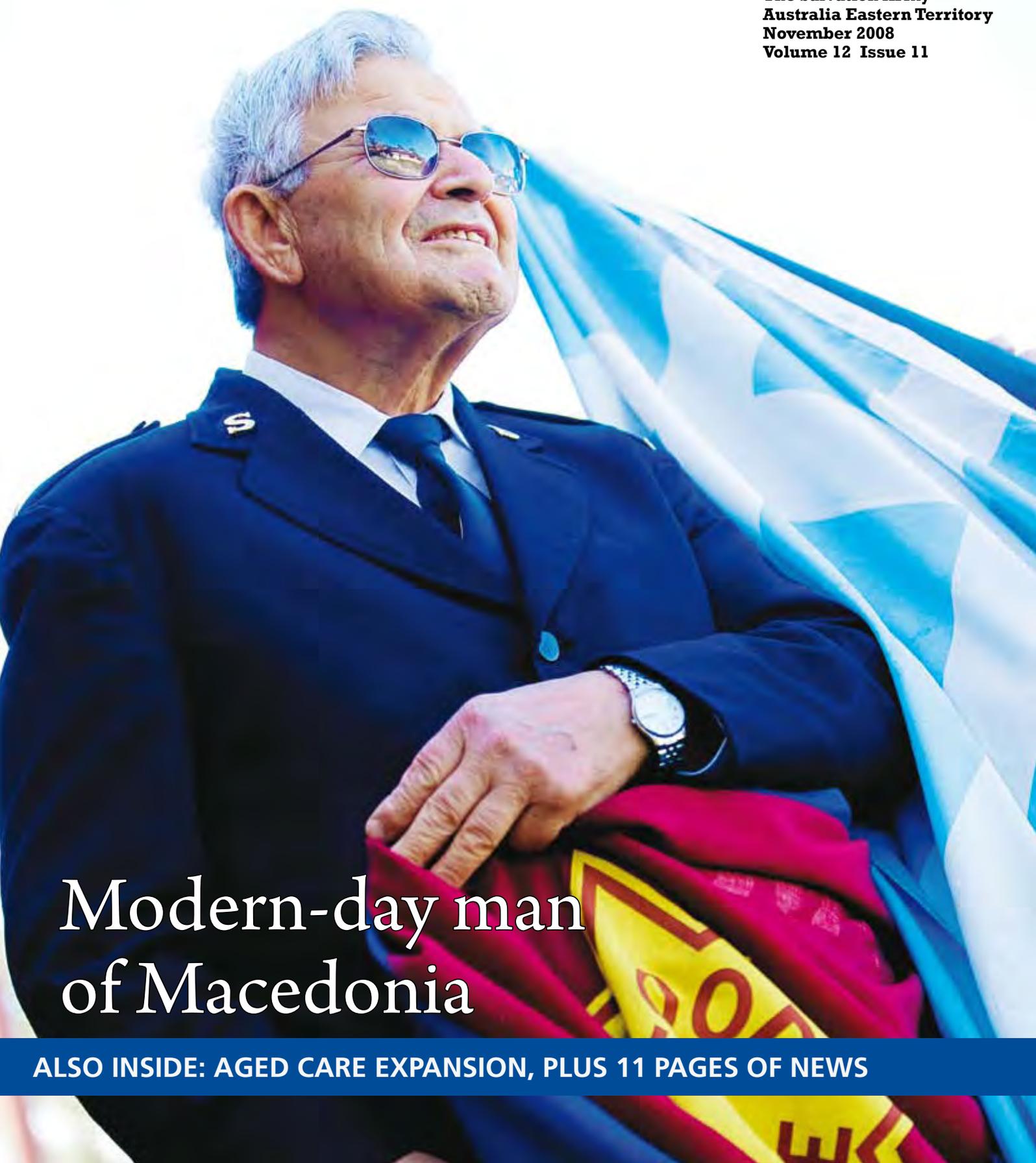


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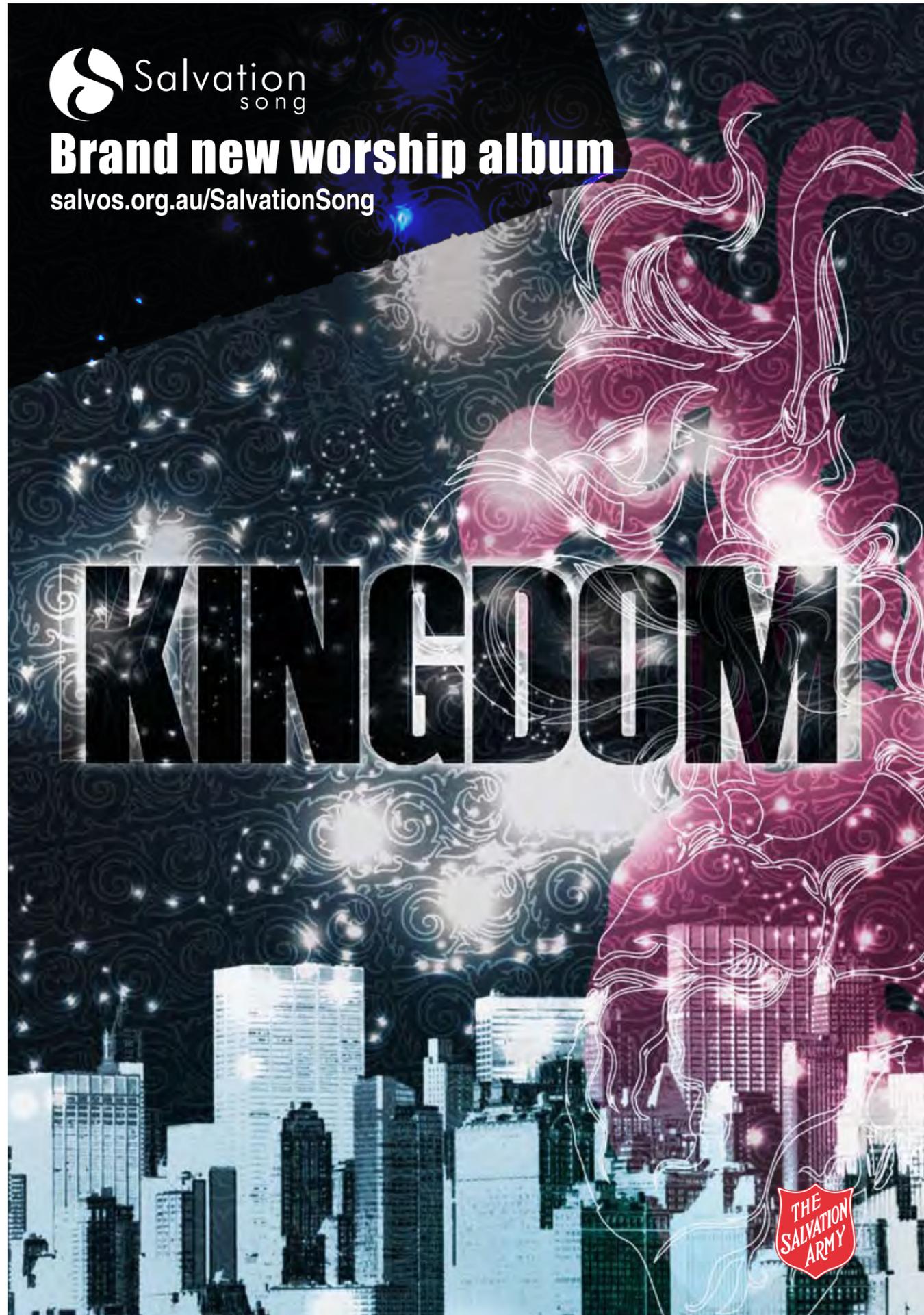
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Persistence and consistency

Most of us have an idea about how we like other people to think of us. It could be about loving others, loving God, being a passionate person, being decisive, creative, good looking, someone who makes things happen, etc, etc, etc.

Of course, some people are known and remembered for their acts. But even behind their acts you can see traits or characteristics that portray them.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, for example, wrote the book *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in 1851. It influenced millions of people to want to abolish slavery and led to her being hated in the southern states of America because it made readers believe slavery was evil.

Abraham Lincoln labelled her "the little lady who started the big, bloody war". How's that for an epitaph! But Harriet Beecher Stowe was driven by an impassioned sense of justice that found its way into the pages of this book which helped change the context of life for millions of African-Americans.

It was Aristotle who wrote: "Our characters are a result of our conduct." So, what will people say about you when you go to heaven? What will they say about me? What do they say about us now? In a sense, we write a part of our eulogy every day. We contribute to the forming of our reputation by the myriad thoughts and deeds of every hour.

These musings came to me as I considered the content of this issue of *Pipeline*. Two words particularly, both descriptive of subjects we have included, came to mind. The first was "persistence". Is that a quality you would like to be known for? It certainly relates to Jim Moisidis of The Salvation Army at Tarrawanna, a northern suburb of Wollongong, NSW. For 20 years Jim faithfully maintained a correspondence with the international leadership of the Army, pleading with them to start the work in his homeland of Greece. Late last year his dream was finally realised, and the first Salvation Army officer appointed to Greece noted that "it was Jim's dream and initiative which made all this possible". Now that's something to have on your curriculum vitae!

The second word was "consistency". This came to me as I read the citation for this year's winner of Australia and New Zealand's top religious press award, The Gutenberg. This year the award was presented to joint winners - Salvation Army publications *Warcry* Australia and *The War Cry* New Zealand.

Here is an excerpt from the citation: "Continuously for 125 years these two weekly publications of The Salvation Army have been a sought-after source of news, inspiration and spiritual nurture for generations of Salvationist readers.

"Further, and in keeping with the mission of The Salvation Army, these publications have been both a challenge and a comfort to the unchurched and non-believers, their constant presence and availability in such places as public bars and on street corners has made them arguably the best-known of all Christian publications among their secular communities ..."

There is no question that this is a truly remarkable achievement, one that contributes to the reputation of The Salvation Army as being consistent - "always there", people say.

Pipeline was also in the mix of award winners, this year taking out the top content award, "Best Feature Article". In fact, last month's Australasian Religious Press Association conference in Brisbane was a landmark event for The Salvation Army press. Read all about it on page 26.

But persistence and consistency - I think that's something many of us would like to be known for. They were certainly high on the Bible's list of essential qualities: "If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong" (Romans 14:23, *The Message*), the Apostle Paul wrote. And what about this from the Old Testament book of Proverbs: "Committed and persistent work pays off; get-rich-quick schemes are rip-offs" (Proverbs 28:20, *The Message*).

Enjoy the read!

- Captain Peter McGuigan, Communications Director

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The Call to the Mercy Seat

We call Salvationists worldwide to recognise the wide understanding of the mercy seat that God has given to the Army; to rejoice that Christ uses this means of grace to confirm his presence; and to ensure that its spiritual benefits are fully explored in every corps and Army centre.

We affirm that the mercy seat in our meetings symbolises God's unremitting call to his people to meet with him. It is not only a place of repentance and forgiveness, but also a place for communion and commitment. Here we may experience a deep awareness of God's abundant grace and claim his boundless salvation.

The mercy seat may be used by anyone, at any time, and particularly in Army meetings when, in response to the proclaimed Word, all are invited to share loving and humble communion with the Lord.

Pipeline has recently been revisiting the 12 calls to Salvationists issued by The Salvation Army's Spiritual Life Commission. In part three of the series, Commissioner Linda Bond reflects upon a simple piece of furniture that has deep meaning for Salvationists.

No Salvation Army hall, no matter how modern or lavish, can ever compare with the grandeur and magnificence of the great cathedrals.

The latter are more than worship centres. They are tourist attractions, but not in a gaudy sense. People who enter are hushed in what they understand to be a sacred place. Studying the stained glass windows, mounting the imposing pulpit, sitting in silent reflection, visitors recognise that the structure itself tells a story.

Is there a story to be told in the simplicity of a Salvation Army hall? There should be. If I were a tour guide, the climax of my presentation would take place in front of the mercy seat. My explanation would go something like this:

"Ladies and gentlemen, you are looking at a simple piece of furniture that has deep meaning for Salvationists. We call it the mercy seat or penitent form.

"The first name recalls the mercy seat of the Old Testament that symbolised for Israel that God was present, calling his people to meet with him, offering to them his grace. Salvationists see this place in the same way, a place to come and meet with

God, to receive his mercy.

"When we call it a penitent form we are putting the emphasis on the one who comes in repentance, confession and submission. The two terms are used interchangeably but always with the understanding that one who comes humbly before God never fails to receive from him.

"Salvation Army mercy seats have taken many forms; a drum in the streets, a chair, or just a space set apart. It is symbolic of our meeting with God and as you know, that can happen anywhere, anytime.

"This piece of furniture has no special power or grace in itself. It is a place of prayer, a place of decision. Going to the mercy seat is an outward expression of the inward leading of the Holy Spirit.

"The idea of the mercy seat did not originate with the founders of The Salvation Army. The American Methodist revivalists used what they called the mourner's bench as a central point for sinners to come and register their desire to know Christ as Saviour.

"For William Booth, the Founder of The Salvation Army, this type of appeal to

the unconverted was strategic. Throughout our history, the mercy seat has been a focal point in Army meetings.

Invitation to respond

"The elements of a Salvation Army meeting include robust or reflective singing, prayer, Scripture reading, testimonies, a ministry of music, and giving of our monetary gifts. But the whole meeting leads to a climax with the proclamation of the Word of God and an invitation to respond.

"So the mercy seat offers a place for visible, intentional response to God's gracious invitation. It may be a response to his offer of salvation or sanctification (holiness) or a commitment to his special calling on your life. It is most often associated with a significant decision. But the use of the mercy seat has widened and now many would see it as a place of prayer, of bringing before our gracious Lord our personal needs or the needs of others, or for dedicating or rededicating of our lives to his service.

"Ladies and gentlemen, let's move closer to the mercy seat. What generally happens is that following the sermon, we

have a time of prayer when an invitation is given to come and kneel. A song or chorus carefully suited to the message is selected. To see people come in humility before the Lord is the most moving part of any Army meeting. It is the highest point of worship.

"Another aspect of kneeling at the mercy seat that needs to be mentioned is this: it is done in the presence of God's people. *Now that very fact is the reason many would not come.* They do not want to be a public spectacle, having people wonder what great sin they committed. But from my experience, the very opposite is true. The congregation moves to a higher level of participation as they support the seeker in love with prayer and often tears. Wise counsellors are available to come alongside the one who kneels at the mercy seat, to offer a listening ear, to share an appropriate verse from the Bible, to pray on their behalf and then invite the one who kneels to pray personally. But a desire to pray alone is always respected.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have some wonderful stories I could tell. I think of my father's return to the Lord. Our whole family was marked by his transformation. I remember Sandra, a heroin addict who

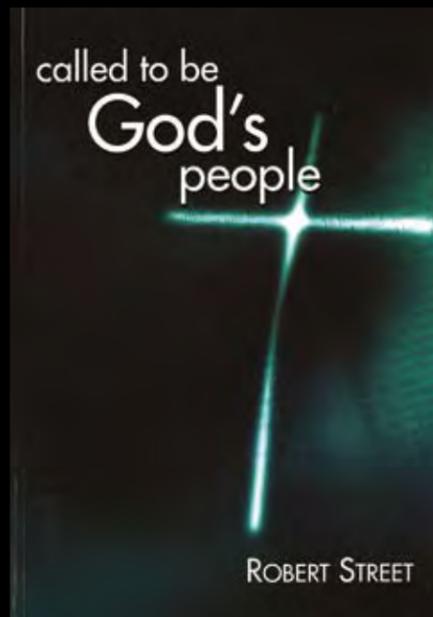
knelt at the mercy seat believing for the first time in her life, that she could be different. A most vivid recollection was seeing a godly retired Salvation Army Commissioner move forward to receive God's provision. I recall the mercy seat scene in the Democratic Republic of Congo when it seemed two-thirds of the congregation moved in a wave so they could kneel before the Lord. Many other stories could be told of backsliders returning to Christ, sinners being saved, saints seeking God and Salvationists coming together to meet with God.

"Would The Salvation Army still exist if we removed these simple pieces of furniture from our buildings? No doubt it would. But I believe it is one of the most basic and profound symbols of all that we are; a salvation people.

"No Salvation Army hall can be without one and every Army worship service should reach its climax with an appeal to meet with God, before his people, at the mercy seat."

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

"Throughout our history, the mercy seat has been a focal point in Salvation Army meetings."



MISSION PRIORITIES UPDATE

The Salvation Army in the 21st century

By LINCOLN HAWKINS

It's fantastic to be part of The Salvation Army. The Army has a special ministry and mission from God. We provide an incredible range of services for which we are widely known and trusted.

Yet the uncomfortable truth is many of our corps are not growing. They're either static or in decline and this presents a great challenge for us. How do we go about reversing downward trends within our movement? How can we be a dynamic, effective, growing missional movement in the 21st century?

Spiritual renewal is certainly part of the answer to those questions. But what is the pathway to spiritual renewal? And how can we be one Army, integrating the mission of both corps and social centres?

The heart of The Salvation Army in Eastern Australia Territory today is for a renewal of spirit and energy that is deep, transforming, sustained and that spans all aspects of our life and mission. The territory's new One Army One Mission initiative has grown out of the God-inspired dreams of its people – you and me. There is a real desire and urgency to reclaim our mission across the board in a relevant, dynamic way. Most people appreciate that things need to be different for The Salvation Army to fulfill its mission today.

Importantly, we now have seven Mission Priorities to work towards. Territorial leadership has outlined an exciting vision of those priorities being achieved. They have also taken an empowering approach believing that you

and me, in our hearts, will see the barriers to effective change and know what needs to happen.

A 2020 Action Plan has been prepared and work is underway. Initial projects to join corps and social mission have commenced. Across the territory several hundred people have signed up to pray together for the Mission Priorities on Thursday mornings. Why don't we aim for 1000?

Over the next few months we're going to hear more from those who attended the 2020 Summit. This month, Natalie Steele, the Army's Flying Padre from Mt Isa, shares her experience of the Summit and its impact on her life.

So what next? During November a representative group of soldiers and officers will visit each corps and centre in the territory to share what One Army One Mission is about and to invite personal response to the Mission Priorities.

One Army One Mission is not "just a new program". It is quite different, in that the map for our future has come from the Army's determination for renewal. You can be part of the 2020 discussion, at your corps or centre, by contacting a 2020 Task Force member or by visiting www.salvos.org.au/2020.



Lincoln Hawkins is a Salvationist from Canberra who attends Tuggeranong Corps. He is a member of the 2020 Task Force

The 2020 Summit means as an Army we're seriously addressing our future. The future lies in the reason why God raised up the Army in the first place. It's not about uniforms, brass bands or military 'speak' – it's about meeting the needs of the people in our community in ways that are relevant and meaningful to them. All too often we can play church behind closed doors, but the challenge is to get out into the community and be where the people are, be real and be Jesus to them. We must be prepared to look people in the eye and open our hearts to them.

This was the outcome of the 2020 Summit. Refocus. One Army One Mission.

Since the Summit I have taken a new look at my role as Flying Padre with my husband, Simon. We don't have a church building to take out with us. Sometimes this is frightening and challenging, but it's liberating. We can't play church behind closed doors! It keeps me grounded and saying to God, 'what now, Lord?'

Natalie Steele, Flying Padre, Mt Isa

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Prayer the power behind holy living

In place of her usual TC@Pipeline column, Commissioner Linda Bond has asked members of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Cabinet to contribute to a series of articles discussing the seven Mission Priorities agreed upon at the recent 2020 Summit. Chief Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon, kicks off the series with a look at the first priority: "A territory marked by prayer and holiness".

Prayer

In 1988, I had the privilege of going on a study tour of the United States. While there, I attended Fuller Theological Seminary to study church growth with Dr Peter Wagner as my teacher.

Each Sunday during our time at the seminary, we were asked to visit a church and then report back to the class our observations of that church. One particular Sunday, I visited Crenshaw Christian Centre which had as one of its features a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year prayer room. There were no less than two people in the prayer room at any given hour. One quickly became aware of the absolute priority of prayer in the life of this church.

At that time I was the corps officer at Auburn and on my return I decided to hold an all-night of prayer. This resulted in one of the most amazing Sundays that I will remember. The holiness meeting commenced at 11am and concluded at 2pm. We felt the most amazing sense of the presence of God and no-one left until God had finished his work. Again I was greatly impacted to see the working of God through prayer.

More recently, I have had involvement with the 24/7 prayer strategy and now across the territory we have the virtual prayer meeting on Thursday mornings – which for me is in the board room at Territorial Headquarters – uniting me with hundreds of Salvationists and friends. I believe God is waiting for us to pray. He wants to answer our prayers.

What happens to individual corps and centres in relation to prayer is over to you. Ask God what he wants you to do and he will direct you. But nothing is going to really happen until we begin to pray in earnest. A prayer strategy for every corps and centre is vital.

Every officer/leader needs intercessors praying for them and there are people who have been gifted by God in the area of intercessory prayer.

I've been a long-time believer in 2 Chronicles 7:14-15: "If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."

Holiness

I began my life in The Salvation Army worshipping in the hall at Nowra where there was a holiness table adorned by a holiness cloth embroidered with the words "Holiness unto the Lord".

We are still a holiness movement, but what does that mean for today's Salvation Army? Hebrews 12:14 gives us some insight: "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy – without holiness no-one will see the Lord,"

I see in the first part of this verse that we are to work at being at peace with our fellow believers. This would be a great prayer subject.

Another of our other Mission Priorities talks about corps that are healthy and multiplying, but this won't begin to happen until there is unity – something we need to begin to pray for and ensure that we do our part to see this happen. This could come in the form of forgiving someone, being reconciled to someone, or being less critical or negative about others.

In thinking about the place of prayer perhaps we need to begin with repentance for our corporate sin. In getting right with our fellow Christians we are working at holiness.

The root meaning of holiness (hagiasmos) is "different" and "separated". When others look at today's 21st century Salvationist, do they see us as different?

A territory marked by prayer and holiness; why is this our first Mission Priority? Because nothing is going to happen unless we pray. This relates to any of the Mission Priorities and certainly in these early days of the virtual prayer meeting, the Mission Priorities have been the focus.

If your life is marked by holiness people will see that you are different and they will want to ask what is it that makes you different?

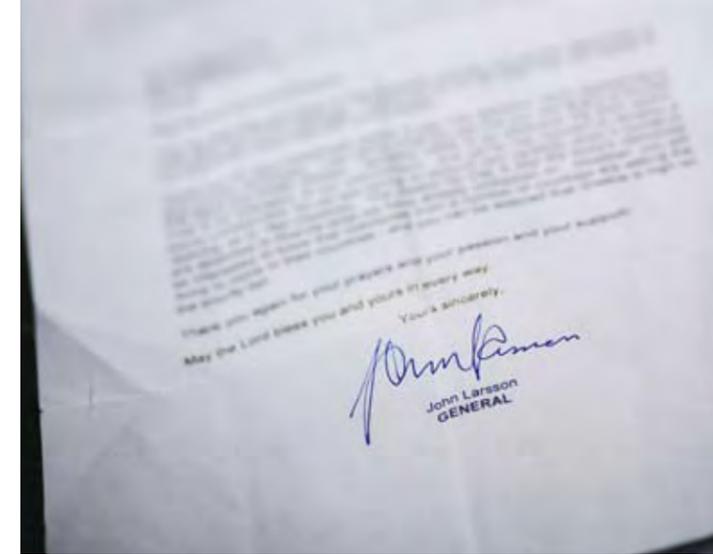
Join us in doing whatever it takes to see our territory marked by prayer and holiness.



Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon is Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory

Modern-day man of Macedonia

Late last year The Salvation Army appointed its first Salvation Army officers in Greece. More than 15,000km away, on the South Coast of NSW, a Greek-born Salvationist's heart leapt for joy at the culmination of a 20-year campaign. BILL SIMPSON reports on a remarkable story of passion and perseverance



Photos: Shairon Paterson

It was like a cry from the pages of the Bible itself. The irony was not lost on at least one Salvation Army General. St Paul's "man of Macedonia" - mentioned in Acts 16:9 - begging the apostle to "come over to Macedonia and help us" has inspired a descendant living in Australia to re-issue the appeal 2000 years later.

This time, however, the plea has been to persuade The Salvation Army. "Come over to Greece (Macedonia) and help us" is the appeal that went out to the Army.

The modern-day Macedonian man is Jim Moisisdis, a Salvationist soldier of Tarrawanna Corps, near Wollongong, on the NSW South Coast.

Born Dimitrios Moisisdis, near the Greek city of Katerini (not far from Thessalonika), more than 70 years ago, Jim had early family links to the Greek Orthodox Church and later the Presbyterian Church, as a young man in Greece. He was unaware of The Salvation Army in his youth.

When he came to Australia in 1966 with his wife and son, they settled at Tarrawanna - within walking distance of the local Salvation Army corps. It was his

first sight of The Salvation Army. He was attracted to the Army's practical care of people with needs - the alcoholic and drug addict, people without a home or in need of food.

Stories of the Army founder, William Booth, and how Booth took his mission to the streets of London - and then the world - convinced Jim to join Booth's Army. He was enrolled as a soldier at Tarrawanna in 1978.

As he served initially through music in his new corps and for the past 30 years collecting for the needy at suburban shopping centres, his thoughts often turned to people in his homeland. It troubled him that they did not have The Salvation Army to help them.

He would discuss his concerns with his corps officers and anybody who would listen. Generals and Commissioners were on his frequent mailing list.

Written plea

The letters began in 1989 when his corps officer, now Major David Palmer, encouraged Jim to write to Salvation Army leaders.

"I remember Jim being very passionate about this," Major Palmer told *Pipeline*.

"Every time we talked, he would mention it. He was convinced that The Salvation Army needed to go to his homeland. He wanted to do something. I advised him to write. We helped him with his letters."

Other officers helped Jim over the following years. Corps secretary Lyn Mather was Jim's chief writer and interpreter.

"Jim's English deteriorated as he got older," Lyn says. "Our corps supported what he was trying to do. The corps people also prayed a lot for Jim and his dream."

The first letter of appeal was sent to General Eva Burrows. In October 1989, Jim received a reply from International Headquarters signed by Lieutenant-Colonel Bramwell Booth, Under-Secretary.

His response was on behalf of the General. Lieut-Colonel Booth explained that it was usual in The Salvation Army for somebody to start the work in their own country and, once established, seek official recognition. Greece was a dream that would have to wait, Lieut-Colonel Booth wrote.

Undaunted, Jim pressed on, writing letters and talking up his dream at every opportunity.

"John Gowans was my inspiration. He always gave me hope."

"Our requests and begging are not any less than those of the Macedonian man to Paul," he told *Pipeline*.

He went to Greece in 1992 to attend to family matters and investigate for himself the need of the people.

"I went to market places and other common places. My spirit was upset within me because the interest of most people there was not for God or their eternal life.

"My thought was that Greece is a needy field. Please Lord, I prayed, we need mercy and grace."

In Greece, Jim contacted an old friend, Nick Ziogas, who had seen The Salvation Army at work in Germany. They held a few worship meetings in local homes.

Jim and Nick arranged a meeting in London in January 1993 with senior international officers. They took with them Haris Giannaros, who was interested in becoming a Salvation Army officer. Haris also spoke better English than Jim and Nick.

Haris and his wife, Anna Giannaroy, returned to London to train as Salvation Army officers. They are currently serving in Britain with the rank of Captain.

Gowans inspiration

In January 1996, Jim wrote to General Paul Rader. He received a reply, on the General's behalf, from Lieut-Colonel Michael Pressland, Under Secretary, Europe South and the United Kingdom.

"Your arguments for the commencement of the work of The Salvation Army in Greece are valid and convincing," Lieut-Colonel Pressland replied.

"Be patient. I am absolutely sure that when the time is right, when it is God's time, the doors will be opened. Be assured that your Macedonian cry is not in vain..."

Also in 1996, Jim received three encouraging responses from General John Gowans, who, at the time, was Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory.

"John Gowans was my inspiration," Jim says. "He kept giving me positive thoughts. He kept saying: 'My friend, no worries, it will happen'. He always gave me hope."

In one letter, the then Commissioner Gowans wrote: "Whilst nothing can be taken for granted, it does seem as if the possibility of your dream coming true is

(clockwise from right) Jim Moisisdis was at the heart of a 20-year campaign to establish The Salvation Army in Greece; the first two Salvation Army soldiers in Greece, Neofytos Totsios and Anastasia Arpatzi, are flanked by a team of international officers; Lyn Mather helps Jim prepare another of his letters; and the first Salvation Army officers in Greece, Captains Polis Pantelidis and Maria Konti-Galinou.

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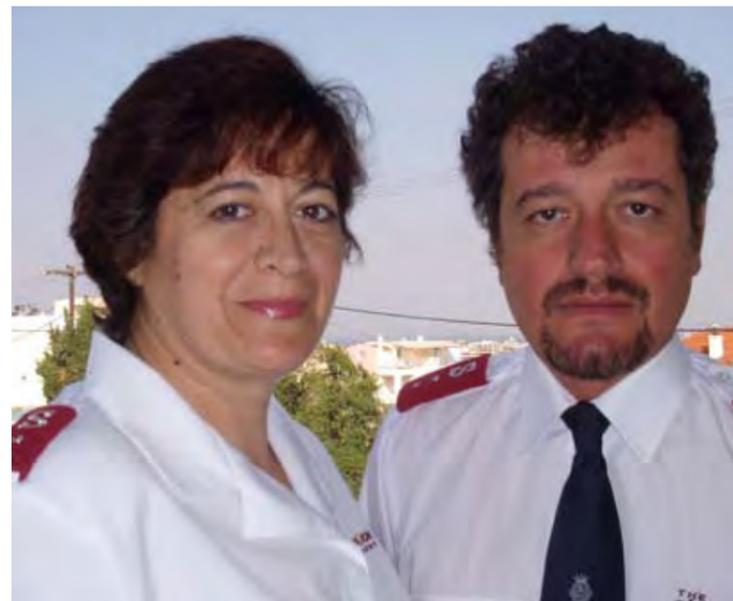


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gathering strength. The important thing at the moment it seems to me is that you not lose heart.

"If this project is in the will of God, and I believe that it is, then it will come to pass."

In another response, Commissioner Gowans wrote: "The mounting interest in your project suggests that your hopes will some day be realised."

And in another: "It really looks as if your prayers and dreams are all going to be answered and come true. You must keep on believing, though I know myself how hard it is to be patient."

In March 1996, Commissioner Lennart Hedberg, International Secretary, wrote: "I have read your letter with great joy and interest, as I have done with all the letters you have sent this department during a long time. I admire your faith and your zeal for the people of Greece and your hope that The Salvation Army some time will open fire in your homeland."

The following year, Commissioner Birgitta Nilson, International Secretary (Europe) wrote: "Over the past few years, we have received many requests from you for The Salvation Army to be officially

opened in Greece. We have been inspired by your faith, prayers and belief that this is in God's will. You have never faltered, even when we have not felt able to answer your appeal."

She advised Jim that "experienced Salvation Army officers" Commissioners John and Mrs Ord were to be sent to Greece to assess the situation. Jim was asked to meet them in Greece, show them around and introduce them to appropriate people.

Jim went to Greece again and did as he had been requested. But, again, International Headquarters said "not yet" regarding the work in Jim's homeland.

Meantime, Greek husband and wife Polis Pantelidis and Maria Konti-Galinou heard about The Salvation Army from Haris and Anna, and in 1997 moved to London to also train as Salvation Army officers. After college, they were appointed to a hostel at Bristol and corps work.

In January 2000, John Gowans - by now the General - wrote to Jim: "My dear friend ... I have pondered upon your Macedonian call to The Salvation Army to come over and help us." However, lack of resources remained the problem.

"It was Jim's dream and initiative which made all this possible."

The following month, Colonel Laurence Hay, Executive Secretary to the General (John Gowans), responded to another letter from Jim. The answer was still no, but: "The sincerity of your faith is appreciated and your perseverance is admired. Do not feel that the General and other leaders are unmindful of your pleas."

In December 2004, Jim met the new General, John Larsson, in Sydney, and immediately put his thoughts in yet another letter.

A few weeks later, he received a personal response: "I am so glad you came to the congress and that we had the opportunity to meet. Thank you for your passionate desire to see The Salvation Army established in your country of Greece." General Larsson assured Jim that Greece was now high on a priority list.

A year later, Colonel Hay, on behalf of the General, said the answer was still "not yet", but encouraged Jim to remain patient.

In May 2006, Major Alison Cowling, Under Secretary for South Pacific and East Asia Department, advised Jim: "You will be pleased to know that a research team

here in the UK Territory has been formed to explore the possibilities of commencing the work of The Salvation Army in Greece."

First officers

On 1 October 2007, Captains Polis Pantelidis and Maria Konti-Galinou were appointed the first Salvation Army officers in Greece. Their appointment was to Thessalonika, the city that St Paul visited 2000 years ago.

Captain Polis has no doubt that Jim Moisisdis' faithfulness to the task inspired the decision.

"Praise the Lord for Jim," Captain Polis told *Pipeline* from Thessalonika.

"He was at the beginning of the long journey. It was Jim's dream and initiative which made all this possible.

"Nothing would have happened if Jim had stayed in Australia.

"It seems from what Jim says that it was not only his corps officers but the corps people, as well (who provided support). We owe them a big thank you, as with their support the dream has been materialised."

On 13 September this year, husband and wife Neofytos Totsios and Anastasia

Arpatzi were enrolled as the first Salvation Army soldiers in Greece.

With Captains Polis and Maria, they meet each week, under The Salvation Army's Greek flag, in a house fellowship. Their next step is to form an official corps. Jim Moisisdis wants to be there for the occasion.

"Two thousand years ago, God did a great work through Paul in Greece," Jim says in now faltering English. "I always believed that God wanted The Salvation Army in Greece. He was saying: 'Come over and help'.

"I think God used Tarrawanna Corps to open the door. I can't prove it, but when I stand before God I will ask him and he will tell me.

"I think he will say: 'Yes Jim; I did.'"



Bill Simpson is a staff writer for *Pipeline*

Called by God...

Each year, men and women who have been drawn together from all walks of life are commissioned as Salvation Army officers. It follows two years of intensive training, during which they study subjects as diverse as theology, pastoral care, community development, public relations, world religions, and ethics, among others. They are also exposed to practical out-training and regular pastoral and public-speaking ministry. Next month, on Sunday December 7, cadets of the *Witnesses for Christ* training session will be commissioned at Brisbane City Hall. Here, four of the cadets tell the story of their calling and their time in training.

Invited as a boy

Richard Day

My first visit to The Salvation Army was at the age of 11. The corps officer at Cessnock invited me to Sunday school. I progressed to church services and then Boys Legion.

I would hear about a God who loved and cared for me and offered me a hope and a future. I could see in the people something I would like. I became a Christian. Being the only Christian in my family made life difficult. But I knew that I could get through by relying on God for his strength.

As my relationship with God grew, I began to realise that God desired more from me than attending church every week. As I continued to seek God's direction through prayer, I discovered that my life would be lived in service to him in The Salvation Army.

In December 1995, I was enrolled as a soldier of the Cessnock Corps. Soon after, God called me to full-time ministry as an officer. I entered The Salvation Army Training College on 31 January 2007, with trepidation and excitement.

Looking back over the past two years, it is evident that there have been many challenges and joys as I have obeyed God and began to slowly make the transition from soldier to officer. There has been growth in many areas of my life and I know that the experiences that I have had will keep me in good stead as I step out into a lifetime of ministry.

My prayer is that I will be obedient in my officership as I preach the "good news to the poor, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners," (Isaiah 61:1-2).

Cadet Richard Day with Captain Gaye Day.



Cadets Craig and Katie Harlum.

God and I know each other better, now

Craig Harlum

My training has been somewhat a holistic experience. Let me explain.

Being in relationship with Jesus and participating in training to become an officer of The Salvation Army has contributed to the holiness process that God intends for my life. When I came to college, I was not the person I am today. This is because throughout my college experience I have been challenged spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically and socially.

My relationship with Jesus guided me as I was confronted with areas of my life that needed to be transformed. Now I know what Jesus meant when he said he came that we may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10). You see, my relationship with Jesus is not just about forgiveness of my sin; it is about intimacy with God. My college experience has helped me get to know God and allow him to get to know me in a much deeper way than ever before.

The vision I have for my officership is to see others come to know Jesus and to see them responding to the transformation that he wants for their lives. My vision is to disciple, equip, encourage and build up others for ministry. My vision for The Salvation Army is to see these believers, who are on the journey of holiness, evangelise a world that is desperately looking for proof that God is for them and not against them.

I think the world will want what we have when Christians (Salvationists) confront their issues in relationship with Jesus and experience life to the full.

Talking it up for God

Jeff Goodwin

I am 50 years old and married to Terri. We have two daughters. For the five years before entering the training college, I hosted a radio talkback program called "Talk of the Town". It won several awards, including best talkback show in a provincial market.

Radio colleagues said I had a huge future in the business. So, it was no surprise that they thought I was crazy when I announced that I was going to be a Salvation Army officer. To Christians, though, it made perfect sense.

As I and my family are about to leave Booth College and go into the community as Salvation Army officers, I cannot stress enough the importance of our spiritual formation classes. They have taught us about Christ-like responses in dealing with ourselves and others. Having a tender heart is equivalent to having a tender conscience, and tenderness of conscience is vital to being used by God.

My vision for the future is a shared vision with Terri and daughter Sarah to build a corps not just numerically, but spiritually, with family of God relationships and also to connect strongly with the wider community.

My vision for The Salvation Army is that we build God's



Cadets Jeff and Terri Goodwin with their daughter, Sarah.

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Whether we have been called to train as officers in The Salvation Army or to serve Christ in any other capacity, God wants to be our first love. All else is secondary.

Smash the 'walls' – the world is waiting

Narelle Unicomb

My life as a teenager revolved around church and school. I went to school for the mandatory six hours per day. Other than that, my whole social life was at church or with church friends. I had no need to interact with anyone outside the church. My life was pretty good.

I finished Year 12 in 2002 and, for a bit of adventure, signed up for a couple of mission trips. I encourage everybody to do this. They're amazing; they take you out of your comfort zone and you learn heaps about how God and you function together.

I spent a week on the Gold Coast serving schoolies with the "Red Frog Crew" and six weeks in Thailand with Teen Missions.

Amongst a lot of other things, the experience taught me that there is a world outside the Church and a place for Christians within that world. There are people in our world searching for something beyond the everyday and the best thing we can do for them is introduce them to Jesus.

Over the last two years of training, I have had the opportunity to think through what church really is and what it is to be part of a faith community in our world today. I keep coming back to the point that we are a sent people – sent to bring hope, beauty, freedom, mercy and justice to this world.

What I would like to see for The Salvation Army is the "walls" of our churches smashed to smithereens and every member courageously bombarding their community with Christian love. It's not that hard; we just have to do it.



Cadet Narelle Unicomb.

Aged Care Plus Mission and Personnel Manager Major Robin Pullen and Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister.



Coming of age

Recent changes to how The Salvation Army operates its aged care facilities reflect its renewed mission to ensure the neediest don't fall through the net amidst a tangle of federal regulations. KENT ROSENTHAL reports

The Salvation Army's ambitious plan to serve Australia's ageing population, including a \$300 million upgrade and expansion program (announced in *Pipeline* last year) is now underway in its Eastern Territory of NSW, ACT and Queensland. Recent changes in the program include an enhanced focus on care, increased mission awareness as well as an independently-funded building project.

It involves developing seven new residential aged care facilities compliant with federal standards, renovating another four residential aged care facilities to bring them up to standard, and building four new retirement villages. Project funds have been approved through interest and capital from resident contributions, a government grant and a loan.

The Salvation Army in Australia has been serving in aged care for over 100 years. Its mission now covers 16 facilities across the Eastern Territory which united under the banner of Aged Care Plus three years ago. While Aged Care Plus is not a new department, a new logo and corporate image was launched recently to highlight the renewed mission focus and commitment to provide the best care in an ever-changing legislative arena.

Aged Care Plus Mission and Personnel Manager Major Robin Pullen and Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister visited all divisional headquarters in the territory in September and October to explore further opportunities to collaborate on mission activities, and to provide an update on mission focus and highlight the network of aged care services in the Eastern Territory.

Major Pullen points out the significance of the name: Aged Care refers to quality accommodation and care for the elderly and Plus stands for the spiritual program based on Christian values.

"Across the 16 centres we have over 1400 residents, over 1000 staff, and many volunteers who provide support and spiritual direction, so it's quite a large area of ministry. The pastoral care ministry is not just for residents but also their families, and we are there for the officers and staff as well," she said.

Before being appointed in January this year, Major Pullen was manager of Samaritan House, a hostel for the homeless in Sydney's Surry Hills. Major Pullen welcomes the challenge of her new mission which encompasses a broader spectrum of souls to care for. She now supports chaplains, mission directors and facility managers, and a mixture of officers and lay people.

"Our chaplains go about the Salvation Army mission through one-on-one support, hospital visitations, family support, grief and loss counselling and funerals. They also conduct Bible studies and all the traditional things to ensure people have an opportunity to get to know them and to have a relationship with Jesus," she says.

Part of her mission is also to encourage Salvationists to consider working in aged care as a way to live out the Gospel values in a practical way – either as a volunteer or a paid employee.

"It's a great mission opportunity. If people are thinking of paid work there are opportunities to work within aged care and undertake traineeships and courses. Sometimes Salvationists or other people are out there looking for a job and want it to be meaningful and aged care is a great way of being on mission as well as being paid."

Major Pullen says a skills shortage affects the whole aged sector, with staff getting older and fewer young people considering a career in this sector.

"... aged care is a great way of being on mission as well as being paid."

An ageing population

About 13 per cent of Australians are now aged 65 and above and this number is expected to triple over the next 40 years. The number of octogenarians will almost double in the next 20 years. The expansion of The Salvation Army's aged care operations is one way to provide security for those who can't care for themselves.

Over the next four years, the Australian Government is investing \$28.6 billion on nursing homes alone. In Australia there are almost 3000 nursing homes with more than 170,000 beds. Aged Care Plus cares for 1400 of those residents living as far north as Rockhampton. It also administers 400 independent living units and some community care services. Aged Care Plus has an annual income of \$75 million raised through government grants and residents' contributions.

An Australian born today can expect to reach 81.4 years of age. New research shows that, by mid-century, Australians could expect to live to their mid-to-late 80s.

While Aged Care Plus needs to adapt to the demands of this growth area fuelled by an ageing population, its mission to provide support to pensioners and others with limited incomes remains the same.

But the competitive nature of the aged care sector cannot be ignored and sound business strategy needs to go hand in hand with the mission of caring, and this is a major focus for Aged Care Plus in 2008 and 2009. >>

Pastoral care a team effort

Chaplain Jo Chant considers Edna Mayne, 97, an honorary member of the pastoral team at Inner West Aged Care in Sydney's Dulwich Hill.

"Sometimes Edna's my eyes and ears. She'll tell me if someone's not particularly well, and whether they're not well emotionally as well. And it's almost like she's part of the pastoral team – because it really is about teamwork," Jo says. Edna is attached to the Petersham Corps of The Salvation Army where she's the number one soldier on the corps roll. Her father, George Farthing, was bandmaster there for 12 years during the corps' early days. Edna became a resident of the hostel section at the Maybanke facility just five years ago and now plays the piano for most of the chapel services. "I love *How Great Thou Art* and I think *O Boundless Salvation* is my very favourite hymn – I think the words are wonderful," Edna says.

She points proudly to a portrait on her bedroom wall of her sister Gladys Farthing, who was a nurse during World War II and later the matron at Concorde Repatriation Hospital. Gladys was appointed to the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her services during the war. The original oil on canvas was painted in Cairns by Nora Heysen and is now on display at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. Edna has two sons, Jon and Ron Mayne. Her nephew, Major Peter Farthing, is the Eastern Territory's secretary for personnel based in Sydney.

Jo says improved health care means many more people like Edna are now entering care facilities in their 90s instead of their 80s which used to be much more the case.

Edna says she's content to be living in such a beautiful facility. "The care here is just wonderful – the personal carers are wonderful. Every one of them is very caring and respectful, and we respect them too – that's part of it too."

Jo says the Maybanke nursing home and hostel caters for all faiths and cultures.

"Even though the offer's there for a Buddhist monk to come in or an Imam to come in, people from other faiths still come along and allow me to be their chaplain. We cross that chasm, there are no barriers at all," she says.

"We are not segregated or culturally specific here. We are open to everyone, but our services are Salvation Army – and there's dignity in that."



Edna Mayne, 97, and Chaplain Jo Chant.

Smart approach

Major Pullen says an aim of Aged Care Plus is to at any one time, have 41 per cent of its accommodation and care services being utilised by the financially disadvantaged, and this requires a smart business approach. To continue funding services for the more needy, Ms Callister says managers need to have an excellent understanding of funding and budget necessities in order to balance care provision and limited opportunities to attract resident fees and subsidies.

A combination of government funding, resident fees and resident bonds (invested to fund capital building projects) is needed so that centres can operate independently. Ms Callister, who took over as chief executive in February this year, says she was surprised to find that some personnel understood that funds for aged care came from Army sources, including the Red Shield Appeal, when that is not the case.

"Aged Care Plus operates, from a funding perspective, independently and is expected to be able to manage within itself and its own funds. It needs to be a sustainable operation so that it can continue its mission of care into the future," says Ms Callister.

Salvation Army personnel have been making key structural changes in aged care management since the 1990s, but each year the bar continues to rise and regulations become more complicated. In March this year the Federal Government scrapped the Resident Classification System in an effort to reduce red tape, replacing it with the new Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) which features more categories to classify a resident within the low and high care spectrum.

"There's certainly been a push from the Government to simplify red tape and they believe that ACFI is the answer, but it's still a relatively new process that's under review. Funding is provided based on a resident's care needs and more funding is

being directed to higher levels of care and more complex care," says Ms Callister.

"Realistically with the change in funding system there is no more extra money from government for the aged care sector and it continues to be a challenge to operate."

While from a broader industry perspective there are ongoing concerns about government funding, she says Aged Care Plus has restructured to ensure that resident care needs are covered well down the track.

"Improving overall operational performance of Aged Care Plus involves new and more stringent reporting requirements up to board level on every aspect. It also involves a balanced score card of indicators ranging from residents, to mission, finances, human resources and marketing," she says.

"We have a suite of about 30 key performance indicators that we report on a monthly basis to our board. That's been a massive but important change for us, ensuring our service operates as transparently as possible."

Apart from the current building project, future plans for Aged Care Plus include expanding its community care sector, applying for government grants in regional areas and seeking new funding opportunities for high care services.

"Part of my role is to liaise and communicate with all areas of the Army so that I can promote the mission work that we do in aged care and strengthen the bonds between us and the other service areas," says Ms Callister.

"We are very focused on promoting One Army, One Mission."



Artist's impression of the extensions to Macquarie Lodge on Wollongong Rd (left) seen beside the existing facility (right).



Artist's impression of the new retirement village apartments on Eastbank Ave, Collaroy from Alexander St.

Aged Care Plus – the facts

- Tough government rules require The Salvation Army to update aged care standards by 31 December 2008
- The Australia Eastern Territory is committed to aged care as an important program
- Ongoing delays have been experienced in obtaining development applications approvals for building work from local councils
- Despite delays, compliance with standards should be achieved even though not all building work will be finished (i.e. necessary fire and safety and privacy obligations will be met)
- Work is being paid for through Aged Care Plus-generated funds
- No Red Shield Appeal money nor other Army money is used in aged care operations or redevelopment
- Aged Care Plus is FULLY self funding – all funds come from government and residents, not through Territorial Headquarters support
- In the financial year 30 June 2008, Aged Care Plus contributed approximately \$6 million to the Australia Eastern Territory to fund its own redevelopment



An artist's impression of the new Trigg Village aged care facility at Collaroy on Sydney's northern beaches.



The site plan of a new aged care facility in the Brisbane suburb of Chapel Hill.

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Passion for the poor

It's been 15 years since General Eva Burrows stepped down as world leader of The Salvation Army. In her 'retirement', though, she maintains a busy schedule.
By BILL SIMPSON

An official portrait taken of General Eva Burrows during her time as world leader of The Salvation Army

It's hard to tell how old he is. His face shows obvious signs of a hard life. His manner is that of a man affected by a few too many alcoholic drinks - even though it's only mid-morning. "I want to see the little old grey-haired lady," he demands. "Tell her it's (name withheld)."

The staff at The Salvation Army's Melbourne 614 Corps - in the city's main street - know very well who he wants to see. It's just that they don't see her as a "little old grey-haired lady" themselves. They have too much respect for her to accept any description outside of saintly.

The lady is General Eva Burrows. Even after 15 years in retirement from active officership and on the brink of turning 80, General Burrows remains an involved member of her Army.

She is the corps recruiting sergeant; a member of the staff assisting the homeless, hungry, distressed, depressed, deprived and demented. She is chair of the Project 614 advisory board and member of a committee campaigning to raise \$17 million to restore and renovate the century-old Salvation Army building at 69 Bourke St.

General Burrows laughs when she hears the story of the man who went to 614 looking for her.

"The street people don't come looking for the General, you know," she says. "They come to get something. That's what The Salvation Army does.

"My title doesn't mean a thing to them. It's wonderful. I can be incognito with these people. I love that."

And then, the passion pours out. "These people are my life, you know; always have been. When I was the General in London, I loved to go out at night into the streets, the parks and subways to see what I could do.

"It's been there in my heart ever since my father was corps officer at Fortitude Valley (inner-city Brisbane)." General Burrows was a teenager then.

"You know what 614 stands for, don't you." It's more of an opportunity for her to explain it than a question meant to get a response.

"Let me tell you," she insists.

"Well, it's based on Isaiah 61:4: 'They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated

for generations.' This is about those poor, lost souls of inner-Melbourne. I have to be there."

Called for a purpose

When she first retired as General, she returned from London to live in Melbourne where she had served as leader of The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory.

General Burrows first worshipped at a more traditional corps. She was still involved in extensive overseas and interstate travel through frequent invitations to address officers' conferences, leadership seminars and Sunday services, as well as meetings as board member of the International Bible Society.

"But four years or so ago when I cut back on travel, I felt God calling me to Project 614. I live in the city and I sensed that God placed me there for a purpose." She moved to 614 for Sunday worship, but also to be part of the community involvement.

"614 is a thrilling expression of the mission of The Salvation Army. I'm a very keen soldier of the corps.

"It's a famous city temple where the

"This feeling in me for the poor is very strong. So, I need to keep going."

Founder, William Booth, preached four times.

"You know, I often imagine William Booth looking down and smiling. The meetings are like those he conducted in the early days in east London. The people's reverence and awareness of God amazes me."

As recruiting sergeant, she leads classes for interested people to become adherents and soldiers. Eight new soldiers have been enrolled in the past 12 months.

"Now, isn't that a wonderful thing," she says. Her excitement is as fresh as a new Christian. "This is deeply satisfying work. It's my calling; I have no doubt about that.

"You know, there are people who can't stop work. I'm not like that. I'm not a workaholic; I never have been. I still have a private life. But I do feel that when opportunities come, I should take them. I always have.

"I'm not driven. I do enjoy being retired. Maybe when I turn 80 next year, I will cut back on a few things. I would like more time to do some more theological study.

"But, for now, this feeling in me for

the poor is very strong. So, I need to keep going. I do realise there are physical limitations as the body gets older. I realise that my body is slowing, so I need to pace myself.

"I've got one of those treadmills at home, so I walk every day, mostly memorising the great old songs."

As well as the roles mentioned above, General Burrows also addresses cadets each year at The Salvation Army training colleges in Melbourne and Sydney. She also works with overseas officers during annual six-week training courses in Australia. She started the courses when she was the Australia Southern Territory leader.

"Also, I have very good time for my personal devotional life; spending time with our Lord. That is so special and so important," she says.

So, when the biological clock ticks over to 80 in a few months, there will be some huge decisions to make. Where will the activity cutbacks come? That will be another story.



General Burrows takes part in a senior soldier enrolment ceremony (above) at 614 Corps; and with some friends (below) at Project 614.



Chinese National Congress

Australia's Chinese-speaking Salvationists held their first national congress in Sydney on October 11 and 12, gathering 220 people from the Australia Eastern and Southern territories as well as guests from Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Under the theme "Celebrating Mission", delegates discussed the challenge of expanding their ministry among Chinese speakers. The congress was supported by the Hong Kong Staff Band, formerly the Hong Kong Command Band, under Bandmaster Joshua Yip.

Australia Eastern Territory's Secretary for Program, Lieutenant-Colonel Lynette Green, opened the Friday night meeting at Collaroy on Sydney's north shore.

Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary Lieut-Colonel James Condon called for unity and renewal.

"I see people from many tribes, many nations and many languages but we come together to serve the one God," Lieut-Colonel Condon said.

Commissioner Barry Pobjie, The Army's South Pacific and East Asia Zone Leader, urged delegates to celebrate their faith

and the unique contributions that Chinese and Chinese-speaking people make to Christian mission.

He read a greeting from General Shaw Clifton who wrote that the delegates represent a vital part of The Salvation Army as they come from across Australia, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Major Belinda Tso spoke about ministries in Hong Kong and Macao and Major Stephen Liang, from Taiwan, described the impact typhoons have had on his island. Lieut-Colonels Elaine and Merv Rowland, officers commanding in Hong Kong and Macao, spoke about the Army's poverty relief work in China.

The Hong Kong Staff Band performed throughout the weekend at Collaroy, Parramatta, Chinatown and Sydney Congress Hall where delegates sang together in Mandarin, Cantonese and English.

Covenant cards were offered in Chinese and English at the Sunday morning meeting, with signatories pledging to play a role in leading others to Christ.

An International Chinese Congress will be held in Hong Kong in 2010 to mark the 80th anniversary of The Salvation Army's work there.



More than 220 people gather at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's north shore.

Major Sam Pho from Box Hill Corps speaks at Sydney Congress Hall about the need to "chase" God, saying that we search for love and longevity but what we really seek is life.



A Hong Kong Staff Band trombonist.



The Hong Kong Staff Band performs at Sydney's Chinatown.



Dancers from Burwood Corps perform a traditional Inner Mongolian dance.

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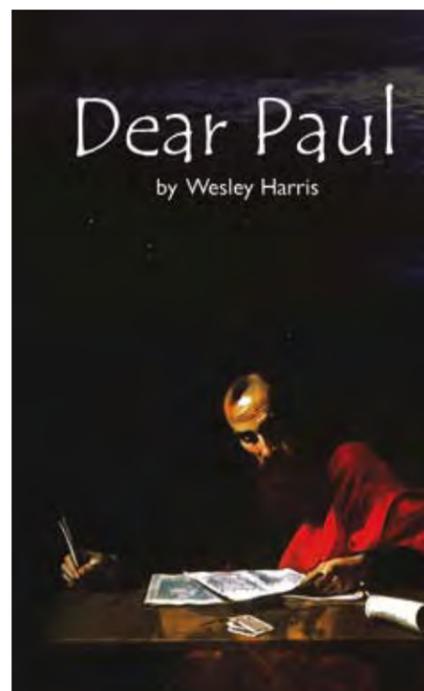
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Book Review



Dear Paul
by Wesley Harris

A newspaper editor I worked with as a journalist many years ago said to me that there was one burning question he hoped to ask St Paul if he got to heaven. The question was: "You know all those letters you wrote, St Paul; did anybody ever write back?"

Well, somebody has – which brings me to a second story! When my wife and I lived in Melbourne a few years ago, we struck up a friendship with a lovely couple – Commissioners Wesley and Margaret Harris.

Although British officers, the Harris' had settled in Melbourne after many years of leadership in Scotland, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Canada, Bermuda and Australia.

The Commissioner is the author of several books, a former Salvation Army publications editor and writer of many articles. We often discussed stories we had written and would like to write.

During one of our conversations, Commissioner Harris said: "You know, Bill, I have started writing to St Paul." My mind immediately flashed to that former newspaper editor. He would have loved a chat with Commissioner Harris. I hope he made it to heaven, because he would now have the answer to his question.

Commissioner Harris has published a book of his letters – 79 letters, in fact. Each letter starts: Dear Paul, and concludes with either Yours sincerely or Yours gratefully, Wesley.

Dear Paul is a delightful book. Each

letter takes up only two pages and includes a Bible reference. That makes the book not a bad idea for a daily reading or Bible study subject guide.

In his introduction to the book, Commissioner Harris says: "Sadly, I have never received a reply from the apostle Paul, but I hope that sharing the letters through this book will encourage others to explore the life and letters of the great apostle and discover more of God's will for their lives."

In his first letter to St Paul, Commissioner Harris says: "I've never written to an apostle before and I can't find anyone with previous experience to guide me on the appropriate approach. So forgive me if I put a foot (I mean a pen) wrong. Expect to hear more from me shortly."

He asks Paul about his family, seeks his views on change versus tradition, advises him of how things have changed in the world and in the church, and – yes – about his comments on a woman's place in the church.

In his letter on women preaching, Commissioner Harris writes: "... you may not be surprised to know that some of your statements have led to a few arguments."

The \$14.95 purchase price is worth paying to read the rest. – **Bill Simpson**

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Appointment changes

The following appointments of Salvation Army officers are effective 8 January 2009, unless otherwise stated. Please pray for these officers and for officer families as they prepare to move and take up new challenges across Queensland, NSW and ACT.

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Representative Lindon **Kinder** (Captain effective 8 January 2009), RSDS Holsworthy; Representative Cheryl **Kinder** (Captain effective 8 January 2009), RSDS Holsworthy; Senior Representative Captain Trevor **Friend**, School of Military Engineers; Senior Representative Captain Debbie **Friend**, School of Military Engineers

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

Lieut-Colonel Pam **Hodge**, Director of The Salvation Army International Development Office
Major Jan **Laws**, Assistant Chief Secretary (Governance)
Major Colin **Lingard**, MASIC Chairman (additional appointment)
Major Ann **Lingard**, MASIC Secretary (additional appointment)

BOOTH COLLEGE

Lieut-Colonel John **Hodge**, Secretary for Education and Training and Principal of Booth College
Captain Donna **Evans**, Vice Principal for Administration and Personnel

School for Officer Training

Captain Gavin **Watts**, Principal
Captain Wendy **Watts**, Director of Spiritual Formation

School for Christian Studies

Captain Adam **Couchman**, Director

School for Leadership Training

Major Kerrie **Farthing**, Director

School for Youth Leadership

Captains Andrew and Melissa **Humphreys**, Directors

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Major Philip **Cairns**, Secretary
Major Jan **Cairns**, Assistant Secretary
Captain Neroli **Radburn**, Support Officer; Captain Dianne **Gluyas**, Chaplain, Territorial Headquarters (effective 21 October 2008)

Officer Recruitment Team

Captains Craig and Donna **Todd**, Directors (full-time)

SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Major Peter **Farthing**, Secretary
Captain Brenton **James**, Resource Consultant; Captain Dianne **Gluyas**, Resource Development Officer

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Major Miriam **Gluyas**, Secretary

Territorial Mission & Resource Team

Captain Robbin **Moulds**, Mission Development Consultant (additional appointment)

AGED CARE PLUS

Major Robert **Sneller**, Chaplain, Montrose Residential Aged Care;
Major Sharon **Coulter**, Chaplain, Mountain View/Burrangiri Aged Care Services; Captain Mavis **Salt**, Chaplain and Director of Mission, Northern Beaches Aged Care Services (full-time)

EMPLOYMENT PLUS

Major Eva **Phillips**, Chaplain, NSW

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Major Peter **Laws**, Secretary
Captain Stuart **Evans**, Assistant Secretary (Administration)

Internal Audit Department

Major Brian **Unicomb**, Corps Audits NSW; Major Graham **Drew**, Corps Audits Qld

Legal Department

Major David **Knight**, Assistant Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Captain Peter **Townsend**, Co-developer for Supporter Relationship Management System Database; Major Karen **Masters**, Administration Officer

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Major Deslea **Maxwell**, Planned Giving Director Sydney Appeal Office; Major Darrell **Slater**, Residential Appeal Director (The Greater West); Major Deslea **Maxwell**, Residential Appeal Director (Sydney East and Illawarra)

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Women's Ministries Department

Major Rowena **Smith**, Adult & Family Ministries Resource Officer

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Captain Vanessa **Garven**, Manager, Central Coast Recovery Services Centre (SELAH); Captain Roxanne **Ridley**, Assistant Manager, Central Coast Recovery Services Centre (SELAH); Captains Michael and Sandy **Hogg**, Assistant Managers, Hunter Region Recovery Services; Captains Philip and Janet **Staines**, Associate Managers, William Booth House

ACT AND SOUTH NSW DIVISION

Captains Paul and Kaylene **Morrice**, Corps Officers, Belconnen; Captain Carole **Smith**, Team Leader, Canberra City Oasis Corps and Oasis Support Services; Captains Tim and Laura **Gittins**, Team Members, Canberra City Oasis Corps and Oasis Support Services; Captain Louise **Nicholson**, Corps Officer, Cowra; Captains Craig and Noeleen **Smith**, Corps Officers, Griffith; Cadet Alice **Folan-Foley**, Corps Assistant, Shoalhaven; To be announced, Corps Officer, Temora/West Wyalong; Captains Mark and Fran **Everitt**, Corps Officers, Tuggeranong; Captains Justin and Lindy **Davies**, Corps Officers, Young Cluster; Major Les **Coulter**, Manager, Canberra Community Services Centre

CENTRAL AND NORTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

Major Laurie **Robertson**, Divisional Commander; Major Simone **Robertson**, Divisional Director of Women's Ministries; Captain Meaghan **Gallagher**, Divisional Communications and Public Relations Secretary; Captain Evonne **Packer**, Divisional Social Programme Secretary (additional appointment); To be announced, Corps Officer, Ayr; Captain Jeffrey **Bush**, Rural Chaplain, Atherton Tablelands (additional appointment); To be announced, Corps Officer, Bowen; Captains Craig and Shirley **Spooner**, Team Leaders, Cairns; Envoy Heather **Moulder**,

Capricorn Region Corps – Chaplain to Courts (effective 3 November 2008); Captains Merv and Maryann **Dovey**, Corps Officers & Rural Chaplains, Longreach; Cadets Jeff and Terri **Goodwin**, Corps Officers, Mackay; Envoys Alan and Jenny **Minniecon**, Corps Officers, Mount Isa and Indigenous Ministries; Cadet Matthew and Captain Emma **Moore**, Team Leaders, Yeppoon Mission Centre

NEWCASTLE AND CENTRAL NSW DIVISION

Major Kerry **Haggar**, Divisional Commander; Major Cheralynne **Pethybridge**, Divisional Women's Ministries Secretary and Divisional Mission Team Leader; Major Colin **Haggar**, Divisional Communications and Public Relations Secretary; Captain Julie **Schofield**, Divisional Silver Star Secretary (additional appointment); Captains David and Val **Prigg**, Cessnock Corps, Chaplains to Cessnock Prison; Captains Malcolm and Wendy-Sue **Swann**, Corps Officers, Dubbo; Majors Max and Karen **Smith**, Corps Officers, Forster/Tuncurry; Captains Peter and Wendy **Spindle**, Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, Chaplains to Social Centres; Lieut-Colonel Lynette **Green**, Corps Officer, Taree; Captain Mark **Williamson**, Corps Officer, Raymond Terrace; Captain Wendy **Spindler**, Associate Manager, Newcastle Community Services Centre; Cadets David and Tahlia **Grounds**, flexible training cadets in appointment as Assistant Corps Officers, Westlakes Corps.

NORTH NSW DIVISION

Captains Keith and Christine **Atkinson**, Corps Officers, Grafton; Cadets Stephen and Kim **Gorringer**, Corps Officers, Kempsey; Captains John and Nicole **Viles**, Corps Officers, Nambucca River; Cadets Stuart and Paula **Glover**, Corps Officers, Tamworth

SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

Captain Derek **Whitehouse**, Residential Appeal Director (South Queensland); Captain Sonia **Whitehouse**, Divisional Community Care Ministries and Seniors Programme Secretary; Major Heather **Drew**, Court Chaplain, Chaplaincy Services South Queensland; Cadet Karen **Keddie**, Assistant Officer, Brisbane City Temple; Majors Bryce and Sue **Davies**, Team Leaders, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission; Majors David and Michele **Terracini**, Team Leaders, Carina/Mt Gravatt Cluster (Genesis Project); Majors Brian and Glenys **Holley**, Team Members (Mt Gravatt) (Genesis Project); Major Marie **Gittins**, Corps Officer, Lockyer Valley; Majors Keith and Lyn **Cook**, Corps Officers, Maryborough; Cadets Ashley and

Bronwyn **Barkmeyer**, Corps Officers, Maroochydore; Captains Glenn and Julia **Price**, Corps Officers, Nambour; Cadets Craig and Katie **Harlum**, Corps Officers, South Burnett Region; Majors David and Beverley **McMurray**, Corps Officers, Stafford; Major Lorraine **McLeod**, Co-Manager, Pindari Men's Hostel (variation to appointment); Major Bruce **Pratt**, Assistant Manager, Pindari Men's Hostel (variation to appointment)

SYDNEY EAST AND ILLAWARRA DIVISION

Major Judy **Knight**, Chaplain, Downing Centre Sydney; Captains Anthony and Janice **Rees**, Corps Officers, Miranda; Major David **Pullen**, Corps Officer, Petersham (additional appointment); Captain Brenton **James**, Associate Officer, Petersham; Major Terry **Grey** and Captain Lyn **Edge**, Corps Officers, Sydney Congress Hall; Cadet Christelle **Pearson**, Team Member, Sydney Streetlevel Mission; Cadet Narelle **Unicomb**; Team Member, Sydney Streetlevel Mission; Cadet Richard and Captain Gaye **Day**, Corps Officers, Tarrawanna; Captain Paul **Moulds**; Consultant, Oasis Youth Support Network; Captain Brett **Mitchell**, Director, Oasis Youth Support Network; Captain Louanne **Mitchell**, Mission Officer, Oasis Youth Support Network

THE GREATER WEST DIVISION

Captain Marriane **Schryver**, Chaplain, Children's Courts; Captain Raelene **Steep**, Chaplain, Western Sydney Women's Prisons (effective 16 October 2008); Captains Nesan and Cheryl **Kistan**, Corps Officers, Auburn (variation to appointment); Captains Daniel and Amanda **Ross**, Corps Officers, Bathurst; Majors Garry and Sue **Cox**, Corps Officers, Campbelltown; Majors David and Angela **Eyles**, Corps Officer, Fairfield City; Envoy Joan **Howell**, Corps Officer, Lithgow; Majors Mark and Beth **Brooks**, Mission Leaders, Prestons/Wattle Grove (effective 16 October 2008); Captain Jennifer **Wheatley**, Manager, Broken Hill Social Programmes; Russell Hung (Captain effective 5 February 2009), Youthlink – Chaplain

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Captains Allan and Carolyn **Kerr**, to the Australia Southern Territory, Corps Officers, Kyabram (Northern Victoria Division) (effective 14 January 2009); Majors Allan and Fran **Flemming**, Leave of Absence; Captains Ken and Louise **Brindley**, out of appointment; Captain Chris **Radburn**, to be announced; Captain David **Hawke**, overseas appointment to be announced.



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Landmark conference for Salvation Army journalism



Scott Simpson, Captain Peter McGuigan, ARPA President Errol Pike, Major Laurie Robertson, Father Brian O'Connell and Major Christina Tyson with some of The Salvation Army's editorial awards.

Salvation Army publications in Australia and New Zealand last month won several top awards for excellence in religious journalism and publishing.

The awards were issued by the Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA) at its annual conference, this year held in Brisbane from 4-6 October. ARPA comprises more than 170 member publications, both Catholic and Protestant, and associate members.

The Army's Australian *Warcry* and New Zealand *War Cry* magazines, jointly won the prestigious "Gutenberg Award", a perpetual trophy presented annually "at the discretion of the ARPA president for outstanding achievement or excellence in religious communication". It was the first time The Salvation Army had been honoured in this way by the Christian Church in Australia and New Zealand.

The citation for the award read: "Continuously for 125 years these two weekly publications of The Salvation Army have been a sought-after source of news, inspiration and spiritual nurture for generations of Salvationist readers.

"Further, and in keeping with the mission of The Salvation Army, these publications have been both a challenge and a comfort to the unchurched and non-believers. Their constant presence and availability in such places as public bars and on street corners has made them arguably the best-known of all Christian publications among their secular communities." (See full citation on page 27).

Accepting the award were Australian *Warcry* Editor-in-Chief Major Laurie Robertson and New Zealand *War Cry* Editor Major Christina Tyson. Major Tyson said the Army's New Zealand

magazine existed "to lift the morale of Salvationists and connect people to our mission".

Major Robertson added that Australia's *Warcry* existed to help people and to encourage them "to come into the Kingdom of God".

Pipeline awarded

In another first for Salvation Army publications, Australia Eastern Territory's *Pipeline* magazine won the "Best Feature" category with its extensive cover story by Anna Thompson from the July 2007 issue, "Bringing hope to life", about suicide and suicide bereavement in Australia.

Judges said it stood out among the 57 entries (the highest number of entries in any category) because it was "an outstanding feature in every criterion for this category" (go to www.salvos.org.au/bringinghopetolife).

Pipeline had previously won two runner-up awards in this category but no Salvation Army publication has ever won it outright.

Venue magazine, another Australia Eastern Territory publication, also won an important category, "Best article by a new or non-professional writer". This was for "Never to blame", by Choe Choe Brereton, an article tracing the dangers and complexities of date rape from a Christian perspective (go to www.salvos.org.au/nevertoblame).

New Zealand *War Cry* won the "Best Social Justice Story" category, Australia's *Kidzone* magazine won a runner-up award for "Best Headline", and the Australian *Warcry* was highly commended in "Best Humorous Item".

Salvationist president

In yet another first for The Salvation Army, Captain Peter McGuigan, the Army's Australia Eastern Territory Communications Director, was elected President of ARPA with a unanimous vote taken at its annual general meeting held on Saturday 4 October. The election took place following the decision of incumbent president Errol Pike, from New Zealand, not to continue for another term.

Captain McGuigan began his association with ARPA when he was editor of the Australian *Warcry* in 1997. He was editor of *Pipeline* magazine for five years from 2003. In his current role as Communications Director, which incorporates both internal

and external communications, he acts as Executive Editor across all Australia Eastern Territory publications. At the 2007 ARPA conference he was elected Australian Vice President.

Following his election, Captain McGuigan said he counted it an honour to serve religious journalism and publishing as President of ARPA.

"It is a great privilege and this was a humbling event in my life. That my editorial colleagues from around Australia and New Zealand should want to entrust me with the responsibility for bringing leadership to ARPA impacted me profoundly - and at such an incredible time in the history of communication in the world."

Full Gutenberg Award citation

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But for all their longevity the present-day publications are remarkably contemporary and fresh. The obvious eagerness of the editors to embrace change and adapt style and content to attract new, wider and younger readership is very evident. Such an approach is an assurance of the continuing vitality as they serve God, their denomination and wider community through the written word.

The magazines' militant-sounding masthead has remained

unchanged since inception a century-and-a-quarter ago. In this day of constant rebranding, repositioning and retitling, this shows not only a certain determination not to succumb to passing fads and fancies, but also a strong underlying adherence to their tried and proven methods of achieving their objectives ... objectives and methods which have remained, at heart, unchanged since the days of their founder, William Booth.

Finally, I note the contribution that most editors of these two publications, along with their colleagues, have made to ARPA, some having held office at Chapter and/or Executive level. And both these publications regularly appear in the list of our annual award winners or commendations, which is further endorsement of the high regard in which they are held by their peers in ARPA.

It is therefore my very distinct pleasure to name as the joint winners of the Gutenberg Award for 2008 ... *Warcry* in Australia and *War Cry* New Zealand.

Errol Pike
President, ARPA

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Suicide bereavement service flooded with calls

By KENT ROSENTHAL

Salvo Care Line has been inundated with calls since the launch of its national Hope For Life suicide bereavement phone line.

Manager Yvonne Dewar says her team, based in NSW, has been flat-out since the September launch of the phone line which takes calls from people across Australia.

"The first few days the phone literally didn't stop. It was just a phenomenal take-up rate. It has quietened down, but



there are still quite a lot of calls every day. In fact the first two weeks there were around 500 counselling calls taken on that line," she says.

"One suicide can affect nine other people. A lot of people haven't had the opportunity to talk about the person who's suicided. Our phone counsellors have training in bereavement.

"It's very interesting because it's been advertised as a bereavement line but, I think, in all the publicity the

The new suicide bereavement phone line is drawing calls from across the country.

word 'suicide' was there. Bereavement is after suicide and I think people hooked onto the idea of suicide.

"At least 80 per cent of the people who have been ringing would be suicidal."

Yvonne says all the counsellors have tertiary qualifications and volunteers have completed the intensive training course.

"They're well aware how to help a person who may be suicidal or with suicidal thoughts. So the training just swings into action. But the toll of one call after another has been quite heavy for the counsellors."

Salvo Care Line offers other call services and crisis calls make up about 5 per cent of the work.

"A lot of other people have been ringing on the line as well - not people who are suicidal or bereaved, but ones who might have grief about something else. We've had a lot of country women ringing. We don't know where from because it's very important that they know we don't know. It's advertised as an anonymous service," Yvonne says.

"They say they're in the country and for the first time in their lives they're able to talk about emotional things. I would say that's the biggest upsurge and it's an interesting dynamic for the line."

Despite the worries and stresses Yvonne deals with on a daily basis, she says she could not continue her challenging task if she didn't believe in the love of God.

"That's my first concern in running this agency here, that we honour God in our dealings and give him the glory. If you can use your professional skills to match what you believe in your values, then you're in the right spot. I think all the counsellors here do a wonderful job."

The new hope line is for anyone who has been bereaved through suicide and the campaign highlights that suicide prevention is everybody's business, urging people across Australia to do a new online training program which will show them - in less than an hour - how to spot the signs that someone is considering suicide.

An online training program for clergy, chaplains, funeral directors and people working in health, education and emergency services across Australia has also been launched to show them how to offer more support when someone is bereaved through suicide.

Community garden in full bloom

By LAUREN MARTIN



Green-thumbed volunteers are working side-by-side with work-for-the-dole and community service participants in a new Salvation Army community garden that opened in Central Queensland in September.

The Tom Quinn Centre in Bundaberg aims to restore people's lives by teaching new skills to make them job-ready. It runs programs and courses in welding, furniture-making, hospitality, retail and horticulture. It was the horticulture course that inspired the community garden project.

More than 100 people attended the September launch including garden volunteers and local dignitaries.

Garden and work-for-the-dole supervisor Charlie Webster says the Tom Quinn Community Garden provides a space for participants to feel comfortable, whether they want to sit and relax, try planting or learn to grow fruit and vegetables.

"We want to see people having fun - families out here



getting the culture and feel of gardening, and the enjoyment of children seeing what actually grows and how it grows," he says.

There are plans for local musicians to perform on weekends and to run horticultural classes for people interested in learning how to grow fruit or vegetables in their backyards.

"The garden's a dazzle of colour, with flower and vegetable beds situated around the centrepiece, a giant chess set. There are seats located in the cool of shade trees and ample space around each of the beds for people with green thumbs to get access to what's growing inside," Charlie says.

A wide paved path runs along one side which gives wheelchair access to disabled gardeners.

Charlie says getting the community garden to grand-opening stage has been a time-consuming but rewarding process, involving the co-operation of work-for-the-dole and community service participants, volunteers and employees who have donated their time.

The project has proved therapeutic for participants dealing with self-confidence issues associated with long-term unemployment.

"They may have emotional issues or mental or physical issues, but as they get out into the sun and the outdoors, they start to forget about themselves, they get their hands dirty,



Community Garden manager Tom Osbourne with Major Cec Woodward in the new complex.

they start to feel the sun on their skin, they sweat a bit and in the short term I've seen that they've started to pick up. They've started to have fun, they've started to forget about the four walls within themselves," says Charlie.

One participant is 20-year-old Alexandra Dunn who started working in the garden on a work-for-the-dole program. "I really like getting outside, getting my hands dirty, going home knowing I've done a good job," she says.

Alexandra's now looking for full-time employment in horticulture.

"At Tom Quinn they look out for jobs for us, it's just another great part of this place. It's a big happy family where we all look out for each other."

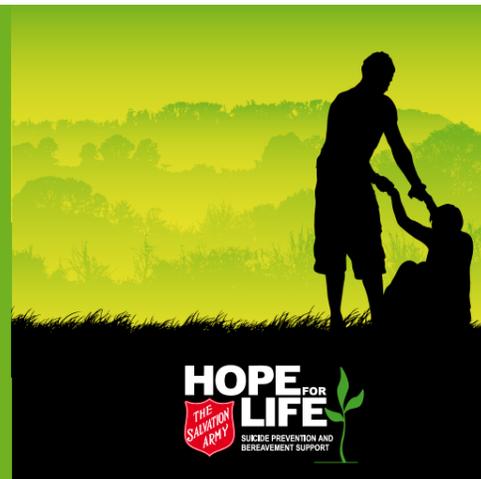
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Alcohol abuse under microscope

The Salvation Army has released national research showing more than eight million Australians want less alcohol advertising, with half of them saying alcohol has hurt their family.

Last month's media launch at recovery centre William Booth House in Sydney's Surry Hills, was part of a new alcohol awareness campaign urging people to consider whether their alcohol habits may be damaging others.

The findings are from a Roy Morgan Research study conducted for the Army. The study also says two million people have experienced violence or threats in their family because of alcohol.

The Army says the campaign is not an anti-alcohol initiative but will highlight the issue of alcohol abuse. It is calling for a reduction in the amount of alcohol advertising.

The research shows over one million Australians report financial difficulties as a result of alcohol consumption within the family and 2.6 million say they've had relationship difficulties as a result of alcohol consumption within the family.

"Through this campaign we urge all Australians who enjoy



Major Phillip Maxwell is interviewed by veteran TV newsman Peter Harvey during the alcohol survey launch.



Michael, who went through the Army's rehabilitation program, speaks at the launch.

a social drink to consider whether they are having a negative impact on the family and to discuss it with one another and consider reviewing the manner in which they drink and the environment," says Gerard Byrnes, Social Program Secretary with The Salvation Army's Recovery Services Command.

Major Philip Maxwell, the Army's Communications and Public Relations Secretary for its Eastern Territory, has called for a full review of the issue.

"Clearly the community supports this call and is very concerned about the amount

of alcohol advertising. There's too much of it out there. Some alcohol advertising encourages people to think drinking equals social or sexual success. There needs to be clear warnings on all products," Major Maxwell says.

The awareness campaign is calling for a significant reduction in the amount, time placement and environment placement of alcohol advertising and a review of current advertising guidelines.

Meantime, the number of people seeking treatment for alcohol-related problems has soared by 20 per cent in the past six months. Mr Byrnes said the sharp rise was for alcohol as either a primary or a secondary problem.

"In the past financial year, 3600 individuals accessed our services, the majority of whom had a problem with alcohol. Our women's services are at, or near, full capacity. One of our women's services has a waiting list at the moment. We have certainly seen an increase in the number of women presenting related to alcohol," Mr Byrnes said.

A downloadable booklet with information on alcohol abuse is available to the public at www.salvos.org.au

Bankstown Corps turns 90

(Major Irene Pleffer)

The Bankstown Corps of The Salvation Army celebrated its 90th anniversary on October 5.

The weekend focused on God's faithfulness, with special guests Majors John and Narelle Rees, the Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries respectively. Major John Rees' father, Major Ivan Rees, had attended Bankstown Corps as a child.

Majors John and Narelle commissioned two local officers and enrolled 10 new adherents as part of the weekend celebrations.

The Divisional Commander spoke about God's call, promise and covenant, his message inspiring and challenging the congregation to continue to live in a covenant relationship with God. Many people responded to the message and rededicated their lives to God.

The Bankstown Corps Band performed at celebrations after lunch which also included a powerpoint reflection on the corps' 90 years. An ensemble led the praise and worship, while Home League singers, children from Kids Church and Kids Club, youth group members and timbrellists also presented items.

Brigadier Peg Herron, who worships at Bankstown Corps, cut the 90th birthday cake.



Brigadier Peg Herron cuts the 90th birthday cake at Bankstown Corps.

Ute for youth



Port Waratah Coal Services recently donated a vehicle to the This Way Up furniture factory training program run by The Salvation Army in Newcastle for disadvantaged youth.

Major David Eyles, Public Relations Secretary for the Newcastle and Central NSW Division, said the Army's Newcastle Advisory Board was fortunate to have a number of influential business people as members, including Port Waratah Coal Services chief executive Graham Davidson who organised the donation.

Mr Davidson (above left) presents the keys to This Way Up Manager Scott McIntosh in the presence of Major Eyles. "We put the need out to the advisory board in August and the next day Graham rang up to say he had a ute for us. They even registered it, detailed it and filled the tank. Great people!" Mayor Eyles said.

New international development office

A Salvation Army International Development office will be established in the Australia Eastern Territory to replace the Australia Development Office in Canberra which will close on 1 January 2009.

The new development office will be located at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney and will incorporate other departments involved in overseas projects and fund-raising.

The departments are being merged with the aim of better serving the world and the wider Salvation Army.

Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond said one of the key functions of the development office will be raising

funds for international projects. The Salvation Army sees a lot of potential for it to raise funds in Australia for overseas projects, enabling it to access a greater pool of money to assist territories across the world.

The SAID office will include departments for child sponsorship, fair trade and social justice.

Discussions are underway with other departments which may join the office.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pam Hodge has been appointed Director of the International Development office. Other qualified staff are in the process of being recruited.

New graduates and enrolments

(Captain Lenore Johnson, Captains Laithe and Kaelene Greenaway)

Eight couples graduated on September 21 from the Alpha marriage course at Tuggerah Lakes Corps under the leadership of Captains Laithe and Kaelene Greenaway, and newly enrolled senior soldiers Denis and Norah Shore.

The meeting was led by a team from The Salvation Army's School for Youth Leadership with Daniel Knight giving the message.

The service also featured the enrolment of six new senior soldiers, three of whom started attending the church through the ministry of the corps' Baby Boomer Fellowship.

Meantime, about 70 members of Tuggerah Lakes Corps attended the Chinese Fellowship's Moon Festival celebrations on September 14.

Captain Lenore Johnson said the Chinese Fellowship is flourishing under the leadership of Sister Ivy Ramshaw.

The celebrations included a Chinese banquet, the movie *Indescribable*, a classical piano performance and a Chinese opera in Mandarin. There were paper lanterns with candles for the

children, while corps family members held hands with visitors and sang together in English and Mandarin.

Corps members offer English conversation classes and Bible studies to members of the fellowship.



Newly enrolled soldiers Denis and Nora Shore (above) with Captain Laithe Greenaway and Captain Lenore Johnson in the background. (right) Three young members of the Chinese Fellowship.



In the Christmas spirit

The Gospel message will be increasingly factored into television, radio and press commercials during this year's Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Advertising materials and posters will be distributed to media outlets as well as divisional headquarters' throughout The Salvation Army's Eastern Territory.

The territory's media liaison director Pat Daley says promotional materials are not just important externally, but are a vital tool for each corps to engage their community and promote the Army's territorial ministries.

"While each corps has its own fund-raising activities at Christmas time, they can also get involved in the territory's Christmas Appeal by putting up posters and talking to businesses and individuals who might like to donate to a worthy cause through the national hotline," he says.

While the Christmas Appeal is not as demanding as the Red Shield Appeal, Mr Daley says its benefits are felt at corps level. The Kmart Wishing Tree, for example, generates donations of toys which corps members distribute to needy children.

"We are finding there's more and more support coming in from the broader community even as we move into more difficult economic times. This is different to other charities who report downturns in fund-raising but our normal supporters seem to support us even more in difficult times."

More than 300,000 people across Australia in both metropolitan and rural areas, will be assisted by the Army this Christmas. Appeals Director Major Gary Masters said that at Christmas, more than any other time of year, people turn to The Salvation Army for help.

"In recent years more and more people from the so-called middle class have been coming to us for help," Major Masters says.

"In recent months we have seen pressure on families due to higher interest rates and petrol prices. This has provided a very volatile and uncertain environment and now with higher unemployment looming, even more uncertainty and anxiety is being felt in the community."

With the support of the Australian community, this Christmas the Army expects to provide more than \$10 million worth of food vouchers, hampers and toys to people in need. This will include the distribution of nearly a quarter of a million toys and providing in excess of 100,000 food vouchers and hampers.



A fashionable alternative

Salvos Stores in The Salvation Army's Eastern Territory launched its "Fashion With A Conscience" campaign in Sydney last month.

About 200 invited guests, including models and celebrities, looked on as an eco-friendly range of clothes hit the catwalk to raise awareness of the environmental and social benefits of shopping at Salvos Stores.

Australian fashion designer Kirrily Johnston and students from the Whitehouse Institute of Design unveiled their Salvos masterpieces at the revamped store in the inner-city suburb of Darlinghurst.

Salvos Stores general manager Neville Barrett says the new campaign aims to educate people about the environmental consequences of consumption while giving them the retail shopping experience they're looking for.

"Ecologically Salvos Stores are very friendly because shopping with us saves landfill. People know a lot about five-star washing machines and their energy ratings and they also know about using insulation and solar water heating, but not many people understand that buying goods from Salvos Stores reduces landfill and therefore really does assist the environment," he says.

Retail and marketing manager Freddy Choo said shopping at Salvos Stores is not only about getting a bargain, but helping out those less fortunate.

A number of fashion designers, including Melaney Cutfield, are supporting the campaign.

"It's something I really believe in and I'm really supportive of environmental issues. I often shop at Salvation Army stores for inspirations and for getting ideas for my collections," Melanie says.

"I'm a strong believer in recycling and I believe it's a good cause. I hate seeing things going to waste and I really like second-hand clothing - the clothes have a story to tell because they have been on a journey."



(clockwise from top left) Salvos Stores Retail and Marketing Manager Freddy Choo and fashion designer Kirrily Johnston at the campaign launch; the models strut their stuff on the catwalk.

Leadership school relocating to Qld

The School for Youth Leadership (SFYL) will be relocated to Brisbane as part of an expansion plan which includes boosting student intake.

The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Policy and Mission Council endorsed the expansion proposal which will give its training college, Booth College, a campus in Queensland.

The SFYL is one of four schools under Booth College. It was established in 1992 to train young people from Australia and overseas in mission and youth ministry.

A working group will discuss a suitable location in Brisbane and other school program issues. The relocated school will also be involved in planting new corps and there will be greater ministry opportunities with the diversity of Army work in Brisbane.

In the meantime, the SFYL will continue to operate at Lake Munmorah.

Focus on the Family partnership

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has entered into partnership with Focus on the Family Australia (FOFA).

FOFA has been helping to strengthen families and communities since 1993 through radio programs, preventative education, counselling, referrals and other resources for families.

Resources focus on enhancing and supporting the well-being and health of marriages and families.

This includes resources for new parents, newlyweds, or new empty-nesters. Local corps and centres will now receive a 15 per cent discount on resources.

For more information see www.families.org.au or contact Captain Deborah James; deborah.james@ae.salvationarmy.org

Sunday school launch

(Captain Keith Hampton)

A new Salvation Army Sunday school started last month at Caboolture Corps in Queensland, attracting around 25 children each week to participate in activities including breakfast.

The corps named the school after Commissioners Joe and Doris Noland's USA Hopeshare SONday'SCOOL program. Corps Officer Captain Keith Hampton said the Nolands, from Hawaii, visited Caboolture recently to provide organisers with materials to get them started.

Captain Hampton met Commissioner Noland through his website www.joenoland.com where he ordered some of his books and a film, *Altars in the Street*. The film is about the life of "Joey" and how he was invited to Sunday school by a neighbour, was picked up by the Salvos bus driver and became a Christian. Joey went on to become Commissioner Joe Noland, the founder and president of Hope Productions.

The Caboolture Corps launched a bus appeal to lease a vehicle to transport children like Joey, as well as adults who cannot get to seniors' activities, to church. Over \$9000 has been raised and the corps took possession of its new leased bus recently.



Children and youth leaders at the new Caboolture Sunday school.

Testimony at men's breakfast

(Captains Clayton and Leanne Spence)

Forty men gathered for breakfast recently at Rockdale, in Sydney's south, to hear the testimony of Michael Lever from Sydney Congress Hall.

Michael spoke of his life of addiction before entering the William Booth Institute about a year ago. He shared the amazing work God had performed in his life, including becoming a senior soldier at Sydney Congress Hall last month.

Another guest speaker, the NSW Member for Oatley Kevin Greene, spoke about the positive influence of his family and parents, including their work ethic, Christian values, love and support. He said he had endeavoured to emulate these values in his own family life.



Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Commander Lieut-Colonel Ian Hamilton and Michael Lever.

Junior soldier renewal

(Majors Peter and Helen Pearson)

The Newcastle Worship and Community Centre celebrated its Junior Soldier Renewal Day on September 28 with breakfast and fellowship among junior soldiers, their families, prayer pals, leaders and Corps Officers Majors Peter and Helen Pearson.

The junior soldiers lead the morning meeting, taking part in the worship band, leading songs, performing a drama, reading Scripture and praying.

Three of the older junior soldiers, Candace Daley, Lilly Gosling and Denbi Morgan, shared their testimonies. During the "Parents Time" segment junior soldiers came to the front of the hall and were asked questions about their week. They were reminded about the importance of reading their Bibles and praying every day.

Eight junior soldiers renewed their promise and a new junior soldier, Jessica Leehope, was enrolled.

New Korean-speaking worship

(Liam and Rachel Glover)

The Salvation Army Lake Community Church at Forest Lake in Brisbane, has started Korean-speaking worship services each Sunday at noon.

The original gathering of just one family has expanded over the last six months into a small group, and prompted Lake Community Church to launch a Korean-speaking worship service on October 5. Pastor Kuyhee Han was handed ministry of the group, with about 30 people gathering around him for prayer.

Consistent with Korean culture, the worship service was followed by a fellowship meal.

Bowral Corps celebrates enrolments

(Captains David and Patricia Day)

Bowral Corps celebrated the enrolment of two new senior soldiers, an adherent, and the dedications of two children on 24 August.



New SAGALA members (from front left) Logan Willis, Alexander Willis, Chloe Black, Lilly Oldfield, Eden Rozs, with Joanne Finlayson and Captains Patricia and David Day.

Captains Patricia Day and David Day said they gave thanks for this blessing and encouragement from God.

"When circumstances pull you down, God's Spirit is always there to lift you up. In our case, this has come in the form of people, both adults and children wanting to make a commitment to Christ, and The Salvation Army," Captain Patricia Day said.

The enrolment was followed by a corps fellowship lunch.

"All three adults enrolled have been keen to be involved in the life and ministry of the corps, all in very different ways, and are passionate about the mission of the Army," Captain Day added.

Bowral Corps also recently celebrated the enrolment of five new SAGALA members.



Captains Patricia and David Day with new senior soldiers Anna Rudd and Joanne Finlayson (front) and new adherent Catherine Willis (rear).

Reinforcements for Hawkesbury

(Cheryle Symons)

Six junior soldiers were enrolled at Hawkesbury Citadel, on the northern outskirts of Sydney, on September 28.

Majors Brian and Geraldine Wilson enrolled the junior soldiers and encouraged them with an inspiring talk. The

children spoke about loving Jesus, never being afraid because of Jesus and they mentioned that Jesus answers their prayers.

Some of the new junior soldiers are from the community served by the corps.

PRAYER PRIORITY: JOIN A TERRITORY-WIDE PRAYER MEETING

Commissioner Linda Bond invites corps and individuals to join her in prayer for The Salvation Army's mission in the world every Thursday morning from 7.30am to 8.00am. Please pray for:

- A territory marked by prayer and holiness
- Our whole territory - in every place - involved in evangelism
- Corps healthy and multiplying
- Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world
- The territory passionate about bringing children to Jesus
- Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission
- Significant increase of new soldiers and officers



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General leads Finland and Estonia Congress

General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton led the Finland and Estonia Territorial Congress in Helsinki, Finland, in September. The congress theme was "Never the same again", based on a book written by the General and recently published in Finnish.

The General and Commissioner took part in the opening day covenant meeting of the God's Fellow Workers Session of cadets and officers' councils.

A welcome concert was held at night for Hendon Band (London), which provided music throughout the congress. The concert was also the farewell meeting of territorial leaders Colonels Andre and Silvia Cox.

The world leaders spent time throughout the congress meeting with Salvationists and friends of the Army.



People with corps flags gather on the platform at the conclusion of the congress

Hundreds of Salvationists caught up in India violence

Members of The Salvation Army have been caught up in violence against Christians in the Indian state of Orissa. Latest reports indicate that two prayer halls, an officers' quarters and a boys' home were destroyed, as well as the houses of about 100 families from three corps.

More than 100 Salvationist families escaped to a surrounding forest. The fate of most was still not known, according to a recent report from the area. At least 20 people are known to have been killed in the violence.

The attack followed the murder of a Hindu extremist religious leader and four workers in August.

Hindu groups blamed Christians, but a Maoist group claimed responsibility.

Gangs of Hindu extremists have been attacking Christians, looting and setting fire to their homes and places of worship and social care. The violence has extended to other states, causing concern to Army leadership.

The boys' home at Paburia housed 40 boys aged six to 15. The home was attacked after a Sunday morning meeting on 24 August. Several thousand people entered the home compound, shouting slogans and carrying weapons. They set fire to buildings.

Officer-in-charge Major Paul Kumar Sahani took his wife, family and the boys into the forest, from where they watched their home and possessions destroyed by fire.

All the houses owned by Christians in the area were torched and a number of people were killed.

Relief for Myanmar

Salvation Army relief work in Myanmar continues after a cyclone in May.

International emergency services personnel and local Salvation Army officers are working in eight townships. Distribution of food and other items is expected to continue for several months. Food is the greatest need. The rice harvest was destroyed and many storehouses containing rice from previous harvests were damaged. Mango trees were uprooted, banana trunks broken and vegetable plants destroyed.

In other areas, the great need is for shelter. Although a typical house is built mainly of bamboo, even this is beyond the means for many families, especially with prices rising after the disaster and some goods being in short supply. Most families are able to build these kinds of houses themselves.

In two villages, the Army is purchasing building materials for about 20 houses a week. The families transport the material themselves to their compounds and with help from neighbours a house can be built in four days.



An elderly woman stands outside a temporary shelter built from the remains of her destroyed house.

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The following personnel have completed their overseas term of appointment during November and December 2008 and will be in Australia for Christmas. Greetings may be sent via the Overseas Personnel Service Office at THQ

RUDD, Neale and Svetlana with Natasha & Lucas

POBJIE, Kem and Lena with Nika

PRICE, Captain Glenn and Julia with Nikita

WORTHING, Cliff and Simone with Nadia & Kian

FOSTER, Colin and Ann



The best is yet to be



Colonel James Martin was promoted to glory from Brisbane on 22 July 2008, aged 76. Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Hood (Corps Officer, Redcliffe

City) conducted the committal and thanksgiving services, support by Chief Secretary Lieut-Colonel James Condon.

Many defining words were used during the services to highlight Colonel Martin's Christian character: integrity, gentleness, compassion, quiet confidence, a confidante, patience, goodness, a man of prayer, humility, a man to inspire others, a man who loved God and loved his Word, a mentor, a man of calming reassurance.

Alistair Martin described his father with a quote from Theodore Roosevelt: "Work hard at work worth doing!". James Martin committed his life to this philosophy.

In the thanksgiving service, Lieut-Colonel Condon read a message from Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond. "Salvationists throughout the territory mourn the passing of Colonel James Martin," the Commissioner wrote. "When there is a saint in our midst, we want to hold on to him as long as possible. But godly influence cannot be silenced or buried. People whose lives have been touched by him will continually speak of his holy life, wise counsel and dedication to prayer."

Others to participate in the services included Lieut-Colonel Walter Greentree, Major Wayne Maxwell (Divisional Commander), Lieut-Colonel Stan Everitt, Lieut-Colonel Elaine Hood (Corps Officer, Redcliffe City), Major Sam Price, Captain John Tatters, Lieut-Colonel Ed Dawkins, Redcliffe City songsters and band, Elizabeth Martin, Glen Smith (nephew) on behalf of Wesley and Susan and grandchildren, and Robin Martin (nephew).

James Martin was born to Salvationist parents in Orange, NSW, on 29 March 1932. Throughout his life, the Robert Brown phrase "the best is yet to be" epitomised the faith and assurance held by James. He lived his life in the knowledge and

understanding that God, and God alone, was the main focus of his living.

He loved his Lord, his wife, and his family, and he loved the ministry to which God called him as a young man. Jim knew at an early age that God had a plan for his life. After 18 months spent in Los Angeles, he knew he needed to respond to God in full-time service as an officer of The Salvation Army.

He was trained at the Sydney Training College in the <I>Shepherds</I> session of cadets in 1954, having entered the college from Granville Corps. Following commissioning in January 1955, he served as Corps Officer at Inala for two years and then as training officer at the Training College for three years.

Captain Martin married Lieutenant Margaret Dawson in February 1960 and their first appointment together was at Canowindra Corps. From 1962 to 1967 they were Corps Officers of Canberra South Corps, before spending two years in Newcastle.

Captain Martin was then Divisional Youth Secretary in Central and North Queensland and then, as Major Martin, Senior Training Officer at the Sydney Training College from 1972 to 1975.

Three Divisional Commander terms followed from 1975 to 1981 in West NSW, ACT and South NSW, and Sydney Central. He was then Training Principal for five years until 1986 when he became Staff Secretary and promoted shortly after that to lieutenant-colonel. From 1990 to 1996, James served as Secretary for Personnel, being promoted to colonel in 1992. From 1991 to 1992 he also served as Executive Officer to the Sydney Staff Songsters.

Colonel Martin's final appointment was as Assistant Chief Secretary from 1996 to 1997. His great loves had been officer training and working with officers.

In retirement the Martins gave of themselves in many areas of ministry and both have continued to have a significant influence on those with whom they came in contact.

Colonel Martin is survived by his loving wife Margaret, their children Alistair, Wesley and Susan, and Elizabeth, and grandchildren Harry and Thomas.

Servant of God, well done.

Respected and loved by all



Mrs Brigadier Anne Reece was promoted to glory on 15 August 2008, aged 95.

Family and friends filled the Dee Why Salvation Army hall

for a service of thanksgiving for her life and ministry. The service was led by Major John McGuigan and commenced with the singing of *God's Love to Me is Wonderful*.

Tributes were brought by Anne's two children, Beverley Richardson and Lyndon Reece. Both spoke of their mother's ability to make a lovely home for her family. On arrival at each appointment, time was spent making the quarters that special place - home!

They also spoke of their mother's devotion to God and the Army and of her involvement in ministry at each of their appointments. She cared for the marginalised in the community and often the needy were brought into the home to spend a night or two under the love and care of Mrs Brigadier Reece.

Raymond Reece spoke on behalf of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren and said "Nan" cared for them all individually with her unconditional love.

Another grandson, Mark Richardson, read Psalm 21:1-7, the reading chosen by Anne herself. Visual reflections on a PowerPoint presentation showed a very proud mother and her devoted family.

Captain Christine Longbottom (Corps Officer, Dee Why) read a tribute from Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond. "[Mrs Brigadier Reece's] faithfulness has been recognised through the years but now the ultimate recognition will come from Him, whose commendation is the best, the final, the most significant," Commissioner Bond had written.

Envoy Matt Blessington gave a tribute on behalf of the residents of Trigg Village, saying that Mrs Brigadier Reece was a quiet and independent lady, respected and loved by all within the village.

A vocal solo, *Beyond the Sunset*, was chosen by Anne and sung by Major Beryl McGuigan.

In his Bible message, Major John McGuigan spoke on John 14:1-6 and reminded the congregation that Mrs Brigadier Reece embodied the Christian faith. Early in life she had placed her trust in Jesus and every step of her life was lived in this faith.

Anne Scragg was born to Edith and Arthur Scragg on 7 February 1913. The family left England to live in Australia, settling in Warracknabeal, Victoria, where she completed her education.

Anne then moved to Melbourne to work with families in the Toorak area where she helped to educate children before they commenced school.

She then entered The Salvation Army Melbourne Training College as a member of the *Challenger* session of cadets. It was there that she met a young man named Aubrey Reece.

Following her commissioning, Anne was appointed to Tasmania and then northern Queensland. Romance had blossomed between her and Aubrey and they were married in Melbourne in December 1938. They had three children - Brian, Beverley and Lyndon.

The couple's many corps appointments were around NSW: Guyra, Maclean, Woodburn, Glen Innes, Ballina, Tinga, Wagga Wagga, Broken Hill, Mudgee, Maitland, Belmore, Earlwood, North Sydney, Fairfield and Enfield. Their final years of service were at Collaroy Men's Home and then at La Perouse.

Anne and Aubrey retired to The Entrance where Aubrey's health deteriorated. They moved to the Army's Collaroy Trigg Village from where Aubrey was promoted to glory. Anne continued to live at the village until its closure earlier this year. She then moved to Maybrook Manor in Cromer.

Her's was a life of faithful and devoted service, lovingly given in the Spirit of her Lord and Saviour Jesus.

Quiet, gentle and dedicated



James Alback, of Ipswich Corps, was promoted to glory on 24 June, aged 57.

A service to celebrate Jim's life was held at the Ipswich Salvation Army hall on 1 July, conducted by Captains Bruce and Margaret Dobbie (Corps Officers), with the assistance of Major Bruce Robinson (former Corps Officer).

Family tributes were brought by Kathryn Slocombe (daughter), Trevor Alback (son), Stuart Hartingdon (on behalf of Jim's wife, Ruth), and Keven Mulholland (on behalf of the Alback family). Desley Eleison gave a corps tribute, stating that Jim touched the lives of so many people. He was very committed to his banding, where he took on the role of bandmaster, as well as teaching young players.

David Munchow read a poem thanking Jim for teaching him the tenor horn. A men's choir from the Boonah area sang *Would you be Free*.

Brad Strong (Corps Sergeant-Major, Bundamba) organised a composite band made up of players from various Salvation Army corps, the Amberley Brass Band, and the Ipswich RSL Youth Band. The latter two groups had combined with the Ipswich Corps Band at Anzac services.

Jim had also been the handyman around the corps, as well as being on the bus roster. He was well known in the Ipswich area through hotel and street ministry. He was known in the

pubs as "The Big Fella".

Jim was well respected by his work colleagues at Queensland Rail, where he worked for 37 years, and as a train driver for 28 years. Gary Haag, Jim's supervisor, spoke of "Jim's quiet and gentle nature, his dedication to the job, his family and The Salvation Army, which earned the respect of all his workmates". A guard of honour of 60 of Jim's colleagues paid tribute to him at the conclusion of the service.

James Alfred Alback was born on 15 February 1951, second son to Viv and Joyce Alback. He was brought up at the Boonah Corps, where he gave his young life to Jesus and developed his love for the Lord and a love for music, later, as an adult becoming bandmaster.

After leaving school at 15, Jim worked on the family farm. In 1970, he began his employment with Queensland Rail as an engine cleaner, with duties including the care of the last of the steam trains. He became a fireman in 1971, and a driver in 1980 at Cloncurry.

Jim married Ruth Hartingdon on 2 October 1982 at Nundah. They had two children, Kathryn and Trevor. Jim proudly saw both his children graduate from university, and marry. He entered the Wesley Hospital on 19 May 2008 with the knowledge that his first grandchild was on the way. He peacefully passed into the Lord's presence in the early hours of 24 June 2008, with his family by his bedside.

More promoted to glory reports will be published in the next Pipeline



about people

Appointments

See pages 24 to 25

Bereaved

Commissioner Grace **Bringans** of her mother Brigadier Mrs Ida **Palmer** on 26 September; Commissioner Donald **Campbell** of his wife Commissioner Crystal **Campbell** on 8 October.

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Major Sandra **Godkin** will be a delegate to the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development in the session 13 January to 8 March 2010.

Promoted to Glory

Brigadier Mrs Ida **Palmer** on 26 September; Lieut-Colonel Olive **Lynn** on 7 October; Commissioner Crystal **Campbell** on 8 October.

share a prayer

26 October-1 November

Corps: South Burnett Region, Qld; Springwood, NSW.

Social: Southport Community Services Centre, Qld.

Other ministries: Captain Elizabeth Garland, Zimbabwe Territory; Social Program Department, Territorial Headquarters; South Queensland Divisional Headquarters.

Events: Tri-territorial Family Search conference, Geelong, Victoria (27-29); Recovery Forum, NSW (30); Booth College Gala Day (1).

2-8 November

Corps: St Marys, Sydney Chinese, NSW; Stafford, Qld.

Social: St George Community Services Centre, Stead House, NSW; Still Waters, Qld.

9-15 November

Corps: Sydney Korean, Sydney Street Level Mission, Tamworth/Manilla, Taree, NSW.

Social: Sydney Problem Gambling Centre, NSW.

Other ministries: Katharine Dale, Ghana Territory; Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Headquarters.

Events: Single mothers' camp (10-14); Territorial Candidates Board (13); The Greater West "Women's Only Weekend" – WOW (14-16); Design For Life, Collaroy (14-16); Project 1:8 Schoolies Week (14-22).

16-22 November

Corps: Tarrawanna, Temora, Tenterfield, NSW.

Social: The Anchor, NSW.

Other ministries: Majors Howard and Robyn Smartt (with Matthew and Christopher), Canada and Bermuda Territory, The Collaroy Centre, NSW.

Events: School for Youth Leadership graduation (16); Sydney Staff Songsters ministry weekend (22-23).

23-29 November

Corps: Thornton Outpost, NSW.

Social: Outback Flying Service, Qld; The Willows, This Way Up Furniture Company, NSW.

Other ministries: Captain Heather Gill, Papua New Guinea Territory; The Greater West Divisional Headquarters, NSW.

Events: Youth discipleship renewal (23); children and youth decision week (23-30); adventurer and sunbeam camp (28-30).

30 November-6 December

Corps: Thuringowa City, Toowoomba, Qld.

Social: Toowong Student Residence, Toowoomba Crisis Accommodation, Toowoomba Mens Crisis Accommodation, Townsville Community Services Centre, Qld.

Other ministries: Kem and Lena Pobjie (with Nika), Eastern Europe Territory.

Events: Territorial Candidates Board (1); Divisional Youth and Candidates Secretaries conference (1-5); Cadets Covenant Day (3); Principal's Reception – Sydney (4); Principal's Reception – Brisbane (6); Silver Star afternoon tea (6).

7-13 December

Corps: Townsville Faithworks, Tweed Heads, Qld; Tuggerah Lakes, Tuggeranong, Umina Beach, Upper Blue Mountains, NSW.

Social: Townsville Recovery Services Centre, Qld.

Events: Commissioning of the *Witnesses for Christ* session of cadets, Brisbane, Qld (7).

14-20 December

Corps: Wagga Wagga, Wattle Grove Plant, Wellington, West Wallsend, West Wyalong, NSW; Warwick, Qld.

Social: Warringah Place Retirement Village, Weeroona Village, NSW.

engagement calendar

Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

Sydney: Sat 1 Nov – Gala Day, Booth College

Sydney: Wed 5 Nov – Heads of Churches meeting

Sydney: Thu 6 Nov – Officers' Council and public meeting

Sydney: Fri 7 Nov – Officers' Council

Auburn: Sun 9 Nov – Corps visit

Wollongong: Tue 11 Nov – Illawarra Advisory Board

Sydney: Thu 13 Nov – Territorial Candidates Board (am)

Lake Macquarie: Thu 13 Nov – Recovery Services (pm)

Newcastle: Sun 16 Nov – Corps visit (am), SFYL graduation (pm)

Sydney: Mon 17 Nov – Visit to social centres

Armidale: Wed- Thu 19-20 Nov – North NSW divisional review

Brisbane: Fri 21 Nov – Qld Retired Officers Christmas function

Sydney: Mon 24 Nov – Sydney Retired Officers Christmas function

Brisbane: Thu 27 Nov – Schoolies Week

Brisbane: Fri-Sun 28-30 Nov – Women's holiness conference

Sydney: Mon 1 Dec – Sydney Advisory Board, Territorial Candidates Board

Sydney: Wed 3 Dec – Covenant Day and Principal's Reception, Booth College

Brisbane: Sat 6 Dec – Principal's Reception and Silver Star afternoon tea

Brisbane: Sun 7 Dec – Commissioning and Christmas Unwrapped

Brisbane: Mon 8 Dec – Officers Councils

Newcastle: Tue 9 Dec – Retired Officers Christmas function

Sydney: Wed 10 Dec – THQ staff orientation day

Sydney: Thu 18 Dec – THQ Christmas party

Townsville: Sat-Mon 20-22 Dec – Townsville Corps and Recovery Services visits

Lieut-Colonel James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

Sydney: Mon 3 Nov – Employment Plus Board

Sydney: Thu 6 Nov – Officers' Council and public meeting

Sydney: Fri 7 Nov – Officers' council

Sydney: Sun 9 Nov – Normanhurst Uniting Church*

Sydney: Thu 13 Nov – Territorial Candidates Board

Collaroy: Sun 16 Nov – Men's Bridge Program camp chapel service

Armidale: Wed-Thu 19-20 Nov – North NSW divisional review*

Sydney: Thu 20 Nov – Launch Rural DVD State Parliament

Sydney: Mon 1 Dec – Sydney Advisory Board, Territorial Candidates Board

Sydney: Wed 3 Dec – Covenant Day and Principal's Reception, Booth College

Collaroy: Thu 4 Dec – Women's Bridge Program camp*

Brisbane: Sat 6 Dec – Principal's Reception and Silver Star afternoon tea

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* Lt Colonel Jan Condon only