



# THE SALVATION ARMY Melbourne Red Shield Band NEWSLETTER

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## Cairo Red Shield March

**Albert S. Raikes**

The band has been playing this march during the year and the story behind it is an interesting one.

A band was formed for service during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War attached to Cairo Corps in East Palestine, serving in the early forties and named the *Cairo Red Shield Band* . . .

General George Carpenter presented the first instruments to the band at Regent Hall, London, and then they were handed over for shipment overseas. However, the allied cause was in dire distress during early 1942 and owing to enemy action something like 30 instruments were lost at sea.

Another shipment was made and on 20 May 1943 the first cases containing one bass drum, a side drum, an Eb tenor horn and a BBb bass arrived at Cairo Red Shield Hostel. Then in late June more cases arrived and a complement of 16 instruments were put into use. A set of books of favourite marches and selections had been sent, also a number of Salvation Army tune books and so a start was made right away.

Bandsman Frank Loder, solo trombonist from Chalk Farm took up the baton and within the first week a visit was made to an Egyptian



Christian Mission. Then almost immediately Frank was posted and there also arose the problem of the boys always being on the move.

The above notes appeared in *The Musician* October-December 1979 contributed by John Feltwel.

There is much more to read about this band on the Blue Label Zonophone site maintained by Ian Barton from Adelaide.

[www.regalzonophone.com](http://www.regalzonophone.com)



Click on this address and it will take you to many hours of enjoyment listening to Salvation Army music on the website owned by Ian Barton of Adelaide, South Australia. Ian also has photos and articles of the Cairo Red Shield Band as well.

Go to: [www.regalzonophone.com](http://www.regalzonophone.com) to read the full story. Click on 78 RPM Records Index, scroll down to VARIOUS. Scroll down to Cairo Red Shield Band articles.

# winter break



**Kids on song** is an un-auditioned choir for children aged between 6-12 years.

Our aim is to provide children in the north-western suburbs of

Melbourne a quality choral experience, one that is also affordable and accessible to as many children as possible.

Winter Break 2018 was, for Martin Rowden, a time of activity at his corps, Brimbank City. A childrens' singing program was provided for children aged 6 to 12 years in the community, during the school holidays.

This program was led by its director Merryn Steel with assistance from Martin, Jess Fanner, Alison Thompson and others who are experienced in that field. Martin spent time with the children teaching and rehearsing the items.

Three days of singing and learning new songs led to the climax of a programme on the Thursday evening. Sharing the concert with the children was 'Suavis Community Choir', a group of adults, led by Merryn Steel each week.

Audience participation was encouraged by Martin and Merryn which created a happy atmosphere and one of enjoyment throughout the evening.

## Promoted to Glory

Marlene Sanderson, wife of Ron Sanderson (cornet). Marlene supported the band as she took responsibility for the sales of the CD's; counting, sorting and selling at our many concerts. We offer our sincere sympathy to Ron and his family. Commissioner Brian Morgan, a lifetime friend of Marlene, conducted the service on October 4, 2018.

## APPOINTMENTS 2018

**The Band** experienced a busy time throughout 2018 presenting various Programs at six Retirement Villages, and an Anzac Service and Remembrance Day Service at two others. The band supported the Victorian Seniors Rally at Brimbank in March and also appeared at Deakin Edge, Federation Square during Seniors Week.

An excellent morning at Waverley Christian College was experienced at their Church Parade, with approximately 1000 children between the ages of 6 to 12 years in attendance. Visits were also made to Hobsons Bay Corps and Greensborough LLL's.

A "Tea and Tunes" Saturday afternoon concert was presented with the Melbourne Staff Songsters at Camberwell. This proved to be an excellent occasion and is going to be repeated next year.



The year concluded with our annual visit to Epworth Freemasons and Tudor Village in Lilydale, also part bands visited both Millward Aged Care and Blue Cross, Ivanhoe to support their Christmas events.





## COME JOIN US!

Calling ALL Salvationists and Friends  
to join us for a vibrant, traditional meeting

On the first Sunday of every month February - November

**@ The Salvation Army - Waverley Temple**  
958 High Street Road, Glen Waverley Victoria 3150

## Melbourne Salvos@4pm is supported by Melbourne Red Shield Band

NOTE: The MRSB will not be on duty  
during their Winter Break; July and  
August. (Invited corps bands will support  
the Melbourne Salvos @4pm.)

## Afternoon Tea Hostesses

Karen Secomb  
and  
Lesley O'Reilly  
are not only best  
friends—they do  
everything together  
with love and  
support of each  
other. Recently it  
was necessary for  
Lesley to enter



permanent care as her health deteriorated, which has  
led to her no longer able to assist Karen. Together, their  
dedication and service to the band have been  
exemplary and we thank them for that.

We welcome Doss to the hostess team.

Lionel Wood has been a member of the  
band for almost 20 years, and in that time  
has helped produce three CD's. "Just  
Where I Am", "To God be the Glory" and  
more recently the Male Chorus CD,  
"Simply Trusting". The later is still  
available and may be purchased from  
Lionel on 03 9725 8177.



## Simply Trusting

Conducted by LIONEL WOOD

- 1 Simply Trusting \*
- 2 The Message of Cheer
- 3 What a Friend
- 4 Man Alive!
- 5 The Holy City  
Soloist: Lionel Wood
- 6 God's Still the One
- 7 Down the Street  
Soloist: Lionel Wood
- 8 God is Tenderly Watching
- 9 He Walks with God
- 10 Just a Little Closer
- 11 A Different Man  
Soloist: Lionel Wood
- 12 That's the Difference
- 13 The Wonder of It All  
Soloist: Lionel Wood
- 14 By His Hand
- 15 The King is Coming  
Soloist: Lionel Wood
- 16 I Know Thee Who Thou Art
- 17 My Master's Will \*

\* Conducted by Howard Davies

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The Melbourne Red Shield Band Presents

## Simply Trusting The Male Chorus



THE MELBOURNE VETERANS' BAND

A NEW  
CD  
THAT  
YOU  
WILL  
ENJOY

# photos



Top to bottom: Hobsons Bay CC, Charlie Allchin, Brimbank City Corps, MSS and MRSB at Camberwell, Freedom Aged Care at 100 Station Street, Burwood.



## Executive Committee

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