

# PARRAMATTERS

Parramatta Salvation Army

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017



## PRAYERPOINTS



Keep on praying for Bertus Offereins as he now moves into full time care. Pray for Joyce as she adjusts to this new living arrangement.



Prayer is needed for Arrabelle Lloyd who is undergoing tests.



We are still finalising our plans for an interim site for next year so please continue to pray that we reach a suitable outcome.



Please pray for those in our corps who are still recovering from surgery, accidents, or illnesses.

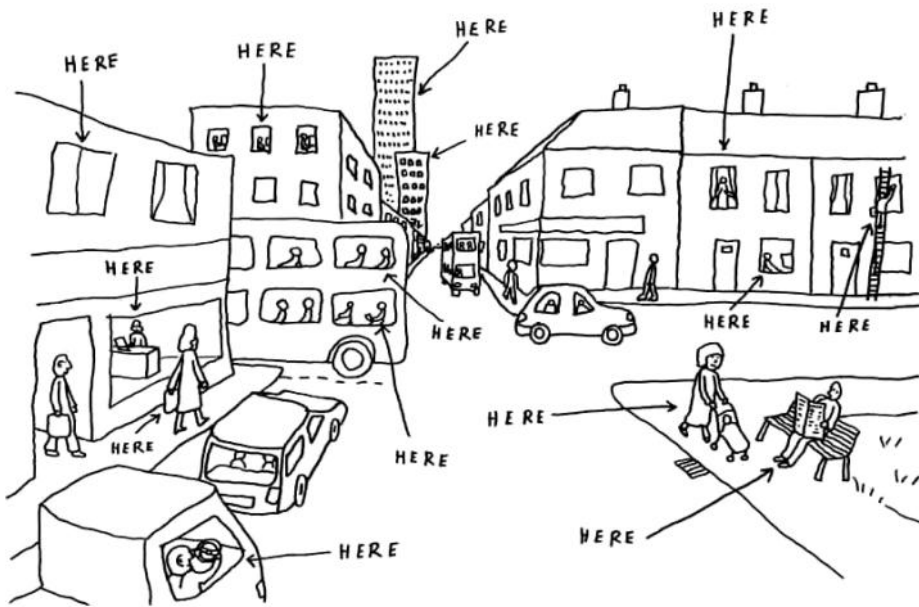


We praise God for the work that is happening in the Division to challenge our thinking on how we continue to be The Salvation Army in Australia. Please pray for Miriam and her team as they lead this process. We need prayer to help us understand and transition into this new way.



*If you would like us to pray for you or your loved ones, contact either Marty Bust or Dot Griffin for it to be included in the newsletter and Prayer Network.*

### WHERE THE CHURCH IS



CartoonChurch.com

## WORSHIP TODAY

**9AM** Easy English Worship

**10.30AM** Family Worship

Join us for Morning Tea after worship, served in the Connect Centre opposite the citadel.

**NEXT: 5 NOVEMBER**

**5PM** Remembrance Service



## UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

10AM WEDNESDAY  
1 NOVEMBER 2017

'There's more to explore'  
With Kerrie & Colin Parker.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As Christmas is approaching, we are mindful of the practical help that we will need to assist families in our community. This help takes a variety of forms - and it would be great if you could 'sign up' by letting Marg Poore know of your availability. 1. Unwrapping and pre-sorting of gifts. 2. 'Hosting' the parents / carers as they select gifts (per list) for their children from the supply laid out in The Function Centre. 3. Be a rostered driver or helper for the picking up of donations. 4. Other tasks that we haven't thought of yet!! The dates earmarked for Unwrapping and Sorting gifts are December 6th, 11th and 13th between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The dates for Hosting (and still some sorting) are December 18th, 19th between 9.00am & 1.00pm and then December 20th between 9.00am and 2.30pm. This seems a long list of dates! As in previous years we are seeking corporate and community volunteers to help us too. Please check your diary.

### CHOIRS AT CHRISTMAS

There are a few opportunities for participation in choirs this coming Christmas. The Woolworths Carols in the Domain is happening again. Contact Chris Plumridge or go to <http://salvos.org.au/sydneystaffsongsters/domain> to sign up. Another event you can join is the 'world's longest choir'. The Communications Department at THQ are attempting to break the Guinness World Record for World's Longest Choir. The choir will launch our 2017 Christmas campaign and we're looking for singers who can join us for 32 hours of continuous Christmas caroling. The choir will sing at Luna Park, Sydney from 8am Monday 4th until 4pm Tuesday 5th December. There'll be celebrity guests, live television coverage, powerful songs, and loads of Christmas spirit. Contact via email to [mediaofficer@aue.salvationarmy.org](mailto:mediaofficer@aue.salvationarmy.org) to apply.

### WINDOW MEMORABILIA

We are currently designing a coloured glass piece of memorabilia for those in the corps who would like to remember the citadel in 34 Smith Street. If you are interested and would like to have one of these items please see Grant SB.

### QUESTIONS?

A lot is going on at the corps at the moment with the relocation of our main gathering site and the significant changes that will impact the ministry of the corps in the interim time. If you have any questions that need answering over the next few months there will be an opportunity to print the question and the answer [hopefully] in the newsletter so all the corps community can be informed.

27 October

7.30 to 8.30pm



3 November



### PRAYER FOR MALAWI

We have received a prayer request from Narelle Gurney who is currently serving in Malawi through the work of The Salvation Army.

Dear friends,

I write to ask you to rally forces and pray for Malawi. Since September 16 rumours/ reports of bloodsuckers (ie: vampires) in Malawi have taken hold in many areas including Blantyre where I live. 90% of Malawians are rural farmers, low education, combined with a traditional culture results in a strong belief in things "magical", supernatural, etc. The problem is that a mob mentality has developed and people are being killed. Yesterday a young man with a mental illness was dragged out of a police station by a group of men and set on fire. He died and the police were powerless to do anything about it. There have been cases of road blocks at night set up under the guise of looking for bloodsuckers, but in reality its just an excuse to rob the car occupants. Basically anyone who is in an area where they don't live, where they are not known is a potential target even expats. It's hard not to be in an area you don't live in because of work demands and just living. I am supposed to be going away this weekend with a group of friends for a lovely relaxing time but at the moment we are thinking of cancelling. The danger in Malawi is the tendency for things to escalate very fast. I have heard reports, including on BBC radio this morning of several deaths and attacks, including a policeman who tried to intervene. Police will refuse to get involved if this is the case. So I'm asking you and your friends to pray earnestly about this.

Thanks, Narelle

# CORPSNEWS

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We congratulate Paul and Val Lucas as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## THANK YOU

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the First Year anniversary of the Family Store last Saturday 21st October. Thank you to Len Cross, Lawrence Flood and Maryanne Cleary for serving on the BBQ; to Peter Carger, Colin Young, Bruce Bowie, Peter Kelly, Grant SB, Martin Bust, Genelle Cross for the 'live entertainment'; to Diana Flood, Helen & Richard Eden for helping in the store; to all the people who took flyers to help with the letterbox drop. The store's sales were the best since the store opened last year.



Above top then clockwise: story and advert in the Hills News; our brass band invites in shoppers; a busy morning for volunteers; Len and Lawrence on the BBQ; Linda, the Family Store manager; Genelle Cross stops traffic with her beautiful singing; balloons celebrate the anniversary.

## RED FROGS MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Across our Division we want to see Young Adults mobilised in mission and gaining practical ministry experience. This year we want to see at least 10 YAs from our division choose to serve as part of Red Frogs. Red Frog volunteers aim to support school leavers through their week-long celebrations at Schoolies Week, and provide a positive presence within their party culture. The Red Frog Crew assist school leavers by walking them home, cooking pancakes, cleaning their rooms, handing out Allen's Red Frogs, and - most importantly - offering emotional support through what can often be a challenging week.

There are a variety of ways you can serve for this week of mission. Some include: Hotel Chaplains, Walk Home Crew, Red Frog Hotline Crew, Support Crew, Entertainment Crew, RF Creative Crew

The Salvos has always been about finding the darkest places of our community and actively looking at bringing the kingdom of God into it. Red Frogs is an opportunity for us to serve together as one army for a short time, be equipped and encouraged then bring those skills back to the local settings

For more info & Resources visit: <http://au.redfrogs.com/schoolies/im-a-volunteer/gold-coast>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0zkOvsFkpw>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guL4yxSDy-4>

If you would like to give to the kingdom building activities in and through our Corps by transfer please use the following details: **BSB 032078; Account No. 000810288; Account Name - The Salvation Army, Parramatta.** Please include an applicable reference on the transfer so we can accurately record the gift.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send your details to [parramatta.corps@gmail.com](mailto:parramatta.corps@gmail.com)

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## SALVOS DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL

Applications are now being accepted for the Salvos Discipleship School for 2018. This course is available to any young adult who feels they would benefit from a year of discipleship and ministry training. Please take a booklet to find out more about this opportunity to learn and grow in faith through the Discipleship School.

