



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

25th October 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

COMING EVENTS:

New CHANGES OF APPOINTMENTS

Cadets Jess & Paul Farthing Corps Officers, Shellharbour Corps & Team Members.

Cadets Belinda Zhou & Frank Wang Corps Officers, Bankstown Corps.

Cadets Jodie & Matthew Sutcliffe Corps Officers, Shoalhaven Corps.

Cadets Bronwyn & Perry Lithgow, Corps Officers Townsville Faithworks.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS will be held today, during the meeting.

Pray for the ladies at **WOW** Camp. Pray they will have a time of refreshment and spiritual renewal.

30th Oct—1st Nov **JUST MEN.**

ATTENTION all young adults please note the next ENGAGE at Auburn Corps will be held on October 30th at 6:30 pm—theme is **MASQUERADE CHRISTMAS PARTY!** See Susanne, Bill or Lauren for details.

1st November Prayer meeting in Hall at 10am.

8th November Delve



The Next Subscription Concert is November 7th. Commences at 7:30 pm at 2 Kempsey Street. Come for the Music and stay for supper. (Please bring a plate of food to share). Adults \$8, Concession \$5, Family \$22. Bring your family & friends.

JUNIOR SOLDIER ENROLLMENT 8th November.

DIVISIONAL RALLY to be held at Penrith, November 15th Starting at 4pm with family activities and then the meeting starting at 6pm. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

28th—29th November Sydney Commissioning. **NO CHURCH** at Blacktown on this day because of Commissioning.

Advent season is upon us—starting November 29th.

UPCOMING DATE for Calendar:

Sunday December 13th CHRISTMAS CIRCUS CARNIVAL and CAROLS NIGHT. Details forthcoming.

CORPS CHRISTMAS DINNER: SUNDAY December 20th at 5:30 pm. The list of names will go up shortly—if you don't see your name, add it! \$8 per adult, \$5 children 10 and under, children under 5 free.

SYDNEY STAFF SONGSTERS will be joining us in March of 2016! Stay tuned for more details.

CORPS CLEANUP DAY—SATURDAY January 16th from 9—2pm. Lunch and snacks provided. Please come and help give our building a good clean up and spruce!



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS

27th October	Guest Speaker Lucy Meyer—Global Recordings.
3rd November	Christmas Card Making—Kath & Val
10th November	Nerida Jackson—Australian Hearing.
17th November	Caryl McCready—Our Overseas Holiday
24th November	Christmas Service—Captains Bill & Susanne. Please bring something Christmassy to share for morning tea.

Thanks to 2 more volunteers who have taken on the Friday Morning Street Ministry spot as well. Such a blessing! Help with Pub Collecting on Friday nights is still needed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!!!! All boxes are due **TODAY!** There are still some that need to be brought in—around 10. Can you please bring them in ASAP! Blessings.

Did you know that we have a Corps Library? There are amazing books in there to borrow—just ask Jan! Also it's a lovely spot to sit quietly and read or pray.

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate	\$ 109.15
Generous Life	\$ 1,595.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne & their family as they minister to us.

Dawn Boyd is not well, please pray for Dawn.

Pray for Rena who has moved to Qld. To live with her daughter.

Pray for Kath Paddison who is in Nepean Hospital.

Pray for Sandra Robinson

Pray for Phil Robinson who is not well at this time.

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 Eddie—who is the brother of Joanne Douglass in your prayers. Eddie is in a coma in hospital in Victoria in a serious condition.

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 our young folk who are sitting their HSC over the next few months. Maddie Muir, Whitney Kuiper, Jack Douglass.

This week pray especially for:

Estelle, Paul, Gaylene, Julie & Bronwyn Ring, Wayne & Janine Robins, Nigel, Linda, Joshua & Samuel Robinson, Phillip, Sandra, Keyra, Joshua & Daniel Robinson.

BOUNDLESS—The whole World Praying—are you still reading Gods Word on a daily basis?

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.

PRAISE POINTS!!

Jesus, Son of God let your Love shine through our eyes, your Spirit inspire our words, your Wisdom fill our minds, your Mercy control our hands, your Will capture our hearts, your Joy pervade our being, until we are changed into your likeness from Glory to Glory. (Michael Perry).



30th October

John Tween

OASIS is our Sunday School program here at the Corps. We are on every Sunday during school term from 9—10am. What an amazing time we have! The last few years we have been working through the Oasis DVD packs generously given to us by Ivan Kelly and his team from Logosdor. These packs are amazing—they are an all inclusive Sunday School lesson. Each week the children sing songs, play games, do challenges, learn Bible verses, read Scripture, watch short videos. The themes we have covered are: God The Father, Holy Spirit, God's Mega Plan one and two, The Bible, On Track, Peter, Rock Solid, Proverbs, Paul, Joshua and right now we have just started Living Legend Powerful Friend.

Currently we have around 10 children that attend the program weekly. A part from our awesome children we have some amazing leaders. A big shout out and thank you to : Eliza Douglass, Carmen Douglass, Kathryn Hardy, Whitney Kuiper and Hayley Hawryciw—Oasis would NOT be able to function without you guys!

Please encourage the children and the leaders when you see them—they are certainly amazing and have learnt a lot and taught us a lot too. Please keep them in your prayers.

CAN YOU HELP? The Corps Kitchen is in desperate need of some new tea-towels. Maybe you have some of those tea towels that were souvenirs and you put them away and they have not been used and you would dearly love to part with them! Maybe you have seen some of those "larger" size tea towels in some of the \$1 shops and you would be happy to buy 1/2 doz. Or so to help us restock. Some towelling tea towels would also be a good help. I would be happy to accept any donations. Thanks. Jan

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Isaiah 49:19-20 says "Those far from the Lord will return—we will say 'we need more room, it's crowded here!'" Let us claim this for Blacktown Corps and see God bring in the harvest and expand our walls.