



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

24th January 2016



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you are all refreshed and ready for a new and exciting 2016.

Since the last Newsletter we have said good bye to Major Elizabeth Garland who has taken up her new appointment to England—pray for Elizabeth as she leaves us. We also said good by to Majors Warren & Denise Parkinson as they take up their new appointments.

The 'FUN IN THE SUN' Youth programme was held from 9th—15th January and many children were contacted for the Lord. Something like 11 Bibles were given out and several children said they were coming to Youth events and Oasis. Praise the Lord. Pray for our Youth Workers and the ministry they undertake and for the people who's lives are touched.

JANUARY:

5th Family Store reopened.

19th Welfare resumed

30TH JANUARY - SUMMER SPLASH—Youth Group Activity.

LEAVING HALL @ 3.30PM AND RETURNING @ 9.00PM

COST \$10

POOL, WATER SLIDES, FOOD, FRIENDS, MUSIC & FUN

NEXT SUNDAY—31st January

OASIS Resumes for the year. Also, JUNIOR SOLDIERS resumes.

HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS



2nd February Major Mavis Humphreys

9th February Betty

FEBRUARY:

7th Prayer Meeting at 10am in the Hall

11th Corps Council Meeting.

12th Youth Group—GLOW GAMES @ Hall. 7– 9 pm. Entry via Gold Coin. Crazy Glow Stick themed Games & Supper.

14th Self Denial Launch & Delve (Bible Study)

19th—21st Captivate

22nd—26th Officers Retreat

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

PRAYER REQUEST:

Doug Turner enters hospital tomorrow (25th January) for a hip operation. Pray for Doug during this time in hospital that it will be a success and he will not have to endure the pain he has been in.

CORPS DIRECTORY UPDATE: (Please amend your copy.)

Kom SHOL—new address is Unit 35 2-4 Fifth Ave Blacktown

Rena YOUNG—new address 230 Deltoro Rd Cedar Grove Qld. 4258 - mobile 0468 906094.

(If there are any changes to the Corps Directory or you would like to be included—please see Jan Clarke with details.)

THANK YOU EVERYONE for the great response to new tea towels for the kitchen. We have an abundance of clean new cloths to see us out for quite some time. You are all awesome!



23rd January

Doug Turner

25th January

Sylvia Davidson

28th January

Kath Paddison

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate	\$ 267.45
Generous Life	\$ 1,305.00



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 Government that they will make wise choices in all they do.

Continue to pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders.

Pray for all the children & teaches as they are heading back to school.

This week pray especially for:

John, Letitia, Nathan, Sarah & Hannah Hughes, John, Barbara & Warren Hughes, John & Lorraine Hughes, John, Jenny, Marc Cameron, Ian & Keeleigh Humphreys, Mavis Humphreys, Sanjay, Gayali & Jhanui Javasingh.

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.

As we were reminded last week from Ephesians 3—**GOD CAN DO IMMESURABLY MORE THAN WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE.**

Pray the **IMPOSSIBLE PRAYER** for **THIS CORPS**—see the **IMPOSSIBLE ACHIEVED** when we are faithful, rooted, grounded & work together in **PRAYER**.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a Prayer Request, or if you would like your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary listed in the Newsletter (or if I have a wrong date listed) please see Gail Salmon with the details.

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.

In the first week of the new year we were challenged with the following:

IF YOU WERE TO GO TO SLEEP TONIGHT AND WHEN YOU WOKE IN THE MORNING ALL YOU HAD LEFT WAS WHAT YOU THANKED GOD FOR YESTERDAY.

Have a great new year and remember to THANK God for what He has given us.

IMPACT is the youth ministry of The Salvation Army Blacktown

IMPACT youth is for young people aged 12 to year 12. We're all about fun, friends and faith!

We have two aims, we want to reach young people and tell them about Jesus so He can have an IMPACT on their lives. Secondly, we want to encourage and equip young people to have an IMPACT on the world.

OUR YOUTH TEAM

PETER HARDY (YOUTH LEADER)

CARMEN DOUGLASS (YOUTH LEADER)

MADDIE MUIR (YOUTH LEADER)

Captain BILL & SUSANNE GERACIA (PASTORS /OFFICERS)

LAUREN MASON (YOUTH SUPPORT)

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US ?

1- Tell people to come

As this is a ministry of your church we would love you to encourage any young people who you know to come and get involved in our program. This is for anyone high-school aged.

2- Pray

We're trying new things and pursuing the kingdom of God. In this, we ask for prayer in protection and wisdom as we navigate new terrain. Maybe you'd even consider joining our prayer list? Talk to Captain Bill, Susanne or Lauren if you'd like to receive monthly prayer updates.

3- Consider becoming a leader for Term 2

As we aim to bring new youth into our program we will need more hands to 'make light work'. Prayerfully consider if being a youth leader is something you'd like to look into and then talk to either Captain Bill, Susanne or Lauren and we can begin the process.

4. Donate

We are dedicated to being faithful stewards of the resources that God provides and there are always costs involved in running a ministry. If you'd like to make a contribution to the youth group financially place your donation in an envelope marked 'youth group' and give it to either Captain Bill, Susanne or Lauren.

Did you know that the 2011 Census showed that there was over 26,778 teenagers living in the Blacktown Area? By 'revamping' our program we hope to reach further into this age group. We are thankful for the rich heritage of Youth and Leaders that have existed at Blacktown Salvation Army. We are learning that everything is seasonal. We have established a great group for young adults where those connected to our Church can grow, we now believe God is calling us to reach into the community and engage more with High School aged teens within Blacktown & Surrounding suburbs.