



Central Vic Salvos

17th May 2026

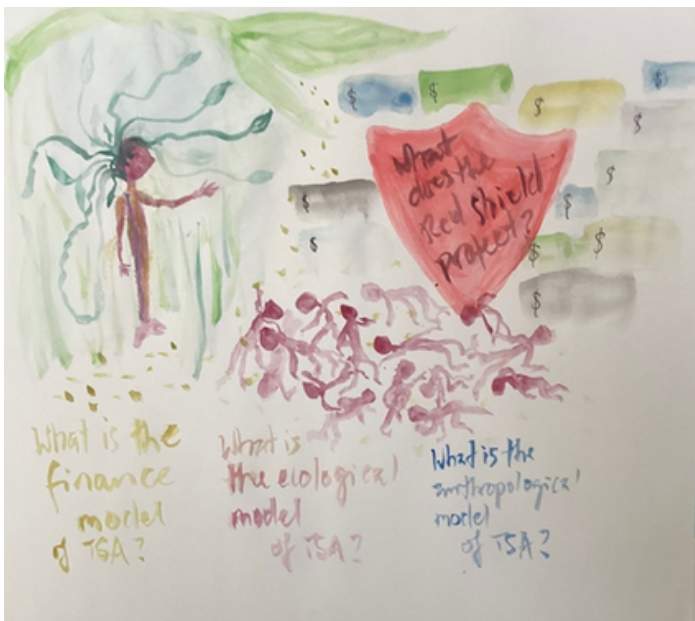
This week marks the official launch of the Red Shield Appeal for Central Vic Salvos. As Robert Evans embarks on his 200 km hike across the goldfields trails, local community events and collection drives have already swung into action.

As a follower of Jesus through the terrain of many different communities over the years, I have a deep appreciation for the diversity of expressions our core faith activities takes. In each tradition and location, prayer, listening for the voice of God, serving, justice seeking, sharing our faith story and expressing our belonging show up with colourful and creative contextual adaptations: prayers alone can be candles or words or silence or flags or stones or songs. This variety is rich and authentic, but moving from one expression to the next, the common elements of faith are familiar enough.

But I have to say, among the faith communities of Jesus followers, the Red Shield Appeal is completely unique. No other church has this practice of publicly gathering funds from outside the church to use in the mission of the church.

So to enter this practice has taken some robust reflection for me.

- Where does this practice find roots in scripture?
- How does it connect with the life and teachings of Jesus?
- What relationship and responsibilities does the church and the wider community share in providing support and care – and for whom?



Last year participating in the Red Shield for the first time, I painted my questions. You can see me pondering the Red Shield as a symbol, different kinds of money, and the many vulnerable people of our world. I was wrestling to understand how the financial model of the Salvation Army works, and how this relates to our theology and anthropology – who we recognise God to be, and how we understand being humans together.

These are not just questions for the Red Shield though. As we follow Jesus, looking for the Way of justice, mercy, and peace, we do well to stop and ask these same questions of everything we do, and of the symbols we use. To draw deeper understanding and conviction from our faith practices as wholly grounded in the ethos, teachings, and actions of Jesus, in the character of God, and in the dignity of life for all, is to strengthen our resolve and ensure our endeavours bear the marks of Good News for all – for us, for those we invite to join us, and for those we serve.

Beth Waldron Anstice (Castlemaine)



Goldfields Track

Red Shield Appeal Walkathon

Thursday morning Major Rob (CVS Team Leader) and Troy West (State Manager - Moneycare Victoria) started off on the walk from Bendigo to Ballarat. If you would like to give a donation please scan the QR code or go to the website below.

<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/robert-evans>

THANK Volunteers YOU

Central Vic Salvos would like to thank everyone who volunteers to help out at each site
We could not do what we do without you.



National Volunteer Week
18-24 MAY 2026
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

THE SALVATION ARMY BENDIGO CBD THRIFT STORE

Volunteers needed

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY-MINDED PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY HELPING OUT AT OUR STORE. WE ARE OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED AND FULL TRAINING PROVIDED.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED DROP INTO THE STORE AND SPEAK TO OUR FRIENDLY STAFF 18 PALL MALL
OUR HOURS ARE 9.30 - 4.30 (TUE - FRI)
& 10.00 - 4.30 (SAT) OR CALL 5440 8434



QUIET TIME CHALLENGE WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT

Read: James 1:5

Ask God for wisdom in one decision you are facing

BYO SNACKS | DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

MARYBOROUGH SALVOS

TRIVIA

NIGHT

7PM SAT 23RD MAY
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
(27 Wills St, Maryborough)

INCLUDING A
SILENT AUCTION

ADULTS \$10 | U18 \$5 | U5 FREE

BOOK A TABLE OF 8, OR BOOK A SPOT FOR YOURSELF AND WE'LL ADD YOU TO A TABLE

PH: 03 5459 0500

@MARYBOROUGHSAVOS



RED SHIELD APPEAL
LEAVE NO ONE IN NEED

SCAN TO BOOK A SPOT



HELP US RAISE FUNDS SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

RED SHIELD APPEAL COLLECTING PLACES

Eaglehawk IGA, Long Gully IGA, Kennington Woolworths, Market Place, Lansell Square, Kennington IGA, Caravan and Campervan Show.

Supermarkets in Maryborough

if you have any time to spare and help collect money for our appeal please see your Corps Officer/Leader

Bendigo



Central Vic Salvos

Farewell Service

Sunday 21st June 2026

**The Salvation Army
Bendigo Corps**

Gate 1, 65-71 Mundy St Bendigo

**Fellowship Lunch
12:30 - 1:30 pm**

**Farewell Service
2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Captains Ashir & Hummera

BENDIGO, WE NEED YOU!

As the cold sets in, so does the reality for those sleeping rough in our community. Bendigo Winter Night Shelter is gearing up for the 2026 season, and we're calling on everyday people to step up and make a real difference.

We need volunteers across all areas, welcoming guests, meal support, overnight stays, and behind the scenes help. No experience is needed, just a willingness to show up with compassion and respect.

This isn't just volunteering, it's being part of something that can change a life, sometimes simply by seeing the person in front of you.

If you've ever thought "I should help" This is your moment.

<https://www.bwns.org.au/join-the-team/>

Laundry



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

Please make sure you arrive 45 minutes before closing to allow enough time to dry your clothes

Monday: 12.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday: 10.30am-1.30pm

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

**Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st
Hilltop Café**



Castlemaine

| The Way – May and June Sunday Gatherings@Castlemaine | | |
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| May 17 | John 9 | Way of Healing |
| May 24 | Luke 10v1-12 John 20v21 | On the way (Mission) |
| May 31 | Luke 10v1-12 John 20v21 | On the way |
| June 7 | Proverbs&Psalms | Prayer ways |
| June 14 | 2 Chronicles 17 & 19 Ephesians 6:11-17 | Courageous in the ways of the Lord (Standing our Spiritual ground) |
| June 21 | 2 Chronicles 17 & 19 Ephesians 6:11-17 | Courageous in the ways of the Lord |
| June 18 | Hebrew 12 | All the way – going the distance |
| June 25 | Hebrew 12 | All the way - going the distance |

TOWN OPEN DAY

Find your people.
Discover a new hobby.

Saturday 16 May
10am - 2pm
Castlemaine Botanic Gardens

proud supporter nab CASTLEMACHINE COMMUNITY HOUSE Get Connected MOUNT ALEXANDER Mount Alexander Shire Council Dhekkaya Health

New Playgroup

Monday
11:15am – 12:45pm
The Salvo's Hall, 15 Kennedy Street,
Next to the Train Station, Castlemaine

Have a Late Sleeper?
Need a few extra hours before venturing out?

Join us for Free Indoor/Outdoor Play, Craft, Cooking, Singing, Dancing and reading.
Bring a contribution for lunch or fruit platter and a gold coin donation. Free Hot Drinks and snack for Carers.

Enquires : Vicki 0418 138 435

SO JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, "PEACE TO YOU! AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I ALSO SEND YOU."

-John 20:21 PRZOR

Eaglehawk

Women OF THE Way

THE SALVATION ARMY

June 19-20 at Eva Burrows College, Ringwood

Special Guests: Colonel Lani Chamness, Lt-Colonel Debra Stevens, Jody Chadban

- » Friday 7pm - Saturday from 9:30am
- » \$50 (includes lunch and refreshments)
- » Registrations close May 22nd

Limited accommodation available at your own expense.

Maryborough

Join us this Sunday as we consider how God invites us to join in his mission, in this week of our

THE Way

Jesus-centred, *Spirit-led* hope revealed

series.

MISSION

Key Scripture:
John 20:21b



Maryborough Salvos would like to thank everyone who volunteers to help out at each site. We could not do what we do without you.

You are invited to afternoon tea on

Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 1.00pm

Where: Maryborough Corps

RSVP: ASAP to Ness

National **Volunteer** Week
18-24 MAY 2026
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER



COLLECTING AT SUPERMARKETS

25th - 29th May
3rd - 7th June

if you have any spare time to help collect for the appeal would be great.



RED SHIELD APPEAL



Maryborough

RED SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY 31ST MAY

\$1 DONATION TO THE APPEAL



RED SHIELD APPEAL



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
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 3rd 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
3rd 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

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



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.