



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

28th June 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

A BIG welcome is extended to Major's Gary & Judith Baker as they worship with us this weekend. Thank you so much for coming and sharing with us.

CORPS CAMP: We hope you all had a fabulous day yesterday and were blessed. We know the teaching was blessed by God and we thank Him for Gary & Judith. Thank you to the Camp Committee—Peter Hardy, Eliza Douglass, Christine Bellamy, Carmen Douglass, Sheree Muir and Tracey Kuiper for all your hard work and dedication to the weekend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL finishes today for the term break and will resume on July 19th.

JUNIOR SOLDIERS will be held today during the meeting.

COMING EVENTS: JULY

1st—5th July International Congress in London

5th July Prayer meeting in Hall at 10am.

12th July Delve

19th July Music Sunday

WEEKLY GIVING (for 2 weeks)

Open Plate \$ 288.30

Planned giving \$ 2,485.00

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 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.



- 29th June Colin Duncan
- 1st July Leesa Parker
- 2nd July Sandra Tilson



- 4th July Ian & Lisa Tomlins

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**OUR DESIRE TO PLEASE GOD IS OUR HIGHEST MOTIVE FOR OBEYING HIM.
MAKE SURE YOU ANCHOR SAFE AND SECURE IN JESUS**



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 Ian Tomlins and his son at this time.

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 (Ross & Caryl McCready & John & Lorraine Hughes) for travelling mercies and for good health & spiritual enrichment.

This week pray especially for:

Sanjay, Gayali & Jhanui Javasingh, Don & Bronwyn Jenkins, Ivan & Noelene Kelly, Tracey, Witney & Mitchell Kuiper, Janice Lane, Masalo Laumua, Craig, Erin & Jared McCready, Ross & Caryl McCready, Michael, Rose & James McDonald.

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 ?? 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.