



Central Vic Salvos

21st September 2025

I was recently talking with a young person who was telling me that he is going on holiday soon with a friend to help his friend make wise choices/decisions. His friend is easily influenced and can therefore get himself into some bad situations, but his friend does listen to his advice and therefore he hopes to influence him to make those wise choices.

We hear quite a lot lately about “influencers” – but what is an influencer? (From the internet)

Influencers are individuals with large or highly engaged social media followings who hold considerable sway in specific industries such as beauty, fashion, fitness, travel, and food. Known for their authenticity and innovative approaches, they use their specialized knowledge and authority to influence target audiences.

Authenticity does not mean right - Authenticity is the quality of being genuine or real, referring to both external objects being free from imitation and a person's internal consistency between their values and their actions. So as long as their values and their actions match, they are called authentic. But what if their values are not good values?

I would say what is more important is that influencers are only valuable to us if they have values that match our own Christian values. Some of the Social Media influencers that I have seen definitely do not.

And yet, in some ways we are all influencers – we all have the capacity to influence someone for good or for bad.

I loved the message from our Territorial Commander, Miriam Gluyas a few weeks ago. Miriam used these words when describing a football game.

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.

Unfortunately, this happens all too often. Someone gets disgruntled with what is happening at their local Corps, they don't like how something has been handled, or they don't like what has been said and what do they do – they start grumbling, complaining, criticising and maybe even leave and go somewhere else (and you could say that's a good thing – a blessed subtraction no less).

But they don't usually stop there – they usually keep knocking and criticising until others join in or someone stops them. This is not the way to handle a situation – it is just spreading the poison. This is one of those times when criticism is loud and confidence is low and it can continue to do damage.

The enemy loves these things – he continues to build on them and they can grow dangerously and do much harm to the church. This is the church turning in on itself. It harms all of us. It harms the church. It reflects badly on Christianity, and it can put people off believing in Christianity or our wonderful God.

My husband often challenges people to REPRESENT Jesus well and that our daily lives should RE – PRESENT Him well. We do represent Jesus and if we are doing it badly, we have a lot to answer for.

So, my challenge to you this week is twofold –

“How well are you representing our Amazing God in your lives?”

“Are you influencing people towards Him or away from Him?”

God bless you each – as you go about the next week, BE AN INFLUENCER FOR GOD – may your values and actions speak loudly to others and influence them to seek Him out.

Blessings Major Bev Beeson



Meeting with MP Lisa Chesters this past week in Bendigo about homelessness



ARMY OF
VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED



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 out more or contact us on
03 5440 8410



Where? Bendigo, Macedon Rangers, Maryborough and Surrounds.



Seniors' Celebration

I'LL STAND FOR CHRIST

24 September, 2025

Featuring
The Red Shield Band
Guest Speaker Major Kim Haworth

Event - \$10 per person
Including hot lunch provided by
Salvation Army Emergency Services

The Itinerary
10:15am Entry and Morning Tea
11:00 Senior's Celebration
12:30 Lunch
1:30pm Red Shield Band Concert

Competition
Your artistic expression of the theme
'I'll Stand for Christ'.
e.g. painting, sculpture, poetry, photo etc.
Bring entry with you on the day.
Please email Major Allison what you are
bringing to allow space:
allison.footer@salvationarmy.org.au

Choir and Timbrel Brigade
If you would like to join the choir or
timbrel brigade please contact:
Timbrel: Annette - daves6@bigpond.net.au
Choir: Merryn - mssteel@netspace.net.au

Registrations
Close on 12 September
Registrations online or
through your leader



Hosted by Ringwood Corps
49/53 Wantirna Rd, Ringwood VIC 3134



VICTORIA DIVISION - DIVISIONAL GATHERING 2025

BE BOLD!

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER
10.30AM AND 1.30PM

**Hyatt Place Event
Centre, Essendon Fields**

Featuring the Salvo BigBand
and a special lunchtime concert

Join us for a powerful day
of worship, music, and
celebration – including
the affirmation of several
key leaders.

Register by 30 September
Adults: \$10
Children 16 and under: \$5
Children under 6: Free

Lunch included with registration
An Auslan-interpreted event

DON'T MISS IT – BE BOLD!

Scan QR code
to register




**BELIEVE
IN GOOD**



Be Seen Wear it



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/uniform-orders>

UNIFORMS/BRADED CLOTHING

Just a short couple of words to those of us who have items of uniform or other branded clothing like Central Vic Salvos Hoodies for example. **BE SEEN, WEAR THEM!** As we are a relatively small Church it is important that we show a presence in the local community and this is the easiest way to do it. Generally speaking, people love the Salvos so we can be proud to wear our uniforms. And you never know, it might open a door to talk to someone about our faith!

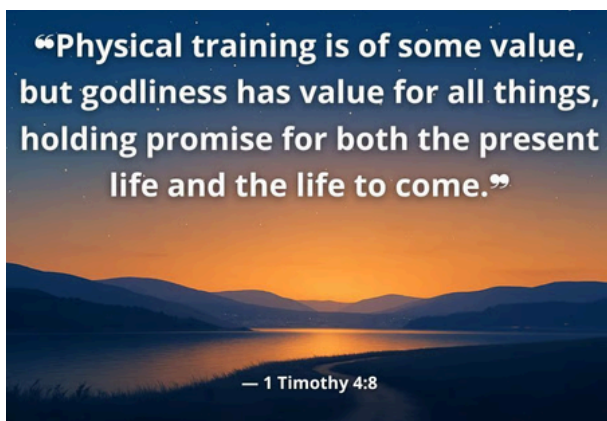
CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

Prayer & Worship Night

2.30pm
Sunday 28th September 2025
Bendigo Corps
65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

Please bring a plate of food to share following the meeting

Not once into the Bible does it say to worry about it, stress over it, or figure it out. But over and over it says to **Trust God.**



Job Opportunity
Families Team Member

The Family Youth & Children's Ministry Coordinator supports Central VIC Salvos Corps Officers under the direction of the Team Leader to develop and facilitate family, youth, and children's ministry in an integrated setting. You will be an active member of the Family Youth & Children's Ministry Team, delivering programs, supervising volunteers, and providing pastoral care within The Salvation Army's policies.

This is a part time (10 hour per week) 6-month fixed term vacancy located in Maryborough, VIC.

<https://www.seek.com.au/jobs/in-Maryborough-VIC-3465?jobId=87079384>

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



BENDIGO CORPS

For Pakistan because its under worst flood. Also some part of India and Nepal.

The Salvation Army Bendigo Site: Pray for God's protection over our buildings, that His angels may guard them from any harm or break-ins.

AOD Programme: Give thanks for the many people who have benefited through this ministry. Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to be evident among the 30+ staff and the many beneficiaries.

Junior Soldier Classes: As we begin a new Junior Soldier class, pray for God's guidance for the leaders and for the children, that they may follow Jesus and grow to be more like Him.

Spiritual Revival: Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Bendigo and across the Central Victoria Salvos (CVS).

New CVS Leaders: Please uphold them in prayer as they step into their roles, seeking God's wisdom and strength.

Leaders: Pray that all our leaders may be filled with a double portion of the Holy Spirit as they serve.

Father's Day: May God Bless all Fathers

MARYBOROUGH CORPS



Tristan and the other youth leaders as they lead the youth program in our Corps.

For those who are leading the meetings and preaching until our incoming officers are here.

For new volunteers in our Food Pantry

New COs as they enjoy some furlough before preparing to take up their appointment.

Lord, You have promised us: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7). Today, we come before You asking, seeking, and knocking with faith. May Your will be done, and may Your Spirit guide us as we lift up these requests.

FAMILIES TEAM

The 33 Children, Youth and Leaders that are going to kids and youth camp this week in Phillip Island

CASTLEMAINE CORPS

Pray for Beth on leave, leading at Leaders to Go conference in Stanwell Tops, and for safe travels on the road.

Pray for our youngsters in the finals season in their chosen sports - for joy and grace and all the great lessons tough challenges teach us to be well learned.

EAGLEHAWK CORPS

Uniting within the Christian Churches, as we are all under the church of Jesus Christ.

Musical support - in their preparation and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

All believer in Jesus will attend this event.

Others discovering Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Bendigo

SHOWERS



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

65-71 Mundy St
Worship Centre

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

Community Meals

We have three free Community Meals each week.

Monday (held by Impact Recovery): 12:00pm-1:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Friday (held by MADCOW) 10:30am-12:00pm



Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st
Hilltop Café



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)
65-71 MUNDY ST

Maryborough



NOON PRAYER

Thursday's @ 12pm
27 Wills Street
Maryborough

Everyone welcome
Please join us as we spend time in prayer as a church

Please note doorways will be closed the following dates

Friday 26th September

Monday 29th September

Wednesday 1st October

IN RECESS

Kids Club - resuming Thursday 9th October

Youth Group - Resuming Friday 10th October

Castlemaine

DIARY

Sunday Sept 21 - Junior Soldiers Lunch

IN RECESS

Play Group
Resuming Monday 7th October

CASTLEMAINE DOORWAYS

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



Eaglehawk

PRAYING FOR REVIVAL BENDIGO

Saturday 15 November

More details will be coming out later. This event will be happening at the Garden of the Future in While Hills Botanic Garden.


HARVEST WEEKEND

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

THE SALVATION ARMY
Eaglehawk

harvest

Spiritual Retreat



This event for Eaglehawk is happening.
Friday 21 - Monday 24 November 2025.
Cost \$100

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.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Friday 26 September
10:30am

The Red Trike Rabbit Cafe
Eaglehawk





Thrift Shops

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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

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)

27 Wills St, Maryborough

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

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

*not on during school Holidays



Contact Us

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EAGLEHAWK

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MARYBOROUGH

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2 WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON
PLACE YOUR CASH
OR ENVELOPES IN
THE OFFERING PLATE



ONLINE
VIA BPAY
BILLER CODE: 437855
REFERENCE #: 10009



doorways

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 03 8873 5288.
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.