



# Central Vic Salvos

28th June 2026

## Those Pesky Mozzies

The last week has certainly been nothing like I had planned. Monday week ago, I was feeling a little ordinary and by Wednesday afternoon I was feeling really unwell, cold chills and high temperatures that I ended up in Urgent care at Maryborough Hospital. After blood tests were taken and the results came back, I was reminded how pesky and annoying mosquitoes were and again how they can affect the body with malaria. So again after having severe malaria last year I was once again hospitalized for 5 days and now have the right medication and follow up blood tests to do over the next 8 months. There are some interesting facts about malaria that I thought I would share with you.

- Only female mosquitoes drink blood. While both male and female mosquitoes feed on nectar, the female uses the protein in blood to help her eggs develop.
- Police in Finland found a dead mosquito in a car that had been stolen. They tested the blood inside the mosquito and used it to identify the car thief.
- There are over 3,500 species of mosquitoes, 175 of which are found in the United States.
- A mosquito can drink up to 3 times its weight in blood.

While in hospital, I was thinking about these pesky little insects and reflecting on how much trouble they have caused me in the last 18 months and was reminded of the verse in Matthew 17:20 "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

The phrase "faith like a mustard seed" signifies that even a small amount of faith can lead to remarkable outcomes.

- In a Biblical Context: Jesus used the mustard seed as a metaphor to illustrate that faith, no matter how tiny, can achieve great things, such as moving mountains.
- Growth of Faith: Just as a mustard seed grows into a large tree, faith is meant to grow and thrive, providing benefits to others.
- Simplicity of Faith: The idea emphasizes that one does not need to have a large amount of faith; even a little can be powerful.
- Significance: This metaphor encourages believers that their faith, no matter how small, is valuable and can lead to significant changes in their lives and the lives of others.

As we face challenges and faith questions may each one of us "have faith as small as a mustard seed" it is then that we will see growth and see those obstacles that are in front of us moved.

May you have an awesome week pressing into Jesus and putting your faith in him.

**Vanessa Evans (Major)**



# Kids & Youth Camp

If you have any question please speak to your Corps Officer/Corps Leader or Tristan.

Expect exciting activities, new friendships, grow in faith, and plenty of fun in a safe and supportive environment!

Campers under 18 years of age require a parent or guardian to complete their registration form. Secure your spot today:

<https://salvationarmy.typeform.com/26VICKYCAMP-LP>

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this amazing camp experience!



Central Vic Salvos

Children's Ministry Training

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1.00pm - 3.00pm

27 Wills Street, Maryborough

Open to anyone in CVS that works in Children's Ministry.

Training by

Naty Keung, Childrens Secretary

To register please email [vanessa.evans@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:vanessa.evans@salvationarmy.org.au)

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## Quiet Time Challenge

### Stillness & Rest

Read: Matthew 11:28

Spend time resting in God's presence  
without rushing



**Come to me**, all you who are weary  
and burdened, and **I will give you rest**

**Matthew 11:28**



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>



# PSA

## Pleasant Sunday Afternoon concert

The churches of Eaglehawk have combined  
to raise funds for the Winter Night Shelter

Sunday 26th July 2026

Venue: Eaglehawk Uniting Church

Featuring Eaglehawk Citizen Band  
along with other musical support.



Afternoon Tea to be held after the concert.

2pm start

Donation Entry

Contact Karen 0401 402 275

for more information



# Bendigo



**ONESIGHT**  
EssilorLuxottica Foundation



A free **Vision Clinic** is coming to The Salvation Army Bendigo!

If you're struggling to see clearly, you can get a **free eye test** here.

If you need glasses, they'll be provided **at no cost**.

Please call **Spencer on 0499 707 871** (available Mon-Thurs) or visit our reception to book an appointment

Limited appointments available

Clinic details:

Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2026

Address: 65 – 71 Mundy st



Bendigo

**OrangeSky**  
— Australia —



Join us for free  
**LAUNDRY & CONVERSATION**



**Salvation Army**  
**65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo**

**Monday** 12.30pm-2.30pm  
**Thursday** 10.30am-1pm

Whether you're experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, isolation or loneliness, we welcome you to visit us on shift!



Scan to find our other Locations

Wonderful evening with the Bendigo Salvos thrift shop staff and volunteers at the annual fellowship dinner.



## Home League

once a month

every session starts at 11:00am

Next session: 29<sup>th</sup> June

Any questions please contact

Captain Hummera

# Castlemaine

## It happens with Yes.

Over the past two Wednesday nights, a whole new community gathering of 40-50 people has emerged at Castlemaine Salvos.

How does this happen? It happens with Yes.

A Dad brings his preschool daughter to play in our playground after dance class in Fridays when Doorways is open for community. He asks if he can bring her in for the toilet...Yes! We offer a cuppa as well. Yes!

Next week there are other little friends – can they have some water? Yes! And cakes? Yes! Conversation grows and common interests are shared – Dad is a food sustainability activist and artist – and he’s noticed the care we are taking with composting and growing veggies on site. He mentions a past project: the farmers market used to contribute veggies to a local bakery who cooked and served up a community soup night. The bakery has changed hands and the project lapsed...for want of a venue, saddening volunteers and the market community. Could it work here at the salvos, I wondered - Yes!

There’s a bit of grant money to get it going but we’d need to jump in and get started before the end of the financial year. Are we crazy enough to pull it together in just a week or so? Yes!

And with that, we launched a trial of three Wednesday Winter Soups, with donations gathered from the local farmers’ market, volunteers preparing and serving impromptu soups, gathering families and individuals into warm community with the hall buzzing.

My journey with Jesus began long before I was born – It began with God’s big yes to humanity and it is that great love that eventually found me, as a girl of 9, listening to a song: ‘I can see a future for you...with God in the story’. A large Yes! welled up within me. It happens with Yes. I can still feel that palpable Yes! To God’s way, to the way of love, to guide and fuel and measure and inform and hopefully define my whole life.

Across the years, I have relied on this this ready response of ‘Yes!’ to God to lead me on many adventures. By saying Yes! I’ve had the chance to see the goodness and grace and wonders of God across the world, across many denominations and organisations, and now here in Castlemaine, those who have been paying attention will know that this Yes is the foundation of our life together, following Jesus, and how it is that we are growing our loving expressions – from one playgroup to two; from one mobile shower site to two; from one Just Brass school to two. What I have found in Castlemaine Salvos is a community who are also ready to say ‘Yes’ – so who knows what is ahead? It will happen with Yes.

**Beth is away from July 5-10**

**Free / by donation • Everyone welcome!**

## Wed Winter Soup Nights



*A free / by donation community soup trial connecting donated local vegetables from the Castlemaine Farmers Market with a warm midweek meal at The Salvation Army Castlemaine Hall.*

### When:

>>> 5:30pm–7pm Wed 17 June, 24 June and 1 July

### Where:

>>> Salvation Army Castlemaine Hall  
47 Kennedy St (next to Castlemaine Railway Station)

Prep volunteers wanted from 3pm on soup days  
Contact: [beth.waldrnanstice@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:beth.waldrnanstice@salvationarmy.org.au)

Scan the QR code for the Facebook event, updates and to share with friends >>>




Supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council, Salvos, Castlemaine Farmers Market, Castlemaine Community House

# Eaglehawk



# Maryborough

**7 SIGNS**  
JESUS REVEALED IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



- Jesus turns water into wine  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Jesus heals the royal official's son  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Jesus heals the man who could not walk  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Jesus feeds the great crowd  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Jesus walks on water  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July
- Jesus heals the man born blind  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- Jesus brings his friend back to life  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July



Jesus Heals an Official's Son  
John 4:43-54

Maryborough NAIDOC event at the Pony Club. Coffee and Tea served by our SAES Team and our faithful truck Woolie. Well done team.



# Thrift Shops

## AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

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

### Open Hours:

10:00am - 3:0pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri  
10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday

## 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 Mon-Fri  
10:00am - 4:00pm 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 Mon to Fri  
10am-2pm Saturday

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### BENDIGO

#### MONDAY

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

1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

#### THURSDAY

10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes  
Washing

11.00am - Chapel

12.00pm - Community Meal

1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

#### SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

10.30am - Kids School

### EAGLEHAWK

#### TUESDAYS

8:30am - Weekly Prayers

9:45am - Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

#### THURSDAY

11.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month - Aged Care  
Service

2.00pm - Community Pantry

3.45pm Band Learners

5.30pm Band Practice

#### FRIDAY

11.00am Creative and Create Hub  
finish at your own leisure

#### SUNDAY

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month is the Church/Corps  
come and share lunch together. starting  
February to November.

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

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

12.00pm - Noon Prayer

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 with Kids  
Church

27 Wills St, Maryborough

### CASTLEMAINE

#### MONDAY

9.30am to 11.00am -

Playgroup \*

11.15am to 12.45pm -

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



# Contact Us

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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 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 honours God who is Father, Son and Spirit; and who is the Creator of this world and the giver of all life. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, who are the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, and we pay our respects to their elders past present and future. We commit ourselves to work for reconciliation and justice alongside Australia's First Nations people.