



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

17th May 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday May 17th—2pm –4:30pm. LIVING LIFE TO THE GLORY OF GOD. An afternoon of praising God through Scripture, Songs & Hymns. Toongabbie Anglican cnr. Binalong & Burrabogee, Pendle Hill. God Coin donation, includes afternoon tea. Contact Lenore 9838 8194 or Natasha 0403 245 206.

BANDS TOGETHER CONCERT at Parramatta **23rd**

May 7:30pm. \$5 Admission. Featuring: Blacktown City Band, Sydney Veterans Band and Parramatta Band.

May 24th after the meeting could all Camp Committee Members please meet—just briefly.

PASTORAL CARE COUNCIL meeting Tuesday 26th May at 12:30pm.

June 7th PRAYER MEETING in Hall at 10am.

June 14th MUFTI DAY at Corps (remember \$ 2 for non uniform \$ 5 for uniform. Then come along to DELVE at the Quarters. Don't forget to bring your Bible and meat to BBQ,

June 21st COVENANT SUNDAY.

*** **What are you doing on Saturday June 27th?** ***

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, PLEASE, PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE!!!!!!

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

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



OUR RED SHILED FAMILY STORE is in need of **CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS** and/or **Newspapers**. They also require a **WHEEL BRACE** for changing truck tyres with 40ml nuts. If anyone can assist please see Mark Andrews.



RED SHIELD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

May 30th & 31st. Please consider assisting in the **Red Shield Doorknock Appeal.** Everyone is needed from doorknockers, static collecting, catering, counting, child minding, drivers. This is the time we ask the public to assist us with our Social Service needs. We really do need your assistance. Please see Les, Doug or Susanne & Bill for details.

If you would like to collect in a specific area please speak to the following:

Les - Seven Hills Shops

Doug - Westpoint

Cadets Jess & Paul— Parklea Markets.

REMEMBER: There will be NO meeting on Sunday 31st May due to Red Shield.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Home League for New Hand Dryers in the Corps Bathrooms.

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 60.60

Planned giving \$ 875.00



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS

- May 19th Nick Cole from the BIBLE SOCIETY
 May 26th Major Mavis Humphreys
 June 2nd Bella Heard
 June 9th Major Lyn Whitehouse



- 19th May Wayne Robins
 20th May Janice Lane



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

Pray for Sandra Tillson

Please pray for Cadets Paul & Jess Farthing along with their son Patrick.

Grahame Bellamy had surgery this week. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Pray for Majors Robert & Judy Holley as they are preparing to move and for their continued health.

This week pray especially for:

Dorcas, Rachael & Daren Chakanetta, Jan Clarke, Les & Betty Crowder, Sylvia Davidson, Norm Dobing, Geoff, Jo-Ann, Carmen, Eliza & Allison Douglass.

SPECIAL REQUEST: The 3 week old baby has been returned to hospital and is being monitored closely. The 5 week old is out of ICU and is a normal ward for 4 weeks. Please pray for salvation through this time for the families and healing for the precious new babes and for the Doctors and nurses who are being used by God.

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 HOME LEAGUE

Blacktown Home League started as an outpost of Toongabbie Corps in a converted chicken farm in Mary Street, Blacktown around 1961. Mrs. Major White from Toongabbie Corps was the first Home League Secretary and there were approximately 20 ladies attending each week. In 1974 or 1975 it ceased to be an outpost and was taken over by the new Corps in Blacktown.

Today, Home League meets every Tuesday morning with around 30 –35 attending. Our Meeting starts at 11am till noon, followed by a fellowship lunch. We have a Prayer Meeting and a craft class during morning tea which starts anywhere from 9am (for some early birds) and finishes around 10:45 before our meeting starts.

We have a trading table operating each week and a library which gives ladies a chance to borrow new books to read.

For many years we have brought Christmas cheer to residents in Aged Care Centres with our Singers & Timbrels.

We also hold fundraising mornings during the year. This enables us to give to many worthy causes. Under Salvos sponsorship we give to A Water Sanitation & Health program in Kenya which involves 40 Schools, and in Haiti we sponsor a Safe & Sound Schools Program helping 3,000 school students from 20 schools.

We have guest speakers from time to time and have lots of interesting meetings. Many ladies who now attend our Sunday meeting have come through the Home League.

Some of our ladies have been attending for many years, they are a friendly lot and always happy to welcome newcomers.

Our Home League 4 Point Programme is WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE. Our Prayer is that all who attend will have a closer and personal relationship with God as we meet each week for fellowship together.

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.

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IT'S A SEP INTO THE LIGHT".**