



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

## 14th February 2016



### Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

#### FEBRUARY:

- TODAY:** Junior Soldiers will be held during the meeting.  
 Self Denial Launch and at  
 1:30pm Delve (Bible Study) Bring your Bible and meat for BBQ.  
 19th—21st Captivate  
 22nd—26th Officers Retreat  
 26th Youth Group MOVIE NIGHT @ Hall 7pm—9 pm Entry via Gold Coin. Bean bags, pop corn, lollies, choc tops & Movie on the Big Screen.  
 28th Koinonia Lunch & Praise Meeting 2pm

The **SELF DENIAL APPEAL** will be starting TODAY Sunday February 14th with the Altar Service being Sunday April 20th. Please prayerfully consider how much you are able to give. There will be information during the morning meetings and also on the back table.

#### HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS



- 16th February Movie: Hallelujah part 5 & 6  
 23rd February Major Mavis  
 1st March Captain Bill  
 8th March Betty  
 15th March Tony Reid—Maritime Museum AE2 Australian Submarine.  
 22nd March Major Mavis "The Passover" Easter Meeting  
 29th March Maree Hill "What's the Buzz"

**SYDNEY STAFF SONGSTERS** at BLACKTOWN 5th & 6th March. There will be a combined programme on the Saturday Night and the Staff Songsters will take part in the Sunday Meeting. Pray for this time of sharing together.

AVAILABLE: 2 Ladies Navy Lapel Uniforms size 14. Also a women's zip up 'army' jacket size L. Please see Gail Salmon for more details.

#### Generous Life

Generous Life focuses on corps and how they are travelling when it comes to generosity - individually and as a congregation.

The Generous Life Team provide coaching and mentoring which includes assessing current situation in mission, ministry, giving and the overall culture of generosity. It is an opportunity to seriously look at where the corps is and where it needs to be. Corps leadership teams play a very important role in this process.

Previously The Salvation Army in this Territory had what we call Planned Giving. Generous Life could be seen as this but taken to the next level. In fact this is how we are different:

#### PLANNED GIVING

**FROM**  
 Program Directed  
 Structured  
 Inflexible  
 Non negotiables  
 Tight time frame  
 Finance focus  
 Lay leadership  
 Headquarters owned  
 Raising funds  
 Transaction

#### GENEROUS LIFE

**TO**  
 Development Coached  
 Framework Flexible  
 Corps need focused  
 Locally determined time frame  
 Generosity focused - holistically  
 Local leadership  
 Corps owned  
 Culture of Generosity  
 Transformation

This is an exciting journey and we look forward to seeing what God has in store as we all become more generous.

#### What is Generous Life Coaching?

Rather than directing we are about listening to the needs of the individual corps and supporting the Corps Officer/s and Leadership as they discover where the corps is and where it needs to be, and how to get there.

Coaching is very much self directed because we believe that the answer lies within the life and experience of the corps. Coaching uses various tools to help the answers come out.

Generous Life is an exciting adventure that the Corps is going on. We will be looking into this more specifically in April. In order to help us understand and learn more we are going to be using the book by Gordon McDonald entitled, "Generosity - moving toward life that is truly life" We are going through it as a church family however **if you would like to purchase a copy for your own use they are available for \$10. Please tell Captain Susanne and give her the money by Sunday February 21st.**

#### WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate	\$ 232.25
Generous Life	\$ 1,155.00



## 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. It was great to see Kath at the meeting last week.

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

Pray for Estelle Ring.

Pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders. Pray for each of our sections & leader.

Pray for all those who once attended this Corps (or other place of worship) and who no longer worship anywhere. "Pray the prodigals home" they may not agree with us or like us but they are helpless against our prayers.

### This week pray especially for:

Naison, Brenda, Taf & Tat Mwanza, Elaine Nash, Debbie Newland, Anupa, Sharmila, Dilara, Reshme & Enosh Niriella, Ted & Val Norval, Alice, Kaleb, Hilda & Priscilla Nkrumah

**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.



- 15th February Heather Pearce
- 16th February Timothy Batcheldor
- 17th February Linda Robinson
- 18th February Ian Tomlins



- 15th February Les & Betty Crowder
- 18th February Ross & Caryl McCready

Cadets Michael & Katrina Hindle will be joining with us for Out Training from 20th March. Please pray for Michael, Katrina and their children Jacob and Emmalyn as they join us in fellowship and continue in their service and training for the Lord.



We moved from Ipswich, Qld, to the training college in Jan 2015 and have two great kids Jacob (6 years old) and Emmalyn (2 years 8 months) and we are expecting our third baby early June. We have been married 9 years in August. All of Katrina's family live in Qld, Michael's parents were both officers (live in NSW) and has family scattered around and he has moved around Qld and NSW. Michael has a condition called Dyslexia and Irlen syndrome which requires him to wear tinted dark glasses. Michael can play guitar and sing, Katrina can sing and had learnt guitar but is a bit rusty in that area.



Retirement Meeting for

*Commissioners James and Jan Condon*



Saturday 14 May 2016  
2:00 pm  
Sydney Congress Hall



Retirement conducted by  
General Linda Bond (Rtd)

Messages to be sent to: [Joy.Johns@aue.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Joy.Johns@aue.salvationarmy.org)

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—CUBA

**When:** Friday 4th March 2016

**Time:** 10 am

**Place:** St Michael's 58 Orwell St, Blacktown

**ALL WELCOME**

**(See Notice Board for more details)**



**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BUILDS US UP  
AND BINDS US TOGETHER**