

Central Vic Salvos

24th August 2025

It is wonderful being back here again. Driving around over the last few weeks through quiet country roads and fields of animals, we have been thoroughly enjoying the peace and the beauty of the countryside and have been reminded again of how much we have loved living in Western Victoria previously as part of Western Victoria Division and also as Area Officers.

It has also brought to mind what we have left behind........ where we come from in Adelaide there is a road that we avoid like the plague. South Road, is unfortunately, one of the roads that leads to our house in Adelaide. Constant traffic, no matter what time of day and 23 sets of traffic lights in the space of a few kilometres.

Fortunately for us, there are other roads that lead to our place, and we try to use them whenever we can.

This is unlike Christianity, where there is only one way....

Living a good life, volunteering for The Salvation Army or even working for The Salvos, these things don't make you a Christian. Sitting in a church does not make you a Christian any more than sitting in a garage makes you a car.

There is only one way to become a Christian and that is to ask God to forgive you for all that you have done and that includes not having him in your life and then ask Him to lead your life for the rest of your life. It's not hard or complicated at all and in fact quite easy. It involves sincerely praying a simple prayer such as this.....

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen.

Choosing Him is choosing what is best for your life. No matter what you face in the days ahead, He will always be with you, always be there for you. You no longer have to do life alone.

What God chooses for us is BEST, what we choose for ourselves is second or third best and I don't want that for my life (or for you).

Choose God and choose life, your best life. It won't always be easy as a famous politician once told us, but God will be with you through it all, no matter what.

If you are not sure that you are a Christ follower, then speak to one of your church leaders and they will help set you on the right road.

In the meantime, I am going to keep on enjoying the journey along your beautiful country roads with God as my guide and constant companion and friend through life.

Majors Bev & Paul Beeson
Maryborough Corps





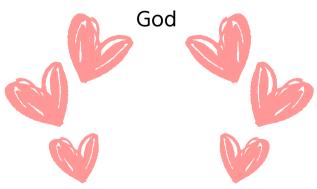
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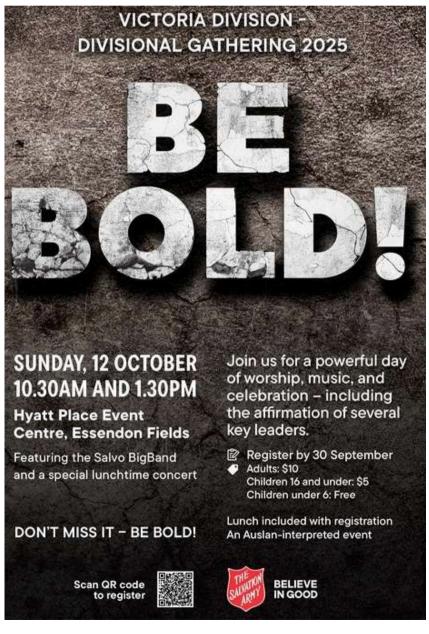
Pray for our assistant Divisional Commander Major Mal Davies as he gets ready to step into the role of the divisional Commander in the coming weeks.

APPRECIATION POST

a big thank you to Majors Bev and Paul for their valuable time they are giving up to help support CVS and the breath of fresh air you have brought to Maryborough.

Such loving and kind people of















Location: Salvation Army L2P Program

Contact: 5440 8410

Volunteer, Become an L2P Mentor!

Help young learner drivers be safer on our roads!

Over 21? Hold a current full Australia drivers license?



Scan the QR code below to find our more or contact us on 03 5440 8410

Where? Bendigo, Macedon Rangers, Maryborough and Surrounds.











PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

If you have any you would like to share below please email centralvicsalvos@salvationarmy.org.au or let your Corps Officer know and they will pass it on



CASTLEMAINE

Prayers for growing connections between families through corps activities
Prayers for local food relief network collaborating across the town
Prayers for much needed public showers for unhoused
Praise God for community members recently finding safe and stable housing
Prayers for members unable to attend because of illness and pain.

Prayers for local Castlemaine community members grieving sudden tragic deaths.

MARYBOROUGH

- 1) over 20 young people went to Melbourne last week to the Youth Alive Rally. Quite a few went forward to make first time decisions or re-commitments. Please continue to uphold them in prayer over the next few weeks.
- 2) Please pray for our CSM Liz who is having a well earned break from looking after the Corps this year.
- 3) With the recent Government funding cuts one of the Doorways Staff who work out of our Corps has been made redundant. Please keep Di in your prayers over this challenging time as she finished up with TSA.
- 4) Please pray for increased numbers in our Thursday group.
- 5) Pray for God's Holy Spirit to move mightily across each of the Corps in the CVS Hub (Bendigo, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk and Maryborough).

FAMILIES MINISTRY

Praise God for growing numbers at kids club in Maryborough

BENDIGO

Prayer requests from Bendigo are:

Peter Cameron: prayer for healing and recovery.

The Salvation army Bendigo site: May God protect the buildings and may His's angels protect it from any breakage and harm.

Junior Soldier's: as we are going to start Junior Soldier classes, may God guide the leaders and prepare the kids so they can follow Jesus and be like Him more.

Spiritual Revival: Please pray for the spiritual revival in Bendigo and across CVS.

Homelessness: prayer for homeless people, as there is a big increase in homelessness.

Ellen: Prayer for her healing.

Leaders: Prayer for the leaders so they get a double portion of the Holy Spirit.

Bendigo

SHOWERS

Showers are available on the following

days - toiletries are provided

Monday: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Tuesdays: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday: 11.30am - 12.30pm



BENDIGO ART SPACE

A free, relaxed drop-in art space.
Inspired by starting afresh and
discovering how the Master Creator can
do something new within us.
Come, be inspired and create with us!

MONDAYS 1:00PM-3:00PM

THURSDAYS 1:00PM-3:00PM

IN SHELTER SHED (OPPOSITE CAFÉ)

Stop by the big orange box next to the Worship Centre and have a chat with our friendly volunteers while you wash your clothes

Monday: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday: 10.30am - 1.00pm

please arrive 45 minutes before closing to allow enough time for your clothes to dry

DROP IN SPACE

Drop in for a coffee and chat every
Thursday from 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Worship Centre
Bendigo Salvos 65-71 Mundy Street

A wonderful morning at Bendigo last Sunday with Comissioner Miriam Gluyas.

So many great people. So many great stories. Junior soldiers in the making. Celebration of so many people. Jesus centred, Spirit led, Hope revealed. Potential galore on the site! Believing big.

Anora gave the Comissioner this lovely card last sunday morning at Bendigo. Love the picture of the 2 of us! (pictured top corner) One side says...."To Miriam. May God bless you. Love from Anora" The other...."We exist to see more people like Jesus by planting and leading local churches"

Listen well to our children. Let them speak. Made my day. (Photo used with permission)



FREE HAIR CUTS

Come down to the Worship Centre and revamp your look with quality hair cuts by the talented stylist from Hair Aid, every 6 weeks from 11.30am - 2.30pm August 28th

















Chapel Service

Come along for our Chapel service. A relaxed service where we celebrate God and who he created us to be.

Every Thursday 11:15am-11:45am Worship centre, enter via back gate





Castlemaine

I wonder what you see in this image?
It's a quick piece I made and then dismantled in the half hour lunchtime art space we run at Maryborough Education Centre in the secondary area each Thursday. Perhaps you see just a bunch of torn up pieces of paper. Maybe your eye is



drawn to the brush marks of paint on the pieces and you wonder what the original image was.

Maybe you are struck by the two sets of spirals – by their separateness or that they are almost touching.

Or intrigued by the five bits in a row over by the edge by themselves.

Or you notice the different individual shapes – long fingers, round blobs, little diamonds, the odd square.

Maybe you have skipped this page because it has art on it and that's not your cup of tea! I readily confess I am fascinated by the way things are arranged in the world in beautiful and complex and slightly unusual ways – shapes in art; the formations of nature; words and grammar in texts in various languages; but more than anything, people.

Watching and observing relationships - the way we hang together in groups and keep ourselves separate, how we align, draw close, or distance or define ourselves against one another is an endless wonder. One of the great joys of my life leading communities of faith in different places and under different banners has been to see how God's ever creative Spirit brings rough edged and torn up souls into a beautiful arrangement when we allow ourselves to orientate around Jesus' love and Lordship, and be moved in the currents of grace and hope.

This artwork, like a number of others I've done like it, wasn't glued in place. It sat freely on the page, until it was time to pack up and go.

This is also something precious in being followers of Jesus. We bring ourselves freely and joyfully and willingly to community – with whole hearts but not under compulsion. We are never glued down. And there is a time to let God pack us all up and move on, or rearrange us completely. This can be painful, but also lead to beautiful new expressions.

Our text this week tells of a time in which Israel's leadership ideas were being radically rearranged. In that process, a little lad who wasn't even on the ballot paper of kingly candidates, left out of the line up and had to be brought in from the edges to be seen, becomes the one through whom God will bring about new courage, creativity and faith in his people as a boy from the back blocks becomes king.

Who knows how God will rearrange us?

CASTLEMAINE DIARY

Monday Aug 25 10 am Playgroup
Wednesday Aug 27 9:30-12:00 Doorways
Wednesday Aug 27 2pm Leadership Meeting at the Quarters
Friday Aug 29 9:30-12:00 Doorways
Sunday August 31 10:30 am Worship
Wednesday Sept 3 9:30-12:00 Doorways
12:30-1:30 Doorways Team Lunch and Meeting
Friday Aug 29 9:30-12:00 Doorways
Sunday Sept 7 10am Pancake Church
Monday Sept 8 - Tuesday Sept 16 Beth on Leave
Sunday Sept 14 10:30 Fleur Hodge leading meeting
Sunday Sept 21 Junior Soldiers Lunch



CASTLEMAINE DOORWAYS

looking for donations of light second hand market trolleys to assist community members.



DOORWAYS VOLUNTEER POSITION:

We are looking for capable volunteers to complement our team in the kitchen and in connecting with community - making coffee, preparing and serving morning tea, keeping on top of the dishes while offering positive welcoming hospitality to the community. Doorways volunteers need to be calm, compassionate, relating to community members in a trauma informed and healing supported approach. Naturally all of the volunteer process (including WWCC and police checks) apply. Speak to Beth if you know someone to recommend or wish to apply.







Monday 1 September to Sunday 7 September We have signed up for 24 / 7 Global Week of prayer movement. Each morning at 9am you are encouraged to come along and prayer for our world. We are meeting for the hour. Morning tea will be supplied at the end. Morning before worship we will come together and celebrate and look forward to hearing what God does and says. God is going to work so powerfully. Invite your friends to come along.



Tools For The Trade (TFTT)

is a transformational program with a 90% success rate in re-engaging vulnerable 16-21 year olds. But without urgent government

Every year, thousands of young Victorians disengage from school and training putting them at greater risk mental ill-health, family breakdown, unemployment, isolation and involvement with the justice system. TFTT interrupts that cycle offering structure, support and real opportunity. It's early intervention that works

SIGN THE PETITION TODAY

It takes 30 seconds, your voice matters. Scan the QR code to access the petition. Once we reach 10,000 signatures, our cause will be heard in **Parliament**



A proven early at risk of closure Each 10 Week program includes

- · Trade tasters at local TAFEs (eg plumbing, automotive)
- · Certified training: white card, first aid/CPR, RSA
- · Teamwork, communication & Resume writing
- · Industry visits, mentoring& work experience
- Health and wellbeing session & Leadership development
- · daily support from positive role models and pathway planning
- TFTT offers more than skills it gives young people stability and support they need to

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are calling on the Victorian Government to secure ongoing funding for Tools For The Trade a program that helps young people rebuild confidence, purpose and belonging through real world skills and support

Help us keep this program running and give more young Victorians a fair chance at a brighter future.

HARVEST WEEKEND October 25 & 26 With Major Mal Davies. Saturday evening will be a games and a auction. More details to come.

Spiritual Retreat

This event for Eaglehawk is happening. Friday 21 - Monday 24 November 2025.

This will allow each person to connect more with Jesus, team building and so much more.

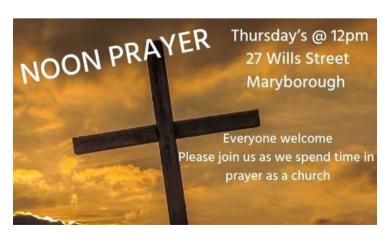
Camp Getaway has been booked in Axedale. Please register your interest.

This includes your accommodation, all food and supplies. You are welcomed to commence a payment, see Major Karen. More details will be given once you have registered.

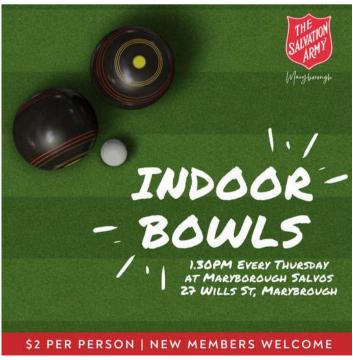
Maryborough



On Saturday 16th August Maryborough Salvation Army took 23 salvos and 23 Genisis Church members to Melbourne Exhibition Centre to the Youth Alive Main Event which hosted more than 300 different youth ministries across Victoria. The event hosted a rapper by the name of Y Shadey from London who rapped his lyrics about God, sharing how he prayed for his best friend, his mum, to survive her battle with cancer, as she was his light at the end of the tunnel. The guest speaker Matt Wilesmith spoke closely about when Jesus was on the cross he's final words were "It is Finished!" John 19:30 and how we're not finished as people or that our life is finished as God never stops working on us, but what is finished is the sin that stops us from getting to him. This message impacted each of our youth as 7 of them had made either a first time choice or recommitment to Jesus.







BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square Ph: (03) 5459 0504

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9am-2pm Saturday

BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP

18 Pall Mall, Bendigo Ph: (03) 5459 0509

Open Hours:

9:30am-4:00pm Monday to Saturday

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark Ph: (03) 5459 0508

Open Hours:

9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday 9:30am-4pm Saturday

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: (03) 5459 0506

Open Hours:

10am-4pm Monday to Friday 10am-3pm Saturday

ST ARNAUD THRIFT SHOP

70-72 Napier Street, St Arnaud Ph: (03) 5459 0503

Open Hours:

9:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday 10am-2pm Saturday

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

114 High Street, Avoca Ph: (03) 5459 0502

Open Hours:

10:00am - 3:30pm Mon, Wed, Fri

BENDIGO

MONDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal 1.00pm - Art Space 12.30pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers 12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing

TUESDAY

12.30pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers

THURSDAY

9.30am to 12.30pm - Free Showers 10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing 11.15am - Chapel 12.00pm - Community Meal 1.00pm - Art Space 3.00 to 5.00pm - Drop in space 6.00 to 7.15pm - Zac's Place 12.00 to 2.00pm - Free Hair cuts (see Hair Aid poster)

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.30pm - Free Showers

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service 11.30am-12.30pm - Free Showers 4.00pm - Discovery Church

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup*

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways 10:30am - Women's Fellowship

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

THURSDAY

9.30am - Playgroup * 12.00pm - Noon Prayer 1.30pm - Bowls 4.00pm - Kids Club *

FRIDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways 5.00pm - Faith Chats * 6.00pm - Youth Group *

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting 10.00am - Celebration Service (All Age Worship 1st, Corps Lunch 3rd Sunday) 12.00pm - Junior Soldiers (3rd Sunday)

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

3:35 to 5pm - Choir Practice.

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community 1.30pm - Band Practice* 3.00pm - Bible Study * 4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - Hall

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

9:40am - prays

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

*not on during school Holidays

27 Wills St, Maryborough



THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

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corpsofficer.eaglehawk@salvationarmy.org.au

CASTLEMAINE

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MARYBOROUGH

Majors Bev & Paul Beeson

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Doorways is our Community Support program. It is the entryway through which those experiencing hardship and/or disadvantage can take proactive steps to find the support they need to overcome life's challenges and find long-term solutions. We offer a range of services from emergency relief to case management and more.

If you are experiencing hardship or financial difficulties, please call the Salvos Phone Assistance Line (PAL) on <u>03 8873 5288</u>.

This service operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Please be aware no assistance interviews will be conducted from our local sites. Community members presenting to any of our Central Vic Salvos sites will be invited to contact Salvos PAL.



The Salvation Army Central Victoria acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future. We value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and intersex status. We are committed to providing programs that are fully inclusive. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of people of all ages, particularly children.