



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

5th July 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on July 19th.

## COMING EVENTS: JULY

1st—5th July International Congress in London

Today—5th July Prayer meeting in Hall at 10am.

12th July Delve

19th July Music Sunday

New Tithing envelopes will be handed out by Susanne today. If you don't get one and want to be included for this please speak to Doug.

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](http://www.trybooking.com)

### WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 87.75

Planned giving \$ 1,495.00

If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at [gail\\_salmon@bigpond.com](mailto:gail_salmon@bigpond.com) to be included.



## HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS

- 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.



- 6th July Craig McCready
- 8th July Stephen White
- 10th July Christine Bellamy
- 10th July Isaac White
- 11th July John Hughes (Snr)



- 8th July Barbara & John Hughes

*O Lord, help me to turn off all the distractions around me and focus on You. May my heart be good soil for the seed of Your Word today.*

**FOCUSING ON CHRIST PUTS EVERYTHING ELSE IN PERSPECTIVE.**



## 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:

Justin, Candice, Hallie & Lucinda Mannix, Bev Masters, Pradeep, Neeta & Brysun Menon, Julia Mills, Robert & Frances Mills, Naison, Brenda, Tafadzwa & Tatenda Mwanza, Elaine Nash, Ted & Val Norval.

**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.