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## Keeping in step with the Spirit

Anyone who keeps tabs on the size of *Pipeline* will realise that this September issue is the largest in its relatively short 12-year history. It is packed with all kinds of news, feature articles, commentary, interviews, reflections and images. Often the images speak louder than the words. Combined, they tell the story of a Salvation Army in which and through which the Spirit of God is moving powerfully to bring humanity close to the heart of God.

There is no question that something good and vibrant is stirring within the women and men, boys and girls of The Salvation Army in its Australia Eastern Territory. But not only here; you get the sense from this *Pipeline* that God is rousing the Army across the world – stirring its spirit, preparing us for new and world-transforming acts of soul saving and service to humanity.

Some people say: “God’s not finished with the Army yet.” For some reason I’ve never really jelled with this sentiment. In fact, it has never figured in my estimation of how the Army appears to be going, no matter how concerned I may have been at any one time.

It is both a privilege and a challenge to be part of this worldwide movement and the most important thing for all of us Salvationists is that we “keep in step with the Spirit”. He is the ever-contemporary Spirit of God – never outdated, never outdone, never out of stock in terms of power for mission or advice about applying the mind of Christ to mission.

Why should God ever be finished with us? Keeping in step with the Spirit will sometimes mean doing a bit of a quick-step or shoe shuffle as we go – trying new things, making changes, coming again to the cross to clean up our spiritual

and missional shortcomings. Sometimes, it will be more like catching up with the Spirit after we’ve been marking time for just a bit too long. I sense this is what’s happening now and it’s both humbling and exhilarating to be part of The Salvation Army today.

For the second time in this edition, we publish the statement issued by the Army’s International Conference of Leaders held in July in London (see page 23). I want to encourage you to take this document and read it carefully with your spiritual antenna up. It models for all Salvationists the attitude of mind and heart that the Spirit of God can powerfully use in today’s complex world.

Here’s a sample: “We have prayed together with earnest and seeking hearts, asking God to reveal to us with new clarity all he is willing to accomplish through us despite our failings, both personal and organisational. We have pleaded for a renewed spirit of humility, surrender and submission to the divine will for us and for the Army.

“We have pondered again before the Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), a vision of the worldwide Salvation Army kneeling in repentance, prayer and rededication at the Mercy Seat. We have spoken together of all that this might mean for the Army, seeking new grace, new spiritual power, new divine prompting, and asking for and receiving afresh God’s mercy.”

Friends, this is the big vision and the big yet humble spirit that must reside in the Army in every place and in every heart. May it be so for you and for me.

– Captain Peter McGuigan, Communications Director



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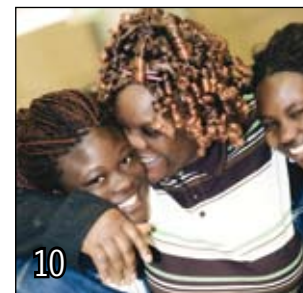
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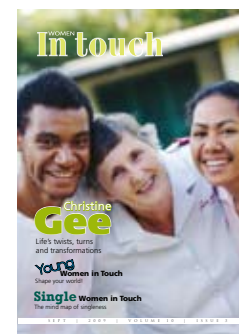
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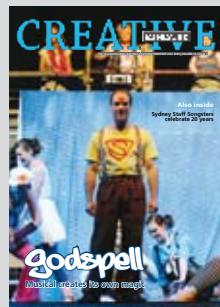
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## Always kitted out for battle



With regard to the debate question in the July issue of *Creative Ministry*.

I'm Jeffrey, a two-year soldier of The Salvation Army. I am forty years old, and I have worn my uniform daily since my decision.

I decided to wear it into battle daily. The pressure I have received is more from Christians and Salvationists than unbelievers. My feedback from unbelievers is that they do not know The Salvation Army is a church any longer.

The non-believing older generation only remembers the bands coming out in the '50s and '60s. Those under 20 don't have a clue what the uniform signifies. Does this mean we no longer wear it? No. I find many opportunities in my daily walk to share my beliefs and that the Army is a Church. It is free publicity for the Army, and I have prepared an answer for questions asked of me.

I also carry a little bag with me to give out literature and small verse cards whenever the opportunity arises.

My question is, why don't all Salvationists use the uniform to maximise their opportunities?

Imagine wearing a polo/t-shirt, a cap or a Salvation Army badge insignia with the location of your corps to university, work, sport practise, music concerts, restaurants, movie theatres, parks, skateboarding with your mates, or even on the beach having an ice cream or getting ready for a surf.

Senior soldiers and corps cadets need to be taught how to handle questions about their faith, and need to be given opportunities to share their faith with or without a brass band.

God calls us to places where your friends, neighbours, or countless unknown faces are struggling with issues in life.

It's in the market place where people are struggling to know why they exist. Is there a God who cares, does The Salvation Army care about their struggles with drugs, children, self esteem, loneliness,

internet porn, peer pressure, relationships, divorce and a myriad of other issues?

What can be set up on a daily or weekly basis in your community to affect change, and what can a uniform do in your community if you prepare yourself fully?

If we are to be relevant as a church and not die, the uniform needs to be taken seriously by the majority of Salvationists. The only minor alterations would be to the shirts with the epaulettes. I feel they need to show the red shield logo or even a Bible verse somewhere.

Apart from a few minor alterations, the uniform has always been relevant. It's just that third- and fourth-generation Salvationists have decided to shrink away from their responsibilities, to listen to popular culture and sceptics, and to emphasise the music rather than the responsibilities of evangelism, of radical living for God and being ready in season and out of season to affect the people around them with the message of Jesus Christ.

Jeffrey Pool,  
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# Enthusiastic and effective in fulfilling our mission

In the wake of the landmark Uprising weekend in June, **COMMISSIONER LINDA BOND** lays out a road map for the future of the Australia Eastern Territory.

**H**ave you ever listened to someone who is really excited about something and, as they are trying to share it, their ideas seem to tumble over each other? They are enthused, ignited, fired up and in their mind, what they are saying is perfectly clear. You don't want to be a wet blanket so you try very hard to follow, to smile in the right places and say, great idea! You're not lying, you are sure that anyone that pumped up has something that the whole world should know about. But, in truth, you are confused, big time.

Shortly after Uprising, I went on furlough to Canada and also attended The Salvation Army's International Conference of Leaders in London. Yet, I could not distance myself from what took place at Uprising. The response in the final meeting was one of those "immeasurably more" blessings from God. Hundreds came forward to sign a pledge card (marching orders) to own the Mission Priorities and vision of our territory. It was an unforgettable sight.

Since then I have been wondering if people get confused with terms we have used in recent years. You hear mission, values, mission priorities, vision. Are they different words to say the same thing or do they mean different things? And if they do, are they connected in any way? Maybe it is time for clarification.

A mission statement describes the overall purpose of an organisation. While there is a longer narrative of the international statement, the Australia Eastern Territory has owned General John Gowan's brilliant framing of it - we exist to save souls, grow saints, serve suffering humanity. And I can't think that there is one Salvationist in our territory who does not know that this is what we are about. This is what we believe God has raised us up to do. This is our mission.

Values represent the core life principles in an organisation's culture, including what motivates members' priorities and behaviour. This is about the culture or spirit of the organisation of the Army that is needed to achieve its mission. The values of the Australia Eastern Territory are transformation, integrity and compassion. You can easily see how these relate to our mission. Our Mission Priorities came as a result of feedback from the

front lines when I asked what would make us more effective in fulfilling our mission. It provides us with a positive "to be" list and a "to do" list that answers weaknesses we have identified in our Army. I have often underscored the fact that these have come from you and will never be achieved if viewed as a Territorial Headquarters program. My prayer is that they will belong to all of us at every level and in every centre.

And then came the vision which was launched at Uprising. A vision statement includes a vivid description of the organisation as it effectively carries out its mission. I was asked what I saw if we actually fulfilled our mission priorities, and this includes living according to our values, doing the mission we are called to do. This is what I see:

- ☐ I see a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century
- ☐ Convinced of its calling
- ☐ Moving forward together
- ☐ Into the world
- ☐ Of the hurting, broken, lonely,
- ☐ Dispossessed and lost.
- ☐ Reaching them by all means
- ☐ With the transforming message of Jesus
- ☐ Bringing freedom, hope and life.

And from what I hear, others see it as well. They are seeing the Lord's hand in all of this, finding the passion that comes from him and letting him show them how mission, vision, values and mission priorities apply to their lives personally and to the ministry of their corps or centre. You'll be hearing their stories in *Pipeline*. Truly, they see it. Do you?



Commissioner Linda Bond is Territorial Commander, Australia Eastern Territory

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# have we lost our holiness?

It stands to the forefront of our doctrines and we write it on our banners, but do Salvationists really grasp holiness theology? **MAJOR PETER FARTHING** contends that to fail to understand holiness is to fail to understand The Salvation Army

Professor Pamela Walker is an historian, expert in the early Salvation Army, and author of the excellent *Pulling Down the Devil's Kingdom*.

Two years ago, I interviewed Prof. Walker in Ottawa, Canada, at Carleton University where she teaches. With a friend, I had gone there to film her account of the early Army for a documentary called *Our People; The story of William and Catherine Booth and The Salvation Army*.

During the interview, she remarked: "I took a look at a Salvation Army web page and I couldn't find anything on holiness theology. I thought that was amazing because you can't understand The Salvation Army without understanding holiness theology."

The following day, I interviewed Prof. Diane Winston at the University of California, Los Angeles.

She is the author of *Red Hot and Righteous*, a fascinating account of the early Army, particularly in New York City. Without any prompting, Dr Winston made the same observation: holiness teaching decisively shaped The Salvation Army.

Both these scholars have in-depth knowledge of the Army in its formative years, and both see holiness thinking stamped all over the Army. We might ask, where?

Prof. Walker gives women's ministry as one example. William and Catherine Booth were greatly influenced by the revivalist movement out of the United States, and especially by the evangelist Charles Finney. While stopping short of advocating full female ministry, Finney encouraged women to take roles and to give their testimony in meetings.

The revivalist movement gave birth to the holiness movement, which also

profoundly impacted the Booths. The chief founder of the holiness movement was an American woman named Phoebe Palmer. Catherine Booth read her books and magazine, and heard Palmer speak when she visited Britain.

Holiness movement denominations advanced women's ministry long before most other denominations. Prof. Walker explains why: "Holiness theology allows believers to centre their actions on their own hearing of the Holy Spirit's call. If the Holy Spirit calls a woman to preach, then she should preach ... Holiness theology doesn't insist upon a literal reading of Scripture ... and in this sense, holiness is very different from fundamentalism, which is an attempt to follow the word of the Bible very literally."

## Shaping the Army's thinking

There are other examples of the impact of holiness thinking on The

Salvation Army. Prof. Walker believes it significantly shaped the Army's approach to the sacraments. Holiness theology "taught people to trust and to know God from within," she explains.

Catherine Booth didn't want anyone to think that the way you knew God was through sipping wine and eating bread. That might be a meaningful symbolic gesture, but that's not actually the way in which God comes to you. And she wanted people to understand that it's an internal state which you seek through prayer and knowing God and acting on God's will.

Prof. Winston sees the impact of holiness theology in a different area. She noted the Salvationist ability to engage with the secular world, something that remains a hallmark of Salvationism at its best. Among early Salvationists, young women took the *War Cry* into hotel bars, bands held gospel meetings on street corners, officers made friends with local newspaper editors – these were Christians who managed to connect in secular settings.

Some of the explanation for this must lie in the Army's Wesleyan, world-affirming world view, but Prof. Winston credits holiness theology. As she explains, the Salvationists reasoned they could go wherever the Holy Spirit took them. And the Spirit would be out in the world pursuing the lost.

The American *War Cry* of Saturday 7 October, 1893 featured a front-page illustration of Salvationists kneeling in a New York street meeting, as an unseen cathedral encircles them.

"The way the Army visualised it," says Prof. Winston, "was as if there were an invisible cathedral tenting out over the street where people were praying, very much sacralising the space that the Army folks were praying in. That was part and parcel of the Army's holiness theology which believed that everything could be sacralised."

In *Red Hot and Righteous*, Prof. Winston wrote: "Interpreting holiness theology as a way of being in the world, Salvationists made the entire city their mission field."

## Part of the culture

Holiness thinking shaped the Army so powerfully because it received enormous attention. If a person went along to a Salvation Army corps, say in the 1880s, they would have discovered it held two main types of meetings.

They could go to a Salvation Meeting, which was bright and loud and informal, where they heard testimonies, the Gospel preached, and watched people walk to the mercy seat. And they could attend a Holiness Meeting, where the testimonies concerned the Spirit's work and a message of holiness was preached.

In these gatherings, an intense prayer meeting might go a long time. That was the culture.

For *Our People*, I also interviewed Salvationist biographer of William and Catherine Booth, Dr Roger Green. Speaking in his Boston home, Dr Green explained: "If you attended a Christian Mission meeting of the 1860s and the 1870s, you would hear two very distinct messages from William Booth and Catherine Booth, and the other leaders of The Christian Mission. First, you would hear the message of salvation for the whosoever. That is, all people were living in sin and all people may become saved through believing in Christ by faith. That message was very important and very critical to them.

"The second message, however, that you would hear would be a message of holiness. That is, that once you become a believer God has something more for you. That God has given you the promise, that you can love him with your whole heart and mind and soul and you

**"Holy people are the great need of the world. I am sure they are one of the great wants of the Army."**

can love your neighbour as yourself. For John Wesley that simply was holiness, or what he preferred to call "perfect love". For William and Catherine Booth, these good Wesleyans, that was also the heart of holiness. So you would have heard these two messages faithfully preached and faithfully proclaimed in The Christian Mission."

And, we might add, The Salvation Army. William and Catherine, and the other early leaders, believed this dual focus was crucial. They were convinced it was God's message. For them, Christ came to bring "full salvation", not mere forgiveness but a different life; a holy life.

It never occurred to them that Salvationists could get on with mission and forget holiness. A holy life, filled with the Spirit, displaying Christ's love, was a powerful weapon in mission. William Booth counselled: "If you are a holy man or woman you will help

forward the war and spread the glory of Christ's name far more effectively than you will if you are not fully saved. Holy people are the great need of the world. I am sure they are one of the great wants of the Army."

Catherine Booth once wrote: "The great multitude ... require to see and hear God revealed before their very eyes in visible and practical form before they will believe. And to reach these crowds, God wants men and women to walk about the world so that those around, believers and unbelievers alike, shall see the form and hear the voice of the Living God; people who shall be so like him in spirit and life and character as to make crowds feel as though the very shadow of God has crossed their path. Will you be a shadow of God?"

Catherine Booth had a rich understanding of Christian perspectives on "the deeper life". She was acquainted with spiritual writings and theology from numerous Christian traditions. She was intellectually and spiritually soaked in the long Christian tradition of holiness in all its shades. For her, the holy life was God's purpose for all his people.

## A fundamental truth

If Prof. Walker was puzzled by a Salvation Army web page which said nothing about holiness, she possesses a keen understanding of who we are. "Holiness to the Lord is to us a fundamental truth," William Booth stated at The Christian Mission annual conference of 1870.

It stands to the forefront of our doctrines. We write it on our banners. It is in no shape or form an open debatable question as to whether God can sanctify wholly, whether Jesus does save his people from their sins. In the estimation of The Christian Mission, that is settled forever.

It seems Prof. Walker was right. We do not understand The Salvation Army if we don't understand holiness theology and its impact.



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is the Australia  
Eastern Territory's  
Secretary for Spiritual  
Life Development.



## MISSION PRIORITIES UPDATE

# FROM THE FRONT LINE

## A significant increase of new soldiers and officers

**MAJOR MAREE STRONG** writes about a new Mission Priority 7 initiative in the ACT and South NSW Division aimed at boosting The Salvation Army's ranks

There was great excitement in mid July at Wagga Wagga as 10 delegates, representing four corps in the ACT and South NSW Division, experienced the first Soldiership Bootcamp weekend.

Upon registration on the Friday evening, each delegate assembled their boot camp kits consisting of training manual, associated books and resources and lots of "special goodies".

The training session on the Friday night included an introduction to soldiership, Salvation Army history, and the Articles of War.

The bugle sounded at 8.30am on Saturday for a huge training day covering the Declarations of Faith, doctrines and Salvation Army distinctives.

The training sessions incorporated opportunities for discussion and interaction and were punctuated with exercises and refreshments throughout the day.

Delegates returned to their bunks around 9pm after a day of intense learning that was both informative and challenging. Delegates commented that, "the day was long but it was worth it!"

The boot camp concluded on Sunday morning with delegates taking part in worship on the theme "Battle Ready Soldiers".

A feature of the service was an

inspiring message from the Wagga Wagga songsters entitled *All For Thee*. There was opportunity for testimony from all delegates and the message was based on the biblical story of David and Goliath. The whole congregation, from the eldest to the youngest, was involved in the re-enactment of the battle scene.

Many folk responded to the call for recommitment to the "Soldiers Covenant" and the meeting concluded with a hallelujah wind-up.

The troops were dismissed following morning tea, having successfully completed boot camp and ready to return home to work on Block 2 of The Soldiership Training Program. This post-boot camp exercise consists of six weeks of reading, assignments and personal reflections on the subjects covered at the bootcamp weekend.

Three of the 10 delegates were already senior soldiers but chose to attend the boot camp because they had little training prior to their enrolment. Each commented that it had been a valuable experience for them.

The seven new recruits will have opportunity within their corps environment and with their corps



**Soldiership Bootcamp delegates with the training team and caterers at Wagga Wagga.**

officers, to make a decision regarding soldiership at the conclusion of the six-week program.

As *Pipeline* went to print, a second Soldiership Bootcamp weekend (21-23 August) was being held at Young. Early discussions are underway with a view to holding more boot camp weekends in the ACT and South NSW Division next year.

*"What is wanted is a force of spiritually equipped and determined men and women to take the world for God!"* – Catherine Booth



**Major Maree Strong is the ACT and South NSW Divisional Mission and Resource Team Leader**

This month we take a look at how corps in the Greater West Division are embracing the Mission Priorities.

### Parramatta Corps

Parramatta Corps is passionate about bringing children to Jesus and there are a number of signs in the corps that indicate this heart-felt desire.

One of them is the ongoing commitment of personnel from the corps to the Red Shield camps for disadvantaged children held at The Collaroy Centre.

The amazing part in all this is the intentional follow-up that occurs from corps members with young people who make commitments to Jesus during the camp. We are seeing growth taking place as these youngsters learn more about Jesus through the ministry of the corps.

At Parramatta Corps, we are excited when we see many young people who have made commitments to Jesus at Red Shield camp take part in our celebration weekend with its theme of "Dare to Join the Battle".

The territory passionate about bringing children to Jesus.

### Rouse Hill

Rouse Hill is committed to all the Mission Priorities and will continue to highlight them. We have been:

- ☐ Speaking on evangelism in our Sunday services;
- ☐ Have set in place a prayer coordinator who oversees two monthly prayer meetings, a prayer chain, and a monthly prayer newsletter for all in the corps. This person also coordinates a team of more than 12 people who pray on specific days of the week for the corps. This means the corps, wider community and The Salvation Army is covered by prayer seven days a week, as well as providing prayer ministry for those who through work, family or other circumstances can't make the prayer meetings.
- ☐ Placing a priority on equipping our ever-growing number of children for

worship and service. We have three groups of children involved at Sunday school and junior soldiers.

### Hawkesbury Corps

The Hawkesbury Corps of The Salvation Army has been intentional in its response to the Mission Priorities. Each of the seven priorities has been embraced in the following way:

#### 1. Prayer and holiness

The corps has set up a "Daily Devotion Prayer and Scripture Calendar" where the whole church has committed to collectively read together one Bible verse a day and pray for each other. An example can be found at <http://salvos.org.au/hawkesburycity/calendars-culture/>

#### 2. Whole territory involved in evangelism

The corps has ensured there has been a focus on "stop the traffik" and "Be a hero" campaigns, and support for Papua New Guinea. The corps has raised money for these projects.

#### 3. Corps healthy and multiplying

The corps is trying new and different meetings – as God leads – not just in our corps but also in the community. We have lots of ideas and ask: What is church? It is about making Jesus real.

#### 4. Equipped and empowered to serve the world

We listen to Divisional Headquarters, eg. future leaders dinners, and ask our volunteers can they be involved in community care, young people's events, caring for kids courses? We also ask if they have ideas of what God is calling their hearts to. God is pulling together a young people's music group. Three children learning drums, two learning guitar, keyboard and other instruments. This will be integrated before the end of the year.

**Rouse Hill Corps is placing a priority on ministering to children.**



#### 5. Passionate about bringing children to Jesus

Hawkesbury has finally (after a decade) got junior soldiers in the corps. They participate in the morning meeting and love their classes – more kids are undertaking prep classes thanks to the young people's team. At a recent Sunday morning, during the appeal six young people moved forward and our junior soldiers prayed with them!

#### 6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission

The corps has had the opportunity to link with the Salvation Army Emergency Services. We are sending our kids to camps – an outback outreach that is offered through Divisional Headquarters.

#### 7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers

The corps has people that want to become senior soldiers and even Salvation Army officers. We are again holding soldiership classes and there are four people who have indicated they want to be serve God as soldiers.



# End of the heartache

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Serving Suffering  
Humanity



An overjoyed Margaret Yongai greets her daughter at the airport. Photo: Shairon Paterson

Torn apart by civil war more than a decade ago, a refugee family from Sierra Leone never believed they would see their daughter and sister again. But, as **BILL SIMPSON** finds out, a plea to a legal service run by The Salvation Army has led to the family being reunited in Australia

**W**ithin half an hour, Margaret Yongai's husband was shot dead in front of her, their six-year-old daughter was stolen from her desperate grasp and she witnessed the family home being ravaged by deliberately-lit fire.

She fears her parents, brothers and sisters, and other relatives perished in the blaze, perpetrated by child soldiers recruited by rebels to destroy law and order in the West African state of Sierra Leone during civil war.

Her arm bleeding from a machete slash as she tried to save her daughter, Margaret grabbed her two young sons and fled into the bush, surviving for three months on berries, until they reached the safety of a United Nations refugee camp in neighbouring Guinea.

Conditions in the camp were so terrible as hundreds of thousands of people fled Sierra Leone that Margaret still sees the faces of dozens of people who died each day. "At the camp, they just buried, buried, buried people every day," she told *Pipeline* for this article.



"God has done a miracle. He has brought my daughter back to me."

The slaughter of her family and fellow residents in Sierra Leone occurred 12 years ago, but Margaret has only started talking about it publicly, still fearful for the safety of herself and surviving family members.

## Long suffering over

Four years ago, Margaret and her boys arrived in Australia as part of a refugee resettlement program and to start a new life, without a husband and father and daughter and sister.

Margaret had seen her husband slain. She suspected her little daughter suffered the same fate.

Twelve months ago, with the help of The Salvation Army's Auburn Corps and its free legal assistance program, Margaret discovered the daughter she had given up as dead was, in fact, alive and still living in Guinea with new "parents".

On Sunday 9 August, 18-year-old Marian Yongai and her mother and two brothers were reunited in an emotional meeting at Sydney Airport.

"My long suffering is over," Margaret said as she waited for Marian to arrive.

"I thought my daughter was dead. God has done a miracle. He has brought my daughter back to me. Thank you, God," she said.

Marian was overcome not only by the emotion of the event, but the size and scope of Sydney Airport. She had left a little African village one day and arrived in a big, modern city the next, to be met by a mother and brothers she had not seen for 12 years.

In limited English, Marian said she was thankful for those who had made the reunion possible. She had thought her mother was dead. The last she saw of Margaret was a teenage rebel recruit soldier slashing at her with a machete as she tried to save her daughter.

At Sydney Airport, Marian remembered her mother. She also remembered elder brother Daddy - 19 now, but seven at the time of the tragedy. Younger brother, Alex - 15 now - was only three.

Fortunately for him, Alex has few memories of the brutal attack on his family.

## A difficult case

The miracle breakthrough for the family came through the involvement of Sydney lawyer Luke Geary, who provides a free legal service at Auburn Corps on Monday nights. He calls it Courtyard Legal.

Although not associated with The Salvation Army, Margaret was encouraged by other refugees in the Auburn area to seek Luke's help.

"Margaret showed up one night last year," Luke told *Pipeline*. "It was a difficult case. Her level of English was not good. Her level of trust was low, due to her experiences."

"She told me she had heard that her daughter was in Guinea [neighbouring Sierra Leone]. She wanted me to find her and bring her to Australia. That was my brief. That's all that Margaret could tell me."

Luke discovered that Margaret had made enquiries through an agent in Guinea a year or so earlier, but there had been no progress.

It appeared that Marian had been taken in by another family within weeks of >>>

Marian shares a tender moment with her mum (above), and getting to know some of her family (top left and centre). Photos: Shairon Paterson





Photo: Shaaron Paterson

To watch the emotional family reunion at Sydney Airport and to hear Margaret tell her story, go to <http://salvos.org.au/auburn/media/tears/>

the Sierra Leone attack. The family would not concede that Marian was not their daughter.

Luke was able to progress matters through official Australian and overseas agencies. DNA testing was carried out and concluded that Marian was Margaret's daughter.

Marian's move to Australia was approved in July and within weeks, she was "back home" with her mother and brothers.

### More reunions planned

Auburn Corps Officer Captain Nesan Kistan raised Marian's airfare from within the corps. "Our corps is committed to bringing refugee families together," Captain Kistan told *Pipeline*. "It's our mission."

"Luke's part in this beautiful reunion of a family has been incredible. He is a partner in a very busy law firm, yet he gives his own time at Auburn every Monday night. He also provides a service at Parramatta."

"The Salvation Army is very blessed to have Luke Geary working with us."

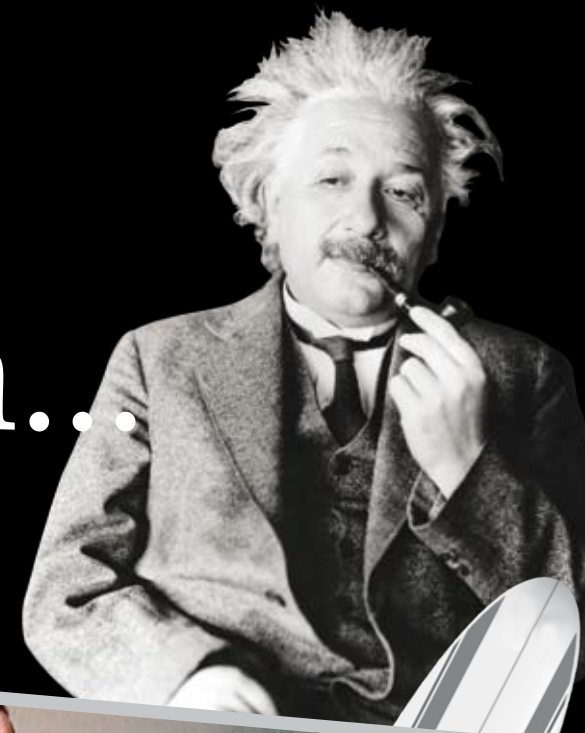
Luke told *Pipeline* a further 21 people in Africa had been approved for repatriation to Australia to reunite with relatives. The reunions were being arranged as *Pipeline* was going to press. □



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# Einstein, relativity, & salvation...

## just another weekend at Collaroy!



What could Albert Einstein's theory of relativity have to do with 420 men at a Bible convention weekend?

Everything!, according to world-renowned Christian conference speaker and university professor Tony Campolo, guest speaker at last month's "Just Men" convention at The Salvation Army's Collaroy Centre in Sydney.

"Einstein teaches us some critical truths about salvation that are relevant in this age," Mr Campolo claimed.

"The faster you travel, the more time is compressed and travelling at the speed of light, time is compressed into the 'now'. The past becomes the present."

"With God time shall be no more. He is the 'I Am', from everlasting to everlasting."

"In this age of postmodernity, people look for experience and fulfilment in the spiritual present, not in historic religion. It's a shift from Calvinism to Wesleyan theology - from knowing God to experiencing God," explained Mr Campolo.

The historic objective truth is that Jesus died for our sins and took our punishment. The 21st century subjective question is: "What does it mean for me?"

He emphasised that the crucified and resurrected Jesus is "right now", ready to connect with humanity and remove all that is dark, dirty and undesirable. It is the principle of transference where the Wonderful Counsellor absorbs what is sin in us and replaces it with his cleansing and righteousness.

"This is the doctrine of holiness," Mr Campolo declared.

"It's not enough to get saved. There's the process of cleansing that makes us like Jesus."

"The Spirit that lay dormant in you all your life was active in bringing you to salvation and in submitting to Jesus. The Spirit explodes within and you are made alive."

Jesus' mission statement is: I have come to declare that the Kingdom of God is among you.

He who knew no sin became what we are so that we can become what he is. We need to be transformed to change the world from what it is to what it should be. This happens through using authority, not power. Police have power because they have guns. Mothers have authority because they have love.

Our all-powerful God gives us his power through Calvary to establish his authority through sacrificial love.

Mr Campolo observed that if The Salvation Army has had anything going for it, it is the exercise of loving sacrifice for the poor and marginalised.

"Lose that and you lose your authority," he stated.

Chief Secretary Colonel James Condon told *Pipeline* the convention

would have a powerful ripple effect across The Salvation Army in Eastern Australia. The more than 400 men at the convention came from throughout NSW, ACT and Queensland. In the last session they stood as one in response to Mr Campolo's challenge to rededicate their lives to living for Christ.

"Just Men" was organised by The Collaroy Centre. The centre's Executive Director Ken Heffernan said he was overwhelmed with the response and explained the influence of the centre's ministry in bringing people close to God.

Supporting the convention was a worship team from Chatswood Corps led by Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown.

Another speaker, John Ashman, spoke from his many years of experience in Christian camping, particularly with the Christian Conference and Camping Association in the United States.



Some of the delegates at the men's convention.

Tony Campolo (above centre) with Colonel James Condon (left) and Ken Heffernan.





# still close enough to touch

It's been more than 12 months since a team from the Salvos Productions unit visited Papua New Guinea and Indonesia to research stories for this year's Self-Denial Appeal DVD series. **SCOTT SIMPSON**, who was part of that team, finds out what has happened to the projects featured in the series

## Guns for Bibles

In the city of Lae, on the Huon Gulf of Papua New Guinea, The Salvation Army has been involved in a dangerous yet effective ministry to the thousands of people who exist in the city's impoverished settlements.

One of those settlements, Four Mile, is home to a notorious gang, "The Boys".

In the first episode of this year's Self-Denial Appeal series, the work of The Salvation Army's Major Sere Kala with The Boys was highlighted. It featured an amazing guns for Bibles hand-over and the construction of a Salvation Army church in the settlement.

Earlier this year, Major Kala was transferred from Lae to Port Moresby to become Planned Giving Secretary for the PNG Territory and sadly, the ministry at Four Mile has languished. It hasn't been helped by a dispute with the owner of the land on which the church is built, leading to the property no longer being made available to the Army.

"We actually managed to raise enough money to construct a Salvation Army church at Four Mile but the owner of the land on which it is built has been causing us a few problems. I'm hoping money can be found to buy the land from this person and we can start services there again," says Major Kala.

"There's a desire among The Boys to go to church – we had about 80 people attend the first church service at Four Mile. I believe to have an effective ministry there the Army needs to have someone appointed full-time to Four Mile."

Amid the setbacks there have been wonderful stories of transformation.

Terry, a one-time leader of The Boys, has accepted Christ as his Saviour and become a soldier of The Salvation Army. After originally being employed on a part-time basis as a security guard at the Army's primary school in Lae, Terry now works as a teacher's aide at the centre.

Mano is another success story emerging from the Four Mile settlement. A former gang member, he became a Christian through the Salvation Army's ministry to The Boys and is now employed by the Army's CARE PNG fair trade coffee program.

Earlier this year, Mano moved from Four Mile to the town of Goroka, where the CARE team is based, and works as a field officer on the project.



**Major Sere Kala (above) trades Bibles for guns at Four Mile, while (below) Mano, a former gang member, now works for The Salvation Army in PNG.**



Photo: Shairon Paterson

## The CARE program

A few hundred kilometres inland from Lae, in the Eastern Highlands province of PNG, Major David Temine and his CARE PNG team continue to campaign for fair trade in the country's coffee industry.

When the Salvos Productions team met Major Temine and his CARE Project Officer Henry Dua, they were already well underway with their campaign, administered out of the Army's divisional headquarters in Goroka. The project is funded by AusAID, in partnership with the Army. There remains, however, desperate need for financial support.

Since then the CARE coffee project has continued to expand. A truck has been made available to travel the Eastern Highlands and collect the raw coffee beans from the growers. The beans are now housed in a warehouse in Goroka that the Army rents, before being sold to the big factories which then roast, package and distribute the coffee.

Last year, the CARE team collected 500 bags of coffee beans, each weighing 60kg. This year the expectancy is that more than 1000 bags will be collected.

The program is providing enormous benefit back to the rural growers. CARE is paying the market price for the coffee



**The CARE team would love to own its own coffee factory (right) so it could provide even more benefit back to rural communities. Photos: Shairon Paterson**

beans to farmers who had previously been exploited by unscrupulous roadside buyers. That benefit is now flowing back into the villages, raising the standard of living (see case study on this page).

But Major Temine has even grander dreams for the program.

"We would one day love to buy one of these coffee factories so we could roast, package and distribute the coffee ourselves. That, ultimately, would mean we could pass on even more benefit to the growers," he said.



## CARE PNG – a case study

**S**uku Ombuano has lived in the remote village of Kururumba, in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea, for most of his life. He's not sure how old he is; maybe 50. Birth records have never been kept in his village.

For most of his adult life he has worked the land, trying to scrape a living to support his family. Suku is married to Linda and they have two children, a boy and a girl.

It was hard toil and a lack of education on how best to manage

his little farm meant there was never enough food.

That all changed, however, three years ago when The Salvation Army's CARE PNG program came to Kururumba. Suku was one of the first to sign up to the program and receive training in farm management. His small property is now flourishing.

Suku's coffee plantation now produces more than 700kg of beans each year. That translates to about \$A1500 income – a substantial

sum by PNG standards – and he is taking advantage of CARE's savings program to put money aside for a new, permanent house in the village.

Suku has also built a small fish farm. He started with 12 fish and now estimates he has more than 1000. A couple of years ago he bought a rooster and two hens. The makeshift coop he built is now home to 35 chickens.

Suku also has an abundance of fruit and vegetables growing on his property, and it's been more than a year since he's had to make the long trip to market to buy food.

He's also become a bit of a businessman in Kururumba, buying and operating one of the village's two trading stores.

He's also committed to The Salvation Army and is corps sergeant major of the little fellowship which operates at Kururumba.

"In the three years since I signed up to the program, CARE PNG has made a dramatic improvement to the way my family and I live," he says.

**Suku Ombuano and his family who live in the village of Kururumba. Photo: Shairon Paterson**





## Woodward Hospital

After leaving PNG, the Salvos Productions team headed to Indonesia. One of the Self-Denial Appeal episodes filmed there featured the Army's Woodward Hospital, in the city of Palu on the island of Sulawesi.

The hospital was facing government closure if it didn't upgrade its wastewater treatment facilities. More than a year later and it still hasn't found the funds to carry out the work and, while the hospital remains open, government pressure is increasing.

Adding to its problems, a termite infestation has meant that repairing structural damage to the building has now become the priority.

"We're still trying to find the source of the termites," says Captain Nyoman Timonuli, the Army's Projects Officer for Indonesia who featured in the DVD series.

"We've had to renovate four rooms – our fear is just how extensive the termite problem is and whether we'll need to renovate more rooms.

"The wastewater issue also still hangs over us. Woodward has received a second letter from the government warning it will be shut down if a new wastewater facility isn't built. So the hospital is effectively



Woodward Hospital still faces the threat of government closure.

living on borrowed time.

"The Army's Netherlands Territory has provided funding to rectify a similar wastewater facility problem we have with a Salvation Army hospital in Central Java, but we still need help to fund the necessary work at Woodward."

The episode also featured the desperate need of the seven health clinics Woodward operates in remote areas of Central Sulawesi.

"All seven health clinics administered

by Woodward are still operating but they are all doing it tough," says Captain Timonuli.

"They are all desperately in need of new equipment and it's almost of case of them operating on a day-to-day basis.

"The Salvation Army is determined to keep them open. The government doesn't really seem to care too much about health care in remote areas and if these clinics were to close the communities they serve will really suffer."

## Street kids ministry

The second Self-Denial Appeal episode from Indonesia featured a ministry to street children in the city of Bandung, where The Salvation Army has its territorial headquarters.

Countless young people, most abandoned by their families, roam the streets of Bandung in a desperate battle to survive.

This particular episode showed how the Army has established educational programs for these children aimed at equipping them with the necessary skills to secure employment.

Since the Salvos Productions team was in Bandung the street kids ministry has expanded to include both junior and senior high school-aged education programs.

"We have also just established a sewing course and a security training course, both of which are designed to help these children into employment," says Major Selly Poa, the Salvation Army officer responsible for starting the street kids ministry.

"We actually have a policeman who will be running the security course – there is a lot of work available in the city for people who have security training."

One of the more moving scenes from this year's Self-Denial Appeal series involved a young woman named Asti who had been helped by the street kids

ministry. In the episode she is seen wiping away tears as she explains how her decision to become a Christian has meant being shunned by her Muslim family.

Shortly after being enrolled as a senior soldier at Corps No. 3 in Bandung, Asti (pictured left) moved to Hong Kong where she now works in the retail sector.

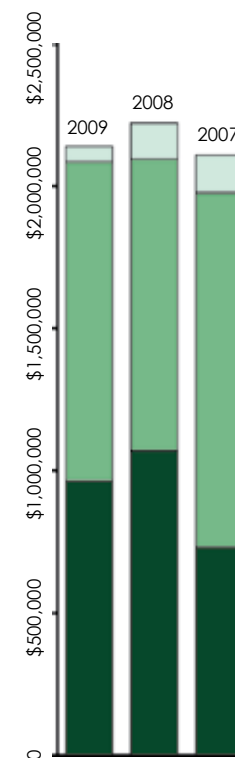
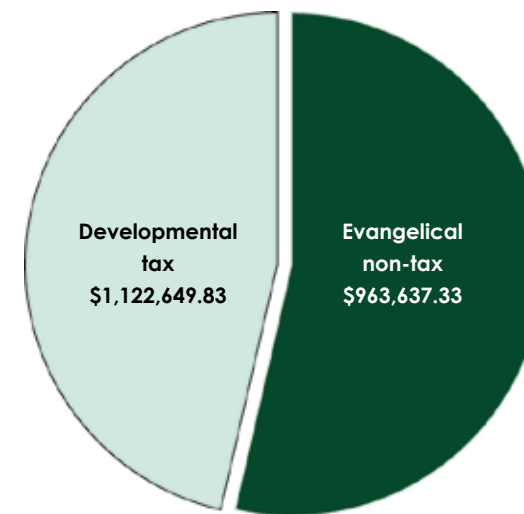
"Asti has stayed in contact with one of the workers in our street ministry team," says Major Poa.

"She is still a Christian and, while she no longer attends The Salvation Army, she has found a church to go to in Hong Kong. She is a wonderful example of the impact this ministry can have on someone's life."

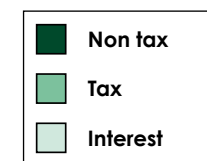


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As *Pipeline* went to print, a decision was made to release \$100,000 in Self-Denial Appeal funds from this territory being held in trust at International Headquarters, to assist in the relief operation in Taiwan in the wake of Typhoon Morakot which devastated the country last month.

## Passing the true test of generosity

The implications of the international work of The Salvation Army in developing countries always sits close to my heart.

Understandably, then, I am incredibly moved when I see the great needs of these nations being matched by sacrificial offerings, as witnessed in this year's response to the Self-Denial Appeal. Even against current harsh financial realities, this territory received more than \$2.1 million for this work.

In considering this, I have been reminded that the true test of generosity is not when we give from our abundance, but what we give when our resources are being challenged. The apostle Paul writes: "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints," 2 Corinthians 8:2-4.

The Self-Denial Appeal conveys that "rich generosity" for which we praise God and encourage you.

In closing, I would thank you for your open-handedness and support and pray that God will keep you sensitive to the needs of those "close enough to touch".



Colonel James Condon is Chief Secretary for the Australia Eastern Territory.

## Giving that transforms lives

The theme for the 2009 Self-Denial Appeal, *Close Enough to Touch*, seems to capture the very essence of the campaign. It calls for a response; spiritually, emotionally and financially.

Through the generosity of individuals from across the Australia Eastern Territory we have been able to invest more than \$2.1 million in the developing work of The Salvation Army and, more importantly, into the Kingdom of God. These funds, once reconciled, will be processed through the Army's International Headquarters (IHQ), and will be spent in the coming year.

From the 2008 Self-Denial Appeal funds forwarded from this territory to IHQ and distributed over the past 12 months, 37 per cent went to the Philippines and 6 per cent was provided to Myanmar, with the remainder being invested more broadly in the global work of The Salvation Army in developing countries.

The encouragement that we should gain is that our offering represents more than the financial gift but it is in the most tangible of terms, the gift of transformed lives.

Yet again, we say thank you for your support and encouragement.



Major Philip Maxwell is Communications and Public Relations Secretary for the Australia Eastern Territory.



# Happy 80<sup>th</sup> General Burrows!

By BARRY GITTINS  
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**B**irthday celebrations are passe for most of us. As decades fly past we tend to note that the hard-won accumulation of wisdom is balanced by the loss of energy, acuity and health (and, depending on gender, hair).

There are some people, however, who do not seem governed by the same ageing processes and accompanying declines in productivity and passion.

One such person is retired world leader of The Salvation Army, General Eva Burrows. The 13th Salvation Army supremo, often referred to as “the people’s General”, turns 80 on Tuesday 15 September.

She is still a vital force at Melbourne corps Project 614, where she serves as both recruiting sergeant and an informal mentor to members of Order 614 (youth who offer a “gap year” to serve others in Salvation Army urban mission) who have been known to affectionately address her by the nickname “Geneva”. The habit of a lifetime, General Burrows finds joy in giving her time and talents for Christ’s sake.

Not surprisingly perhaps, given her no-nonsense approach to life and service, she is unfazed by the upcoming celebrations. She doesn’t want a big fuss.

“It depends what you think of 80,” she said last year, with a mischievous gleam in her eye.

“When I was younger I would have thought 80 was an ancient person, but these days I don’t think of 80 as being ‘laid to rest’, although I did have an amusing comment on the telephone one day.

“A voice said to me, ‘I’m ringing from *The Times* of London’ and I thought, ‘Goodness, why are they calling me because I’m already retired’. Before I



General Eva Burrows’ official 80th birthday portrait photograph. Photo: John Smith

could say anything, the boy said, ‘I’ve been assigned to write your obituary’. I said, ‘Well, I’m not dead yet’, to which he replied, ‘Yes, but we have to be ready!’”

While the General found the moment amusing it also led her to consider her vigorous schedule. Last year, for example, she gave nine talks and messages to receptive congress congregations in Norway.

“I think that at 80 I will again review all my involvements,” she says.

“By the time I’m 80, perhaps I wouldn’t take that kind of [congress] assignment on. Apart from reviewing my activities, and being a little bit more ‘retired’ than I’ve been, perhaps I will do that painting class I always wanted to do – something like that. Perhaps it may be something [to pursue], or even a bit more study in theology, which I would like to do.”

And what of the General’s impending 80th birthday celebrations. Has she planned the occasion?

“Not at all,” she says. “Somebody asked me what I am going to do. I said I might go overseas at that time; have a holiday. Birthdays don’t mean very much to me.

“I have a sister here in Melbourne and I’m very close to her and her children, and I’m very much part of all their family events – Mother’s Day I’m there, Father’s Day I’m there, anything to do with the family ... I have a lovely family connection there.

“Well, really, what is it about turning 80? It is just thanksgiving to God that you’ve lived long. I’ve been given plenty of years.

“Perhaps I’ll tell you a little secret. I sometimes say to the Lord, ‘Don’t take me yet until I’ve fixed up all my files’.

“There’s an awareness that turning 80 will bring me nearer to going home. I look forward to going home to God but I realise if I went home tomorrow, I’d leave quite a lot of problems with all my papers.”

## VIEW FROM THE TOP



General Eva Burrows had a lot of time for former Australian prime minister Bob Hawke.

### General Eva Burrows gives an honest appraisal of some of the world leaders she encountered

#### Pope John Paul II

I was a great admirer of him and had the great pleasure of meeting him. I admired him very much, for his compassion and wisdom. The thing about Pope John Paul II that I really liked was his commitment to what he thought was right; he believed (he knew) what God wanted for his church and he did not sway from that. He didn’t compromise for an easy answer. That man always stayed true and I think that is not always easy as a spiritual leader.



General Eva Burrows with Pope John Paul II.

#### Robert James Hawke

I liked Hawke. We were actually quite friendly and he came to my “welcome home” when I came back to Australia. In the sense of his leadership style as prime minister of Australia, I liked his consensus style. He invited me to the tax summit, of course; and that was an important time

when I gave a speech of significance, I think, because the next day (then treasurer) Paul Keating announced that charities would be free from the consumer tax and so forth. I liked the way that Bob Hawke related to people. The people of Australia liked him. I may not have liked other aspects of his life, but nevertheless there was a style in his leadership that I’d say was similar to mine.

#### Margaret Thatcher

Margaret Thatcher was a disappointment. I felt she didn’t have a deep, true feeling for the poor. I invited her to come out on the soup run indirectly and said it wouldn’t be a media event, we’d go incognito, but the answer was no ... well, I didn’t get an answer in a sense.

The thing about Margaret Thatcher was that no matter how old she was she still looked good and sounded good and was quick with the sound bite; she was worth admiring for that reason. Mrs Thatcher always had about her a certain, almost aristocratic, style ... you might even say arrogant style which I would never want to copy. There was a formidability to her. She was not the kind of woman you could sit down with and have a little chat.

#### Fidel Castro

That was most fascinating; who would have expected that I would have an audience or an interview with him? There was something about Castro that was very impressive. His concern for his people, he knew everything about the handicapped, mentally ill people and where they were and being cared for. I saw there a man of compassion for his people and ... I thought, “If only Christ had got hold of

you, instead of the communist philosophy, with your concern for people”.

But Fidel Castro’s communist style of making everybody adhere without really being compassionate enough for political ideas, other people’s ideas ... well, that is one of the problems with communism: “We’re right and everybody else is wrong.”

Still, it was a very impressive experience. When I asked to pray with him he allowed us to pray. I think the respect was mutual that day, but any leader who holds a philosophy that is out of sync with Christ must, of course, be questioned.

#### Ronald Reagan

When I met him in The White House, Reagan was a very simple sort of ordinary person who had no kind of (charisma). There was a sincerity about Reagan and I liked that; when you met him you didn’t feel overawed, even though he was the top figure in the world, politically.

#### On her own leadership

There’s something I read in 2007 that I felt really explained me in retirement. I think it came from Henri Nouwen, who said that we should hold our achievements, our accomplishments, in an open hand – or they may have to be relinquished. I agree, and say that with great sincerity.

I know it was a wonderful honour in my life to be the world leader of The Salvation Army. I shared a fantastic opportunity to guide the Army through a critical period, particularly regarding communism and the restarting of the Army in those countries.

I know that those are great accomplishments, I don’t deny that; but I hold them in an open hand. I don’t hold them tight.

*Articles appear courtesy of On Fire magazine.*



# Leadership

## in the 21st century



# QA

In July, more than 130 of The Salvation Army's senior leaders from throughout the world gathered in conference in London, United Kingdom. Their task was to consider the Army's pathway in the 21st century and how it can best impact the world with its message of personal and community transformation in Christ.

Following the conference, Captain Peter McGuigan spoke with Commissioner Linda Bond, Territorial Commander of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. We publish excerpts of that interview here.

**PM: Commissioner, how would you describe the spirit of the International Conference of Leaders (ICL) held in London in July?**

**LB:** When you get to a conference like this there's a real sense that the delegates are friends in Christ. Some of us have met in leaders' conferences over the years and it's an amazing thing because you have both miles and years between you but when you get together there's this great spirit of Salvationism and camaraderie that's such a blessing. Of course, there's always new people there and they are welcomed and enfolded into the fellowship. So it's both a reconnection and a new connection, and I think that connectedness we have as a group – that we are leaders together – was really important to the outcome of the conference.

The shape of the agenda was important, too. The issues covered affected everyone. You couldn't say, well this is a Western agenda, or this is an agenda for South Asia. They're international Salvation Army agenda items. Shaping the agenda this way also served to bring the group together, to putting us on the same page.

As in any leaders' conference, there was also the high anticipation that the Lord would come upon us.

**PM: Do you think that was because the leaders sensed the seriousness of the occasion?**

**LB:** Yes, there is no question about this. There was strong awareness amongst the leaders that the Lord raised up The Salvation Army and has a marvellous future for the Army, but that somehow

we need to rise to fulfil the Lord's will for us. There was that instinct that we can be a greater force for God, that we can be greater in numbers and in influence than we already are in the world. All of this was accentuated as the Spirit of God came upon us. The ICL addressed real issues and challenges for the Army today, but as a people of hope.

**PM: We noticed one of the future challenges the ICL seemed to think was important was expanding the Army's work into more countries (118 at the moment).**

**LB:** Yes, that was certainly one of them. We're always confronted with the challenge of resourcing this kind of growth. But let me tell you how this often happens. Salvationists move into a country

[for work or other reasons] and begin The Salvation Army, even before it has official sanction. In the past, some places have had corps and flags and were really being a soul-winning Salvation Army long before they were officially recognised by International Headquarters.

If we have a sense of future, of moving forward, there will always have to be new openings. Just as in the Australia Eastern Territory we say if you're going to grow you have to have new plants, so it is with the international Salvation Army. If you're living in the Spirit and there is a part of the world that is untouched by the Gospel or the Army's ability to communicate the Gospel, there is every possibility the Lord will move us into those places. Sometimes it will not be by the initiative, in the first instance, of International Headquarters. In fact, I think many times it won't be. It will be the Spirit stirring in the hearts of people at the grassroots.

**PM: This seems to be in keeping with Salvation Army Founder William Booth's vision of the Army being a vehicle for the Kingdom of God coming to the whole world.**

**LB:** I'm not sure if we would articulate it the same way today. You know how they say you can be so heavenly minded you're of no earthly good? I don't think that's correct. I think the more heavenly minded you are the more earthly good you are. And that probably explains The Salvation Army. The Army's leaders have no doubt that whatever the future holds in terms of the great eternal destiny of the world, we have been challenged by the Lord to do something here and now.

That is a biblical imperative. It comes out of the mission of Jesus in Luke chapter four. It's not about how you believe Christ will return, or when Christ will return, or what you believe about the after-life. It's about believing in the power of the Gospel to transform people's lives now. Jesus was fully engaged in the here and now in the ministry of transformation.

**PM: Quite early in the statement issued by the ICL to all Salvationists, the leaders emphasised the Army's need for more officers. What was the feeling about this at the conference?**

**LB:** When you look at the statistics, in some countries there are so many people applying for officership they don't have enough room. Even in some of the Western countries, things are going very well in terms of officer numbers. The bigger issue for the Army in many territories is really soldiership. Let me explain. If you're not bringing children to Christ – and we've proven that most people come to Christ as children – then who are going to be the junior soldiers? Subsequently, where are

you going to get your senior soldiers from? Some will come to the Army as adults and will become soldiers. But it's not enough. Our officer numbers will come from our soldier numbers and our soldier numbers come from people getting saved, disciplined and equipped for ministry.

The big issues are bringing children, reaching families, engaging young people in commitment to Christ, and calling people to sign up for soldiership. Then if you're a true soldier of the Army, not just a member but a soldier, then the call of God to officership will not be a leap over a great chasm. The difference will be that you make yourself available and mobile.

**PM: Coming out of the ICL, do you think there is still a sense of the celebration of officership as a significant way of serving Christ?**

**LB:** You can be in ministry, serving as an employee; if you are truly a soldier, you are in ministry. This is good Army thinking which comes from sound biblical theology and we stress this.

But I think we've worked so hard at letting everybody know that officers

When I was leaving Canada in July after my furlough, I truly didn't want to leave family and friends. And yet when I landed here, I thought, "I'm home". In fact that feeling probably started coming to me on the plane. I think the Lord gives you a contentment when you're in the centre of his will.

**PM: We noticed there was discussion at the conference on how The Salvation Army goes about reaching out with the Gospel in a multi-faith society. What was the leaders' feeling about that?**

**LB:** We have to look very seriously at how we engage in ministry for Christ in today's multicultural, multi-faith world. In some countries, and for some territories, it is very difficult. They simply do not have the privilege of expressing their faith. They do not have the rights and privileges of the main religion of the nation in which they serve. Others, however, have seen tremendous opportunities; no question about that.

The challenge for The Salvation Army as it goes forward, is to realise that the Lord has brought the world to our

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are not better than everybody else that sometimes it looks like officers are second-rate. I have heard in some territories employees talk about officers being officers because they couldn't get a decent job.

I think we need to celebrate officership as sacrificial service to God. One of the great costs of officership is that you say “goodbye”. I just came from Canada where I've spent time with my family and I realise that a part of what officership has meant to me is saying goodbye to my family, many times. Officership has meant having to make new friends in a different part of the country. Officership has meant being happy in a corps or some other appointment and then leaving on a given day having forged relationships that can then only be sustained by email or phone, or not sustained at all.

This mobility of officership is a sacrifice, no matter what anybody says. Having said that, I think the cost is swallowed up in the privilege. No question. But to deny there's any cost is unrealistic. It is abandonment to God and to God's will.

It is costly, but it is an utter privilege. Just to know that this is where the Lord wants you to be is the first privilege.

doors. In the colonial days we sent the missionaries out, but now many people from countries in which it is against the law to evangelise are migrating to places in which the Gospel can be preached.

One of the keys for us is to demonstrate Christianity in a loving way – to *be* Christ. That can be very appealing and, as our international mission statement says, to do so without discrimination.

I've seen the power of that in countries like Bangladesh where many Salvation Army projects are carried out in Muslim communities or Hindu villages. I was so taken with this Christlikeness in serving people who were not of our religious persuasion.

Another key is that when we dialogue with others in the inter-faith context, we do not “surrender Christ”, as theologian Lesslie Newbigin said. It's not us all sitting around the table listening to what each other believes and then coming up with a common denominator of belief. Not at all. You have to be honest and say, from the Army's and the wider Christian church's standpoint, that Jesus is the universal Saviour.

We can't go soft on that. We must communicate the Gospel, not in an >>>





Commissioner Linda Bond (middle row, fifth from right) with Salvation Army international leadership including General Shaw Clifton (front centre), and other delegates from the South Pacific and East Asia zone at the conference.

unkindly or combatant way as though it was "I want my Jesus to win over your Mohammed". It's not that. We must present Jesus in such a loving way that he compels the hearts of others, not us twisting their arms.

**PM: There was emphasis in the ICL statement on the need for developing future leaders. Do we have the calibre of leader coming through for the challenges confronting us in the 21st century?**

**LB:** We need to be careful that we don't promote managers and marginalise leaders. We need to be very intentional about identifying leaders. Our future is suspect if the Lord is not providing us leaders. We have to believe that he has and he is and he will continue to supply us with leaders.

I have a real concern for officers. We need officers who are spiritual leaders, who are recognised leaders in communities, and in the setting of their appointment. They need to be prepared to step up. There could be someone reading this in a Salvation Army corps somewhere who says, "Well I'm doing something in my corps". That's fine, but if you're a leader and God has called you, we need you. The future of The Salvation Army is linked with obedience to the call of God to people who have been given the gift of leadership.

Out of significant research done at International Headquarters, there are five major qualities of leadership we look for in Salvation Army officers. The first is spiritual authority. We could hire people from the marketplace to run some of our programs, but we want people who know Christ deeply and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit and have a passion for transformation in others.

The second is relational skills. To have Salvation Army officers who don't like people to me is an oxymoron. An officer's business is people – we know how to talk to people about God and how to talk to God about people.

The third is management skills and with the complexity of our ministry, these are needed. Then there is diverse experience and education. There's nothing like experience to teach you. You learn from experience, often from the things you did wrong, and you learn from education. It's not that everyone should be an academic, but I for one don't believe that warm hearts alone are going to cut it. The Lord has given us a mind and in this day and age when you go to a congregation of people who are well educated, you need to articulate the Gospel in a convincing way. Lifelong learning is a must for officers.

Finally, you need a global perspective and vision. While a Salvation Army officer is totally devoted to their patch, if they're

only devoted to their patch they probably aren't the leader they need to be. Leaders see beyond. They know they're part of something much greater and they're also looking down the road, planning for the future as well as giving dynamic leadership in the present.

**PM: How would you describe the global Salvation Army today?**

**LB:** The ICL statement released in August *Pipeline* [republished opposite] is really the heartbeat of the Army's leaders across the world. The global Salvation Army is amazing. You don't want to use the word "miracle" in an off-handed way, but sometimes I do think it is a miracle. We came together at the conference from every corner of the earth, and there was such a spirit of brotherhood, of sisterhood, family. The influence of The Salvation Army worldwide in 118 countries now goes far beyond our numbers. That just has to be of the Lord. □



Captain Peter McGuigan is Communications Director for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

# A Spiritual Statement to all Salvationists

**T**he recent International Conference of Leaders, held in London, culminated in every member of the conference being invited to consider prayerfully the following spiritual statement. On the final full day of the conference, a Sunday, those present signed the personal recommitment and rededication in the presence of one another, many doing so at the mercy seat.

**A Spiritual Statement to Salvationists everywhere from the International Conference of Leaders gathered at Heathrow, London, England, 7-13 July 2009**

Conference theme: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever," (Hebrews 13:8, New International Version).

A Spiritual Statement to the Salvationists of the world from the General, the World President of Women's Ministries, the Chief of the Staff, all officers holding the active rank of commissioner, and the territorial and command leaders of The Salvation Army gathered in the name of Jesus Christ and by the grace of God in conference in London, England, on 7-13 July 2009.

## STATEMENT

**We have gathered in the sacred name of Jesus from every corner of the world. In a spirit of humility we have given time to waiting upon God for his guidance for our own individual and personal lives and also for our sacred responsibilities as Salvation Army leaders under God. We have spent time seeking the will of God in plenary sessions together, in small groups focused upon the Scriptures, and in solitary prayer and meditation. Our subject matter has included the following large themes and topical issues for the whole Army:**

- a reaffirmation of the role of the Army, of all Salvationists, and not least of Salvation Army officership, in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth;
- the building up of God's Kingdom through an ever-deepening commitment to Christ and personal confidence in the power of the Gospel;

- working for Kingdom growth through the Army's numerical growth and through the establishing of Army work and witness in new lands;
- the Army's God-given role in working for social relief, social justice and human rights on every continent;
- the challenges of financing the Army's global mission at a time of global recession;
- the challenge of working in Muslim cultures today;
- understanding current societal trends in relation to postmodernism, issues of gender, the younger generation, and our relations with other Christian bodies;
- the ever-urgent need to win and disciple children and whole families for Christ;
- the constant need to prepare the future leaders of the Army on every continent.

Most importantly of all, we have prayed together with earnest and seeking hearts, asking God to reveal to us with new clarity all he is willing to accomplish through us despite our failings, both personal and organisational. We have pleaded for a renewed spirit of humility, surrender and submission to the divine will for us and for the Army.

We have pondered again before the Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), a vision of the worldwide Salvation Army kneeling in repentance, prayer and rededication at the mercy seat. We have spoken together of all that this might mean for the Army, seeking new grace, new spiritual power, new divine prompting, and asking for and receiving afresh God's mercy.

As we keep this vision before us, we give heartfelt thanks to God for his blessing upon his Army. We thank and honour him for souls redeemed, lives transformed, and a growing Army of Salvationists offering selfless service across the world. We praise God for the growing number of countries into which he is leading us. We pray for heavenly resources of wisdom and ability in order to meet the many new challenges and opportunities he is giving. We thank him for his constant provision and sustaining grace.

Also we affirm our conviction that, to be truly useful to God, the Army needs to be pure and free from sin, and that senior leaders must, by grace, be effective role models in this. We feel the urging of the Holy Spirit to examine our own hearts afresh to see if there be any wicked way within us.

We want to yield again to the demands of divine love, to return to first things, to cast aside distractions unpleasing to God, and to be in a relation of entire obedience to the Father. We acknowledge our constant need of grace.

We renew our sacred vows and covenants as both soldiers and officers of the Army, thanking God from our hearts for the privilege of the calling he has placed upon us. We declare again our availability and our readiness, as senior officers, to go anywhere to do anything at any time under God and within the structures of the Army, seeking only the advancement of his Kingdom.

We acknowledge our humanity and weakness, seeking the unique strength that God provides when we are weak and he is strong. We confess our limitedness, knowing that God is all sufficient. We abandon explicitly any desire that has sprung up in our hearts to place self first.

We ask for the prayers of our fellow Salvationists to help us in this renewal of our covenants as soldiers and as officers, and in so doing we recognise our vulnerability and our personal need of divine help.

In sharing this spiritual statement with Salvationists everywhere, it is our hope and prayer that it will be received with humble and understanding hearts, and that by the abundant grace of God it will be used to inspire and prompt others to seek with us repentance, with renewed purity and holiness in Christ.

## My Personal Recommitment and Rededication

*By adding my signature to this statement, I wish to identify personally with the spirit of repentance, humility and availability shown by my comrade Salvationist leaders gathered in conference with me in London. With renewed confidence in God, I pledge myself afresh to these shared goals of personal holiness and of seeking to do only his will in all things.*



# Hope and healing amidst Kokoda tragedy



On August 11, a small plane taking hikers to the Kokoda Track crashed killing all 13 people on board. Nine Australians, three Papua New Guineans and one Japanese lost their lives. Majors Kelvin and Julie Alley, who are serving in PNG, were part of The Salvation Army response team to the tragedy. In their weekly newsletter to family and friends in Australia, Julie has written about the emotional days in the immediate aftermath of the crash, and has given *Pipeline* permission to reproduce this excerpt.

I am sure you all are aware of the tragic crash of the Airlines PNG flight to Kokoda. It has thrown a blanket of sadness across the nation of Papua New Guinea. It's also hard to escape the irony that Japanese and Australian families now grieve together over a tragedy that occurred at a place where, nearly 70 years ago, both nations fought so bitterly and bravely.

The Salvation Army in PNG has

responded well. We flew two officers (from Port Moresby) to the village of Kokoda, and they were joined by another two who came from Popondetta (by road, then a tyre tube ride across the dangerous Kumusi River, and then by police vehicle to Kokoda).

Kokoda is not far from the crash site, but still seven hours of hard trekking by foot. The officers served refreshments and gave support to police, defence personnel,

rescue teams and local villagers who were involved with the retrieval of the victims from the crash site. The officers from Port Moresby arrived back on Friday afternoon, exhausted and in need of a good rest.

Kelvin has been in overall charge of the Army's response, with great help from mainly Territorial Headquarters officers. He has been attending twice-daily briefings with all response agencies, along with Major Sere Kala.

On Friday morning, Kelvin came back from the 7am briefing and sensed something was about to happen. He had an urgent planning meeting with Territorial Headquarters key people, set a plan in place in case word was received of bodies coming out, and then went to the defence hangar at the airport, which was assigned to the Salvos but where the bodies would be brought before going to the morgue.

He asked if I would like to go with him and see where the refreshments were being made available. I thought it would be interesting so we went out to the airport, really just to do a reconnaissance. While there, a few of us set up some refreshments for people who were sitting around.

It wasn't long before everything began to happen. We got word that a police helicopter with bodies on board was inbound. When the helicopter arrived, the Australian officials were conscious there could be reporters trying to take photos, and wanted to guard against this for privacy reasons. As the bodies were laid on the stretchers to be carried back to the hangar, a human wall of PNG police and PNG Defence Force men linked arms and shuffled with the stretcher until it was safely inside the hangar.

As we stood and watched this procession, we were so proud of the dignity and care they were taking with the remains. If there is one image that will stay with me throughout this whole experience, it is that one.

The process was repeated as more bodies arrived by helicopter. As we stood and looked at the covered bags, we could only think of the grief and sadness of those relatives back in Australia, Japan and here in PNG. To think that these beautiful people were on the trip of a lifetime – and it all ended in such tragedy.

Today (Saturday), we went back (to the airport) at 6.45am to set up for the day, but found ourselves the only ones there except for an ambulance crew and a few police.

We were advised that the first helicopter for the day was near to landing, and within minutes the place was buzzing. We gloved up and had to help with the evacuation from the Black Hawk helicopter, which was amazing.

On the third helicopter drop for the day, we found ourselves among the only people there once again. We will be out there again early tomorrow morning.

There are some things that we will never forget: the respect given to the remains by the St John's Ambulance people who have worked tirelessly and



Major Kelvin Alley (above, far left) with some of the people involved in the recovery operation; Major Julie Alley (right) serves refreshments to a St John's Ambulance member.



professionally; the young man who is the Australian Consul in PNG and has been here just 10 weeks; the Australian Federal Police forensic boys who have come to help; and the PNG police who have been such a great support.

Then there are things that you would want to forget but know you can't, such as the smell, the visions, feelings of helplessness, etc. We just pray that whatever little we have done, that souls have been blessed; that the words we have spoken have been of comfort and the refreshments provided have given these champions energy to continue.

In (PNG's) *Post Courier* newspaper on Thursday, there was an amazing tribute to the co-pilot of the doomed flight. I'd like to leave this with you to help you understand the deep grief being felt by families here in PNG:

"The Komaio people of Ikobi Kairi clan were laughed at and often seen as a primitive mob by coastal clans and other tribes in Kikori, Gulf province. But one day, Royden Sauka flew an Airlines PNG Twin Otter into Kikori airport. The eyes of those who were the biggest critics of his tribe opened wide and their pride sunk. His tribesmen, overjoyed, came out dancing to the plane and rubbed mud all over the big metal bird to show their delight for their returned son. The critics said nothing but accepted the fact that one of the people's sons would take them safely to Port Moresby in this apparatus

that none of their own tribesmen could ever 'fly' after all the years of being educated.

"Royden Sauka, who died tragically in the plane crash along the Kokoda Trail, was the pride, strength, inspiration and a precedent for his people. He showed his people that they could become anything they wanted to be in the world. To come from a remote village and take up a profession where there are only a handful of Papua New Guineans is really a great story. It is akin to the rags to riches tales one hears about and words could not express the smiles in the hearts of his Ikobi people.

"The remote village has only a few educated people after Seventh Day Adventist Church Missionary Hariva Haru first took the gospel to the village. Now that pride and joy of the tribe is gone for good, the sun has sunk forever for the Ikobi people.

"The few years Royden had flown in the skies of PNG have left a landmark with his Ikobi people, even if he was never flying as a flight captain. The sky was his home and if heaven is in the sky, he has gone to his eternal home up there. But he leaves behind a tribe and his immediate family in great sorrow for the gulf he has created is just too big to fill."

It has been a huge week, but God's grace has been more than sufficient. His love abounds, his mercy new every morning, and he is so faithful. □



# New era for Booth College

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has raised the bar on standards of excellence in theological education which, as **BILL SIMPSON** finds out, includes recruiting two of the country's foremost theologians.



Photo: Sheldon Paterson

**T**he Salvation Army's Booth College in Sydney is actively pursuing a plan to become a place of excellence in Wesleyan teaching and thinking.

In a significant step, the college has engaged respected Wesleyan lecturer and scholar Dr Glen O'Brien, and mission theologian Dr Stuart Devenish, specifically for its School for Christian Studies.

College Principal and Territorial Secretary for Education and Training, Lieutenant-Colonel John Hodge says the college's plans are in harmony with Salvation Army doctrine and its reputation as a holiness movement.

"With this in mind," he says, "we are planning a cooperative development with the Nazarene Theological College in Queensland and another possible partner in Victoria of a resource and research centre.

"This will be a centre for advanced study, research and, hopefully, the sponsor of a peer-evaluated journal to be published regularly."

The two new Booth College lecturers are eminently qualified in the areas

being introduced to the college. Both are experienced in study, research and journal publication.

## Historian and theologian

Dr O'Brien (pictured above) is Head of Humanities at Booth College and lecturer in history and theology. He is responsible for all church history and Wesley study units at the college.

His previous positions include Member of Academic Board (Tabor College, Victoria), and Vice Principal, Academic Dean and Dean of the School of Theology at Kingsley College (Vic).

He has served as national director of ministerial development and chairman and member of the southern district of ministerial development of the Wesleyan Methodist Church over the past five years.

Other positions include part-time pastoral ministry of Spring St Wesleyan Methodist Church, Prahran (Victoria), and member of the research panel, academic standards committee and postgraduate research committee at Sydney College of Divinity.

Current research includes Australian

Methodism in the late Victorian and Edwardian period and changing views on war in the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion during the American civil war.

Among articles published and conference papers presented is Antipodean Apocalyptic: Bob Dylan in Melbourne in 1966. Dr O'Brien told *Pipeline* the Bob Dylan paper was based on the American folk singer's 1966 Melbourne concert as part of a world tour.

"It was on the verge of a personal apocalypse for him because his lifestyle was about to catch up on him and put him out of commission for a few years.

"I reflected theologically on the apocalyptic nature of his songs, which uncovered much that was phoney and shallow about the middle-class culture of the day with timeless wisdom from the Judeo-Christian tradition.

"The paper reflected my personal appreciation of his work as a long-term fan and my interest in theological reflection on pop culture."

Dr O'Brien said he saw himself as a historian and theologian "engaged in introducing people to the ideas of the great

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Christian thinkers ... with a special passion for all things Wesleyan".

## Missionary scholar

Before Booth College, Dr Devenish (pictured above right) was Director for Teaching and Learning, and Academic Dean, at the Australian College of Ministries, in Sydney. He has pastored (Baptist and Congregational) churches, led ministry and mission teams, taught theology, authored books and presented theological papers in most Australian states and several other countries over a career encompassing 30 years.

He is qualified to teach in theology, missiology, spirituality, philosophy and psychology.

Dr Devenish describes himself as a "missionary scholar". For *Pipeline*, Dr Devenish explained it like this: "It is my conviction that these are transitional times when many of the old theological and ministry formulas are in need of fresh interpretation.

"I understand myself to have been commissioned by God to create a number of new tools to assist the Christian church

in its journey towards faithful obedience to Christ in the world of tomorrow."

He sees no reason why he will not achieve the objective. "I am persistent," he discloses in his resume. The proof, he adds, is demonstrated by 33 years of marriage and 30 years of ministry.

His comments and titles of some of his theological papers reveal Dr Devenish as a teacher of personal interest.

One of his book titles is *PoMo JoeBlo*. It was written, he says, to assist the Christian church to minister effectively in the context of postmodernism.

"It is to come to an understanding of the ordinary person [hence JoeBlo] living in the context of postmodernism [PoMo]. The book is addressed to congregational leaders and seeks to provide a number of relevant and practical options. It's about mission and ministry through the local church," he says.

In 2004, he wrote an article headed: "Who would Jesus vote for?" The article, he explains, was commissioned by the Evangelical Alliance for the 2004 federal election. "I was arguing against Christians voting along party-policy lines, as well as

for some of the smaller and less influential single-issue parties, (instead) seeking to encourage Christians to apply their faith in Christ to how they were to vote."

Well, then, *Pipeline* asked, what can his students expect from him? "Good question," he responds. "My background is farming, and, so, I have a real concern for practical ministry in the context of the local church.

"But, precisely because of that and because of the plethora of challenges which face us today, I have a real concern to bring theory to practice in order to inform and enrich it.

"I use the idea of 'intelligent discipleship' to describe my approach to teaching those preparing for ministry. My role at Booth College is in the area of mission and spirituality." □



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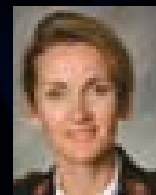


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# Holiness Meeting

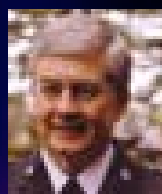
Leader: **Lieut-Colonel Janet Munn**



is the Secretary for Spiritual Life Development for The Salvation Army (as well as Associate Principal of the International College for Officers & Centre for Spiritual Life Development) in London. An American, Janet is widely appreciated for her expressions of worship of the Lord through sacred dance and dramatic Scripture presentations.

Sydney Regional  
Holiness Meeting  
Chatswood Salvation Army  
Cnr. Johnson & Archer St.  
Sunday 20th September  
Commences 6pm

Preacher: **Dr Roger Green** is Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Gordon College, Massachusetts. He is the author of biographies of both William and Catherine Booth, and has been guest teacher with Salvationists all around the globe.



Australia Eastern Territory



Wayne Robins with some of the Papua New Guineans keen to start a band at Lae. The instruments they're holding belong to the Sydney Youth Band which toured PNG in July. Photo: Shairon Paterson

## The band with no instruments

By **SCOTT SIMPSON**

**W**ayne Robins has a problem – he has more than enough willing band members, he just doesn't have enough instruments to accommodate them.

Wayne and his wife Janine attend The Salvation Army's Lae Corps in Papua New Guinea.

They have done so since moving to Lae earlier this year to work at the Army's primary school in the city.

They'd only been attending the corps for a couple of weeks when people began finding out about Wayne's Salvation Army banding background. He was immediately inundated with requests to start a band at the corps, however it didn't take long to realise it was going to be easier said than done.

Lae Corps has a serious shortage of instruments and so Wayne has put out a request to The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory for people willing to join him in seeing the dream of a band come true.

"I'd only been coming to Lae Corps a couple of weeks when people starting coming up to me and asking if we can we start a band," Wayne said.

"I replied that it was possible and asked what instruments they had. We had a search and have come across three old basses, one cornet which is very

dilapidated and which I'm trying to fix, one reasonable cornet, one trombone and one tenor horn.

"The more we talked about the band the more people came up to me and asked if they could be involved. I had people I'd never seen before come up to me and say they wanted to be part of the band. The enthusiasm is there – lots of people want to start a band – we just haven't got the instruments to do it."

Wayne is steeped in the Salvation Army band tradition. He played in the Sydney Congress Hall band under Max Percy before moving to Windsor (now Hawkesbury) Corps where he was bandmaster.

More recently, he's been a bandsman at Blacktown Corps and has the skills and experience to make this ambitious plan, which he stresses will be for the long-term, work.

"When we get the band started, we'll work with the group who can read music. Alongside that there's a group who can't read music but who can play by ear," he said.

"We'll also start training people to run the band. So there's two main focuses, to get the band going and to train people to run the band because I won't be here forever."

The only Salvation Army brass band known to exist in PNG is at Koki Corps, in Port Moresby.

Ideally, Wayne would like to have about 20 instruments to start a band at Lae, but because most of the people who attend the corps are very poor – unemployment in the city hovers around 80 per cent – there's no money available to buy new instruments. This is where, Wayne hopes, people in the Australia Eastern Territory can help.

"Salvation Army bands aren't as big in the Eastern Territory as they used to be so there must be instruments around somewhere," he said.

"I'm hoping that people in the territory are willing to either donate or lend some of these instruments to us. We basically need cornets, tenor horns, baritones and some trombones would be handy.

"Getting them to PNG is going to be the hard thing because if you freight them up, you face paying significant freight charges.

"Perhaps if individuals are coming up to PNG they might be able to carry an instrument with them, or if THQ [Territorial Headquarters] in Sydney has a shipping container coming up then perhaps there might be some space there. There's ways of being creative with getting the instruments here.

"The enthusiasm for starting a band has been just overwhelming and it would be such a shame if we were unable to get a band going because we couldn't get our hands on instruments."





## Learning from 'The Experience'

**M**ore than 3000 Salvationists and friends attended the inspiring Uprising weekend in Sydney in June. Many attended "The Salvation Army - The Experience", a part of Uprising that showcased and celebrated the God-given mission of the Army.

Staged in the Southee Hall at Sydney Olympic Park, groups of visitors to "The Experience" were welcomed by actors dressed in early Salvation Army uniform who gave a snapshot of the enthusiasm and mission of early-day Salvationists. The groups then progressed through a series of large-scale booths that presented inspiring glimpses into the life and mission of the Army today.

At the end of the tour, visitors were asked to record their response in a single word or phrase. These responses were then clipped to Hills Hoist lines just outside.

One visitor wrote: "The experience ... opened my eyes to new things and made me realise how far and wide the Army reaches in our country." Another said: "What an inspiration! More than ever I believe in our future. The Salvation Army moving forward."

Others wrote about the challenge they had received to make a difference themselves or become more intentional about their own ministry. One said: "The experience was challenging to realise that The Salvation Army is bigger and has been around so much longer than me. My prayer is that I may in some small part contribute something of value to it."

Unfortunately, we can't publish all the responses. However, through image, we share some of them here, hoping you may capture something of the spirit, energy and creativity of "The Experience".

Ian and Heather Clarke (above), from Temora Corps, enjoy "The Experience" at Uprising; and (above right) some of the comments which were pegged onto the clothes lines at the event. All photos: Adam Hollingworth





## Following in Dad's footsteps

By JULIA HOSKING

Father's Day is a chance for Major Hilton Harmer's four children to say once again how much they love their dad, and to show their appreciation for everything he has done for them. It's also a day that makes Hilton feel humbled when his children tell him how wonderful he is.

Hilton says that Father's Day makes him think about how he wished he had balanced his family and ministry more effectively and been a better father. But not one of his four children, Peter, Bruce, Lyndall or Athol, see any shortcomings in their dad.

Athol says that Father's Day is just another opportunity for him to reflect on the many happy memories he has shared with his dad.

"I reflect on dad's loyalty, [and] as a father I reflect on his commitment to encouraging me through my life," he says.

Hilton's other children share a similar attitude of love and gratefulness, and recognise this every day of the year. Peter describes his relationship with his dad as being so close they are like "mates", Bruce never hangs up the phone without telling his dad he loves him, and Lyndall constantly expresses how blessed she is to have him as her father.

Both Bruce and Athol, a Salvation Army major and captain respectively, understand that for officers of their dad's era it was often expected that ministry was prioritised over the family. In light of that, they both think he did his best and managed to keep a balance.

Now officers themselves, both are well aware of the need to intentionally prioritise the family. "The ministry starts at home and flows out of that," Athol shares. "[Dad taught me to] not leave everyone at home behind, but to offer that love and care and protection at home first."

Hilton and his wife Joyce have always lived out a life of ministry, and it inspired Bruce and Athol towards officership.

Athol says that "growing up with eating that kind of stuff for breakfast", has meant that stepping into officership and working with disadvantaged people in the Sydney community of Bidwill was a natural step for him. "It's what I saw modelled every day at home," he says.

Bruce, on the other hand, has more specific memories and recalls times at Sydney Congress Hall Corps that he saw his dad kneeling to pray with alcoholics. "I'd cry every time I saw him do that," Bruce says.

Becoming an officer and now the manager of Townsville Recovery Services fits perfectly for Bruce, and it shows the influence of his father on his life.

Bruce also explains that due to his role in recovery services there have been occasions that his ministry has worked alongside his dad's, through chaplaincy, referral and pastoral visitation. It's something that brings great joy to both of them.

Hilton and Joyce's other children, Peter and Lyndall, also reflect the influence of their parents' ministry in serving suffering humanity. Peter, their eldest, regularly helps with his dad's ministry to the homeless. Lyndall, meantime, who moved to the United States 15 years ago, was a Salvation Army officer for several years and her heart for the disadvantaged is reflected in her current job as area marketing director for a senior living facility.

Of all the lessons their father has taught them, the Harmer children are most grateful he told them about Jesus.

"He taught me Christian faith in action, about The Salvation Army, to follow our Saviour and to hand our life over to him," Bruce says.

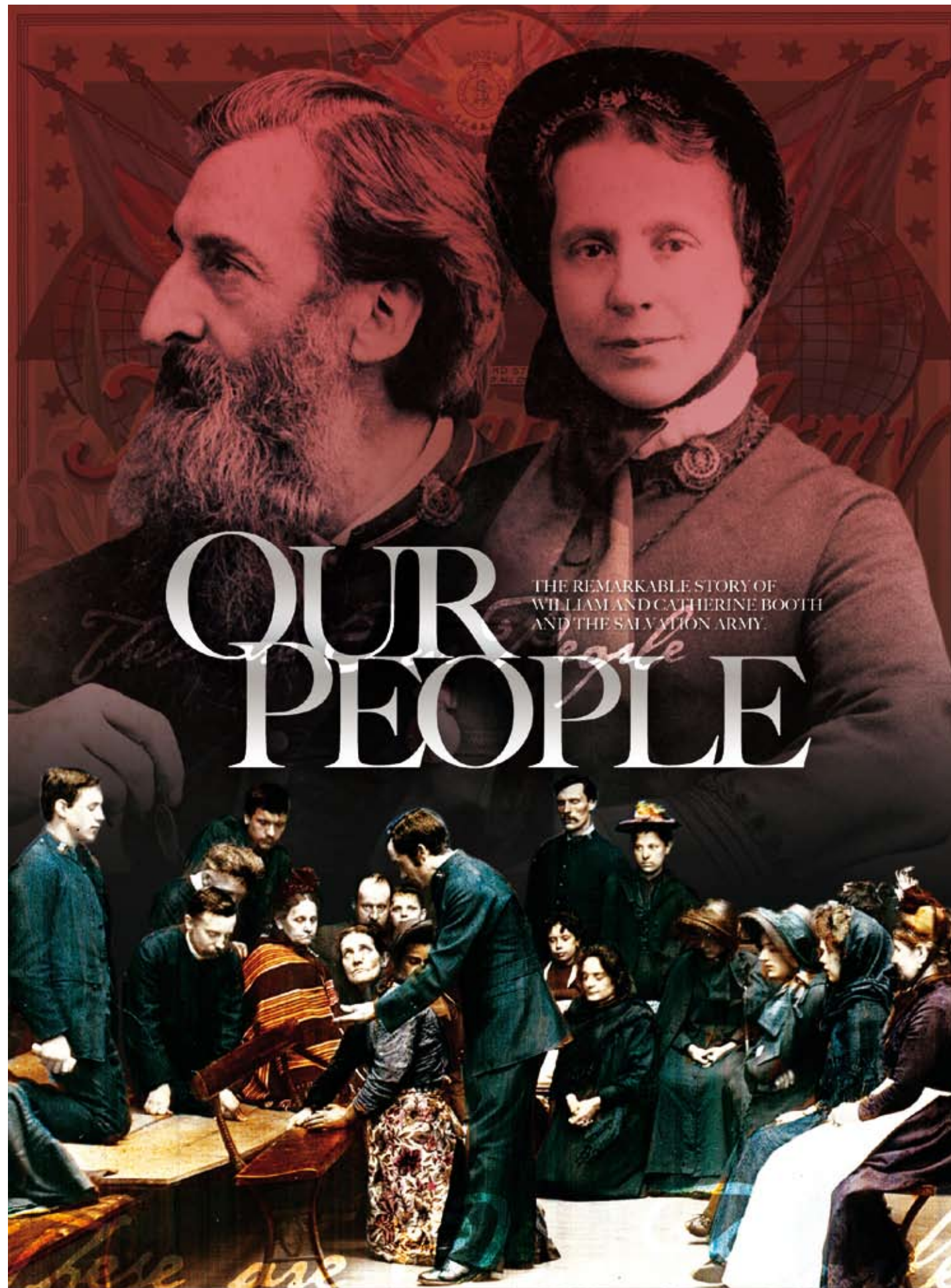
Athol shares how his dad taught him to be honest in living for God. "From a very early age I was taught to watch my W's and my A's ... that was dad's little code for watch your words and your actions."



Hilton Harmer with his son Bruce (top), while Athol (above) has inherited his father's passion for helping disadvantaged communities. Main photo: Shairon Paterson

Hilton's children thank their father constantly for who he is and the contribution he has made to their lives. They all thank him for being such an inspirational father figure, and are grateful to God for the gift of a father.

The Harmer family views Father's Day as just one more opportunity for each of Hilton's children to express to him their appreciation, and as Bruce says, I just want to remind him that "he was and still is an excellent dad".



The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory is proud to announce the premiere screening in Sydney of OUR PEOPLE, a documentary five years in the making.

To register your interest please go to [salvos.org.au/ourpeople/register](http://salvos.org.au/ourpeople/register)  
Only 120 seats available.

**Venue:** School For Officer Training,  
120 Kingsland Rd, Bexley North.

**When:** Sunday 11 October at 6pm.

Entry will be \$5 payable on the night.



# Quilt honours memory of loved ones

By KENT ROSENTHAL

In an emotional ceremony at The Salvation Army's Territorial Headquarters in Sydney last month, a quilt bearing the faces of 62 Australians who have taken their own lives was unveiled in the presence of bereaved families and friends.

The Lifekeeper Memory Quilt, an initiative of the Army's Hope for Life program, was launched in an effort to support the bereaved in the prevention of suicide. It will be taken on a tour of the country to raise awareness of this goal.

Envoy Alan Staines, the director of Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support Services, says the fallout from suicide is often underestimated.

"There is very little said about people bereaved by suicide in Australia. They are the ones left with stigma, anger, denial and questions without answers. My passion is to do more for these people," he said.

"I've seen the quilt in Melbourne and every time I look at it I am inspired and challenged to do more in the prevention of suicide and in providing support for the bereaved by suicide.

"The Hope for Life suicide prevention and bereavement support service must continue to develop programs to support the bereaved."

Several relatives with loved ones appearing on the quilt shared their testimonies at the launch.

Also present was Professor Ian Webster, a physician who chairs the National Advisory Council on Suicide Prevention. He said that suicide doesn't just affect families, but doctors, nurses, police officers, ambulance officers, counsellors, teachers and others who may have been working with the person.

"Its ramifications are extraordinarily wide. It can affect workplaces, it can affect schools, it can affect whole communities. When clusters of suicides occur it can have profound effects on whole communities," he said.

"It's remarkable that The Salvation Army was one of the first international groups to pick up the idea of suicide prevention, a hundred or more years ago."

Professor Webster said preventing suicide involves trying to better understand how the mind works and how

people feel about themselves and relate to others.

"If you think of so many of the major tragedies in our society, they relate to the way people feel and think about themselves and their relationship with others – drug abuse, violence, but in this case, suicide. One of the most important things we need to do is get a much better understanding about mental health."

Professor Webster thanked the Army for its work promoting the *Braver, Stronger, Wiser* DVD which highlights the issue of depression in rural Australia.

The Army's Communications Director

for the Australia Eastern Territory, Captain Peter McGuigan, said it was significant the quilt was being launched during National Homeless Persons Week and National Missing Persons Week.

"Homelessness and people who go missing are really signs or symbols of a lack of hope in people in our community – and surely the greatest sign of this is when someone takes their own life or attempts to take their own life," he said at the ceremony.

"There are 1800 of these people, all with their own stories, who each year take their own lives. That's about one person



Some of the images (above and facing page) from the emotional unveiling of the Lifekeeper Memory Quilt. All photos: Shairon Paterson

every four hours. It is the hope of every person in this room that initiatives such as the quilt, and Hope for Life, and the *Braver Strong Wiser* DVD will increasingly prevent the incidence of suicide in Australia.

"Some of the people here on the quilt are from rural Australia – 1000 of the 1800 suicides are actually from rural Australia."

The territory's Chief Secretary, Colonel James Condon, said the Lifekeeper Memory Quilt highlights the importance of memories. He said supporting those affected by suicide was not just the work of professionals, but everyone's business.

"When I thought of the Lifekeeper Memory Quilt, I thought of the verses from Genesis 4 when Cain asked if he was his brother's keeper," he said.

Colonel Condon added that the answer for us today should be, "yes we are".

"Suicide prevention and the support of those who've been bereaved is everyone's business – and The Salvation Army is strongly committed to providing hope for life."

After the quilt was unveiled, Captain Paul Moulds, the Director of the Army's Oasis Youth Network, led a healing service and invited families and friends

who had lost a loved one to light a candle and place dove symbols on a tree.

An online training program was launched last year to show people – in less than an hour – how to potentially spot the signs that someone is considering suicide.

For more information about Hope for Life and to read the tributes to people who appear on quilt, go to [www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au](http://www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au).

To find out more about the Living Hope training program call 02 9890 2400.

If you've been bereaved through suicide, you can call the national Hope Line on 1300 467 354.



# Deliberately spreading God's love



Tweed Heads corps member Fran Runge gives a free manicure.

The Tweed Heads Corps of The Salvation Army showed the local community that God is good by opening its doors and giving away everything from cappuccinos to haircuts and new toys to fresh food hampers.

The corps hosted its first Deliberate Acts of Kindness day last month, as part of its theme for the year; "God is good - let us show you how".

Corps Officer Captain Deborah Robinson said the event was the culmination of eight months of teaching.

"It's about showing our church that God is good and that he is good through his people - and that it's up to his people to show that goodness," she said.

"The day was unbelievable. We had more than 800 people through our doors. They were queuing up at the doors before we opened them."

Captain Robinson was understandably pleased with the response from the community.

"The reaction from people coming through the doors was "why?", and disbelief that everything cost nothing. We created confusion and a questioning in the community about why we would do this for nothing.

"I think it's important that we explain the reason why it's called 'deliberate'. We thought initially of calling it 'random acts of kindness', but we soon realised that there was nothing random about what we were doing; it's very deliberate."

The event offered workshops on first aid, parenting and counselling, and the corps sports stadium was set up as a market place complete with a spiritual guidance tent where people could pray, and a Salvos information stall.

Goods offered free included fresh produce, pot plants, books, clothing, toys, bric-a-brac and services included massages, haircuts, waxing, facials, manicures and pedicures. "And those



A young corps member attends the Deliberate Acts of Kindness day.

stalls were full of people for the entire time we were open. We had families come in and get haircuts. Young people, old people, you name it," said Captain Robinson.

Captain Robinson said the majority of stalls were operated by corps members.

"The challenge was for our congregation to use the gifts and abilities God has given them to show the community that God is still a good God. So fortunately we had beauticians and hairdressers in our church community.

"It was a fabulous experience for our corps because they were able to see just how they could show the community that it wasn't just up to the officers. They were able to see how they could play a part in showing God's goodness to the local community. It was a great experience of holiness lived out in their community."

Captain Robinson says she expects Deliberate Acts of Kindness to become an annual event.

"It will get bigger than *Ben Hur* and I think more community people will want to be involved in contributing."

## Retirement service for Major Pamela Johns

Major Pam Johns entered retirement during a service at Dulwich Hill conducted by Commissioner Ian Cutmore. Pam Johns was born into a Salvationist family in the south of England where she attended Portsmouth Citadel Corps. The Army was an integral part of life with attendance at primary school and Sunday school.

As she grew, normal activities followed to include junior soldiers, singing company, corps cadets, timbrels, band, songsters and other corps activities.

"As an eight-year-old the call to officership was very strong and my answer was yes. As the years passed, though, the outworking of this call didn't seem to materialise, which at times was difficult to understand," Major Johns said.

After leaving school she went into accounts, eventually working in the accounting and auditing field.

She married Bernard Johns, a bandsman from her home corps, and together they were due to enter the Training College in London. Before this could happen, however, Bernard was suddenly promoted to glory and life took a different turn for Pam.

In 1973, she left her homeland and went to New Zealand where she attended the Auckland Congress Hall Corps. She then moved to Australia, linking up with Sydney Congress Hall corps, and becoming a member of the Territorial Singers. She finally realised the outworking of her initial call to officership and entered the *Joyful Evangelist* session at the Training College in Sydney in 1978.

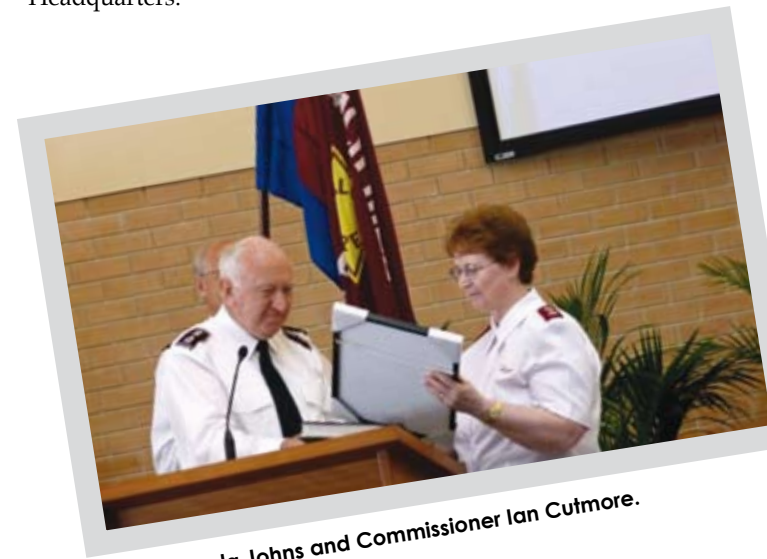
The subsequent 30 years involved a broad range of experiences, starting at Inverell and Tingha, to western NSW where she served at Dubbo and Broken Hill, before returning to New Zealand for five years with a corps appointment at New Plymouth and her first spell in public relations in Christchurch.

Returning to Australia in 1992, an appointment to the Bundamba Corps followed, before returning to public relations

in Sydney and the start of her relationship with Dulwich Hill Corps.

A period of time at the School for Leadership Training preceded a three-and-a-half year appointment to the United Kingdom Territory where she served at Territorial Headquarters in the Church Growth Department with responsibility for planned giving. This gave her the opportunity to travel the length and breadth of her homeland.

Major Johns returned to Australia in 2002 with an appointment to the Officer Training College at Bexley, from where she took up her second position in south-east Queensland as Divisional Secretary. The final months of her active service were once again in the planned giving area at Territorial Headquarters.



Major Pamela Johns and Commissioner Ian Cutmore.

## Future bright as Brisbane corps' unite

(Majors David and Michele Terracini, Majors Brian and Glenys Holley)

Carina and Mt Gravatt corps' amalgamated last month, bringing the Genesis Project that started a year ago to an end.

Major David Terracini said the new corps, known at the moment as Carina Mt Gravatt Corps, is looking for a new site to build a church, but will hold meetings at the old Carina Corps complex in the meantime.

"The whole vision of bringing the two corps' together is that it not only becomes the sum of two corps, it actually becomes the launching of one single corps that's going to grow," he said.

"We will endeavour to get a school hall or something similar - a neutral place and a bigger place because Carina is not big enough for the amalgamation."

Major Terracini said Carina Corps has been growing significantly over the past few years and was too big for its complex, while the facilities at Mt Gravatt weren't adequate for any future development.

"This is what could be considered as the launching of a large and healthy corps with a very exciting future," he said.

## Red Shield Appeal results

The 2009 Red Shield Appeal has raised \$67.78 million nationally.

The result is \$3.2 million down on the previous year, but Australia Eastern Territory External Appeals Director Major Gary Masters pointed to the substantial amounts donated to The Salvation Army during the Victorian bushfires and northern NSW and Queensland flood appeals in the months leading up to the Red Shield doorknock, as factors in the lower figure.

"The important thing is that Australians have shown their generosity once again," he said.

In the Australia Eastern Territory, \$35.22 million will be distributed to the Army's social centres and programs.

While overall totals were down, the doorknock on 23 and 24 May raised \$5.1 million, exceeding the \$5 million target and up on 2008's \$4.9 million.

Major Masters said the doorknock's success was due to the abundance of collectors, and that the final tally was even more outstanding given that parts of NSW and Queensland were flooded or recovering from harsh storms.

"It speaks of the willingness of Salvationists to get behind the doorknock. It shows their commitment to the campaign and we're really grateful to Salvationists for getting behind it," he said.



## Brisbane City Temple on the march

(Majors Earle and Christine Ivers)

Brisbane City Temple took church to the people last month and a police escort paved the way as The Salvation Army marched through the streets to the Roma St parklands.

Led by children's ministry group the Agents of T.R.U.T.H., with the Brisbane City Temple band, timbrellists, SAGALA and other corps groups in tow, the impact of the music and balloons stopped passers-by.

The crowds increased as the march approached the parklands, including residents in high-rise units who gathered on their balconies.

At the parklands, the corps band and young people's band, timbrellists, songsters and creative movement group presented a concert to hundreds of people who had gathered. They also enjoyed games, fairy floss, face painting, biscuit icing and a free sausage sizzle organised by the youth group and children's ministries.

A new family attended the Friday night children's program as a result of the outreach and many other meaningful contacts were made during the afternoon.



Brisbane City Temple members on the streets of the city with the Agents of T.R.U.T.H.

## Launch in UK of *Our People*

*Our People*, a DVD about The Salvation Army, was launched at London's Genesis Cinema on 23 August.

The cinema on Mile End Rd in Whitechapel, stands only metres from where William Booth started his ministry in London's East End.

The DVD was created to share the story of Army founders William and Catherine Booth, as well as the historical origins of the church. The film uses contemporary and archived photographs, artwork, music, interviews and narration. It is designed to be an engaging and inspirational resource for Salvationists and friends worldwide.

Commissioner Robert Street expects *Our People* to become the standard way Salvationists around the world learn about their movement.

The mood at the launch was lively, with everyone eager to see the film. The Chief of the Staff Commissioner Robin Dunster thanked the Australia Eastern Territory for sponsoring the film.

Colonel Bramwell Booth, a great-grandson of William and Catherine, was among members of the Booth family attending.

Co-producer and writer Major Peter Farthing thanked the British-based historians, artists and archivists who contributed to the movie.

A launch of *Our People* will take place in Sydney at 6pm on Sunday 11 October at The Salvation Army Training College, 120 Kingsland Rd, Bexley North.

*Our People* is available from 12 October at Salvationist Supplies ([www.salvosupplyessyd.com](http://www.salvosupplyessyd.com)) for \$24.95.

For more information, visit the website [www.ourpeoplefilm.com](http://www.ourpeoplefilm.com)

## Food for life at discount prices

The Salvation Army Warwick Farm Food 4 Life market in western Sydney was officially opened in July.

The market offers greater access to affordable fresh fruit, vegetables and groceries, and is a joint initiative of the Army and the Sydney South West Area Health Service.

Member for Liverpool Paul Lynch officially launched the market after a welcome speech by Food 4 Life manager Envoy Simon Gregory. Also in attendance were Dr Greg Stewart, representing the area health service, and Liverpool Mayor Wendy Waller.

Apart from promoting the produce, Envoy Gregory is keen to develop relationships with the community. He has invited people to drop in for a chat any time the market is open.

Local residents have been involved in a volunteer training program and will be available to assist in areas of customer service, first aid, communication and personal development.

A recent study found that some residents in the area were

running out of food every month, were unable to afford food in regular markets, and found it hard to get to grocery stores.

Envoy Gregory said the establishment of the new shop gave control back to the people.

The market is run out of a Department of Housing dwelling in Lawrence Hargrave Rd, which was renovated by the area health service and the Army.

Trained volunteers will operate it two to three days a week.



Residents shopping at the Food 4 Life market.

## Taking a break at Bomana



Major Kelvin Alley (left) and Tony Auld take some time out to read the July issue of *Pipeline* during a recent visit to the Bomana War Cemetery, near Port Moresby. Major Alley is The Salvation Army Papua New Guinea Territory's Secretary for Programme. He also serves as the Port Moresby RSL's honorary padre and has a keen interest in Australia's war history in PNG. Mr Auld was visiting Port Moresby in his role as the International Community Development Manager for the Australia Eastern Territory's International Development Office. If you have an interesting picture of someone reading *Pipeline* in a unique setting, please email it to us at: [eastern.editorial@ave.salvationarmy.org](mailto:eastern.editorial@ave.salvationarmy.org)

## Earlwood graduates celebrate

(Majors David and Shelley Soper)

A second group of men graduated from the Positive Lifestyle Program at Earlwood Corps last month.

In a joint ministry of Foster House and Earlwood Corps, nine men spent six days over a period of three weeks participating in the program.

A corps ministry team which focused on hospitality and friendship-building had a tremendous impact on the men who expressed their gratitude for the excellent food and care.

Men shared how they had participated in many programs over the years, but said the Positive Lifestyle Program empowered them to face the tough issues they needed to address.

"The ministry to the men has brought with it a wonderful sense of privilege at Earlwood Corps. Graduation day was a proud moment for all counsellors, workers and graduates alike," Corps Officer Major Shelley Soper said.



Graduates of the Positive Lifestyle Program with Earlwood Corps members.



## Challenge for candidates

(Major Keith Hampton)

Caboolture Corps made a mark for God on Candidate Sunday last month.

As well as issuing a challenge to candidates, the corps highlighted the need for older Salvationists to offer their service to God with generosity.

There was a movement to the mercy seat and people of all ages came forward to commit themselves to service for God.

The corps' youngest new recruit, Angelina, came forward to tell Major Keith Hampton that she had accepted Jesus as her saviour at kids camp the week before. She said she wanted to "ring the bell", and was presented with a new children's Bible.



Angelina comes forward to ring the bell and receive her new Bible at Caboolture.

## Message of hope in Manly mural



Artist Mark Budd stands in front of his mural at The Salvation Army's Manly store. The mural is a contemporary view of The Last Supper. It has been painted using loose comparisons with members of the Salvos Soup Kitchen in the area. Salvos program manager Michael Lever said the mural features Jesus Christ at the head of the table, sitting with people at the soup kitchen. It also features a man with two heads, a reference to two decisions he can make: to either accept Jesus or continue living his own way.

## First adherent at Ulladulla

The Ulladulla Salvation Army mission on the NSW South Coast enrolled its first adherent last month.

Diane Hancock started as a volunteer at the Army's Family Store and then attended community care courses and became involved in a prayer group.

"Diane offered herself to be enrolled as an adherent as a means of renewing her covenant with God and pledging her support to The Salvation Army here at Ulladulla," mission leader Linda Pierpoint said.

"We've only just opened up this mission and we are very excited. Just two weeks ago we dedicated a baby and now Diane has been enrolled as our first adherent."

The Ulladulla mission is overseen by Batemans Bay Corps.



(From left) Bill Pierpoint, Linda Pierpoint, Diane Hancock, David Bartlett and Auxiliary-Captain Graham Bruce.

## City to Surf runner supports homeless

Monica Jong (pictured right), Workplace Relations Consultant for The Greater West Division, took part in Sydney's City to Surf 14km race on 9 August. She decided to join the event's online fundraising campaign and to pledge donations from her sponsors to The Salvation Army's services for the homeless. Overall, City to Surf runners raised \$1,808,379 for a variety of charities and good causes.



## Junior soldiers enrolled at Armidale

(Majors Robert and Leanne Duncan)

Two junior soldiers were enrolled at Armidale Corps on 12 July.

Chelsea Lock and Isobel Holland made their public statements of faith and promised to love God with all their hearts, minds and strength.

Their prayer pals June Dangar (Chelsea) and Isabel Butler (Isobel) prayed with the girls as they signed their promises at the mercy seat.

"It is exciting that the corps has plenty of young people who meet every Thursday afternoon for KidZone and Junior Soldiers. We will continue to pray for these young lives as they are taught about Jesus and discover what God desires for them," Divisional Youth Secretary Captain Roscoe Holland said.

North NSW Divisional Youth Secretary Captain Roscoe Holland, with Isobel Holland and Chelsea Lock.



## Exciting times at Lismore

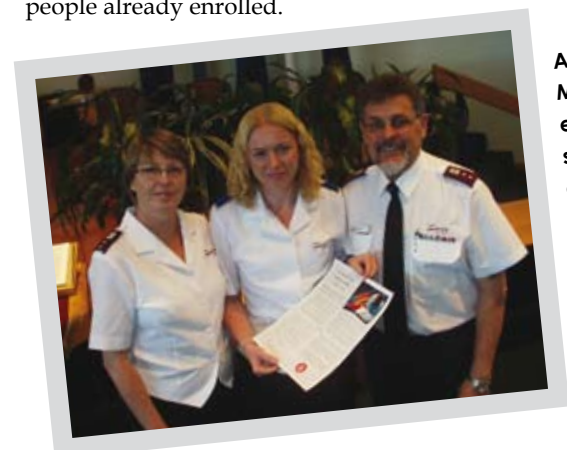
(Captains Phil and Gwen Sharp)

Lismore Corps' Mainly Music group on Friday mornings is attracting an average of 50 people, a mixture of children and parents.

The recent Mainly Music Mother's Day proved popular while the monthly seniors outing organised by Kevin Elsley, also fills the recently acquired 22-seater bus with visits to many and varied destinations.

Most recently, the seniors enjoyed an overnight stay at Beerwah on Queensland's Sunshine Coast which included a trip to Australia Zoo.

In the first six months of the year the corps enrolled four new adherents and one senior soldier, Amy McPherson. Next month, Alpha course classes will recommence with seven people already enrolled.



Amy McPherson is enrolled as a senior soldier at Lismore, flanked by Corps Officer Captains Gwen and Phil Sharp.



## Orange youths running on all cylinders

(Captains Greg and Karen Saunders)

Young people at Orange Corps are finding Christ in a whole new light as they explore their faith through an innovative program involving fellowship and worship planning.

“While the Orange youth are small in number they are making up for it in the field of spiritual uprising,” their leaders Stephen and Cathy Mills said.

“We describe their enthusiasm as V6 youth running on eight cylinders!”

The V8 Super Youth program started giving young corps members a chance to share fellowship together, as most of them live outside the city area. The gatherings became more popular and they started organising barbecues and worship planning meetings.

“Firstly taking advantage of joining together with other youth from around the greater west division at Discovery camp, they realised that they need to meet Christ where they are at.

“Some of them are really firing up in faith, making big decisions on following Christ. Two of them made the decision to follow him not just as a person but a whole being and giving full commitment,” Stephen and Cathy said.

They started up Cafe Church, a small worship meeting combined with a fellowship meal, where adult corps members were invited to share their stories of meeting Christ.

They then took the initiative to work together and lead the worship at Lake Cargelligo and later led Orange Corps in morning worship.



Mission trip participants to Lake Cargelligo in May are: (Back from left) Stephen Mills, Joshua Starr and Jonathan Dean; (front from left) Heidi Starr, Cathy Mills (holding Grace Mills), and Naomi Dean.

“Orange youth have now taken on a new challenge that will see them to the end of the year so please pray for them as they grow to know Christ more.”

## Position Available



### Program Coordinator (Full Time 38 hrs/wk)

This position is specifically funded to oversee and manage the daily functioning of “The Meeting Place” (The Salvation Army, Moree), to develop Christian-based programs to meet the spiritual needs of the Indigenous community, to focus on development of youth initiatives and to promote interest and participation by the target group and broader community in the centre’s programs and activities.

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Applications close Friday 2 October 2009.

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## Bonnells Bay to Belconnen

(Captains Philip and Rebecca Inglis)

A mission team of 45 people from Bonnells Bay Corps, near Newcastle, made the trek down to Belconnen, in Canberra, at the end of July to minister to that community under the theme “Reach”.

The trip included a visit by the mission team and Belconnen Corps members to Yass. They set up on the main street in Yass with a sausage sizzle, face painting, balloons and information about the corps.

A group visited a nursing home to sing, give out gift packs and to chat and offer spiritual guidance to residents.

A dance party was held at the Uniting Church hall on one of the nights. The following day the Kippax Centre, in Holt, was used for an Expo Day, complete with Salvation Army Emergency Services trailer, jumping castle, face painting and live music.

“Even though the weather might have been a little cool, that didn’t stop people from coming out and seeing what we here in Belconnen had to offer their community,” Belconnen Corps Officer Captain Kaylene Morrice said.

“There were many contacts made and a lot of seeds sown. A lot of those who the team spoke to expressed an interest in our church.

“The response to these two outreach activities was very positive and our prayer is that God will water and fertilise the seeds that were sown.”



Part of the mission team are (from left) Lina Carlsson, Stevie Laesbury, Teresa Hilshorst and Captain Kaylene Morrice.

## General’s award for Casey

(Majors Keith and Lyn Cook)

Casey McMillan was presented with the General’s Guard Award at a special SAGALA church parade at Maryborough Corps recently.

Casey was one of the original members when SAGALA activities first started at Maryborough. She is the eighth girl at the corps to receive this award.

Casey is an active member at “Tribe” and is an influence with the children as a teacher in primary activities at the corps.

## Northern officers share fellowship

Salvation Army officers of the Central and North Queensland Division gathered at Zilzie Bay, near Rockhampton, in July for their annual fellowship.

The theme of *Loving Life – Healthy in Body, Mind and Soul* took a holistic approach.

For the healthy body each person chose an activity to do on the first morning of fellowship. There was walking, boxing, running, putt putt golf, golf, mountain biking, gym, water aerobics and swimming.

A masterchef cooking night was held and teams produced a number of interesting dishes. There was a competition for the best dishes but the judges found it hard to decide, so there were a number of winners.

To concentrate on the healthy mind there was a lot of talking and resources were available for borrowing, purchasing and selling. There was also space in the program for relaxation.

The healthy soul was attended to by learning, listening and concentrating on God. Colonels James and Jan Condon were the guests for the weekend and spoke on various health aspects of the mind and heart.

Majors Earle and Christine Ivers also led officers in times of worship and sharing.



Officers of the Central and North Queensland Division share a meal.



From left are Casey’s mother Sue McMillan, Casey McMillan, SAGALA leader Tileah Crick and Casey’s sister, Hannah McMillan.



## ‘Beaming with joy’ after Tweed Heads enrolment

(Captains Alwyn and Deborah Robinson)

John Pont and Maria Tinschert were enrolled as senior soldiers at Tweed Heads Corps on 2 August.

Both from very different backgrounds, they made decisions to accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour and attended a c2m (Classes to Ministry) course, both believing God wanted them to become soldiers of The Salvation Army.

Classes to Ministry is a short course designed to explore various aspects of faith and commitment.

John Pont spent many years in and out of churches, looking for what was missing in his life. He says he couldn’t believe there was a God and needed proof. He challenged God to prove his existence.

It took something that for John was completely unexplainable and illogical to convince him that God had heard his challenge. This for John required a response. It was soon after this experience that John accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour.

Maria Tinschert has a life story of tragedy and abuse. She was told that God was real from a very young age, but that he was out to punish her.



From left are John Pont, Allan Griffin (with flag), Maria Tinschert and Corps Officer Captain Alwyn Robinson.

She lived as a caring and giving person helping many people from all walks of life, still believing in God but not sure if he cared about her. It was when she tested his love for her that she found him to be true and couldn’t help but surrender to Jesus, accepting him for herself.

Both John and Maria are now beaming with real joy and hope, and excited to know and serve God.

## Announcement

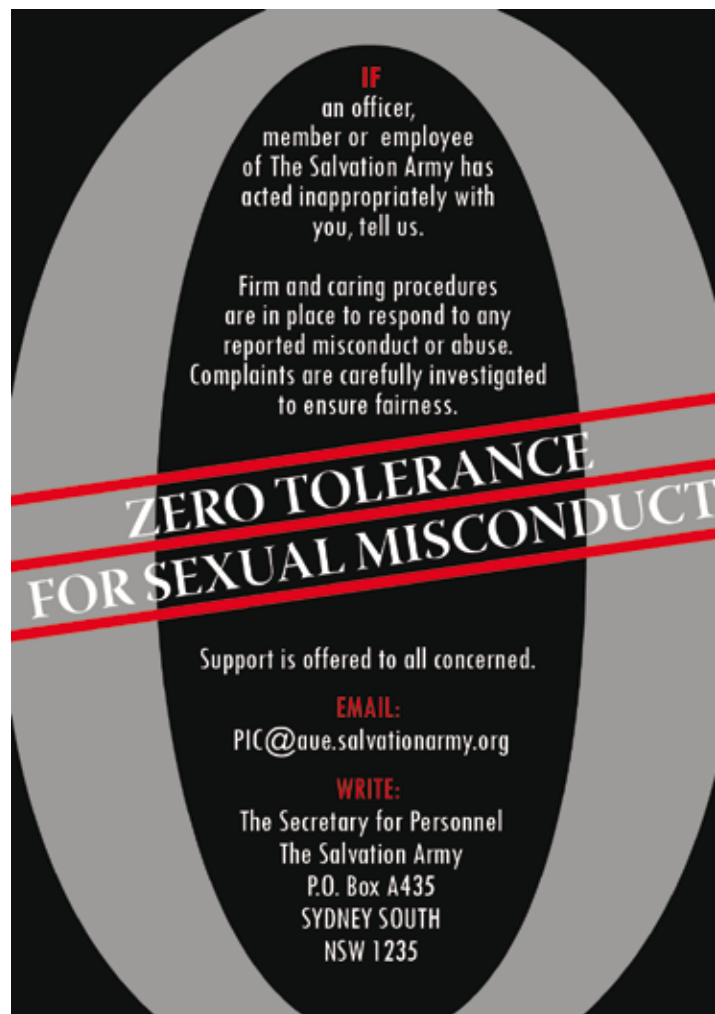


On the weekend of the 17 and 18 July 2010, The Salvation Army Ipswich Corps will be celebrating its 125th birthday.

Thursday 15 (am) – Women’s Ministries celebration  
Friday 16 (pm) – Back to SAGALA and United Legion  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 – Program and meetings and other activities are being planned, with special guests and artists.

We are looking for old photographs (please write your name and address on the back so they can be returned), stories and general information from past attendees. Please send to Captain Margaret Dobbie, PO Box 49, IPSWICH QLD 4305.

Accommodation can be arranged – check with us for special rates at local motels. Telephone: 07 38123117



## 1.4 billion reasons to end extreme poverty

The time to end extreme poverty is now and a presentation from the Global Poverty Project at Parramatta Salvation Army on 14 August is part of a campaign that’s showing the way.

The Global Poverty Project’s presentation, “1.4 Billion Reasons”, is an initiative to catalyse the world movement to end extreme poverty. The statistics have inspired the international awareness campaign on poverty that was launched in Melbourne in July, and is now touring Australia before heading overseas.

It’s estimated that 1.4 billion people worldwide are living on less than \$1.25 a day. Both the former Young Australian of the Year, Hugh Evans, and actor Hugh Jackman are involved. They hope the project will inspire a global audience to make a difference and prompt all governments to keep their foreign aid commitments.

The presentation at Parramatta powerfully communicated the challenges and opportunities around tackling extreme poverty, and was as a platform to inspire and enable individuals to become actively involved in eradicating it.

The project advocates the United Nations’ eight Millennium Development Goals, developed in 2000 and adopted by 189 countries with the objective of improving the lives of the world’s poorest people by 2015.

This year, the Federal Government has increased Australia’s official development assistance contribution to 0.34 per cent of our gross national income, and remains committed to its election promise of reaching 0.5 per cent by 2015.

Some of the facts on extreme poverty highlighted at the presentation are:

- Nearly one in six people are going hungry, despite the fact that there is more than enough food to feed the global population;
- 500,000 women die each year from causes related to childbirth;
- 27,000 children under the age of five die each day from preventable diseases;
- 5000 children die from diarrhoea-related diseases every day;
- 1.2 billion people in the world do not have a toilet.

For more information, go to [www.globalpovertyproject.com](http://www.globalpovertyproject.com)

## Open day at Bethesda

A Grandpa-Grandma Day was held at the Bethesda aged care facility in Rockhampton in July.

Around 50 visitors took the opportunity to spend quality time with the 45 Bethesda residents, and to also find out more about The Salvation Army.

The day included morning tea and a BBQ lunch prepared by The Salvation Army Emergency Services team.

Captain Bronwyn Pretty said staff explained to guests the One Army, One Mission vision and talked to them about the Army’s responsibility to look after the souls of the residents just as it does in the corps (church).

## Media campaign puts spotlight on Jesus

More than 1000 churches representing a quarter of a million people from all Christian denominations across NSW have come together for a massive multimedia communication campaign to be launched on 7 September.

The churches, including The Salvation Army, have registered to be a part of the Jesus.All about life (JAAL) campaign, which will run across September and October.

The campaign will see TV and print ads, and internet messages blanket the state for six weeks from the middle of September.

Churches will also hang JAAL banners with the goal that 80 per cent of the population of NSW will see the message at least eight times throughout the duration of the campaign.

The project is an initiative of Bible Society NSW and the first time all Christian denominations have come together under the one umbrella.

The fresh and innovative non-denominational media campaign will combine traditional and contemporary methods of communication, so that the message of Jesus is brought to current and non-Christians as well as new audiences in an accessible way. The new approach intends to engage with all sectors of the community and encourage people to seek more information about Jesus.

The advertisements, specifically redesigned for NSW audiences, are intended to promote conversation about the relevance of Jesus today, amongst a varied and multicultural audience in terms of their understanding of who Jesus is and what he said and did.

The campaign has widespread, cross-denomination support from all major denominations including Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesley Mission, Hillsong, Scripture Union, c3 church, Churches of Christ and The Salvation Army.

For more information, go to [www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au](http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au)

## The Salvation Army Coomera Corps Plant Information Meeting



There will be an information meeting for all interested in finding out about the new corps plant at Coomera on the Gold Coast.

Come along and get a sense of what God is doing at Coomera and whether this could be an exciting new part of your journey with God.

Children are welcome and tea and coffee will be provided.

**Where:** Highland Reserve State School  
Reserve Rd (opposite Amelia St)  
Upper Coomera

**When:** Tuesday 15 September  
7.00 – 9.00pm

To assist with planning, it would be helpful if you could please RSVP to Leigh Forrester on 07 3290 5200. Facebook address: Salvation Army Life Community – Coomera



# World leaders return to Old Orchard Beach

By **ROBERT MITCHELL** and **WARREN MAYE**

General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton received a rousing welcome as they opened the USA Eastern Territory's 2009 Old Orchard Beach camp meetings.

They entered the pavilion with USA National leaders Commissioners Israel L. and Eva D. Gaither and territorial leaders Commissioners Lawrence R. and Nancy A. Moretz. The Cliftons gave The Salvation Army salute as they received an enthusiastic standing ovation.

The welcome to the international leaders included a parade of flag bearers and children dressed to represent nations where the Cliftons have served. The children, all from the host territory, carried flowers and danced.

The Territorial Commander welcomed the Cliftons back to the territory, acknowledging that they led the Massachusetts Division in the mid-1990s.

"You would know that every active general in the history of the Army has preached from this or the preceding platform here at Old Orchard," Commissioner Moretz said.

"So, you join your colleagues of history, and tonight we welcome you to bring us the Word of the Lord, to share your own testimony, to inspire us with your words, and to give us a glimpse of Salvation Army life across this wonderful globe."

General Clifton brought greetings from the 118 countries where the Army is at work. "We believe God is going to do something very special for us," he said. "Let our faith be high, yes? Let us trust him, let us be needy before him, let us be joyful before him, and let us be loving amongst one another before him, and we're going to have some wonderful days."

Commissioner Helen Clifton said she and her husband feel a great affinity for Old Orchard Beach. "We've come to Old Orchard Beach to be cleansed by the Holy Spirit, to be renewed, and to be refreshed," she said.

Commissioner Nancy Moretz, in her welcoming prayer, asked for God's presence: "We invite you into this place. You are welcome here."

The gathering included a special presentation to renowned vocal soloist George Beverly Shea, who turned 100 earlier this year. He had hoped to be present at Old Orchard Beach but, at



**General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton are welcomed to Old Orchard Beach by children wearing national costumes of the countries the international leaders have served in.**

the last minute, his doctors recommended that he should not travel. He appeared via video from Ontario, Canada, from the church where his father was once pastor.

The National Commander noted George Beverley Shea's many accomplishments: 10 Grammy nominations, membership of the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame, and 70 albums recorded. He has also sung on every continent and before more people than anyone in history – about 220 million people, according to The Guinness Book of World Records.

Jeff Schultz, Media Ministries Department Director, was in Ontario and presented the singer with the The Salvation Army's Distinguished Auxiliary Service Award.

The General praised the territory for its "Holiness Ablaze" theme. "It is never inappropriate for Salvation Army people to be gathered together around a holiness theme," he said. "It's completely natural."

Commissioner Clifton noted the young people in the worship. "We say God bless you for looking after the young people," she told the congregation.

## Army responds to Typhoon Morakot

By **MAJOR RAELTON GIBBS**

Salvation Army officers and personnel from Taiwan have been part of the response to Typhoon Morakot, which has brought devastation to much of the country.

Taiwan experienced its worst flooding in decades after last month's typhoon washed out roads, snapped bridges and sent dwellings crashing into rivers.

As *Pipeline* went to print, estimates indicate that more than 500 people have lost their lives.

Salvationist personnel swung quickly into action to provide

help to people who had lost their homes. The Army also supported the Taiwan military as it put into action a major rescue operation.

The Salvation Army's Regional Commander for Taiwan, Major Mike Coleman, reported that members of Puli Corps had delivered two loads of household goods and other items to aboriginal villages affected by the landslide in the Nantou County area.

"In Tainan County there is still no running water and people are in desperate need of disinfectant to prevent the spread of disease," he said.

## General meets UN chief

General Shaw Clifton has visited the United Nations in New York for a meeting with Mr Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary-General.

The General was accompanied by Commissioner Helen Clifton (World President of Women's Ministries), Commissioner Christine MacMillan (Director, International Social Justice Commission), Lieutenant-Colonel Geanette Seymour (Deputy Director, International Social Justice Commission) and Major Richard Gaudion (Private Secretary to the General).

During a constructive and cordial meeting, the Secretary-General expressed warm appreciation for the global work of The Salvation Army, articulating his belief that faith organisations have a key role to play in alleviating human suffering. He made specific reference to the UN's Millennium Development Goals and acknowledged The Salvation Army's part in working to achieve these around the world.

General Clifton spoke about the Army's work in 118 countries, emphasising its ability to partner with governments of all kinds. Reference was made to the work and witness of The Salvation Army in South Korea, the home country of the Secretary-General, and also of the Army's initiatives in reaching out to communities in North Korea. The General offered words of affirmation concerning the value of the United Nations organisation and the office of the Secretary-General in



**General Shaw Clifton with Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Photo: Paulo Filgueiras**

promoting peaceful relations between nations.

The General presented Mr Ban with a gift of Salvation Army books and a report on Salvation Army initiatives in relation to the Millennium Development Goals.

The Secretary-General expressed further appreciation for the role of Salvation Army representatives at the UN.

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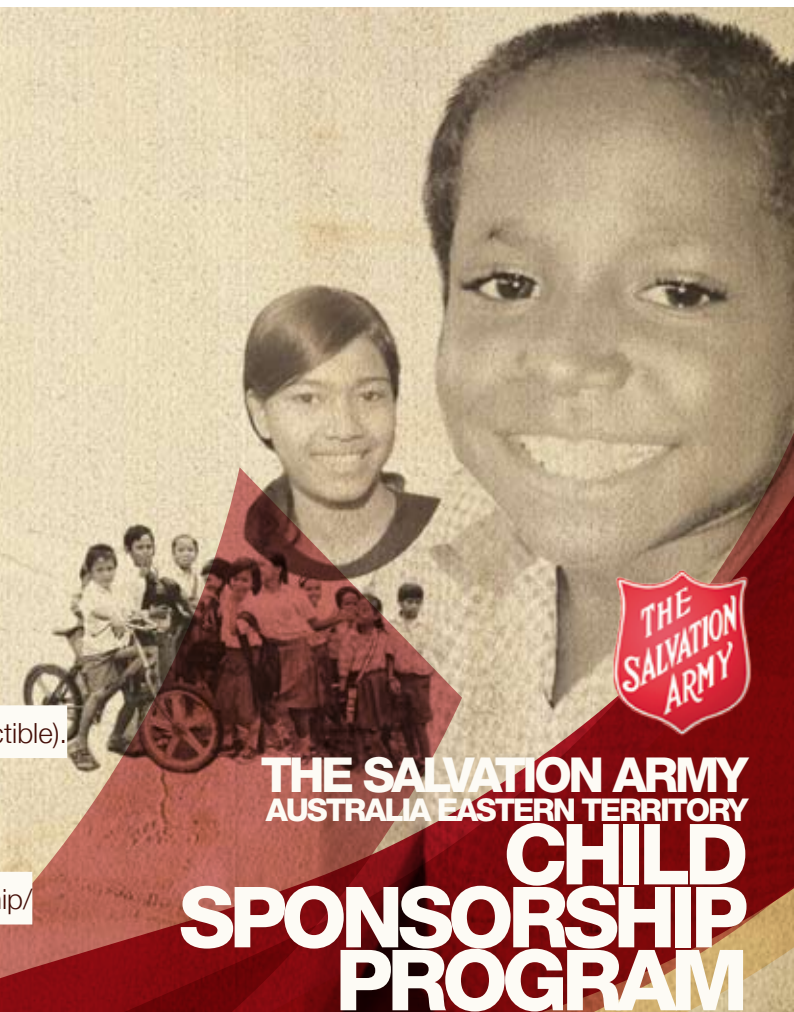
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## A soldier in God's army



**Brigadier John McCabe** OBE, MID was promoted to glory on 4 July, aged 96. His life was honoured in a service of thanksgiving held at Bundamba Citadel on 10 July, led by Major

Joan Birch (daughter).

Major Les Shaw spoke of his long association with Brigadier McCabe (commonly known as Mac) and the respect he had for him as a friend, mentor and encourager. Jenny Chamberlin (daughter) spoke of a man who was Christianity personified and one who knew and demonstrated that the secret of a Spirit-filled life was found in dedication to God. She said, "we always saw love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control in his everyday life".

Julie Ann Waldron (grand-daughter) spoke on behalf of the grandchildren and shared they enjoyed meeting with Pa and the interest he showed in each one of them.

Brad Strong (Bundamba Corps) spoke of Mac's association with the local area where he was patron of the Anzac Day committee and showed great interest in those who had served in the forces.

Alexander Bates (3rd Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment Corporation) conducted a poppy ceremony and spoke on behalf of servicemen who had been ministered to by "Padre Mac".

The Bundamba Salvation Army band, with some extras, provided music and formed a guard of honour as the hearse left the citadel. To the triumphant music of *O Boundless Salvation*, family and friends said goodbye to a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ.

John Francis McCabe was born on 18 June 1913. He was an only child who lived with his widowed mother in Bundaberg where he attended the corps. After giving his life to God, he learnt to play an instrument, became the leader of the young peoples' work and was active in the cadets (attached to 47 Battalion).

In March 1935, Mac entered the Melbourne Training College as part of the *Challenger* session.

Commissioned in January 1936, Pro-Lieutenant McCabe was appointed as the Corps Officer at Gulgong Corps. Following that, he was appointed as Cadet Sergeant at The Sydney Officer Training College, and then as Corps Officer at Young, Allora and Canberra corps'.

In 1940, Captain McCabe took up his first position in the Red Shield Services. His work during World War II was the

beginning of what would be a long history of service to the Australian Defence Forces.

On Good Friday 1941, Mac left Australia and sailed on the Queen Elizabeth, bound for Palestine where he worked as a Salvation Army Welfare Officer. When Brigadier Harold Hosier was taken prisoner of war, Mac then moved to join the 2/2nd Battalion and stayed with them through the Middle East, Ceylon and Egypt and then to Port Moresby where he joined those on the Kokoda Track. He described it as "walking, slipping and sliding, or extricating oneself from deep mud as 2/2nd Battalion engaged in its toughest campaign. Six-hundred men commenced that Owen Stanley Campaign, but only 88 remained when the battalion was replaced."

On 4 April 1945, John married Elsie Collins. They were to be married for 60 years; she was promoted to glory on 26 September 2005.

From 1946 to late 1951, Adjutant McCabe and his wife were the Corps Officers at Earlwood, Enfield and Nundah corps'. Mac then spent another year in the Red Shield Services before being appointed as Sandgate Corps Officer, Manager to Goulburn Boys Home and West End Corps Officer. Major McCabe held a position in the North NSW Division from 1957 to 1960 before becoming the Divisional Young Peoples Secretary for the Newcastle Division from 1960 to 1965. Mac then served as the Corps Officer at North Sydney, Taree and Hurstville corps'.

In 1971, Brigadier McCabe was appointed again to the Red Shield Services, followed by positions as the Senior Representative for Red Shield Defence Services in Holsworthy, as the Chief Commissioner for the National Red Shield Defence Services, as Territorial Director in Emergency Disaster Services, and as Senior Representative in Red Shield Defence Services. His final appointment was as Chaplain in the Army Reserve.

On 1 July 1979, after more than 43 years of service as an officer, Brigadier McCabe retired. He will always be remembered as a man of integrity, warmth and humour who honoured God in all his personal and business dealings.

## A dauntless evangelist



**Brigadier Lester Wight** was promoted to glory on 17 October 2008, aged 94.

A service of thanksgiving was conducted at Port Macquarie Corps on 24 October by Commissioner Ian Cutmore,

with Major Frank Moxon and Major Gary Cooper.

The service heard tributes from Lester's wife, Alice, and combined tributes from his five children and 14 grandchildren.

Mrs Brigadier Alice Wight thanked Lester for being such a wonderful, loving and caring husband who shared the workload with the children and in the home. She also thanked God for their life together.

Lester's children Raymond, Lynette, Allan, Heather, and Gordon spoke of recognising their father as a great man of faith and humility who taught them to live life, to love, to be faithful and encouraging. He was always devoted to his marriage and his family, "at times with great personal sacrifice". They spoke of his loyalty to God and his service as a Salvation Army officer, as well as his love of humour. They ended by saying: "Your example will live on and the memories will continue to change lives; this is the heritage you left us."

Each of the families of grandchildren shared personal memories of their Grandad. They concluded with: "As Grandad used to say when he introduced himself, 'my name is Lester, as in Lester we forgetter'. Lester, we will never forgetter you. We will always remember all that you brought to our lives; the music, the kindness, the love, and the laughter. We will love you and miss you always."

The three Scripture readings were read by three of Lester's grand-daughters: Psalm 103:8, 13-17 (Bridget); John 14:1-6 (Lauren); and John 6:35-40 (Brooke).

Lester Wight was born in Brisbane on 6 March 1914. As an orphan he lived with three different families at Sandgate, Coopers Plains and Woolloongabba, Queensland.

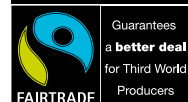
At the age of 14, Lester began his first job on a dairy farm, at Indooroopilly. When he was 18 he started work for the owner of the Café and Pastry, a job he held for seven years. Throughout this time, Lester was a Salvation Army bandsman at Woolloongabba and West End corps'.

In 1939, Lester entered The Salvation Army Training College as part of the *Dauntless Evangelist* session.

Pro-Lieutenant Wight was commissioned in 1940 and appointed to Helidon Corps. His subsequent appointments were at Dalby, Roma, Kingaroy, Blackbutt and Gladstone corps'. His next appointment was as the corps officer at Atherton Tablelands in 1945, and it was during this time that Captain Lester Wight married Captain Alice Black, on 9 June 1945.

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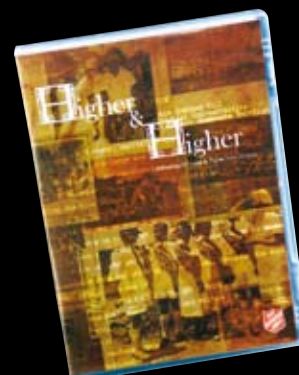
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During their married life, Captains Lester and Alice Wight served as corps officers at Bowen, Sandgate, Boonah, Caboolture, Glenn Innes, Mudgee, Bathurst, Willoughby, Leichhardt, Newtown, Lidcombe, Bexley and Kempsey corps'. In April 1979, both Lester and Alice retired from active service as officers. Brigadier Lester Wight had served God and The Salvation Army as an officer for nearly 40 years.

Lester and Alice retired to North Haven for 14 years and in 1993 moved into the newly opened Bethany Hostel where they were residents for 15 years.

Lester was proud to be a *Dauntless Evangelist* and was known for sharing memorised Scriptures, prayers and stories for all occasions.

### A dedicated servant



Captain Denise Pillinger was promoted to glory on 22 June, aged 74.

A funeral service was held on 26 June at Brisbane's Eco Memorial Park Crematorium, followed by a thanksgiving service at Carina Corps. The services were conducted by Carina Corps Officer Major David Terracini.

Denise Davids was born on 3 December 1934 in Kiama, NSW, to Louis and Florence Davids. She was brought up in the Sydney suburb of Woollahra and attended Dover Heights Girls High School. She regularly attended Waverly Salvation Army with her family. Denise became a soldier on 1 January 1952.

On 7 August 1954, Denise married Stan Pillinger and they started their married life in Bondi. Shortly afterwards, they moved to Penrith where their three children, David, Liane and Janine, were born.

Ten years after moving to Penrith, the family transferred to Lismore where Denise and Stan ran a local business. It was during this time that they attended congress meetings in Brisbane and rededicated their lives to God and The Salvation Army.

In 1982, they entered full-time service in the Late Vocationers course as Territorial Envoys and were appointed to the Red Shield Defence Services at Holsworthy. Subsequently, they were promoted to Auxiliary-Captains and were appointed to Newcastle and then Umina Corps.

Their next appointment was to the Red Shield Defence Services barracks at Enoggera, during which time Denise also worked in The Salvation Army's Missing Persons Department and in women's

ministry. In 1989, they were promoted to the rank of captain.

Following service at Enoggera, Denise was the Postal Officer at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney, an assistant in the Travel Section at THQ and an assistant in the Office of the Chief Secretary.

At the end of 1999, after more than 17 years of service (almost 12 as officers), Denise and Stan retired from active service in The Salvation Army.

Since retirement, Stan and Denise have lived at Victoria Point, Queensland and have worshipped at Carina Corps.

Denise leaves behind her beloved husband Stan, son David (wife Helen), daughters Liane and Janine, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### A kind and loving man

Gordon Burton was promoted to glory on 25 June 2008, aged 76.

Gordon Clive Burton was born on 22 November 1931 in Uralla, to Clyde and Lottie Burton. He grew up at Rocky River and attended a small three-room school with his younger siblings, Terry, Corris and Darrel. At the age of seven he contracted meningitis, which left him with many physical challenges.

Gordon married Ruth Faulkner on 23 April 1953 in Armidale. They were blessed with two children, Phillip and Pauline. They left Uralla in 1966 and after spending three years at Umina, they moved to Taree.

Gordon possessed a wonderfully kind nature which made his time with Ruth and their children a great blessing. He was always a willing helper with household tasks. He had a great sense of humour and his love of the Lord was always evident. Among his many activities, he particularly enjoyed watching trains.

Gordon was married to Ruth for 55 years. He was blessed with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gordon's funeral service was conducted at the Taree Salvation Army Citadel by Major Owen and Captain Pam Pattison. Captain Andrew Schofield, Corps Sergeant Major Gordon Jones, and Phillip Burton all gave tributes.

### Loving and enduring spirit



Ivy Smartt was promoted to glory on 1 February, aged 76.

Her funeral service was conducted by Major Peter Farthing at Petersham Corps on 5 February. The songs and Scripture had all been chosen by Ivy, each for their deep personal significance.

A corps tribute from Jon Mayne, a musical tribute from Ron Prussing, and family tributes from Tim Smartt and Lindsay Smartt highlighted the huge impact of Ivy's warm and gracious presence wherever she touched the lives of others.

Bringing a message from one of Ivy's favourite Scripture passages, Romans 8, Major Farthing emphasised the wonderful hope we have in Christ, no matter how tough life's circumstances.

Ivy Jean Hutchison was born on 2 December 1932. The daughter of Salvation Army officers, she grew up with her three brothers in various towns and cities in NSW.

At 14, Ivy contracted polio and was told she would never sit or walk again. Her determined resolve to overcome this negative prognosis became a hallmark for the way she approached life. Even though she missed some of her high school education through illness, Ivy held the position of school captain at Bathurst High and attained high grades in her Leaving Certificate including first class honours in English. She was also awarded the Shakespeare Society of NSW prize in 1950.

After completing school, Ivy became a librarian in various locations including Sydney Teachers College, Bathurst Teachers College and the Technical Library of Parke-Davis.

In 1955, Ivy married Herb Smartt and this was the beginning of a 42-year partnership which brought great happiness and much-needed strength to them both. Together they nurtured Howard, Lindsay and Katherine and later warmly welcomed Robyn, Sue and Neil. The grandchildren – Ryan, Tim, Matt, Chris, Lucas and Xavier – were always a special delight.

After raising her children, Ivy enrolled at Macquarie University and gained a Bachelor of Arts degree with first class honours in psychology.

In 1981, Ivy received a post-graduate research award for full-time study toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Unfortunately her health limitations prevented her from completing these doctoral studies.

After Herb's death, Ivy courageously maintained her independence. When it became necessary for her to move, The Marion became her new home where she quickly became a much-loved resident. This love and care sustained Ivy and her family to the end.

Whether it was family or friends, anyone who got to know Ivy came to appreciate that she was an exceptionally wise, loving and gracious listener who had the gift of

making people feel special.

Throughout her life Ivy's faith has been a secure anchor point and found expression in her active involvement with The Salvation Army. Ivy's love of God and love of people were the backbone of her enduring spirit. Her indelible influence of love has left a lasting treasure in each of our lives. She now rests in the presence of the Lord she dearly loved.

### Beloved by family and friends



Joyce Johnson was promoted to glory on 4 April, aged 91.

Joyce Griffin was born on 21 May 1917. She went to the Botany Salvation Army where she met and married Alan Johnson.

They had three girls, Heather, Maureen and Kathryn.

In 1949, Joyce and her family moved to a farm at Jasper's Brush and she became a soldier at Nowra (now Shoalhaven) Corps.

Joyce held a number of local officer positions including Home League Secretary, League of Mercy member, Corps Historian and Prayer Coordinator.

She loved working for her Lord at Shoalhaven Salvation Army.

Major David Godkin conducted a celebration of her life on Wednesday 8 April. Heather (daughter) read from the Scriptures and her four grand-daughters spoke of what she meant to them. Brian Watkinson spoke on behalf of the corps.

The citadel was full of family and friends.

### A faithful Christian



Jack Smallbone was promoted to glory on 13 June, aged 86.

A thanksgiving service for Jack's life was held at Brisbane City Temple on 19 June. Captain John Tatters conducted the service, and Neville Ball gave the corps tribute.

Jack Smallbone was born on 2 July 1922 in Toowoomba to Salvationists Herbert and Viva Smallbone. When Jack was two years old he was diagnosed with polio and the family moved to Brisbane so he could get treatment.

They joined the West End Corps and there are many who can attest that he was something of a larrikin as a boy. His

sense of fun and adventure, along with his underlying kindness and generosity, stayed with him all his life.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Jack initially joined the Army but then transferred to the Air Force. He first went to Canada and then to England, where he became part of the crew of Lancaster Bombers. Wherever he travelled he always attended the nearest Salvation Army Corps; in Canada and later in Gloucester, England. It was in Gloucester that he met and married Freda.

As a young man, Jack became a Christian and lived out his faith without wavering for the rest of his life. He was a talented euphonium player and despite his asthma, spent many years as a member of the Brisbane City Temple band.

Jack went to university as a mature-age student, studying to become a probation and parole officer.

Towards the end of this time, he was responsible for drafting legislation in relation to probation and community service laws. In this work Jack lived his Christian faith to the utmost and would say that he was indeed privileged for being paid to do it.

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## about people

### Bereaved

Major Peter **Dollin** of his mother Joyce **Dollin** on 1 August.

### Birth

To Envoys Sean and Cassie **Everitt** a daughter Leah Grace on 26 July; to Captains Penni and Nigel **Roden** a son Jacob Isaiah on 3 August.

### International Appointments

*Effective 1 December:* Colonel Madeleine **Ngwanga**, Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Democratic Republic of Congo Territory; Lieutenant-Colonels Barry and Anja **Schwartz**, Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries respectively, Democratic Republic of Congo Territory.

### Promoted to Glory

Mrs Major May **Edwards** on 23 July; Captain Bill **Rutherford** on 5 August.

### Resignation

Captain Mark **Wheatley**, effective 28 June.

### SAGALA Awards

The following people have received the Commissioners Challenge Award: Stephen **Batchelor**, Isaac **Bower**, Trent **Cole**, all Maitland; Nina **Tisdell**, Taree; Sasha **Carroll**, Dee Why; Brooke **Morris**, Penrith.

### Study Success

Major David **Twivey** has been awarded a Master of Applied Management (Health) degree by the University of Newcastle.

## time to pray

### 30 August-5 September

Major Alison Cowling, Canada and Bermuda Territory; Bonnells Bay Corps, Casino Corps, Central West Aged Care Services, Shoalhaven Bridge Program, all NSW; Hervey Bay Corps, Pine Rivers Corps, all Qld; Sydney East and Illawarra Division women's retreat (31 Aug-3 Sept).

### 6-12 September

Gympie Corps, Inala Corps, all Qld; Berkeley Corps, Dural Corps, Forster/ Tuncurry Corps, Petersham Corps, Samaritan House/ Glebe Program Surry Hills, all NSW; Father's Day (6); Wider Cabinet conference (7-9); Women's executive conference (9-10).

### 13-19 September

Captains Allan and Carolyn Kerr, Australia Southern Territory; Hurstville Corps, Ryde Corps, all NSW; Bowen Corps, Cairns Women's Program, Ipswich Community Services Centre, Outback Flying Service, all Qld; Salvos Stores Administration Office, THQ; third-year officers retreat (14-18); planting conference (14-15); Booth College review (17); Project 1:8 to South Africa and Fiji (19 Sept-11 Oct).

### 20-26 September

Envoy Joy Johns, Korea Territory; Blackwater Corps, Samaritan House Mackay, all Qld; Dubbo Corps, Narrabri Corps, Narwee Corps, Tweed Heads Corps, all NSW; Chaplaincy Services, Sydney East and Illawarra Division.

### 27 September-3 October

Majors Kelvin and Julie Alley, Papua New Guinea Territory; Inner City West Mission, Pindari Women's Accommodation, Toowoomba Corps, all Qld; Cessnock Corps, Hornsby Gateway Corps, all NSW; Chaplaincy Services, Greater West Division.

### 4-10 October

Captains David and Kim Hawke, Zimbabwe Territory; Chatswood Corps, Griffith Corps, Hawkesbury City Corps, all NSW; Brisbane Central Community Services Centre, Centennial Lodge, all Qld; School for Youth Leadership, Spiritual Life Development Department, THQ; Gospel Arts Camp (4-11).

## engagement calendar

### Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

Booth College: Thu 3 Sept – Booth College lecture  
Collaroy: Mon 7-Wed 9 Sept – Wider Cabinet  
Collaroy: Wed 9-Thu 10 Sept – Women's Executive Conference  
Caboolture: Sat 12 Sept – Opening of new building at Caboolture  
Brisbane: Sun 13 Sept – Opening of Streetlevel Brisbane  
Booth College: Thu 17 Sept – Booth College review  
Booth College: Fri 18 Sept – Booth College retreat day  
Port Macquarie: Sat 19-Sun 20 Sept – Corps visit  
North NSW: Mon 21-Tue 22 Sept – Divisional visit  
Collaroy: Fri 25 Sept – Brengle Create  
Stanmore: Fri 25 Sept – Tri-territorial Theological Conference  
Eastlakes: Sun 27 Sept – Corps visit  
Silverwater: Mon 28 Sept – Prison visit  
Kingsgrove: Wed 30 Sept-Thu 1 Oct – Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional review  
Stanmore: Thu 8 Oct – Territorial chaplains conference  
Collaroy: Thu 15 Oct – Territorial Moneycare conference  
Taree: Fri 16-Sun 18 Oct – Retired Officers League/corps visit  
Melbourne: Mon 19-Thu 22 Oct – Tri-territorial conference  
Wollongong: Fri 23-Sun 25 Oct – THQ retreat  
Newcastle: Wed 28-Thu 29 Oct – Divisional review

### Colonels James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

Collaroy: Mon 7-Wed 9 Sept – Wider Cabinet  
\*Collaroy: Wed 9-Thu 10 Sept – Women's Executive Conference  
Tweed Heads: Mon 14-Thu 17 Sept – Seniors assembly  
#Booth College: Thu 17 Sept – Booth College review  
#Sydney: Sat 19 Sept – Remembrance Service  
Parramatta: Sat 19-Sun 20 Sept – Corps 125th anniversary  
Narrabri: Sat 26-Sun 27 Sept – Corps visit  
Gunnedah: Sun 27 Sept – Corps visit  
\*Tamworth: Tues 29 Sept – Divisional Women's Rally North NSW  
\*Kingsgrove: Wed 30 Sept-Thu 1 Oct – Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional review  
#Stanmore: Fri 9 Oct – Chaplains conference  
\*Macquarie Lodge: Wed 14 Oct – Chapel  
Booth College: Fri 16 Oct – Booth College retreat day  
Melbourne: Mon 19-Thu 22 Oct – Tri-territorial conference  
Wollongong: Fri 23-Sun 25 Oct – THQ retreat  
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# Colonel James Condon only

