

# PARRAMATTERS

Parramatta Salvation Army

SUNDAY 10 JUNE 2018

## 426 UPDATE

For those of you who didn't hear Dot and Marty's announcements on Sunday 3 June, the fences have gone up at 34 Smith Street for demolition to begin. Also, our own preparations for 426 Church Street continue. The paperwork is just about all ready for us to go to tender, with the aim of starting construction at the end of August.

All the upstairs tenants have now moved out so we will begin to strip out and demolish the first floor of 426 in the next few weeks. This will speed up the build process and allow the builders to see exactly what they are dealing with.

The Project Control Group (PCG) of Richard Eden, Margaret Robinson, Sharon and me, along with the architects, project manager and DHQ reps (our own Barry Fischle) have been meeting fortnightly. Building sub committees continue to work on various aspects of the project, in particular the design team who are making decision on finishes and furnishings, and the AV team who are making decisions about sound systems, sound desks, projection, and AV in meeting and seminar rooms etc.

As part of the funding for the build we are selling the corps' second quarters at Pye Avenue Northmead. We've been working with a local agent to get the property ready for the market and it will go on sale this week.

However, it does feel like we are in a bit of a holding pattern while we wait for work to start. So what can we do right now? Well we can pray. Specifically, pray that 1) we continue to make good decisions that help us create an amazing mission enabling building 2) that the right builder tenders for, and is selected, to build our new facility 3) pray that the tender comes in around, or under, the \$5.6 million that has been approved for the project by the Territory 4) pray that we get a great sale price for Pye Avenue 5) pray that our ministry now as a multi site, multi congregational corps, continues to flourish.

We are grateful to God that we can use the Granville buildings in this interim period and I thank you for doing such a great job of adjusting to a very different space. It'll all be worth it when we move into our new building next year.

Please feel free to speak to any of the PCG if you have some more questions, we'll do our best to answer them.

*Grant Sandercock-Brown*  
[Major]

Survey results are in for the café name - it is **Café 426**

## PRAYERPOINTS



Please pray for those in our corps who are unwell and are feeling the impact of cooler weather conditions.



Please pray for the Youth Group 'LOCK-IN' Retreat that is happening on Friday 15 [sleepover] and Saturday 16 June. Pray for the special guests, John & Nicole Viles, as they prepare for the retreat.



Please remember those in our corps family who are still undergoing treatment or recovering from operations. Also for the families who are supporting their progress and facing the challenges that ill-health present.



Please pray for the ongoing progress of 426 Church Street.



We need prayer for the planning of the International Mission Event to Ecuador as we finalise the team and begin to establish the program for the Youth Camp. Also pray for clear communication between the 2 languages.



*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.*

## **INTRODUCING SELOME GEBREMARIAM OUR NEW CONNECT SITE MANAGER**

I was born in Ethiopia and I was fortunate to immigrate to Australia in 1990. My dream was to always work overseas and to help family members and friends in Ethiopia. I commenced work in the hospitality industry, and I commenced some studies at TAFE gaining a Diploma of Information Technology.

After gaining a qualification, I commenced work at TAFE NSW and worked there for approximately 20 years in various roles. The most recent role was dealing with overseas student enrolments. I enjoyed my time working with TAFE NSW, and I made some lifelong friends as part of my work. The opportunity was presented to take a voluntary redundancy, so I elected to accept this opportunity and to have a change in my career.

I was mindful of trying to find some employment which was flexible with regards to school hours as my husband and I have an 11 year old daughter, who attends Toongabbie Christian College. One day when I was reviewing jobs on Seek.com, I came across the role which I have been fortunate to be given at Salvation Army at Parramatta.

I am very happy to be given this role as I like to help people in the community, and the Salvation Army does such a great job in the community assisting people when times are tough, and in sharing the good news of Jesus with them. My work colleagues have been very welcoming, and I am glad to be part of this team.

I am also very active in the Ethiopian/African community in Sydney, where I am involved in many fund raising events where we assist in helping people in impoverished areas in Africa to provide education and micro-business opportunities.



### **DANIEL SPEAKS OUT ABOUT HIS FAITH IN THE SALVO MAG 'OTHERS'**

The latest issue (number 6) of the Others magazine has a very interesting and inspiring story about Daniel Betteridge. In the story Daniel talks about his struggles with alcohol and his new job helping people at William Booth House Hope Chapel.

Copies of the magazine were placed at

Granville last week and you can also subscribe to the magazine online at <http://others.org.au/>

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Thank you to Major Ann Lingard and Margaret Poore for leading worship this Sunday while Grant and Sharon have a week's furlough.

### **JUNIOR SOLDIERS ENROLMENT**

On Sunday 17 June in the 9am service there will be three young people making their Junior Soldier promises. Come and support them on this significant day.

### **RED SHIELD CERTIFICATES**

Certificates for Parramatta Corps members who helped out during the Red Shield Appeal will be available for pick up at Granville on Sunday.

## INTERVIEW WITH AN APOSTLE

Margaret Poore

### What interested you about the 'International Mission Event' that encouraged you to be part of it?

To be honest, I really didn't think I'd be a likely candidate for an International Mission Trip these days. I was challenged to think about it though - and the more I did, the more motivated I felt about the idea. South America is a destination that I've never experienced - and, at this point, never expected to. There are people in Ecuador that will enrich my life experience and with whom I can share a kingdom connection - that's exciting!

### How will your experience of ministry at the Parramatta Corps equip you for what you will do in Ecuador?

My regular week has me focused on and involved with people from all over the world. I love the part of our mission statement that talks about all nations and all generations because that's my rich life experience in my role in our Corps. Because it's also 'all about Jesus', the potential of a mission trip is actually exciting (albeit - challenging!!)

### What are you most excited about?

God's surprises as I take up the challenge of being out of my comfort zone - with a mission focused team - and understanding more about the international work of the Army.

### What are you most nervous about?

Learning some Spanish - although I have great confidence in our language teacher. And praying for health and safety as we travel of course.

### What are you praying that God will do through this journey to Ecuador?

To help facilitate the coming together of young people in a Christian environment - young people who wouldn't normally be able to afford to attend such an event. To know the mutual spiritual uplift and support that seems to accompany mission focused events. The gelling together of our team from Sydney with the leaders in Ecuador, the kids in camp and the local people supported in local ministries in Quito. Plenty to pray for.

### What can we pray for as you prepare for this event?

That 'God will make a way' when the challenges of going to Ecuador seem a little overwhelming. Again - health, strength and safety.



## NOVEMBER 2018 INTERNATIONAL MISSION EVENT "to the ends of the earth"

Last Sunday night a group of people from Parramatta and Ryde Corps met to learn what the International Mission Event to Ecuador involves and discuss how we can make it happen. The invitation to Ecuador has come from the Divisional Commander, Major Samuel Flores Morales who has the inspiration and the vision to begin Youth Camps in Quito, Ecuador. Ecuador does not have the benefit of the Red Shield Appeal to fund such a camp so they have sought our help to enable them to get something similar started in their own country. The plan is that a team of Australians will run this Youth Camp and at the same time train up the local youth and leaders to be able to lead future camps. Between our 'Collective' which consists of Auburn, Ryde, Merrylands and Parramatta we are aiming to send a team of apostles to Ecuador and also fund the delegates and leaders from Ecuador to attend the camp. The Salvation Army in Ecuador has a wonderful ministry amongst the youth and they want to enhance and develop this work, particularly with the disadvantaged in that country. Parramatta Corps were some of the first to support the Red Shield Camps when they began in Sydney and now we can take that missional motive and extend it 'beyond our walls'. There will also be opportunities for us to work within the other ministries and encourage the Salvationists in Cayambe and Quito corps'. There will be different ways you can support this mission. Our first step is gathering together those who are available to go to Ecuador. Stay tuned for more news and information!

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to 'share the love of Jesus' with take the gospel to the people who live at 'the ends of the earth'!



# CORPSNEWS

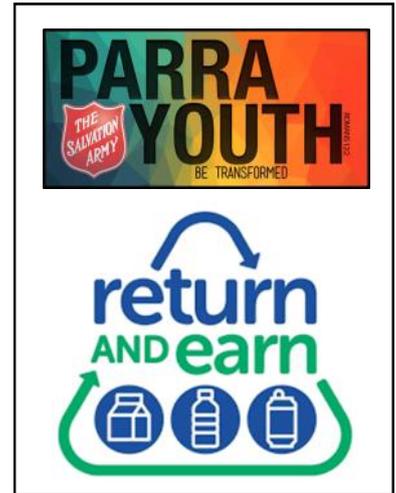
## YOUTH GROUP EQUIP FUNDRAISER

The Parra Youth would like to raise funds for Equip by taking part in the "Return & Earn" campaign. We would love for you all to save up your plastic, glass and aluminum bottles and cans and bring them in. Here are the details you need to know about:

Most 150ml to three litre drink containers will be eligible for a 10 cent refund at an approved NSW collection point. Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached. Wine, spirits, cordial and plain milk containers are generally not eligible.

The boys in the Youth Group will be happy to take your bottles and cans off your hands when you bring them to Church on a Sunday.

If you have any questions, please talk to our "Return & Earn" champion, Ryan Keast.



## COMINGEVENTS

### GOLDEN YEARS

[& LADIES FELLOWSHIP]

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2018

@ ALL SAINTS MINISTRY CENTRE



## 'Hale & Hearty'

We welcome Antoinette Riley from Health Promotions Service for Older People who will talk about tips for healthy brain ageing. Morning tea at 10.00am and meeting at 10.30am. All welcome!

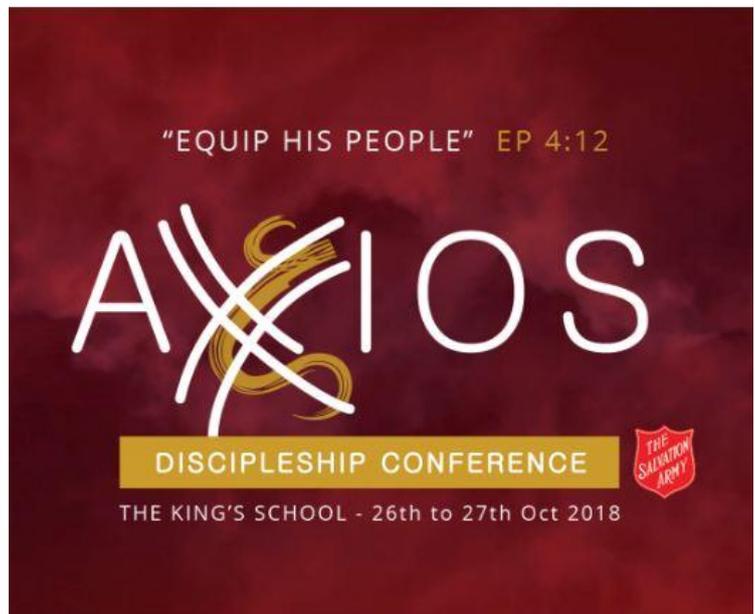
## ALL AGE WOMEN'S EVENT: 'Anya'

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018 @ AUBURN

For more information contact  
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Anya  
Saturday  
25th August  
2018



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.

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