



Central Vic Salvos

12th April 2026

Earlier this year Commissioner Miriam Gluyas released a short video clip introducing a 2026 theme for the Salvation Army Australian Territory – “The Way”. Despite my reluctance and heart-weariness at the announcement of another ‘thing’ or ‘theme’ or ‘program’, I was encouraged when she declared “This is not another thing, another campaign, just the way we naturally are together.” Bingo!

The Way(s) is one of the oldest names we have for describing life together in faith. You’ll notice I added a sneaky plural ‘s’ on the end there, because the Hebrew Bible calls us to both ‘the way of the Lord’ and ‘the ways of the Lord’. Ancient Israel was as complex and diverse as Modern Australia: welcoming waves of migration, suffering the dominance of foreign cultures, stretching across rural and coastal, agricultural, wilderness and urban landscapes and community systems. The stories, codes of conduct, wisdom and political diatribes of Scripture represent constant contentions and conversations as people lived faith together in these different contexts, sometimes with heated argument about their different experiences of God.

Psalm 25 holds these tensions together, generously honouring that ‘All the ways of the Lord are Steadfast Love’. All the ways – for those who worshipped in the

rural landscape under the trees, and those who gathered in the city courts of the temple; those who chose a local leader for their gathering and those who sought a sanctified priest; those who included their whole families, women, slaves and children and those who just gathered adult men. The road maps for practicing faith approve all of these variations across books like Leviticus,

Deuteronomy, Nehemiah and Ezra (worth a read with a highlighter)

When Jesus is pressed about the right ‘way’ to approach

God he says ‘I AM the Way’ – a glorious throwback to the

name of God given in the Hebrew Bible. In other words Jesus

says there is no one technical way of right practices to get to

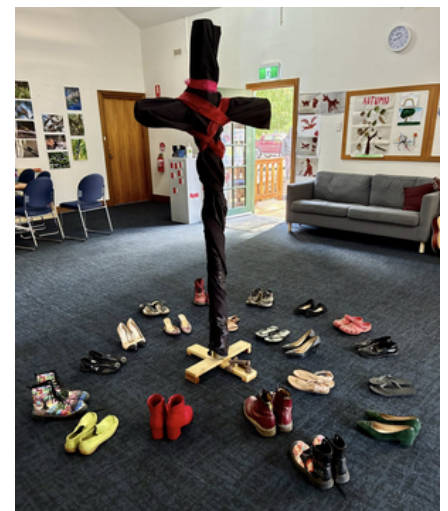
God. Life in God is The Way itself. And Jesus doubles it up with

‘No one comes to the father except by me’ – a radical identification

with God, but also a massive wipe out for any sect or system that wants to claim elite exclusive rights on giving access to God.

Jesus invitation, “I am the Way”, offers finding faith as a person-shaped venture. The way is a Jesus-shaped way – but here’s where it gets brain-bustingly difficult and beautiful at the same time. Living in a Jesus-shaped way can look like taking the dank dodgy water from the well and transforming it into a sparkling Chablis to keep the wedding party kicking on (John 2). Or it can look like heart-blinding grief of your friends ratting you out to violent thugs and unjust politicians (John 19). What does the Way of Jesus look like for you or for me or for us. It’s a walk of faith and it is in the walking that it is revealed. I can’t say what it is: we ‘make the road by walking’, as revolutionary educator Paulo Friere wrote; walking with Jesus.

When Commissioner Gluyas promised, The Way can’t be another ‘thing’ another ‘campaign’, she was dead right. The Way(s) can’t be pre-programmed – but what an adventure it is to faith our way forwards into discovering how it will be that “All the ways of the Lord are Steadfast Love.”



Beth Waldron Anstice (Castlemaine)



Salvo Leggings Fundraiser

All money raised goes straight to the Central Vic Salvos.

Full Length & Capri Leggings: \$20
Kids & Bike Shorts: \$15

See Ness to order- limited stock available!



GUNYAH VALLEY PRAYER GARDEN MONTHLY MINISTRY

The last Saturday of the month Feb-Nov, We host a time of guided prayer. Beginning with Worship & Word, participants use a prayer guide to pray privately in prayer garden, concluded with combined prayer and encouragement BYO lunch to follow

18th April 2026

494 Goornong Fosterville Rd Goornong

10am Worship & Word

10.30am Solo guided Prayer in the prayer garden

11.30am Gather to share, pray, and encourage one another

12 noon BYO fellowship lunch

Scan the QR Code to go to their Facebook Page.



SAVE THE DATE

Red Shield Appeal Weekend 30th & 31st May

See your Corps Officer/Leader if you are available to help throughout the appeal



QUIET TIME CHALLENGE

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Read: John 14: 6

Reflect on how Jesus is guiding you in your daily life.

Eaglehawk

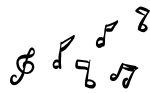
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday 12 April

Major Brian Moody will be at Eaglehawk



Just remember when praying for your children it isn't about getting God to what you want for your child. Its a way to join Him in what he is already doing for them.



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.



Pray For your Child

Each Day

Sunday:

Love that overflows

Monday:

Growth in knowledge

Tuesday:

Understanding what really matters

Wednesday:

Pure and blameless life

Thursday:

The fruit of salvation

Friday:

Righteous character - a life in Jesus

Saturday:

Glory and Praise to God



 Worship Arts Australia presents 

Honour the Brave

A concert paying tribute to the countless Australians who have served and protected our nation

Sunday 26 April 2026 at 3pm
Box Hill Salvation Army
1010 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Free entry with love offering to be taken to support the Red Shield Defence Services

Featuring
Melbourne Staff Band
Melbourne Staff Songsters
Salvos Big Band







Castlemaine

Community Market



Scones, Coffee, Sandwiches, Homemade Jams, Crafts, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Children's Play area/Activities, and more...



Saturday, 18th April

10am – 4pm

Castlemaine Salvo's (Kennedy Street, next to the train station)

Red Shield Appeal Fundraiser

Stall Holders Needed

Contact Vicki at vicki.kerin@salvationarmy.org.au

Castlemaine School Holiday Calendar

Sun April 12	Church
Mon April 13	Playgroup Plus Primary Holiday Fun 10 am
Wed April 15	Doorways 9:30am-12noon Leadership Team 1pm
Fri April 17	Hot showers & Breakfast; Doorways 9am
Sat April 18	Community Market 10am-4pm
Sun April 19	Church & Corps Lunch
Mon April 20	Normal Playgroup & Just Brass Resume

**Free Hot Breakfast
Fridays
9 am -10 am**

**Egg and Bacon Roll
Coffee and Tea**



Castlemaine Salvation Army
Kennedy Street Hall
By the Railway Station

**Free Hot showers
Fridays
9am-11am**

**Towels and Toiletries
provided**



Castlemaine
Salvation Army
Hall Car Park
By the Railway Station

Bendigo



Bendigo

THE BENDIGO SALVATION ARMY

SMALL GROUPS

Join one of our small groups to take part in 9 weeks of exploring faith, the bible, and community.

Salvation group

beginners who want to learn about God

Starting Thursday March 19th
6:30pm

Discipleship group

people who want to grow their faith

Starting Sunday March 22nd
4:00pm

If you're not sure which group would suit you, please call our reception and have a chat with Captain Ashir Morris (03) 5440 8410

The Salvation Army, 65-71 Mundy st, gate 1

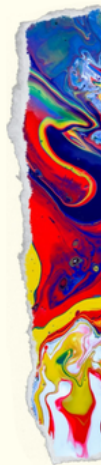
BENDIGO ART SPACE



A free, relaxed drop-in art space.
Inspired by starting afresh and discovering how the Master Creator can do something new within us.
Come, be inspired and create with us!

65-71 Mundy Street
In shelter Shed
(opposite Café)

Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm



Local hair dresses have teamed up with The Salvation Army to provide free hair cuts every 6 weeks for



people in need

30th April

HAIR AID

18th June

Held in the Bendigo Worship Centre
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Maryborough

RECESS

Youth and Childrens programs in recess over the school holidays resume the week of April 20

Workforce Australia
Employment Services
Endorsed by Asuria

Inclusive Employment Australia

Join us to shape the future of mental health support in Maryborough

A collaborative forum bringing local health providers and community organisations to strengthen mental health support across our region.

What to expect:

- ✓ Share your insights on current service gaps and emerging mental health needs in the Maryborough community
- ✓ Gain a clearer understanding of the local service landscape and where collaboration opportunities exist
- ✓ Identify partnership and referral pathway opportunities with other providers and organisations
- ✓ Contribute to discussions with Council about establishing a space where mental health providers can regularly connect, collaborate and share information.
- ✓ Be included in a local service network and directory to strengthen visibility and connection across the region

Register today!
Call, text or email Bec O'Neill
0448 701 162 | Bec.O'Neill@asuria.com.au

April 22

11 am to 2 pm

Maryborough
Community Hub

48 Burns St
Maryborough Vic

Scan the QR Code
to know more!



ASURIA
ASSURED PEOPLE SERVICES

THE Way

Jesus-centred, Spirit-led
hope revealed



SERMON SERIES

The Way: Discipleship

Starting this Sunday we will be looking at The Way. Major Robert Evans will join us this Sunday to launch The Way. We as a Corps will be doing this 30 day discipleship bible reading. This can be found on the YouVersion bible app (scan the QR code) or <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/68073-the-way-discipleship>



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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

8:30am - Weekly Prayers

WEDNESDAY

11am - 12:30pm Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

THURSDAY

2.00pm Band Practice

11.00am 3rd 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

3rd Sunday of month is the church/corps come and share lunch together. starting February to

November.

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.