



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

## 21st February 2016



### Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

#### FEBRUARY:

**22nd—26th Officers Retreat.** Pray for all the Officers as they join in fellowship together.

**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.** Please make sure you add your name and what you will be bringing.

The **SELF DENIAL APPEAL** started last Sunday (February 14th) with the Altar Service being Sunday March 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



- 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.**



Congratulations to Norm Dobing on the birth of his granddaughter Ruby. Born to Steve & Laura on February 17th at 10am. She weighs 2.8kg and is 33cm long. God bless the family.

#### 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 Development
- Structured
- Inflexible
- Non negotiables
- Tight time frame
- Finance focus
- Lay leadership
- Headquarters owned
- Raising funds
- Transaction

#### GENEROUS LIFE

**TO**

- Directed 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 TODAY (Sunday February 21st).**

**If you prefer to purchase the book as an IBook then this can be done through APPLES IBook for around \$5.**

#### EASTER SERIES

#### “Love Ran Red”

- 6th March Matthew 27:46 “Why have you forsaken me”  
Sydney Staff Songsters.
- 13th March Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them” Mavis/Band & Timbrels in Orange.
- 20th March John 19:28 “I Thirst”
- 25th March John 19:30 “It is finished”
- 27th March Luke 23:43 “You will be with me in paradise”

#### WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate	\$ 218.00
Generous Life	\$ 1,385.00



## 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.

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.



Pray for Michael, Katrina Jacob & Emmalyn Hindle as they join us for out training.

Pray for Peter Hardy as he is at School for Youth Leadership. Pray that God will guide and bless him in all he does.

Pray for Janine & Wayne Robins following the sudden death of her brother.

Bob Rogan is the counsellor for the Blacktown Corps– based counselling service. Please pray that God's Spirit would give Bob spiritual insight as he works with those who are struggling with difficult life issues. Also pray for those who come for assistance; that they would see Christ in Bob, and experience the wonderful healing power of God in their journey toward health and wholeness. Please pray for this very valuable ministry of our Corps.

### This week pray especially for:

Kath Pddison, Bruce Parker, Leesa & Mitchell Parker, Majors Warren & Denise Parkinson, Heather Pearce, Murray Pearson, Muriel Pethybridge, Cherylee Reeves.

**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.



25th February Isaac Baker

25th February Judy Holley



25th February John & Ruther Tween

**SAME, SAME BUT different**

teaching & training women

Saturday 5th March, 2016. Wentworthville Presbyterian Church



See Notice Board for further details.



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)**



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MOLDED BY THE POTTER.**