



# Central Vic Salvos

8th February 2026



The first time I travelled to Belgium (2012) I was so enchanted by their public rubbish bin system I had to take a photo. Four bright candy coloured bins to separate and recycle different kinds of rubbish. These were the early days of large recycling programs anywhere in the world – and the Belgians made it look a clean and beautiful and attractive process.

The rest of the world – Australia in particular - has caught up in the past 15 years, and at our corps we have a system for recycling paper, cardboard, compost, glass, plastic and cans separately to be renewed. Some things still end up in landfill, but not so much.

Jesus' teachings in Matthew 5 begin with a list of categories of human experience that his culture considered 'rubbish'. People whose lives were beyond hope, wasted and only good for the trash heap.

Jesus, however, introduces us to these kinds of people – poor, hungry, conflicted, aggrieved, desolate, abused – as blessed.

Jesus isn't about to trivialise anyone's hardship – but by calling them (and us as we identify with these situations) blessed, Jesus assures us that God doesn't give up on those who are commonly thought of as destined for the tip.

Jesus opens wide the grace of God to recycle the so-called garbage of this world and he calls us to continue his radical revaluing of people and circumstances and things: as followers of Jesus' way we don't give up on one another, we don't give up on our world, though many things are wrong.

In 2014 I returned again to Belgium and, ducking down a back alley I saw this rubbish bin, overloaded and carrying a busted up guitar. I put these two photographs along side each other as a reminder of two kinds of grace: that God is in the business of recycling, and turning what has become rubbish in our lives into new good purposes; and that sometimes, there are things that we do just need to leave behind, things that are too broken. In this there is also God's grace which enables us to walk away and let go.

We face the challenge of discerning when not to abandon, to recycle and not give up, and when to let something go and name what is truly rubbish. For this, we stay close to Jesus, his words, and welcoming the guidance of God's Spirit, and we stay in honest and gracious community with one another; not quick to ditch the difficult but open to discovering God's purposes for second chances.



# THE Way



Jesus-centred, Spirit-led  
hope revealed

**National Launch: 13-14 Feb 2026**

Bendigo Salvation Army  
65 Mundy Street, Bendigo



Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Pizza Lunch (Gold coin donation) or BYO

There will be a bus from Maryborough on both days. Please let Major Vanessa know if you want a seat on the Maryborough bus.

The Salvation Army's national spiritual focus for 2026. Walk closely with Jesus, grow spiritually, and share his love in your community. Our movement will focus on five key aspects of following Jesus:

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Discipleship | Evangelism | Prayer | Spiritual Warfare | Mission



# 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.

## UNIFORMS/BRANDED 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!

# 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>



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS



"The Way of the Cross Bendigo are excited to announce that audition applications are now open for Way of the Cross 2026, if you would like to be a part of this amazing theatrical performance depicting the last days, trial, death and resurrection of Jesus held annually in Rosalind Park on Good Friday, please scan the QR code to fill in an audition. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 18th February 7-9:30pm at the Bendigo Baptist Church. Rehearsals have been condensed to the four weeks of March for more information please call Cindy Bell on 0429404125 or see the website [thewayofthecrossbendigo.com](http://thewayofthecrossbendigo.com) "

If anyone has any inquire please make contact with Major Karen, She is on the committee.

# 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.



## 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.

## Castlemaine

Thank you!

A big Thank You to the all our Castlemaine Thrift Shop Volunteers for your extra hard work and kindness to all the people seeking assistance following the recent fires and for managing the overwhelming generosity of the community in the deluge of donations.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Looking at

Matthew 5:38-42

The cheek, the load, the shirt  
– handling bullying  
& Church lunch



**Castlemaine**

**Salvo's**

**Playgroup**

Monday 10am – 11:30am\*

47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine

Free Indoor/Outdoor Play, Craft,  
Singing, Music, Food Play, Reading,  
Friends and Healthy Snack.

Something for everyone,

bring a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit.

From birth to school age.

Contact Vicki 0418 138 435

\*during school terms



Castlemaine

# 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

One little prayer  
can change one  
huge situation.

## Café CHURCH

We welcome you to join us for a  
Café style church service



15th February, 10:00am

Bendigo Salvo's, 65-71 Mundy st, Bendigo  
worship centre (gate 1)

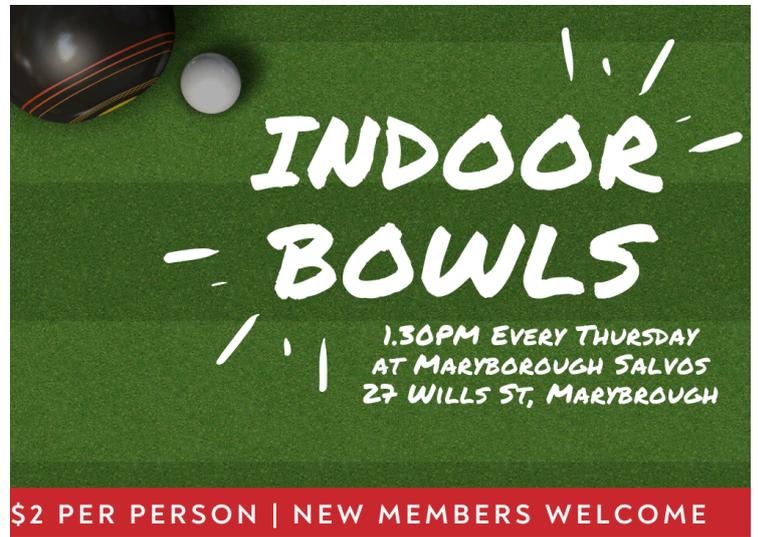
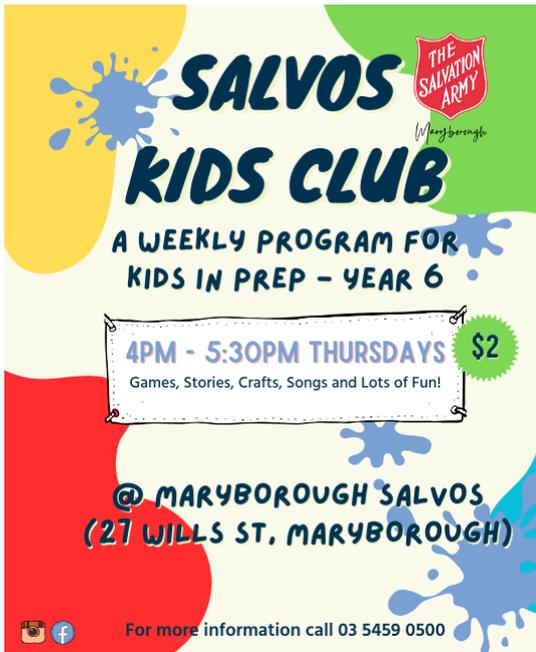


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# Maryborough



## NCAC - NATIONAL CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

On the 12th to 17th January Maryborough salvos had 6 of our young people attend the National creative arts camp (NCAC) at Rutherford park. The camp had a total of 130 campers and over 30 leaders where we got to grow and learn new creative skills such as dance, photography, spoken word, visual arts, worship and many more from creative leaders across Australia. The message of the camp "Metamorphosis" brought to us from Matthew Reeves and his worship team, showed our young people that God wants us to go through a deeper level of complete transformation and for us we need to invite that change into our lives. The performance held on site this year showed just how one week with creativity and Jesus can impact a persons life and further more impact our church to change.

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Held every year by our Frankston North Corps and support with their Red shield efforts is our Youth summer camp. This year on the 19th-22nd Jan we were able to take 2 of our youth and 2 of our leaders to Mount Eliza at camp Manyung (next to the beach!!!) where this camp was held. On this camp we had 30 campers and 11 leaders who spent this time with the youth having a fun and relaxed camp. We got to experience snorkeling, Giant swing and best of all beach games. Over all the camp had the message that God walks along side us in all situations with our leaders all sharing a story of their testimony of the times God was besides them. With the great weather and the friends made we look forward to attending this camp again in the following year.





# 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

### MARYBOROUGH

#### MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways  
10:30am - Women's Fellowship \*

#### WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

#### THURSDAY

9.30am - Playgroup \*  
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  
12.00pm - Junior Soldiers (3rd Sunday)

27 Wills St, Maryborough

### BENDIGO

#### MONDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

11.15am - Chapel  
12.00pm - Community Meal  
10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing

#### SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service  
4.00pm - Discovery Church

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month is the church/corps come  
and share lunch together. starting February 15  
to November.

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

### 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

## THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

### BENDIGO

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corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

### CASTLEMAINE

Beth Waldron Anstice  
47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine | 03 5459 0505  
corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

### EAGLEHAWK

Major Karen Armstrong  
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | (03) 5459 0507  
corpsofficer.eaglehawk@salvationarmy.org.au

### MARYBOROUGH

Major Vanessa Evans (Starting December 1)  
27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500  
corpsofficer.maryborough@salvationarmy.org.au



# 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.