



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

21st 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 is COVENANT SUNDAY. *All there is of me, Lord, all there is of me, Time and Talents, day by day, All I bring to thee; All there is of me, Lord, All there is of me, on thine altar here I lay All there is of me.*

'CORPS CAMP' NEXT WEEKEND!!!

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

Saturday June 27th *it's not too late to sign up and also bring your FAMILY AND FRIENDS.*

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!!!!

On Sunday June 28th we will continue our theme for the weekend with Majors Gary & Judith Baker leading our meeting. Everyone is invited to stay for a FELLOWSHIP LUNCH (whether you have been to the weekend or not). Gold coin donation.

Please pay your \$10 (for the Saturday) to either Eliza or Carmen by TODAY. (if you can't pay today, please let Carmen, Eliza or Captain Susan know).

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 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.

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.

*Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in
ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy
love; Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful
for thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from
thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt
choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine. It shall be no longer
mine; Take my heart, it is thine own. It shall be thy royal
throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet it's treasure
store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*



24th June Jeanette Briggs & Lucy Mace
 25th June Denise Parkinson
 26th June Tracey Kuiper



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!

Pray for the INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN LONDON 1st—5th July. Pray for all those attending and travelling. Pray for those from our Corps who are attending for travelling mercies and for good health & spiritual enrichment.

This week pray especially for:

John, Barbara & Warren Hughes, John & Lorraine Hughes, John, Jenny, Marc, Cameron, Ian & Keeleigh Humphreys, Mavis Humphreys, Michael & Chris Jameson & Lucy Mace.

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.