



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

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Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

TODAY: National Church Life Survey—Along with hundreds of thousands of attenders in Australia’s Christian Churches, you are invited to reflect upon your experiences of church life. Most people will complete this survey within 20 minutes. This is ANONYMOUS. Please do not write your name or identify yourself in any way on the form. Please take a few minutes after the service today to complete the form and hand it back to Bill or Susanne.

Please stay for morning tea following the meeting.

COMING EVENTS—NOVEMBER:

20th Nov Dedication

26th Nov **SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT.** Invite your friends and plan to be here for a night of good fellowship, good music and good food. Our Special Guest for the night will be MARLISA—X Factor winner!! Please bring a plate of food to share for supper.

27th Junior Soldier Enrolment

The Sydney branch of The Salvation Army Historical Society will be holding a special public celebration, ‘The Power of Song’ - A celebration of the Song Book of The Salvation Army held at Hurstville Salvos on Sunday 13th Nov. at 2:30 pm.



CORPS CLEAN UP & DECORATING DAY—SAT. 19th Nov. from 9-12 noon. Morning Tea provided. We would love to see a big group of Corps people here; helping to clean their church! Always proves to be a fun morning of cleaning & fellowship.

Please have a look at the list of jobs below and if you think you can help in any way; just turn up on the day!!!!

Decorate Hall for Christmas. Clean Cadets Office. Clean laundry cupboard outside; Dusting/Wiping/Sweeping Gardening—mainly hedges, Vacuuming, Windows.

Christ-giving Corps Christmas Dinner—December 11th, 5:30 at the Corps. Please write your name on the new list (if it isn’t already there) - there are no tables just a basic list. Money is \$10 for adults & \$5 for under 10 year olds. Money is due by December 4th to Tracey in an envelope with your name on it.

Please note: **IF YOU ARE COMING YOU MUST PUT YOUR NAME DOWN & PAY BY DECEMBER 4th.** We need this for food quantities and table organisation.

Community and Corps Christmas Carols Night. December 18th in the Corps Car Park. Free sausage sizzle. Band playing. Open for the Corps to arrive at 5:30pm—carols will start at 6pm for an hour.



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS.

November 15th Angels—Betty
November 22nd Major Mavis
November 29th Blacktown Band & Captain Bill
Christmas Concert. Bring a plate for Christmas Morning tea. Our Christmas Break up lunch will follow the concert \$5.00



15th November Vickii Banfield
16th November Jenny Humphries
16th November Eliza Douglass
17th November Bronwyn Jenkins
17th November Gaylene Ring



11th November Don & Bronwyn Jenkins



CHRISTMAS!!!

Well it’s that time of year again and as you may know The Salvation Army is very busy. A few things for your calendar: The band does lots of things this time of year within our Community—one of these is going to different neighbourhoods and playing. The actual locations will be out soon (or you can chat to Doug) but this year it will be Dec. 5th, 12th & 19th from around 7-8pm. Come and support the band; Hand out magazines, collect money and chat to the people! Let Doug know if you can help.

Les Crowder is the organiser for our Seven Hills shop collections. He would love to have some more volunteers to please fill the time slots. He does such an amazing job and if anyone can help him in any way please let him know and he can tell you what’s involved.

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Tuesday 22nd November 2016—10:15 am registration. Walk from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch and presentations from 1:00—2:30. Walk from Nurraging Reserve to Alpha Park Blacktown.

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 183.85
Generous Life \$ 1,135.00



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. Thanks Kath for the lovely flowers you bring. They really brighten up the hall.

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 & Isaac Hindle as they work towards the Commissioning of the "Joyful Intercessors 2015 -2016 at Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, South Brisbane on Sunday 4th December at 10am & 2:30 pm.

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

Pray for those who have finally finished their HSC. Pray for a time of relaxation and re-grouping as they consider their future.

This week pray especially for:

John, Letitia, Nathan, Sarah & Hannah Hughes, John, Barbara & Warren Hughes, John Hughes, John, Jenny, Marc, Cameron, Ian & Keeleigh Humphreys, Mavis Humphreys, Colleen Hunt.

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.

KIDS—Please find a worksheet just for you out the back!!! Fill it in: colour & decorate it!!

If you would like a prayer request or a News Item added to the Newsletter or you have a Praise Point or Answer to Prayer, please let Gail know so it can be recorded.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS have been made for

Please pray for Masala Laumua—Masala's younger sister has passed away in New Zealand and Masala is having an operation on the 3rd November.

Elaine, keep praying for healing.

Bruce Parker—is now in a nursing home in Maryland.

Please pray for Max Roorda who is not really well. He only lives across the road from the hall if you would like to visit—at 7 Lismore St, he finds it difficult to get to the meetings these days. Also pray for Natalia, his wife as she cares for him.

Luka Angel

KIDS NEWS: If you have any news about your "kids" you would like to share, please let Gail know so it can be included.

Brysun Menon gained 3 Merit Certificates from School this week. Congratulations Brysun.

Brysun will be enrolled as a Junior Soldier on Sunday 27th November. Pray for Brysun as he prepares for this very important step in his life. We will have a special morning tea for Brysun after the enrolment. If you would like to bring something for morning tea that day it would be great to share together.

SUPER HERO CHRISTMAS—Kids come dressed as FAVOURITE SUPER HERO. Sausage Sizzle, Carol Singing, **DAIVASANNIDHI TELUGU FELLOWSHIP**. At The Salvation Army, 2 Kempsey St. Blacktown. 18th December 6pm. Call Susanne at 0428314291 for further details.

FIRE ANOTHER FOLLY—A humorous look at the Army. Order a copy of Fire Another Folly by Lindsay Cox and Gordon Main. Great as a stocking stuffer! In Trade November 2016. Special Offer Fire & Folly & Fire another Folly 2 for \$10 (while stocks last). Order from thetrade.salvos.org.au (RRP \$7)

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IS THE BEST WITNESS
TO A HURTING WORLD.**