



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

14th June 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

COMING EVENTS:

TODAY June 14th MUFTI DAY at Corps (remember \$ 2 for non uniform \$ 5 for uniform. DELVE will NOT be held today.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS will be held today (if Linda is able to get around by then).

CELEBRATION IN BRASS at Dulwich Hill Corps 14th June at 3pm. \$ 5 Donation. Featuring Belmore, Blacktown, Hurstville, Parramatta & Sydney Youth Bands.

YOUNG FAMILIES / PARENTS NIGHT at Parramatta Corps June 19th. See notice board for details—Captain Bill & Susanne are the guest speakers.

June 21st COVENANT SUNDAY. See Captain Bill for more details.

'CORPS CAMP'

IT JUST WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!!!!

What are you doing on Saturday June 27th? FAMILY AND FRIENDS are encouraged to attend.

We have adapted our weekend camp to a day of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING and FOOD. "Admirals" Gary & Judith Baker will be leading us. Join us for only \$10 which covers dinner and the other activities. (Kids not in school are free). Arrive at 1:30pm and stay till after our Bon Fire at 8:30pm. See the Blue Sheet on the Noticeboard for details and to put your name down TODAY!!!! Please pay your \$10 to either Eliza or Carmen by June 21st.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT PLEASE, PLAN TO BE THERE!!!!!!

Date for your Diary: 24th October there is an **International Staff Band Concert at Sydney Congress Hall** at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 each and are only available at the following website: www.trybooking.com



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS

- June 16th Captain Susanne is Leader it is also our —Fundraising. Please bring a cake—buy a cake or make a donation.
- June 23rd Leader: Betty for our Members Day
- June 30th Special Guest Speaker Major Bev Kingston "Rural Chaplains"
- July 7th Video Morning—'Hallelujah' English Salvation Army Comedy DVD.
- July 14th Captain Bill
- July 21 Major Mavis Humphreys
- July 28th MYSTERY AUCTION—Captain Bill—Auctioneer
- Please support our fundraising day by bringing items for auction.



CONGRATULATIONS to Heidi & Craig on the birth of their little girl ELLIE MAE born Blacktown Hospital on Sunday June 7th at 2pm. Weighing 3.4kg and 55cm long. God Bless the 3 of you.

If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at gail_salmon@bigpond.com to be included.

WEEKLY GIVING

- Open Plate \$ 99.65
Planned giving \$ 1,325.00

"THE CONTENTS IN YOUR HEART ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OUTER PACKAGING".



14th June Mikayla White
 16th June Carmen Douglass
 19th June Murriel Pethybridge



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for Rena.
 Pray for Kath Paddison
 Pray for Sandra Robinson
 Pray for Estelle Ring—having more surgery this month. Prayer is very much appreciated.
 Pray for Sandra Tillson
 Please pray for Cadets Paul & Jess Farthing along with their son Patrick as they prepare for their commissioning.
 Grahame Bellamy is still recovering from surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery.
 Linda Robinson had knee surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery.
 Pray for Majors Robert & Judy Holley as they settle in Dubbo.
 Pray for our Government that they will make wise choices in all they do.
 Pray for our Country, for a Revival of the Holy Spirit and let the REVIVAL start with YOU!

This week pray especially for:

Larissa, Joshua, Benjamin, Chloe & Brooke Hardy, Bela & David Heard, Maree & Kelvin Hill, Robyn Hobbs, Majors Robert & Judy Holley, Vi Holman, John, Letitia, Nathan, Sarah & Hannah Hughes.

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.



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS BAND



The band was commenced at Seven Hills Corps in 1966 under the leadership of Bandmaster Bill Isberg. It started with only six members, but soon developed in numbers and proficiency. The band has always been active with open air meetings, concerts and weekend visits to smaller Corps.

After some name and structure changes to the Corps and the relocation to our present site, the Band became the Blacktown City Corps Band.

The band currently has 21 members. Every Sunday the band participates in the morning meeting accompanying the singing and presenting it's own message to the congregation. Prior to the meeting the band plays at one of the local nursing homes or hospitals.

On occasions (especially around Christmas time) the band presents short concerts in the shopping centres (Westpoint Blacktown or Centro Seven Hills), the local Bunnings stores or around the streets. Christmas Caroling attracts a lot of interest and often family groups will follow us as we move around the streets. Besides playing for our own Christmas Carols and special meetings, the band plays for a number of community carol events. One longstanding commitment has been the Marsden Hospital Carols Night which the band has now led for almost 50 years.

Since 1998 the Band has presented a series of 2 "Subscription Concerts" per year. These concerts provide funds for the band and are well supported by the community. The last concert (series 18, Number 1) was held on Saturday 9th May and included a wide range of musical styles including classical, modern and traditional brass band. In addition to the Brass Band the concert included a piano soloist, a vocal soloist, a trumpet soloist, timbrel displays and presentations by our contemporary ensemble. The next concert in this series will be held on Saturday 21st November and will include a number of Christmas favourites.

In January this year the band travelled to Parkes to participate in the annual "Elvis Festival". On the Saturday afternoon the band presented a concert on the stage. Fortunately there was ample cover for the audience as our performance brought an end to the drought—and it continued to rain steadily for the whole weekend much to the delight of the locals. On the Saturday evening the band presented a concert in the Forbes Citadel to a very appreciative audience. The band returned to Parkes on Sunday morning to present a concert/chapel service to the residents of Rosedurnate Nursing Home.

On 19th April the band presented a "Anzac Tribute Concert" in conjunction with the newly formed "Sydney Salvation Brass" (SSB) Band. In the following weeks the band presented a concert (year 18 of the Subscription Services) and a concert—"Bands Together" at Parramatta and will be contributing to "Celebration in Brass" at Dulwich Hill on 14th June.

On ANZAC Day the band played for the final dawn service of the Wentworthville sub-branch of the RSL. The sub-branch has now amalgamated with the Seven Hills Toongabbie sub-branch. Following the dawn service many of the band and timbrels travelled into the City to participate in the ANZAC Day march as part of the SSB.