



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

2nd August 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

JUNIOR SOLDIERS & PREP CLASSES will be held today during the meeting. Please pray for these young folk and their leaders.

Today is **ROD & NAARAH's** last Sunday with us before going overseas. Please pray for their family as they are moving and settling in to their new location. Thank them for all they have done in the Corps and assure them of your prayers.



If anyone in the Corps needs to cover their garden with wood chip we have 1.5 tonnes to give away for **FREE**.

Also the Family Store has 2 organs and a piano not to mention some great furniture.

See **Mark** at the Red Shield Family Store for more details. Mark is looking for an enthusiastic person who loves to garden. He has been tending to some cactus' and other plants in the back area and would love it if someone has some free time to come and tend to them every few days or once a week.

CHURCH SURVEY is going to be given out on August 9th. Please consider taking part in this anonymous survey which helps us to see the direction of our Corps.

COMING EVENTS: AUGUST

3rd—7th August National Missing Persons Week. Please see the bookmark at the back table for more information.

7th August **YOUTH GROUP** at 7:30 (timbrels beforehand) - Life Size Snakes & Ladders Game

9th August **DELVE** (Prayer meeting at Quarters)

11th August **PASTORAL CARE MEETING** for those involved (you should know who you are) after Home League.

16th August Junior Soldier Renewal

23rd August **Koinonia** (Fellowship Lunch—add your name to the list and what 'dish' you can bring to share.

27th August **CORPS COUNCIL** Meeting at the Quarters. If you would like anything on the agenda please let Christine know.

Thursday 10th September we are having a **WILLS DAY** at the Corps. More details to come, but for \$50 you can have your Will prepared by a lawyer.

12th September **MENS BREAKFAST**—8am. Don't forget to add your name to the list.



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS

August 4th Visit by Guardian Funerals (Lynne Gardland) & Michael from Pinegrove.

August 11th Betty.

'LALOR PARK'S GOT TALENT'

Auditions: 18th, 19th & 20th August 2015. Cnr Freemans St & Burke Rd. Lalor Park. 3:30pm—9 pm

Main Event Saturday 12th September 2015. Seven Hills High School Johnson Ave. Seven Hills. 5pm—9 pm.

Applications close Tuesday 11th August 2015. Registration forms can be obtained from Lalor Park Library, Common Groundz Café and St. Clements Anglican Church 9838 9092 Mark Tough.

POSITONS VACANT: Tyndale Christian School (58 Douglas Rd, Blacktown).

⇒ School Bus Driver (part time) applications close 12th Aug

⇒ Principal's PA (12 month maternity leave position) - applications close 12th August.

⇒ English KLA Coordinator (Year6—12) (full time) - applications close 26th August.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons. Please visit www.tyndale.edu.au/ourshcool/employment for detailed information on these vacant positions

URGENTLY NEEDED: ESKY's The Young People are doing a BBQ Fundraiser at Seven Hills Bunning on September 5th and we need to keep cold over 350 cans of drink. Could anyone please spare an esky? (or two or three!!!!) Please label it and give to Captain Susanne ASAP if you are able to help.





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 Sandra Tillson

Please pray for Cadets Paul & Jess Farthing along with their son Patrick as they prepare for their commissioning.

Estelle Ring has requested prayer for Gaylene who has had surgery on her foot. She has golden staff infection. Also, Estelle has a big four hour surgery on Thursday 23rd. Paul also needs prayer as he is looking after both of them.

Lisa Tomlins.

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!

This week pray especially for:

Sandra Tillson, Ian, Lisa, Lee & Carly Tomlins, Doug Turner, Jamie Turner, John & Ruth Tween, Ram Ugre, Helen Van Loon, John Vesley, Shirley Watts.

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.



2nd August Happy 18th Birthday Whitney Kuiper

2nd August Benjamin Sinclair & Michael Jamison

8th August Captain Bill

8th August Hannah Hughes

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 158.75
Generous Life \$ 1,305.00

WORSHIP ENSEMBLE

The Worship Ensemble has had a vibrant history at Blacktown Corps, under various leaders. Five years ago, saw the creation of a 'young peoples' worship team. A few years after the young peoples worship team was formed, it was combined with the regular team. Which saw the further development and shaping of our young people's gifts to what you see in worship today.

In the ensemble, we have developed a mentoring type program for the two main sections being: vocals and musicians. This has allowed for each section to work together independently on their craft and further develop their skills.

The ensemble meets weekly on Wednesday nights, to prepare for Sunday. They also meet twice a year for workshops, which creates opportunity to learn new music, workshop existing music and to fellowship together.

In 2014 and into 2015, the Ensemble underwent a training course entitled "The Essentials in Worship". This training series was designed to equip the team with an understanding of what it is to be a true worshipper. It considered topics such as:

- * Worship Leading (character, skills, sets, and bands)
- * Worship Ministry (leadership, 9 roles, 4 relationships, tools)
- * Worship Songwriting (from your idea to your song)
- * "Worship Values (5 values that guide what we do)
- * Worship Theology (big ideas about worship)
- * Worship History (the ways we worship over time).

This series reinforced the vision of this team as being a vehicle to facilitate corporate worship. It is the prayer of the ensemble that our gifts are pleasing to God and bring Glory to his Name.

Our Thanks go to Rod & Naarah for their time and dedication to this group. You will be missed.

THE WAY WE VIEW ETERNITY WILL AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE IN TIME.8