



Central Vic Salvos

13th July 2025

MY LIFE TRANSFORMED BY FAITH

Growing up, religion was an unfamiliar concept. My understanding of Biblical stories like Adam and Eve came from pop culture—mostly shows like The Simpsons. Christmas and Easter were simply fun holidays, never holding any deeper meaning. I had very little exposure to church or religious teachings.

That all began to change three years ago when I entered the Bridge Program in Bendigo—a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility built on a religious foundation. At first, I was apprehensive. Honestly, I thought I was going to be brainwashed. But during my very first Sunday service, something unexpected happened. Goosebumps rippled over my skin, and I became quite emotional. This wasn't a one-off experience—it happened every week. Even after I completed the program, that same overwhelming feeling happened whenever I went to church.

Despite my doubts, I kept attending. I wasn't going for the social interaction—I was deeply unwell. My mental health was fragile. I was struggling with anorexia and, truthfully, I was dying. I often asked myself, Why am I going to church?

In 2024, I hit rock bottom. It was one of the most painful and darkest times in my life. I genuinely didn't believe I would make it through the year.

Then, everything changed.

In the days leading up to what I now know was a turning point, I began apologizing to people I had hurt, trying to make peace with my past. Then, two days later, I had an experience that changed everything. As I looked out the window, time seemed to stop. The world around me was flooded with a bright, intense light—even my cat was motionless. In that moment, I saw a blue light, and within it, I saw my future. All the pain, the weight, the darkness that had defined me and I had carried—gone. Replaced with something I had never known: joy and a will to live.

The next morning, still feeling wrapped in this overwhelming peace, I reached out to Shiralee at 5am. I told her what had happened, unsure if I'd experienced a spiritual awakening or a psychotic break. But from that point forward, something inside me had shifted. I felt truly alive. Hopeful. Motivated. For the first time in my life, I felt free.

This change was not superficial. It was deep, lasting, and immediate. I began to recover from an eating disorder that had held me captive for over a decade. I found employment. I started volunteering. I began engaging with people, speaking with confidence. I was no longer just surviving—I was living.

My mental health team were amazed by my overnight transformation. They couldn't believe the change they were witnessing.

When we read the Bible—especially the New Testament—we see stories of Jesus healing people: the blind, the sick, the broken. These stories appear in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. But today, we don't often hear people say, "Jesus healed me." I believe that's what happened to me.

God stepped into my life at the moment I needed Him most—and He healed me.

Steffanie Robinson (Bendigo)



Central Vic Salvos



Army of
VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED



Location: Salvation Army L2P Program

Contact: 5440 8410

Volunteer. Become an L2P Mentor!

Help young learner drivers be safer on our roads!

Over 21? Hold a current full Australia drivers license?

Scan the QR code below to find our more or contact us on
03 5440 8410



Where? Bendigo, Macedon Rangers, Maryborough and Surrounds.



The Salvation Army has implemented a new purchasing model for uniforms and branded clothing. This model comprises online ordering with physical pop up stores. 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>

UNSHAKEABLE Dare to be different

REGISTER!
NOW!

KIDS CAMP 2025

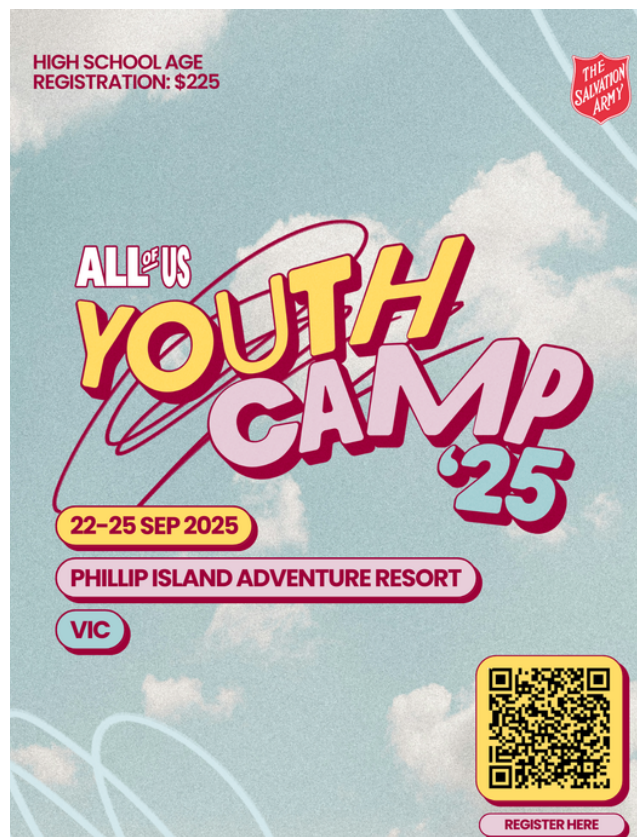
Monday 22nd Sept >>>> Thursday 25th Sept

Grades: 3- 6 Cost: \$200 Leaders: \$100

CYC Phillip Island Adventure Resort



For more information please see Beth, Tristan or Jacob
To pay at the Corps please use promo code: VIC25PBC





Central Vic Salvos



PSA

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert

The churches of Eaglehawk have combined to raise funds for the Winter Night Shelter
 Sunday 20th July 2025
 Venue: Eaglehawk Uniting Church
 Featuring Eaglehawk Citizen Band & Golden City Pipe Band, along with other musical support

2pm start Donation Entry
 Contact Karen 0427 759 641
 for more information



CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

Prayer & Worship Night

Sunday 27th July 2025

5.00pm - Praise and Worship

Eaglehawk Corps
 51 Church St, Eaglehawk

*Please bring a plate of food
 to share following the meeting*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Please continue to spend time daily in **ADORATION** of our Amazing and Awesome God, reflecting on God Himself, Praising Him for and in His Love, for His Power and Majesty, for His Wonderful gift of Christ.
- Praise Him for our families and friends, our neighbours and all the people He calls us into a relationship with.
- Praise Him for the Vision and Mission of The Salvation Army, and the part Central Vic Salvos has, the part we each have, in 'preaching' the Gospel message to all nations.
- Praise Him for all the committed and faithful followers of Christ throughout Central Vic Salvos.
- Praise Him for all those who have recently made a decision to follow Jesus and Praise Him for all those who have yet to make that decision (through the help of the ministry of Central Vic Salvos).
- Continue to offer prayers of **THANKSGIVING** - being thankful and grateful for everything that God gives you, for everything that God does for you, even the tough times that we go through, knowing that God will use them for our spiritual growth, if we allow Him to.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Mission and Vision as we share the love of Jesus by: Caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities and working for justice, so that wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others, **TO TRANSFORM** Central Victoria **ONE LIFE AT A TIME WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS.**
- For every officer, soldier, adherent, employee, youth and child, that we will each be active in sharing our faith and spreading the Gospel message, reaching out in practical ways to minister to the needs of our communities, to daily put our faith in action.
- For **PROTECTION** for our Church Leaders - (Major Karen Armstrong, Captains Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir and Beth Waldron Anstice) and their families - if we are advancing the Kingdom of God, we will come under attack of the enemy, and those in leadership are prime targets. Use scripture (Isa. 54:17, Ps 91, Ps 23, Isa. 45:2) Cover them in the Blood of Jesus. May they always seek God first, in everything they do.
- Pray for yourselves and families - we all need protection from the enemy if we are living according to God's will for us.

Psalm 86: 11-13

'Teach me Your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to Your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honour You. With all my heart I will praise You, O Lord my God. I will give glory to Your Name forever, for Your love for me is very great.'



Maryborough



FAMILY FUN DAY

When: 17th July 11am
Where: Maryborough salvos (27 Wills St)
Who: Families

messy crafts at 11am

Lunch and movie finishing at 2pm

Lunch provided
 Bring snacks to share

For more info and the RSVP scan QR code which will take you to our facebook event

WORSHIP SERVICES

13th July

Major Karen Armstrong along with the Eaglehawk Corps

20th July

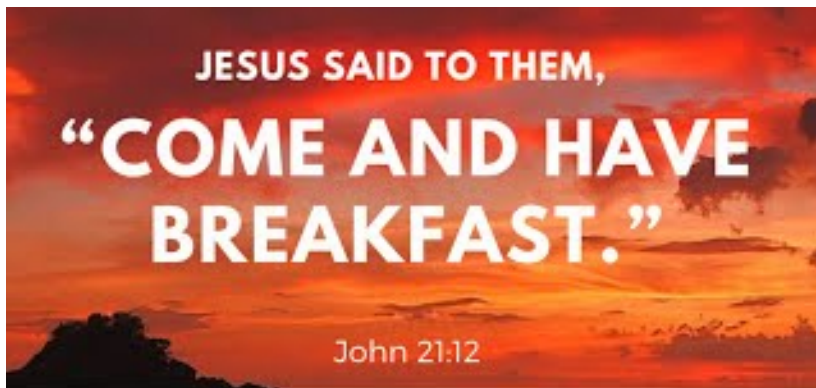
Major Mal Davies
(Assistant Divisional Commander)

BYO a plate of food to share

Maryborough

Corps Lunch

**3rd Sunday Of The Month
After Church**

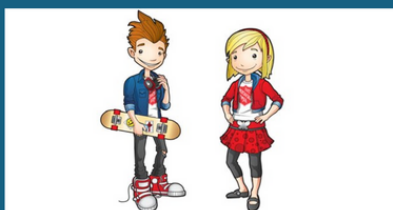


Castlemaine

Castlemaine Junior Soldiers

Lunch and program
12 noon - 1pm
July 20

(Third Sunday of the Month)



Castlemaine

Salvo's

Playgroup

Resuming 21st July

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

Central Vic Salvos



MAJOR KAREN ON FURLOUGH

Wednesday 30th July - Wednesday 20 August
Sunday worship will be covered by the following people:

Sunday 3 August Captain F Hodge

Sunday 10 August - Raelene Creeley

Sunday 17 August - Darren Dunn

please support them through prayer and your availability.

MAKING A PSALM 23 BRACELET

July 15 at 11:30 am

Cost \$5

Lunch to share



BAND PRACTICE



commencing each week during school term

Thursday's 1:30pm

CORPS FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Tuesday 19 August

12 midday

White Horse Hotel

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday 23 July at 6:30pm at the quarters.



SCRAPBOOKING OF FAITH

Tuesday 26 August @

10:30am

BYO lunch

More details to follow



Youth Services

HELP US KEEP

TOOLS FOR THE TRADE



Tools For The Trade (TFTT)

is a transformational program with a 90% success rate in re-engaging vulnerable 16-21 year olds. But without urgent government action. It is at risk of closure

Every year, thousands of young Victorians disengage from school and training putting them at greater risk mental ill-health, family breakdown, unemployment, isolation and involvement with the justice system. TFTT interrupts that cycle offering structure, support and real opportunity. It's early intervention that works

SIGN THE PETITION TODAY

It takes 30 seconds. your voice matters. Scan the QR code to access the petition. Once we reach 10,000 signatures, our cause will be heard in Parliament



A proven early intervention program at risk of closure

Each 10 Week program includes

- Trade tasters at local TAFEs (eg plumbing, automotive)
- Certified training: white card, first aid/CPR, RSA
- Teamwork, communication & Resume writing
- Industry visits, mentoring & work experience
- Health and wellbeing session & Leadership development
- daily support from positive role models and pathway planning
- TFTT offers more than skills - it gives young people stability and support they need to thrive

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

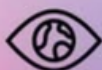
We are calling on the Victorian Government to secure ongoing funding for Tools For The Trade a program that helps young people rebuild confidence, purpose and belonging through real world skills and support
Help us keep this program running and give more young Victorians a fair chance at a brighter future.

THE COURIERS

Will be leading worship on Sunday 20th July at 10.00am. A male Quartet that have performed contemporary Christian Gospel music around country and metropolitan Victoria for many years. The Couriers believe in sharing the message of the Gospel in song. There will be a corps lunch followed in the afternoon at the PSA.



Bendigo



ONESIGHT
EssilorLuxottica Foundation

A **FREE** Vision Clinic is coming to The Salvation Army Bendigo!

If you're struggling to see clearly, you can get a **free eye test** here.

If you need glasses, they will be provided at **no cost**.

CLINIC DETAILS

DATE:

Wednesday 6th August
9:00am-3:00pm

ADDRESS:

Worship Centre (Gate 1)
65-71 Mundy Street
Bendigo
(enter via the back gate)



Limited appointments available

Call Spencer on **0499 707 871** or stop
by the Centre to book your
appointment today!



Bendigo



The Hilltop Cafe provides delicious free meals three days per week.

Monday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm (meals by impact recovery)

Thursday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

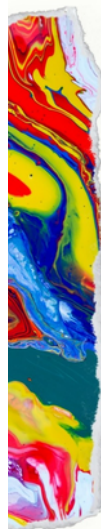
Friday: 10.00am - 12.15pm (meals by MADCOW)

Drop in space

Drop in for a coffee and a chat every Thursday.
from 3:00pm-5:00pm

Bendigo Salvos 65-71 Mundy st
Worship centre

Celebrating 150 Years of Gravel Hill



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!

MONDAYS 1:00PM-3:00PM
THURSDAYS 1:00PM-3:00PM
IN SHELTER SHED (OPPOSITE CAFE)

DISCOVERY CHURCH

Alpha

Discovery church is starting a new program called
Alpha

Alpha is a beginners course for people who want to
know who God is and our place in the world.

Starting 9th of march 5:00pm

If you are interested please contact

Kenneth: 0466 233 230

or

Captain Ashir: 0408 746 144

Bendigo



Bendigo

Showers

Our shower is open on the
following days for anyone
experiencing homelessness.

Monday: 12:00pm- 3:00pm

Tuesday: 12:00pm-3:00pm

Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm

Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm

Sunday: 11:30am-12:30pm

Bendigo Salvos
65-71 Mundy st
worship centre



Central Vic Salvos



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

BENDIGO

MONDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal

1.00pm - Art Space

12.30pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers

12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing

TUESDAY

12.30pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers

THURSDAY

9.30am to 12.30pm - Free Showers

10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing

11.15am - Chapel

12.00pm - Community Meal

1.00pm - Art Space

3.00 to 5.00pm - Drop in space

6.00 to 7.15pm - Zac's Place

12.00 to 2.00pm - Free Hair cuts

(see Hair Aid poster)

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.30pm - Free Showers

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

11.30am-12.30pm - Free Showers

4.00pm - Discovery Church

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup*

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

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 *

12.00pm - Noon Prayer

2.00pm - 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

(All Age Worship 1st, Corps Lunch 3rd Sunday)

12.00pm - Junior Soldiers (3rd Sunday)

27 Wills St, Maryborough

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

3:35 to 5pm - Choir Practice.

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community

3.00pm - Bible Study *

4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - Hall

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

*not on during school Holidays

51 Church St, Eaglehawk



Contact Us

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

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CASTLEMAINE

Beth Waldron Anstice

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corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

EAGLEHAWK

Corps Officer: Maj. Karen Armstrong

51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | (03) 5459 0507

corpsofficer.eaglehawk@salvationarmy.org.au

MARYBOROUGH

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.