



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

## 13th December 2015



### Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown. Please share in morning tea following the meeting.

#### TODAY:

Please join with us for our **CHRISTMAS CIRCUS CARNIVAL and CAROLS NIGHT.**

**Tonight** from 4pm—7pm. Check out the flyer on the noticeboard. Invite all your family and friends. **Admission Free.** Stalls to purchase food and drink will be available.

Please note there will be **NO Delve** in December or January.

**The BAND will be playing at Seven Hills Bunnings on Sunday December 20th from 12—1pm. Everyone is welcome to come and support.**

**CORPS CHRISTMAS DINNER: NEXT SUNDAY,** December 20th at 5:30 pm. \$8 per adult, \$5 children 10 and under, children under 5 free. Jan will be happy to accept your Money for the Christmas Corps Dinner. Please put in an envelope with Name—how many—and amount enclosed. Please seal the envelope. Thanks.

**25th December—CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9:30am.**



**Urgently Required:** Each year The Salvation Army runs a Cricket Carnival between Christmas and New Year and the dates this year are Dec 28-31. One of the teams led by Major Tim Gittins is short of players and if you would like to play in this carnival (7 xT20 games) please contact Tim direct. Registration cost is \$150 per player (includes lunch on each playing day) plus accommodation (Teams responsibility). Tim's numbers are 0418 626 996 or 4973 1735.

**SYDNEY STAFF SONGSTERS** will be joining us in March of 2016! Stay tuned for more details

#### **HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS**



##### **HOME LEAUGE 2016**

2nd February	Major Mavis Humphreys
9th February	Betty

**VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS KETTLE COLLECTORS** needed at Seven



Hills Plaza from Thursday 3rd December to Thursday 24th December. The days to choose are Thursday & Friday mornings or afternoons for about 3—4 hours and also Saturday mornings. Please see Les for more details.

Please see Doug for details on what the **BAND** is doing during the Christmas Season and **HOW CAN YOU HELP!**

#### **BAND CAROLING** (Please come along and support).

14th Dec.	7 pm Caroling Cnr. Vera St. & Barbara Blvde, Seven Hills.
17th Dec	7 pm Westpoint. Meet at Donut King. Level 1
20th Dec	9:15 Blacktown Hospital. 12—1pm Bunnings Seven Hills 5:30 Corps Dinner.
21st Dec	7 pm Caroling Cnr. Narcissus Ave & Sycamore Cres. Woodcroft + Mallee St.
9:30 am	Christmas Day Meeting.

**FUN IN THE SUN—Monday 11—Friday 15th January 2016.** Sport, Art & Craft, Music, Dance, Cooking & More. See notice board to sign up.

#### **WEEKLY GIVING** (from 22nd Nov)

Open Plate	\$ 201.65
Generous Life	\$ 1,080.00



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne & their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Rena.

Keep Praying for Kath Paddison .

Pray for Sandra Robinson & Phil Robinson who are not well at this time.

Pray for Estelle Ring following her recent surgery . Prayer really does help and is appreciated.

Pray for Eddie—who is the brother of Joanne Douglass in your prayers. Eddie is now home. Praise the Lord.

Pray for our Government that they will make wise choices in all they do.

Continue to pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders. Pray also for our new Senior Soldiers as they seek God Will in their lives.

Pray for our Country, for a Revival of the Holy Spirit and let the REVIVAL start with YOU!

### This week pray especially for:

Carol Floyd, Chris & Brittany Garcia, Elizabeth Garland, Bill, Susanne, Elaina & Crosby Geracia, Olwyn Gordon, Noel Gorringer, Daryl Hardy, Peter Hardy, Kathryn Hardy, Larissa, Joshua, Benjamin, Chloe & Brooke Hardy.

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD** for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily. Thank Him for JESUS and for the change it has made to our lives.

## KIDS AT PLAY

What a wonderful community ministry Kids At Play is! We are blessed to be able to spend a few hours a week with some delightful parents and children through this program. Formally called Mainly Musos we are still incorporating much of the same program. We have free play time, snack time, music time, crafts and stories. Each week fluctuates in number but we are seeing a group of generally on average 15 children a week participate. Our goal is to have them come to our Sunday meetings and be involved in other ways—this is happening slowly which is exciting! I want to thank Mavis Humphreys, Elaine Nash and Jocelyn Eldridge who are my faithful leaders each week. The program would not run without you! Please pray for the program and pray for the mums and children that attend. The mums are starting to socialise and become friends as well which is so important as a support to each other.



14th Dec	Ruth Tween
15th Dec	Jo-Ann Douglass
17th Dec	Jean Willembrock
19th Dec	Hallie Mannix



17th Dec	Nigel & Linda Robinson
19th Dec	Ron & Lyn Whitehouse

## CONGRATULATIONS



**To Timothy Batcheldor on receiving a Medal for playing his Trumpet in the school band.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have a Prayer Request, or if you would like your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary listed in the Newsletter (or if I have a wrong date listed) please see Gail Salmon with the details.

**Help with Pub Collecting on Friday nights is still needed.**

(If there are any changes to the Corps Directory or you would like to be included—please see Jan Clarke.)

*If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at [gail\\_salmon@bigpond.com](mailto:gail_salmon@bigpond.com) to be included.*



## **ADVENT**

*The Candle of JOY –It recalls the Angels joyfully singing about the Birth of Christ— has been lit.*

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS NOW FOR THIS**

**CHRISTMAS SEASON**