



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

6th March 2016



## Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

### TODAY:

10 am Prayer Meeting in Hall.

Staff Songsters joining with us for worship.

Join with us for Morning Tea following the meeting.

Thank you to the Sydney Staff Songsters and our Band and Timbrels for a great night of Praise & Fellowship last night.

The **SELF DENIAL APPEAL** started (February 14th) with the Altar Service being Sunday March 20th. Please prayerfully consider how much you are able to give. There will be information during the morning meetings and also on the back table are booklets and envelopes.

**MARCH: Please Note: There will be NO Newsletter next week.**

12th—13th March Band & Timbrels in Orange. (No Delve this week)

20th March Palm Sunday & Altar Service 10:30

24th March Passover Meal at 6pm -please sign up on the notice board if you are coming. \$ 5.

25th March Good Friday Service 9:30am

27th March Dawn Service 6:30 am, Oasis 9 am, Sunday Morning Meeting at 10:30am.

International Day of Prayer for Children.

### HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS



8th March Betty

15th March Tony Reid—Maritime Museum AE2 Australian Submarine.

22nd March Major Mavis “The Passover” Easter Meeting

29th March Maree Hill “What’s the Buzz”

A Big Thank You to the Home League who have generously donated \$200 to our Youth Group here at the Corps. What a lovely way to encourage our Youth and Leaders THANK YOU!

March 15th Home League will be selling new homi-ped shoes at 20% off. See Betty or Elaine for more details.

**AVAILABLE:** 2 Ladies Navy Lapel Uniforms size 14. Also a women’s zip up ‘army’ jacket size L, 2 white lapel blouses & maroon 3/4 sleeve blouse. Please see Gail Salmon for more details.

### EASTER SERIES

### “Love Ran Red”

6th March Matthew 27:46 “Why have you forsaken me”  
Sydney Staff Songsters.

13th March Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them” Mavis/Band & Timbrels in Orange.

20th March John 19:28 “I Thirst”

25th March John 19:30 “It is finished”

27th March Luke 23:43 “You will be with me in paradise”

Please PRAY for John & Lorraine Hughes. Lorraine had a major heart attack yesterday and is Nepean Hospital undergoing surgery for a brain aneurism. Please support John and pray for Lorraine & the Doctors who are caring for her.

### BLACKTOWN TIMBREL BRIGADE

A big thank you to Tracey who has been leading the Timbrel Brigade Thank you for all your hard work and devotion to the ministry of the Timbrels. Tracey has passed on the responsibility of leadership to Whitney and Carmen and they are doing a fabulous job week in, week out of nurturing and inspiring 9 ladies with the timbrel. They are an amazing brigade who choose both band sons and contemporary sons and put them into a timbrel march. Lets continue to encourage these girls as they praise God in this way. The brigade has been going on here in Blacktown for many years and now after a little break there is also a junior brigade.



The Girls are amazing and do a lovely job of praising God—lets continue to encourage our young people.

Pray for the GENEROUS LIFE COACHING to take place in April.

There will be NO meeting at the Corps on May 29th because of RED SHIELD. Pray for the special time and be prepared to assist where you can.

### WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 239.20

Generous Life \$ 780.00



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for Rena.

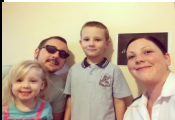
Keep Praying for Kath Paddison.

Pray for Sandra Robinson & Phil Robinson who are not well at this time.

Pray for Estelle Ring.

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 join us for out training from 20th March.

Pray for Ted Norval after his recent operation.

Pray for Peter Hardy as he is at School for Youth Leadership. Pray that God will guide and bless him in all he does.

Please pray for Rose Newland (Debbie's Mum) as she is not well at this time.

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

Pray for Debbie Newland who will be enrolled as an adherent of our Corps on April 3rd. Lets pray for her and thank God for her!

### This week pray especially for:

Max & Natalia Roorda, Peter Rumble, Tina Rumble, David & Gail Salmon, Kom Shol, Edwin Spindler, Manuel, John & Rebecca Sushmitha, Sandra Tillson.

**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.



The Red Shield Family Store is in need of **CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS** and/or **Newspapers**. If anyone can assist please see Mark Andrews.

**GOOD NEWS KEPT SILENT IS NO NEWS AT ALL.**

**SINGING GOD'S PRAISES WILL NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE.**



21st Feb	Bronwyn Ring
7th March	Ted Norval
9th March	Tat Mwanza & Carly Tomlins
11th March	Alexandra White
14th March	Sandra Robinson
18th March	Elaina Geracia



10th March Noelene & Ivan Kelly

### SPECIAL NOTE FROM COMMISSIONER CONDON:

Dear Salvationists, Colleagues & Friends,

Today marks a significant day in the history of The Salvation Army as we announce the unification of the Australia Southern & Australia Eastern Territories.

This decision can best be summarised by our shared conviction that we are better together. We eagerly desire the eradication of poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, addiction, loneliness, and every other form of needless suffering. Such a pursuit requires an Army that is strong, focused and united.

The combining of our two territories will strengthen the delivery of our mission, allowing us to build upon the best of each territory.

Our goal is nothing less than the realisation of abundant life for every Australian.

We acknowledge that this announcement will bring about many questions. Answers to these questions will be developed over time, and we give you our commitment that this process will be open and consultative throughout.

We will listen to God, and we will listen to you, in order to make the best decisions for the success of our mission now and into the future.

We encourage you today with the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote to the church in Ephesus saying: *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph: 4:2-6 NIV)*

*May God bless each of you, and may God bless The Salvation Army for His Glory.*

James Condon (Commissioner)    Floyd Tidd (Commissioner)  
Australian Eastern Territory    Australian Southern Territory