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PARRAMATERS

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2017

Parramatta Salvation Army



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.

TOPICS:

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST:

Jesus the hero

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST:

Jesus our Saviour

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST:

Jesus my friend

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST:

Jesus our guide

AUGUST GROUPS:

SATURDAY:

5 AUG 9.30AM FUNCTION CENTRE [dining room] Chinese Discipleship Group

SUNDAY:

9AM CONNECT SITE - Easy English Worship

NOON FUNCTION CENTRE [dining room]
Please bring a plate of food to share with the group.

6 AUG 1PM AINSWORTH's @ Kingswood

20 AUG NOON OATLANDS - Young Adults Discipleship Group

3.30PM EDEN's @ Baulkham Hills

TUESDAY:

AM WOMEN'S Bible Study

THURSDAY:

NOON FUNCTION CENTRE [dining room] Easy English Bible Study

PM see John McComb

FRIDAY:

PM see Betty Hazell; John Godkin; Bill & Bev Mole

William Clarke College Solomon Islands Mission and Service Trip 2017 Report

For two weeks in June and July, I had the privilege of going to the Solomon Islands on my school's annual Mission and Service Trip. My school has had a continuing relationship with the people in the Solomon Islands, and particularly with schools from the Western Province and from the capital Honiara after a devastating tsunami in 2007. The group consisted of 21 students from primarily Year 11, with two Year 10s and 5 staff.

We visited Honiara for four days, where we heard from various organisations who help the people of the Solomon's with the various issues that the country faces including youth unemployment, illiteracy, inaccessibility for people with disabilities, domestic violence and lack of women's rights. We also visited the two schools where our Solomon's students come from, St Nicholas College and Chung Wa School. These are the schools where my friends came from and it was interesting to see where they went to primary school and comparing it to our school, where we have so many resources compared to the schools there. On our final night in Honiara we had a dinner with the parents of the Solomon's students, which was an amazing experience. I also got to meet my friend's parents which was amazing and a highlight for a lot of people in our group. We had the dinner at Government House (one of the students in my grade is the son of the Governor-General) which was another great experience!

After Honiara we left for the Western Province, specifically Munda, where we visited some schools where we played games with the students and gave them resources that we had taken over such as stationery, exercise books, reading books and sport equipment. We also went to a village on the first Sunday where we went to an Anglican church. The Solomon Islands is a Christian country with the predominant denomination being Anglican. It was a fascinating experience for the whole group to experience a more traditional church service with a lot of habitual singing and prayers with no musical instruments!

After Munda we went on a 10-minute flight to Gizo, the capital of the Western Province, where we left our big bags behind and went on a one-and-a-half-hour boat ride to a village called Varese where we stayed for two nights. We slept on very thin mattresses under mosquito nets in classrooms. It was a highlight for most of the group and was a time where I think we bonded as a group the most. We also went to the nearby village of Malasova while staying at Varese.

After staying at Varese, we went on the roughest boat ride I had ever been on back to Gizo where we stayed for the remaining six days. While at Gizo we visited more schools, went to another church, went to the markets and shops across the road (a lot!) and went to Kennedy Island for a 'day off'. Gizo was my favourite place throughout the whole trip, visiting the markets every day and having a lot of free time while we were there was really nice after constantly moving for the last week.

Overall, the Solomon Islands trip was an experience I will never forget. I've made new friends within the group and have experienced a culture which is so vastly different from ours. It's hard to describe how amazing the people are over there, not just in their kind words and hospitality, but also their Christian faith. I would be happy to go back to the Solomons, I loved the trip and I'm sure many of the other group members would say the same thing.

PRAYERPOINTS



Please pray for Barbara Browning and family. Barbara's father Doug Marshall passed away last weekend.



Pray for the family of Major Merle Locke who was recently Promoted to Glory.



Praising God for the last step in the purchase of 426 Church Street, Parramatta being completed. Looking forward to what God has in store for us in this new location. Keep praying for the next phase!



Please pray for those recovering and needing ongoing medical attention: Tom Kelly was admitted to hospital while on holidays in Queensland and is now home recovering. Philippa Vos is having an operation this Friday, Kerrie Parker on Tuesday, Narelle Luxford had cataract surgery last Thursday. Carol Dodd has also spent time in hospital. John Donovan is home but still unwell.



Please remember those in our corps who can no longer attend worship and activities: Dot Blackburn, Gwen Bourke, and Lorna Hayden.



*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.*

PEOPLENEWS

Auburn Gilbert who was a soldier of this Corps for many years spent time in Coffs Harbour hospital this week as a result of having a slight stroke. He is home and having continuing treatment. Please support Aub and Fae at this time with your prayers.

Kerrie Parker has had her operation and is doing as well as can be expected. She is hoping to move to Westmead Rehab hospital at the end of this week. Kerrie would appreciate your prayers as she continues on the path of recovery.

Paul Lucas is in Westmead hospital having further treatment. Please support Paul and Val with your prayers during this tough time Paul is going through.

We were saddened to hear of the Promotion to Glory of Major Merle Lock last week. Merle with her son Major Warren attended our Corps for many years prior to Merle moving out to Collaroy and Warren going in to train as a Salvation Army officer. A celebration of Merle's life was held on August 4 at Campsie Salvation Army.

CORPSNEWS

SAFE SALVOS TRAINING

On Saturday 2 September from 9.30 - 4.00 pm there will be a Safe Salvos Awareness Training Day here at Parra Salvos. Please see Carissa Ainsworth to register.

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE

The Youth Group will be holding a Bake Sale this coming Sunday morning 6 August to raise money for Equip Camp. Come along and buy some delicious treats during morning tea.

MISSION CLUSTER UPDATE

Since February this year we've been having some conversations with the corps in our cluster, Parramatta, Auburn, Ryde and Granville, to think creatively about how we can be more effective as an Army by working as one. The Division has given us some direction as to the final shape this might take, but in the main it is up to us to work out the nuts and bolts of this Hope Rising strategy (see attached file). Granville's amalgamation with us is part of that process. We are seeking to be as inclusive as possible and have asked the Divisional team to consider both a meeting with all four corps' leadership teams and ultimately the attendees from all four corps in the next few months. We believe that if we are gospel focused, creative, discerning, and open to the Spirit's leading we can end up with a fantastic new model for being the Salvation Army here in Western Sydney. Our new building will be an integral part of that solution.



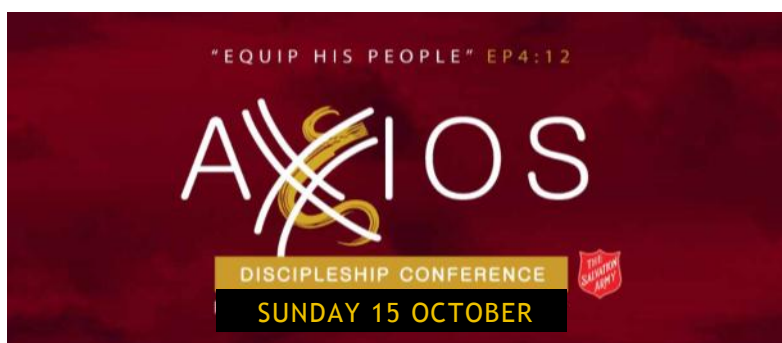
UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLDEN YEARS & LADIES FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017

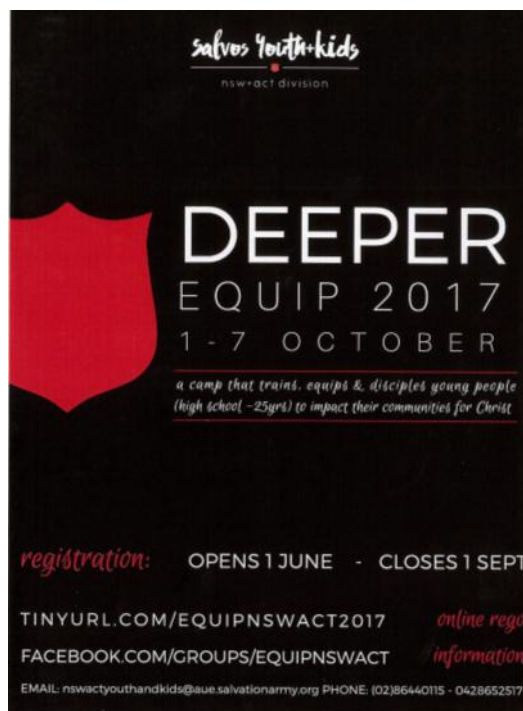
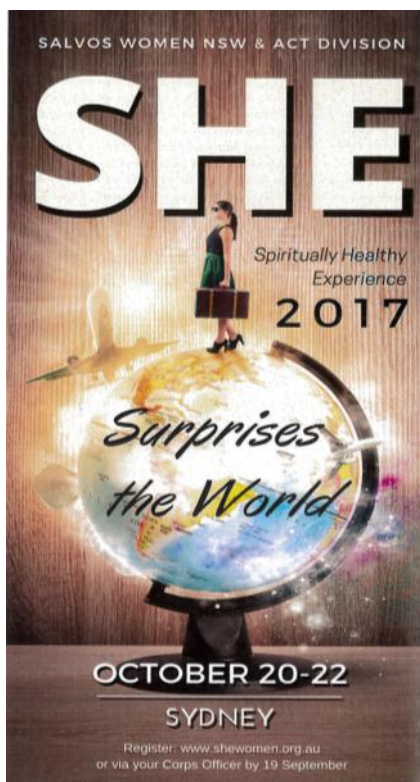
Sydney Veterans Band

10am for morning tea and 10.30am for the meeting. All are welcome to come and join in!



YOUNG ADULTS

There will be a young adults gathering on Sunday 20th August (after church). We will be joining together for lunch at The Hunterford Clubhouse, Governors Way Oatlands. Cost is \$5. Please let Daniel or Rachel Betteridge know if you would like to attend. We would love to see you there.



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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