



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

## 7th February 2016



### Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

#### FEBRUARY:

- TODAY: 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

The **SELF DENIAL APPEAL** will be starting Sunday February 14th with the Altar Service being Sunday April 20th. Please prayerfully consider how much you are able to give. There will be information during the morning meetings and also on the back table.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to a community member, Veronica, who saw a need and fulfilled it. This lady came to our Christmas Carols event and saw that the gardens needed weeding. She gave Susanne her name and number and has done an amazing job. Take a look for yourself out in the back yard between the Corps and the Office! Thank God for people in the community who help in any way they can.



#### HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS

- 9th February **Keyra Robinson** - 'Journey to God via TEXAS!'
- 16th February Move: Hallelujah part 5 & 6
- 23rd February Major Mavis
- 1st March Captain Bill
- 8th March Betty
- 15th March Tony Reid—Maritime Museum AE@ Australian Submarine.
- 22nd March Major Mavis "The Passover" Easter Meeting
- 29th March Maree Hill "What's the Buzz"

#### Generous Life

Generous Life focuses on corps and how they are travelling when it comes to generosity - individually and as a congregation.

The Generous Life Team provide coaching and mentoring which includes assessing current situation in mission, ministry, giving and the overall culture of generosity. It is an opportunity to seriously look at where the corps is and where it needs to be. Corps leadership teams play a very important role in this process.

Previously The Salvation Army in this Territory had what we call Planned Giving. Generous Life could be seen as this but taken to the next level. In fact this is how we are different:

#### PLANNED GIVING

##### FROM

- Program
- Directed
- Structured
- Inflexible
- Non negotiables
- Tight time frame
- Finance focus
- Lay leadership
- Headquarters owned
- Raising funds
- Transaction

#### GENEROUS LIFE

##### TO

- Development
- Coached
- Framework
- Flexible
- Corps need focused
- Locally determined time frame
- Generosity focused - holistically
- Local leadership
- Corps owned
- Culture of Generosity
- Transformation

This is an exciting journey and we look forward to seeing what God has in store as we all become more generous.

#### What is Generous Life Coaching?

Rather than directing we are about listening to the needs of the individual corps and supporting the Corps Officer/s and Leadership as they discover where the corps is and where it needs to be, and how to get there.

Coaching is very much self directed because we believe that the answer lies within the life and experience of the corps. Coaching uses various tools to help the answers come out.

Generous Life is an exciting adventure that the Corps is going on. We will be looking into this more specifically in April. In order to help us understand and learn more we are going to be using the book by Gordon McDonald entitled, "Generosity - moving toward life that is truly life" We are going through it as a church family however if you would like to purchase a copy for your own use they are available for \$10. Please tell Captain Susanne and give her the money by Sunday February 21st.

#### WEEKLY GIVING ( 2 weeks)

Open Plate	\$	374.30
Generous Life	\$	1,842.00



## 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.

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

Pray for all those who once attended this Corps (or other place of worship) and who no longer worship anywhere. "Pray the prodigals home" they may not agree with us or like us but they are helpless against our prayers.

### This week pray especially for:

Justin, Candice, Hallie & Lucinda Mannix, Lauren Mason, Bev Masters, Pradeep, Neeta & Brysun Menon, Julia Mills, Duncan, Sheree, Madeline & Angus Muir.

**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.

### ALL YOU CAN EAT CHALLENGE!

ROUSE HILL MEN , WINDSOR MEN , DURAL MEN & BLACKTOWN MEN

16th February, \$30 plus drinks, 7 pm

RSVP by 10th February

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### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—CUBA

**When:** Friday 4th March 2016

**Time:** 10 am

**Place:** St Michael's 58 Orwell St, Blacktown

**ALL WELCOME**

(See Notice Board for more details)



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.



**8th February Joshua Robinson**

**9th February Sarah Hughes**

**OUR TIMES ARE IN GOD'S HANDS;**

**OUR SOULS ARE IN HIS KEEPING.**