



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

7th June 2015



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

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

COMING EVENTS:

June 10th at Fairfield Corps **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** 10:30am. \$2 to enter plus goods for sale. See Betty if you would like to add your name to the Home League list or you can just turn up on your own.

SAES TRAINING EXERCISE at Blacktown Train Station on June 13th 8:30—2:30 pm. If interested please contact Norm Archer on 0428 250 224.

Next Sunday June 14th **MUFTI DAY** at Corps (remember \$2 for non uniform \$5 for uniform. Then come along to **DELVE** at the Quarters. Don't forget to bring your Bible and meat to BBQ,

JUNIOR SOLDIERS will be held next week (if Linda is able to get around by then).

CELEBRATION IN BRASS at Dulwich Hill Corps 14th June at 3pm. \$5 Donation. Featuring Belmore, Blacktown, Hurstville, Parramatta & Sydney Youth Bands.

YOUNG FAMILIES / PARENTS NIGHT at Parramatta Corps June 19th. See notice board for details—Captain Bill & Susanne are the guest speakers.

June 21st **COVENANT SUNDAY**. See Captain Bill for more details.

RED SHIELD—THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way during last weekend! Thanks to your help we are up 8% from last years amount.

Thank you to those who provided cakes for the Red Shield Catering.. Lots of great remarks about the beef & vegetable soup—cooked by Vicki Banfield and the pumpkin soup cooked by Lyn Whitehouse, thank you ladies so much . Also thanks to Rod for cooking the BBQ sausages and thanks to Gail for her great assistance in the kitchen especially as I was slightly incapacitated with a broken finger.. Really do appreciate everyone's effort.

IT JUST WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!!!!

What are you doing on Saturday June 27th? **FAMILY AND FRIENDS** are encouraged to attend.

*We have adapted our weekend camp to a day of **FUN, FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING** and **FOOD**. "Admirals" Gary & Judith Baker will be leading us. Join us for only \$10 which covers dinner and the other activities. (Kids not in school are free). Arrive at 1:30pm and stay till after our Bon Fire at 8:30pm. See the Blue Sheet on the Noticeboard for details and to put your name down TODAY!!!! Please pay your \$10 to either **Eliza or Carmen by June 21st**.*

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE!!!!!!

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



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| June 9th | Major Lyn Whitehouse |
| June 16th | Members Day—Fundraising. Please bring a cake—buy a cake or make a donation. |
| June 23rd | Captain Susanne |
| June 30th | Special Guest Speaker Major Bev Kingston
"Rural Chaplains" |

If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at gail_salmon@bigpond.com to be included.

**"THE WAY WE VIEW ETERNITY WILL AFFECT
THE WAY WE LIVE IN TIME".**



- 2nd June Daryl Hardy and Jan Haskell
- 3rd June Carol Floyd
- 7th June Mitchell Parker
- 8th June Elaine Nash
- 12th June Cherylee Reeves



9th June Captain Bill & Susanne Geracia



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.

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 Majors Robert & Judy Holley as they settle in Dubbo.

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:

Captains Bill & Susanne, Elaine & Crosby Geracia, Daryl, Peter, Kathryn Hardy, Doug Hardy, Preston, Kathryn, Lachlan & Claire Hardy, Freda Hill.

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 21st 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.