

"We teach everything so you should know it by heart. If you know the songs by heart you can focus on the expressions, the communication with the audience. It's coming from the heart."

Despite visiting Australia in the middle of winter, members of the band and choir couldn't resist a dip in the icy-cold waters of Sydney's famous Manly Beach.

"When you're in Australia you have to go swimming," Tina says, laughing.

Choir members were also delighted when they saw kangaroos in the wild as they travelled to different venues.

For more information go to www.vasagospel.com or follow the choir on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube by searching "vasagospel".

The Vasa Gospel Choir from Sweden in full swing during their concerts around the territory. Opposite page: choir member Anna Karlsson; top left: choir member Jacob Alm; above left: A member of the Glebe Community Choir joins in at Congress Hall; above right: the choir in full song at Congress Hall; middle right: choir member Miriam Lind; right: Parramatta Songsters combine with the Gospel Choir. Photos: Carolyn Hide



What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Steve Carell and Keira Knightley star in *Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World*.

Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: August 2012

How many times has the world ended for you? I can easily recall a dozen times I've watched humanity swept from the face of the earth - enough to make me wonder why anyone would risk living in New York.

However, a new release this month turns away from the fireworks to ask what you'll be doing while you're watching the seconds tick away?

Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World opens with the news that the asteroid Matilda is going to hit the earth, and this time the world's governments don't have a plan.

An Armageddon-style space mission has failed and now DJs everywhere are encouraging everyone to relax while they listen to what will literally be the greatest hits of all time. Enter funnyman Steve Carell as Dodge.

Upon hearing the news of the impending apocalypse his wife runs off in a panic, leaving him to face the end alone. With no aliens to fight and no way

of avoiding Matilda's arrival, Dodge guides us through a surprisingly accurate landscape of the way people deal with impending death.

There's nothing like the end of the world to put your job into perspective, but Dodge quickly comes into contact with people who use work as a means of shutting out the bigger questions. His boss is busy trying to replace employees who no longer see the point, even though the company's balance sheets will cease to exist in three weeks.

The end of the world, globally or personally, also represents for many an end to restraint. Dodge teams up with his neighbour Penny (Keira Knightley) when their city begins to fall apart. *Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World* connects them with drunken revellers, over-indulgent waitresses and beach-goers who've all concluded that enjoyment is the only appropriate response.

Again, Hollywood has floated this idea before, even though drunkenness has little chance of deterring death. Yet it's amazing how many stars find bottles in their hands when they confront the ultimate stop

sign. But Carell turns towards the best destination when he directs his attention to relationships.

Dodge and Penny embark on a road trip to rediscover his high school sweetheart and her family. When he comes to the point when he can say, "I regret my entire life," it's the promise of love that gives him the impetus to change things. And time and again, thoughtful apocalyptic films have concurred that love is the key to survival. The Bible agrees though it's not our affection it names.

Quite probably the most famous verse in history puts the emphasis on God's love at the end of the world.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

It's not the US president, a dedicated scientist or even a middle-aged company man like Dodge who can save us from perishing. God's love is the rock that cleft to hide the believer from the storm to come. Rather than seek cover in purpose or pleasure, we'd do well to enter the shelter it provides.

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 2 August

A few months ago, I was sitting in a preview session for *Prometheus* and the distributor decided to screen a trailer for this film before the feature. The audience was clearly enjoying the action sequences but the moment the title came up - *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* - they dissolved into laughter. It sounds ridiculous, like matching fish with bicycles. But then so does the Christian idea that we could be wearing chains without knowing it.

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter is based on the book by the same name from author Seth Grahame-Smith. You might recognise him as the author of *Pride And Prejudice And Zombies*. No? Try to control your disbelief, then, when I tell you both are *New York Times* bestsellers that will both make it to the big screen.

Grahame-Smith's talent lies in taking well-known storylines and inserting unbelievable elements in a believable way. The 16th president of the United States' greatest contribution to history was the abolition of slavery, a political firebrand that ignited the American Civil War. In *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* we learn his impetus for doing so was to break a deadlier chain.

At the age of nine, Lincoln witnessed the murder of his mother by a vampire. The event opens a window for him on the fanged world that feeds off his own. An adult Lincoln, played by Benjamin Walker, develops lethal skills to dispatch his mother's killer. In the process he meets the undead Henry Sturges (Dominic Cooper) who tells him he's set his sights too low: "If vengeance is all you seek, you will never be able to save mankind. Fight this war with me, not for one man but for the whole world ... Mr President."

Sturges reveals vampires intend on using political intrigue to carve the US into a country of their own. The only way to defeat them is to lead his people against them. Lincoln embarks on a double life, publicly forging a political career while privately fighting the undead who seek to turn his countrymen into cattle.

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter restores the vampire's evil status.

Grahame-Smith's creation reintroduces us to a fanged metaphor for those who feed off society rather than sustain it. It's likely to appeal to a generation developing a healthy dislike for comfort that's nourished by environmental and social abuse. But in his book, Grahame-Smith identifies his hero's aversion for those who enslave others as a result of his father's Christianity: "As a Baptist, Thomas Lincoln had been raised to believe that slavery was a sin. It was one of the few lasting contributions he would make to his son's character."

However, if the author had dug a little deeper he would have discovered that Christianity suggests we're all secret slaves. It's not vampires who hold us in thrall, but the sins in our lives.

Jesus warned his listeners "...

everyone who sins is a slave to sin." It's easy enough to scoff at this - Jesus' audience did - but have you ever tried breaking just a little bad habit? Now consider freeing yourself from a daily reinforced indifference to God. The apostle Paul was surprised his readers didn't understand how tightly our behavior binds us: "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey - whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?"

Abraham Lincoln might have his work cut out leading the US against a nation of vampires, but at least the lights will come up on that struggle. Unless we choose a new master, we'll walk out of the cinema wearing the same chains we wore in.



Benjamin Walker stars as an American president leading a double life in *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*.

Don't leave our children sitting on the sideline

Children's ministry resource writer **Captain JOANNE SMITH** warns against leaving our children on the sideline and out of the game

Our local swimming pool has a poster in the change room. It shows a child sitting forlornly on the edge of the pool. The caption reads: "No child chooses to sit on the sideline."

Passersby are encouraged to make a donation to assist disadvantaged children to learn to swim. This is surely a worthwhile cause. But it reminds me of the many children who have been "sidelined" by the circumstances of their lives, from far more critical activities.

Sidelined by poverty from physical health; sidelined by abuse from positive social connections and healthy relationships; sidelined by bullying from a supportive community; sidelined by substance abuse from reaching their academic potential; sidelined by indifference and disbelief from knowing the grace and love of Jesus.

Many of our children feel lonely and afraid, torn apart by broken families, hopeless, confused and rejected.

The need is great and the answers are not simple. However, many people in our territory are already at work, doing what they can to build acceptance, hope and connection in the lives of children.

As safe places are provided for intergenerational play, adults and children are encouraged to spend quality time learning and playing together, contributing to stable connections in these families. At the same time, the love and warmth of Christ is demonstrated, leaving a lasting impression on these young children.

Children are being taught about Jesus and the unconditional love and acceptance that he offers. They are learning about the world in which they live from a perspective of God's constant interest and involvement. The aim is to bring them to a mature faith which will last.

Children are being encouraged to take an interest in all elements of healthy living and a variety of constructive hobbies. They are given opportunities to

engage with contemporary music, films and media without exposing them to the harmful content which fills much of our pop culture today.

In many places, children's ministries are being played out, not in Salvation Army buildings, but out in the community. The underlying message is that "we care enough to come to you; you matter enough that we will leave the comfort of our church building and join you".

Meaningful connections are being made with children in our communities every week. Adults who recognise the value of our children are partnering with them in life and ministry. They are being given the opportunity to use their gifts and wisdom to help others to understand what it means to live as a child of Jesus. The voices of children are being heard as gatherings and mission are planned.

There is a challenge for each of us to find ways that we, too, can connect with the children around us. What are the names of the children who are in your life? Can you think of a way to add one or two children to your list? Can you identify ways in which each of them might have been sidelined in their own lives? What can you do to help our children move off the sidelines and back into the game?

"So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching" Hebrews 10:22-24 (The Message)



Captain Joanne Smith is a resource writer for children's ministry



7 MISSION PRIORITIES

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

FREEDOM STORIES

Corps and centres are encouraged to send regular reports of changed lives to the Territorial Mission and Resources team under the heading Freedom Stories. *Pipeline* will pass on a selection of stories each month

Are kids still hearing stories of Jesus?

Lieutenant-Colonel **MIRIAM GLUYAS** reflects on her childhood teaching and whether today's children are still hearing the stories of Jesus and Bible heroes

*Tell me the stories of Jesus,
I love to hear.
Things I would ask him to tell me,
If he were here.
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

I remember singing that children's song a long time ago, in a little primary room, at my home corps of Ballarat West in Victoria.

I am grateful for primary teachers, "big Sunday school" teachers, directory and corps cadet teachers, Scripture teachers in my school, family, and corps officers, who very deliberately taught me the stories of Jesus.

I knew very early both the stories of Jesus and some of the very exciting Old Testament characters. I always loved the heroes of the Bible. I still do.

I saw the pictures in the children's Bible (which I still have), on flannel graph boards, which I thought were wonderful and I couldn't wait to use one myself (and don't tell me you don't know what flannel graph is because I saw it in Aldi just recently). I became a Sunday school teacher as a teenager and loved sharing the stories that I learned.

I have been challenged recently as I have travelled through Greece and Turkey. On the walls and ceilings of churches are beautifully depicted the stories of Jesus; the stories of the Bible.

So, how today, will children hear and learn the stories of Jesus? We have some challenges and opportunities before us.



Many of our corps do not do Scripture in schools any more. These are different days. More people need to work these days. How will children in schools hear?

Some corps do not have Sunday school because of a lack of leadership. Is the time in the Sunday morning service we call "kids time" when they will learn the stories? Is it only "news time", or is there a place to teach about Jesus? How will what is taught in the sermon impact a child?

Is there a time of family devotions? What is read to children as they go to bed? How do families/parents keep the stories before their children, teach them to pray, speak about Jesus?

Who will tell children the stories of Jesus? Who will share with them how much he loves them, how much he wants them in his family? Who will lead people to him?

We now live with generations who don't go to church, and some who don't

even know who Jesus is.

Who will, in this technological age, make the "apps" that will attract kids both inside and outside the church, sharing the stories in a new way?

Who will share the stories of Jesus? Who will lead generations to him?

Jesus calls each one of us to this. I encourage you to start with one child, whether it be your child, niece, nephew, grandchild, a child in your life. Share Jesus. He is so worth sharing!

Tell them the stories of Jesus. Let them see how magnificent and personal he is.



Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas is Territorial Secretary for Program

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At a Saturday youth worship night, a teenage girl asked for prayer. She wanted to give her whole life to Jesus, including all of her pain. She received God's forgiveness, reconciliation and healing, with many tears. She was back at church the following day, when several people used the mercy seat for recommitment. – **Melanie Holland.**

The Greater West Prison Chaplaincy Services

At a chapel service, we had problems right from the start. Firstly, I couldn't get chapel started on time, which, I thought, would mean I would have to do something like 'speed church'. But God knew what was needed. He knew who would be there. God's Spirit took control and men's lives were changed. The next day, they told me that they were not the same men.

Already, a couple of them have had answers to their prayers and said that facing issues now seems easier. – **Wayne Cook.**

Lismore

I had coffee with a friend. We got talking about how Jesus can rescue us from stories that are short-changing us and give us new stories. She called on Jesus for the first time and asked for a new story! She reported that a huge weight was off her shoulders, that she now has hope and is excited about tomorrow. Before that, a woman cried out to God for rescue from the torment of enormous personal failure in her life which she tried to squash with alcohol. She has been sober from that day to this. Satan has been attacking throughout long sleepless nights, but instead of turning to the bottle she has stood up to him by the power of Jesus and has had multiple daily victories! – **Jennifer Reeves.**

Finding friends through food, learning, play ... and Jesus

Tarrawanna Corps on the NSW South Coast has a deliberate program of engaging with its community. **Captain EMMA** and **Lieutenant MATTHEW MOORE** report on some of the interesting events

About two years ago, Tarrawanna Corps engaged in a process of translating the seven Mission Priorities into a language that could be understood at the local level.

One of the ways to achieve the Mission Priorities goals was identified as building relationships with people in the community and creating an open and honest environment to develop genuine friendships.

For example, when it comes to Mission Priority 5 "[People] passionate about bringing children to Jesus," we are deliberately seeking to build authentic relationships with children in a variety of ways.

More than 20 per cent of corps people are involved in ministry to children in our community. These ministries run in partnership with other organisations such as the local Tarrawanna Primary School, Smith Family and NSW Playgroup Association.

A significant partnership was forged with Tarrawanna Primary School through the schools chaplaincy program. As a result, a corps member is employed three days a week to work at the school and be available to assist the children, teachers and parents.

Our school chaplain continues to strengthen the relationship between the corps and the school, helping us to successfully communicate with children in the community.

Breakfast club

On Wednesday and Friday mornings, the school chaplain and several corps helpers host a breakfast club. The aim of the breakfast club is to provide an inexpensive meal for the children, staff and parents as well as to continue to foster relationships with the children. [MP4]

Another ministry that helps our corps build relationships with children is a homework club.

Tarrawanna Corps works in partnership with the Smith Family to provide tuition and afternoon tea for about 10 children each Tuesday.

Each year, a number of students who attend both the breakfast and homework club attend our Friday night youth group once they enter high school. So, we have the privilege of watching people's journey as they move closer to Jesus over a number of years.

Being part of the youth group not only means that the teenagers from the local area have a safe environment in which to hang out, but also to experience what it means to be part of a faith community.

We also run the youth Alpha program each year as a way to introduce young people to Christianity. Just a couple of weeks ago, we celebrated when eight of our youth group finished the course.

Now, these young people are involved in Life



School chaplain Elisha Hudson (left) and helper Emma Mather prepare breakfast for children at Tarrawanna Public School.

Transformation Groups (LTG) that are run by our amazing youth leaders. The purpose of these groups is to journey with each other in a discipling relationship so that each person grows in their spirituality.

The LTG groups from the corps are also places where people are challenged, encouraged, equipped and empowered. [MP 3]

On Friday mornings, the corps building plays host to a play group that is organised and run by the Playgroup Association. Some of our corps members attend to build relationships with the mums and children. Recently after being challenged at a Sunday morning meeting, one of the ladies who attends the group as a support person was given the opportunity to share about her faith journey and experience of Christ.

This year, we started food festivals. Every six weeks on a Sunday night we have a theme (Italian, Thai, Mexican, etc) and we transform the church into a big dining room. It is through building relationships and creating spaces for people to engage with each other that others are moving closer and closer to Jesus as well as being encouraged in their discipleship journey. [MP2]

There are very exciting things happening in the life of the Tarrawanna Corps. People are engaging in the faith community and the faith community is building relationships with the unchurched.

The barriers of ignorance, indifference and disinterest towards the Gospel are being broken and we are on a journey to see how better we can proclaim God's kingdom in Tarrawanna and beyond.



Captain Emma and Lieutenant Matthew Moore are the officers at Tarrawanna Corps

Hope transforms troubled estate

SIMONE WORTHING discovers God at work in a Salvation Army project that has had a huge impact on social problems at a housing estate in Newcastle

The member for Swansea couldn't have put it more succinctly when describing the impact The Salvation Army has had in his NSW Central Coast electorate.

"This Belmont housing estate used to be a police hot spot, but since The Salvation Army's Hope House has opened, the community has been transformed," said MP Garry Edwards.

Hope House is a corps-based community project that is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day and was started by Mark Anson and his late wife Margaret seven years ago.

Mark continues to manage the project in an area which has seen levels of crime, domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse drop. Mark also said many young people attend youth group at Eastlakes Corps on Friday nights, many children go to Sunday School and dozens attend church and have given their lives to God.

"The young people still have issues but they are more confident, enjoy working and playing together, can work out their conflicts more easily, are doing well at school and many are growing spiritually," said Mark.

"A lot of kids used to roam around the estate and were suspended from school. Margaret and I looked into our hearts and knew something had to be done."

Originally, Hope House began with Mark and Margaret providing access to Salvation Army programs to people in the estate's 60 homes.

"The longer we were there, the more we realised that many kids were missing out, so we directed our attention to them," Mark explained.

Mark turned the bottom floor of his house into a drop-in centre for people of all ages, with a focus on young people. Hope House offers computers with internet access; snooker, table tennis and foosball tables, a basketball hoop and board games, all in a caring and accepting environment.

A Salvation Army employee, Mark lives in the house and runs the programs and support services for the estate's residents.

This includes taking people to medical appointments, weekly shopping trips and limited emergency food assistance.

"Hope House is open for whenever there is a crisis and Mark is always available," said Howard Koutnik, Community Teams Facilitator for Eastlakes Corps. "He is a very special person to be able to do that."

Wendy Robinson, a part-time support worker, assists Mark three days a week. "She has been a great help and has filled the gap with the women here on the complex," Mark said. "She chats with them, makes sure their needs are met and helps them with going to appointments, writing letters and anything really."

During the day, adults of all ages come in to prepare resumes and apply for jobs. There are playgroups for children under five.

In the afternoons, children from primary school age to the



Computers have been installed at Hope House, Belmont, to help children with their school projects.

first two years of high school come to Hope House to get help with their homework and to use the internet for school projects.

"The older ones still drop in from time to time, mostly to access the internet for assignments," said Mark.

Volunteers, when they have them, assist the young people with their homework and projects.

"We will use volunteers for anything, but in most cases we don't get many," Mark said. "Most of our volunteers come from within the estate. We're working on expanding this."

During the school holidays, Mark and Wendy take the young people on outings like barbecues, canoe trips and bushwalks.

"My prayer for Hope House is that it will grow, and that more people will work with us so that we can expand further into the community," said Mark.

"I would love to see God come into the hearts of every person here."

Plans for expansion will depend on funding. Hope House was initially funded by the Red Shield Appeal. The Newcastle and Central NSW Division now fund Hope House and will do so until the end of 2013.

Hope House also receives some support and assistance for programs from the Belmont Rotary Club and the Department of Housing.

"Mark has done an outstanding job with Hope House, we are talking about community transformation here," said Major Mark Brooks, Eastlakes Corps Officer. "The NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher, visited Hope House and was very sincere in his commendation of Mark."

"This ministry is having such an impact because of Mark's ability to walk alongside anyone and to do so without prejudice or criticism. This can only be described as Christ-like."

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JAM spreads good news at Wynnum community meal

A free meal and puppet show attracted 45 children from the local community to the Wynnum Corps recently for an evening of fun and entertainment in a warm Christian atmosphere.

Rosa Risseri saw a need to bring more children into the corps, so she organised the event and, with her team of helpers, prepared the meal.

"We also advertised the event in local schools, on community notices boards and in the local paper, with the promise of free entertainment following the meal," said Major Glenda Hentzchel, corps officer at Wynnum.

"We are working on building up our youth in the corps, so we did this to see how it went and hopefully plant seeds for the future as well."

After the meal the children, their parents, and in some cases, grandparents, were entertained by JAM (Jesus and Me), an Australian Christian music group that uses puppetry, music and dance to present the gospel to primary school-aged children.

"We now encourage those who attended that night to also come to our junior youth group, which takes place once a month," said Major Hentzchel.

Garth Hentzchel leads the junior youth group, as well as junior soldiers, which provides continuity in the youth ministry.

"These youth events, and the enrolment of junior soldiers, are the first for many years so we are excited to see what God will do in the future," said Major Hentzchel.



JAM's Dr Doolittle enjoys time with a group of young people who came to the dinner at Wynnum Corps.

Hope House director receives top Rotary award

By SIMONE WORTHING

Major Joy Wilson, coordinator of The Salvation Army's Hope House at Gunnedah, was recently honoured with a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship medallion.

The award was in recognition of her tireless work in the community and the realisation of her dream to establish Hope House, a place for families and individuals to receive help in a



Major Joy Wilson with her Paul Harris Fellowship medallion she received from District Governor Jo Wilkin at the Rotary Club of Gunnedah. Photo courtesy of the Namoi Valley Independent.

supportive environment and for children to gain life coaching or study assistance.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is the most prestigious award given at club level within Rotary.

In presenting the award at the club's annual dinner in June, Don Ewing, said that Paul Harris Fellows displayed the "highest ethical standards, ideals of service and the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace throughout the world and within the community".

Mr Ewing explained that each year club members are asked to nominate worthy candidates for the award.

"Never before have so many members put forward the same person as a nominee - it was a unanimous result," he said.

Major Wilson said she was taken by surprise when her name was announced.

"I had rushed back from studies to attend the dinner and so wasn't ready, wasn't dressed right, and was embarrassed," she said.

"I don't do things for the applause of people. I love what I do and shouldn't get rewarded for doing what I love. This was the biggest thank you I have received in my life."

The award was particularly moving as Major Wilson's father, Major Edwin Harmer (ret.) also received a Paul Harris Fellow at The Rotary Club of Stafford in 1999.

In addition to starting Hope House, Major Wilson also runs a kids' club to ensure that local school children have breakfast before starting their day.

She has also introduced Christmas luncheons that drew large crowds as well as many volunteer helpers.

Campsie celebrates 100 years of changing lives

By Major CAROLYN HARMER

Despite being homeless, The Salvation Army Campsie Corps in Sydney was not about to let a century of service to God and the community go by without a celebration - even if it had to stage the party at Canterbury Leagues Club.

The corps building is undergoing extensive renovations at the Anglo Road site in the city's inner south-west, but the corps, under the leadership of Majors Bruce and Glenys Domrow, was determined to acknowledge God's goodness over the past 100 years.

The Campsie Corps had humble beginnings, opening a little wooden citadel in Harold Street on 22 June, 1912, before moving to its current site a year later.

"The building's appearance may have changed over the years but the message is still the same, everyone is welcome to hear the words of the gospel," Major Bruce Domrow said.

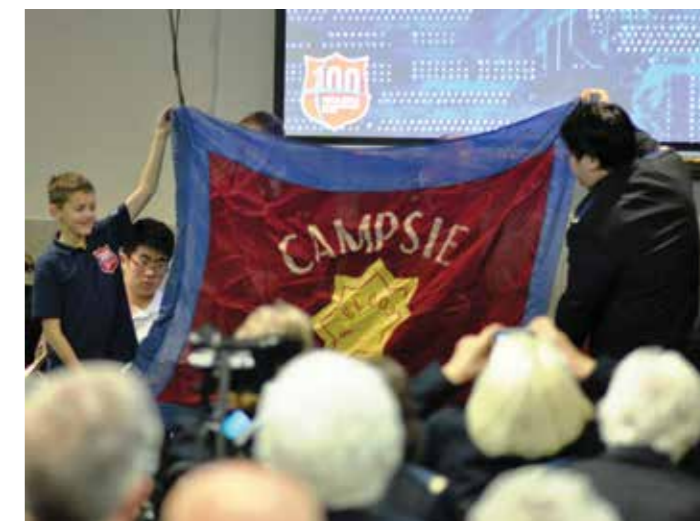
"And it is not about us. It all has to do with the transforming grace of God changing human lives in the process."

Former divisional leaders, Lieutenant-Colonels Ian and Marilyn Hamilton, were the special guests for the centenary weekend celebrations. They enjoyed sharing in a celebration dinner with many friends associated with the Campsie Corps on Saturday night, followed by a day of praise and worship.

In recent years, the corps has adopted a multicultural flavour with many nationalities being represented in the congregation. This couldn't have been more evident on the Sunday morning with the brass band accompanying the congregation singing *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* and an African bongo

drum beating from the other side of the room. This was also confirmed during the Sunday afternoon celebration concert with performances from a Chinese dance group from the corps, a group of singers from Sierra Leone and a quartette of Korean musicians.

Jack Jarrett, at 92 years of age, testified of giving his heart to the Lord when he was in the junior band and being a soldier ever since.



The Campsie Corps flag is displayed after being unlocked from the 75th anniversary time capsule of 1987. Photo: Major Bruce Harmer

Care services program handed over to Salvation Army

By ESTHER PINN

The Salvation Army has been given the green light to launch its own foster care services program, called Young Hope.

Minister for Family and Community Services, Pru Goward, announced on 11 July the NSW Government's plan to transfer the provision of out-of-home care to the non-government sector.



Major Robbin Moulds with Pru Goward at the program launch at the Oasis centre in Surry Hills, Sydney.

The announcement, made at The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network in Surry Hills, also included a \$2.7 million grant for the Army from the Government.

The care of almost 7000 children and young people will be transferred to 38 non-government organisations, including The Salvation Army, over the next four years. About \$123 million will be shared across the 38 organisations to help fund the program.

"I am very proud to say we have engaged an additional 18 organisations, one of them of course is The Salvation Army ... this is a great day for us and I think a great day for children," said Ms Goward.

Earlier this year, The Salvation Army Australian Eastern Territory submitted a tender to the NSW Development of Community Services to provide foster care services in NSW. Prior to Ms Goward's announcement, the Army had received confirmation to run foster care services in the Metro Central Region (Sydney) and the Hunter Region.

"I think this is a new chapter for The Salvation Army and it is a great opportunity we just couldn't let go of being able to care for the most vulnerable," said Major Robbin Moulds, Oasis Youth Support Director.

The tender is only the first step for The Salvation Army to provide foster care. The Army is still waiting to receive accreditation from the NSW Children's Guardian.

Young Hope will hopefully launch later in the year and will be run by Captain Michelle White, Out of Home Care Service Policy and Operation Developer.

Aged Care Plus calls for more volunteers

By JOANNE BRAIN

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus has launched a "Bring a Buddy" campaign to encourage existing volunteers to bring a friend, and for anyone in the community interested in volunteering to make contact with their local Aged Care Plus centre.

Lucy, from Brisbane, volunteers with Aged Care Plus twice a week and says she wouldn't have it any other way. Last year, she tried something new and introduced indoor bowling to a group of dementia-affected residents at The Cairns Aged Care Plus centre's memory support unit.

"For me, this is about helping the residents to keep active and healthy," said Lucy. "Just because you are old doesn't mean you have to give up."

Hundreds of volunteers enjoy their time every week at Aged Care Plus centres across the Army's Australia Eastern Territory. Leanne, a 17-year-old student at Mulwree High School in Goulburn, spends every Wednesday afternoon at Gill Waminda Aged Care Plus Centre, chatting with residents and assisting staff.

"I've learnt a lot from the people here," said Leanne, who has been volunteering for the past four years. "And I've made some great friends, the people



Volunteers can help out in a variety of different ways. Photo courtesy of Aged Care Plus

here have so many interesting stories."

There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to join existing activity groups or spend one-on-one time with residents. Volunteering is a wonderful ministry opportunity that can teach people a new skill or develop one that they already have.

"Our volunteers add so much joy and life to our centres," said Aged Care Plus Volunteer Coordinator, Bill Li.

"It's great having people from the community interested and involved in what we do."

To find your nearest Aged Care Plus centre, go to agedcare.salvos.org.au

Girls reach Megastar status

Amy and Molly Young were recently presented with their Megastar awards at a Dubbo Corps meeting and special SAGALA church parade.

These awards signify the completion of 10 Sagala badges. Thirty-two children and the majority of parents attended the parade, along with three leaders and 11 guards. There was also a time of training leaders on the Saturday before the parade.



Amy (left) and Molly Young with their Megastar awards.

Local officers commissioned



A number of local officers have received their commissions during a service at The Salvation Army's Maryborough Corps in Queensland. Pictured is Corps Officer Major Keith Cook commissioning (from left) Dawn Howell (Corps Cadet Counsellor), Cherylee Baker (Primary Sergeant), Mark Baker (Young People's Sergeant-Major), Faye Lusk (SAGALA Leader) and Julia Bate (Home League Secretary).

Recovery Services wins national award

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army's Recovery Services has been awarded a prestigious National Drug and Alcohol Award for Excellence in Research.

The joint award was presented to The Salvation Army and its research partner, Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, University of Wollongong, at a ceremony in Melbourne in July.

The Australia Eastern Territorial Mission and Resource Director - Recovery, Major David Pullen, said the award was a national recognition of how faith-based programs were making their mark in the alcohol and other drugs sector.

"The Salvation Army Bridge Program has a long history in this ministry and this research has shown again that we have strong and reliable model," he said.

For the past six years, The Salvation Army and Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, University of Wollongong, have been researching and developing the evidence base for the Bridge Program - The Salvation Army's flagship recovery services model.

The research is outcomes-based and has focused on how to best improve every aspect of life for a person in recovery, both during and after recovery treatment.

"It's about identifying the best ways to support people in the Bridge Program to improve their life in relation to relationships, mental health, physical health, sorting out legal problems,

gaining employment, and accessing housing," said the Recovery Services Clinical Director, Gerard Byrne.

The research has informed The Salvation Army's development of the Bridge Program to best practice standards, including the introduction of a staged completion model that provides more targeted and flexible treatment options to the community.

The National Drug and Alcohol Awards celebrate Australian achievements to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use and harm. Among other criteria, the Excellence in Research category judged applicants on how the body of research is contributing and adding practical value to the alcohol and other drug sector.

"We're using internationally validated measures to quantify our outcomes and then these are compared against other research studies in Australia and overseas that have used similar measures," said Mr Byrne.

"What we're finding is the Bridge Program is showing up in comparative studies as being leading practice."

Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, University of Wollongong, and The Salvation Army Recovery Services recently signed a three-year agreement to continue their research. They will now embark on an 18-month follow-up of Bridge Program participants, making their research one of Australia's longest and most comprehensive studies of people undertaking addiction treatment.

Church gets messy at Woden Valley

The Woden Valley Corps of The Salvation Army held its first Messy Church in June with an Olympics theme.

The morning began with board games in the church followed by morning tea. Adults and children then moved on to craft, making medals, forming the Olympic rings from appropriately coloured playdough and taking part in outdoor games. Everyone then trooped back inside for a time of praise, dancing and storytelling as Leanne Midgelow encouraged the children, and adults, to run the race God had set before them, laying aside all the things that weighed them down. A barbecue lunch followed.

Of the 40 people who gathered 20 were under the age of 15 so the atmosphere was lively and exuberant.



Craig Midgelow helps children make "medals" during Messy Church at Woden Valley Corps.

Red Shield Appeal tops \$80 million

The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory Appeals Director (External), Major Jeff Winterburn, has thanked Australians for their "amazing generosity" after the 2012 Red Shield Appeal exceeded its target and raised \$83.5 million.

Around \$10 million was raised through the doorknock weekend on 19-20 May, with the remainder coming from the business appeal and direct mail campaign.

At a time when many Salvation Army welfare and other centres are experiencing unprecedented requests for help, the funds raised will continue to support the ongoing and increasingly challenging work of The Salvation Army.

"We really do deeply want to thank everyone who donated, both financially, or with their time," Major Winterburn said.

"Australians have yet again shown an amazing spirit of community care and generosity. It is truly humbling. You often hear people say 'thank God for the Salvos', but we say 'thank God for you'."

Army bids for piece of its own history

The Salvation Army is bidding for its history on popular website eBay, in an attempt to save items of historical significance from going into private collections.

Last month, the Army's Australia Southern Territory bid and won an eBay auction for General George Carpenter's 50-year Long Service Medal (pictured below). Prior to that, the Australia Eastern Territory had a private benefactor bid to



secure the Long Service Medal (pictured right) of General Carpenter's wife, Minnie, which was also for sale on eBay. "I'm not real precious about it, but these things shouldn't go to private collectors," said the Australia Southern Territory's Territorial Archivist, Lindsay Cox.

General George Carpenter was the first Australian appointed as world leader of The Salvation Army. He held the position throughout World War II - from 1939 to 1946 - arguably the most difficult period in The Salvation Army's history, according to Mr Cox.

"He was the wartime general having to put up with Japan virtually shutting down The Salvation Army and the Germans closing down and distancing themselves from England and The Salvation Army," he said.

The 50-year Long Service Medal is a rare award considering not many Salvation Army officers have accrued that level of service. In fact, these days it's impossible to actively serve as an officer for that length of time.

"It's a very rare badge," says Australia



Eastern Territory Coordinator for Heritage Preservation, Major Ken Sanz, in reference to Mrs General Minnie Carpenter's medal. "She was an important officer, she wrote lots of books and I think she needs to be remembered."

Both badges are held on public display - General George Carpenter's at the Southern Territory Heritage Centre in Melbourne and Mrs General Minnie Carpenter's at the Eastern Territory Heritage Centre in Sydney.

Mission receives warm welcome in ski resort

By ESTHER PINN

The Salvation Army held its first Salvo Snow Mission at Jindabyne from 29 June to 13 July.

Based at the Jindabyne Memorial Hall, Captain Dale Murray, ACT and South NSW Division Communications and Public Relations Secretary, and his two teams offered activities for



The Salvo Snow Mission team outside the Jindabyne Memorial Hall.

children during the day, including craft and games, and in the evening provided a free three-course meal for guests.

"The impact was quite significant. The comments were so positive from the people who we served," said Captain Murray.

About 90 percent of the guests who visited the Salvo Snow Mission centre were workers from the ski fields. Captain Murray explained how many of these people struggled to eat every day, due to low wages and not enough work.

"There was one story where we heard that someone, in one of the staff rooms at one of the ski resorts, was so desperate to eat something that they took hot boiling water and put tomato sauce in it to make tomato soup," he said.

"When people are struggling to make ends meet, it just shows The Salvation Army did really fill a need."

Across the two weeks, the 50 Salvo Snow Mission team members served 800 meals, almost 1000 cups of tea, coffee and hot chocolate, saw 130 people attend the activities during the day, gave out 10 Bibles, distributed 50 food hampers, made approximately 50 significant connections with guests and saw

one individual accept Jesus into their life.

"This mission, we really stepped out in faith," said Captain Murray. "Our real challenge for the mission was we had no audience. They had to come to us. God led these people to us and that was encouraging."

Captain Murray believes the mission has now helped The Salvation Army to develop a presence in the Snowy Mountains region. In particular, the Army was well accepted by the local businesses.

"There was one business which wanted to give us free coffee all the time," he said. "That was really encouraging and everywhere we went, people were pleased to see The Salvation Army in Jindabyne."

Captain Murray also believes the Salvo Snow Mission will have a ripple effect across The Salvation Army world.

"Our guests represented 23 countries from around the world. These people will go back to their countries and at a time of need or when they might want to discuss spiritual issues, they will remember their time in Jindabyne and how they were accepted by The Salvation Army," he said.

Due to the success of the mission, The Salvation Army is now looking to develop a permanent ministry in the Snowy Mountains region.

"The first thing would be trying to establish a ministry centre in Jindabyne on a full-time basis by acquiring a building or shop," said Captain Murray.

"We're really able to say, watch this space."



Captains Dale and Darlene Murray share a meal with some ski resort workers in the Snowy Mountains town of Jindabyne.

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Booth College to establish school of multicultural ministry

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory is in the process of developing a School for Multicultural Ministry, under the umbrella of Booth College.

"The school is in its formative stages," said Captain Dr Kathy Crombie, director of the school. "We are focusing now on building a team to run the school and establishing the best foundation possible for the future."

Captain Crombie will be spending considerable time researching needs and consulting with others who have already started preparing people from other cultures for ministry. She will be working closely with Captain Nesan Kistan, Territorial Multicultural Ministries Coordinator.

Captain Crombie is passionate about the establishment of the

school. "I have a heart for people from different cultures and a large part of that has been forged by my experience of six years working in south-east Asia, specifically Nepal and Bhutan," she said.

"In my role as a university lecturer, I spent a lot of time being immersed in other cultures and came to appreciate the value of both life-long and adult learning.

"Culture is central to what we see, how we make sense of what we see, and how we express ourselves. Because of the significant influence and how this plays out in The Salvation Army in a 21st century Australian multicultural society, it is appropriate, timely and exciting that a School for Multicultural Ministry is being established."

Brisbane discovers Salvos' beating heart

By SIMONE WORTHING

An interactive display of Salvation Army ministries – called “Inside Out” – attracted hundreds of people from all walks of life at Brisbane’s busy South Bank Piazza on Saturday, 7 July.

“Discovering the beating heart of your Salvation Army” was the focus of this event.

The displays were open to the public from 11am–7pm. These included The Salvation Army Emergency Services; the “Sallyman” with its landcruiser truck; and sports ministry, where, throughout the day, young people shot baskets with youth leaders at the portable basketball rings. The courts and prisons chaplaincies also attracted crowds with their life-size cardboard replica of a prison cell.

Young people who had just attended The Salvation Army’s annual Queensland Performing Arts School (QPAS) joined the divisional ministries, performing in the showband, demonstrating hip-hop dancing, painting faces and blowing bubbles for the children, and interacting with the crowds.

Children’s ministry The Agents of T.R.U.T.H. also attracted many onlookers who stopped to watch and listen to their message.

“This is an event I am hoping will grow in the future,” said Captain Ben Johnson, South Queensland Divisional Youth and Candidates Secretary.

“I have a deep-seated conviction that we need to take church to the people, not expect them to come to us,” he added, as he

shaped balloons into flowers and puppies to give away to the growing crowds of children.

“We wanted to make today’s event as ‘streetwise’ as possible and so bridge the gap between the church culture and what is happening out there in the community.”

The piazza was also the venue for a free family afternoon concert. Guest artists included the Sweden Salvation Army’s VASA Gospel Choir which has been on tour in Australia, Krosswerdz “Hip Hop church”, the Agents of T.R.U.T.H., and the combined QPAS and Vasa choirs singing *Amazing Grace*. Short and powerful testimonies were also a part of the concert. The day concluded with the QPAS concert in the piazza later that night. This was also the final event for QPAS 2012, with 167 young people attending this year.



The QPAS showband performs at South Bank Piazza.

Exhibition gives snapshot of young photographers' talent

By ESTHER PINN

Four emerging photographers – Marina, Ben, Christopher and Keith – presented their artwork at The Salvation Army Samaritan Services Waterloo Centre’s art and photography exhibition in late June.

More than 50 members of the Waterloo community came out to the event. A total of 47 photos were displayed and a number of artworks were sold over the course of the evening.

Each artist presented a series of photographs representing something about themselves. Ben, who was previously homeless, completed a personal reflective series on homelessness.

“It was really powerful and he sold the most work on the night,” said Lauren Howes, Samaritan Services Legal Service Coordinator.

The art and photography exhibition was part of a six-week course attended by the four photographers who displayed their work. The course was taught by staff at the Waterloo Centre.

“The highlight was seeing the guys who were involved in the course be proud of something. They got really excited and you could see them developing skills they hadn’t thought of, whether that was photography skills or they felt more confident to go and talk to people at the event and be proud,” said Ms Howes.

As a result, three students are looking to complete further photography study at TAFE, said Ms Howes. Another six-week photography course is currently underway at the centre. A second art and photography exhibition will be held in September.

Mission Opportunity



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A SIX-MONTH MISSION ADVENTURE WITHIN AUSTRALIA?

The Salvation Army Recovery Services is looking for a dynamic Salvationist to provide leadership and management at Mt Isa Recovery Services, an Indigenous drug & alcohol recovery centre. The successful applicant will need a range of skills and competencies including:

- Experience in management / leadership role.
- Oversee all budgetary and operational aspects of the centre.
- Property Management of the centre. Support case work staff to ensure clients are interviewed and provided with assistance in an effective and holistic manner.
- Promote One Army, One Mission while collaborating and working with appropriate external agencies.

For further information and a position description please contact Major David Pullen or Gerard Byrne on 02 9212 4000 or email david.pullen@ae.salvationarmy.org or gerard.byrne@ae.salvationarmy.org.

ENROLMENTS

Wynnum Corps

Two senior soldiers were enrolled and five adherents accepted during a special service at Wynnum Corps in Brisbane on Sunday, 17 June. Rachel Muller and Linda Best received a rousing welcome in their new uniforms as they marched into the citadel behind the flag to the tune of *On We March*. “Rachel and Linda witnessed to the conviction they had to give God their all, and be enrolled as soldiers of The Salvation Army. Together with the adherents it was a great occasion,” said Corps Officer Major Kevin Hentzschel.

(Left to right): Major Kevin Hentzschel, Diana Chaston (adherent), Bruce Chaston (adherent), Cynthia Devey (adherent), Garth Hentzschel (holding flag), Rachel Muller (soldier), Linda Best (soldier), Margaret Haaksma (adherent), Major Glenda Hentzschel. Absent: Derith Hart (adherent).



Yeppoon Mission



Yeppoon Mission celebrated the enrolment of its first senior soldier, Shane Burke, on 16 June. North Queensland Divisional Leaders, Majors Rodney and Wendy Walters, were on hand for the ceremony at the mission, which has been under the leadership of Philip and Donna Sutcliffe since January. The Saturday night service was well attended by friends and family who witnessed Shane (pictured with the Walters and Sutcliffes) make this significant commitment to God and The Salvation Army.

Ipswich Corps



Corps Officer Captain Greg Pack has enrolled Natalie and Jack Tanner-Barney (all pictured with Captain Lenore Pack) as junior soldiers. “For Natalie and Jack, being part of The Salvation Army with their family, friends and mentors, gives them purpose, responsibility, love, a place to be, socialising, life skills and faith,” said their mother, Melissa Tanner. The enrolment was part of a SAGALA church parade. Captain Lenore Pack presented badges to Adventurers, Sunbeams, Moonbeams and Guards during the parade.

Tuggeranong Corps



Captain Mark Everitt, Corps Officer, and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Commander, recently enrolled (pictured from left) Madison Lee, Caitlin Del Rosario, Kyle Nagel, Kaitlyn Lucas, and Breanna Lee as junior soldiers at Tuggeranong. Lieut-Colonel Laws is also Kaitlyn’s grandfather. The children completed their preparation classes together at a junior soldier bootcamp, held over two days during the recent school holidays.

Chifley Mission

Bill Manns was recently enrolled as Chifley Mission’s first senior soldier. Bill (pictured with Mission Leaders Lieutenants Philip and Rachael Farthing) shared how his life had been gripped by depression, fear and emptiness, until the day his brother came home from a Salvo Max camp and would not stop talking about this amazing God. His curiosity aroused, Bill attended youth group that Friday night and not long after gave his heart to Jesus.



Army's international leaders meet in Canada

Toronto, Canada, hosted The Salvation Army International Conference of Leaders from 7-14 July.

Under the direction of General Linda Bond, the conference took as its theme the Army's International Vision: One Army, One Mission, One Message.

The 127 delegates to the conference (ICL) included leaders of Salvation Army territories and commands, commissioners serving on International Headquarters, and the United States national leaders. More than 2000 people also viewed the ICL online. The broadcast is still available at www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/icl.

"The purpose of this ICL is for the leaders of the international Army to meet together to prayerfully and strategically consider the International Vision plan," explained General Bond on the opening day of the conference.

"The Mission Priorities of this plan will form the basis of the presentations, focus group discussions and recommendations."

Topics of the eight conference papers

and subsequent plenary sessions included: Women, Ministry and Leadership; Self-denial and Self-support; Children and Youth; Evangelism and Discipleship; and Integrated Mission.

Australian Eastern Territory leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, attended the ICL. Commissioner James Condon presented a paper on "The Marginalised", illustrating how the Army is serving marginalised people in imaginative and effective ways.

He also highlighted areas in which he felt the Army could be more pro-active.

The daily program also included an emphasis on worship, Bible study and prayer.

"With God's help, The Salvation Army will move into the future as One Army on fire, carrying out One Mission of love and sharing One Message of grace," said General Bond at the conclusion of the ICL.

Under the leadership of General Bond and Commissioner Barry Swanson, the Chief of the Staff, the last working session reviewed recommendations from the small groups and plenary sessions.



General Linda Bond salutes during the welcoming service for the International Conference of Leaders.

Norwegians take Swansons to heart

By Major INGER MARIT NYGARD

Salvationists and friends from the Norway, Iceland and The Faroes Territory gave a warm welcome to The Salvation Army Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Barry Swanson, and Commissioner Sue Swanson, World President of Women's Ministries, during recent congress celebrations in Oslo.

From the Friday morning, which started with an over-60s



The Chief of the Staff and Commissioner Sue Swanson head the march of witness through Oslo. Photo: Ranveig Nordgaard

meeting and an officers meeting, through to the last public gathering, the warmth, love and care of the visitors was obvious to congress-goers, who responded at the end of the weekend by giving them a loud and extended ovation.

The weather during the weekend was unpredictable, but a march of witness and a "Happening" outside Central Station took place before everyone returned to the congress venue to celebrate that "We Are Family" on the Saturday.

Different aspects of The Salvation Army's work in the territory were presented, before Commissioner Sue Swanson concluded the time of sharing by reminding the congregation of the river from the temple as described in Ezekiel 47: "Where the river flows everything will live."

The theme of the meeting on Saturday evening was "An Army With Outstretched Hands". Songs, testimonies, music and preaching focused on The Salvation Army's mission to "stretch out" its hands to the needy.

The Chief of the Staff concluded his sermon by reminding the congregation that they can only reach their potential with Jesus.

The holiness and missions meeting on Sunday morning focused on "An Army with Clean Hearts".

A highlight of the meeting was the dedication to God for international service in the Caribbean Territory of Majors Hildegard and Bernt Olaf Orsnes. Testimonies, songs and music all added to the Spirit-filled atmosphere.

Throughout the weekend many people made commitments or re-dedicated themselves to God's service at the Mercy Seat.

General leads Mexican 75th celebrations

By Commissioner GRACE BRINGANS

Mexican Salvationists gave a resounding display of national pride as General Linda Bond led the 75th anniversary celebrations of The Salvation Army's work in the Central American country.

The international leader's visit was marked throughout by touches of Mexican tradition, from the welcome at the airport - with cadets and children dressed in traditional costumes - through to mariachi music used in worship and re-enactments of the Mexican Salvation Army's early days.

On the Friday night, more than 1200 delegates from corps and outposts throughout Mexico united for a Salvationist celebration where General Bond enrolled 97 junior soldiers and 94 senior soldiers. In her Bible message, the General encouraged the congregation to thank God for the past, be committed in the present and believe for the future.

On the Saturday morning, the General attended a women's rally with the theme of "Come And See".

The Saturday evening "Mexico on Parade" event featured many people dressed in traditional clothes - including the General and territorial leaders.



The General with children from The Salvation Army's Mexico City Children's Home.

The programme featured the Capital Division's re-enactment of the beginnings of the Army in the country. Rio Bravo Division depicted the opening of work in various towns and cities, with people carrying named corps banners on to the platform in a colourful presentation.

A fast-moving, praise-filled youth meeting followed. The Bible message touched the hearts of 42 young people who made decisions to follow Jesus.

In the Sunday morning holiness meeting, the General commissioned the *Friends of Christ* session of cadets as Salvation Army officers. In her Bible message, she spoke of being "One Army" with "One Mission" and "One Message" - a holy people living a holy life. Many people moved to the mercy seat following her appeal.

The afternoon appointments meeting and civic rally included music presentations and vibrant testimony. The General's message included examples of the work of The Salvation Army in many parts of the world. She emphasised that at all times its mission is the mission of Jesus Christ.

The Sunday evening salvation meeting was a joyous, Spirit-filled time with the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session of cadets being given their summer training appointments by Chief Secretary Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Danielson.

The General, in her final Bible message, encouraged everyone to bring sinners to salvation, in the realisation that only Jesus can break the chains of sin forever. "This is the message we all should share!" the General exclaimed.

More than 500 people made their way to the Mercy Seat during the four-day anniversary celebrations.

Delegates prepare for first International College for Soldiers

The first session of The Salvation Army's International College for Soldiers (ICS) will take place later this month in London.

Twenty-six young adult Salvationists from all over the world will gather from 10-24 September at The Cedars, home to the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development, to undertake a curriculum which is broken down into three themes - Knowledge, Being and Doing. The two-week event is the fulfilment of a recommendation which was originally made through the International Spiritual Life Commission.

Delegates to the ICS will have the opportunity to increase

their biblical, theological and historical knowledge. They will learn about personal holiness - through small group Bible studies, personal reflection time and morning devotions - and put into practice spiritual disciplines and new methods of prayer. Delegates will also implement their knowledge of social holiness, with ministry at Salvation Army social services centres and on the streets of London.

More information can be found on the Centre for Spiritual Life Development website, including testimonies from delegates who will be attending the first session of the ICS. Go to sar.my/ics or visit the ICS Facebook page: www.facebook.com/salvationarmyICS

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Bold and brave

Jean Peters (nee Knowles) was promoted to glory at Ipswich on 2 October, aged 87.

Prior to an early 2011 move to an independent living unit at Rosewood's "Cabanda" complex, Jean had served and soldiered at various corps throughout eastern Australia - the most recent being 25 years at Redcliffe City Corps.

A memorial service was held at Redcliffe, led by Corps Officer Major Bill Hutley. Captain John Tatters offered a corps tribute, Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Wilson gave a prayer of thanksgiving and Major Ross Brown (Jean's nephew and officer at Calamvale Corps) delivered a brief message.

Pastor Troy Cane, from Berean Bible Church where Jean worshipped for a time, conducted an earlier committal service at the Albany Creek crematorium and also participated in the memorial service that followed. Both services were attended by Jean's family and many friends.

Jean Knowles was born to Bert and Ivy (nee Birch) at Nanango, Queensland, on 5 April, 1924. She was part of a large and well-respected Salvation Army family and, like others from the extended family, became a Salvation Army officer.

Before attending The Salvation Army Training College in Sydney in 1945, Jean worked in Nanango as a legal secretary during World War II. One of her tasks was to file enlistment documents for recruits from the surrounding district. It is unknown if the bravery she witnessed in the young men had a lasting impact. However, Jean often displayed a similar (and sometimes confronting) boldness and bravery throughout her life in the Lord's service.

While at the training college she was flag-bearer for the cadets at open-air meetings and marches.

Jean's initial posting to Stanthorpe as a lieutenant in 1946 was followed by appointments to Gosford, Milson's Point (North Sydney), Ayr, Mt Morgan, Forbes and Enfield in Sydney.

During her appointment at Ayr, Jean prepared and presented a weekly devotion on Radio 4AY. Some years later, as Captain Jean Knowles of the Forbes Corps, she helped coordinate flood recovery efforts in that area and was awarded a Gift of Gratitude from the Citizens of Forbes by the town mayor in 1953.

Following her resignation from officership when at Enfield Corps, Jean

married James (Jim) Peters on 9 May, 1954, and subsequently raised three sons - Ian, Brian and Jeffrey.

She never returned to paid employment, but was a partner in her husband's transport business and was kept busy combining those tasks with the responsibilities of motherhood and continued service in respective corps.

Prior to her husband's death in 1983, Jean attended the Coorparoo (subsequently Carina) Corps in Brisbane where she was Home League secretary at both locations. The corps is now known as Carindale.

Jean had also formerly been Home League secretary at the Salisbury Corps. As a widow, Jean moved to the Redcliffe Peninsula where her Christian service included being involved in the Redcliffe City Corps "Friendship Club" as an outreach to those not regularly attending the corps.

While the memorial service for Jean commended her Christian service, she was always keen to acknowledge it was the merit of Christ's life, death and resurrection for her that assured her of sins forgiven and an eternity with him.

Jean remembered the days when she'd see the word "Eternity" chalked on Sydney sidewalks. She, like the scribe we now know to be Arthur Stace, also discovered a confidence of forgiveness and salvation in Christ.

Fanny Crosby's song *A Wonderful Saviour* was Jean's favourite and was sung at her memorial service. Jean has now joined her beloved Lord and Saviour for "Eternity".

Soldier of Christ

Admiral John Lodge was promoted to glory on 14 June, aged 95.

A thanksgiving service was held in the Gunnedah Crematorium Chapel led by his son-in-law, Major Peter Holley, and supported by Corps Officer Lieutenant David Grounds. A corps tribute was given by Kay Watson, a fellow soldier and former corps officer of Gunnedah Corps. Brenda Lodge read a tribute on behalf of the family. Grandchildren Lisa Lodge, Derek Lodge and Bethel Collins took part by reading selected scriptures.

Following the thanksgiving service, a committal service was held in the Gunnedah Cemetery. John was buried in full Salvation Army uniform with his collection box in accordance with his wishes.

Admiral John Lodge, named after British World War I naval hero, Admiral John Jellicoe, was born in Nimbin, NSW, on 19 July, 1916, to Harry and Daisy Lodge, who had emigrated from Somerset, England. John went to school in Nimbin until the age of 12 and then helped out with the family dairy farm until World War II.

John was a member of the 15th Light Horse Brigade (1938-1939) and later served in the 1st Australian Armoured Divisions (1939-1944) within Australia before being released in 1944 to return to the farm due to labour shortages at the time.

Following the war, at the age of 29, John married Joyce Rutledge in Glen Innes Anglican Church on 26 March, 1946. This year they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Just prior to marriage, John gained employment with the NSW Railways. He worked for many years on the railway between Grafton and Casino. Following a long illness of Joyce during the late 1950s, he was granted a transfer to Gunnedah. Soon after moving to Gunnedah, John began attending the local Salvation Army Corps and was converted under the ministry of Captain Verna Skinner.

In the early 1960s, he became a uniformed soldier. He loved to serve his Lord through the local Salvation Army, particularly enjoying his Friday night pub ministry and Sunday afternoon visits to the local hospital and aged care facilities, giving more than 50 years service.

John was a humble man; honest to the core, hardworking and a man who was always happy to share that God had his hand on his life. He remained faithful to his Lord until the end.

In 2000, John was very proud to have been one of 25 Australians chosen by Australia Post to represent the "Face of Australia" on a postage stamp. The winners were chosen because their faces were seen to be "positive, friendly and open".

In 2001, John was honoured for his volunteer work with The Salvation Army by the Gunnedah Shire, receiving an Australia Day Citizen Award. In addition, John received a Centenary Medal from the Australian Government for service to the community through The Salvation Army.

John is survived by two siblings, Ray and Ivy, his wife Joyce and six children - David (and Brenda), Major Eileen Holley (and Peter), Stephen (and Val), Donald (and Ann), Raymond, Andrew (and Sonia), foster son Ricky Williams, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Soldier of Christ, well done.

about people

Additional Appointment

Lieut-Colonel Geanette **Seymour**, Chair of the International Moral and Social Issues Council, effective 1 July.

Appointments

Effective 22 June: Major Karen **Masters**, Assistant Corps Officer, Campsie Corps, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Captain Joy **Morgan**, Centre Manager, Weeroona Village; Captain Michelle **White**, Policy and Operation Development - Out of Home Care Service, Territorial Mission and Resource Team - Social.

Effective 5 July: Major Mavis **Stevens** (ret.), Corps Officer, Mudgee Corps, Newcastle and Central NSW Division (pro-tem).

Effective 23 July: Major David **Hawke**, Assistant Publications Secretary, Zimbabwe Territorial Headquarters; Major Kim **Hawke**, Secretary to Secretary for Human Resources, Zimbabwe Territorial Headquarters.

Effective 1 August: Major Christine **Mayes**, Assistant Corps Officer, Grafton Corps, North NSW Division.

Effective 13 August: Lieut Vanessa **Kohler**, Mission Director, Oasis Youth Centre Wyong, Newcastle and Central NSW Division.

Bereaved

Major Eileen **Holley** of her father John **Lodge** on 14 June; Major Denis **Day** of his Uncle Mervyn **Day** on 12 June.

Births

Lieutenant Paul and Captain Christy **Kurth** a girl Genevieve Pearl on 21 June.

Promoted to glory

Major Vic **Bailey** on 14 June; Major Mavis **Unicomb** on 24 June; Major Flo **Sanders** on 30 June.

Resignation

Envoys Alan and Amy **Wu**.

Retirement

Major Marilyn **Edwards** on 30 June.

SAGALA Awards

The following person has received the Commissioner's Challenge Award: Caitlin **Young**, Dubbo Corps.

School for Officer Training

The following candidate has been accepted for training in the *Heralds of Grace* 2013-2014: Kate **Cathcart**, Auburn Corps.

time to pray

29 July - 4 August

Young Cluster (Young, Grenfell and Cootamundra), NSW; Horton Village, Mackay Northern Beaches Mission, Bowen Corps, Southport Community Welfare Centre, all Qld; Finance Department, THQ; Annual Day of Prayer for Children (29); Courtts Lecture, Brisbane (29); South Queensland Division Women's Camp (30 July-2 August); ACT and South NSW Division Women's Refresh Weekend (3-5 August).

5-11 August

Granville Corps, The Anchor Men's Crisis Centre, Moree Corps, Tuggerah Lakes Corps, all NSW; Ipswich Community Welfare Centre, Qld; Red Shield Defence Services Biennial Conference (6-10); Inter-territorial Leaders' Conference (7); Brengle for Officers (7-17); World Wide Prayer Meeting (9); Territorial Youth Ministry Conference (10-12).

12-18 August

Oasis Youth Residential Service, ACT; Bethesda Residential Aged Care, Gold Coast Recovery Services Centre (Fairhaven), Ipswich Corps, all Qld; Manly Corps, Gunnedah Corps, both NSW; Indigenous Appeal Launch (12); World Wide Prayer Meeting (16); Tri-territorial Theological Conference (17-19); Central and North Qld Division Women's Refresh Weekend, Northern (17-19).

19-25 August

Lieut-Colonels Laurie and Simone Robertson, IHQ; Caloundra Corps, Serenity House, Nerang Community Welfare Centre, Capricorn Region Corps, all Qld; William Booth Recovery Services Centre, NSW; IHQ Territorial Review (22-29); Candidates Board (23); Delve Weekend, Queensland (24-26); Newcastle and Central NSW Div Youth Councils (25-26).

26 August-1 September

Tenterfield Corps, Parramatta Corps, Woonona Corps, Shellharbour Corps, all NSW; Mount Isa Corps, Qld; Human Resources Department, Territorial Emergency Services Department, both THQ; Junior Soldiers Day of Renewal (26); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Regional Youth Rally (26); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Officer Blokes Retreat (27-28); Salvo Stores Review (30); World Wide Prayer Meeting (31).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

***Brisbane: Thu 2 Aug** - Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame 2012 Induction Dinner

***Brisbane: Fri 3-Sun 5 Aug** - Just Men Conference

***Geelong: Tues 7 Aug** - Officers Brengle

#**Gold Coast: Tues Aug 7** - Red Shield Defence Services dinner

Collaroy: Sat Aug 11 - Youth Ministry Conference

Rockhampton: Sun 12 Aug - Installation of Majors Kelvin and Cheralynne Pethybridge as Divisional Commander and Division

Director Womens Ministries, Central North Queensland

***Ashfield: Thu 16 Aug** - NSW State School Principal Conference

Collaroy: Sat 18-Sun 19 Aug - Thought Matters Conference

Wed 22-Wed 29 Aug - Territorial Review with International

Secretary for South Pacific and East Asia Zone, Commissioner

Alistair Herring and Zonal Secretary for Womens Ministries,

Commissioner Astrid Herring

Wyong: Sun 26 Aug - Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Youth Councils

***Canberra: Thu 30 Aug** - International Secretary visit/Opening

Salvos Housing, Narrabundah

Bexley North: Fri 31 Aug - School for Officer Training,

Leadership Lecture

**Commissioner James Condon only*

#*Commissioner Jan Condon only*

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Gosford: Sat 4-Sun 5 Aug - 30th anniversary Gosford Corps

Chicago: Mon 6 -Wed 15 Aug - Global Leadership Summit

Wed 22-Wed 29 Aug - Territorial Review with International

Secretary for South Pacific and East Asia Zone, Commissioner

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