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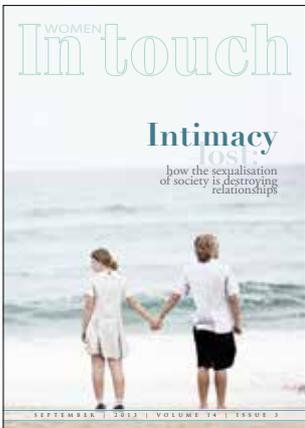
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## Leader with a servant heart

Leadership can mean many different things to many different people. For some, it means power. To others, something to strive for. It can be used for good, or abused and result in destruction.

According to the Bible, a leader is primarily a servant, whose concern is not selfish ambition, not to bark out orders, but to meet the needs of others.

In other words, the concept of servant leadership starts by being a servant first.

These sort of leaders serve because they are primarily motivated by humility and love, with the perfect example being Jesus, who combined a strength of purpose to challenge the status quo of his day with tender-hearted compassion.

The Salvation Army has just elected its 20th world leader since 1865 when William Booth founded the international movement. General André Cox was elected by a High Council in London and I was particularly interested to hear what angle he would take in his first speech to the world.

Would he sound authoritative, expressing desire to instigate change? Or visionary, outlining his map for The Salvation Army's future? Or perhaps overly theological, hinting that he would teach us a thing or two?

What he said, however, impressed me, as it reflected the heart of Christ. Exiting from the High Council and stepping up to the microphone he declared to The Salvation Army world: "When God called me to be a Salvation Army officer, he called me to proclaim the Gospel. He didn't call me to a rank or position, He called me to be his servant."

He added, on behalf of he and his wife Silvia: "It is an awesome task placed on our shoulders. In ourselves, we are not equal to that task, but the One who has called us will equip us and he will lead us forward."

In his first address he established a mandate for his style of leadership which should inspire and encourage a million Salvationists around the world.

The Salvation Army High Council has elected a General who will serve with a servant heart. God has chosen a leader who will serve with humility and will epitomise a word which General Booth made famous in his tenure – "Others".

Of course, like Jesus, he will be required to lead with decisiveness and make some tough calls, but he has set the platform from which these decision will be made.

In this edition, *Pipeline* introduces our new General, from the process of his election through to an interesting Q&A which reveals the heart of the man. Our own Territorial Commanders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, also pen their reflections on the High Council.

The High Council was timely for Australia as General André Cox will honour an invitation from the Australia Eastern Territory for the General to be the special guest at the Freedom Celebration in Sydney on 6-7 September.

I urge all Salvationists and friends of the Salvation Army to pray for General André Cox and his wife as they embark on this, their first major international visit.

And I urge you to hear what the General has to say to Australia by either attending the Freedom Celebration or tapping into the webcasts and online components of the Australia Eastern Territory.

**Dean Simpson**  
Managing Editor

# your say...

## Cambodia in the picture

I appreciated reading the article "Looking at the Bigger Picture" (*Pipeline* – July 2013), by Casey O'Brien.

In 2008, I was working in Cambodia for a Christian organisation, World Relief, and I was given the opportunity to establish a project in the area of Human Trafficking.

As I looked around Cambodia at what was being done in this area I noted that there was a strong emphasis on rescuing young women and rehabilitating them.

When I looked at the numbers of young people that were trafficked in Cambodia and compared this to the numbers rescued, I felt like the system was collecting a few drips from a tap that was gushing.

Just as it is important to feed, clothe and house a homeless man, it is critically important to rescue and rehabilitate trafficked persons. I wanted to try and have some effect on the gushing water flowing from the tap so I established a prevention education program that focused on young men and women, their parents and the village chief.

This program has continued until today. Over the years thousands of people have heard the messages and

who knows how many have been saved. This program has its weaknesses, in that the most vulnerable are still susceptible to being trafficked unless they and their families receive support in the areas of education for their children and the parents are given assistance to increase their economic viability.

I believe in big-picture prevention programs and would also love to see the above project supplemented by a program that looks to change the behaviour of the men who use women/ men/children for their purposes.

Casey, I would say to you, as a member of this generation, to look to social media to help people, and The Salvation Army, focus on the bigger picture. Do not stop challenging the status quo!

Although, when I look at all that I have spoken about above, if each person in Cambodia believed in God and lived their lives accordingly, the above project would not be necessary. Which is why it excites me so much to see how God's Holy Spirit is moving and touching lives in Cambodia.

Praise God!

**Geof Bowman**  
**Cairns Corps**

## Protest in prose

This is my personal protest against what I believe is the Australian Government's inhumane treatment of asylum seekers and refugees.

### ASYLYM SEEKER

Help. Hate. Hell.  
Rejected humanity –  
condemned by birth.  
Fail. Fear. Flee.  
Racial enemy.

Bribe. Bid. Boat.  
Deceitful understanding –  
controlled by need.  
Salt. Storm. Sea.  
Despised refugee.

Down. Drown. Death.  
Dangerous circumstances –  
consumed by hope.  
Float. Found. Free.  
Wretched destiny.

Time. Tough. Test.  
Unwelcomed inhabitant –  
constrained by fear.  
Plight. Please. Plea.  
Shameful history.

**Major Bruce Domrow**

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## BLESSINGS FLOW IN SERVICE TO GOD

God pours out innumerable blessings on his faithful, but **Commissioner JAMES CONDON** says being elected as chaplain of the High Council was one of the greatest blessing he has received



**Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory**

**S**ome years ago whilst studying at Fuller Theological Seminary, I visited the Crenshaw Christian Centre for Sunday worship. In the normal manner, I shook hands with many people and greeted them by saying “Good morning. How are you?” Everyone responded in the same way – “Blessed”.

It seemed to be the catchcry of the church. As I learned more about the people I realised what was behind their response. Many of them came from very poor circumstances and experienced what we sometimes refer to as “Redemption and Lift”.

“Redemption and Lift” is a term that describes the upward mobility of those whose lives are bettered in every way as a direct result of their new birth. Redemption deals with guilt and condemnation and the accompanying Lift enables them to see God’s Plan for their lives. It is no wonder they feel blessed.

Having just returned from the High Council in London and had the privilege of being elected Chaplain, if you ask me how I feel at the moment my response would be “blessed”. This privilege will go down in my memory as one of the highlights of my life.

When the angel visited Mary, as recorded in Luke 1:26, the angel said to her, “Greetings you who are highly favoured; and Mary was troubled at his words and wondered what it would mean.”

As I look back over my life I feel highly favoured

by the Lord and respond in a similar way to Mary – “I am the Lord’s servant” (verse 38) – and what privileges and responsibilities this has brought. My testimony would also be in the words of Mary as recorded in verse 49 – “for the Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is His name.”

Some of you will remember the song from our song book –

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.*

In truth I could never count my blessings. They are innumerable and I am so grateful to God – indeed overwhelmed with thankfulness.

As I think of the word blessed, my thoughts go also to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter five. Each Beatitude speaks of how to be blessed and what Jesus was trying to help people understand is that to be blessed means to experience hope and joy independent of outward circumstances.

I quote from a Hillsong song “Blessed.”

*Blessed are those who dwell in your house  
They are ever praising you  
Blessed are those whose strength is in you  
Whose hearts are set on our God.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you.



# OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR GENERAL COX

Salvation Army's new world leader can create history

By **SCOTT SIMPSON**  
and **IHQ EDITORIAL**

**G**eneral André Cox has the opportunity to become the longest-serving world leader of The Salvation Army since the days of the organisation's founding Booth family.

General Cox, 59, was elected as the Army's 20th world leader on 3 August. Since the late 1960s, most have only held the office for no more than five years, General Eva Burrows (seven years) being the only exception. However, because the terms of General are unlimited, with the exception of a maximum retirement age of 70, General Cox is eligible to hold the office until 12 July 2024, a period of 11 years. Only Salvation Army founder William Booth (1878-1912) and his son, Bramwell Booth (1912-1929), have held the position for longer.

General Cox was born in Harare,

Zimbabwe, to an English father and Swiss mother. He spent his childhood years in Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom, before moving to Switzerland. It was there that he met Argentine-born Silvia Volet, whom he married in 1976. The couple trained for Salvation Army officership in Switzerland, taking up their first appointments in 1979.

The election of General Cox took place at the High Council, which saw 117 of the Army's senior leaders from around the world gather near London for the sacred task of choosing their next world leader.

The General has accepted his new responsibility in a spirit of humility, saying that, irrespective of the rank he held, he had not moved away from his original calling to officership – to be God's servant

and to proclaim the gospel.

He shares his ministry with his wife, Commissioner Silvia Cox, who becomes the Army's World President of Women's Ministries. Together they will lead the 1.5 million-strong worldwide church of The Salvation Army, now present in more than 125 countries.

## Well equipped

The General has vast experience of the international ministry of The Salvation Army. In the early years of his officership, General Cox held appointments in Switzerland and Zimbabwe.

More recently, he has served as territorial commander in the Southern Africa Territory, the Finland and Estonia Territory, and the United Kingdom



General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox are the new world leaders of The Salvation Army.



## Personal message of freedom

General André Cox's visit to Australia is his first major international tour as world leader of The Salvation Army.

He and his wife, Commissioner Silvia Cox, are coming to Australia for the Freedom Celebration, being held at Sydney's Olympic Park, where hundreds of Salvationists will gather for a weekend of festivities, worship and teaching on 6-7 September.

General Cox has agreed to honour the invitation to be special guest at the Freedom Celebration and will take part over the weekend in various activities and speaking engagements.

"This isn't just our first international trip, it is our first trip anywhere in my new role as General," General Cox said.

"We wanted to honour the commitment that had already been made and so we are gearing up to come, which is sooner than we would normally have done, but we are very much looking forward to it. I have only been to Australia once before, and that was very brief."

General Cox says he is looking forward to discovering why the event is being called the Freedom Celebration and seeing first-hand how the Australia Eastern Territory's new "Freedom" language is being conveyed to the Australian public.

"I am quite intrigued by this freedom language your territory is implementing and how is it working out," he says.

"In recent weeks I have been reflecting on the theme of grace. If our sins were counted we would be condemned but we are a people who have experienced grace and freedom.

"Whether we reflect that or not is another issue and I've seen instances within the Army where we don't always reflect the thankfulness and praise that's ours because of the freedom available to us. Because we have been pardoned, we are free."

General Cox said the freedom theme struck a chord in his heart.

"I can identify the freedom thing with my own journey and what it might have been. My life could have been an enslavement to many things and I am thankful to God for stepping into my life decisively. So to me, God's offer of freedom is a wonderful message.

Territory with the Republic of Ireland, respectively.

In February this year, he was appointed as Chief of the Staff - second in command of the international Salvation Army.

On being announced as The Salvation Army's new world leader, and its youngest since General Burrows was elected to the position in 1986, General Cox said that he and his wife were thankful to God, but aware of the "awesome task that has been placed upon our shoulders".

"We alone and in ourselves are not equal to that task," he continued, "but the One who has called us will equip us and he will lead us forward.

"I pray that The Salvation Army will be known for being a force for good in the world ... that The Salvation Army

will be a force for positive change and transformation in the communities in which we serve ... [and] that Salvationists will live up to the spiritual values we proclaim.

"I want you to know that when God called me to be a Salvation Army officer he called me to proclaim the gospel, he didn't call me to a rank or position. He called me to be his servant and that is what we will do."

In reflecting on the six-day High Council that elected him, General Cox said: "We have experienced a true High Council, we have been in his [God's] presence ... we have felt the presence of God and the Spirit with us."

The General and Commissioner Cox have three daughters and two grandchildren.



# Q&A

The newly elected international leader General André Cox spoke with Major Jane Kimberley at the conclusion of the 2013 High Council

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**How do you feel after just being elected as the 20th General?**

I feel an immense sense of privilege and awe because of the responsibility that goes with the role.

I also have a sense of peace. I have never identified myself by either rank or role. I am who God made me to be and I am growing into the person he wants me to be. A General or anyone else is but a disciple of Jesus and I think that gives me comfort because it's not all on my shoulders.

The Army belongs to God, it's not mine. I have a role to play,

but I was called to proclaim the Gospel and I will do just that.

**What impression stands out for you from the 2013 High Council?**

We were all in one accord in a peaceful, secluded and very holy place. From the moment we started the pre-High Council conference we sensed that this was right. We were not rushed and knew that God's hand was upon us. It was good to be in his presence.

This was the third High Council that I had attended and perhaps the one that I cherish the most because of the sense of

God's presence. The prayer fellowship was phenomenal.

**What will be the main challenges you face as General?**

Multiple challenges impact The Salvation Army's global mission, including poverty, social exclusion, social injustice, the increasing gap between the rich and poor, sexual exploitation, human trafficking and lack of respect for the things of God. When faced with secularism and materialism we need to rediscover our confidence in the divine inspiration and authority of God's Word.



General André Cox being interviewed in his office at IHQ.

## Biography of General André Cox

**Date of birth:** 12 July 1954

**Nationality:** British/Swiss

**Home corps:** Geneva 1, Switzerland and Austria Territory

**Commissioned:** 25 May 1979

**Married:** Silvia Volet, 25 September 1976

Appointments:

**Switzerland and Austria Territory Corps** (June 1979)

**Zimbabwe Territory**

PR (July 1987), THQ (June 1992)

Financial Secretary (April 1994)

**Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory**

Head of Communications Department (October 1997)

Business Administrator (February 2002)

**Finland and Estonia Territory**

Territorial Commander (July 2005)

**Southern Africa Territory**

Territorial Commander (October 2008)

**United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland**

Territorial Commander (May 2012)

**International Headquarters**

Chief of the Staff (February 2013)

I believe The Salvation Army must continue to have a strong bias for the poor and the marginalised. There is a lot more that we can be doing in mobilising our corps. For too long we have relied upon institutional social care. Many problems today demand that we are fully engaged in the communities in which we serve and not serving ourselves and sitting in comfort. We need to pay more than lip service to things we believe and truly live out the values we proclaim. Belief and actions should go hand in hand.

My vision is that as an Army we will be fully mobilised and committed to the calling God has given us. We are a covenanted people. We have all signed a covenant and I would like to see us live up to that.

### How important in your opinion is the Army's relationship with other churches and other faiths?

The links with others are very important. We need to recognise that we all belong to the same family. In the Christian churches we have a strong bond and can learn from each other. We don't have to compare ourselves with any other because God has given us a specific calling as The Salvation Army. We need to feel secure in our own faith and we don't need to be judgmental about other people. I have seen evidence in projects and development work, of people of different faiths working together in harmony for the common good.

### One of the challenges of an international Salvation Army is diversity. The office of the General is vital in holding that together. How do you find unity in diversity?

Diversity needs to be celebrated. We shouldn't see that as a problem. There are so many things that bind us together as The Salvation Army, including belief in the

Bible, faith in Jesus, doctrines, the mercy seat, 24-hour prayer, uniforms and orders and regulations. I am a great believer and supporter of the internationalism of the Army, believing this to be one of our greatest strengths. The High Council met as a group of many different cultures all drawn to the light of God through Jesus Christ his son. I hope that we can celebrate our differences because the things that bind us together are far stronger than the things that separate us. Having lived in different cultures, I have learnt that no-one has *the* right answer and that there are many right answers.

### Who has influenced you most over the years in your personal development?

In my recent journey, General Linda Bond has been a real example of courage and faith and that has spoken to me strongly. I have had the privilege of considering General John Larsson as a fatherly figure. He first appointed us to territorial leadership in Finland and he has always been a good and steadying influence. In my early years of officership, General Eva Burrows was a real inspiration to me and helped me to aspire to do something greater in my spiritual development.

### What about the International Vision (of The Salvation Army)?

I am grateful to my predecessor General Linda Bond for her visionary leadership, for her submission to the will of God and for the fact that she inspired our International Vision of One Army, One Mission, One Message and that must continue. A change of General does not change that focus.

Major Jane Kimberley is editor of the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland's *Salvationist* publication.

## Salvation Army Generals

1. William Booth 1860-1912
2. Bramwell Booth 1912-1929
3. Edward Higgins 1929-1934
4. Evangeline Booth 1934-1939
5. George Carpenter 1939-1946
6. Albert Orsborn 1946-1954
7. Wilfred Kitching 1954-1963
8. Frederick Coutts 1963-1969
9. Erik Wickberg 1969-1974
10. Clarence Wiseman 1974-1977
11. Arnold Brown 1977-1981
12. Jarl Wahlstrom 1981-1986
13. Eva Burrows 1986-1993
14. Bramwell Tillsley 1993-1994
15. Paul Rader 1994-1999
16. John Gowans 1999-2002
17. John Larsson 2002-2006
18. Shaw Clifton 2006-2011
19. Linda Bond 2011-2013
20. André Cox 2013-



# MAN OF GOD'S CHOOSING

Australia Eastern Territory leaders Commissioners **JAMES** and **JAN CONDON** reflect on a powerful sense of God's presence as the High Council met to elect The Salvation Army's new world leader

**I**t was an awesome privilege to attend the 2011 High Council when Linda Bond was elected as the 19th General of The Salvation Army. So it was with an initial sense of sadness that I arrived at the Renaissance Hotel in London for the 2013 High Council, which had been called nine months early because of the retirement of General Linda Bond. During the course of the pre-High Council and the High Council meetings, opportunities were taken on a number of occasions to pray for General Bond.

On Sunday 28 July, prior to the High Council commencing, worship was led by our guest, Commissioner Keith Banks. We sensed the presence and power of God the Holy Spirit among us and our time of worship was great preparation for the High Council that followed.

Commissioner Banks' message was based on Genesis 27 and 28 - God revealing himself to Jacob in a most unlikely setting at Luz, a barren, ugly and inhospitable place. He highlighted that spiritual leadership can be lonely, a desert of doubt, of inadequacy and a feeling of being unequal to the task, of conflict of loyalty, frustration, mission fatigue, ill health and family challenges. God shows himself at Luz even though Jacob was not living an upright life. | But Jacob had an intense experience of God. He went to sleep a guilty man and woke up transformed.

In the Genesis story, Jacob used a rock for a pillow in that ugly place that

was transformed by the presence of God. During our pre-High Council worship, Commissioner Banks had placed a large stone on a table that also held jugs of oil. During a time of reflection we were invited to pour some oil over the stone, symbolising the presence of God for the days ahead.

## Memorable experience

It was a real honour and privilege to once again engage in the sacred task of electing the world leader of The Salvation Army. One certainly felt the power of intercessory prayer being offered by

"It will go down as one of the most memorable experiences of my journey over the past 42 years as a Salvation Army officer."

thousands across the world. Careful attention is given to detail. Commissioner Bill Roberts was the man of God's choosing as President of the High Council, to guide us through the process in an effective manner.

I was privileged to be elected as Chaplain to the 2013 High Council. It will go down as one of the most memorable

experiences of my journey over the past 42 years as a Salvation Army officer.

The High Council moved through the required processes in a timely manner, with other elections taking place for Vice President, members of the Question Committee, and the Tellers.

It is always a time of anticipation when nominations are called for. Once those nominated have confirmed their candidacy, they are given a series of questions to answer in addressing the High Council. A speech is then made by each of the candidates before we proceed to the election of the General.

The fellowship with 116 other Salvation Army leaders from around the world is indeed very rich and meaningful. Many of these leaders were at their first High Council, so it was good to meet them as well as be reacquainted with those who were at the 2011 High Council and the International Conference of Leaders in July 2012.

During the breaks and meal times we were able to share and discuss issues and challenges facing us in our respective appointments. It was helpful also to engage with leaders from our Partners in Mission Territories.

We left the Renaissance Hotel feeling that God had been with us and that André Cox is the man of God's choosing to be the 20th General of The Salvation Army, and to lead us for such a time as this.

– Commissioner James Condon



## HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE A MOVING EXPERIENCE

From the commencement of the High Council, one is aware that this is a sacred task to which we have been summoned. As you begin to mingle with Salvation Army leaders from around the world, you appreciate even more the internationalism of the Army and value the interaction with other leaders from different cultures.

Translators are provided for delegates for whom English is not their first language. When prayers are offered in another language, this provides a new dimension to the gathering.

As we gathered for the worldwide prayer meeting on Thursday morning, we were acutely aware of thousands of other people supporting us and the High Council in prayer. What a beautiful blessing.

The High Council is an intense time of prayer, listening, sharing and seeking

to identify God's anointed leader. The devotions for each day highlighted key aspects of the process such as unity, wisdom, discernment and "it seemed good to the Holy Spirit". A highlight for me was when we sang the chorus "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me". It was whispered as if we were right in the presence of God himself and could reach out and touch Him. God indeed drew near.

When the General was elected there was no doubt that he was God's man for this time. We pledge our prayer support for General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to attend the High Council and share in this sacred time with fellow leaders.

- Commissioner Jan Condon



(Top) Commissioners James and Jan Condon were among 117 members of the High Council. (Above) Commissioner James Condon in his role as chaplain to the High Council, overseeing the spiritual needs of the gathering to elect the 20th General of The Salvation Army.

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# True freedom in Christ

In late June, just a fortnight after being enrolled as a Salvation Army soldier at Campsie, Peter told his new church family a moving testimony about life as a persecuted Christian in China, and the joy of being able to worship Christ freely in his new home in Australia. Spoken in his native Mandarin, he has allowed *Pipeline* to print a translated version of his story ...



PHOTO BY SHARON PATERSON

**M**y name is Peter and many people here at Campsie Corps (Sydney) know me. Just over 12 months ago I came to Australia from China, where I had become a Christian in 2007. My grandmother, mother and sister are also Christians.

Before I came to Australia, I worshipped at a house church in China. These are not government-permitted churches; they exist because believers want to follow authentic Bible teaching without political interference. The worship meetings are held at the house of a brother or sister (fellow believer), and they operate as underground churches. The Chinese government has never ceased oppressing house churches for political reasons and many brothers and sisters have been persecuted while some of them have been detained.

## Arrested and beaten

On Sunday, 11 December 2011, about 10 brothers and sisters, led by a pastor, gathered at a brother's house. There were two Korean pastors also at the meeting.

While the pastor was preaching, five policemen suddenly broke down the door and entered the house. We were all placed under arrest. The police accused us of participating in an illegal gathering. They searched the house and our bodies, and confiscated our Bibles and Bible

notes. Shortly after, we were all taken to the police station. Two police officers questioned me in an interrogation room. One of them asked: "Did you know it was an illegal gathering?"

I told him: "We are just believers of Jesus, we did not disrupt social order at public places, it was not an illegal gathering."

In response to my reply, the police officer hit me in the face and warned me to be careful with my attitude. He then asked who had contacted the Korean pastors. I told him that I didn't know. Thinking that I did not want to cooperate with them, they proceeded to punch and kick me.

They questioned me for more than 24 hours and did not let me sleep. I was tortured physically and mentally - I felt very weak. While they questioned me, they also punished me physically. I was beaten up and forced to answer questions. Two days later, while still in detention, they questioned me again. A policeman instructed me: "Do not engage in unlawful activities again. If you promise to never participate in underground churches any more, and if you agree to join a government-organised church, we'll let you go." But I refused. During my time in detention, I was not only tortured physically, but also psychologically. After 15 days in

the detention centre, I was forced to sign documents stating that I would never be involved in an "illegal gathering" (underground church) again. It was only after doing this that I was released.

## Steadfast faith

Under the weight of this terrible persecution, I did not give up my Christian faith. During my ordeal I kept praying and Mark 5:36 came to my mind: "Don't worry, just have faith." The Lord also used the words of Joshua 1:9 to carry me through: "I have commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged. I am the Lord your God and I will be there to help you wherever you go."

I could no longer bear the persecution at the hands of the government, so, in order to follow Jesus Christ freely, I decided to escape China.

On 20 June 2012, I arrived in Australia. I met Helen, who was living at Campsie, and she took me to The Salvation Army. I have found my spiritual home here.

In the beautiful land of Australia I experienced God's unconditional love. He has given me abundant strength. I will never forget that on 16 June 2013, I became a soldier of The Salvation Army. I thank God that he has lit the fire in my life again.

*Translated from Mandarin into English by Frank Wang.*

# HOLINESS IS COMPLEX

In the first instalment of a nine-part *Pipeline* series written by members of The Salvation Army's International Doctrine Council and entitled "Holiness and ...", **Commissioner VIBEKE KROMMENHOEK** says cultural differences demand a readiness to adapt

**I**n which direction does the Christian fish symbol swim? Is the "correct" way from left to right, downstream, or is it from right to left, upstream? A decade ago that was the big question among evangelical Christians in The Netherlands.

The debate arose from the question whether Christians are by definition countercultural. Combining the two biblical passages, "In the world, not of the world" (Romans 12) and "Give the emperor what belongs to the emperor and God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22), illustrates that the answer is more complex than the question may at first indicate. In the light of contextualising holiness theology and tradition, the answer to the question depends on the specific situation and the broader environment in which it is asked.

## Lutheran influence

All this underlines the importance of context when it comes to understanding why the expression of The Salvation Army's holiness theology varies from country to country.

The Wesleyan tradition of holiness has never been strong in

Europe. Despite this, in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland the Army took root and developed its own God-given identity. The population of this Nordic corner of Europe has, since the Reformation, been Lutheran born and bred. Being Danish, Swedish, Norwegian or Finnish automatically involves membership of the Lutheran Church.

What paved the way for the Army's holiness teaching was the pietistic movement originating in central Europe. The impact this had on Nordic spirituality in the 17th and 18th centuries resulted in revival movements within the Lutheran Church.

Because of this influence, the Army's holiness message was not preached in vain when it arrived in the Nordic countries in the 19th century. Our theology and practice was therefore not completely alien to the Nordic context and at the same time, the Army added a new dimension to the understanding of living, sharing and serving Christ in daily life that had not been seen in the previous revival movements.

There are many real-life stories of the Army's powerful message and the effect it had on the lives of early converts. One story tells how a man

converted in a salvation meeting asked his wife to embroider a text on his red jersey to witness to the change in his life. The wife, searching for a suitable text, looked out the window and noticed a shop with a sign saying "New owner" – and that's exactly what she embroidered on her husband's jersey!

### Army adopted

The pietistically inspired Lutheran revival movements, that focused on the inner life of the individual believer more than the importance of practising the High Church's liturgy and sacraments, prepared the ground for the holiness theology of The Salvation Army.

Interestingly, those revival movements neither separated from the Lutheran mother Church, nor abandoned its emphasis on the importance of sacraments. In practice, the Army was adopted into the Lutheran revival context and regarded as another (Lutheran) revival movement, rather than as a separate denomination with a different (Wesleyan) theological orientation.

In the past, all Scandinavians were born into the Lutheran Church and christened as babies into membership (a Scandinavian custom as natural as breathing the Nordic air). All young people 13 or 14 years old attended confirmation classes conducted by the local Lutheran minister as part of the school curriculum. Ceremonies such as christenings, funerals and marriages were officiated and conducted by ordained Lutheran ministers. Army officers were not qualified to perform these legal ceremonies. This custom of including the Lutheran Church in "the four big occasions of life" is still followed by the vast majority of Nordic people – including most Salvationists.

In the light of all this, one might conclude that Nordic Salvationists serve two masters, the Lutheran and the Wesleyan, drawing on the source that at the moment of need suits them best. It might look like that at times, but it seems not to have affected their dedication to the Lord and their commitment to the mission of the Army. There

is simply this general feeling of wanting to pay one's respects to the Lutheran context by participating in the ceremonies marking the rites of passage and by holding on to Lutheran Church membership.

Commissioner Tor Wahlstrom affirmed this attitude and practice of many Finnish Salvationists in a study conducted at Abo University, Finland, in 1975.

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### Wesleyan tension

So for decades the Lutheran tradition's influence has lived happily within The Salvation Army alongside its holiness tradition and has not been a hindrance to soldiers in serving the Army's mission. Yet at times, tension does occur between Lutheran and Wesleyan orientated theologies.

I recall how once, as a weekday bazaar was being held at the Copenhagen Temple Corps, a Salvationist expressed her disgust at our place of worship being turned into a marketplace. At that moment I realised she was reflecting her Lutheran background, as sacred space in the Lutheran Church is reserved for worship purposes only.

By contrast, the holiness

tradition regards any place and any space suitable for worship at the moment sanctified people invite the Holy Spirit to come and minister to them. That is why, in the holiness tradition, a hall can be used for fundraising one day and for a worship service the next.

It is not the type of space, nor the gender, race, level of education, ordination, or lack of it, of the people ministering that matters, but rather their sanctified attitude to service and the purpose of the activity that determines the outcome.

### Preserving holiness

The roots of a revival movement like ours in a terrain so alien to the Wesleyan holiness tradition, such as the Nordic context, have succeeded because elements from other pietistic movements have resonated with the Army's holiness teaching.

Adapting the concept of holiness to what people already know and recognise, while at the same time protecting and preserving the essence of our theology and practice, is a constant challenge. But if we are unaware of, or neglect that necessity, we could well lose our relevance to both God's Kingdom and Scandinavian society. In so doing, we will cease to be fruitful, and become powerless in a world desperately in need of Christ's love which is demonstrated by people called to live and proclaim the holiness of God.

*For further explanation and exploration of holiness in the Nordic context see the newly released book, A Sacramental Army, A Salvationist view of Sacramental Living in the Nordic Context.*



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# POKIES

## CHAPLAIN

Salvationist David Slee spends four hours a day hanging out at the local recreation club. *Pipeline's* **BILL SIMPSON** went along to find out why

**T**he young man in Salvation Army uniform attracts interesting attention as he ambles among the poker machines at a NSW Central Coast licensed club.

As the pokie wheels spin and machines record the wins and losses, visiting punters, unaware of the arrangement, puzzle about the presence of a clearly identified Salvo in a high-profile gaming room. It's not a common occurrence in the nation's clubs.

On the other hand, regular patrons in the know nod or say "hello" as the man in uniform passes. Others engage in conversation. They have become accustomed to having The Salvation Army man by their side as they do battle with what were once known as "the one-armed bandits".

The Sally man is David Slee, a soldier of Bonnell's Bay Corps. The club is his regular workplace. He spends five days a week on the job as part of an experiment - a 12-month trial to assess whether his presence has any impact on problem gambling.

The Salvation Army, ClubsNSW and Mingara Recreation Club at quaintly named Tumbi Umbi, near Gosford, agreed to the trial late last year.

Agreement came after months of controversy in the national community about the best way to deal with gambling issues, especially in relation to poker machines. At the time, >>>



Salvationist David Slee's poker-machine chaplaincy role at the Mingara Recreation Club also extends to other areas of the complex, including the billiards room, bowls greens and general eating areas, where he easily engages in conversation with patrons. Photos: Shairon Paterson



at the club in October last year. He is employed for 20 hours per week. He spends four hours a day from Monday to Friday at the club. He has his own office in the club's wellness centre, which includes chiropractic, physiotherapy, massage, child care, fitness and swimming facilities.

David was born and raised in Perth, as part of a Seventh Day Adventist family. He moved from Perth to the NSW Central Coast to undertake theology and ministry degrees at the church's Avondale theology college.

At Avondale, he met Nicole Burton, a Salvationist from Bonnell's Bay Corps. Nicole was studying for visual arts and teaching degrees.

They married in 2004 and now have three children, Trinity (5), Aria (3) and Dante (three months).

David joined The Salvation Army 12 years ago. He and Nicole graduated in 2008. He became fulltime youth pastor at Bonnell's Bay Corps for four years before becoming a residential youth care worker and then chaplain at Mingara.

"I always felt called to ministry," he tells *Pipeline*. "This (Mingara) was a good personal fit for me. I like interacting with the community, so the chaplaincy fitted my Christian expression."

Initially, there was some negative reaction to the appointment, both from within The Salvation Army and the general community. "There were people who were concerned that The Salvation Army was 'getting into bed' with the clubs," David says.

"This wasn't the case. The Salvation Army saw it as a great opportunity for us to be on the front line where the problem gamblers, in particular, were.

"I, personally, saw it as an exciting mission for The Salvation Army to get

a group of federal politicians and welfare workers were pushing for a voluntary mandatory commitment by poker machine players on how much they would gamble.

Announcing Salvation Army involvement in the Mingara trial, Australia Eastern Territory Social Services Director Major Paul Moulds described it as "a new approach to identifying and assisting problem gamblers within the gambling environment".

He said the trial would provide The Salvation Army "with the opportunity to do what it does best - build relationships with people".

"This is all about visibility and proximity," Major Moulds said. "The Salvation Army has always been on the front line, in the places where people are struggling and doing it tough.

"This initiative will allow The Salvation Army to place a trained person directly in the club environment where we know some

people are struggling with all sorts of life issues, including addiction to gambling."

Major Moulds rejected suggestions that the partnership with ClubsNSW and Mingara would restrict The Salvation Army's ability to speak out against the negative impact of poker machines on communities.

"We are totally committed to support measures that reduce the harm done by poker machines," Major Moulds said.

### Call to ministry

The Salvation Army is funding the Mingara experiment. ClubsNSW, ClubsSAFE (gambling counselling service of ClubsNSW) and Mingara Recreation Club are joint partners with The Salvation Army, providing access to the club and general support.

David Slee is The Salvation Army's on-the-job contribution. He is classified as a chaplain and wears Salvation Army uniform, with chaplain epaulets. David started work



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– Major Paul Moulds

into. I could see the possibilities for community involvement.

“And that’s how it is working. I am here (the club) and accessible to the community – the club community – and, therefore, the community, in general. It’s a case of The Salvation Army going into the community.”

### Problem gamblers

Mingara Recreation Club has a membership of almost 30,000 and 450 casual, part-time and permanent staff.

The trial, David says, is still in the early stages, but has already revealed some interesting aspects about club life.

“There is a percentage of people who have a problem with gambling and that becomes painful for their families. They are people you see glued to a pokie screen, tapping away until their money is gone. That’s very sad. But, with any addiction, the person has to first accept that they have a problem and then actively seek to get help themselves.

“With the real problem gamblers, I think it will take a while to develop a relationship. There is a lot of shame and low self-esteem involved.

“While I can’t say that there has been any major development in that area as part of this trial, I do think that my presence is having some effect. I hope that very soon, approaches will be made and we can get the right help for those who will seek it.

“I am here for whomever. I want to be a support person for people with a gambling problem. I hope my presence – just walking among them – will be a reminder that help is close by.

“What I have seen so far (at the club) is more a case of people spending money (on poker machines) to be entertained. I see people putting in \$10, \$20, \$30.

“This gives me a greater

opportunity (than with problem gamblers) to develop relationships; to be a pastoral carer to the entire club community.

“Having a Salvo chaplain makes people (at the club) feel they are cared for. People were not immediately walking up to me for help. But after a few months, they have called into my office or called me over to where they were sitting in the club to talk over some personal issues.

“Many of these people are older people concerned about issues affecting their teenage or adult children – drugs, behaviour, finance, that sort of thing.

“With the real problem gamblers, I think it will take a while to develop a relationship. There is a lot of shame and low self-esteem involved.”

– David Slee

“Staff are now trusting me by referring to me people they think need help with a range of issues. People trust me because they trust The Salvation Army. The uniform brings trust and respect.”

### Possible expansion

David’s ministry also takes him into the club’s fitness and swimming centres and alongside male and female bowlers. “The bowls area is ideal for chatting,” he says.

His summation of the trial so far is: “I feel that my role is much broader than just a pokie chaplain. The club is a community centre. People come for a sense of community, not just

to play pokies. The inception of the role came through a desire for gambling assistance/intervention. But it has evolved into a more holistic chaplaincy expression.”

Mingara general manager Daniel Pinkstone agrees with David’s summation of the trial, so far.

“Our view is that clubs are the new town centres or meeting places for the local community. So, having a range of support and guidance services on site simply enhances the club’s ability to help our members, guests and staff. David fits in well with the team on site ... feedback from our members is positive, indicating they are very grateful for the service that he provides.”

The Salvation Army, generally, is pleased with the trial’s progress, according to Territorial Chaplaincy Co-ordinator Major Robin Pullen.

“It is mainly to help with all areas of life. The media took the idea that the trial was about gambling due to the partnership with ClubsNSW. It would be great to assist those with gambling and addiction issues. But that is not the main purpose of the project.”

Major Pullen says her hope is that the role develops into a pastoral, support, referral and ministry role – a chaplaincy role, with the chaplain being Christ in the club community.

She says ClubsNSW would like the role to be expanded to include other clubs. That will depend on further negotiation, including funding. □



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# Church for the community opens in Canberra's north

Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn, officially opened the new Northside Corps building at Gungahlin, 10kms from Canberra's city centre, on Saturday 3 August.

Lieutenant-Colonel Phil Cairns, ACT & South NSW Divisional Commander, was emcee for the event, which attracted 200 people.

Prior to the official ceremony, the building was open to the public, with the exception of the main hall, for one hour.

The Rotary Club of Aurora Gungahlin Canberra ran a sausage sizzle for the event and the Tuggeranong Corps band provided music. Before and after the ceremony, 1WayFM Christian radio was doing roving interviews with special guests and members of the community. Captains Dale and Ros Brooks, Northside Corps Officers, gave interviews, as did Corps Sergeant Major, retired Territorial Envoy Bill Sweeting. To listen to these interviews go to [www.1wayfm.com.au/audio-lounge](http://www.1wayfm.com.au/audio-lounge)

During the opening ceremony, the Northside Worship team played songs for the 170 of those who stayed for the service.

Colonel Richard Munn spoke on the vision that God gives, tying his message directly to the opening of the new corps building. Mr Bill Sweeting spoke about the importance of being a church without walls, and Mr Peter Alward, Territorial General Manager - Property, gave a report on the new building

"It was a blessing to see so many attend who we have been deliberate in



Lieutenant-Colonel Phil Cairns, ACT & South NSW Divisional Commander, and Chief Secretary Colonel Richard Munn (background) officiated at the opening of the new Northside Corps building at Gungahlin, north of Canberra. Photos: Carolyn Hide

building relationships with, such as the director of Heartland Ministries, and the principal of Unity College where I teach, and his wife," said Captain Dale.

"God is using the whole church to build the whole community."

The Northside Corps is building partnerships with other local churches to serve the local youth, as well as with Canberra Recovery Services and other churches to supply meals to the needy in the community.

"This provides opportunity for those in our congregation to put legs on their

faith," said Captain Dale.

The new Northside Corps features a worship area with seating capacity for 200 people, a large adjoining area for fellowship, a second hall capable of seating 100 people or dividing into two training areas, excellent kitchen facilities and an office area for administration and social welfare counselling.

Welfare will also be a part of the new building as the division continues to decentralise.

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The Bonnell's Bay team enjoyed interacting with the Saweni Corps, worshipping with them and helping them build a volleyball court.

# BONNELLS BAY FORGES FIJIAN MISSION LINK

While most people visit Fiji to relax on the beach, 15 Bonnell's Bay Corps members, including 10 adults and five children from NSW's central coast, travelled to the Pacific island with an aim to serve God.

The REACH team members, a term that refers to all Bonnell's Bay outreach initiatives, spent nine days from 6 July at Saweni Corps in central Fiji, constructing a concrete volleyball court at the corps and conducted repairs on two local houses that had been damaged by a recent cyclone.

"The Aussie team was proud of one another and the work they had been able to contribute alongside their Fijian brothers and sisters, and [they were] absolutely humbled by the opportunity and the friends they had made," said Bonnell's Bay Corps Officer, Captain Tim Gittins.

While the team learnt to adjust to operating on "Fiji time", the team

successfully worked side by side with the Fijians, laying a concrete slab, reconstructing a roof and completing other home improvement jobs.

"People of different backgrounds, cultures and races bonded and unified over a common cause and purpose," Captain Gittins said.

Living on site at Saweni Corps, located between Nadi and Lautoka on the main island of Viti Levu, provided many opportunities for the mission team to build relationships with local Fijians.

The children of Bonnell's Bay led the way by instantly connecting with the local children and teenagers.

"[They] set the pace for the adults who quickly followed their lead and connected closely to these incredibly gracious and hospitable people," said Captain Gittins.

Along with construction and relationship building, the team also took part in the corps' church services.

"The church services were overwhelming and inspiring, and no-one could question the depth or enthusiasm of the faith of these people's lives. One team member commented, 'Seeing the pure love of God in these people's lives strengthened my faith'," Captain Gittins said.

He also said team members were left overwhelmed and challenged by the joy, faith, love, hospitality and generosity of the Fijians who have few possessions and comforts.

Captain Gittins hopes to keep building their connection with Saweni Corps in the near future.

"The power, providence and patience of God was tangible throughout the trip and already the team have begun to look into options for continuing to build and develop the relationship between Bonnell's Bay Corps and Saweni Corps in the months and years to come," he said.

# THE SALVATION ARMY AND ITS RESPONSE TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Since the start of this year, a Royal Commission has been investigating how institutions, among them The Salvation Army, have dealt with allegations of child sexual abuse. Later this month, the commission will begin public hearings in Sydney, warning that many of the stories of abuse and mistreatment of children will be shocking. In an open and honest article, Australia Eastern Territorial Commander **Commissioner JAMES CONDON**, with **Major PETER FARTHING**, reveals how the Army, sadly, has a tainted history with child abuse, how it now has strong policies in place to protect children, and how it is working with victims to bring healing from past wrongs

In January 2013, Quentin Bryce, the Governor-General of Australia, appointed a six-member Royal Commission to investigate "Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse". What is the commission's role? To inquire how institutions with a responsibility for children have managed and responded to allegations and instances of child sexual abuse. It is to investigate where systems have failed to protect children, and make recommendations on how to improve laws, policies and practices.

So far, more than 200 people have told their story in private sessions across the country, and more than 2500 people have shared their story with the Royal Commission over the phone or in writing. In Sydney on Monday 16 September, the commission will commence public hearings. "Many of the personal stories which the commissioners received report a level of abuse and mistreatment of children which will shock many people," Royal Commission chief executive officer Janette Dines has revealed.

The commission has issued more than 100 summonses to a wide range of organisations, requiring them to produce documents. The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, comprising NSW, Queensland and the ACT, has received four summonses.

Because this commission is so important, and because The Salvation Army may well be involved in public hearings, I want to bring you up to date on our story.

## Abuse

Let's begin with the obvious question: has child sexual abuse occurred within The Salvation Army? I am sad to say that yes, it has occurred.

Let me say that the figures I will mention relate to all the complaints we have received over the years. A person may come to us today, reporting abuse which took place as long ago as the 1950s, or they might report abuse which happened recently. So these sad instances are spread over a long period.

It grieves me to say that the territory has received 38

complaints of child sexual abuse within the orbit of corps. The alleged perpetrators include seven Salvation Army officers, 12 soldiers, and some 22 others associated with corps.

Tragically, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has received a much larger number of complaints from men and women who were resident in Salvation Army children's homes. I have to tell you that no fewer than 139 men and women have approached The Salvation Army with allegations of sexual abuse against them while they were in our care. That is a cause of great shame and regret to us.

We have also been approached by a significant number of men and women who complain of other types of mistreatment while in our care.

They recount stories of physical violence, verbal abuse, deprivation, and cruelty. So it is at times a very sad story indeed.

All up, 72 people have named officers as the person or persons who abused them while they were in our care.

## How we responded

The Royal Commission is investigating the manner in which institutions responded to allegations of child sexual abuse. So how has The Salvation Army responded?

It is a mixed story. During the 1990s a tremendous shift occurred within many Australian institutions, as much stronger policies for child protection began to be implemented. This happened within The Salvation Army, as it did elsewhere. Since then, the Army has generally responded strongly whenever child sexual abuse was reported.

In the years before that, however, our responses were not always so effective.

There is no substitute for strong policies which protect children and require reporting of every incident of abuse. Such policies simply were not in place when The Salvation Army was operating children's homes. This absence had enormous consequences.

I am very sorry to say that a number of people have told us how they reported abuse to the manager of their homes, but were not believed. In fact, quite a few were punished for claiming such a thing.

We now know as well that the worst sex offenders were often the best liars. Some of them actively "groomed" the organisation, presenting themselves in the best light, cultivating leaders, and denigrating any who could be potential witnesses against them.

Within the boys' homes, a small number of serial offenders

managed to survive long enough to do tremendous damage. Nine men have been reported as perpetrators by a total of 54 care leavers. Eventually, five of those men, all officers, were dismissed. But The Salvation Army recognises the tragedy that abuse was able to persist.

## Child protection today

Thankfully, The Salvation Army today has in place strong policies for child protection.

If you want to work with children in The Salvation Army today, you must undergo a Working With Children background check. You must be trained in our Caring For Kids/Safe Salvos procedures. We hold awareness workshops for new workers and refresher workshops for existing workers. Approximately 700 people participate in these workshops each year.

We have a Code of Conduct for all workers. We have strong policies which require all personnel to respond properly to even a suspicion of child sexual abuse.

At territorial headquarters we have a dedicated team in our Professional Standards Office. The team includes a territorial child protection coordinator and an integrity coordinator, among others. The Professional Standards Office provides oversight for child protection. It also offers expert guidance whenever issues arise.

We also have a strong policy, contained in what we call a "minute", which sets out how corps must manage sex offenders who

wish to attend. This policy is not optional - all corps must comply fully.

So we are confident we have implemented sound policies to protect children.

Do incidents still happen? Sadly, yes, they occasionally do. Sexual predators will try to gain access to children. Certain other adults, while not predators, may offend against children if left alone with them. So we need to be firm with policies. For example, two adults must be present when children are in a room, a bus or a car.

Let me repeat: all allegations of sexual abuse against children must be reported to a divisional headquarters. Policy guidelines on reporting to government authorities must be followed. It is not for us to assume, "They have moved on now", or "They deny it", or "They no longer work with children", or "This is only mild misconduct", or "This person has changed". We must always report.

Over the past decade or so, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has made numerous reports to the police and child welfare departments in NSW, Queensland or the ACT. Some of these cases involved allegations of abuse within the Army. Others related to abuse within the home environment or in other locations.

## Past abuse allegations

How does our territory respond today to allegations of historic abuse - that is, abuse years ago? Here we have learned some lessons from the Truth and >>>

Reconciliation Commission which did wonderful work in South Africa after the collapse of apartheid. That commission adopted what is called a restorative justice approach.

Restorative justice is different to the normal justice model. It is based not on dispute, but on a willingness to engage personally. Restorative justice recognises the need for justice - but says there is another way.

Central to this approach is honesty. The Salvation Army must be absolutely transparent about its failures. It must admit all its wrongs. We have tried to do that. In a series of public apologies dating back to 2004, we have admitted that sexual abuse occurred, and that other terrible wrongs were done.

With that openness goes a second key ingredient. There must be a willingness to hear and receive a victim's story. We do this. When a survivor makes a complaint, we ask them to prepare a detailed statement of what happened. We will pay for professional help with writing the document. And one of our representatives will meet with the person and hear their story.

We then need to receive the story. It has to touch us. It is important that every incidence of abuse impacts The Salvation Army. Our Professional Standards people, and the committee which manages complaints, allow themselves to feel the impact of each person's story. The leadership of the territory is also aware of the reports.

Next, with a restorative justice approach, we do not demand high levels of proof. It would be difficult for many survivors to gain evidence for what went on, perhaps in a dormitory, 50 years ago. But we believe people. The Professional Standards Office conducts basic fact checks, but we are not in the business of challenging claims. We know abuse happened. Professional Standards has heard enough cases to recognise the typical patterns of behaviour. It is our Christian duty to bring a degree of healing, and that means we must accept people's word.

It is also our duty to apologise. People need to know we are sorry for the things done to them. The

Salvation Army feels deep regret for every instance of child sexual abuse, cruelty, verbal abuse, physical violence, and deprivation inflicted on children in our care. We are grieved that such things were done to children. These were failures, and wrongs. We must never tire of saying sorry.

So when our representatives meet with survivors of abuse, they offer a sincere apology on behalf of The Salvation Army.

While most survivors express relief at being informed they are unconditionally believed, many continue to struggle with the unanswered questions about their abuse. We seek to address these struggles by asking the victim, "What needs to happen to start making this right?" instead of telling them, "This is how we are going to help you".

Finally, restorative justice in our case needs a tangible expression of regret. So The Salvation Army makes what are called ex-gratia payments to people. And we also will fund the cost of counselling.

The territory makes payments out of surpluses from our humanitarian enterprises such as Employment Plus. We do not draw on any donated funds.

After a payment is made, there remain emotional loose ends. Our representatives seek to keep in touch, and offer ongoing support.

Of course I have been describing The Salvation Army's part in this process. The person who was wronged also plays just as significant a part in restorative justice.

Many approach the Army personally, while some do it with the assistance of a lawyer. Either way, they are willing to enter into the process in good faith. Rather than take a strictly legal approach, they are willing to engage with the Army. They do not pursue a payment of the highest order, but accept the amount The Salvation Army is able to offer.

Does this approach prove helpful? I am pleased to say that many people who have come to us have said our response has been helpful. That is what we want - to bring a little healing.

## The road ahead

I understand that some who read this article will be deeply upset because they, too, have been affected by abuse. If you were sexually abused through your association with The Salvation Army, please tell us. Contact the Professional Standards Office at our territorial headquarters. We want to hear from you (see [www.salvos.org.au/safesalvos](http://www.salvos.org.au/safesalvos), or phone 02 9266 9781).

Would you please pray for the men and women who have suffered in any way. Pray for those responsible for protecting our children. Pray for the Professional Standards Office, who do demanding work.

Also, please pray for the Royal Commission and its staff as they undertake a very difficult task.

As the Royal Commission does its important work, people may speak with you about The Salvation Army's response to child sexual abuse. Please listen respectfully. It is wise not to try to defend ourselves, or to minimise the wrongs done. What could you say? Here are some key messages:

1. The Salvation Army openly admits to serious past failures, and apologises to all who were harmed.
2. The Salvation Army today is responding to allegations of past abuse with compassion and honesty.
3. The Salvation Army makes payments to victims out of surpluses from our humanitarian enterprises, not from donated funds such as the Red Shield Appeal.
4. The Salvation Army encourages any person who was abused in any way to contact our Professional Standards Office on 02 9266 9781.
5. Today's Salvation Army has strong policies in place to protect children. ■



God bless you,  
Commissioner  
James Condon

# ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL ABUSE

The Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse will inevitably focus at times on past abuse within The Salvation Army.

I want to reaffirm at this time our total commitment to our child protection policies. It is vital that all who work with children follow these policies, as spelt out in our *Caring for Kids/Safe Salvos* manual. In keeping with that policy, all allegations of sexual abuse must be reported to the authorities.

I also want to reaffirm our commitment to persons who suffered sexual abuse in the past within a Salvation Army corps or children's home. If you were abused, please tell us. Any persons who come forward with complaints of abuse will be received with compassion. A careful restorative process will then be followed.

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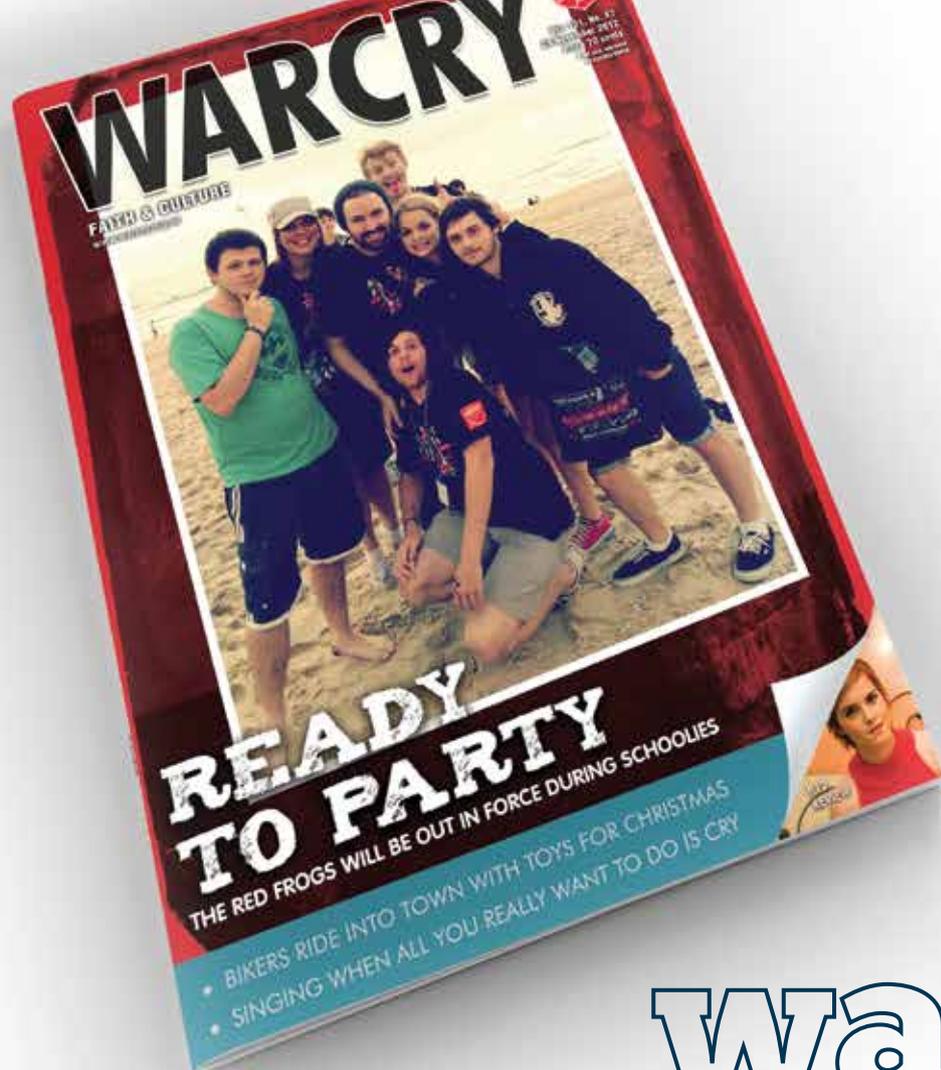
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# Ever is the war cry?

By Captain MAL DAVIES

**A**s the national editor-in-chief in Australia, naturally enough I keep a close eye on the production and promotion of our two national magazines *Warcry* and *Kidzone*. Each week we prepare, print and distribute new issues, and they are the two biggest circulating weekly Christian magazines in Australia.

The Salvation Army in Australia began producing its own issues of *The War Cry* in 1883 and *The Young Soldier* in 1890, but both went through a revolution near the turn of the 21st century.

In 1999, *The Young Soldier* was relaunched as *Kidzone*, and in 2000 *The War Cry* became *Warcry*. The magazines became full colour and were resized to A4 (later, in 2003, *Kidzone* changed to an A5 format).

However, the greater change was in the intent for each magazine. *The War Cry* had been the newspaper handed both to Salvationists and to the general public. That is, it contained all the latest Army news and articles for

Christians to read, as well as articles aimed at introducing non-believers to Christ and to Christian concepts.

The editor-in-chief of the day, Lieutenant-Colonel Pam Trigg, wondered why we were producing one magazine for two distinct readerships. Surely each would be better served by having their own magazine aimed at their spiritual needs. So when *Warcry* was born in 2000, we launched *On Fire* for Salvationists in the Australia Southern Territory. *Pipeline*, the internal magazine for Salvationists in the Australia Eastern Territory, had begun circulation a few years earlier, in 1997.

The *Kidzone* magazine also had a change of focus. Whereas *The Young Soldier* was produced primarily for children attending The Salvation Army, with some pages and activities aimed at non-Christian children, *Kidzone* reversed this - a magazine aimed at introducing children to Christ, with a smattering of information aimed more directly at young Salvationists.

So both *Warcry* and *Kidzone*, for more than a decade now, have been aimed squarely at non-Christians.

Interestingly, when we attend the annual conference for ARPA (the Australasian Religious Press Association) and all delegates place samples of their magazines and newspapers on display tables, only a handful are printed for non-Christians. Most churches focus on producing magazines for their members - The Salvation Army focuses on producing magazines with an evangelical purpose.

It's to this end, also, that we produce the magazines weekly. Each week, Salvation Army officers and volunteers complete hotels ministry and visit nursing homes, the elderly and the sick, and many Army programs (including those for children) are run each week - so this necessitates corps having something new to hand out each week.

This all sounds good ... except for the fact that the numbers of magazines distributed each week has been in steady decline for decades.

It would be easy to say - as some older Salvationists may want to - that the drop is due to the "killing off" of the old *War Cry* and *Young Soldier*, but our statistics show that

these magazines had been declining in readership for a long time. So to simply say, for example, "The current *Warcry* is obviously missing the mark and the readership and/or corps don't like it," fails to recognise that the circulation of *The War Cry* was in decline for decades before the magazine changed in 2000.

### Outreach change

While the boom in digital media has undoubtedly had an effect on readership of Army publications in the past five years, it is not the main reason for the decrease in print figures. Besides, we have to print a hard copy magazine because it is the magazine that acts as the resource or tool for a Salvationist to start a conversation.

Imagine going up to a man in a hotel who is having a drink with his friends, and saying, "Would you like to make a donation to The Salvation Army? By the way, when you have a minute, you can look up this week's *Warcry* magazine on the internet."

Or, similarly, imagine talking to a client waiting in the welfare area at your corps for a food parcel, and saying, "There's a great article about raising children in this week's *Warcry*, you should look it up on the internet. Oh, do you have a computer?"

So while digital media may be a welcoming environment for internal Army magazines, it does little to help face-to-face evangelism.

No, the main change in Army culture that has had an effect on magazine distribution is a change in how we do outreach.

It's not surprising that the 1980s and 1990s saw a big drop in *War Cry* circulation because this was also the era when the open-air meeting fell out of fashion.

More so, it's not surprising that

it continued to drop in the 2000s because this is when many corps stopped their hotel ministry and committed less time and resources to visitation programs.

And our focus this decade seems to be more on internal programs such as playgroups, kid's clubs, over-50's groups, parenting groups, etc. All of these activities involve people coming in to our corps, so we don't think of them as outreach to people in our community.

I spoke recently to one corps officer who has a growing Mainly Music program (similar to playgroup) with more than 60 people attending each week. I asked if she provided *Warcry* to the parents who attended and *Kidzone* for children old enough to enjoy it. She looked at me blankly and said that she hadn't thought of it.

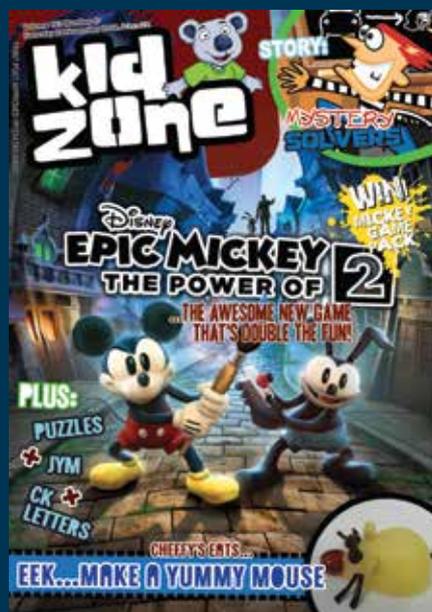
I replied: "These are the people we make the magazines for. They're tools to assist with your evangelism to these people. Why wouldn't you make them available to these people?"

I've concluded that if The Salvation Army is going to change how it does outreach, then it needs to also rethink how it uses Army publications with an evangelistic focus. Maybe we need to start talking about "inreach" so that people get the idea that the magazines can be given to people who come in to the corps.

If not, it will only be a matter of years before we are saying "never is the *Warcry*."



**Captain Mal Davies is The Salvation Army's National Editor-in-Chief in Australia**



### TEN TIPS FOR DISTRIBUTING *WARCRY* AND *KIDZONE* TO THE PUBLIC

1. Seek permission to leave magazines in waiting rooms at local medical clinics, dentists, hairdressers, legal offices, council buildings, counselling services, laundromats, fish and chip shops, etc.
2. If there are large companies in your community (corporate offices, factories, manufacturers, etc.), seek permission to place magazines in staff rooms each week.
3. Check if local neighbourhood houses/ community centres/youth centres would like copies of magazines dropped in each week.
4. Arrange for a volunteer to stand at the local train station/bus terminus every Monday morning with the latest copy for those travelling to work.
5. As parents pick up children from your weekday Kid's Club or children's program, give them a *Warcry* to take home.
6. Distribute magazines to those attending Alpha courses, Christianity Explained and similar discussion groups.
7. Encourage corps members to take extra copies for neighbours. Ask permission of neighbours to deliver them a magazine each week. Where possible, a Salvationist could perform this ministry for their whole street each week.
8. Less mobile Salvationists could provide a mailing service: post copies of magazines to friends, family members, relations. Include a personal note of greeting and encouragement.
9. Check if local libraries want to take out annual subscriptions (for their magazine shelves).
10. Make sure everyone from your community who attends a program at your corps during the week has access to a *Warcry*!



# The storm breaks

**Major DAVID WOODBURY** looks at the controversial circumstances surrounding the first High Council of The Salvation Army in 1929 in London, which in hindsight was a testimony to the hand of God on the growing international movement

**A**lthough it is firmly believed that The Salvation Army was called into existence by the hand of God, it was and is still, composed of fallible human beings whom at times struggle with the weighty decisions that need to be made in such a large and diverse organisation. That the will and direction of God can still overrule and survive human fallibility, is clearly demonstrated in the events surrounding the first High Council called in 1929.

The concept of the High Council was established in 1904 by the Founder,

William Booth, in a legal document known as the Supplementary Deed of Constitution. The document set the ground rules for replacement of a General who was no longer fit to fulfil his duties, being generally unfit for office or due to ill health.

Other than this, the General had the right to appoint his successor, an authority which not even the Pope enjoyed. Consequently, William Booth appointed his eldest son, (William) Bramwell Booth, as his successor to the office of General.

Known to his family as Willie,

Bramwell suffered poor health in his early years and a hearing loss that was to dog him all his life.

Since 1881, Bramwell had fulfilled the role of his father's Chief-of-the-Staff and increasing tensions between his siblings, who held significant international appointments, arose which culminated in the resignations of three of the Booth children between 1896 and 1903. While the Army recovered from these resignations, a greater storm was gathering.

On the death of the Founder in 1912, Bramwell became General under the



The front page of the War Cry in 1929, covering the events of the High Council at Sunbury.



Commissioner Edward Higgins was the first General of The Salvation Army to be elected.



General Bramwell Booth led The Salvation Army for nearly two decades.

terms of his father's will. Following his father's pattern for autocratic leadership, Bramwell expected unquestioning obedience; however, the allegiance that officers were willing to give to The Founder was not forthcoming under Bramwell.

### Call for reform

Any perceived insubordination or dissent was not tolerated by Bramwell, and officers who dared to question him were summarily retired early or sent to a remote appointment. To add to his difficulties, there arose a growing sense of nepotism regarding appointments given to his children. Although William Booth had similarly appointed his children, he was careful that the leadership of the Army should be balanced.

By the late 1920s, The Salvation Army faced an international crisis when concern about the leadership of General Bramwell Booth surfaced among senior officers. Many felt that the partiality the General showed toward his family called into question his ability to lead the Army or his right to appoint a successor. There was growing agitation among some parts of the Army for constitutional reform.

Among those voicing concern was the Chief-of-the-Staff, Commissioner Edward Higgins, and Australian Colonel George Carpenter, the General's literary editor and confidant. Both at a later date were to be elected General. In a letter to the General Bramwell Booth, dated 8 January 1927, Carpenter wrote, "... there is a widespread feeling that you show

unseemly preference for your family in the life and affairs of the Army."

Carpenter then went on to address another subject which had been raised within leadership circles. Within the Army there is a settled belief that one may be a Salvationist of unimpeachable devotion, of ability and godliness. But should he or she express views out of accord with the General and, in particular, in regard to arrangements for his family, he or she is accounted disloyal and is in consequence discredited.

Bramwell Booth's response was to despatch George Carpenter and his wife back to Australia to a position he had held 20 years previously.

Tensions continued to simmer and other senior officers, including Bramwell's sister Commissioner Evangeline Booth, the Commander in the United States of

**"By the end of 1928 it became obvious that General Bramwell Booth could no longer lead the rapidly growing international Salvation Army"**

America, and his former brother-in-law, Commissioner Frederick Booth-Tucker, began to have doubts over the leadership of the General. During 1928, General Bramwell's health deteriorated, resulting in a lengthy absence from his office at International Headquarters. Consequently, some of the authority for the Army's affairs was processed through his wife, Florence.

### Historic vote

By the end of 1928, it became obvious that General Bramwell Booth could no longer lead the rapidly growing international Salvation Army and the Chief-of-the-Staff, Commissioner Edward Higgins, after consultation with other territorial commanders, convened the first High Council of The Salvation Army in London on 8 January 1929.

Initially the members of the High Council felt that it would be in the General's best interest for him to resign and a deputation of seven senior

commissioners called on him at his home and offered this alternative to him.

When the General refused the offer, the High Council was left with no option but to terminate his leadership on the basis that he was no longer fit to fulfil his duties due to ill health. Consequently, on Wednesday 16 January 1929, 55 of the 63 eligible members of the Council voted to remove Bramwell Booth from office. Following the decision, the High Council elected Commissioner Edward Higgins as the third general of The Salvation Army.

There followed a difficult time for all concerned when Bramwell Booth and his family sought to redress the situation through the courts which resulted in the case going against them.

General Bramwell Booth was promoted to glory soon afterward on Sunday 16 June 1929. These traumatic events could well have sounded the death knell of the movement, but it remains a testimony to God's hand on the organisation that it not only survived, but continued to grow and encircle the world with its message of God's love and salvation for all, including the poorest and most marginalised.

Amidst the difficulties, it must be generously conceded that Bramwell Booth did much to establish and advance the internationalism of The Salvation Army. Had he acquiesced to the earlier demands of some of his siblings rather than see through his father's vision of an international Army, The Salvation Army would have become a splintered group of national Salvation Armies, each with its own general.

Whether such a fractured organisation could have survived the ravages of time and progress is doubtful.



Major David Woodbury is Pipeline's founding editor

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# inside SALVOS LEGAL

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Each month, *Pipeline* goes behind the scenes of Salvos Legal to bring you a story from the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army.

**ELIZABETH LATHLEAN** shares the story of Ming who, after enduring domestic violence, faced being sent back to China without her young daughter

Salvos Legal first came into contact with Ming in August 2011. At the time, she had a two-month-old daughter, an apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO) against an estranged husband who was prone to drug and alcohol abuse, and a bridging visa that was about to expire. Her situation was precarious and she desperately needed help.

Ming had come to Australia from China in April 2008, on a student visa to study for a master of applied linguistics. She already had a PhD.

In late 2010, Ming married Bruce, an Australian citizen. About a month later, upon completion of her study, Ming's student visa was cancelled. She didn't immediately lodge an application for a partner visa because she couldn't afford the fee.

In early 2011, Ming, now several months pregnant, was seriously assaulted by her husband. Bruce was charged and an ADVO was taken out for Ming.

Bruce's response was to become increasingly controlling, including refusing to let Ming lodge a partner visa application, and preventing her from studying, working or contacting her family in China. Throughout their relationship, he was violent, abusing Ming both verbally and physically.

Eventually, with the assistance of police, she left Bruce. However, despite the ADVO and assault conviction, he continued to stalk and threaten her.

## Daughter taken

In June 2011, Ming gave birth to her daughter, Annabell. Two months later, however, Annabell was removed from her mother's care by the NSW Department of Community Service (DoCS). The action was taken after a domestic disturbance at Bruce's house while he was babysitting Annabell, Ming agreeing to let him take care of their daughter in exchange for him agreeing to sign important documents.

Following Annabell's removal, DoCS made an application to the Children's Court for her to be placed in the care of community services until she was 18. Ming had lost her child and was now faced with being forced to leave Australia. The difficulty for Ming was that her situation did not come under any of the standard classes of visa application, as she was no longer in a relationship with Bruce.

Our best hope for Ming was to lodge a request

with the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, to exercise his discretion to intervene in a case and allow that person to remain in the country permanently.

With our assistance, Ming lodged a protection visa application. She was granted a bridging visa, which allowed her to remain in Australia on a short-term basis.

As expected, the protection visa application was refused. In refusing her application, however, the

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departmental officer recommended that the case could be given consideration under the minister's guidelines for intervention.

Ming now needed to apply for a review of her application. Again as expected, the Refugee Review Tribunal's decision was to confirm the refusal of the protection visa application. In doing so, however, the tribunal identified grounds for ministerial intervention and referred the matter directly to the minister's office.

## Prayers answered

While we were working with Ming on her visa application, the Children's Court made a favourable decision regarding Annabell. It found that Ming was an appropriate carer for her daughter, allowing them to be reunited.

We also assisted Ming in her efforts to obtain either a Chinese passport or, alternatively, a permanent visa for her daughter from the Chinese consulate. If Ming could not remain in Australia, she wanted to make sure that she could take her daughter with her to China. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful. This meant that if Ming was sent back to China, she could end up being permanently separated from her daughter.

In late 2012, however, Salvos Legal received a letter from the office of the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship informing us that Ming would be allowed to remain in the country permanently. After more than a year of heartache and uncertainty, her prayers had been answered.



# YOUTH CONFERENCES FOCUS ON DISCIPLE MAKING

By ESTHER PINN

Every young Salvo a disciple maker' was the running theme at The Salvation Army Youth Ministry Conferences (YMC) last month. The first was held at The Collaroy Centre in Sydney from 2-4 August and Queensland Conference and Camping Centre, located in Mapleton along the Sunshine Coast from 9-11 August.

More than 380 youth and children's leaders came out to the conferences that were run by The Salvation Army's MORE youth team.

"It was such a rich experience for me - to see youth and children's ministry leaders encouraging and inspiring each other, enjoying a break, getting excited about relevant training and making big, bold faith goals for days ahead," said Claire Hill, Territorial Mission Coordinator - Youth.

YMC-Qld were entertained by illusionist Christopher Wayne, a crowd favourite from last year's conference, and heard talks from Dustan Bell, Campus Pastor at Calvary Christian Church in Townsville, and Andy Gourley, National Coordinator of Red Frogs Australia Chaplaincy Network.

The main sessions at YMC-NSW featured guest speakers including Scott "Sanga" Samways, Director of Youth Alive NSW and Dave Reardon, Young Adults pastor at Shirelive Church.

"Sanga was probably the most helpful for me as a local youth pastor. He said, 'When making a connection try and get people involved'. Every youth leader

struggles with how to get them [young people] engaged in church and he made it clear about getting them involved in what's happening," shared Matt Godkin, Menai Corps Youth Pastor.

Tammy Tolman, Lead Pastor at Intergenerational Arts Community and a children's ministry expert spoke at both conferences as did Claire Hill.

"In the final session (YMC-NSW), I shared about faith. God loves faith. He wants to do huge, transformational things in our youth and kids ministries. What will we believe for?" said Claire.

In response to the message, leaders came forward and wrote their faith goals on large pieces of card at the front of the auditorium.

Youth Ministry Conference has shifted its focus to not only youth leaders but children's leaders as well.

"We were thrilled by how many children's ministry leaders attended this year. There were more children's ministry workshops than ever before and these were well attended," said Claire.

"I believe there is an increasing understanding that we need to have an integrated approach to ministry: we need to work together."

At YMC-NSW some of the workshops on offer included speakers such as Becky Douglass, Children's Minister from Gympie Baptist Church, who gave advice to children's leaders, and Matt Godkin, who shared about mentoring.

"The main purpose was to get people at the end of the session to say, 'I want to pursue this [referring to mentoring]'. I just gave some simple guidelines and also



handed out mentoring resources," said Matt.

The delegates at YMC-Qld were privileged to have Sarah-Jane Alley at the workshop sessions. Sarah recently served at the London Olympics in sports ministry. Letitia Shelton, CEO of City Women also gave discipleship advice for young women.

Overall, Claire says she sensed that many leaders were greatly impacted for ministry within their own local corps and churches.

"I loved eavesdropping on conversations where leaders were telling each other how much they had gotten out of the conference; how much a particular workshop or speaker or connection helped them."

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Every Christian seems to have a favourite Bible verse that has either impacted them at one stage in their walk with Christ or continues to encourage and nourish them on their spiritual journey. In this *Pipeline* column, selected people share their favourite piece of Scripture

## My Favourite Verse – Mark Soper

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

**Proverbs 22:6**

**M**y wife Lauren and I recently dedicated our second little girl, Emerson, back to God. To be honest, I am overwhelmed with the responsibility of being a dad, because I want to raise my children in such a way that they flourish in being all that God created them to be.

I realise in my humanness that I will not be the perfect dad, yet I have the responsibility to train and lead Zoe and Emerson.

I was reminded again of this well-known verse in Proverbs 22:6 and I'm

challenged to train my children in a way to give them the best in life, which is to know Jesus personally as their saviour.

Lauren and I try to be as intentional as possible in training our children and here are two things we try to be intentional about:

**1. Words are important** – The words we speak to each other are just as important as the words we speak to our children. I remember saying to Zoe “you look beautiful” when she dressed up in her princess outfit. Lauren followed up with the comment to Zoe “you are beautiful.” She does look beautiful, but Lauren wants her to know that beauty is not only an outward thing, but an inward quality. Last week I heard Zoe say to her little sister “you are beautiful Emmy”, which melted our hearts.

**2. Set an example even in the little things** – Abraham Lincoln said, “There

is but one way to train up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel it yourself.” A good example is worth a thousand sermons. What you do has more impact on your child than all the lectures you could ever give. I remember telling Zoe she couldn't have a chocolate before dinner, yet five minutes later I was eating one in front of her. She said “choc daddy” and I knew that I had been sprung!

Questions you might like to ponder: Am I modelling what it is to be Christ-like? Do my children know praying is important to me? What is a character trait of mine that is having a negative impact on my children? Is my life leading my children to a deeper understanding of Jesus?

My prayer is that I/we would live in such a way that the path to Jesus is made so clear through the day-to-day example we set for our children.

The Salvation Army embraces people of all cultures, meeting spiritual and physical needs regardless of race, religion or agenda. *Pipeline* continues a new section which aims to connect with our growing Chinese community by translating the Soul Food column into a Mandarin dialect. The aim is to encourage our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ. – **Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander**

每一個基督徒都會有一節最喜歡的聖經金句。在他們與基督同行的某一個階段，他們的屬靈生命都曾經被那金句所影響，或給予繼續的鼓勵和餵養。在這“管道”的專頁中，不同的人被邀請去分享他們最喜歡的經文。

## 我最喜愛的經文 – 魯克·蘇珀

*“教養孩童，使他走當行的道，就是到老他也不偏離。”*  
箴言22:6

不久前，我和我妻子勞倫給我們的二女兒艾美生行了奉獻禮。（嬰兒奉獻禮同樣也是父母的奉獻禮，父母應遵照主的旨意及基督的教導來教養子女。）說實話，成為父親使我產生了強烈的責任感，因為我想把她們撫養成人，並且按著上帝創造她們的旨意那樣，讓她們在各個方面都做得優秀。

作為一個普通人，我知道我無法成為一個完美的父親，但是我必須肩負起培養和引導佐伊和艾美生的重任。

我又想起了箴言中第22章6節那段我們熟知的經文，如今我正面臨著一個巨大的挑戰，

就是在培養我的孩子們的過程中，給予她們生命中最好的，那便是讓她們親自認識到耶穌就是她們的救主。勞倫和我都是有意識地教養孩子們達到這個目的。以下是我們特意去做的兩點：

(1) 要看重我們的言語 – 我們彼此所說的話和我們對孩子說的話是一樣的重要。我記得當佐伊穿上她的公主裙時，我對她說：“你看起來真漂亮。”勞倫也對佐伊說：“你真是很美。”佐伊的確看起來很漂亮，但是勞倫想讓她知道，美麗並不僅僅停留於外表，而是內心的一種品質。上周，我聽到佐伊對她的小妹妹說：“艾美，你*<i>*真是*</i>*很美。”這句話讓我們的心溫暖喜悅。

(2) 在瑣事上也要樹立榜樣 – 亞伯拉罕·林肯曾說：“培養孩子走上正確的道路就有一種方法，那就是身體力行。”一個好的榜樣能抵得上一千次的講道。你所做的事情對

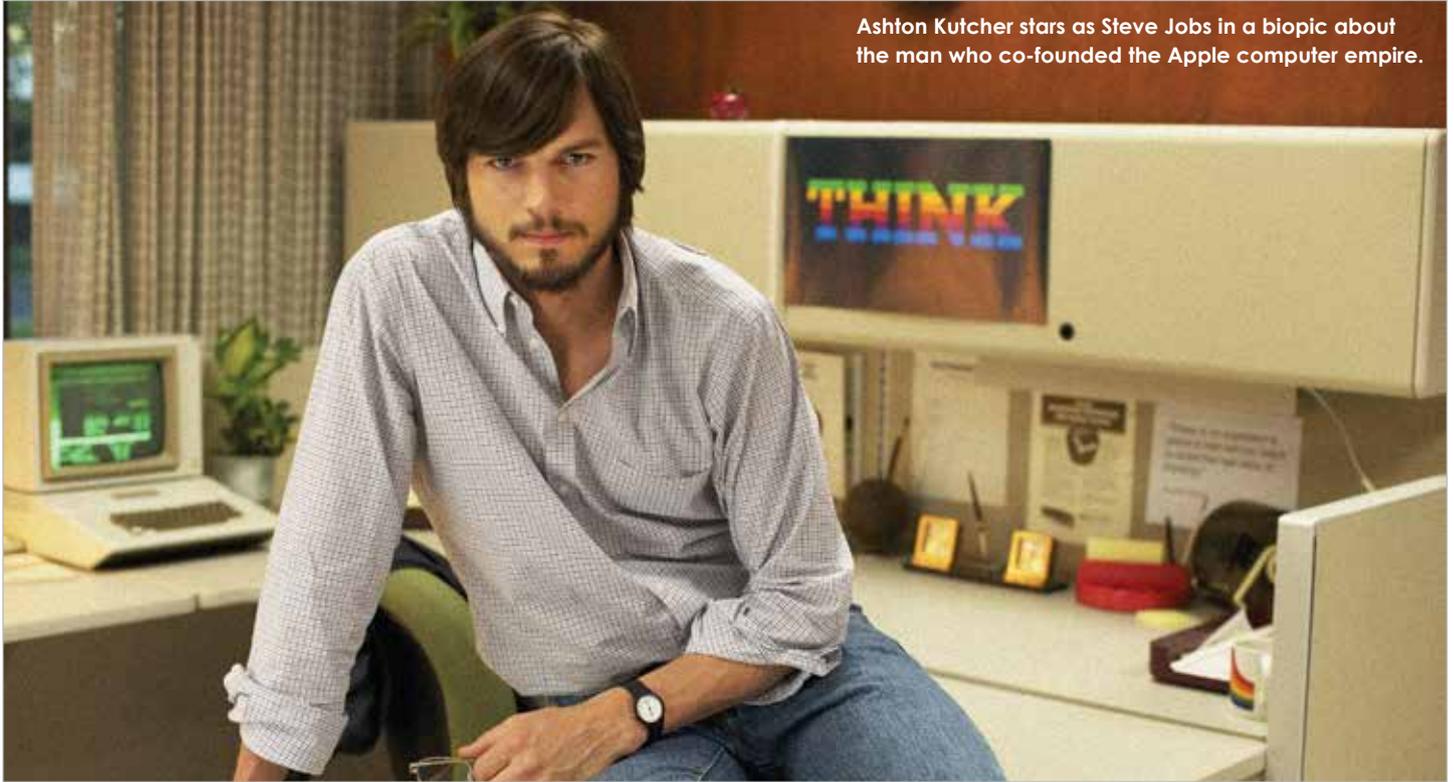
孩子產生的影響要遠遠大於你對他們的教誨。我記得曾經告訴過佐伊吃晚飯前不能吃巧克力而五分鐘後我就在她面前吃了一顆巧克力。她說：“巧克力，爸爸。”而此時我也意識到一直以來這是個壞榜樣！

你也許需要考慮的問題：  
我樹立向耶穌學習的榜樣了嗎？  
我的孩子們知道禱告對我來說是很重要的嗎？  
我自身有沒有一些品行對孩子們有負面的影響？  
我的生活是否在引導孩子們更好地理解耶穌？

我的禱告是，我/我們能以這樣的一種方式生活，那就是通過每日我們為孩子們樹立的榜樣，使孩子們更清楚地看到通向耶穌的道路。當我們犯錯的時候，求主赦免我們並且賜予我們從神而來的智慧，讓我們知道如何以最好的方法來培養孩子並愛我們的孩子到老。



Ashton Kutcher stars as Steve Jobs in a biopic about the man who co-founded the Apple computer empire.



## ***Jobs***

**RATING: M**  
**RELEASE DATE: 29 August**

The biopic *Jobs* begins with a side of the tech genius most people are familiar with – his lanky figure, clothed in trademark jeans and black turtleneck, standing in front of a packed auditorium and casually announcing, “... just one more thing”. It’s the 2000 launch of the iPod and this “one more thing” will be the first of a string of devices that will change the way people interact with technology. Computers will become personal, supportive servants – everything it seems that Steve Jobs was not.

The focus shifts quickly to 1974, where we’re introduced to Ashton Kutcher as Jobs the college dropout ... then Jobs the disgruntled Atari employee ... and finally Jobs the entrepreneur, building a company in his parents’ garage. But all the time he’s identified as something more than just a technologist. Steve Jobs is the herald of a new age. He wants to do more than create something new or even profitable. Whatever it is, he tells his co-workers, it must be extraordinary: “In your life you

only get to do so many things and right now we’re doing this. So let’s do it great.”

The rest of the film examines this tension between Jobs’ vision and what he’s prepared to sacrifice to see it come to fruition. It’s not the most flattering picture and will likely upset those who’ve helped put Apple’s co-founder on his pedestal. It’s not his insight or success that comes into question, but the nature of Jobs’ commitment. His determination is so absolute that he is prepared to turn his back on the girl he gets pregnant, deceive and manipulate co-workers, abandon long-standing friendships, bully employees, ruin companies.

*Jobs* shows us a man who is clearly trying to give the world something beautiful, but doesn’t see the people who will use his products or those who build them as all that valuable. Steve “Woz” Wozniak, the engineering friend who made his dreams possible, warns Jobs: “It’s not about people any more for you, it’s about the product. You’re the beginning and end of your world. But it’s got to be lonely.”

There is a great deal of guff written

about greatness and how it demands the whole-hearted commitment of those who aspire to it. For such, Steve Jobs is something of a prophet. According to Kutcher’s character, the secret to succeeding is realising that you have every right to do so: “Everything around you that you call life was made up by people no smarter than you and once you realise that you can change anything.”

But how deep, how gratifying, how-long lasting is that transformation? Jobs as a character seems to have remained deeply unsatisfied and driven to the end. And though this might have led to worldwide fame, it can’t lead to eternal satisfaction.

The early stages of this film show Jobs motivated by a guru who tells him there is only this life to live. But Jesus taught his disciples that this world was only the foyer to real life. Future greatness will rise from how we treat people in the present: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10: 43-45).

# What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



## The Turning

RATING: M

RELEASE DATE: 26 September

Tim Winton enjoys iconic status as an author in Australia. His specialty, developed over decades of writing, seems to be presenting us with the edges of suburban and country life that point towards central spiritual experiences. So when 18 leading film-makers come together to turn a collection of his short stories into one cinematic experience, the result is as challenging as it is familiar.

*The Turning* is based on the collection of short stories by the same name, published by Winton in 2005. It covers an immense amount of ground, from high school escapism to the terrible betrayals that shape adult lives. Its film-makers include well-known Australian names like Cate Blanchett, Mia Wasikowska and David Wenham, as well as stars Rose Byrne, Hugo Weaving and Miranda Otto. But that only scratches the surface. These luminaries are surrounded by equally bright but lesser-known lights who demonstrate the diversity of talent available Down Under.

Each of *The Turning's* 17 stories runs for a handful of minutes, introducing us to characters at every stage of life – Aboriginal boys tipping over the edge of adolescence, teenage girls struggling with the title “damaged goods”, small-town policemen burdened with bad choices, former football players wracked with guilt. What loosely unifies these and other stories is Winton’s fascination with moments of choice.

*The Turning* opens with an animation by Marieka Walsh, depicting the revels of a beach bonfire party, based on TS Elliot’s poem *Ash Wednesday*. Winton uses its verses to preface his collection, and Colin Friels’ reading of the opening stanzas sets the spiritual tone of the stories to come:

“Because I do not hope to turn again  
Because I do not hope  
Because I do not hope to turn  
Desiring this man’s gift and that man’s  
scope  
I no longer strive to strive towards  
such things ...”

*Ash Wednesday* describes the struggle



*The Turning* is based on a collection of short stories penned by renowned Australian author Tim Winton.

that follows when someone who has lacked faith their entire life labours to move towards God. Though *The Turning* has as many perspectives on life as it has directors, there are several stories that clearly convey Winton’s insight into the Christian walk.

In the chapter the film takes its name from, we meet Raelene who lives in White Caps Caravan Park with her daughters and violent husband, Max. One day her humdrum life brings her into contact with a new way of living – Sherry and Dan, who seem to be able to face life without drinking.

The pair are “born again” Christians but they have no pretensions to holiness. They’ve come away from the city because drawing close to God means drawing back from the sin that’s been wrecking their lives. But the loss isn’t something

they regret.

Raelene: “What was this born again business like? What did it feel like?”

Sherry: “It was like a hot knife going into me and I was butter – opening me up and there was hope and beauty where there was nothing before.”

*The Turning* is hard to watch at points because it provides honest insight into the pain that hides behind gleaming, double-brick and weatherboard exteriors. It has language, violence and sexual content which mirror that sadness. However, it also has a good deal of hope in the possibility of change, and more than a few pictures that describe God’s role in the process. But even those that don’t, at least accept this basic Christian understanding: there is no redemption without repentance, no going forward without first turning around.

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**FREEDOM CELEBRATION:** Keep up to date with what's happening at Olympic Park on 6-7 September when General André Cox presides over a weekend of festivities, fellowship and teaching. Visit [mySalvos.org.au/events](http://mySalvos.org.au/events)

And keep up to date with what's happening across the territory, including the new Food 4 Life centre in south-west Sydney, the opening of a new Salvation Army expression on the QLD Cassowary Coast and lots more!



Award winners (back row) the Evocatif team – Belinda Barnes, Gareth Brock and Celesta den Houdijkjer. (front row) Salvos Stores General Manager Neville Barrett and Salvos Stores Marketing and Retail Manager Freddy Choo. Photo courtesy of Salvos Stores

## Salvonista's mobile marketing success

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army's Salvos Stores has taken out an APMA (Australian Promotional Marketing Association) award for its Salvonista campaign.

The Salvonista mobile boutique is an eco-friendly van, fully powered by sustainable energy, that transforms into a mobile fashion store. It's been on the road since September last year, 'popping up' its store at various locations throughout NSW, ACT and Queensland.

"We wanted to give people who couldn't reach a Salvation Army store the opportunity to select modern and vintage fashion items at fantastic prices," says Salvos Stores General Manager, Neville Barrett.

"Re-using and recycling clothes means that we can look unique through affordable fashion, and we help the environment and the community by reducing landfill and assisting those less fortunate than ourselves."

The concept was promoted by the agency Evocatif, which entered the initiative into the APMA awards. At the awards ceremony in Sydney recently, Salvos Stores collected the gold prize in the Best Shopper Marketing Campaign category and silver in the Best Integrated Communications Campaign under \$1 million.

"The award will make people more aware of what The Salvation Army is about. We are about recycling – and we're about transforming people's lives," says Mr Barrett.

"A lot of people aged under 35 are perhaps not as connected with The Salvation Army as their parents or grandparents were. They don't quite understand the significance of us being in the streets working with ministry and mission.

"We're trying to bring them into the Salvonista campaign, let them see what we do and get to know us."

An iPad kiosk built into the store has links to Salvation Army websites for people wanting to learn more about our services.



# Seniors enjoy warm fellowship at Moree

“Go” was the key word at the Territorial Winter Warmer for Salvationists and friends over 70 who recently gathered for three days of devotion and fellowship.

Held at Moree Corps, in north NSW, the senior’s fellowship was given the name Winter Warmer because delegates stayed at a caravan park with thermal water-heated pools.

The theme of “Go” was consistently reinforced throughout the gathering, particularly via the messages spoken by guest speakers Majors Phil and Nancy McLaren, North NSW divisional leaders, and Territorial Discipleship Trainers from Sydney, Envoys Randall and Glenda Brown.

After inspiring delegates with the words of Jesus in the Bible passage Matthew 28:16-20, the McLarens then joined the Browns in challenging the delegates to go, make disciples, baptise and teach.

Attendees were reminded by Major Phil McLaren that Jesus never said “stop”. Instead, Major McLaren said, the word “go” appears 150 times in Matthew’s gospel. He emphasised the valuable work being done by seniors to further the gospel, by telling the story of a faithful senior who kept the doors open every Sunday at their corps for several years even though they didn’t have an appointed officer.

The message of “Go” was quickly put into practice when a group of visitors staying at the same caravan park, attended the community concert after being invited by one of the delegates.

Memories were revived when the Browns asked the delegates about life 50 years ago. Almost every person in the room recalled attending Sunday school as a child.

Envoy Glenda Brown quoted statistics about church attendance in Australia which, at the current rate of decline, could result in our nation having no Christians in 70 years’ time.

“No longer can we Christians say evangelism is someone else’s job; in our serving we must also tell,” she said.

Envoy Lloyd Graham, who obeyed Jesus’ call to go by

becoming a Bourke-based rural chaplain, then spoke of his bush work, inviting his listeners to consider helping the Army’s mission work in the Outback.

The seniors gathering was also an official send-off to Territorial Seniors Coordinator, Major Lyn Daines, as she enters retirement. She was presented with a gift and at the same time her successor, Envoy Roz Edwards, was introduced.

A unified brass band, led by Russell Baker from Newcastle, and timbrel brigade, led by Heather Grice from Coffs Harbour, also featured at the senior’s fellowship.

Delegates generously supported fundraising events during the fellowship, with all proceeds being donated to Moree Corps. Time was allocated for craft workshops and a working bee, while every opportunity was taken to soak in Moree’s renowned thermal pools.



Incoming Territorial Seniors Co-ordinator, Envoy Roz Edwards, outgoing co-ordinator, Major Lyn Daines, husband Major Colin Daines, and North NSW Divisional leaders, Majors Phil and Nancy McLaren at the senior’s fellowship.

## Heritage tour shows links to the past

The sights and stories from The Salvation Army in the early days of Brisbane was the focus of a recent heritage walk through the city by members of the Brisbane chapter of the Australia Eastern Territory Historical Society.

Garth Hentzschel, Wynnum Corps Sergeant Major, and President of the Brisbane chapter, led the walk which began at the Brisbane City Temple Corps.



Garth Hentzschel speaks to a group during a recent walking tour through the city of Brisbane.

“We told stories about significant Salvation Army events on Ann Street, the School of Arts hall and of course, the City Temple and People’s Palace,” said Garth.

“Adelaide, Mary and Charlotte Streets all featured as well, as they, at different periods of time housed halls used by The Salvation Army.”

The group also visited the old “Telegraph House” which published many stories on the early Salvation Army, and learned how two important landmarks of Brisbane – Parliament House and the General Post Office -- had links with the early Salvation Army as the foreman and leading carpenters from the McNaught family were all Salvationists.

Garth, who is conducting research on the early work of The Salvation Army in Brisbane, kept the group entertained with stories of some of the city’s pioneer Salvationists and some of the challenges they faced.

The group also visited other historical buildings in the city precinct.

The Brisbane chapter of the historical society is planning another heritage walk next year, and possibly a heritage bus tour.

“We are also looking at ways to make our meetings more of an outreach,” Garth said.

The next meeting of the Brisbane chapter will be a weekend symposium from 11-12 October.

For more information on the Brisbane or Sydney chapters of the Historical Society, please contact your local Divisional Headquarters.

## Salvos a positive presence at Sexpo

The Salvation Army ran a stall at this year's Sexpo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 25 to 28 July.

Sexpo claims to be the world's largest Sexuality and Adult Lifestyle Exhibition.

The Salvation Army stall, which partnered with Stop The Traffik, focused on raising awareness of slavery and trafficking issues throughout the world, including Australia.

Volunteers at the stall invited patrons to sign petitions to stop the use of slave labour in the cocoa, coffee, clothing and related industries. The issue of human trafficking in the sex industry was also highlighted.

More than 600 petitions were signed.

Volunteers also gave away 2,000 Salvation Army wristbands, Fairtrade samples, a few Rick Warren books and had dozens of positive conversations about faith, Jesus, The Salvation Army,

trafficking, Fairtrade and many other topics.

While there was an initial shock from many people at seeing The Salvation Army at Sexpo, patrons were genuinely pleased to see The Salvos stall.

The stall was run by the Cupcake Team, an outreach of the Gold Coast Temple Corps and part of the Just Salvos Brothel Support Team based in Melbourne, Australia Southern Territory.

Nicole Griffin, who is part of the Cupcake Team and a volunteer in the stall, commented on the great value of The Salvation Army being at Sexpo.

"It's not good enough anymore for the church to sit inside its four walls and expect the community to come to them," she said. "We have to get out and be the church in the community. I believe if Jesus was on earth today he would be standing beside us at Sexpo loving people where they're at".

- Simone Worthing



The Salvation Army stall at Brisbane Sexpo, which was set up to raise awareness of slavery and trafficking. Photos: Nathalia Rickwood



The handprints of patrons at Sexpo showing their support to stop trafficking and slave labour.

## Book on Booths shortlisted for literary prize

*William Booth and His Salvation Army*, a recent fiction book by Brisbane author David Malcolm Bennett, has been shortlisted for a Caleb Prize.

This prize promotes faith-inspired writing in the specific categories of fiction, non-fiction and poetry and is an initiative of Omega Writers Inc which assists aspiring and emerging Christian writers in Australia and New Zealand in both the development of their talent, and in understanding the complexities of the publishing industry.

The overall winner of the Caleb Prize, which will be drawn from one of these categories, will be announced at the Caleb Conference in Brisbane in October.

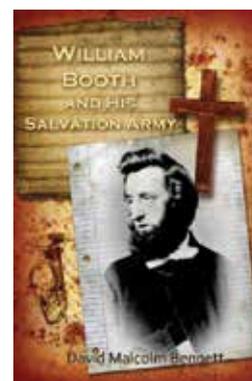
Bennett's book, while being historically accurate, is written in easy-to-read fiction style and follows the life and work of William and Catherine Booth from the beginning of their mission in 1865 to the death of General Booth in 1912.

The book also focuses on Catherine Booth's ability as a speaker and preacher, and discusses the challenges of beginning The Salvation Army in America, Australia, India and beyond.

Bennett also details General Booth's response to child prostitution, homeless men and drunkards.

"This is the story of a couple who dedicated their lives to living the Gospel," writes reviewer Barbara Bailey. "It is the story of a couple who were human, sometimes argumentative, sometimes grumpy or bad-tempered, but always determined to follow their calling."

The book is available for purchase at [word.com.au](http://word.com.au)



## Suspended coffee restores a little luxury

A good cup of coffee freshly brewed at the local café can be one of life's simple pleasures. For many people though, it's not so simple and definitely not affordable.

The Salvation Army and Sugarloaf Patisserie in Kogarah, south Sydney, have partnered to bring this simple pleasure to some of those struggling in the community or facing challenging times - through the "suspended coffee" initiative.

"It's about giving back a little luxury that is sometimes taken for granted," said Kurt Bieder, owner of Sugarloaf Patisserie.

Suspended coffee works like this: A customer buys two coffees and puts one "to the side" so a less fortunate person who may not be able to afford one, or someone who is working through challenging circumstances and needs a break, can redeem it with a voucher.

Sugarloaf Patisserie has created suspended coffee vouchers which are pinned up on their noticeboard as soon as one is purchased.

"We then give them to The Salvation Army to distribute," said Mr Bieder.

Captain Robyn Black, Sydney East & Illawarra Divisional Mission and Resources Director - Social, has received vouchers from Mr Bieder which are then distributed to those in need.

Mr Bieder would also like to extend the initiative to enable chaplains at local



Captain Robyn Black and Sugarloaf Patisserie owner, Kurt Bieder, raise a cuppa in honour of those who will receive a suspended coffee through this new initiative. Photo by Chris Lane, courtesy St George & Sutherland Shire Leader, Sydney.

hospitals to distribute vouchers to the relatives of those critically ill or injured.

"The 'suspended coffee' idea was brought to my attention recently by one of my South American customers, who was saying how it was in Argentina," Mr Bieder explained. "There's been an overwhelming response from our fantastic customers ever since. Not long ago we had

an elderly man receive a coffee, and tears filled his eyes.

"Customers who saw this immediately purchased a suspended coffee.

"It's the simple pleasure of giving back to a stranger. It will be an ongoing project because it's been so successful."

- Simone Worthing

## Percivals honoured for selfless service

The Grenfell Corps hall was packed with 70-80 people attending an appreciation service for Gerry and Janice Percival, and the dedication of Heather Horneman to the corps leadership role, on Sunday 23 June.

Representatives of Grenfell churches, many organisations, family and friends were in attendance. Brian and Marilyn Ault from Coffs Harbour, good friends of the Percivals and who were stationed in Grenfell in 2002-03, were special guests on the day. Best wishes were received from many former Salvation Army officers of Grenfell including a message from Major Errol Woodbury.

ACT and South NSW Divisional Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Phil Cairns, thanked Gerry and Janice for their more than 15 years of faithful servant leadership of the corps, presenting them each with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Major Julie Alley then continued the leadership of the meeting, after which Lieut-Colonel Cairns dedicated Heather into her new leadership role. Heather's husband David was acknowledged as a support for Heather.

"We pray God's riches blessings upon Gerry and Janice as they enter retirement and on Heather as she begins her ministry as corps leader," Lieut-Colonel Cairns said.

Gerry joined The Salvation Army after meeting Janice Holland in 1965. Gerry and Janice were married two years later.

They both taught Sunday school for more than 40 years, and Janice was corps organist for many years.

Gerry was full-time corps leader for at least 15 years, having previously been corps sergeant major and corps secretary-manager.

He was the recipient of life membership in Apex and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club of Grenfell in 2003.

Gerry thanked everyone for their good wishes and assistance over the years for the corps, from the service clubs - Lions and Rotary - and all the organisations in Grenfell who were always there to assist.



Gerry and Janice Percival are honoured by Lieutenant-Colonel Phil Cairns for their 15 years of leadership at Grenfell.

## Make a call and tell someone who cares

The year 1983 – the McNugget was created, Trump Tower was built, Miranda Kerr was born, Michael Jackson first moonwalked, Australia II won the America's Cup, Bob Hawke became Prime Minister and Nintendo released Mario Brothers.

Who cares? Salvo Care Line cares – because it's the same year that Salvo Care Line (The Salvation Army's 24-hour telephone counselling service) was created.

Maybe Salvo Care Line's birthday is all they have in common with the other memorable events of 1983. But what is memorable about Salvo Care Line is that they care – even when no one else does.

Every hour of the day, every day of the year, for 30 years, Salvo Care Line counsellors have been picking up the phone and, with care and compassion, responding to the needs of people in crisis and difficulty. People in all kinds of situations ring Salvo Care Line to hear the caring voice on the other end of the line – the voice that tells people that they are important, valued and cared about.

Salvo Care Line was the inspiration of Alan Staines, who began this work with the support and assistance of Sydney Congress Hall. Since then, Salvo Care Line has grown and evolved, and now, from the Sydney branch, provides care and support to around 60,000 people each year – from every state and territory in Australia.

Salvo Care Line Brisbane works alongside the Sydney branch, also providing care and support to thousands of people each year.

This care and support is provided to people who are lonely, grieving, depressed, anxious, stressed, people whose lives are at risk because they feel they can't go on any more. Trained counsellors are there to listen, understand and care.

This year, Salvo Care Line turns 30, and are honouring their birthday with a celebration where it all started – at Sydney Congress Hall on Sunday, 22 September, starting with afternoon tea at 3pm, followed by a celebration and thanksgiving service at 4pm.

If you have ever been involved with Salvo Care Line as a volunteer or a staff member, they would like to hear from you. Please call (02) 8736 3297 or email Karen Lattouf at karen.lattouf@aue.salvationarmy.org.

**Salvo Care Line – 1300 36 36 22.**

## Ulladulla Mission begins independent journey



**Ulladulla Mission leaders Liam and Allie Holland with their son Asher. Photo: Shairon Paterson**

The Batemans Bay Corps and Ulladulla Mission on the NSW South Coast celebrated a significant milestone recently when the Mission plant separated from the Corps to carry out mission in its own right.

Lieutenant-Colonel Philip and Jan Cairns, ACT & South NSW divisional leaders; and Majors Julie and Kelvin Alley, Divisional Mission and Resource Director – Corps, and National Secretary, attended the special meeting to mark the separation.

Stories from Ulladulla's history were shared in the meeting and then Lieut-Colonel Philip Cairns expressed words of appreciation and thanks to the officers, soldiers and friends in the Batemans Bay Corps for all that had led up to this day.

Major Julie Alley thanked those from Ulladulla and committed them to God for their future ministry.

Since the original concept for the Ulladulla Mission was conceived by Auxiliary Captains Graham and Helen

Bruce, and instigated 13 years ago, the Batemans Bay Corps has overseen the Mission under the leadership of Linda Pierpoint and Majors Bob and Genness Garven (ret.).

"Liam and Allie Holland, with son Asher, have now taken on the leadership of this Mission and we pray for a real sense of God's empowerment and blessing on them," said Lieut-Colonel Jan Cairns.

"We also thank Lieutenants Peter and Becky Gott for their willingness to release all involved for this future ministry and we look forward to new stories of Salvation and growth from the Ulladulla Mission."

The Hollands are now busy getting to know their new community and are excited for what is to come in Ulladulla.

"We're passionate about seeing people find freedom – freedom from fear and anything that can crush the human spirit," said Liam. "Our prayer is that people discover the hope and a future that a relationship with God can bring."



**Major Julie Alley commits the people of the Ulladulla Mission to God.**

# Couch conversation hits home for Jared

By ANNE HALLIDAY

Youth homelessness became a matter of the heart for teenager Jared Briggs during a single conversation in his team's shift on The Couch Project's "cube" at Sydney's Custom House last month.

"We were handing out flyers and I started talking to this girl walking by. I asked her if she knew much about youth homelessness and she said, yes, I have been couch surfing for eight months," says Jared, 16, who attends Menai Corps in Sydney's south-west.

"It was eye-opening for me. When she left she told me that the Manly Ferry would be her home for the next six hours until morning."

Couch Surfing is the hidden homelessness among young people 12-24 years old, a practice that The Couch Project aims to bring into the open. The campaign also raises funds for Oasis Youth Support Network's crisis and transitional accommodation services, which seek to give youth who find themselves homeless, a fresh start.

Participants in The Couch Project are invited on 14 September to spend a night sleeping on their couch, identifying with more than 44,000 homeless young people in Australia. More than \$26,000 has already been raised for this year's campaign.

"I find it confronting to hear about the stories of kids who at 13 or 15 are getting thrown out of home or are unsafe and so end up sleeping on a friend's couch," says Jared, who spent three hours promoting the campaign at The Couch Project "cube" with three members of his Menai Corps youth.

The large perspex box with the couch inside was aimed at catching the attention of passersby, while volunteers shared about the issue of couch surfing and the work of the Oasis Youth Support Network.

"The group were really enthusiastic to get involved and were already pretty aware of some of the issues," says Emily McColough, Edify youth intern at Menai Corps, who organised the group to participate.

"But it was good for them to have a greater exposure to the issues of youth homelessness."

Adds Jared: "I had seen some of the Oasis Documentary and getting involved in The Couch Project was an easy opportunity to see how other people live and to make a difference. Through it, I just realised how privileged I am and that so many young people don't have the same opportunity to live a normal life. Next year I'd like to bring a whole busload of my friends down to the cube and get them involved."



Menai Corps Youth Group members Garrett, Eliza Kinder, Jared Briggs and Jack Kinder with Youth intern and Edify student Emily McColough (lying down) spend time in the "cube" promoting The Couch Project.



The "cube" by daylight as it sits outside Customs House in Sydney.

To register as an individual participant or join a team and trade your bed for the couch for a night visit [www.thecouchproject.com.au](http://www.thecouchproject.com.au)

## Get in touch for gala day fundraiser

The School For Officer Training is recruiting touch football enthusiasts to be part of the school's annual Gala Day on Saturday 12 October.

"Last year was a great day had by all, including those who supported the teams and came to enjoy the stalls and entertainment. Once again, we hope that this year's response is as enthusiastic," said Cadet Brad Whittle, organiser of the School For Officer Training's Football Gala Day.

Teams from corps and centres can register for an early-bird fee per team of \$100 by 6 September. Registrations received from 7 to 20 September will incur a fee of \$130 per team.

The competition will include a men's section, a women's section and a mixed section. Teams in the competition will need to have at least two female players on the field at a time. Each team can have a maximum of 12 players.

All profits from the Gala Day touch football tournament go directly to the Gala Day Fundraiser for the running cost of Booth College and the continual training of new officers.

For further information and registration, email [christopher.maxwell@aue.salvationarmy](mailto:christopher.maxwell@aue.salvationarmy) or phone (02) 9502 0443.

# Fellows have freedom to dream

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus has announced the successful applicants of its 2013 Fellows Program at a presentation ceremony in Sydney.

The Fellows Program awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to talented individuals who have shown exceptional creativity and have made a positive difference to The Salvation Army.

Originally only open to employees and officers, this year Aged Care Plus introduced two new categories: volunteers and outstanding new employee.

At the ceremony, Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn, awarded each successful fellow with a certificate and challenged them to follow their dreams through the Fellows Program. "How can you apply it? How can you share it? How can you use it?" he said.

Some applicants will use their Fellows Program to further their education, with Esther Pinn from the Communications and Public Relations Department undertaking a subediting course and Yogi Vaituutuu from Maybanke Aged Care Plus centre studying a Diploma of Leisure and Health.

Others will travel. Gerard Byrne and Major David Pullen from Recovery Services are heading to Estonia to visit and support The Salvation Army's drug and alcohol recovery services in that territory.

And others, like volunteer and Soldier at Nambour Corps, Matthew Seaman, will undertake research projects. Matthew is embarking on research with The University of Queensland looking at the relationship between the social and ecological aspects of The Salvation Army. "I'm really excited that this is an area of interest to The Salvation Army, and I'm very thankful to be blessed in this way," he says.



Territorial Communications and Public Relations Team writer, Esther Pinn, receives her Fellows Scholarship from Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn. Photo supplied by Aged Care Plus

Former Fellows Major Keith Hampton and Adrian Kistan spoke at the ceremony, outlining how their fellowships had benefitted them and The Salvation Army.

"I'm very blessed and fortunate and thank Aged Care Plus for the opportunity to experience something quite unique," said Territorial Indigenous Programs Coordinator Adrian Kistan.

"I have come away with new insight and new ideas on how we can better improve and work stronger alongside our Indigenous communities."

Applications for next year's Fellows Program will open in May 2014. For more information, check out [my.salvos.org.au/inspire/articles/fellows-program-2013/](http://my.salvos.org.au/inspire/articles/fellows-program-2013/)

# Salvos Legal 'young gun' wins top award

By NAOMI SINGLEHURST

Sophie Roberts, an Associate at Salvos Legal Humanitarian, has received the Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards 2013 Young Gun Award.

First held in 2001, the awards are promoted as "the premier event for recognising individual excellence in law."

The Young Gun award is open to lawyers throughout Australia who are in their first three years of practice.

Sophie first volunteered with Salvos Legal in 2010 in a four-month placement as part of her legal studies. She remained a Salvos Legal volunteer after graduating and then on occasion while working for a large specialist immigration law firm in Parramatta.

When a position arose to head a joint project between Salvos Legal and Anglicare (to provide immigration advice to refugees looking to reunite with their families) managing partner Luke Geary offered Sophie the role.

Sophie says she "jumped at the opportunity".

She now heads that migration service for newly settled refugees across four locations in western Sydney, which serves around 250 refugee families. She also heads a staffed Salvos Legal office in Lakemba, funded by Canterbury City Council.

Sophie also leads a team of "wonderful (legal) volunteers" running three weekly Salvos Legal "evening advice bureaus" in Parramatta, Auburn and Campsie. The services offers advice in



Sophie Roberts (right) receives her award from Caroline Counsel, former president of the Law Institute of Victoria. Photo courtesy of Lawyers Weekly

a range of fields including immigration, family matters, police matters, Centrelink debt and housing

Less than three years after graduating and being admitted as a lawyer, Sophie says she was "shocked" to win the award, especially with the strength of the other nominees from a range of well extremely known, well-respected and significantly larger firms.

Sophie says that while she will remain in immigration law, she is working to increase her experience as a general practitioner and hopes to be able to offer junior staff in years to come the same level of mentoring she received from Salvos Legal partners.

Salvos Legal Managing Partner Luke Geary, a previous Lawyers Weekly Award winner, was awarded the 2013 Lawyers Weekly Managing Partner Award.

# Amy nurses a heart for Honduras

**AMY HEFFERAN** shares with *Pipeline* her journey of receiving a call from God to serve in Honduras and how it has impacted her life

Earlier this year I sat in a conference listening to a man share his bold vision of faith – to send 2000 missionaries to the Central American country of Honduras. He was looking for people to respond with a resounding *yes* to the question posed in Isaiah 66:3: “Can a nation be saved in a day? Can a country be brought forth in a moment?”

As I watched the promotional video and listened to the minister, tears rolled down my face and I felt compelled to go.

But as I left the conference I brushed the feelings away. After all, how could a 26-year-old, newly graduated nurse from Australia possibly do something so outrageous?

As it turned out, when God calls you to something, it is hard to ignore him. Eventually I put the idea out there and looked for confirmation. It came and everything started falling into place. I received overwhelming support from family and friends, both Christian and non-Christian alike, and before I knew it, I was at the airport ready to take off.

Missionaries went into every state in Central America to train pastors, talk to politicians, visit schools and distribute food. There were three medical teams across the country, one of which was in Choluteca, where I was located. Our medical clinic saw just under 2500 patients in five days.

The rest of our team visited every school in Choluteca and saw 8765 students give their lives to Christ. Our team leader spoke to every politician, law enforcement officer and influential businessman in the state. Everything culminated on Saturday 20 July when 25000 people gathered in Choluteca alone and thousands gave their hearts to the Lord and committed to seeing a new Honduras – one in which God was the centre, children had a hope and a future and a government that wasn't corrupt. This happened in every state across the nation.

## Being available

Coming home and processing all that happened, two things stand out.

1. God is big. Bigger than my mind can comprehend and he is working across the earth looking for people to partner with him.
2. The work of God is generational. Not only did our mission team have lots of young people, it had grandparents, whole



Amy Hefferan holds one of the children she nursed during her time in Honduras, where she was part of a team that treated 2500 patients in five days.

families and even young parents who left their children at home so they could come. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, God is not done with you yet. In fact, I believe he is just getting started. Are you available?

I don't know why God picked me to be one of only two Australians on this mission. But I know that there is a disconnect between the reality we lived throughout that week in Honduras (where thousands got saved, people were healed and miracles happened) and the reality of my “normal” life here in Brisbane, Australia.

Perhaps there is meant to be a melding of the two norms. We are after all, “The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit”.

**Amy Hefferan attends Centenary Corps in Brisbane**

## Youth paving the way

Community partnerships are the building blocks of the Gungahlin Youth Group that meets Friday nights in the new Northside Corps building in Gungahlin, a town centre 10km north of Canberra's city centre.

Young people aged between 8 and 18 from the Northside Corps, Cornerstone Community Church in nearby Nicholls, and Northside Life Church in neighbouring Harrison, meet weekly during school terms for worship, teaching and fellowship.

Once a month the older teenagers are involved in Make A Difference groups, (MAD) activities where they offer prayer, encouragement and practical help to others in the community.

“This is a great way for them to apply the teaching and encouragement they have received, and not necessarily by staying in the building,” explained Northside Corps Officer, Captain Dale Brooks. “For example, during the Red Shield

Appeal, 14 of these young people assisted in knocking on doors raising almost \$2200. They really do make a difference in Gungahlin.”

The Cornerstone Community Church initially approached Captain Brooks, wanting to hire the previous corps building in the suburb of Mitchell, for their youth group. The Northside Life Church had previously spoken to Captain Brooks as well, so he suggested a partnership.

“Everyone contributes to this ministry and we are planning on extending our partnerships further into the community,” said Captain Brooks.

The Cornerstone Church will be hiring space in the new building, and will be changing their service times in order to use the main auditorium on Sunday afternoons.

“We already confer with each other on planning and events, and this will increase now that we share the same building,” said Captain Brooks.

## Townsville receives \$5 million grant

The Salvation Army in Townsville is one step closer to building its new Multi Purpose Centre after receiving a \$5 million grant from the government.

The grant is part of Round 5B of the Regional Development Fund Australia, which is a government project to fund community infrastructure projects in regional Australia.

The new Multi Purpose Centre, which will offer community services and a rehabilitation centre, will be built on a 20-hectare site located 15 minutes from the Townsville CBD. This new grant means that construction on the \$12.9 million facility can hopefully start by the end of the year.

Townsville Recovery Services Centre Manager, Major David Twivey, says the new Multi Purpose Centre will offer a range of services.

"We got this particular grant from the Regional Development

Fund for community activities, such as sport activities, vocational training, youth services, and disaster relief," said Major Twivey. "The government's \$5 million grant that we've just received from the Regional Development Fund was focused on those areas and not the drug and alcohol area."

The drug and alcohol facility will be available to both men and women, however they want to have a strong focus on youth and families. They will be able to accommodate 60 clients plus their family members in small homes, rather than dormitory style dwellings.

"We want to have a family home setting. We hope that will generate a feeling of a community working together, both inside and outside the facility. For that reason, we've modelled it as a community site rather than an institutional site," said Major Twivey.

## Caboolture Corps embarks on journey of recovery

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army's Caboolture Corps commenced a monthly Recovery Cafe Church in early July. More than 70 people, from Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah) and the corps, attended.

A second service, on 4 August attracted 95 people, including some who attend activities at the corps but don't come to church.

"We are so excited by the growth, with the involvement of the corps, and the outreach ministry of this church," said Major Helen Ellicott, Caboolture Corps Officer with her husband Major Bruce Ellicott.

"Our team worked very hard to pull these meetings together, including the services and proper sit-down meals."

Both services included Christian videos, fellowship, songs, prayer and a Bible message. Major Helen gave the message in the first meeting, based on Exodus 14:14.

"It was a tailored message, but for everyone, as we can all use the 12 steps in our lives," said Major Helen.

Major Bruce spoke on "The race of life" during the second meeting, emphasising that we can all get up and keep going with the help and support of those around us.

The journey to recovery church began in early 2012, when South Queensland divisional and Recovery Services teams used the Caboolture Corps hall to discuss the changing face of recovery.

"Not long after that our son, Mathew, reached a turning point in his own battle with drugs and went to Moonyah," Major Helen said.

The Ellicotts, who had always attended the weekly Moonyah chapel services, were visiting Mathew one day and took some cupcakes baked by corps members and "amazing cook" Jean Fox.

"Everyone went nuts for these cakes," laughed Major Helen.

They continued to attend the chapel services, taking several ladies from the corps including Jean and the 120 cupcakes she baked each week to share with residents.

Over time, residents began attending Caboolture Corps, including Mathew, and sharing their stories of struggle and transformation.

"Our whole corps went on the journey, not only of Mathew's recovery but the journeys of transformation in the men and women who were coming to our corps," said Major Helen.

"I kept thinking that God had more in store for this ministry and, going back to the original meeting of recovery services at the corps, that we were meant to be involved with this."

The Ellicotts and the corps wanted to support those in recovery in the Sunshine Coast area, to journey with them, help them stay connected with The Salvation Army and continue to build relationships with them.

"This has been a real journey for the whole corps, and a corps effort to establish and run this ministry," said Major Helen.

"God is doing amazing works of restoration and I believe even more is to come in this ministry."

**Editor's note:** The personal journeys of Majors Ellicott, and of Mathew, will be appearing in future issues of *Pipeline* and *Women in Touch* magazines.



Recovery Cafe Church at Caboolture is always a great time of fellowship with up to 100 people attending.

# Snow mission warmly embraced by ski fields workers

By ESTHER PINN

A 15-strong team ministered to more than 250 people during the second Snow Mission in Jindabyne from 6-13 July. Ranging in ages from 15 to 65, including two chefs, the team provided hot meals and fellowship to workers and others visiting the snowfields.

"The people who we ministered to had come from all over the world from places like Taiwan, China, Canada, America, Europe, the Czech Republic, Australia and New Zealand," said Captain Louise Nicholson, Cooma Corps Officer.

"We built on the experience of the mission from last year, which helped us to identify that there was a large group of snow workers that were barely surviving financially due to a lack of shifts and high living costs.

"And this year the snow came in very late and it was quite evident that the workers did not have enough money to eat."

In addition to providing a hot meal, the team provided a safe place where they could interact with workers, travellers and locals to share the gospel. The heart of the whole mission was prayer, so a prayer room was made available. Other activities were used to help build relationships with the visitors, including computer games, Christian movies and music videos, jigsaws and puzzles and a comfortable place to sit and chat.

The mission team also provided extra groceries to many of the snow workers who came through the doors, to sustain them through the following week. Many of the folk expressed that they had been living on two-minute noodles and were struggling financially.

"We are delighted that some of the people who came to the Snow Mission turned up at Cooma Corps the following week. Others have continued to visit our Family Store and keep in touch," Captain Nicholson said.



Some of the team which formed the Snow Mission in Jindabyne this year.

"As a result of the relationships built during Snow Mission, we are thankful that we are able to continue to help these people until the end of the winter season. The people said that they felt loved and cared for by us."

Each morning and afternoon the team came together in devotions and prayer to prepare them for the mission field.

Resources were developed specifically to give people a take-home message. This included things like Bibles, postcards with the Southern Cross Prayer and the Jelly Bean Gospel pack, containing jelly beans that matched the colour coded Gospel message written on cards.

The team also made vital links with the local community.

"We were also aware that there were local teenagers, a group of couch surfing youth, needing help. On the last day of Snow Mission we were able to establish contact with a key Youth Worker from the local council. We are now developing an ongoing assistance program to help these kids."

## DHQ teams plug into power of prayer

By Major PETER SUTCLIFFE

A seed planted in a Sydney East and Illawarra divisional mission board earlier this year was germinated on the morning of Friday 9 August.

Each of the teams based at the Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Headquarters chose a specific topic for prayer. A prayer station was then set up, praying for The Salvation Army's new world leaders, General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox, Australia Eastern territorial leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon and Colonels Richard and Janet Munn, and Sydney East and Illawarra divisional leaders, Lieutenant-Colonels Peter and Jan Laws.

The business team prayer station looked at financial and property sustainability within the division, for its corps, mission centres and social programs.

The corps mission team focused on corps and mission centres and the work they do, while the social mission team prayer station covered all expressions of social work within the division.

The communications and public relations team prayer station focused on The Salvation Army's supporters, thanking God for each of them whether they be a financial contributor or a volunteer.

The human resources team focused on the families and

homes with the division.

Each of the teams participated enthusiastically, setting up their prayer stations on the Thursday afternoon so that when they arrived on Friday morning they were ready for prayer. Some staff who do not normally work on a Friday came in especially so that they could join the rest of the divisional headquarters family in prayer.

The morning started with a devotional brought by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws, and by the time the prayer morning concluded, every corps, centre and mission centre in the division had been prayed for.



Post-it notes formed one of the prayer stations.

# Take a stroll for a good cause

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus is encouraging Salvationists to put on their walking shoes in September to raise money for disadvantaged communities both locally and internationally.

The annual Aged Care Plus Walkathon involves hundreds of Aged Care Plus residents, staff, family members and people from communities across Australia and is run from 9-14 September.

"It's a fun day out and a great way to support a good cause," says Aged Care Plus CEO Sharon Callister. "And if our elderly residents can do it, everyone can do it!"

Money raised this year will support The Salvation Army's

Kwetu and Mbagala Girls Homes in Tanzania, a safe place for young women who have been trafficked or are at risk of human trafficking. The home also provides education and vocational training to empower women and increase their access to job opportunities.

A portion of the funds raised will stay in Australia and support young people at risk at The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Network in Wyong on the NSW Central Coast.

Last year, thanks to Aged Care Plus centre residents and supporters, the Walkathon raised more than \$85,000. This year the target is \$100,000.

"Our staff and residents are passionate about helping others less fortunate than themselves. The Walkathon is a wonderful way to do that and to stay healthy and active at the same time," says Ms Callister.

For your nearest walkathon location:

[agedcareplus.salvos.org.au/centre-events](http://agedcareplus.salvos.org.au/centre-events)

- Joanne Brain

Aged Care Plus   
**WALKATHON 2013**

# Daines' honoured for 30 years of officership

By SIMONE WORTHING

After more than 30 years of active service as Salvation Army officers, Majors Colin and Lyn Daines recently entered retirement.

Their retirement service took place at Parramatta Corps on 28 July, during the evening "Generation Salvation" meeting.

During the meeting, Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, Territorial Secretary for Personnel, presented retirement certificates to the Daines'.

"We thank God for Colin and Lyn's dedicated and faithful service and wish them every blessing for the future," he said.

Both majors gave brief testimonies in response. Major Colin spoke from Isaiah 30:15, and Romans 10:14 was Major Lyn's text. "God gave me this verse when he called me, when we were considering officership, and throughout my service," she said.

The Daines' both expressed their appreciation of The Salvation Army's investment in them over the years, and the support of their children and grandchildren.

Prior to the retirement service, almost 100 friends, family and fellow officers from the *God's Messengers* session of cadets attended an afternoon tea to celebrate the majors' 30 years and seven months of service.

The Daines' eldest daughter, Allyson, spoke on behalf of her siblings, paying special tribute to the life and ministry of her parents.

Major David Pullen, Territorial Mission and Resource Director - Recovery, and Major Robin Pullen, Territorial Critical Incident Peer Support Co-ordinator, also spoke.

During their years of ministry, the Daines' have served in various capacities including as corps officers, in corps plants,

divisional appointments, and at territorial headquarters. They also served in the Papua New Guinea Territory from July 1984 to January 1988.

Major Colin retired from his last appointment as the mySalvos website co-ordinator, and Major Lyn as Territorial Seniors Ministry Co-ordinator.

"My appointment with mySalvos was unique and special, and I feel that I've left a legacy in the public domain, which is not really my nature," said Major Colin.

Major's Lyn's final appointment was also a highlight of her officership. "I was very much encouraged by the seniors in our territory and really appreciated them," she said.

The Daines' will attend Parramatta Corps in their retirement.

"We left from this corps to attend officer training college and we are starting from here again on a new journey of life and ministry, relying on God to see what that looks like," said Major Colin.



Lieut-Colonel David Godkin presents Majors Lyn and Colin Daines with their retirement certificates.



## Parramatta Corps

Corps Officer Major Deborah Robinson enrolled six young people as junior soldiers at the Parramatta Corps on 11 August.

"Parramatta Corps is very proud of its strong children's ministries," said Major Robinson.

"We are blessed with many kids and wonderful children's leaders and the enrolment of junior soldiers is taken very seriously by all involved and seen as a natural step in the discipling of our kids."

Major Robinson shared the story of Katlin and her family, who came to the corps through The Salvation Army Camps at Collaroy several years ago. "It's been wonderful to see Katlin and her siblings embraced by the corps and disciplined in such a way," she said.



Parramatta Corps honour the new junior soldiers and their prayer partners. From left to right: Major Deborah Robinson, flag bearer Christine Plumridge, junior soldiers Eihan Carger, Abraham Dennis, Jack Harding, Rochelle Jones, Chelsea Keast, Katlin McCauley, Junior Soldier Sergeant James Lloyd, Junior Soldier preparation class leader Lorraine Kelly, and Children's Pastor Carissa Ainsworth.



## Maroochydore Corps

The corps, family and friends gathered for the recent enrolment of two junior soldiers at Maroochydore Corps on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Corps Officers Majors Sue and Dennis McGuigan enrolled Lochlan MacDougal and Melanie Bethel, with the support of Glenys Bennett, Junior Soldier Sergeant; and Colour Sergeant, Mary Murray.

"It was a great morning with many people in attendance," said Major Dennis McGuigan.

Majors Dennis and Sue McGuigan (right), enrolled Lochlan (left front) and Melanie (right front), as Mary Murray (left back) and Glenys Bennett (left centre) showed support.

## Cessnock Corps

Lieutenant Darryn Lloyd, Corps Officer, recently accepted three new Salvation Army adherents - Cynthia Carter, Kenny Fraser, and his daughter, Caitlin Lloyd.

On the same Sunday, Lieut Lloyd also dedicated Cynthia's children, Caleb and Krystal, who have also been supported at the corps by their prayer partner, Gae Ellison.

In another recent service, Lieut Lloyd dedicated teenager Stephanie Solomons, 15, to the Lord.

"Stephanie wanted to celebrate her decision to accept Christ as her personal Saviour," explained Lieut Lloyd. "Stephanie is in training to be an assistant youth leader at the Cessnock Corps.

"I am looking forward to seeing how God is going to powerfully use Stephanie, as she is a young lady with great potential.

"At the Cessnock Corps, we are really enjoying seeing God's family enlarging."

Lieutenant Darryn Lloyd (back row, left) dedicated Caleb and Crystal (front left and right), children of new adherent Cynthia Carter (2nd row, left). Gae Ellison (2nd row, right) is the children's prayer partner. Brian McCready (back row, right), was flag bearer.



## Camps continue despite devastating blaze

A fire that destroyed the largest building at The Salvation Army's Camp Keystone in Florida, United States, didn't stop the summer camp programs from continuing.

The fire started in the laundry area of the building and caused an estimated \$3 million in damage. No-one was injured but campers in the cabin closest to the dining hall were evacuated.

More than 300 campers and staff were sleeping when the fire was discovered in the early hours of Saturday 20 July. More than 20 fire crews assisted in fighting the blaze. The dining hall, originally built in the mid-1970s, has undergone renovations in the past few years, but is now a charred shell.

The annual Music Conservatory final concert went ahead as planned with a capacity audience of family and friends.

An 18m mobile feeding kitchen was brought into camp from the Army's divisional emergency disaster services base in Tampa. The kitchen provided meals for campers and staff for the remainder of the camping season.

Like the many other Salvation Army camps established across the US, Keystone provides opportunities to children – often from difficult backgrounds – who are referred by social services, as well as to those who are members of Salvation Army groups



A fire crew tackles the blaze at Camp Keystone.

or Sunday schools. The camp experience helps them to grow, learn and be encouraged. Counsellors strive to meet the young people's spiritual, social, recreational and educational needs.

## Emergency teams respond to China earthquake



Salvation Army team members comfort an elderly lady whose house was destroyed in the earthquake.

A Salvation Army disaster assessment team has been in Dingxi City, in the Gansu Province of China, in the wake of a devastating earthquake that struck on 23 July.

The quake had a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter scale, causing significant damage to infrastructure and leaving hundreds of thousands of people homeless. Almost 100 people were killed in the quake with around 1000 more injured.

Meeting local officials on arrival, the team from The Salvation Army's Hong Kong and Macau Command were escorted directly to one of the worst-affected areas – the Ma Jia Ko village of Mai Chun township. The immediate response included a comprehensive needs assessment for the survivors and a visit to patients in a local hospital who had been injured by the quake.

The team, led by Envoy Simon Wong and Major Tony Ma, distributed food to those most affected by the quake. Pastoral support was also given to families who had been bereaved.

## Salvation Army schools adopt new strategic approach

The Salvation Army has implemented a new International Schools Strategy, following a 12-month consultation with key stakeholders and education advisors.

The Army has more than 2000 schools worldwide, providing education for more than half a million children. The schools are central to the mission objectives of many territories, helping to shape young people's lives by ensuring they receive a quality Christian education and are enabled to play a meaningful role in their community.

The key principles and focus areas for Salvation Army schools are outlined in the new International Schools Strategy. The vision statement focuses on what all Army schools should try to achieve.

The guiding principles put Salvation Army schools at the heart of the community they serve and place importance on social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development.

There is an emphasis on providing a safe and secure environment supported by corps keeping Christian values at the heart.

The strategy has six focus areas:

- Providing quality education which leads to high achievement for all;
- Relationships and partnerships;
- Improving infrastructure and maximising resources;
- Developing a plan for sustainability;
- Continually improving the quality of teaching staff and management systems;
- Developing minimum standards and guidelines on child safety and protection.

For more information, please email [IHQ-Schools@salvationarmy.org](mailto:IHQ-Schools@salvationarmy.org), or to download a copy of the strategy, go to [www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/schoolsstrategy](http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/schoolsstrategy)

## PROMOTED TO GLORY

**Committed soldier**

Eva Isabell Flatt was promoted to glory on 13 June 2013 just three weeks short of her 98th birthday.

Following a graveside committal service at the Kulangoor Lawn Cemetery near Nambour, a Thanksgiving Service was held in the Gregson and Weight Chapel conducted by a son-in-law Major Bill Hutley (Ret.). Lieutenant John Humbley (Corps Officer) prayed.

The Nambour band provided prelude music and supported the singing. The scripture was read by grandsons, Shane Hutley (graveside) and Dean Morrison (Thanksgiving Service).

During the service, her children and grandchildren gave tribute to a woman of faith and prayer. Her children – Coral, Vic and Judy – told of their life experiences guided and supported by their mother. Son-in-law Jim Morrison spoke on behalf of his wife Robyn, another of Eva's children, who was promoted to glory in early December 2012.

Eva's grandchildren were unanimous in their respect for the love she had for them expressed in many ways from a loving welcome, special picnics with rock cakes and cordial under the mango tree, encouragement and spiritual counsel.

Eva's children and grandchildren, to the delight of the near 200-person congregation, also brought an impromptu rendition of a little song which has been passed down through the family – *As Tommy was Walking Along the Highway*.

Eva was proud of her extended family of 12 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. She always expressed her love for them and showed interest in what was happening in their lives.

On behalf of Eva's extended family Mr Garth Greenhalgh (nephew) spoke of a lady of spiritual influence and Mrs Thelma Smith spoke on behalf of the corps – having been one of Eva's Corps Cadets.

During her lifetime, Eva was a committed and faithful soldier and local officer of Nambour Corps.

Eva was born to William and Elsie Humphreys on 3 July 1915 in Casino, one of eight children. The family moved to the Nambour district early the next year.

When Eva was 11 her father died as the result of a horse accident. After leaving school Eva took on domestic duties in Nambour and Brisbane. She later

worked in a doctor's surgery.

At an early age, Eva gave her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. She later became an active soldier within the corps at Nambour. She took a special interest in young people, assisting with teaching children the truths found in the Bible. She helped with directory classes, primary and accepted leadership responsibilities as corps cadet counsellor for many years. The young people of that day give credit to Eva for their Bible knowledge. Eva was also a timbrellist and songster.

On 14 May 1938 Eva married Vic Flatt, a cane farmer, at Bridges near Yandina. Much of the land still had to be cleared. Eva put her shoulder to the wheel and helped Vic and his father (a retired Salvation Army officer) to clear it.

In due course, four children were born – Coral, Victor, Judith and Robyn.

Eva was a great support to Vic on the farm, helping with all that had to be done. She not only raised the family but also took on making clothes for the neighbours' children and assisting them with medical issues.

In June 2000, Vic (Snr.) was promoted to glory. Eva continued to live on the farm until, at the age of 94, she felt she needed care. At the end of October 2009 she took up residence at McGowan Lodge, Sundale, Nambour.

During the first three years she experienced reasonably good health but in December 2012 she was admitted to hospital for a brief time with pneumonia. In late May, Eva was again admitted to hospital, before moving into the Care Centre at Sundale.

We praise God for Eva's life and all that she achieved for God and mankind.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

**Faithful servant**

Gloria Williams was promoted to glory on 25 June, aged 100. The thanksgiving and committal service, held in Gosford Citadel, was conducted by Major

Stan Evans.

Captain Megan Couchman, the Corps Officer, offered prayer at the commencement of the service. A tribute, on behalf of the corps and Woodport Village, was brought by Val Hopewell, who is the Woodport Village chaplain.

The Gosford Corps Band supported the service and brought their own tribute

with the playing of *In the Love of Jesus*.

The family tribute was brought by Major Stan Evans, and the message from God's word was brought by Captain Adam Couchman, the Corps Officer.

Gloria was born in Paddington, Sydney, on 9 November, 1912. She was the eldest of seven children.

The family moved to Brookvale in Sydney in 1918 after buying a two-acre property. Gloria's mother had a small dairy, selling milk, making butter and providing for the family and the local community. Her father developed a market garden, growing vegetables and flowers for the family and selling to the community. Gloria always worked hard, helping with all the household chores like cleaning, washing, and cooking.

The Salvation Army was always an important part of her life. Growing up, Gloria attended The Salvation Army Corps at Dee Why, where she enjoyed all of the activities, including Corps Cadets, singing in the meetings and in the songsters and playing the timbrel.

A regular Home Leaguer, she loved musical programs, including Harvest Festivals, Christmas carolling, New Year's Eve celebrations at Manly, Easter Tent meetings in the big park near Central Railway station, Congress gatherings and Commissioning.

Gloria loved meeting people and she helped in hotel and street ministry, connecting with people and raising funds for Dee Why Corps.

She worked as a volunteer in the soup kitchen, helping needy people, and also worked for a period of time at the Manly People's Palace.

Gloria loved sport, especially swimming and watching rugby league. She was a very keen Manly-Warringah supporter and, in fact, attended Manly's first ever game in the NSWRL Premiership in 1947.

After her 100th birthday, in March, the Manly Rugby League Club provided VIP treatment with a taxi each way from Woodport Village to Bluetongue Stadium at Gosford, then admission to a VIP suite at the grounds – that night the team had a good win. Gloria was elated and enjoyed every moment.

Gloria moved into the Nursing Home at Elizabeth Jenkins Place, Collaroy, in October 2002, aged 90 years. There she made many friends and enjoyed swimming in Collaroy Baths with the aid of a caring physiotherapist.

Because of building renovations and improvements, the facility was closed

down. So, on 12 March 2007 Gloria was transferred to Woodport Retirement Village at Erina, where she was happy and contented with Salvation Army activities and life in general.

Gloria, who raised two daughters, Dawn and Dorothy, will always be fondly remembered by her surviving daughter Dawn and son-in-law David, her grandchildren and great grandchildren in Perth, Western Australia, and Portland, Oregon, USA.

When unable to get to church in the past few months, Gloria would attend the chapel services in the Woodport Village Chapel.

Gloria will always be remembered as a faithful servant of God.

### Prayer warrior



**M**aisie Cannings was promoted to glory on 4 July, aged 92. A Thanksgiving Service was conducted at Chatswood Citadel by Major Errol Woodbury on 26 July.

Maisie was a soldier of Sydney Congress Hall Corps, but had served over the years in many positions at Manly, North Sydney, Gosford and Chatswood corps.

At Gosford Corps in the 1950s, Maisie started a girls legion that included four marching teams and involved more than 60 girls. They became very popular and were sought after to perform at many Army corps and congress gatherings. A good number of those girls, now grandmothers themselves, attended the Thanksgiving Service.

For more than 30 years, Maisie served as secretary to the Corps Officer at Sydney Congress Hall Corps.

During that time she served 10 Corps Officers, commencing with Captain Bill Cairns and retiring under Major Woodbury in 1990.

The family tribute from her daughter Robyn Vos was read by her son, Mark. Her grandchildren all paid tribute and her great-grandchildren sang *Jesus Loves Me*. The vocal solo *Lamb of God* was brought by

Penelope Mills as son Terry's tribute to his mother.

The Salvationist tribute was paid by Alan Staines, while Ron Weedon also brought a tribute. Others taking part were grand-daughter Kathie, Yvonne Macdonald and Lynore van Drempt. All tributes made reference to Maisie's commitment to service in The Salvation Army.

Maisie was a great prayer warrior and showed great strength to the power of Jesus Christ in her life, although she was alone for more than 40 years, her husband Ron predeceasing her in 1969 after only 27 years of marriage.

Major Woodbury spoke on a passage marked in Maisie's Bible by Ron on their wedding day - 1 Peter 1:3-9. This passage was Maisie's testimony, her life proving every part of it - God's great salvation granting her a living hope through the power of Christ's death and resurrection which enabled her to stay strong through all life's tribulations and be an example that when Christ is in the vessel you can smile at the storm.

Robyn and her husband David and their family along with Maisie's brother Ron and their families, are greatly appreciative of the support they have received.

### Disciple of Christ



**P**earl Young was promoted to glory on 5 July, aged 94. Major Errol Woodbury conducted the committal and thanksgiving service which was held on 12 July

at Sydney Congress Hall Corps.

The songs chosen for the service included *In Heavenly Love Abiding*, *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, and *To Him That O'ercometh* - some of Pearl's favourite words that reflected her deeply spiritual and prayer-filled life.

Major Brian Watters prayed, giving thanks for Pearl's life and faithful service. Val Hopper brought a tribute from the corps, speaking of Pearl's faithfulness in prayer, and Major Allison Wiseman

(daughter-in-law) read selected verses of Scripture from Philippians 1 and 2 Timothy 4.

The message from the band was *It is Well With My Soul*, affirming Pearl's faith and trust in the Lord. Family tributes were given by her grandchildren, and Major John Wiseman (son) and stepdaughter Jennifer Ward.

A piano and organ tribute, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, was played by Major John Wiseman and Ray Sewell (nephew). The vocal trio, *He Leadeth Me*, was sung in tribute by Major John Wiseman, Captain Sandy Hogg, and David Wiseman.

Pearl O'Keefe was converted at Willoughby Corps at the age of six and the following year, she joined the band. She later held various leadership roles and regularly attended prayer meetings.

Pearl married Phil Wiseman and they attended Dulwich Hill Corps with their two children, John and Rhonda.

After Phil passed away suddenly in 1952, Pearl returned to Willoughby Corps with the children. She later married Reg Young and soldiered at North Sydney Corps, before transferring to Sydney Congress Hall in 1969.

Sadly, Pearl's daughter, Rhonda, was killed in a car accident in 1982, and Pearl partly took on the responsibility for Rhonda's young daughter and foster sons.

Pearl was one of the early counsellors of the Salvo Care Line. She attended the weekly prayer and Bible study meetings at her retirement village, and her aim was to witness by living the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

She rejoiced greatly and was very grateful when God used her to bring someone to salvation in Jesus.

Pearl loved to attend the corps prayer meeting on Sunday mornings and when able enough, was grateful to attend the meetings in later months.

She took a keen interest in and prayed for everyone in the corps and in her wider acquaintance - from the youngest to the oldest - even in her final days. She was always ready with a word of encouragement and the assurance of her prayerful support.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

## REPORTS

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## about people

## Appointments

*Effective 12 August:* Major Karan **Ross**, Associate Salvos Women and Salvos Caring Coordinator, Territorial Mission and Resource Team; Major Robbin **Moulds**, Territorial Social Inclusion Consultant, Program Team.

*Effective 10 September:* Captains Neville and Jenny **Hall**, Chaplains, Salvo Stores, Brisbane and Gold Coast area (pro-tem); Lieutenants Peter and Myf **Evans**, Mission Leaders, Byron Bay Streetlevel Mission, North NSW Division.

## Bereaved

Major Julie **Metcher** of her mother, Heather **Mann** on 2 August.

## Promoted to glory

Aux-Captain John **Lehr** on 23 July.

## School For Officer Training

The following candidates have been accepted into full-time training in the *Messengers of Light* session in 2014: Jodie and Matthew **Sutcliffe**.

## Study

The following people have completed training at Brengle in Geelong: Major Vicki **Clarke**, Major Marie-Louise **Craig**, Captain Annette **Keane**, Major Julie **Schofield**, Major Phyllis **Thorley**, Major Colin **Young**, Captain Tracey **Schutz**, Major Leanne **Lock**, Captain Derek **Whitehouse**, Captain Phil **Cardew**, Captain Cathryn **Williamson**, Captain Sandy **Hogg**.

## time to pray

## 1-7 September

Colonels Neil and Christine Webb, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory; Narellan Corps, Gill Waminda Residential Aged Care, Forbes/Parkes Corps, Carpenter Court Residential Aged Care, all NSW; Canberra Recovery Services Centre, ACT; Father's Day (1).

## 8-14 September

Major Eva Phillips, Australia Southern Territory; West Wyalong Corps, Leeton Corps, Blacktown City Corps, all NSW; Moneycare, THQ, Northside Corps, ACT; Hope for Life Suicide Prevention Week (8-15); SPROC, Gold Coast (9-12); Wider Cabinet (10-11); Women's Executive (12).

## 15-21 September

Envoy Joy Johns, Korea Territory; Woden Valley Corps, ACT; Roma Corps/Indigenous Ministries, Qld; Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, Fairfield City Corps, both NSW; School For Youth Leadership, THQ; Hope For Life Suicide Prevention Sunday (15); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Women's Retreat; Counselling Service Retreat, Collaroy (18-20); Salvos Stores Managers Conference (19-21); North NSW Division Review (20); Decision Week (20-27).

## 22-28 September

Major Alison Cowling, Canada and Bermuda Territory; The Greater West Chaplaincy Services, Glebe Corps, Earlwood Corps, all NSW; Logan City Community Welfare Centre, Bowen Corps, both Qld; Territorial Property Conference (26-27).

## 29 September – 5 October

Majors Norm and Isabel Beckett, Sweden and Latvia Territory; Queanbeyan Corps, Northern Beaches Aged Care Services, Oasis Youth Support Network, Bowral Corps, all NSW; Overseas Service Personnel Office, THQ; International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (29); EQUIP – Gospel Arts Camp (29 Sep-5 Oct); Newcastle and Central NSW Division Review (4).

## 6-12 October

Majors Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter, Caribbean Territory; Macquarie Fields Mission, Clulow Court, Miranda Corps, Menai Corps, all NSW; Family Tracing, NSW/ACT; Tuggeranong Corps, ACT; South Queensland Division Review (10-11); Gala Day (12).

## engagement calendar

## Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Darling Harbour: Fri 6 Sep – Officer's Councils

Homebush: Sat 7-Sun 8 Sep – Freedom Celebration

Gold Coast: Mon 9 Sep – South Pacific Retired Officers Conference

Collaroy: Tues 10-Thu 12 Sep – Wider Cabinet

\*Stanmore: Mon 16 Sep – First Year Officer Residential

#Collaroy: Mon 16-Wed 18 Sep – SEI Division Women's Retreat

\*Townsville: Sat 21-Sun 22 Sep – Central North Queensland Youth Councils

#Sydney: Sun 22 Sep – Salvo Care Line celebration

Bexley North: Thu 26 Sep – School for Officer Training Retreat Day

Collaroy: Fri 27 Sep – Property Conference

# Commissioner Jan Condon only

\* Commissioner James Condon only

## Colonels Richard and Janet Munn

Sydney: Fri 6 Sep – Officers Councils, Darling Harbour

Homebush: Sat 7-Sun 8 Sep – Freedom Celebration

Collaroy: Tues 10-Thu 12 Sep – Wider Cabinet

\*Gold Coast: Thu 12 Sep – Closing Session at SPROC 2013

\*Sydney: Mon 16 Sep – Devotions, Sydney Staff Songster Rehearsal

#ACT: Wed 18 Sep – ACT and South NSW Women's Rally Floriade

Armidale: Fri 20 Sep – North NSW Divisional Review

Central Coast: Sun 29 Sep – Chapel at Dooralong Transformation Centre

# Colonel Janet Munn only

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