



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

7th August 2016



## Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

**TODAY:** 10 am Prayer Meeting then at  
10:30 Major Mavis Humphreys leading Meeting.  
"A Symphony of Psalms"

Thank you to all who participated in the Psalms survey. I trust you were blessed by the experience of thinking through the blessings of the Bible's Songbook.

Morning Tea following the meeting.

Come and hear Daniel Reynaud—Author of "The Man The ANZACS Revered". William 'Fighting Mac' McKenzie ANZAC Chaplin.

**Tonight - Campsie Corps at 1800 hours**. This is an event that should not be missed and you will regret it if you do not make it.

This event will interest people who:

1. Honour our forebears who sacrificed their lives to protect your native country, especially, Australia.
2. Are interested in the part William McKenzie played in bringing the gospel, comfort and material assistance to the troops. McKenzie did not mince his words and accomplished seemingly impossible things.
3. You might be interested history McKenzie's role as a Salvation Army leader in Australia (both former territories) and New Zealand.
4. If you are of British stock you will be interested in McKenzie's appointment in the United Kingdom
5. Still again if you are of Chinese origin or interested in missionary work you will want to hear about the three years McKenzie serve as Territorial Commander of China.
6. If you are interest in learning old but forgotten songs you will value the opportunity to learn McKenzie's most popular song.
7. If you want to see McKenzie's battered flag then come along to this important gathering,

This is an evening not to be missed I pray and hope that you and your friends will be there. I will see you all there. God bless you. Don Gates.

**Special prayer request: Anita Wright's husband Tom, who has been having treatment for cancer is in Westmead Hospital recovering from a life threatening infection. Their son is arriving from the UK. Please keep the family in your prayers.**



### HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS.

August 9th Major Mavis—Soup & Damper Day  
Fundraiser \$ 4.

August 16th Guest Speaker Kym Briggs. DHQ

### Missionary Morning Granville Corps, Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> August

Morning Tea, 10am Missionary Meeting 10: 45am  
Bric-a-brac table & Cake Stall.

Guest Speaker Major Mavis Humphreys

RSVP 8<sup>th</sup> August. Major Kaye Townsend

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Please pray for Captains Bill & Susanne, Elaina & Crosby as they are in the US on furlough. Due back next Sunday (but will be sleeping while we are worshipping).



8th August Hannah Hughes

8th August Captain Bill Geracia

10th August Joy Andrews

**FOR SALE:** The latest [Sydney Staff Songster CD](#) titled **HE IS...**

Some of the songs are—How Great is Your Love, Time to Believe, God So Loved the World, Blessed Assurance and What a Friend we have in Jesus. The price is \$20 and if any one would like one please see Don Jenkins (cornet player in band).

### **COMING EVENTS:**

14th August Major Debbie Hindle leading the meeting.

17th August Band Spiritual Meeting follow (Band Practice) at 8:30. Colonel Mark Campbell will be leading the meeting. Any former Bandsmen are invited to attend.

19th August IMPACT YOUTH— 'Sports Showdown'

2nd—8th October EQUIP 16—Details on the Board.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne & their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Rena.

Keep Praying for Kath Paddison.

Pray for Estelle Ring & the family as they pack up and move.

Estelle had surgery last Thursday, pray for a quick recovery.

They are moving on 19th August.

Pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders. Pray for each of our sections & leader.

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



Pray for Michael, Katrina Jacob & Emmalyn Hindle as they work towards their Commissioning.

Pray for Peter Hardy as he is in the US at Summer Camp. Pray that God will guide and bless him in all he does.

Pray for Bob Rogan and his work & ministry at the Corps.

Pray for Bruce Parker who was in hospital last week.

### This week pray especially for:

Carol Floyd, Chris & Brittany Garcia, Captains Bill & Susanne, Elaina & Crosby Geracia, Dean Goodchild and family, Dawn Goddard, Hayley Grigg, Olwyn Gordon, Noel Gorrige, Daryl Hardy, Kathryn Hardy.

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD** for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily. Thank Him for JESUS and for the change it has made to our lives.

### **CORPS DIRECTORY AMENDMENT:**

**Change of address: Daryl Hardy**  
**16 Hale Crescent**  
**South Windsor 2756**

**Phones & email remain the same.**

**'LITTLE THINGS DONE  
IN CHRIST'S NAME  
ARE GREAT THINGS'.**



## Red Shield Family Store:

We ask the Corps to pray for this new student program, "The Retail Management Experience", that it will succeed and grow—that it will bring young people into a relationship with the Lord, and will bring new life to our Corps and other Corps as the program expands to other Corps.

### Special Note: CENSUS NIGHT 2016

Tuesday, 9 August 2016 is Census night. Every household in Australia will be required to completed their Census form and provide information about themselves. Completing the Census is compulsory, and the information gathered is used to enable the government to make important decisions about our country's future and how government funds should be distributed.

The census is also a great opportunity for us to give a national platform to the reach and impact of The Salvation Army. To do this effectively I would like to bring your attention to the 'Religious Affiliation' section (Question 18 in online form; or Question 19 in the paper form).

The Salvation Army stands independently as a denomination of the Christian church and is represented in 127 countries worldwide. It is important that The Salvation Army is represented accurately and fairly in the Census. This information will also strengthen the position and influence of the Army so we can continue to advocate for those who need our support.

For those of you who identify as being part of The Salvation Army church, I ask you to please enter this information into the 'Religion Affiliation' section. I have prepared some guidance below to help you record The Salvation Army as your religious affiliation on the census and I ask that you please ensure this guide is also shared with the members of your corps.

To identify as part of the Salvation Army in the 2016 Census please follow these steps:

1. The question will ask, "What is the person's religion?", and appears in either:

- Q18 in the online household form; or
- Q19 in the paper household form; or
- Q21 in the online and paper personal forms.

2. To answer this question, please write **The Salvation Army** in the 'Other (please specify)' box at the end of possible responses. (Please note that by entering your religion as The Salvation Army in the 'Other (please specify)' box you are still identifying yourself as Christian.)

Your support will enable us to continue to move forward together into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely dispossessed and lost, reaching them by all means with the transforming message of Jesus bringing freedom, hope and life. Thank you.

Regards, Colonel Mark Campbell