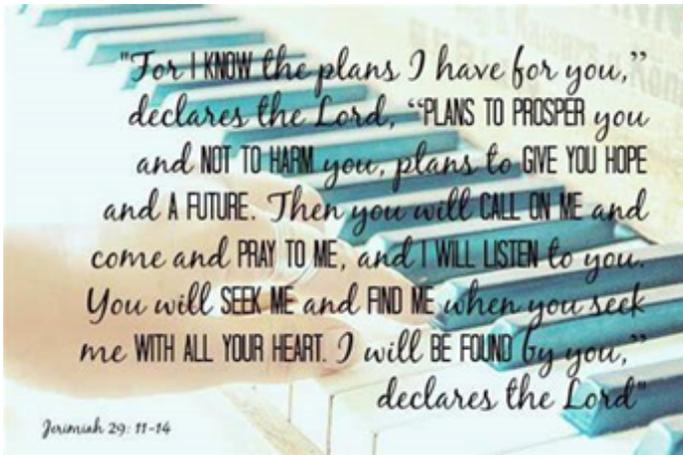




Central Vic Salvos

22nd February 2026



Have you ever had those times when you have made plans and suddenly, they have had to change? Last year was certainly that for us here are some of the plans that changed last year.

Come back to Australia from the Solomon Islands for a month's holiday to meet our first grandchild. ✓. Catch up with family. Some we did and some we did not, so half a check ☐. Catch up with friends. ✓. Me being sick for two weeks during our holidays and ending up in hospital for a week, definitely not X.

Conduct our granddaughter's dedication. ✓ Rob was able to, unfortunately I was in hospital. Return to the Solomon Islands for another year and a half after our holidays X. Unfortunately, this did not happen due to me being so sick with Malaria and if I returned to the Solomon's and was reinfected that it could be fatal. Our plans had certainly changed and all within a few weeks.

Leaving the Solomon Islands was not easy. I questioned God. I asked him why could I not go back? Why was I needing to leave a ministry that I loved? Why couldn't I go back to the people I loved? I had so many questions and in some ways I still do, however during that time I kept coming back to the scripture from Jeremiah 29:11-14.

This verse should was a great encouragement for me. It reminded me that I was not alone and that he was with me. You see God is not fickle, and He keeps His promises! He promises to use each one of his people in His plans, God does not let us down he promises us that we are saved, when we ask him into our lives. God does not change, no matter how individuals or the world does or when our circumstances change, GOD DOES NOT CHANGE, and we as believers can be rest assured that He will keep His promises.

I am ever thankful that during the times of uncertainty and confusion on what would lay ahead for us coming back to Australia that God was there and has everything in his hands. He is reliable and is always there no matter what and even in the days where I may not see him at work he is there and he will always be there for me.

So, when I look at the plans that were made in the middle of last year there are lots of ticks beside them. Rob to go back to Solomons for three months to pack up house and finish off projects ✓ I return to the Solomons for five days to say goodbye to our people ✓ Have holidays in Magnetic Island QLD ✓ Help our daughter move house ✓ Receive our new appointments as Central Vic Salvos Team Leader (Rob) and Corps Officer of Maryborough Corps (Ness) ✓✓ Move to Maryborough ✓ Have Christmas in Melbourne with our children and our granddaughter ✓ Start our new appointments ✓✓ Know that God has everything in his hands ✓ Enjoy the Journey ✓

Keep loving Jesus

Major Vanessa Evans





NEW YORK STAFF BAND LIVE IN BALLARAT



NEW YORK STAFF BAND

KING OF KINGS

Friday 20 March @ 7.30pm

Ballarat Central Uniting Church, 103 Lydiard Street S, Ballarat

Adults \$25 / Children under 16 \$10

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“We are motivated by love to invest in these young lives—empowering them through education, dignity and hope.”

Captain Jean Marie Usabimana (PR Secretary),
The Salvation Army Rwanda Territory



BELIEVE IN GOOD

FREE
EVENT

Victoria Divisional Gathering Save the Date

Sunday 4 October

Main Service @ 3PM

Join us for Spirit-filled worship, fellowship & celebration as we come together for the afternoon. Kid's Church will run during the service in a separate room at the centre.

Youth Service @ 6PM

Stay for praise, fun & prayer with youth & young adults from around the Division.

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006

We look forward to you joining us for a day together later this year so please keep this date clear. We will have more information for you in the near future.



World Day of Prayer

6th March

THE good news Bible Society

CALL

Bendigo Salvo's
Time: 10.00am
Followed by morning tea at 11.00am
65-71 Mundy Street, Bendigo
Worship Centre Gate No.1

Castlemaine Area
Maldon - St. Brigid's Catholic Church
5-7 Chapel St Maldon 10.30 am
Newstead - All Saints Anglican Church
26 Panmure St Newstead 10.00am

Eaglehawk Salvo's
Time: 10.30am
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk

Maryborough
Time: 10.00am
Church Of Christ 49 Clarendon St, Maryborough

Bringing Bibles, healing,
and help for Nigeria's
displaced



MONTHLY QUIET CHALLENGE

February: Listen to His Word

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16

Choose a short passage each week and write one thought or prayer.



Harcourt Bushfire Recovery Event Saturday Feb 21 and Sunday Feb 22

An important opportunity to show our continued support for the whole community of Harcourt as well as the specific assistance given to the fire-affected through the Salvation Army

Helping Harcourt Heal
Woop Woop Sculpture
Garden and Miniature Golf
171 Blackjack Rd, Harcourt VIC



VMR

Rising from the Ashes

Fundraiser for the VMR and Community Projects

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd
February 2026 | 8am - 5pm

\$10 Per ticket

Under 2 and Companion Card holders Free

All taken funds raised stay local

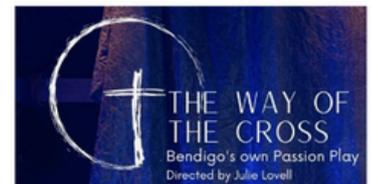
Sausage Sizzle on site both days

FUNDRAISER

Raising money for the group
The Way of the Cross

Movie: I Can Only Imagine 2
Where: Bendigo Cinema
Date: Sunday 15th March
Time: 4pm

More information to come.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS
Bendigo's own Passion Play
Directed by Julie Lovell

AUDITION REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
WE NEED YOU

SCAN TO REGISTER

Auditions: Wednesday 18th February
6:30pm-9:30pm at Bendigo Baptist Church,
Mcivor Road, Junourton



Eaglehawk

CREATE & GRACE HUB

We at Eaglehawk Salvos are excited to launch , a new community craft group open to all men & women, all ages, and all skill levels - whether you're a seasoned maker or just curious to try something new.

This group is about more than just crafting, it's about connection, conversation, creativity and community. A welcoming space where people can gather, create, share stories, build friendships, and experience kindness in action.

Every Friday only during school terms.

The Salvation Army Eaglehawk

51 Church St.

Start Time: from 11am,

finish at your own leisure.



EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL



Sunday Family Day

22nd March 2026

Canterbury Park Gardens.

All Activities are free!!

So come along and have some fun in the GARDENS.

Table tennis; Chocolate Scramble, Painting

Connected Circus Fun; Sandcastle building;

Face-painting; Fire Brigade with Water!!!

Our theme is HARVEST so have a go at making a SCARECROW.



Then head over to the **EVENTS SPACE** & enjoy Kelly Sports, Baseball; Rides, Archery, Slot Cars & the fabulous Climbing Wall.

Plus....the animals are back from the fabulous **Animals 2U**

BBQ & drinks provided by EH Scouts & EH Y's Men for a small cost, or bring your own picnic !



EASTER @ EAGLEHAWK

Tuesday 17 February - 12:30 pm Pancake Day lunch. Everyone welcome

Wednesday 18 February - 4:30pm Ash Wednesday service.

Sunday 22 February - 1st week Lent I AM the Bread of Life

Sunday 1 March - 2nd week Lent I AM the Light of the World

Sunday 8 March - 3rd week Lent I AM the Door

Sunday 15 March - 4th week Lent I AM the Good Shepherd

Sunday 22 March - 5th week Lent I am the Vine

Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

Sunday 29 March Passover Meal at 7:30pm - all welcome

HOLY WEEK Prayer and Scripture Reading

Monday to Thursday at 8:30am each morning.

On the Thursday will be lead by Major Robert Evans

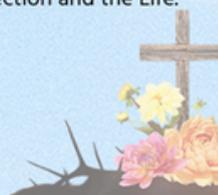
Friday 3rd April Good Friday - St Peter's Anglican church Eaglehawk, 63 High St, Eaglehawk

Followed by Fish Fingers in buns at Eaglehawk Salvos

Sunday 5th April Combined Sunrise Service with the churches of Eaglehawk at Lake Neranga

10am He is Risen worship service at Eaglehawk Salvos I AM the Resurrection and the Life.

All at 51 Church Street,
Eaglehawk



MUSIC IN ACTION

Eaglehawk Corps extend an open invitation to anyone in the community who is interested in playing, or learning to play, a brass instrument

Brass Practice: every Thursday pm & plays every Sunday.

If you are interested please call 5459 0507 & press 1

Ask to speak with Darren Dunn.

Beginners are warmly welcomed, with support and mentoring available.



Castlemaine

PAYING ATTENTION - WITH TIME, WITH OUR BODIES, WITH OUR CHOICES.

This week many faithful people in different traditions across the world have marked the turn into a season of reflection:

The **Lunar New Year of the Fire Horse (Tuesday Feb 17)** for many Asian cultures brings celebrations and expressions of gratitude, and blessings upon the coming year

The beginning of **Ramadan (Wednesday Feb 18)** for Muslims marks a month of prayer, fasting, sacrificial giving and compassion

The beginning of **Lent (Wednesday Feb 18)** in the Christian liturgical tradition also brings prayer, fasting and contemplation on the sufferings and servant-life of Jesus

The Salvation Army launched **Self Denial** period (**from Sunday Feb 15**), a call to generosity specifically in order to enrich communities in other places, with a challenge to let the 'cost' of giving in a way that doesn't benefit you or those around you, have an impact.

Each of these seasonal practices – from new year feasting to faith-based fasting underlines the significance of our bodies in our spirituality.

In our Christian faith as followers of Jesus, the incarnation or human-bodied life of God in material community holds a central place. There is no floating off into a disembodied ethereal spiritual experience in Christianity. Our call is to keep it real and grounded, just as Jesus shows us God's ways through blood, sweat and tears; laughter, lunches and love; signs, stop overs and stories, In years gone by, my friends have teased me that as a teetotalling vegan, Lent is meaningless for me because I've got nothing left to give up! This of course isn't true – there are plenty of indulgent options for me. One year I gave up driving for Lent (I lived in the city so Public Transport was a viable option). Another year – brace yourself - I gave up coffee.

As I write this tonight – on Shrove Tuesday which developed a tradition of using up all of the rich foods (meat, eggs and dairy) that households were foregoing in Lent - I am sifting through my life and pondering what I might do in this season. What will I do? What will I do to help my spirit, my heart, my body pay attention to

- how I am living on this earth
- what is dominating my desires
- what habits have come to rule me

and how I can attune my living to the needs and gifts of others more carefully as we all share this sacred and wondrous world.

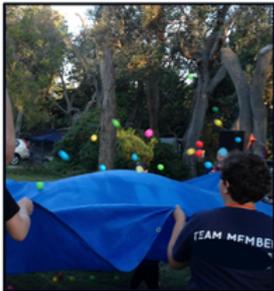
Castlemaine Salvation Army Community

Family Fun Night Out

Join us at the
Botanical Gardens Playground

Saturday February 28
5pm – 7:30pm
BBQ Dinner & Family Fun

- Giant Games
- Ball Sports
- Houla Hoops
- Bean Bag Toss
- Chalk Drawing
- and More



RSVP Vicki 0418 138 435

Just Brass Launch



Just Brass.

37 people gathered for dinner and demonstration of our Just Brass Music program on Monday evening. Some were well-seasoned players; some just joined and some eager to find out how to sign up. Deep thanks to Dean Curtis for his Leadership in the Band space and Vicki Kerin for her leadership in the catering and community space. Additional thanks to Jane, Carol, Glenys and Alison for magnificent kitchen provisions. What a Team!

Bendigo

Community Meals

We have two free Community Meals each week.

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

Thursday: 12:00pm-1:00pm



Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st
Hilltop Café

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MILLIE LEE

We would like to inform our church family that we will be gathering on 26 February 2026 to celebrate and honour the life of Millie Lee.

During this special time, we will come together to remember Millie with gratitude, give thanks to God for her life, and pray for comfort and strength for her family." Thank You

Chapel Service

Join us for a half hour chapel service where we discover how the bible relates to us now. A relaxed discussion and fellowship time.

Thursdays, 11:00am

Bendigo Salvo's 65-71 Mundy St
Worship Centre, Gate 1



Maryborough



EASTER @ MARYBOROUGH

PALM SUNDAY - 29TH MARCH

10.00am Service

GOOD FRIDAY - 3RD APRIL

Reflective Service: 10.00am
Hot Cross Bun morning tea

EASTER SATURDAY - 4TH APRIL

Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo
More details to come.

EASTER SUNDAY - 5TH APRIL

Dawn Service - Bristol Hill

Morning Service

10.00am

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

27 Wills Street
Maryborough



COMMUNITY MARKET DAYS

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

MON, WED & FRI 10AM-12:30PM

*excluding public holidays, while stocks last

Our Kids will be taking part in this years Self Denial Appeal during kids church please support our young people as they learn more about The Salvation Army overseas





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

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

BENDIGO

MONDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal
12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing

THURSDAY

11.00am - Chapel
12.00pm - Community Meal
10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

9:30 - 10:30am - Weekly Prayers

WEDNESDAY

11am - 12:30pm Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

THURSDAY

2.00pm Band Practice
11.00am 3rd of every month - Aged Care Service

FRIDAY

11.00am Creative and Create Hub
finish at your own leisure

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays
10.00am - Celebration Service
3rd Sunday of month is the church/corps come
and share lunch together. starting February 15
to November.

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
10:30am - Women's Fellowship *

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Bowls
4.00pm - Kids Club *

FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting
10.00am - Celebration Service

27 Wills St, Maryborough

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup*
3:45pm - 4:45pm: Just Brass

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways
FRIDAY
9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

*not on during school Holidays



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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.