



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

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12th February 2017

Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown, please join us for Morning Tea and fellowship following the meeting.

FEBRUARY:

16th Feb. Corps Council Meeting

26th Feb. Koinonia (Fellowship) lunch and a Praise Meeting following the lunch at 1:30pm. Please add your name, the number attending and what you will bring to share for lunch.

COMING EVENTS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at Blacktown Uniting Church 10am on March 3rd. See Betty Crowder or Mavis Humphreys for more details.

The International Staff Songsters will be touring Australia & New Zealand and will be presenting a Concert in Sydney on Monday 10th April at 7:30 pm at Sydney Congress Hall. Adult tickets are \$15, concession tickets are \$10. Tickets available from the following web site. www.salvos.org.au/sydneystaffsongsters/shop. See Don Jenkins for further details.



CADETS WELCOME last Sunday night at Hurstville. Left to right, Cadets Ashley & Rita Biermann, The next came to College from Taree, the next 2 are from Canberra and then Peter Martin and his wife are from Newcastle. (Peter was a soldier here at Blacktown. Son of Gary & Christine Martin). There are another seven Cadets in the Melbourne Campus of the College.

CORPS DIRECTORY: A copy of the Corps Directory is available at the back of the hall. Please check to see if the details are correct or people need to be added/amended. Please **DO NOT** remove, just make changes. Thank you.



HOME LEAGUE SYLUBUS 2017

Feb. 14th *Joycelyn McIver with two Officers from New Guinea*

Feb. 21st *Betty—with Guest Richard Parker from Easy-Go Connect (previously know as Blacktown Community Transport).*

Feb. 28th *Betty—Movie Day 'On Thin Ice' A moving account of polar bears struggling to survive.*

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE—get a head start on the readings that will be used over the next few weeks.

THE RYTHYM OF LIFE

Today: Feb 12th Matthew 9:14 –17
Feb 19th Ephesians 5:18-20
Feb 26th Psalm 46:10-11

Have you read Psalms 90—100—Singing Praise to God?
Have you increased your Prayer Time? Be constantly in God's presence. Pray, Believe, Peace.

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 254.10
Generous Life \$ 1,820.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for Rena.

Keep Praying for Kath Paddison. Remember to thank Kath for all the beautiful flowers she brings to the meeting.

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 Bob Rogan and his work & ministry at the Corps.

Pray for Sandra Tillson who has not been well.

Caryl McCready is still having health issues. Pray for a speedy recovery.

On behalf of the McCready family thank you so much for your prayers and concerns during Caryl's recent illness. She still has a long way to go before she is 100% but she really appreciates the prayers of her behalf.

Major John McGuigan (former Corps Officer of this Corps, Father of Joy Andrews) is far from well. Pray for John & his wife and family at this time.

This week pray especially for:

Colin Duncan, Trevor & Heather Duncan, Carol Floyd, Chris & Brittany Garcia, Captains Bill, Susan, Elaina & Crosby Geracia, Dean Goodchild, Dawn Goddard, Olwyn Gordon, Daryl Hardy, Kathryn Hardy, Peter 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.

BIBLE FUN FACT: - "Solomon sent ships to Africa to bring back—amongst other things— 'apes & baboons'. He did this every 3 years—now why on earth would he want so many baboons?"



15th February	Les & Betty Crowder
18th February	Ross & Caryl McCready (50th)



Please pray for Cadets Ashley & Rita Biermann who will be sharing in Ministry with us over the next months. We will meet them in person of February 19th. Above is a family photo starting from the left is our 16 year old (turning 17 on March 16th) son Matthew. Matthew is completing year 12 in Queensland and is a ken gamer on xbox and has a beautiful compassionate and caring heart.

Next is Rita, the love of my life. She is a natural born leader, seriously loves driving hr car—Citroen DS3 (sadly left in Brisbane as we only need one down here). I think this is her Finnish heritage coming out as a rally driver. She loves theme park rides and has a kind and compassionate heart.

Next is me (Ashley), I enjoy a game of cricket, watch the state of origin series in the middle of the year (yes I am a Queenslander). I love God, people and community and miss my family greatly.

Then Natasha our only daughter who has just turned 19. Natasha is studying Justice & Psychology at Queensland University of Technology. She is warm, compassionate and wise beyond her years and is a total Marvel/Star Wars nerd.

Josh is next, born 7 years to the day before Natasha, he is 26. He has just spent a year in Vietnam as an Assistant Manager (Civil Engineer). He came back specifically to support the family with us coming to Sydney. This sums up this young man, just amazing. Loves the Lord with all his heart and is a great mentor for Matthew.

Next is Mark who is 24. He is a chippy (carpenter) and has his own business and doews framing for a home builder. He loves his fiancée Sammie (last on the right) and they will be married mid year (30th June). Mark has known Sammie for three years. I just think it is wonderful to see our family growing."



15th February	Heather Pearce
16th February	Timothy Batcheldor
17th February	Linda Robinson