



### What's the best you can do for God?

In a recent Divisional Newsletter, Captain Marco Lupis (Area Officer, Central Coast - NSW/ACT) wrote this:

Having lived in regional areas for several years I have developed a bit of a soft spot for Rex Airlines. They have a rich history of connecting regional Australia to the big cities. It's been their business for decades. I don't profess to fully understand what got them into recent trouble, but it seems that an attempt to do more, offering services between cities, caused the business to suffer.

It's such an easy temptation, especially with so much need around us, to keep doing more. The problem is, the more we do the more we are stretched. Our resources, energy, and even the quality of our work and interactions with others.

In his book 'Good to Great' Jim Collins argues that foxes pursue many goals and interests at the same time. As a result, their thinking is scattered and unfocused, and ultimately, they achieve very little. Hedgehogs, however, simplify the world and focus on a single, overarching vision, which they can achieve.

What's the best you can do for God? What are the things you need to say 'no' to so that you can say 'yes' to the greater thing?

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*


*Colossians 3:23-24*

### New Area Officer Appointment




Major Vannessa Garven will be the new Area Officer for the Capital Region in 2025. Vannessa is an experienced officer across a number of disciplines and is currently an Area Officer in Sydney. She will be responsible only for the Capital Region, [ACT, Queanbeyan and Cooma] and will have an additional appointment of Corps Officer Belconnen.

### Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice,  
Salvos will live, love and fight  
alongside others  
to transform Australia one life at a time  
with the love of Jesus

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**Sunday Worship 10:30am (morning tea from 10am)**

### Preaching Series

Over the coming weeks we are going to be looking at a resource put together a number of years ago called

## The Power of a Whisper by Bill Hybels.

Although in more recent years Bill Hybels has been called to address and seek forgiveness for some short comings in his leadership and lifestyle, many of his resources and material written still have value in helping us connect closer to God.

In *The Power of a Whisper*, vision is cast for what life can look like when God's followers choose to hear from heaven as they navigate life on earth. Whispers that arbitrate key decisions, nudges that rescue from dark nights of the soul, promptings that spur on growth, urgings that come by way of another person, inspiration that opens once-glazed-over eyes to the terrible plight people face in this world. In *Power of a Whisper* using biblical stories as Christ-followers' we are challenged to have hearts wide open to hearing from God, and for getting gutsier about doing exactly what he says to do.

<b>September 15</b>	The Power of a Whisper	The Whisper-Led Life	1 Samuel 3:1-10
<b>September 22</b>	The Power of a Whisper	Divine Input for the Day-to-Day	1 Kings 18-19
<b>September 29</b>	The Power of a Whisper	Practice	Psalms 119:105; Proverbs 11:14
<b>October 6</b>	The Power of a Whisper	Wide Open for Good	Acts 9:1-22



#### JESUS CENTRED SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, we hear from Lt. Col Sturat Reid as he shares via video about being Jesus Centred.

When we are Jesus-centred, we try to be like Jesus. We try to think like Jesus, talk like Jesus and act like Jesus. Others can see what Jesus is like when we are Jesus-centred

#### **Jesus-centred conversation starters**

- Think about someone who you think is like Jesus. What makes that person like Jesus?
- In a busy and distracting world, what habits do you find helpful to keep yourself focused on Jesus?
- How could we help each other be Jesus-centred?
- What difference does it make to our community, our country or our world when we are Jesus-centred?

# September Newsletter



## Grow in your faith – in community

You're invited to join us for Sunday Worship

We are a relaxed, friendly church with a mission to worship Jesus and share his light and love with our community. Our church celebrates diversity and warmly welcomes people from all cultures and backgrounds. We are a family, and everyone belongs

THE SALVATION ARMY GUNGAHLIN  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am (morning tea from 10am)



Our Coffee Outing this month, will be a trip to Floriade, on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Bus will leave the hall at 10am if you would like a lift.

If the weather is bad, we will go for coffee together at EQ café opposite the post office in Gungahlin instead at 10am.

## Training Opportunities

### OUR WORKSHOPS COVER:

- Engaging with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) communities
- Deepening intercultural discipleship (29 Oct, 7-8.30 pm)
- Strengthening intercultural leadership (19 Nov, time tba)

We will help equip you with the knowledge, skills, and relationships needed to grow a diverse faith community and serve others with compassion and effectiveness.

Don't miss this chance to enhance your skills, deepen your faith, and advance our mission as a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by:

- Caring for people
- Creating faith pathways
- Building healthy communities
- Working for justice

Workshop 1 - Engaging with CaLD communities (Tuesday, 10 September 7-8.30 pm AEST)



Sign up today and be a catalyst for positive change in The Salvation Army and beyond!

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight."*  
PHILIPPIANS 1:9 (NIV)



# NSW/ACT SALVO CAMPS 2024

**ARISE** 

**BREAKING GROUND**

**18-20 OCTOBER**  
**COLLARROY CENTRE**

With guest speaker – Marty Robinson

Register at:  
[salvationarmy.typeform.com/AriseMensCon24](https://salvationarmy.typeform.com/AriseMensCon24)  
or scan the QR Code



For further information email [arise@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:arise@salvationarmy.org.au)

*Living in God's Overflow*

**FRIDAY 1 - SUNDAY 3**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**CRU LAKE MAC**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER - REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 11 OCTOBER




**SHE 2024**  
Weekend

NSW/ACT Kids Camps for 2024 are going to be soooooo much fun! If you are aged 7 to 12, in primary school you are eligible to come along. The weekend is filled with lots of fun activities, great opportunities to try and learn something new and a whole bunch of new friends to meet and spend time with.

**NSW/ACT KIDS CAMPS**

**Northern Kids Camp - Lake Mac**  
Friday 25 - Sunday 27 October 24

**Southern Kids Camp - Shoalhaven**  
Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November 24

**REGISTER NOW**

**\$130 CAMPERS**  
AGE: 7 to 12 years

**\$100 LEADERS**  
Jnr Leaders from 14 years




**Registrations close Friday 11 October.**

Scan the QR code or click on this link to register:

<https://salvationarmy.typeform.com/SHE2024>

This year, we will gather together at Cru Lake Mac Camp and Conference Centre which is nestled on the stunning shores of Lake Macquarie. We've planned an intentional program filled with time for fun, time for prayer and time to hear from God. You'll get to hear powerful stories from guest contributors, connect with friends and make new ones too.

## NATIONAL EVENTS



**CREATIVE BRENGLE 2024**

*Where our holiness theology finds creative expression.*

Explore the intersection of your creative skills with the teachings of Salvation Army theologian Samuel Logan Brengle, and see God move through you in new ways.

Identify and develop your creativity while exploring the expression of our theology at Creative Brengle. We believe creativity is found in everything: from gardening to speech-writing, staging to crafting, woodwork to acting.

Held across four online teaching sessions and an in-person event. Launches 17 September.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: COLONEL JANET MUNN

MORE INFORMATION AT WEBSITE

R U OK? Day 2024 will take place on Thursday Sept 12. It is a national day of action when Australians are reminded to ask, 'are you OK?' and start meaningful conversations when they see someone struggling.

R U OK? Day 2024

Romans 12:12-13 (NIV) says,

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”



Melbourne Staff Band presents

**ISOBEL DAW'S**  
IN CONCERT – IN AUSTRALIA



MELBOURNE – Saturday 19th October @ 7:30pm  
Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

SYDNEY – Friday 25th October @ 7:00pm  
Sydney Congress Hall, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

BRISBANE – Saturday 26th October @ 6:30pm  
Sandgate District State High School - Centre for Creative Industries, Depot Road, Deagon

Tickets for all concerts available online – [www.salvationarmy.org.au/MSB](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/MSB)

## CANBERRA EVENTS

### YOUTH GROUP

Here are the dates for term 3 combined Canberra Salvo Youth Group

School Week 8 - IKEA scavenger hunt - activity TBC (13th September) bus leaves hall at 620pm

School Week 10 - Woden - myth busters night (27th September) bus leaves hall at 620pm

