



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

## 16th August 2015



### Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

#### ***MOVED TO ACTION***

***JUNIOR SOLDIER RENEWAL—please pray for our Junior Soldiers and their Leaders as they take part in the meeting and sign their renewal form.***

**CHURCH SURVEY** if you missed out on filling in this survey last week (or if you took it home to complete). Please consider taking part in this anonymous survey which helps us to see the direction of our Corps and HAND in TODAY, please.

If parents with young children can just be mindful of the fact that after church we serve hot drinks and if we can ask that all kids are watched when in the back room.

#### **COMING EVENTS: AUGUST**

23rd August Ivan Kelly will be leading our meeting next Sunday then please join with us for KOINONIA (Fellowship Lunch—add your name to the list and what 'dish' you can bring to share.

27th August CORPS COUNCIL Meeting at the Quarters at 7:30. If you would like anything on the agenda please let Christine know.

5th September Bunnings BBQ fundraiser

6th September PRAYER MEETING in the hall 10am.

Thursday 10th September we are having a **WILLS DAY** at the Corps. More details to come, but for \$50 you can have your Will prepared by a lawyer.

12th September MENS BREAKFAST—8am. Don't forget to add your name to the list.

13th September Delve

20th September Sunday School Anniversary

27th September National Servicemen's Sunday



#### **HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS**

18th August John & Lorraine Hughes—150 years since the Army Began.

25th August Captain Susanne

1st September Robyn Hobbs—FATHERS DAY

8th September Maree Hill—'SPRING CLEAN'

15th September **MISSIONARY MORNING**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER—MAJOR CORAL HODGES**

Morning Tea 10 am

Service 10:30 am

Donation \$5

All proceeds go to the Salvation Army's work in the Ukraine



**Attention Gardeners!!** If you have any pot plants that could be sold for HL Missionary Morning, September 15th, please see Mavis Humphreys.

We are looking for a willing volunteer (actually 2 or 3 people) to do street ministry at Seven Hills Shops for 3 hours on Thursday and/or Fridays (10—1). Also Thursday nights at Westpoint. This is an important ministry for the Corps.

**URGENTLY NEEDED: ESKY's** The Young People are doing a BBQ Fundraiser at Seven Hills Bunning on September 5th and we need to keep cold over 350 cans of drink. Could anyone please spare an esky? (or two or three?!!!!) Please label it and give to Captain Susanne ASAP if you are able to help.





### 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 Sandra Tillson

Pray for Estelle Ring as she recovers from surgery.

Please pray for Cadets Paul & Jess Farthing along with their son Patrick as they prepare for their commissioning.

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:

Joan Adkin, Hayley Hawrylcw, Madelina Ary, Lyndon, Jennie, Gabriel, Isaac & Elijah Baker, Stuart, Timothy & Laura Batcheldor, Grahame & Christine Bellamy, Lynn Blakesley, Marie Carey.

**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.

#### WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 57.90

Generous Life \$ 1,830.05

If you would like the Corps to pray for you, or to be remembered on your Birthday or Anniversary please make sure you give your details to Jan Clarke so you can be included.

**ROOM TO RENT** in the Penrith Area. Bond \$320.

\$160 per week (includes water & electricity).

Please phone 0418621475.

### WORSHIP ENSEMBLE

The Worship Ensemble has had a vibrant history at Blacktown Corps, under various leaders. Five years ago, saw the creation of a 'young peoples' worship team. A few years after the young peoples worship team was formed, it was combined with the regular team. Which saw the further development and shaping of our young people's gifts to what you see in worship today.

In the ensemble, we have developed a mentoring type program for the two main sections being: vocals and musicians. This has allowed for each section to work together independently on their craft and further develop their skills.

The ensemble meets weekly on Wednesday nights, to prepare for Sunday. They also meet twice a year for workshops, which creates opportunity to learn new music, workshop existing music and to fellowship together.

In 2014 and into 2015, the Ensemble underwent a training course entitled "The Essentials in Worship". This training series was designed to equip the team with an understanding of what it is to be a true worshipper. It considered topics such as:

- \* Worship Leading (character, skills, sets, and bands)
- \* Worship Ministry (leadership, 9 roles, 4 relationships, tools)
- \* Worship Songwriting (from your idea to your song)
- \* "Worship Values (5 values that guide what we do)
- \* Worship Theology (big ideas about worship)
- \* Worship History (the ways we worship over time).

This series reinforced the vision of this team as being a vehicle to facilitate corporate worship. It is the prayer of the ensemble that our gifts are pleasing to God and bring Glory to his Name.

Our Thanks go to Rod & Naarah for their time and dedication to this group. You will be missed.

*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.*

**MAKE IT YOUR ONLY EXPECTATION TO  
MAGNIFY CHRIST WHEREVER YOU ARE AND  
WHOEVER YOU ARE WITH.**