

Central Vic Salvos

31st August 2025

Greetings everyone!

As I was preparing for a sermon recently, I was reminded of a quote commonly attributed to Albert Einstein. The quote is this: "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result" Whilst this may not seem to be a particularly spiritual quote, it reminds me that God is always up to something new. Many Bible passages, especially in the Old Testament use that kind of terminology......God is doing a new thing or God will do a new thing. And the situation is no different today, I believe He is always doing new things.

If we think of the story where Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead in Mark Chapter 5, Jesus tells Jairus and the three disciples who witnessed the event to not tell anyone about it. Why? Because He knew that once the word spread there would be a commotion, just like there was when He raised Lazarus from the dead. And that commotion with Lazarus ended in the Jewish leaders setting in motion the plan to kill Jesus. Jesus wasn't afraid of dying, He knew that was always going to happen, it was the timing that was the problem. This incident with Jairus occurred relatively early in Jesus' ministry and His disciples weren't yet prepared for the new Kingdom that Jesus was ushering in. In the same way, Jesus wants us to be part of ushering in His Kingdom, and we too need to be prepared. We need to do new things, the old way of doing things doesn't work anymore. Think of how the world has changed over the last few years, how different nearly every aspect of life is and we need to adapt to this. The message hasn't changed; Jesus still is calling people back into The Fathers family. We still need to show people the love of God in our actions and in our words but how we do that is changing. So, I would encourage you in your Corps to work with your Corps Officers and Ministry Leaders to do ministry differently. Let's go and see how we can join in with Jesus and change our world!

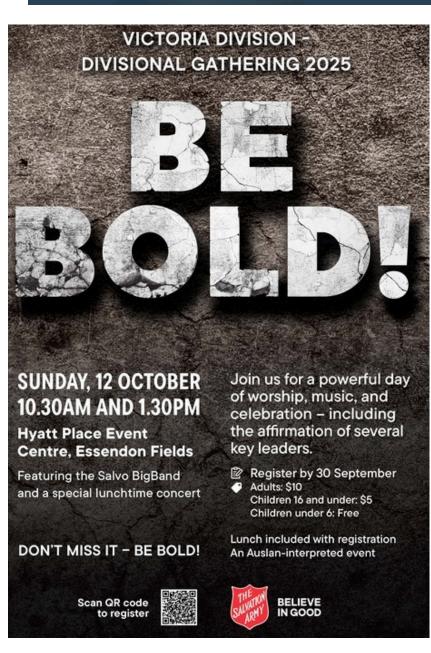
Major Paul Beeson, CVS Team Leader





To purchase any uniform items you need to use the online ordering. To provide Soldiers with access to the new purchasing platform, we require the information requested in the form linked in the QR code or

https://www.salvosonline.org.au/unifor m-orders





Location: Salvation Army L2P Program

Contact: 5440 8410

Volunteer. Become an L2P Mentor!

Help young learner drivers be safer on our roads!

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

Where? Bendigo, Macedon Rangers, Maryborough and Surrounds.

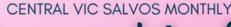








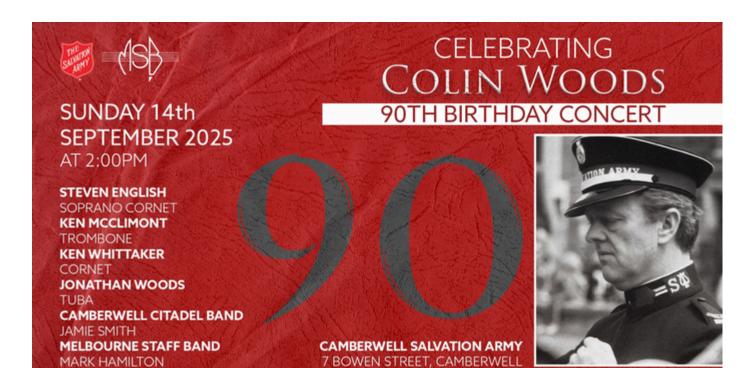






Maryborough Corps 27 Wills St, Maryborough

Please bring a plate of food to share following the meeting







PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

Commissioner Miriam Gluyas

Dear friends.

It is always good to be able to share with you in this way, and I come today with high faith because I take seriously the prophetic voices within our movement. I listen, I pray, and I ask God to reveal what must be spoken and

I believe this is one of those moments.

One of our prophets shared this recently, and I share it with you.

"Recently, God spoke to me through the story of Moses and the burning bush. When Moses saw the bush ablaze yet not consumed, he made a decision to turn aside and see. And when God saw that Moses had turned aside, He called him into his divine purpose.

"So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am ..." Exodus 3:4

"... Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." Exodus 3:10

I believe this is a prophetic moment for us as The Salvation Army. God is calling us to turn aside from familiar paths, even from good things, to seek His voice afresh. He is inviting us into a new season, shaped not by our plans but by His.

This is a call to seek Him first, sit at His feet, and listen. We must become a movement marked not just by action, but by surrender; where every decision, innovation, and ministry flows from hearing Him speak."

Halftime in the arena ...

I don't want to trivialise this but let me offer a picture, one that many of us know well. Let's liken this moment to a game of football. I'll use AFL, but the principle applies across every code.

It's halftime, the team is getting thrashed. The scoreboard is discouraging and sadly, some are criticising the coach and the players, who are giving their all. Criticism is loud. Confidence is low.

... but in the changerooms, something shifts. A new strategy comes into play. The coach speaks, the players listen and there's a hope growing.

By three-quarter time they are still seven goals behind. But then the tide turns ... six, five, four, three, two, one goal down... and then they win!

Amazingly, the crowd changes too. They are no longer critics, they are cheerleaders. They stop saying "they" and start saying "we." The game becomes winnable. Hope rises. Unity returns.

Something changed at half time ...

The coach speaks. The strategy shifts. The team listens.

God is speaking and the call is clear.

"... return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity." Joel 2:12–13

This is our halftime moment ... Our moment to turn aside and see!

Not with our own ideas, but with surrendered hearts.

Not with fear, but with faith. Not with distraction, but with devotion.

Let's not be distracted. The enemy would love for us to focus on the wrong thing.

Let's lift our eyes.

Let's hear His voice.

Let's respond with faith and obedience.

Let's call people higher.

Let's speak boldly about what God is doing.

Let's shift the conversation from what's broken to what's being birthed.

This is a holy moment, let's not miss it.

So I invite you to turn aside and see!

Thank you to those already on this journey.

The Salvation Army was, and still is, God's good idea.

I'm believing for big things because we serve a magnificent God.

Please join me, join us, and most importantly, join Jesus.

Bless you, friends,

Commissioner Miriam Gluyas
Territorial Commander



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Showers

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Monday: 1

Our shower is open on the following days for anyone experiencing homelessness.

Monday: 12:00pm- 3:00pm Tuesday: 12:00pm-3:00pm Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm Sunday: 11:30am-12:30pm

Bendigo Salvos 65-71 Mundy st worship centre





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

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





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

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NOT THE VOICE OF THE LORD...



I have a sister – she's blonde haired and blue eyed and REALLY REALLY LOUD!!!, and I'm green-eyed, dark and broody and introverted and shy; she was born in the city in the seventies, and I was born in the country in the sixties.

She's a Gen Y and I'm Gen X, She's the classic youngest child (by nearly a decade) and I'm the quintessential middle child. But there's lots of similarity between us: she's a minister too like me, she also did a music degree at the conservatorium majoring in voice like me. We've both done lots of theatre and clowning, and we both write stories and poetry and liturgy.

When we both lived at home one of us could call out and mum would not be able to tell which voice she was hearing. We sound so alike.

Reading the stories of 1 Samuel we have been noticing the recurring theme of the voice of God. Young Samuel hears the voice of God as a little fellow and doesn't recognize it; later in life as he chooses the next king, he hears God's advice over and over, saying the same thing.

This week we shift to the next generation and again it's a young lad David who astonishes us: David listens to his brothers, and the troops and the kings and the enemy champion – and he knows that none of them are speaking for God. Fear and intimidation and bullying and over compensation and defensiveness – and a whole bunch of other voices are not the Voice of the Lord.

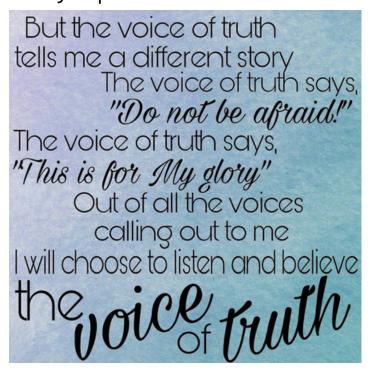
God's voice speaks truth and courage, grace and mercy, justice and righteousness, resistance to evil, support for the downtrodden, wholeness and healing.

If you feel like you haven't heard from God in a while, and those other voices are shouting loudly,

Here's a song 'Voice of Truth' by Casting Crowns to re attune your ears. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cKm_mYVPQE

CASTLEMAINE DIARY

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.



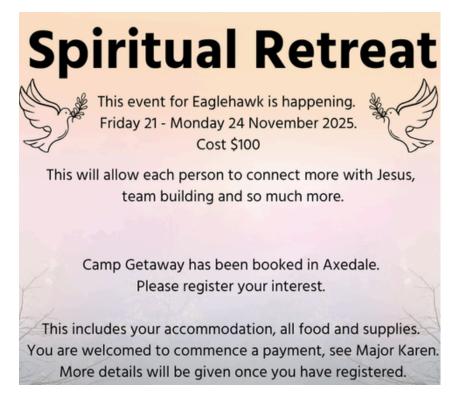
Monday 1 September to Sunday 7 September



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.







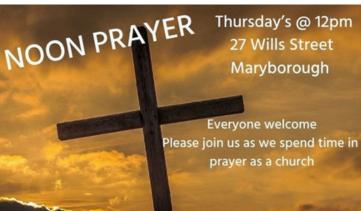


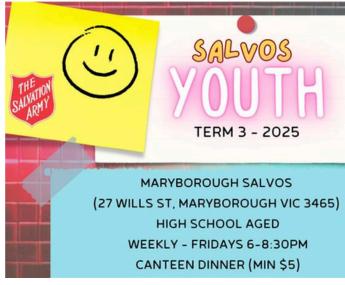
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Do you listen to the Spirit? Or do you just read your list to God?











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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

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

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

27 Wills St, Maryborough

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

*not on during school Holidays

10.30am - Worship Service



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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.