



# Blacktown City Corps

## Opportunities for Ministry

Oasis	Sunday	9:00 am
Family Worship	Sunday	10:30 am
Delve Bible Study	2nd Sunday of each month	1:30 pm
Koinonia (FELLOWSHIP LUNCH)	4th Sunday each month	
Junior Soldiers	During the meeting every 2nd Sunday	
PRISM Program	Monday	7:00 pm
Ladies Fellowship	Tuesday	
	Morning tea	10:30 am
	Home League	11:00 am
Ensemble Practice	Tuesday	7:30 pm
Kids at Play	Wednesday	10:00 am
Band Practice	Wednesday	7:30 pm
Know your Bible	Thursday	9:30—10:30 am
Timbrels / Your Group /Life	6:30	every second Friday Night.

# Blacktown City Corps Newsletter

## 14th December 2014



Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown. Please share in a time of fellowship during morning tea following the Service.



### Corps Officers

### Captains William & Susanne Geracia

Please note: Any inclusions in the Newsletter please contact Captain Bill or Susanne or Gail Salmon.

Gail can be contacted on 4733 2401 (leave a message) or email:  
gail\_salmon@bigpond.com

**CAROLS IN THE CARPARK TONIGHT!!!! This will be a wonderful event. Invite your family and friends and join with us in a time of Celebration. 5—8pm .**

**We are in need of extra people to help us collect during the month of December. If you can help in any way, even if it's only for an hour—please speak to Doug if you want to collect at Westpoint and Les if you want to collect at Seven Hills. YOU are appreciated!**

**Make sure you know WHEN & WHERE the Band is playing this month and feel free to come and support them if you can.**

**Don't forget THE SALVOS GIFTS Catalogue.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9:30 am. Come and Celebrate Christ's Birth with your family and friends.**



**In the next few weeks there will be available a booklet with a 52 week Bible reading plan on it. Bill and I are hoping that you will take one and work your way through it as you discover the Bible and how easy and enjoyable it can be to read.**



Les Crowder is in need of volunteers to collect at the Christmas Kettle at Seven Hills Plaza (was Centro) from Thursday 4th December to Christmas Eve on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays. Seating provided for shifts of 3 hours or more, if you are able, and hopefully in pairs. Please see Les for all details.



Please join the band for the following dates if you can. Doug is always appreciative of extra people coming along to help hand out calendars and talk to people.

- ⇒ December 18th Westpoint 7 pm
- ⇒ December 19th Marsden Hospital Westmead
- ⇒ December 21st Bunnings Seven Hills 12:30 pm.



**CORPS MUFTI DAYS FOR 2015**

**February 8th**

**June 14th**

**October 11th**

**Non Uniform \$ 2**

**Uniform \$ 5**

***Suffering is the fire that God uses to purify and strengthen us.***



14th December Ruth Tween  
 15th December Jo-Anne Douglass  
 17th December Jean Willembrock  
 19th December Hallie Mannix



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

**BAND CAROLING—2014**

14th Dec 9:15 Doonside N/H. 5 pm Carols in Carpark.  
 15th Dec 7 pm Caroling—meet at Hall.  
 21st Dec 9:15 Blacktown Hospital. 12:30 Bunnings 7 Hills.  
 22nd Dec 7 pm Cnr Cowper Cir. & Whittier St. Quakers Hill.  
 + Malee St.  
 25th Dec 9:30 Christmas Service

**COMING EVENTS: Please check the notice board for all coming events:**

Please note that during the Christmas holidays both the Welfare Office and Family Store will be CLOSED from December 23rd and will re-open January 5th 2015.



**Corps Camp: Sign Up Sheet on the noticeboard: PLEASE Sign up NOW to show your interest.**

- ◆ Stanwell Tops—June 26-28th 2015
- ◆ Guests Majors Gary & Judith Baker
- ◆ 199 days away!
- ◆ Prices (can pay over time to Susanne but must be paid in full before going to camp. Under 3 free. 3-5 years \$20. 6-12 years \$63. 13 years and up \$73. These prices are per person per night.

**CORPS CALENDAR—JANUARY 2015**

4th January 2015 Prayer meeting 10 am in Hall.  
 10th –11th Jan. Band & timbrels away in Forbes/Parkes on Band Trip  
 20th Jan. Kids Day at the Corps  
 31st Jan. Youth Group Summer Splash—Divisional Event.  
 1st February Prayer meeting 10 am in the Hall.

**WEEKLY GIVING**

Open Plate Giving \$ 91.25  
 Planned Giving \$ 1,365.00



## Sermon Series

*Please read and let God open your hearts.*

'ADVENT'



### ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

Continue to Pray for ENID RODGERS who is recovering from a fall.

Stephen, Karen ,Michaela, Wendy and Isaac White as they prepare to move.

Sandra Tillson is still not well.

Bella Heard is still recovering.

Grahame Bellamy is at home following knee surgery, pray for a speedy recovery.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We are still looking for a 'willing volunteer' to help Bill with pub ministry on a Friday night. If you feel this could be your way to minister to others, please see Bill as soon as possible.



Willing Volunteers to clean the building once a month.

## PRAYER LIST



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

Pray for Rena with continued serious health concerns.

Please continue to pray for Kath Paddison and thank her for the lovely flowers she donates every week.

Continue to pray for Sandra Robinson (who has had more surgery) and her family.

Pray for Estelle Ring who is having more surgery.

Continue to pray for Gavin, Jen, Charlotte and Avery. Avery is improving and they are all grateful for Prayer.

Pray for Doug Turner as he is at home recovering from a hip replacement.

Pray for a revival in ourselves, our Corps, our City, our Army and our Leaders.

**This week pray especially for:** Lyndon, Jennie, Gabriel, Isaac & Elizah Baker, Grahame & Christine Bellamy, Lyn Blakesley, Marie Carey.

**Give thanks to God for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily.**