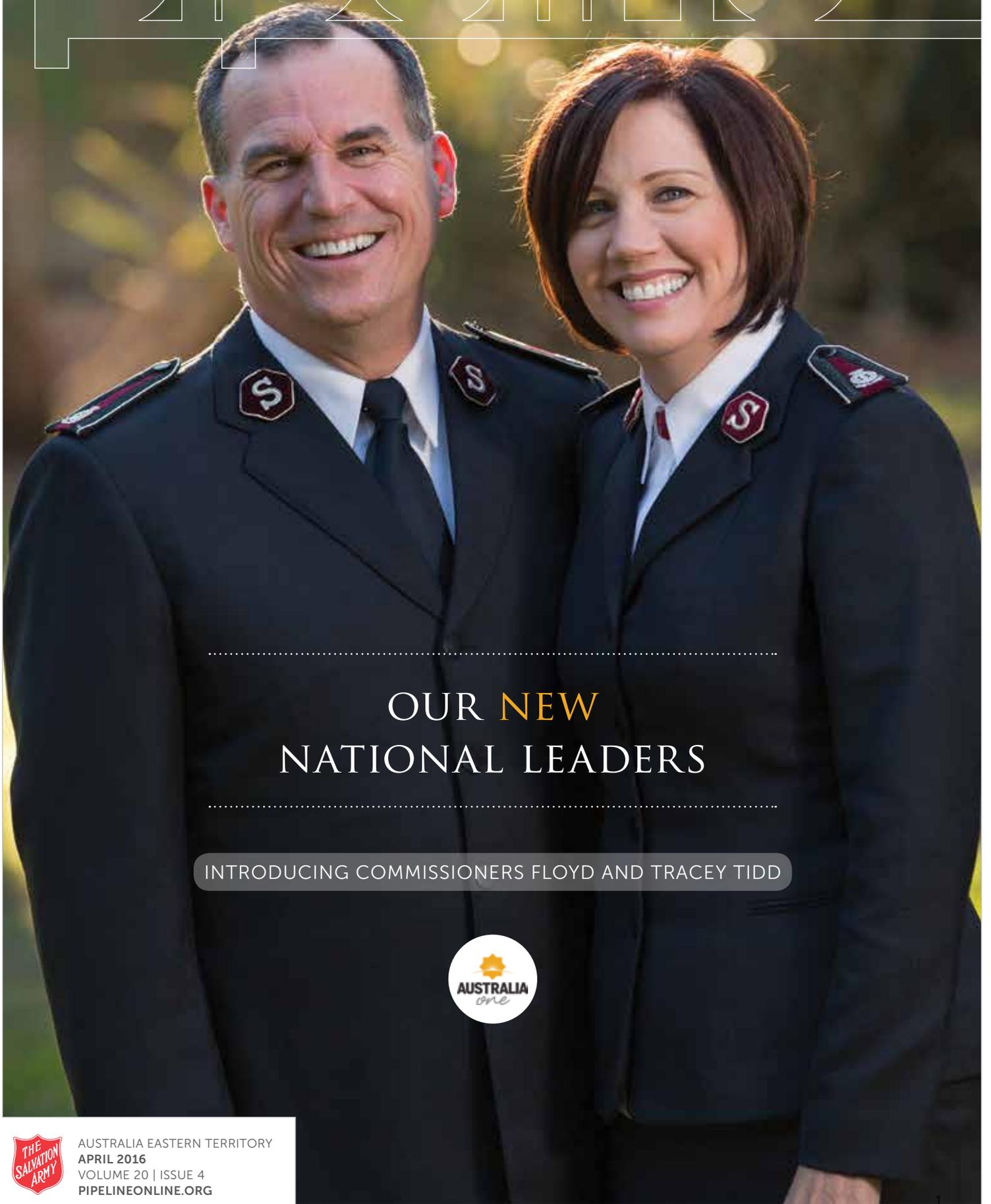


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10/ Chief of the Staff Commissioner Brian Peddle is flanked by Commissioners James and Jan Condon (right) and Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd, during the historic announcement that The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern and Southern territories are to merge to form one national territory

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# FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF UNITY

SCOTT SIMPSON MANAGING EDITOR

Late last year, in an editorial for *Pipeline*, I wrote about change, prompted by the introduction of the Forward Together strategy – a bold vision for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory that promised to usher in a new era significantly different to anything that had come before. If I could have seen only a handful of months into the future, maybe I would have kept my powder dry.

Change, at least for those connected with The Salvation Army in Australia, has been taken to a whole new level, in the wake of last month’s announcement of the merger of the Australia Eastern and Southern territories into one national territory. Some of you will no doubt feel a sense of excitement at what lies ahead, while others may feel a rising anxiety, brought on by the uncertainty that change inevitably brings.

Resistance to change arises because it has a tendency to carry us outside our comfort zone. What will be an important factor in smoothing the national unification process, is our willingness to foster a spirit of unity between Salvationists who have become all-too-familiar with identifying themselves as part of either the Eastern or Southern territories.

God has a lot to say about unity. In fact, genuine unity within the church is so important to him, that very little

gets done without it. Sadly, disunity is something that has always plagued the body of Christ. The apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthian church, highlighted the cracks that had already begun to appear even in the early days of the Church: “... because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you ...” (1 Corinthians 11:17-18).

So, how does the Army, in bringing together two territories, foster a spirit of unity? It might mean forgoing personal preferences or putting aside petty differences. Ultimately, though, unity among us isn’t going to be fostered and maintained if we are not deeply connected and living in fellowship with the Spirit ourselves.

Ephesians 4:3 tells us to be “Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. God’s Spirit wants us to love and forgive and forbear with one another (Ephesians 4:2), especially at this time of historic transition. That’s what God’s Spirit wants for The Salvation Army in Australia, that we would stay together, work together, and as a consequence welcome into our fellowship the lonely, the lost, and the hurting.

After all, that’s what this whole unification process is about, isn’t it? Over to you. ¶





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## STEPPING INTO A NEW SEASON

### Immense growth can come from change

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON IS TERRITORIAL COMMANDER  
OF THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY



When you hear me say that my wife Jan and I are “stepping into a new season”, you could be thinking that I am referring to our pending retirement on 31 May, however my thoughts are on the announced changes for the unification of the two Australian territories.

The Salvation Army has been undergoing significant change in the Australia Eastern Territory in recent years as we have launched our Forward Together Strategic Plan with the four key focus areas:

- People transformed by Jesus
- Healthy faith communities
- Unified mission expressions
- Courageous stewards

In September 2015 we launched the restructure of the Australia Eastern Territory, which is already gaining traction and positive outcomes. Then, on 1 March this year, there was the major announcement – the unification of two territories. This has been discussed and debated for more than 25 years and now it becomes reality.

The writer to Ecclesiastes in chapter three and verse one says: “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven”. Life and our world is constantly changing. We see it in creation. God created the four seasons that are based upon the rotation of the Earth as it orbits the sun. The seasons change as the earth moves, but the sun remains constant, and everything revolves around it. Similar to the Earth, our lives should revolve around the Son, Jesus Christ.

Our lives will change, and we will enter and exit many

seasons, but the Son remains constant yesterday, today and forever. To everything there is a season and there is a purpose for those seasons. There are seasons we don't want to go through, but those times teach us so many truths and lessons that we would not have otherwise learned.

Stepping into a new season brings changes and so for our territory and our nation and our Army, we are stepping into a new season. The restructure is meant to release resources for mission – two key resources being personnel and finance – and there is no doubt it will do that.

Change is inevitable. It's going to happen. In creation, each season is different from the others. There is a season for growth, a season for reflection, a season for things to die off and then a season for new life, and growth comes again. Stepping into a new season brings new challenges, but I believe God has the right people to lead this change. Please pray for Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd and Colonels Mark and Julie Campbell and the teams that will be identified to provide support in the process of change.

Remember, there is a purpose for every season. And with all the changes the one constant is God. “The love of Christ compels us” – let us keep our eyes upon Jesus and keep in step with the Spirit. ¶

*Stepping into a new season brings changes and so for our territory and our nation and our Army, we are stepping into a new season.*

## BURSTING THE BUBBLE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY

How is God at work in our world and those around us, and how can the Wesleyan position on God's grace transform our thinking about mission and help us embrace our culture for the sake of the gospel?

WORDS MAJOR DEAN SMITH

It may seem a very strange thing to admit, but, even though I grew up in The Salvation Army, it is only in the past 10 years that I have begun to discover my Wesleyan intellectual heritage. Strange indeed. But I do not think my situation is unique. In fact, I think that there are good reasons to suggest that, like myself, Australian Salvationists living through the 20th century have, by and large, been informed by reformed, and not Wesleyan, theological ideas. According to the Nazarene colleagues with whom I work, this is also true of their own "Wesleyan" tradition.

Now while I do not want to get caught up in theological rambling for the sake of it, I would like to identify what I understand to be some major differences between the two traditions and how they have impacted my, and dare I suggest, our movement's, worldview. Let's take the reformed view first.

According to reformed thinking, the "natural" state of humanity since the fall is the state of total depravity. All of us are "dead in our sin" unless God in his mercy intervenes in our lives to redeem us. In the meantime, our lives are lived cut off from God and in a spiritually darkened state with no hope and no light to guide us. The world is itself a place of darkness, and the church a place of light shining in the darkness.

As you can see this is a very pessimistic and dualistic view of the world. According to this view, truth is to be found in Scripture alone insofar as it witnesses to the truth of Christ. And further, one should be suspicious of anything "worldly", including, and especially, human reason and experience. Sacred and secular are very real and absolute

categories, with the redeemed person aware that they are living between two opposing worlds. Now far from being an abstract description of a particular worldview, what I have described here is the understanding I grew up with and, dare I suggest, many Salvationists have grown up with.

### PREVENIENT GRACE

Now let me say something about the Wesleyan viewpoint. The important idea of prevenient grace is not only an important corrective to the rather pessimistic view above, but gives us a different way of looking at the world altogether. While, with our reformed brothers and sisters, Wesleyans do hold to a view of "total depravity", such is true purely as an abstract principle, and is not part of our reality. Let me explain. Due to God's generous and prevenient grace (the grace that precedes salvation), the Holy Spirit becomes active in our lives from birth, and from that point frees our wills so that we are no longer dead in our sin and cut off from God, but by the grace of God, have our spiritual faculties restored sufficiently that we are enabled to respond to the gentle lure of God throughout our lives.

Wesleyans have traditionally made a distinction between prevenient grace and saving grace. We must acknowledge then that prevenient grace is not saving grace so that we need a further work of God to effect a complete turnaround in our spiritual orientation. But we should not make too much of this distinction. The same grace that restores our spiritual faculties from birth so we can experience the lure of God, is the same grace that is able to transform us and reorient us towards fullness of life in Christ.

*"... a Wesleyan cannot but help see the mark of grace upon every person and upon creation as a whole"*

Wesleyans do not live in a world divided between light and darkness, the sacred and secular, the spiritual and worldly. We can never accept the idea that anyone is completely cut off from God because God's prevenient grace is universally active and effective. I am not saying that God's grace is effective to the same degree in everyone or that everyone is responding in the same way. But I am saying that a Wesleyan cannot but help see the mark of grace upon every person and upon creation as a whole. That means that I can expect to be the recipient of grace and truth in every human encounter and endeavour.

Now for the "so what?" question. What actual difference does the doctrine of prevenient grace make for Wesleyans? It actually makes a world of difference.

#### **OPTIMISTIC VISION**

One example is our understanding of mission. I can be confident that the next person I meet will already be touched by God's grace and that God is already actively involved in drawing that person towards saving faith and a deeper understanding and knowledge of him. I am never starting from scratch – so to speak. I am never dealing with a tabula rasa (blank slate). The image and mark of God is already there and his grace active. The questions I ask have to do with how I can best cooperate with God in the redemptive process. How can I best partner with God to prepare a response-enhancing environment for those with whom I build grace-filled relationships?

Another example is our understanding of culture. I can be assured that if Christ is at the centre of the entire created order (Colossians 1:15-17) and is active in the lives of every human person then I can be confident that

I can find the wisdom of Christ in the films I watch and the literature I read and the culture that provides a context for my life. Of course I am not suggesting that discernment is not necessary. I simply want to reinforce the truth that for Wesleyans, culture is not something to be escaped but rather is something to be engaged.

Please allow me a personal story. When I was growing up in The Salvation Army our western culture was undergoing some momentous changes. There were the protests of the hippy movement, the crisis of the atomic era, the rise of the ecological movement. Yet with all this cultural change I barely remember a sermon or a discussion that addressed any of this. I was myself caught in a cultural bubble. Most of what I heard within my rather cloistered environment had to do with getting my own soul saved and ensuring that I was protected from the stain of "the world". What a tremendous opportunity was missed by a movement supposedly open to the world.

I believe that Wesleyans of all stripes have a wonderful optimistic vision we need to share not just within The Salvation Army but with our broader culture. Not a vision founded on depravity and judgment but on grace and hope. A vision where the very mark of God can be discerned in the questions and longings of the human experience. I have every confidence that God can use us all to achieve his purposes of transforming the world – indeed the cosmos. ¶

*Major Dean Smith is part of the academic staff at the Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane and was recently appointed as the new director of the Australasian Centre For Wesleyan Research.*



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## TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF BEGIN THE BIG MOVE

WORDS ESTHER PINN / PHOTO SHAIRON PATERSON



Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, outside the new territorial headquarters building in Redfern.

After almost two years of planning and preparation, the much-anticipated move of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters will take place this month. Salvation Army employees and officers will begin moving into the new headquarters, at 261-265 Chalmers St, Redfern, Sydney, over the coming weeks.

The Army purchased the former South Sydney Leagues Club site in mid-2014, and began renovating the building after the relocation announcement in August 2014. The new territorial headquarters occupies three floors of the 11,500sqm, five-storey building. South Sydney Rugby League Club and Woolworths are continuing their tenancy of the other two floors in the complex.

The relocation to Redfern has been a move in the making for many years. The Elizabeth St building, next to Hyde Park in Sydney's CBD, had been the territory's headquarters for 90 years and, despite a major renovation in the early 1990s, had become increasingly cramped and would have required further extensive upgrades.

"Everybody's worked so hard to bring this to fruition," says Commissioner Jan Condon, Chair of the Relocation Steering Committee. "[I] thank God for this provision to move out of this cramped space and into a brand-new opportunity. Within our Forward Together strategy and the restructure of the territory, I see territorial headquarters as being more than ever a place for resourcing and supporting the front line so they are better equipped to

get on with the mission of the Army." The new open-plan complex has space for more than 400 staff, allowing for better interaction between departments.

"I think the open plan is going to allow for much better collaboration and communication as they work together on the one floor," says Commissioner Condon. "It's a brand-new start and we wait in anticipation of the new things God is going to do through the service and resource we offer to the territory."

"Hot desks" are available for employees and officers to use, with some located in quiet areas. Wireless technology is accessible across the building, as well as 23 meeting and focus rooms, eight large boardrooms and three conference rooms. There are two tea-point areas on each floor and a café, operated by Freedom Catering, on level two. The building also has 112 underground car parking spaces.

The cost of purchasing and renovating the new building has been funded by the sale of other Salvation Army properties as well as investment funds. The territory will keep its Elizabeth St premises, leasing out the office space to generate additional income. The building will remain the home for Sydney Congress Hall.

An official opening ceremony will be held at the new territorial headquarters on Saturday, 2 April. The May issue of *Pipeline* will feature a report on the event. ¶



# Better together.

Australia territories to unite under one national commander

WORDS BILL SIMPSON / PHOTO JACOB DYER

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International Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Brian Peddle (centre), with Australia's territorial leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon (left) and Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd outside Parliament House in Canberra.

The Salvation Army in Australia will return to a one territory operation after almost 100 years of having two separate territories. Officially announced on 1 March, by International Chief of the Staff Commissioner Brian Peddle, unification of the Australia Eastern and Southern territories will begin to take tangible effect when a National Commander begins work on 1 June from a headquarters in Canberra. Work will then begin on bringing all departments and mission expressions of each current territory together to fit the one territory model in time for a 1 January 2019 official start date.

Current Australia Southern Territory commander Commissioner Floyd Tidd will become National Commander. His wife, Commissioner Tracey Tidd, will become National President of Women's Ministries. Australia Eastern Territory leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, are due to retire at the end of next month.

With the Condons in retirement and the Tidds moving to the national roles, the current Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, Colonel Mark Campbell, and Australia Southern Territory Chief Secretary, Colonel Graeme Rigley, will assume day-to-day leadership of their territories until the end of this year. Colonel Julie Campbell will remain Australia Eastern Territory School for Officer Training principal and will add Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries to her responsibilities for the rest of 2016. Colonel Karyn Rigley will remain Australia Southern Territory Secretary for Women's Ministries.

On 1 January 2017, Colonel Mark Campbell will become National Chief Secretary and Colonel Julie Campbell will become National Secretary for Women's Ministries. Decisions on how current operations within the two territories will be merged and staffed will be made over the next two years. These will include the location of a permanent national headquarters.

The Salvation Army in Australia was last one territory in 1921, when the Australia Eastern and Australia Southern

territories were formed. From 1886, Australia was part of the Australasian Territory, which incorporated all of Australia and New Zealand, with headquarters in Melbourne. New Zealand became a single territory in 1912, leaving Australia as a stand-alone territory until the formation of the separate Australia Eastern and Southern territories on 1 January 1921.

Active discussion on the return to one territory for Australia has been going on for the past 25 years between leaders of the two current Australian territories and International Headquarters, according to a document titled *Australia One* and prepared to explain the decision and process. Retired Canadian officer Colonel Glen Shepherd began an independent review of the proposal in 2015. Colonel Shepherd consulted with territorial and divisional leaders, members of territorial advisory boards, key employees and officers.

In January, the two current territorial leaders and Colonel Shepherd recommended to the International Management Council that the two territories commence the amalgamation process. The International Management Council agreed with the recommendation and General André Cox gave his approval.

In a joint statement within the *Australia One* document, Commissioners James Condon and Floyd Tidd say: "This decision can best be summarised by our shared conviction that we are better together." They acknowledge the announcement will raise many questions. Answers will be developed over time.

They commit to an open and consultative process with all affected officers and staff. Counselling and pastoral care services will be made available as officers and staff deal with anticipated changes. External consultants will be engaged to assist in the unification process.¶

Further information is available at: [mysalvos.org.au/AustraliaOne](http://mysalvos.org.au/AustraliaOne). Questions can be emailed to: [AustraliaOne@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:AustraliaOne@ae.salvationarmy.org)



# Humble servants united in mission.

Respected Tidds ready to take national reins

WORDS BILL SIMPSON / PHOTOS JACOB DYER

An interesting thing happened at The Salvation Army Melbourne headquarters when Floyd and Tracey Tidd were announced as the new national leaders for Australia. Officers and staff at the current Australia Southern Territory head office, watching the announcement together as it was streamed live from Canberra, responded with prolonged hand-clapping and cheering.

The applause was more than polite, a number of participants told *Pipeline*. It was deafening; “genuine enthusiasm and appreciation” for two people enormously respected by Salvationists in the Southern Territory. The appointment was receiving overwhelming – maybe even unanimous – approval.

After almost three years as Southern Territory leaders, the Tidds are now moving to Canberra to oversee the merger of the two territories into one Australia Territory. The announcement was made on 1 March and takes effect from 1 June. Little is known of Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd – both Canadians – in the Eastern Territory. This article is intended to assist in making them better known north across the Victoria border and up into NSW, the ACT and Queensland.

A straw poll of Southern Territory officers and staff was carried out in preparation for meeting the Tidds and preparing this article. Response was overwhelmingly positive. Participants had been encouraged to be open in their comments. They were made aware that it was an anonymous poll, so any reservations would not be recorded publicly against them. No reservations; no criticism were offered.

Comments included: Brilliant, very approachable, lead by example, not afraid to make hard decisions, great speakers, switched on, very intelligent, listens, analytical, he expects detail in proposals put to him, appears unruffled, solid (not just about Salvation Army things but in their Christian faith), has an authority and credibility, very spiritual people. And, then, the ultimate Aussie accolade: “They are the type of people you could invite to a backyard barbie in your stubbies (shorts) and T-shirt and still feel very comfortable.”



Canberra, the nation's capital, will be the new home for the Tidds.

#### HUMBLED BY RESPECT

I got a sense of that friendship spirit when I sat in the ground-floor foyer of the Melbourne headquarters waiting to be ushered to the Commissioners' third-floor office for an interview. As I waited, a friendly looking man in navy trousers, long-sleeved white shirt and navy tie approached me. “You must be Bill,” he said. I agreed. “I’m Floyd and I am here to escort you to my office. Thank you for coming.”

We walked to a lift to take us to the third floor. He chatted about my trip from Sydney to Melbourne to meet him and his wife. It was genuine chatter; not small talk to fill in the lift ride. By the time we reached his office, I felt as though I had found a new friend.

Commissioner Tracey Tidd joined us. She, too, was genuinely pleasant. She still marvels, she says, that God has taken a “shy little girl” from a nickel-mining town in Canada on an incredible journey to assist in leading The Salvation Army in Australia. “I was the kind of girl who was so shy she would cross the street so that I didn’t have to speak to somebody. Sometimes I close my eyes and wonder if it’s all a dream,” she says.

We shared the comments made about them by Southern Territory officers and staff. The Tidds were “humbled” by ►



the reaction. Moreso, Commissioner Floyd Tidd said, they were humbled by the respect that Salvationists in Australia had shown them.

Shortly after entering ministry together, they had engaged the philosophy of Paul in Philippians 1:3-5, where he thanks fellow Christians for “their partnership in the gospel”. Their ministry, Commissioner Floyd Tidd said, had been lived out in partnerships. It was a privilege, he said, to be partners in authority with others – from people serving on food vans in the street to those in management positions. All, he said, shared equally “in the work of the gospel”.

“We are people people,” Commissioner Tracey Tidd said. “We are intent on building relationships.” That included regularly spending time walking the corridors of territorial headquarters to show interest in the staff. They value spending time together with officers, soldiers, employees and volunteers on the front lines of Salvation Army ministry. She did, however, say that while she loved a backyard barbie, wearing stobbies might be taking things too far for herself.

**THIRTY YEARS’ SERVICE**

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd have been Australia Southern Territory Commander and President of Women’s Ministries respectively, since June 2013. They came to



*“The key for us is that we will be stronger together, with one voice; one mission for all of Australia”  
– Commissioner Floyd Tidd*

*"They are the type of people you could invite to a backyard barbie in your stubbies (shorts) and T-shirt and still feel very comfortable."*

Australia after serving as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary of Women's Ministries respectively, in the Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Both were born in 1961 in Sudbury, a small nickel-mining township in Ontario, Canada. Floyd Tidd was raised by Salvationist parents. Tracey Tidd's parents were not Salvationists, but sent her to Salvation Army Sunday school. She stopped attending at 12, but returned at 16, met Floyd and they married in 1982.

They were commissioned as Salvation Army officers in 1986 and have served together as church planters, corps officers, divisional youth leaders, territorial youth secretaries, territorial corps ministries secretary (Floyd), territorial children's ministries secretary (Tracey) and divisional leaders. Tracey has also served as a chaplain at a social program for mentally and physically challenged adults. Australia is their first overseas appointment.

They have two adult children, both married and living in Canada and the United States. There are no grandchildren, yet. "But we're hoping," says Tracey – beaming at the prospect. Floyd Tidd has one brother. Tracey Tidd is one of 10 children. Commissioner Floyd Tidd has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree in Theological Studies. He is also a graduate of the respected Arrow Executive (Christian) Leadership Program.

When they arrived in Melbourne, Commissioner Floyd Tidd said one of the things he was looking forward to was not having to shovel snow from his driveway as he had to do in Canada. There's more chance he will get some practise when he moves to Australia's new national headquarters in Canberra. "I'm looking forward to the prospect," he says, "although I am told the snow, thankfully, doesn't get too high in Canberra."

#### ONE MISSION

Bringing the Australia Eastern Territory and Australia Southern Territory together as one national territory was not, they said, just a matter of combining two territories to keep doing the same thing. It was imperative, they said, that the Australia Territory fits the 21st century "whatever

that may mean". It was time to "reboot".

God had a plan for The Salvation Army in Australia, they said. The Salvation Army needed to take some time to listen to God and then "go and do it". "God is doing a new thing with The Salvation Army in Australia," Commissioner Tracey Tidd said. Commissioner Floyd Tidd added: "As one territory, The Salvation Army in Australia now has a single platform from which to proactively engage with the Australian community.

"The average Australian doesn't know that we are two territories. So, becoming one territory won't make much difference there. But there will be a difference for Salvationists. The key for us is that we will be stronger together, with one voice; one mission for all of Australia."

The Tidds see a "momentum; a creativity" in Australia. They want to release that creativity. They want to give that creativity permission to progress. "But I say again, we need to enter a time of active listening," Commissioner Floyd Tidd said. "What is God saying? What is the community saying? What are Salvationists saying?"

"We want to walk alongside our people; to talk with our people. God doesn't just speak to officers. He speaks to everybody. Everybody in our Army has a voice. My dream is to see every Salvationist 'standing' on every street corner in every postcode of Australia shining the light of God into every situation."

It would take change, in some cases, he said. But he appealed to people not to be afraid of change. "I know that change is harder for some than others. I appreciate that. Some things in worship style and music are not my 'cup of tea', either. All I ask is that what we do serves the mission of The Salvation Army. It's those three John Gowans things, really – save souls, grow saints, serve suffering humanity.

"I appeal to Salvationists that as we look at change, make sure you have the end in mind. Will it bring people to God? That is our mission." ¶

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# Ministry of presence on the front line.

Anzac Day will take on even greater significance this year for Captain Lyndley Fabre, Chief Commissioner of The Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS). Captain Fabre will later this month bring to an end a four-month deployment with Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel at Camp Baird – Australia’s main logistics base in the Middle East region.

On Anzac Day, we stop to remember Australians killed in war, honour returned servicemen and women, and support those on active duty. Captain Fabre, the first Australian philanthropic support representative to deploy to the Middle East region since World War Two, spoke to *Pipeline* writer **SIMONE WORTHING** about his deployment.

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TOP RIGHT: Captain Fabre at his office door which clearly states his role at Camp Baird.



**Simone:** You have spent the past four months at Camp Baird. Can you describe what it has been like?

**Captain Fabre:** I arrived at Camp Baird two weeks prior to Christmas, and it was the first time I had been away from my family over a Christmas period. I found that to be extremely challenging and difficult. However, everyone here faced the same situation and we were able to take comfort in that together. This in itself proved to be a positive as it helped me to establish trusting relationships and important networks. This was a case of a painful situation being turned into good. As things became familiar and a routine established, I was able to settle into my role of the Sallyman on base. Sometimes it can feel very much like “groundhog day” as the routine is the same seven days a week. Each day of the week becomes harder to recall and you almost feel like you are on auto-pilot. We live in a fairly small compound for the approximately 500 personnel deployed here, so you are pretty much around people all the time unless you are in your room. The challenge for me, as an introvert, has been to make sure I find time to myself in order to recharge. Time has gone quickly for me though, as I keep myself active and busy engaging with the folks here. There are some colourful characters based here and it is never boring or dull.

**S:** What does it mean to be a “philanthropic representative”?

**CF:** A philanthropic representative is primarily involved

in the provision of welfare and well-being support to all personnel. We are tasked with providing moral support to the troops. It’s not much different to other chaplaincy-based ministries, other than we do it in a unique environment which is the ADF. The role involves primarily a listening ear for those who have issues going on in their lives and/or grievances with their deployment. However, the hard work is in establishing the relationship which will encourage people to trust you enough that they will share their troubles and challenges with you. This takes time and patience, but also persistence in a non-confronting way. I also engage with people about their faith journeys or lack of one, depending on where they are at. The “philanthropic” is a jack-of-all-trades who is prepared to get in and get their hands dirty if need be.

**S:** Why did the ADF decide to deploy you, and other representatives, at this particular time?

**CF:** The RSDS has worked very hard over many years to deploy personnel to the Middle East in support of our troops. I know my predecessor, Major Barry Nancarrow, tried extremely hard to have RSDS reps deployed but unfortunately to no avail. In late 2015, I decided to write directly to the new Chief of Defence Force (CDF) to put my case forward as to why we should be considered for deployment. The CDF wrote back to me straight away and asked to meet with me. I travelled to Canberra and, with our Salvation Army National Secretary, met with the CDF. ►

I was under the assumption that I was there to put a case I forward, but the CDF had already decided he wanted us there and that he wanted us deployed prior to Christmas. This was October! He shared the story that he had been on a major exercise recently where he came across a Sallyman in the field and he was really impressed with what he observed. He then received my email when he got back to his office and it went from there. The ADF has allotted significant resources in caring for and helping troops deal with mental health issues. I believe the CDF acknowledges our role within that context.

**S: What are some of the challenges you've faced during deployment?**

**CF:** The initial challenge was that our work here was a "start-up". I wasn't following anyone in, which meant that I had to establish the work here from scratch and find our place and where we fit. That involved observation and plenty of questions and chats with relevant personnel. I had to be very mindful of not treading on toes, in particular the padres! As a result, we have been tasked to provide manning and support in the recreation centre, where I have office space to work from. We also provide our traditional support with the brew truck, to a small arms range at the back of Camp Baird. The challenge here though, is that I did not have a vehicle. The process was put in place to procure a vehicle and all the necessary equipment required to provide basic catering facilities at the range. Another major challenge, which I think will test even the best of us, is that RSDS ministry at Camp Baird does not revolve around the services of the truck and providing brews, but rather being a person who is available to interact and support personnel away from the truck. It is very much a "presence" ministry.

**S: What have been some of the rewards and positive experiences of being on deployment?**

**CF:** The rewards are plenty: To share in an experience that few people or (Salvation Army) officers would have the opportunity to; to learn of a new culture and the people who make up that culture; to meet some incredible ADF personnel who give sacrificially of their time and service and I am blessed because of it; to share in people's journeys who face unique challenges of being deployed for considerable lengths of time away from home, family and friends; to be a friend to those who need it most during this time; to have the opportunity to develop lasting relationships beyond my time here; and to share the gospel message of hope and freedom in Jesus to those who seek after it. I've also had the opportunity to meet folks I would not normally meet, like the Prime Minister on his recent visit here. I've also had the opportunity to meet with parliamentarians and senators as they visit and I was privileged to get to know their stories in a one-on-one situation. I'm hoping that the prospect of deploying like I have, and others those in my department

will do in the coming months and years, will be a "selling point" to those (Salvation Army) officers out there who would like to try something different.

**S: The Air Force and Navy are new to the role of the Sallyman. How have you been able to familiarise them with that work, and what relationships have you been able to form?**

**CF:** This was definitely a challenge! Camp Baird is an air base and, as such, a significant proportion of personnel here are Air Force, with a sprinkling of Navy and Army folks as well. The Air Force and Navy, as you say, are not familiar with our role as we predominantly work with Army units back home. I had to set out to show that although back home we do work predominantly with Army units, we don't play favourites between the services and that we are available to all service personnel. The chaplains were a great help here and I thank them for their support as they fast-tracked my introduction by organising key meetings with senior leadership on base. The rest was up to me! I began by attending as many social functions that were on offer as I could, and I still make a point to do this. I did this in uniform so people would see me and begin to familiarise themselves with my role. It worked. I engaged with people, which led to questions about myself and my role and what it is I do. As they noticed me around more and more, they grew accustomed to seeing me and I began to feel included and appreciated, and told as much! It has been very humbling. There is still more work to do here and it is a constant challenge because personnel come and go, and we can't afford to rest on our past achievements. The good thing is though, as the exiting personnel depart they introduce their replacement to me in a positive way which helps establish that new relationship.

**S: Overall, how do you think the men and women of the ADF have responded to your work?**

**CF:** They consider it with high regard and value. I think there has been a clear recognition from the CDF that our role is valuable and we do value-add in a deployed environment. We must ensure, however, that our deployed (RSDS) personnel maintain that at the highest level.

**S: How do you think this deployment has added to the relationship between the ADF and The Salvation Army?**

**CF:** It is a huge development which cannot be underestimated. The RSDS has always been a deployable department – we advertise it in our mission statement – so to not deploy in recent times I believe has damaged our credibility slightly in the eyes of the troops, even though it was not our doing and beyond our control. It has reinstated a very special bond that The Salvation Army has with ADF personnel; it indicates that we are true to our word; and it shows that we value them and their well-being, whether it's in Australia or some foreign land. It



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also reinforces the ADF's confidence in us that what we, the RSDS, have to offer is important and it does make a difference for the better.

**S: Will other RSDS representatives be deployed in the near future and if so, when and for what purpose?**

**CF:** Yes, that's the plan. The deployment is currently in partnership with the Everyman's organisation, which is a similar organisation to ours within the ADF environment. The idea is that we will complete four-monthly rotation cycles where each organisation will provide a representative to complete their designated rotation. We plan to be here for the long term and for however long we need to be here. When I complete my rotation in April, I will be followed in by an Everyman's representative. Following him in August will be Lieutenant Jon Belmonte, an RSDS Representative from the Australia Eastern Territory currently serving in Robertson Barracks, outside Darwin. The RSDS is seeing-in a new era where officers, if they so choose, can be considered for deployment. I would like to encourage those officers out there who would like to experience the challenges and blessings of a deployed life to give serious consideration to joining our department. We are after dedicated and committed officers who are prepared to put the needs of ADF personnel before their own. We serve in a unique environment and one that is dynamic and richly blessed. ¶



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01. Captain Fabre (far left) joins military personnel in conversation with Malcolm Turnbull (third from left) during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Camp Baird.
02. Captain Fabre (left) talks with Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Iain Carty, CDF (centre) and Chief of Defence Force Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin at Camp Baird in the Middle East. Air Chief Marshal Binskin was instrumental in getting an RSDS representative to deploy to the base.

## GETTING ON WITH THE JOB

### New government program a big plus for Salvos' service

WORDS SAMANTHA SMITH



After being out of work for almost two years, Robert Richards has secured a job with Port Stephens Council thanks to Employment Plus.

Robert Richards is just one of the thousands of Australians who have been able to find work through The Salvation Army's highly successful Employment Plus service since it was founded in 1998. The father of three young children, Robert had been unemployed for almost two years when he came to Employment Plus seeking job assistance.

His new role as the Aboriginal Trainee Environmental Health Officer in Port Stephens on the NSW mid-north coast will not only help him provide for his family, but will give him a sense of value and self-worth. It's what Employment Plus is all about – working with people to help them find work, and working with businesses to help them find quality employees. And all this at no cost.

As a not-for-profit organisation, any surplus is directed back into The Salvation Army's social programs – providing relief to the homeless, the underprivileged,

victims of disaster and many other local programs that make a difference in people's lives.

The achievements of The Salvation Army's service have not gone unnoticed by the Federal Government, whose new "jobactive" program has made Employment Plus the largest not-for-profit provider to deliver employment services in Australia. The Government's tender process saw Employment Plus successfully competing against many other employment service providers, to become one of only three to win business in more than 10 of the geographic "employment regions".

"We are thrilled that the Government has clearly been impressed with our achievements to date and put their trust in us to deliver their employment services into the future," says Employment Plus Managing Director Greg Moul. "As we rely entirely on government funding, the tender result means that we can continue to assist even more people, improve their quality of life and help businesses grow. The outcome has meant that Employment Plus has once again emerged as a major player in the market."

Having been awarded an active caseload of more than 40,000 job seekers, key sites across Australia have been revamped with innovative new layouts and modern fit-outs to respond to the increased demand for services and a new service delivery model. "We have moved into the competitive, results-driven jobactive contract with a new service delivery model and new site layouts that we are really proud of," says Greg. "Improvements in online resources and access to enhanced IT infrastructure will also provide job seekers with the technology to dramatically improve their job-search journey."

#### DOLE PROGRAM GETS SEEKERS 'WORK READY'

The Salvation Army delivers valuable assistance to Employment Plus job seekers by providing hundreds of placement opportunities for those participating in the Work for the Dole program. Work for the Dole gives people the opportunity to gain work-like experience and, in many cases, accelerate their journey to becoming "work ready".

Since July last year, 112 Salvos Stores have hosted approximately 1000 job seekers, while Family Stores and local corps have hosted nearly 30 projects for more than 200 additional job seekers. Tasks have included renovation and restoration work, building and maintaining gardens, assisting with food banks and retail and administration duties.





supported by the team at Employment Plus, Robert secured the traineeship.

"The field was very competitive, but Robert really stood out in the way he approached the group and individual interviews," explains Marc Goodall, Environmental Health and Compliance coordinator at Port Stephens Council. "He communicated a genuine motivation for wanting to make a difference and we were delighted to award the position to him."

"The team at Employment Plus was also fantastic to deal with. They displayed authenticity, friendliness and cultural sensitivity at all times. I'd have no hesitation in asking them for recruitment assistance in the future."

As part of the role, Robert will complete a bachelor of natural science (environment and health) at the University of Western Sydney. He will also gain practical environmental health officer skills through placements at Port Stephens Council, Hunter New England Public Health Unit, and NSW Minister of Health programs, addressing and managing various environmental health issues.

"Thanks to the initiative, Robert will take a leading role in driving and ensuring the success of a number of public health projects and will develop into a fully qualified environmental health officer," says Kylie Gayford, senior job coach at Employment Plus. "We are so very proud of what this young man has been able to achieve for his own career, for his family and for the community, and commend all involved on the initiative." ¶

For more information about Employment Plus, go to [employmentplus.com.au](http://employmentplus.com.au) or call **136 123**.

Employment Plus has helped thousands of Australians into work.

Along with site improvements, the Employment Plus brand has been refreshed, reflecting the organisation's contemporary and professional outlook. Enhanced training for new and existing staff has also been a priority. "We have placed significant resources into ensuring that we have one of the best-trained and skilled teams to deliver employment services in Australia," says Greg. "We are looking forward to driving exceptional results for employers, job seekers and The Salvation Army under the Jobactive program."

This new program can only be of benefit to the average job seeker like Robert Richards. Being selected as the successful applicant of Port Stephens Council's new Aboriginal trainee initiative is also a win for both the community and the environment.

With the help of Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation, the Employment Plus team at Raymond Terrace worked with Robert to help him overcome his obstacles to employment, identify opportunities and equip him for both the interview and the role ahead. One of more than 100 candidates for the role, after an intensive interview process in which he was

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- Marc Goodall,  
Port Stephens Council*



ARMY FOUNDER WORKED FOR SENSE OF VALUE

The impact of unemployment goes far beyond the financial. It can cause people to lose their self-confidence and sense of self-worth. Unemployment impacts on individuals and families and can cause lives to spiral out of control.

The mission of The Salvation Army Employment Plus is to provide quality employment services to those most affected by unemployment. The organisation partners with individuals, businesses, industry groups, governments and community organisations to empower growth and opportunity for all.

Assisting people into employment has been a fundamental activity of The Salvation Army since its earliest days. When William Booth founded the Army in the slums of London in 1865 (pictured), his concern for the destitute masses of England was not only spiritual. The more he learned of the plight of the thousands spurned by Britain’s industrial revolution, the more determined he was to see lasting social change.

Booth’s belief was that work for a man or a woman was just as important as having a meal a day and having somewhere dry and secure to rest at night. He was famous for declaring that: “Every man should have at least the same conditions as a cabby’s horse – a meal a day, shelter at night, a job of work to do, and a helping hand to lift him up when he falls.”

This belief is acknowledged today as the “Cab Horse Charter” and remains the motivating force that drives The Salvation Army welfare work and its strongly-held biblical principle that “work” is vital to our sense of value and self-worth as human beings.

 **Employment Plus**



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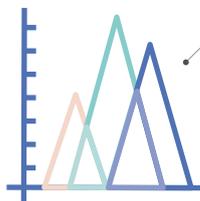
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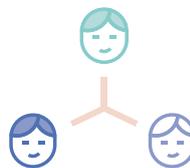
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## DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

### Jesus the key to making right transitions in life

WORDS SIMONE WORTHING / PHOTOS LENA POBJIE AND KATHY HUGHES

“My prayer for you is for courage to embrace whatever doors God opens, and closes, for you, so that you can walk in freedom in Jesus,” said Commissioner Jan Condon, Territorial President of Women’s Ministries, as she introduced three Captivated by the Word events last month. Major Beth Pearo, Pastoral Services Officer at The Salvation Army’s Canada and Bermuda Territorial Headquarters in Toronto, was guest speaker for each event.

A two-day conference took place at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney’s northern beaches, an evening and day conference at Stafford Corps in Brisbane, and an evening presentation in Canberra. The theme for each gathering was Doors and Keys. More than 600 women attended the events.

As Major Pearo was preparing for Captivated and praying about the topic she would speak on within the theme, transitions seemed a natural choice. “I am facing major life transitions myself, have felt completely overwhelmed at times and am learning how to do transitions as I go,”

she shared. “I love the Word of God and how it teaches, corrects, comforts and encourages me. Unpacking the scriptures and recognising that life is full of transitions and changes, has been very therapeutic and, even as I preach on the subject, I know it still all applies to me.”

Throughout the day conferences, Major Pearo spoke about different kinds of transitions, beginning with natural transitions – those that most women experience as they grow older. “Change is an expected part of life, but it still isn’t easy,” she said. “To learn how to transition well, we need to go to God’s Word.”

Major Pearo shared the story of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar in Genesis 16, and how chaos broke out as the transitions in the story unfolded. “The story shows though, that, just as God found Hagar in the desert and saw her plight, even when she wasn’t looking for him, so too does he see ours,” she said. “The number one key to surviving life transitions is God. He is ‘El Roi’, the God who sees. He knows us by name, knows where we are, and he understands us when nobody else does.”

Major Pearo explained that God is always with us and even when we make mistakes, he still comes to us. "That is God's grace," she said. "God is here in each of our circumstances as we transition into the new normal. He has a solution in our crises, even if it's going back and facing the problem. Claim El Roi in your own life; perhaps he has got lost in your circumstances."

#### UNWANTED CHANGES

Her next session focused on transitions in life that are thrust upon us – we're not expecting them, don't like them, don't want them, and they don't make sense! Reading from 2 Kings 5 and the story of the young Jewish girl abducted and sold into slavery, Major Pearo examined ways we can deal with unwanted changes in our lives. "We only have 45 words about this young girl, but we discover that it was the choices she made and attitude she adopted that helped her transition through this gut-wrenching tragedy to a new life," she said.

Major Pearo explained that the girl chose not to be bitter; to remain faithful to God, even though he had not delivered her from her circumstances; to be a person of integrity that others trusted; and to be alert to the needs of others. Her choices and transition also led Naaman, her owner, to become a believer. It was an open door for God to do his best work. "Every transition is an open door, and when God opens the door, it's our sign to walk through it," she said. "We need to ask, not why, but what – what does God want us to do with what is happening in our lives."

Major Pearo emphasised that she didn't want to minimise the struggles people were facing, and that challenges like grief and recovery from abuse were long journeys with many heartaches along the way. "Some of these choices take time, but perhaps it's time to walk through a door of opportunity, look to Jesus and choose faith," she said gently. "It's a daily conscious choice we have to make, whatever our circumstances."

#### FANNING THE FLAMES

In both Brisbane and Sydney, Commissioner Condon announced the record fundraising year for the 2015 project – \$139,000 to assist young girls leaving orphanages in Ukraine. "You have gone above and beyond," she said. "This is enough money to have two programs running for women, in different parts of the country."

Project 2016 will raise money for both The Salvation Army's Safe House for Trafficked Persons in Sydney, and assisting four young women from Papua New Guinea come to The Salvos Discipleship School over the next two



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01. Major Beth Pearo was guest speaker for the three Captivated 2016 events.
02. The Queensland Women's Ministries team welcomed Commissioner Jan Condon (front left), and Major Beth Pearo (front right), to Captivated in Brisbane. Back row, from left: Major Julia Metcher, Major Rowena Smith, Major Wendy-Sue Swann.
03. In Brisbane, Raelene Baker, Queensland Divisional Indigenous Engagement Officer, gave a welcome to country as a mark of respect to the first-nation people of Australia.
04. The ladies from Brisbane Streetlevel Mission formed a large contingent at Captivated.



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years. "Together we can educate, empower and upskill women and girls, and open doors of opportunities for them," said Commissioner Condon.

At each Captivated event, different women shared their moving testimonies, and the doors God had opened in their lives to bring freedom, peace and purpose. Casey O'Brien, Territorial Social Justice Coordinator, also spoke in Sydney, sharing her story and how God had developed her passion for bringing his kingdom here on earth.

Major Pearo asked the ladies at each conference why, if Jesus came to bring us abundant life, do we sometimes feel lonely, lifeless, and, hopeless? She reminded us from the writings of Paul to Timothy, that Jesus is the only one who has the ability to transition us from darkness to light, from hopeless to hope-filled people; and she spoke about the importance of us intentionally choosing "spiritual transition" so we will move from darkness to light and find the abundant life that Jesus came to offer. "There are times in our lives when the fire of our faith gets very low, but we are not left hanging," she said. "Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 1:3-7 that spiritual transition is possible."

The keys to spiritual transition are, Major Pearo said, the enabling Spirit of God and our intentional engagement in the spiritual disciplines. "If we rely on the Spirit of God, he will give us the strength to do whatever he wants us to do," she said. Quoting from Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*, she outlined the inward, outward and corporate disciplines that help guide and transition us and that bring the abundance of God into our lives.



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**HEARTFELT TRIBUTE**

In Brisbane, Major Michele Terracini gave a humorous tribute to Commissioner Condon, presenting her with a Queensland "survival kit" to assist with her upcoming "seachange" retirement to Caloundra. This included a list of how to keep busy in retirement, a free subscription to the Caloundra Home League and a swimming costume! "Our love and prayers go with you as you transition into this exciting time of your life," said Major Terracini. "We have appreciated your desire to be a servant of Jesus Christ and we all look forward to your involvement in ministry up here."

In Sydney, Major Shelley Soper led 21 ladies representing "team aqua" – each wearing white pants and an aqua top as Commissioner Condon so often did at conferences, and hiding their faces behind a hand-held photo of her – onto the stage. From Commissioner Condon's perspective, each lady shared a fun memory, family story, or something she enjoyed. Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander, made a surprise visit, bringing flowers and giving a heartfelt tribute to his wife.

More than 300 women from corps around the Queensland Division and Northern NSW attended the conference in Brisbane on 12-13 February. Major Pearo spoke on transitions, combining two sessions into one and presenting the same teaching that she gave in Sydney on 19-21 February.

During the lunch break, the ladies browsed stalls in the "marketplace". These included Salvationist Supplies, Koorong Books, Candles for Cambodia, handmade



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jewellery and a Salvonista mobile boutique. The worship team, comprised of mostly young adults, led the women in praise, prayer and worship throughout the weekend.

#### GOD IS ABLE

Approximately 70 women attended the Captivated evening in Canberra, hosted by the Gungahlin Corps. The hall was creatively decorated with doors to reflect the theme for the evening. Major Pearo spoke on Jesus' words, "I am the Door" – with Jesus being the door to salvation, safety and satisfaction. As she concluded her message, she asked the women to consider many of the promises of Jesus. These promises appeared on the screen, and the women claimed them as they walk through the doors.

Through her teaching, Major Pearo has left the women of the Australia Eastern Territory with much to think and pray about, but she has two specific messages she would like to emphasise: God is able, and God is always able. "God always comes through if we take our eyes off ourselves and turn to him," she said. "God is always bigger than our transitions, changes and circumstances and is able to do immeasurably more than we could think or imagine. Life is filled with change but God is unchanging, and that is what we need to hold on to."

Podcasts of the main sessions at Captivated in Sydney will soon be available. Audio recordings of the main sessions are available for \$25. For details, email [salvos.women@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:salvos.women@ae.salvationarmy.org)



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01. Commissioner Jan Condon accepted her Queensland retirement "survival kit" from the women of the division.
02. Cadets Sally Stanimirovic, Rachel Knight and Tarsha Laundon enjoy fellowship time at Captivated in Sydney.
03. Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas introduces Major Rita Vele (left) and Captain Nellie Burava from Papua New Guinea.
04. The worship team at the Brisbane conference led the ladies in songs of praise and celebration throughout the event.

## WAR HEROES ON THE HOME FRONT

### The army of volunteers who toiled behind the scenes

WORDS LAUREN MARTIN

Barely a few days had passed after the declaration of World War Two on Sunday, 3 September 1939, before The Salvation Army opened its first Red Shield marquee. Within weeks, dozens more had been erected across Australia, with The Salvation Army soon present at nearly every location troops could be found in the country.

Even when troops were on the move, The Salvation Army would be in place to greet them. In Cowra, south-west NSW, Salvation Army soldiers met each trainload of Defence Force personnel at the station, offering hot coffee and rolls. A total of 3100 men were served. At midnight every night, Cowra Salvationists supplied hot soup through the winter months to men on guard. Service like this was replicated in cities and towns across the nation.

The war years brought extra responsibilities to everyone, not least Salvation Army corps officers who were often given the additional role of supporting troops at the nearest Defence Force base or training camp, as well as ministering to their local corps. In Cairns, despite the threat of imminent attack in 1943, the local corps officers stayed put, continuing to serve the community by conducting spiritual meetings in both the Cairns Salvation Army hall and at the aerodrome with the men at the garrison.

Local corps officers relied on the tireless support of their congregation to attend to the needs and comforts of the troops on home soil. The Salvation Army's Australian editor-in-chief recorded that, "When his excellency, the Governor-General, Lord Cowrie, VC, inspected the Bathurst military camp, he visited the



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01. Volunteer Salvation Army women in the main hall of the Melbourne City Temple on 25 November, 1944, packing goods to send to the troops overseas.



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02. With the outbreak of World War One in 1914, The Salvation Army set up a tent at the Liverpool Camp to service the troops in training to go overseas. By 1918, there are reports of this hutment being the centre for a Sunday school for those children outside the camp.

Red Shield tent: ... Requests were numerous and varied. One man desired his boots to be half-soled and heeled. Would the Army arrange? They were sent to town and returned the next day. Another soldier heard that his brother was reported to have been drowned off the Spanish coast. Would the Army help to verify? Yes! He was told the Army traces thousands of such cases in all parts of the world."

Each of these requests, although taken by the officer heading up the Red Shield tent or marquee, was usually actioned by his loyal congregation who went above and beyond to assist with the war effort. Another example was the 30 home league members from Wollongong Corps who regularly travelled over an hour to the Ingleburn military camp, south-west of Sydney, to mend clothes.

And not only were Salvationists supporting the troops at home who were either in training, on furlough

or about to depart, many corps members across the country were also busy making and compiling comfort packs for troops overseas, and collecting supplies to distribute to allied civilians in war-torn locations. It was recorded that, "Within one month, midway through 1940, 6000 garments were sent from Sydney to London for distribution among refugees and air-raid victims".

The establishment of the Red Shield huts in military bases on the home front in World War Two paved the way for the ongoing work of The Salvation Army within the Australian Defence Force, that continues today. And while the names of famous Salvation Army padres such as William McKenzie and Arthur McIlveen are well known, the thousands of Salvationists and officers who toiled at the front line of support on the home front are largely unknown, yet no less valuable.

As Anzac Day approaches for another year, lest we forget them. ¶

## GOD'S PERFECT PLAN FOR OUR CHILDREN

### Allowing the spirit to take control

WORDS SHARON CLANFIELD

There is nothing you wouldn't do for your family. The moment you hold your baby for the first time is the moment when they steal your heart and you know you would do anything for them. You will love them, protect them and even make sacrifices for them so they are looked after and feel incredibly loved.

I can remember when I was a child my mother always taking the smallest piece of cake or the worst plate and even going without something, just so we could have those things. She would put herself last. Then I became a mum and I finally got the whole selfless path you naturally take, just so your child doesn't have to go without.

Over the years, I have learnt that giving my children, and now my grandchildren, everything they want isn't necessarily the best thing for them. Sometimes the lessons they learn in not getting are of more value. If there is nothing we wouldn't do for our family, then looking out for them in body, mind and spirit is a far greater journey than just making sure they have the things they need or want physically.

When we lived in Canada and our children were small, a very wise and godly officer, Commissioner Harry Read, made a statement that has helped me in the raising of my children. He said: "Make sure you don't get in the way of what the Holy Spirit wants to do." It was one of those "a-ha" moments that impacted me and shaped the way I started to parent. As parents, we want to jump in and rescue our children from

the worries, difficulties and hardships of life. Yet if we keep doing so, then we could be getting in the way of what the Holy Spirit wants to do in them and for them. It's often in these hardships that God has his greatest lessons for our children, where he wants to deepen their relationship with him and to establish them in their faith. It's in the hard times that God wants to strengthen our children to become whole and dependent upon him for all life's needs.

We need to start asking ourselves, how can I teach my child to depend upon God and seek him in the midst of life's most difficult moments? How can I best teach my child that they need to reach out to God for all they need and that God is enough for them?

Often when we read the story of Abraham in Genesis 22, where God asked him to offer his son on the altar, we fail to see the lessons God had for Isaac that day.

As a parent, this passage in Genesis is a hard one to read. How would I respond if God asked me to offer my child on the altar, yet that is exactly what God is asking us to do every single day. God is saying: Do you trust me with your child? Will you put me first even when you can't see what is going to happen for them? Will you leave the rescuing to me and hand over control? Will you teach your child they need to put God first? Will you help them to see the God who is bigger than their greatest fears? When Isaac was placed on the altar, Abraham had to trust that God would



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look after his son, and that God would rescue him. That day, Isaac learnt that it is God who provides in the most difficult situations. That God is more than enough! And he will fulfil in us what he promised, before we were even conceived.

If there is nothing you wouldn't do for your family then "make sure you don't get in the way of what the Holy Spirit wants to do". ¶

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## HEALING STARTS WITH GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE

## Eagles song holds pertinent message



WORDS PETER MCGUIGAN

Monday 18 January 2016 struck an unusual note of grief in my life. I was in a planning meeting in my office at Auburn, Sydney, and took a phone call mid-meeting from my wife, Tara, who said: "Hey, have you heard Glenn Frey has died?" I told the people in the meeting, none of whom immediately recognised the name. I explained that Frey was co-founder, mainstay, driving force, singer/guitarist and prolific songwriter of the Eagles. One person was surprised that the sole reason Tara had rung was to give me this news.

At 67, Frey succumbed to complications from intestinal problems that had plagued him for years. In interviews, he sometimes said he believed his latter health related to the carefree use of drugs and alcohol earlier on when the band was making hit after hit and developing a whole new sound in American country rock music. Over several years, the Eagles' music morphed into a heavier rock sound, but the group retained its brilliant musicianship and trademark vocal harmonies, often four-part, despite the lifestyle excesses of its members.

Globally, Eagles fans mourned the death of Glenn Frey. Through his songs, he had struck an enduring chord in the world that continues to resonate in the hearts of people, spanning generations and cultures. On any day in any Australian community, you will hear Eagles music on radio or as background music in a shopping mall or in some other place.

It's like the Eagles' songs are a commentary on the futility of a life, with ill-conceived pursuits, chasing a skewed idea of love, or lived on a whim. Wasted Time, Life in the Fast Lane, Hotel California, Take It to the Limit and others all reflect the craziness of this life, with a compelling mix of excitement on the one hand and pathos on the other. The Eagles, through their songs, are saying there is a better way and we have to find it.

One of their songs, Desperado, co-written by Frey and Eagles singer/drummer Don Henley, has been haunting me lately about what's really missing in the world, even in the lives of people who might seem to have it all together. That includes people who openly confess faith in God but who continue to inwardly grapple with their

demons, so to speak. It is a song that ends with the powerful injunction: "You better let somebody love you, before it's too late" Written in 1973, here are a couple of verses:

*Desperado, why don't you come to your senses  
You been out ridin' fences for so long now  
Oh, you're a hard one  
I know that you got your reasons  
These things that are pleasin' you  
Can hurt you somehow ...*

*Desperado, why don't you come to your senses?  
Come down from your fences, open the gate  
It may be rainin', but there's a rainbow above you  
You better let somebody love you (let somebody love you)  
You better let somebody love you before it's too late.*

We all have our reasons for not becoming the people that deep down we know we should be, or for less than honourable behaviour, or for unchecked feelings of inferiority, or for a "stuff you" or disrespectful attitude to others, or for feeling alone even when people are all around. Many of these arise in us out of how life and relationships were modelled before us in our early years or how strong feelings of hurt, rejection or disappointment remain dark places in our lives where hardness and bitterness have taken root.

There's some of Frey's desperado in all of us. Like the lost son from Jesus' parable. Sometimes it shows more than other times. Often we're too proud to admit it – our desperate state, our feeling of lostness, our self-delusion – and it is precisely here that we need a powerful dose of self-observance, revelation and humility. Sometimes whole communities need it. We need to come to our senses, come down from our fences, and let love transform us from the inside out – the love of God flowing in us and through us ... and the love of others. Surely nothing else can heal our lives, heal our relationships and heal our world. ¶

*Major Peter McGuigan is chairman of the Territorial Moral and Social Issues Council*



## Where to invade next?

*Pipeline* culture writer MARK HADLEY looks at a number of documentaries making landfall on a shore near you

The rise of streaming services has resulted in a boom for the documentary, a film style that was once strictly the purview of the boutique cinema and the ABC. Key local players like Netflix, Presto and Stan now have whole sections devoted to satisfying the curiosities of Australian viewers.

If you have an interest in American history you can check out *JFK*, a four-part biography about one of the United States' "most beloved and mourned leaders". Or maybe your thoughts run to the natural world? Then David Attenborough's Emmy-nominated *Life* is waiting to introduce you to the amazing tactics "animals and plants have developed to stay alive". Whatever your taste, documentary makers are experiencing a new golden age, some achieving the sort of household-name status that was once only the privilege of A-list directors and glamorous stars. Take Michael Moore (above) for example. In 2002, the American provocateur rocketed to stardom with the release of his documentary, *Bowling For Columbine* – currently available on SBS On Demand. The film's initial focus is the Columbine

High School massacre of 1999, in which 12 students and one teacher died. The tragedy earned international headlines, but Moore took it as a starting point to examine the USA's tortured relationship with guns and gun-related violence.

The resulting documentary won an Academy Award as well as the Anniversary Prize at the Cannes Film Festival. More importantly, it became the highest-grossing mainstream documentary release of all time. A film that cost around \$4 million to produce returned more than \$30 million worldwide. In a flash, distributors realised that real-world money could be made from egg-head interests.

Since then, Moore has turned his acidic attention to other high-profile topics, with releases like *Fahrenheit 9/11* (an investigation into the Bush Administration's handling of the 11 September hacks), and *Sicko* (a comparison of the ailing US medical system with the rest of the world). Each improved on *Columbine's* box office success, with *Fahrenheit* grossing \$220 million internationally. In 2005, *Time* magazine named Moore one of the world's 100 most influential people, and this month this documentary maker will return to the cinemas with a merciless attack on the second-rate society capitalism has created for most Americans.

In *Where To Invade Next?* Moore plays the role of an invader, travelling from nation to nation to carry off policies and ideas that might improve the lot of the average American. Moore tells the camera some of the United States' most entrenched problems already have solutions. Visiting Italy, France, Germany and a passport full of other countries, he discovers approaches that have provided paid holidays and maternity leave, minimised jail terms and rehabilitated prisoners, assured free education and protected workers' rights.

Moore's faux surprise and jingoistic flag-planting aren't for everyone. In

fact, it's fair to say that though this is a documentary about the rest of the world, the host's mannerisms often drive the actual talent off the screen. The film's real surprise, though, is that most of the ideas being celebrated were originally American in origin. For example, Iceland's decision to prosecute corrupt bankers in 2008 was inspired by the United States' own handling of its 1980s savings-and-loan scandal.

For all Moore's on-screen antics it's a sobering realisation that just like people, countries can maintain strong opinions of their own greatness and yet lose their way. Moore is a Roman Catholic and one can't help thinking he's suggesting a dose of humility would help his country reach its greatest potential. And that, in a nutshell, is the beauty of the documentary art form for the Christian viewer.

Investigations that concentrate on revealing universal truths will, by definition, also reveal aspects of the character of the God of truth. Moore shames his country by revealing how a commitment to care over profit, would result in better health services, and actually underlines Jesus' second greatest law: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Meantime, there are plenty of other readily accessible documentaries demonstrating the value of seeing the world through God's eyes:

#### *Blackfish* (2013)

Currently on Stan, this is the story of Tilikum, a three-and-a-half-tonne "Killer Whale" that has been moved from aquarium to aquarium, despite being implicated in the deaths of three individuals. *Blackfish's* primary focus is the consequences of keeping orcas in captivity. However, the discerning Christian will also notice the terrible outcome of valuing an expensive and lucrative animal over God's gift of human life.

#### *The Thin Blue Line* (1988)

A story illustrating just how far human justice falls from the perfection God

requires. *The Thin Blue Line* is another classic documentary available through SBS On Demand. This film sets the standard for creative recreations as it tells the story of the murder of a Dallas police officer and the trial and subsequent conviction of an innocent man. Boldly illustrating the biblical truth that our sins will find us out, *The Thin Blue Line* pointed the finger at the actual killer and led to the release of the accused after 12 years on death row.

#### *Supersize Me* (2004)

The dangers of gluttony writ large. Available on Netflix, *Supersize Me* chronicles the human experiment posed by documentary maker Morgan Spurlock: What would happen if I only ate McDonald's food for a month? Alongside measurements of his own debilitating health, Spurlock uncovers the obesity epidemic sweeping Western nations and in so doing highlights our continuing greed even in the face of knowing what's good for us.

#### *Man On Wire* (2008)

One of the premier documentaries on Presto, *Man On Wire* was the inspiration for the cinema hit, *The Walk*. Philippe Petit is a circus performer who, in 1974, determines to outwit the authorities and win fame by walking a tightrope between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Centre (above right) This incredible story won an Academy Award for Best Documentary. Yet its finest achievement has to be the way it reveals our much-vaunted individualism as the vanity-run-amok what it is.

#### *Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence In The House of Go* (2012)

Waiting for you on the ABC's iView, *Silence In The House of God* demonstrates not only the sinful heart of man, but the extent to which we will go to cover up our guilt. It follows the case of four men who were abused by a priest while living in a Catholic home for deaf children, but traces the issue itself back to Ireland and finally the highest office of the Vatican. This sobering story prepared the ground for hit films like *Spotlight*.



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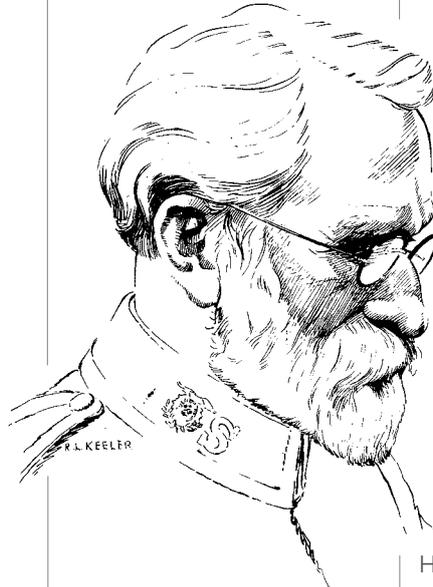
Samuel Logan Brengle

God is the source of all spiritual power, and should be sought for constantly in two ways if we would have and retain power — by meditation on his Word and by secret prayer.

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Holy Spirit made me in some degree overlook the medium by which the Spirit works, I mean the Word of truth, by which that heavenly fire warms us. I rather expected lightning, than a steady fire by means of fuel."

Glad, believing, secret prayer and patient, constant meditation on the Word of God will keep the sanctified man or woman full of power, full of love and faith, full of God.

But neglect of these results in spiritual weakness and dryness, joy-less labour, and fruitless toil. If you have lost the power and sweetness of your experience through neglect of these simple means, you will not receive the blessing back again by working yourself up into a frenzy of agony in prayer, but rather by quieting yourself, talking plainly to God about it, and then hearkening diligently to what God says in His Word and by His Spirit. Then peace and power will soon return and need never be lost any more.

Most people give about 10 hours a day to their bodies for eating, drinking, dressing, and sleeping, and maybe a few minutes to their souls. We ought to give at least one solid hour every day to restful, loving devotion with Jesus



Commissioner Brengle at a Corps Cadet Camp in Western Pennsylvania. He travelled throughout the United States and around the world as an apostle of holiness.

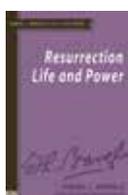
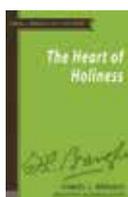
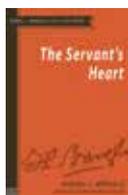
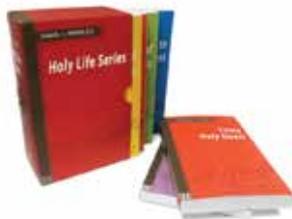
over our open Bible, for the refreshing, developing, and strengthening of our spiritual lives. If we would do this, God would have an opportunity to teach, correct, inspire, and comfort us, reveal His secrets to us, and make spiritual giants of us. If we will not do this, we shall surely be spiritual weaklings all our days, however we may wish to be strong.

The Devil will rob us of this hour if we do not steadfastly fight for it. He will say "Go and work" before we have gained the spiritual food that strengthens us for work. The Devil's piety and eager interest in God's work is amazing when he sees us on our knees! It is then that he transforms himself into an angel of light, and woe be to the soul that is deceived by him at this point!

I do thank God that, for many years, in various ministry roles, He has helped me to resist the Devil at this point and to take time with Him until my soul has been filled with His glory and strength, and has been made triumphant over all the power of the enemy. ¶

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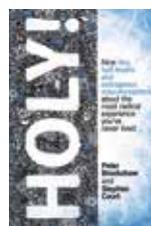
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## Commissioner breaks ground on recovery services project ▼



Commissioner James Condon climbed aboard some heavy machinery to symbolically 'break the ground' on the site of the new Northern Queensland Recovery Services centre.

**Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon**, officially launched the construction work of The Salvation Army's new Northern Queensland Recovery Services Centre, at a ground-breaking ceremony on 28 January.

The Army is building a new village-style centre in the Townsville suburb of Garbutt, to accommodate 52 men, women, young people and their families impacted by the use of alcohol, other drugs and gambling. It will operate the Army's successful Bridge Program that has been running for more than 50 years.

"Our recovery services are at the forefront of mission in our territory in the transformation of lives and it was a privilege to be involved in such a ceremony that will see such a significant development of a new centre in Townsville," said Commissioner Condon.

According to the Australian National Council on Drugs, one in eight deaths of Australians aged under 25 is related to drug and/or alcohol consumption. The new recovery centre will offer a short-term residential intervention program to divert youth aged 15 years and above

from a life of crime and addiction. "Many youth in northern Queensland are not getting the same opportunities to learn from good family and community structures," said Major David Twivey, Townsville Recovery Services Manager. "Isolation, unemployment and a lack of cultural identity are some of the issues facing our youth today."

Out of 32 places at Townsville Recovery Service Centre, only four are allocated to women. The Northern Queensland Recovery Services Centre has allocated 20 beds to women in an effort to provide equal gender access to recovery services.

The centre will also offer out-client treatment services to individuals and families impacted by addiction, as well as employment and job training facilities, and sporting and recreational facilities including a swimming pool.

The Salvation Army has raised \$4.2 million through the Freedom Campaign for the construction of the new centre, \$300,000 shy of its target. To donate, go to [salvos.org.au/nqfreedom](http://salvos.org.au/nqfreedom)

– Esther Pinn

## Transition to Work tender win a plus for at-risk youth ▼

The Salvation Army, through Employment Plus, has been selected by the Department of Employment to be a Transition to Work (TTW) program provider in the Brisbane South East, Capital, Hunter, Sydney North and West, North East Melbourne and Western Melbourne employment regions.

TTW is a government-funded program designed specifically to assist young people who leave or who have left school before completing Year 12. This group, aged 15-21, are more likely to find a transition into the workplace or further education much more challenging than those with a higher level of education and TTW will provide for very tailored support relevant to the circumstances of each individual.

The program will cover three 15-2-year-old job seeker segments; early school leavers, disengaged young people not presently qualifying for welfare and Stream C jobactive referrals, who will transfer into TTW. People will participate in TTW for up to 12 months, spending 25 hours per week undertaking structured activities.

Each individual will be assessed to determine their unique needs and barriers to re-engagement in work or education – spanning allied health, vocational and non vocational training, and many other interventions delivered by Employment Plus or our TTW partners including, Headspace, Reach and of course youth specialists within The Salvation Army.

TTW servicing is due to commence from 4 April across a number of sites in each of the six regions. Please see the "work for us" page at [employmentplus.com.au](http://employmentplus.com.au) for details.

Students refined for life and ministry through Furnace program ▼



Some of the staff and students of the Salvos Discipleship School Furnace program.

Long Jetty Corps on the NSW Central Coast has welcomed nine new students to the Salvos Discipleship School's Furnace program. Major Melissa Humphreys, the school director and corps officer at Long Jetty, explained why the program is called Furnace. "It's called Furnace as it's a refining season, a time for God to take the students through the fire, to be totally committed and ready to go out and change the world."

Major Humphreys continued: "The program (which started on 9 February) will see people living in a Christian community, being part of a raw and relational church, learning about God and themselves, and doing ministry along with other God-seeking young adults. For the second year running, we are also opening the program to day students and the program is open to people of all ages, not just young adults up to 30."

The students will complete a Certificate

IV in Christian Ministry and Theology and participate in a wide range of church and ministry experiences. "Furnace, though, is much more than just the Certificate IV," said Major Humphreys. "The students will get a holistic view of ministry through a visit to Streetlevel Mission, participating in the STUMP (Short Term Urban Mission Program) and youth councils, and being part of the vibrant church here at Long Jetty.

There will be a lot of discipling and connecting with a wide range of people. Their 10-week practicum experience is also a great holistic experience as it stretches the students spiritually and physically. For this, they choose between going to summer camps in the United States, or great missional corps and centres in Australia."

While nine students are part of Furnace this year, four young women from Papua New Guinea have also been sponsored by the Women's Ministries Project 2016, and will attend the school over the

next two years. "Through the Furnace program, we want to see people who are sold out for Jesus stepping into the next step in their lives," Major Humphreys said. "We want our students to look to God, see what he has for their lives, and launch into that.

"This program goes beyond the focus on youth work offered previously. We wanted Furnace to be based in ministry, to go deeper into the Bible and to encourage our students to spend time alone with God".

An internship program for second-year students is also available, providing students with opportunities to grow in leadership skills. Weekend programs are also available at the school. For more information, go to [www.boothcollege.edu.au](http://www.boothcollege.edu.au)

– Simone Worthing

## New National Editor-In-Chief an historic appointment ▼



Dr Bruce Redman has taken over as National Editor-In-Chief.

Dr Bruce Redman has made Salvation Army history, as the first non-officer to fill the position of National Editor-In-Chief in Australia. Dr Redman started in his new role in January. Prior to becoming National Editor-In-Chief, he had been the media relations director for the Australia Southern Territory.

“I count that [first non-officer in the role] as an honour,” he said. “It’s a leap of faith for The Salvation Army, which is a good thing and it’s a responsibility I don’t take lightly.” As National Editor-In-Chief, Dr Redman will oversee the Army’s publications *WarCry*, *Kidzone* and *On Fire*.

Having spent three decades in the film and TV industry, he will also be responsible for the Southern Territory’s production team – Salvo Studios.

A fourth-generation Salvationist, Dr Redman began his media career as a trainee at ABC TV, transitioning into the role of news and current affairs editor. He quickly discovered his passion for film and TV production and went on to establish his own film production company. As a producer, he has worked on hundreds of TV commercials, TV series such as *Mission Impossible*, the British version of *I’m A Celebrity ... Get*

*Me Out Of Here* and documentaries. He was also one of the first producers to work on the ABC’s *Australian Story*.

Dr Redman’s passion for documentary making saw him take on a PhD in media and journalism, focusing on the topic of guerilla documentary. He also taught journalism and public relations at the University of Queensland, and last year was one of the international media team photographers for the Army’s 150th anniversary celebration, Boundless.

Dr Redman said he is committed to equipping, inspiring and enabling his team to do their best work, because he believes in the power of telling stories. “We’ve got really important stories to tell ... internally, externally and bringing those stories to our audiences, whatever they may be, is a real challenge,” he said. “That’s the challenge that I am going to continue to step up into.”

## Oasis opens new youth centre on Central Coast ▼



Playing pool is just one of the numerous activities on offer to young people at Drop House.

The Salvation Army’s Oasis Youth Network Hunter has launched a new centre for young people on the NSW Central Coast. Called Drop House, the

centre is open three afternoons a week, providing activities for young people ranging from DJ booths to arcade games, air hockey and pool tables, and a skate park.

Fifty young people attended the “soft launch” in February, according to Oasis Youth Network Hunter Manager Peter Martin, who said the centre was opened in response to the closure of a number of drop-in centres in surrounding areas. “There weren’t too many places for young people for the purpose of supporting them,” he said.

While there are many activities on offer for young people, Peter said the main objective of Drop House is to

build relationships, identify needs and, ultimately, help young people. “The drop-in centre is a place where we meet young people where they are at,” he said.

Drop House also has a strong mission focus. Every Friday night, the centre closes early and transports a busload of young people to the Newcastle Worship and Community Centre’s youth group program.

“[We’re] all about creating doorways for young people to create relationships with Jesus Christ,” said Peter. ¶

Go to [drophouse.com.au](http://drophouse.com.au) for further information or their Instagram page, [instagram.com/drophousehamilton](https://www.instagram.com/drophousehamilton)

## Women's Day lunch raises funds for Carinya Cottage ▼



*Pictured at the lunch are (from left) Gaynor Buffolin, team leader at Carinya Cottage/Carinya Housing, guest speaker Mellanie, and Karen Walker, Community Fundraising and Public Relations Coordinator, Illawarra Regional office. Photo: Shimmer Images*

More than 700 people, among them a number of high-profile Australians, attended an International Women's Day lunch in Wollongong last month, where funds raised on the day went to The Salvation Army's Carinya Cottage. Carinya Cottage and Carinya Community Housing is a crisis refuge and transitional accommodation service providing a safe living environment and intense case management for women and children. Many of the women using this service have a history of domestic and family violence, and have experienced trauma in their lives.

Mellanie, a former resident at Carinya Cottage and now in Carinya Community Housing, spoke during the lunch. She shared her story of surviving domestic violence and psychological abuse, and how the staff and programs at Carinya Cottage have helped her rebuild a life for herself and her two young children. "They taught me how to live again," she said.

The funds raised will be used to: provide a safe and brighter play area for children;

build cognitive and motor skills through sensory and therapeutic play; provide welcome packs for clients, with toys for traumatised children; purchase school uniforms and supplies for children; and help provide a calm and peaceful environment for a extended period so that traumatised and vulnerable families can start to put a new life together.

"We offer an initial 12-week program," explained Gaynor Buffolin, Carinya Cottage team leader. "Of course, each woman is independently and uniquely assessed, so if she needs extra support after three months we transition her to one of nine community units, run by Salvos Housing. We continue to case manage, provide parenting, self-esteem and other programs, and help them build relationships and connections to the wider community so they can manage their own lives and provide a safe and healthy environment for their children. Our clients have complex needs and face a range of domestic violence, mental health and addiction challenges."

– Simone Worthing

## Storm-damaged Aged Care Plus centre reopens ▼



*Aged Care Plus CEO, Sharon Callister, and Colonel Mark Campbell cut the ribbon to reopen Carpenter Court Aged care Plus in Merewether.*

The Salvation Army's Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus Centre at Merewether has been officially reopened after repairs to damage caused during storms in April last year. Colonel Mark Campbell, Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, cut the ribbon to mark the reopening on 13 February, Residents and staff had been relocated to another Aged Care Plus centre after storms damaged the Merewether complex. After several months of repairs, residents started moving back to Carpenter Court before Christmas.

At the reopening ceremony, team members from The Salvation Army and Aged Care Plus, along with residents and their families from Carpenter Court, were joined by Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer, Sharon Callister, and Centre Manager Joanne Teerman. "We are proud to have our Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus Centre residents settling back into their home in Merewether," said Sharon.

## Widow of Andrew Chan to speak at Salvos Women conferences ▼



*Feby Herewila with her husband, Andrew Chan. Feby will tell her story at a series of Salvation Army women's weekends later this year.*

Febyanti Herewila, the widow of executed Australian drug trafficker, Andrew Chan, will be guest speaker at The Salvation Army's four NSW and ACT Division Salvos Women "SHE" weekends later this year. Feby, who served as a pastor at Bali's Kerobokan prison where she preached and taught classes in prayer and Christian spirituality

for several years, met Chan, who had become a Christian in prison, while he was an inmate there. They fell in love and were engaged in February 2015. Salvation Army officer, Major David Soper, a family friend of the Chans, married the couple in the jail chapel on Nusakambangan Island, just two days before the execution took place.

Feby has continued her pastoring work and ministry in Indonesia. She will share her story and testimony at the SHE weekends, and lead a session on prayer. "The purpose of these weekends is to create gatherings for fellowship, to speak life and empower personal and spiritual growth for women," said Major Shelley Soper, Divisional Director of Women's Ministries. We are intentionally working at increasing the numbers of women who attend and broadening our reach into communities to women from all circumstances and ages."

Major Soper will also speak at all SHE weekends, to be held: in Sydney 29-31 July; in ACT 26-28 August; in Newcastle 2-4 September; and in Coffs Harbour 7-9 October. Further details will be announced closer to the events. For more information, email [shelley.soper@aue.salvationarmy.org](mailto:shelley.soper@aue.salvationarmy.org)

## Banjo carries on family's flying padre tradition ▼



*Banjo, with his parents Evonne and Justin, is dedicated by Captain Mark Bulow beside an outback waterhole. Banjo's godparents are also in the photo.*

Baby Banjo is carrying on an important tradition in his family – inviting Salvation Army flying padres to officiate at significant life events. Captain Mark Bulow, Flying Service Leader, travelled the 600km from his base at Dalby, north-west of Brisbane, to Cunnamulla to dedicate Banjo, in February.

Salvation Army flying padres also dedicated Banjo's mum, Evonne, and her three siblings at their property in the Northern Territory, in July 1995, and also officiated at the marriage of Evonne's parents, Julie and Tony, at Katherine in April 1989.

"When it was time to have Banjo dedicated, I knew I wanted The Salvation Army to do it," said Evonne. "I rang Roma, and they referred me to Mark. "I

knew the Army, and Banjo's dad, Justin, holds them in high regard too. My mum always used to talk about the good stuff the Salvos do, even back in the war with serving tea and coffee to the soldiers."

The Salvation Army was significant in Evonne's life, as she grew up in remote Dorisvale, Northern Territory. "The flying padre would come out and visit us and it was always the highlight of my day, week, year," she said. Evonne and her partner, Brad, are planning to marry soon, and would like The Salvation Army to continue the family tradition and conduct the service. "It was great to be part of this legacy and I wish Evonne, Banjo and all the family the very best for the future," said Captain Bulow. "I am frequently in their area which is great as it means I will see this family again."

## General Burrows' legacy lives on ▼



*(From left) General Eva Burrows' sister, Emma Southwell, brother-in-law, Dr Bramwell Southwell, Lieut Meg Dale and Commissioner John Clinch, at the dedication of the Eva Burrows Library.*

The legacy of former Salvation Army world leader, General Eva Burrows, continues to impact Salvationists around the world. In a fitting tribute to “The People’s General”, the Eva Burrows Library was dedicated at the Australia

Southern Territory’s Catherine Booth College on Wednesday 10 February. The library is a lasting memorial to General Burrows, who was a constant supporter of and teacher at, the college. A result of General Eva’s bequest, the library also

includes books from her own collection.

Territorial Commander, Commissioner Floyd Tidd, also announced the inaugural General Eva Burrows Scholarship. Recognising the General’s work in both Australia and Africa, the annual scholarship will enable a female Salvationist who works with the marginalised in Australia to participate in a leadership development opportunity. The grant will also be awarded to Salvationists in Africa, giving them access to education and leadership opportunities.

To commemorate the dedication of the library, the General’s sister, Emma Southwell, fellow officer Commissioner John Clinch, and friend and student Lieutenant Meg Dale, took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

– Jessica Morris

## Thought Matters Conference to unpack concept of salvation ▼

Exploring, challenging and embracing the biblical concept of salvation will be the focus of this year’s Thought Matters Conference, to be held in Melbourne from 14-16 October. Run by the Australasian Tri-Territorial Theological Forum (TTTF), the annual conference is inviting papers that address issues relevant to the theme of Rediscovering Salvation: new creation and an abundant gospel.

“Our name The Salvation Army has the word “Salvation” in the middle of it. It’s what we are about. But salvation from what to what?” said forum member Captain Stuart Glover. “At the time of our name being penned there was little doubt what salvation meant, and this drove much of the Army’s fervour

and ‘success’. Have we spent too much energy on being ‘Army’ at the expense of ‘salvation’? Do we need to reimagine what the idea of salvation looks as we live out God’s calling in the 21st century? This year’s conference will grapple with some of these issues.”

The conference welcomes perspectives arising from biblical studies, historical and practical theology or interdisciplinary fields. Held since 2007, it brings together Salvation Army academics, practitioners, officers and soldiers to explore issues of critical importance to both individuals and The Salvation Army’s mission and ministry practice. For more information, go to: [facebook.com/thoughtmatters](https://facebook.com/thoughtmatters)

### History Snapshot

As part of Dulwich Hill Corps’ 75th anniversary celebrations in 1962, 85-year-old Violet Shortus, one of the corps’ founding members, played a cornet solo. Read about this moment and other fascinating facts about Dulwich Hill Corps at this link: “Local History” (Sydney East and Illawarra –Dulwich Hill) on [salvos.org.au](https://salvos.org.au)

World leaders visit mainland China ▼



*General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox and members of the official party – including Lieut-Colonels Ian and Wendy Swan (back right) – with 97-year-old Lieut Li Yao Wen, the last surviving officer to have been commissioned in mainland China, at his home.*

**The world leader of The Salvation Army, General André Cox, and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women’s Ministries) spent six significant days in mainland China as part of the Hong Kong and Macau Command’s celebration of 100 years of ministry to Chinese people.**

At the invitation of the China National Christian Council, The Salvation Army’s international leaders – supported by command leaders Lieutenant-Colonels Ian and Wendy Swan – held meetings with the Shanghai Christian Council, Beijing Christian Council and the State Administration for Religious Affairs of the People’s Republic of China.

Each council affirmed The Salvation Army’s historic and present contributions and roles within the body of Christ in China, with particular appreciation for its practical expressions

of Christian faith within communities.

These meetings were followed by an official visit to the building which used to serve as the headquarters of The Salvation Army’s Northern China Territory, which the government has given to the Beijing Christian Council for the purposes of worship. The General and his party were given a tour of the now extensively renovated building ahead of its official opening and dedication later this year.

At the invitation of Senior Pastor Liu Cuimin, from the Chong Wen Men Church of Beijing, the General preached holiness messages in two separate services – each attended by more than 1000 people.

Hymns sung by those present were well known to the Salvationists that gathered, including long-time Beijing residents.

Many people gathered for prayer at the altar at the conclusion of the service.

The significance of the historic celebrations was brought home for the General when he and Commissioner Cox visited the last surviving officer to have been commissioned in mainland China. Lieutenant Li Yao Wen, now 97, spoke passionately of his love for the Army and proudly showed the General a photo of himself in full uniform at his commissioning.

The visit to mainland China came after a highly significant time of celebration in Hong Kong where the international leaders took part in officers councils, a women’s ministries service and several other gatherings, including a Sunday morning “One Mission” meeting which drew 1000 people, many of whom knelt at the mercy seat for prayer and reconsecration.¶

Indian women gather for leadership seminar ▼



Commissioner Rosalie Peddle (seated, second from left) with delegates to the All India Women's Capacity Leadership Development Seminar.

**Nineteen women delegates from** across The Salvation Army's six Indian territories gathered in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, for a capacity leadership development seminar. Special guests included Commissioner Rosalie Peddle (World Secretary for Women's Ministries), Commissioner Nu-i (South Asia Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries) and Major Margaret Booth (International Headquarters). The delegates shared together in learning, fellowship and worship.

Subjects under consideration included "Leadership and self-esteem", "Taking your leadership to a higher level", "Hospitality" and "Reaching out". Other classes taught practical skills in crafts and handiwork.

In a seminar about empowering women officers for leadership, Commissioner Peddle shared experiences from her own leadership development, focused on aspects of understanding who God

has created the delegates to be as women leaders, and encouraged them to embrace all that God is calling them to do as they serve faithfully and joyfully through their calling and covenant.

A spiritual meeting was conducted by Commissioner Nu-i, with the Bible message given by Commissioner Peddle. The world secretary addressed the seminar's theme, "Life In All Its Fullness", as she shared about the experiences of Esther, as recorded in the Old Testament.

She encouraged the delegates to "dare to be different" as, through their leadership, they impact and influence their people with the love and compassion of Christ who continues to make the impossible possible. The meeting concluded with all the delegates kneeling in prayer, dedicating their lives in renewed commitment to God.¶

– Major V. Packiadhas

Army releases refugee response video ▼

**The Salvation Army's ministry to** refugees in Germany is featured in a short video that is now available online. The video is the second to be released through a joint project between the Army's International Headquarters (IHQ) Communications Section and the Video Production Unit from the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland. Together, a number of releases over the coming months will provide an overview of The Salvation Army's refugee response in Germany and Norway.

The second video follows Captain Matthias Lindner, from Berlin West Corps, as he serves hot tea, coffee and refreshments in freezing conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the German capital and are waiting to be given a place in a refugee centre.

Some of the refugees being helped by The Salvation Army are from Afghanistan, including a translator who worked for the American forces and has since had to flee the Taliban.

The Germany footage and the first video, from Norway, are available on the Europe Refugee Response section of the IHQ website at [sar.my/europerefugees](http://sar.my/europerefugees), with more information and a secure online donation facility also at this website.¶

Gosford Corps ▼



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- 01. *Corps Officer, Captain Adam Couchman, with new adherents Kristy Fell and Sam Waldock.*
- 02. *After many years' involvement with Gosford Corps, David Hopewell was recently enrolled as a senior soldier.*
- 03. *Celeste Clark-Williams with her Soldier's Covenant after her recent enrolment.*

**Gosford Corps recently enrolled** two senior soldiers and accepted two adherents. David Hopewell was enrolled as a senior soldier, having been part of the corps for a long time, fulfilling many roles over the years.

His musical talent has been particularly appreciated as a leader of the worship team. David has taken up a position as a Salvation Army chaplain to Wests Clubs and has subsequently moved to the Hunter region with his wife, Val.

Kristy Fell and Sam Waldock have been accepted as adherents. Kristy is the manager of the corps welfare centre and shows a wonderful and loving heart for this work. Sam is a full-time support worker at the Army's Dooralong Transformation Centre.

Sam read a paraphrase of Mark 2:13-17, by Jean Vanier, emphasising verse 17: "Jesus

said, 'Come, I do not impose. But come, follow me, let me touch your inner being, heal the scars of hardness, egoism and cowardice, and call you forth to life and liberation'." Together, Kristy and Sam manage the after-care housing for the Dooralong Recovery Centre, as volunteers.

Celeste Clark-Williams gave her testimony after being enrolled as a senior soldier and spoke of her spiritual walk in reaching this point. As a child, she was read Bible stories by her mother. When the family moved back to the Central Coast, they reconnected with Gosford Corps where Celeste has been loved and mentored in her faith.

SAGALA played a big part in her development. As a Year 10 student she has a lot to contribute to the corps' young people through Kids Club and Junior Soldiers.

**Send us your enrolment stories**

In each issue of *Pipeline*, we like to feature brief stories of recently enrolled junior and senior soldiers, and accepted adherents. To have your corps' or centre's story included, please send the following details to Simone Worthing at [simone.worthing@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:simone.worthing@ae.salvationarmy.org): Date of enrolment; name of corps or centre; name of enrolling officer(s); name of soldier(s) or adherent(s) enrolled and a couple of short sentences about them; and a high resolution photo of the new soldiers or adherents, with names of those in the photo. If the photo is a large group shot, only the names of the new soldiers are required. Photos should be at least 1mb in size, and sent as an attachment.

If you have any questions, please contact Simone at the above email address.

Carindale Corps ▼



Sam Goodliffe, the latest senior soldier at Carindale, with Corps Officers, Majors David and Michele Terracini.

**Major David Terracini, Corps Officer,** enrolled Sam Goodliffe as a senior soldier on Sunday 6 March. Sam connected with the corps through volunteering at the Family Store in 2014.

She attended a volunteer appreciation concert one Sunday night, and then started to regularly attend Sunday morning meetings. "Through attending

the corps' discipleship classes during 2015, Sam surrendered her life to Jesus Christ and then attended soldiership classes," said Major Terracini.

"Sam continues to be a vital member of the Family Store team and our worshipping community and we pray God's blessings over her as she has taken this next step in her faith journey."

Brisbane Streetlevel Mission ▼



Major Phil Staines accepts Kerry (left) and Caitlan as adherents.

**Major Phil Staines, team leader,** accepted Caitlan and Kerry as adherents at chapel on 18 February. "Both Caitlan and Kerry have been part of the Streetlevel community for some time and are both friendly, helpful and enthusiastic volunteers," said Paul Maunder, community outreach worker. "Kerry helps people through driving vehicles, and Caitlan is gifted in the catering area. We appreciate them both very much."



  
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## Lifetime of service ▼



**Brigadier Flo Stockall** was promoted to glory in Sydney, aged 103, on Christmas Eve

2015 just after a group from the Campsie Corps Band had played Christmas Carols to her. Her life was celebrated by a joyful Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by friend Major Chris Witts, at her home corps of Earlwood. A tribute from Commissioner James Condon was shared, as well as others from Major Beryl McGuigan (niece), Lieut-Colonel Graham Durston (on behalf of retired officers) and daughter Beverley. Flo's favourite song "I'm in His Hands" was rendered by Major Deborah Robinson (Corps Officer).

Florence Clanfield was born on 22 November 1912 to Joseph and Eliza Jane Clanfield. The youngest of eight children, she grew up on a property near Rockhampton. Flo's maternal grandfather and her own father were early-day converts of The Salvation Army in Rockhampton.

In 1937, Flo travelled from Rockhampton Temple Corps to enter The Salvation Army Training College at Petersham in the **Guardians of the Covenant** session. After commissioning, she served as a single officer at West Wallsend, Innisfail and Paddington, before marrying Captain Perc Stockall in 1940. Together they served almost their entire married life as corps officers, Flo contributing much with her astute mind, clear perception and mentoring skills.

For many years, Flo was one of the Youth Officers at the yearly Salvation Army Tallabudgera Youth Camps on the Gold Coast; General Eva Burrows being just one of the many who remembered "Mrs S" with deep affection.

In 1958, Flo and Perc were transferred from Bundaberg to the New Zealand territory for five years, which included several appointments at various corps (Napier, Feilding and Nelson among them). It was during their term in

Whangarei where there was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit and, as a result, seven young people later entered The Salvation Army Training College.

On their return to Australia they served at Coorparoo, Woonona, Dee Why, Earlwood, Fairfield and Inverell. Flo gave 40 years unbroken service as an active officer and 37 years as a retired officer. She was an extremely successful supporter of the Home League.

Flo was renowned for her gift of hospitality, her spotless orderly home, her dressmaking and catering skills, her scrumptious meals and tempting baking delights. However, her mentoring skills were God-driven and much appreciated.

Her happy personality shone by her readiness to always share her faith by loving, supporting and uplifting others. She was a quiet achiever, never intrusive or judgmental, yet never missing an opportunity to witness for her Lord. ¶

## Humble servant ▼



**Captain (Dr.) Graham Hyslop** was promoted to glory on 24 January, aged 91, in Sydney.

His funeral, conducted by Lieut-Colonel Graham Durston, was held at Macquarie Lodge, Arncliffe, where Graham was cared for in his final years. The family tribute was given by Noel Hyslop (cousin) and the tribute of Commissioner Ian Cutmore (his Training Principal) was read by the chaplain, Major Bronwyn Pretty. Chaplain Yi (Bill) Lee read from the scriptures.

A letter from the Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, was read by Lieut-Colonel Durston before his message from Romans 8: 31-39, where a personal comment from Commissioner Lyn Pearce was included: "I had such respect for Graham. To be on the staff and to have him in my brigading team

was a great privilege. Sometimes I think his humble attitude was similar to that of Brengle. He did everything every cadet was required to do and did it happily."

Born on 16 January 1925, Graham Hyslop first came to The Salvation Army in 1975 when he was invited by his neighbour to attend the Brisbane production of the Gowans/Larsson musical *Jesus Folk*. He began attending the Brisbane City Temple Corps and became a soldier.

At a mature age, he received a call to become a Salvation Army officer. For the first 25 years of his working life, he was a medical doctor, a specialist surgeon in orthopaedics and hand surgery. He had gained the F.R.C.S (Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons) from Edinburgh and the Australian equivalent (F.R.A.C.S), worked as a consultant in the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville in England, was the first Medical Superintendent of the newly opened Redcliffe Hospital and finally was in private practice in Brisbane.

He would have spent his whole life as a highly qualified and productive orthopaedic surgeon but for God's intervention that led to 11 years service as an officer in The Salvation Army. Those 11 years made a significant impact on the life of the Australia Eastern Territory in the recruitment and care of officers. There are many serving today who will always be indebted to him.

Graham entered the *Disciples of Jesus* session in 1977. On commissioning he was appointed the Assistant Secretary for Candidates, and continued this service as the Territorial Secretary for some years. His final appointment was at the Centre for Officer Further Training at Stanmore.

Those who had the privilege of knowing Graham will never forget his humility, wisdom, his innate ability to diagnose the spiritual as well as the physical condition, and his enthusiasm for the Gospel. ¶

## About People ▼

### Additional Appointments

Major Wendy-**Sue Swann**, Corps Officer, Leeton Corps, NSW/ACT Division, effective 4 May.

### Appointments

*Effective immediately:* Majors Lee **Han-sang** and Heo **Seo-eun**, South Korea Territory.

*Effective 12 April:* Captain Kathy **Crombie**, Projects Officer Emergencies and Disaster Relief, The Salvation Army (Mission) Nepal, India Eastern Territory.

*Effective 26 April:* Lieutenant Joycelyn **McIver**, Divisional Salvos Women Coordinator, NSW/ACT Division.

*Effective 1 June:* Commissioner Floyd **Tidd**, National Commander, Australia; Commissioner Tracey **Tidd**, National President of Women's Ministries, Australia; Colonel Mark **Campbell**, Chief Secretary-in-charge, Australia Eastern Territory; Colonel Julie **Campbell**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries and Training Principal, School For Officer Training, Australia Eastern Territory; Colonel Graeme **Rigley**, Chief Secretary-in-charge, Australia Southern Territory; Colonel Karyn **Rigley**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Australia Southern Territory.

*Effective 1 January, 2017:* Colonel Mark **Campbell**, National Chief Secretary, Australia; Colonel Julie **Campbell**, National Secretary for Women's Ministries, Australia.

### Bereaved

Major Belinda **Spicer** of her father, Bryon **Stoodley** on 10 March; Major Christine **Atkinson** of her son Benjamin **Schryver** on 7 March.

### Promoted to glory

Major Gwenneth Grace **Lawrence** on 7 March.

### Conclusion of service

Captain Russell **Hung** on 31 January.

## Time to pray ▼

### 27 March – 2 April

Salvos Stores, THQ; Captains David and Patricia Day, Australia Southern Territory; Major Alison Cowling, Canada and Bermuda Territory; Majors Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter, Caribbean Territory; Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters, Eastern Europe Territory.

### 3-9 April

Captains Glenn and Julia Price, Eastern Europe Territory; Majors Graeme and Heather Craig, Ghana Territory; Major Mark Watts, International Headquarters.

### 10-16 April

NSW and ACT Division; NSW and ACT Division Chaplaincy Services; NSW Northern Rivers Area.

### 17-23 April

Ballina Corps, Coffs Harbour Corps, Corps Based Recovery, Grafton Corps, Lismore Corps, all Upper NSW North Coast Hub.

### 24-30 April

Maclean Corps, Nambucca River Corps, both Upper NSW North Coast Hub; Forster/Tuncurry Corps, Hannam Vale Corps, Kempsey Corps, Port Macquarie Corps, all Mid NSW North Coast Hub.

### 1-7 May

Taree Corps, Mid NSW North Coast Hub; North/North West NSW Area, NSW; Armidale Corps, North East Inland Hub.

## Engagement Calendar ▼

### Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Redfern: Sat 2 Apr – Official opening, new territorial headquarters

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Sydney: Wed 6 Apr – Red Shield Appeal official opening

Brisbane: Sat 9-Sun 10 Apr – Delve weekend  
Brisbane: Thu 14 Apr – Red Shield Appeal official opening

Stafford: Fri 15 Apr – Officers Councils

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Riverview: Sat 16 Apr – Youth Councils, Queensland

Bowral: Mon 18-Wed 20 Apr – Territorial Policy and Mission Council Retreat

\*Dee Why: Fri 22 Apr – “Turning the sod”, Pacific Lodge

\* Commissioner James Condon only

### Colonel Mark Campbell (Chief Secretary)

Redfern: Sat 2 Apr – Official opening of new territorial headquarters

Sydney: Wed 6 Apr – Sydney launch of Red Shield Appeal, Westin Hotel

Brookfield: Fri 8-Sun 10 Apr – Delve Weekend, Queensland Conference Centre

Parramatta: Sun 17 Apr – Corps visit, morning meeting

Bowral: Mon 18-Wed 20 Apr – Territorial Policy and Mission Council retreat

Tamworth: Sat 24-Sun 25 Apr – Corps visit

Bexley North: Thu 28 Apr – Spiritual Day, School For Officer Training

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