The Salvation Army Box Hill
Corps Annual Report
2009
Transforming Lives
Caring for People
Making Disciples
Reforming Society

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I would like to start my contribution to the 2009 Annual Report with a word of thanks for the way in which you have accepted Priya and I, and our children, into the ministry of Box Hill corps. It has been a joy to be able to return to corps ministry, after our five years in educational roles, in such a dynamic and challenging setting.

As I reflect upon the journey of this year, I realise that it has been a time of significant transition, and as a result, also a time for us to stabilise the corps in a variety of ways. I am pleased to be able to say that at the end of 2009, I am confident that some of the significant challenges we faced early in the year are now behind us. In particular the corps is financially on a better footing and, whilst careful management and monitoring is still required, we can more confidently face the month-to-month expenses and consider the potential for us to embrace new mission opportunities.

In mentioning finances, I would like to also acknowledge the work and effort by members of the corps in support of wider ministries beyond Box Hill Salvos. As I reflect upon personal giving to the Bushfire Appeal and Self-Denial Missionary Appeal, as well as collecting and fundraising by corps members for Bushfire Appeal, Red Shield Appeal and Sapphire, I am overwhelmed to realise that in excess of $250,000 has been released to support mission and ministry. We are a giving people.

I want to commend the officer team and staff team who commit to the ministry of Box Hill corps on a daily basis throughout the year. It can be a very busy place! There are significant demands upon the time and abilities of each of them, as they seek to respond to the daily diversity that we face. Thank you for all that you do.

I want to acknowledge in particular the work of Cadets Fiona and Matt Kean and their responsibility as Youth Pastors at Box Hill since the beginning of 2008. This year has been a year of transition for them with the additional time pressure of being part-time at Box Hill and part-time in training as cadets at the training college. We wish Fiona and Matt well as they leave their ministry position with us and engage full time with their cadetship thus allowing them to complete training to become Salvation Army officers. With their departure we are now in the process of employing a new youth pastor to oversee and develop our ministry to Youth and Young Adults.

Anne Thorpe joined the staff team in the middle of 2009 as Corps Administrator and we have appreciated the way she has embraced her new role. This has added to our administrative effectiveness and allowed better utilisation of our building by other groups thus securing increased income.

In August of this year I wrote of the need for us to restructure the Corps Leadership Team after a two-year trial of the existing approach. The process of getting the “right people in the right roles” as part of our restructured corps leadership team has taken longer than was desirable, however the new structure will be fully implemented for 2010. I wish to thank all members of the former CLT for their contribution to the ministry of Box Hill corps. I would also solicit your prayers for the new corps leadership team as they seek to guide and empower the mission and ministry of Box Hill into the future.

Equally I want to thank each and every member of this corps who gives their time and effort to mission and ministry in a myriad of ways. We are the people of God and we partner with God in mission and ministry. Thank you for your partnership.

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As I consider 2010 ahead I note some major challenges that we need to embrace and grapple with:

- A need for all ministries of our corps to examine their effectiveness in the light of our four mission intentions: Transforming Lives, Caring for People, Making Disciples, Reforming Society. All that we do needs to be carefully measured and assessed in light of our mission.
- A need for our established Sunday congregations to move from a maintenance status onto a growth footing for the sake of the extension of God’s Kingdom in the City of Whitehorse. Two of our Sunday congregations are stable, one is growing and one is in decline – we must be alert to the compulsion that the church exists for those outside of its walls and respond in mission.
- How are we connecting with the multicultural nature of our community of ministry? In what ways can we better engage with our immediate neighbours?
- The ongoing need for us to generate, or source, new avenues of income for our community services so that we may extend and build upon the life transforming work that we are engaged in.
- A large corps has large leadership and ministry needs – there is an ever-present pressure for positions to be filled and for people to rise to the challenge. Who will embrace the opportunities?
- Our corps finances have improved and stabilised, however let us each examine the biblical standards of giving and be challenged by them. Our giving needs to empower the mission.
- The need for each person who is a part of Box Hill Salvos to consider their individual engagement in the mission and ministry of this corps.

The first message from God’s word that I shared with you on our Welcome Sunday was from Luke 4 and I want to remind you of the words of Jesus proclaimed in verses 18,19:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Words of freedom. Words of hope. Words of transformation.

The mission of Jesus is the mission that belongs to all of us as followers after the way of Christ. We are only ever truly the church, The Salvation Army, when we are giving ourselves and God away in mission to those around us. That’s the bottom line. That’s why we are here.

Let’s live that in 2010!

Transforming Lives, Caring for People, Making Disciples, Reforming Society.

Gregory Morgan, Major
Finance and Governance

The corps finances are divided into four separate entities those being; General Corps Account, Community Centre, Cafe Salvo and Korean Ministry. In addition there are two investment reserve accounts held at divisional headquarters. The following comments should be read in conjunction with the accompanying finance reports.

General Corps Account
Total income received was $531,712 with $400,499 being received through planned giving and collections. We received $29,317 from facilities hire and car parking which was under budget by $40,863. We received $40,922 for appeals and donations, which includes $23,189 for the Bush Fire appeal and $16,120 from the corps Red Shield appeal launch. Salvation Army grants includes a DHQ grant of $3,000 for the community tea and a THQ grant of $31,800 for the big band visit to Korea.

The major expenditure area is officer and employee costs totalling $177,268 and under budget by $87,886 due to the change in the number of officers appointed to the corps and changes to the corps administration structure. Administration and office costs were over budget by $10,273, with the main areas of over spending being computer expenses, telephone expenses and printing costs. The Transfer Appeals & Donations includes the proceeds from the Red Shield appeal launch, the Bushfire appeal and fundraising by SAPPHIRE for the Congo/Angola territory. Contribution to corps sections includes band instrument purchases of $24,000 funded by a donation received in 2007/08 and a contribution of $18,000 for the big band Korea tour. A further THQ grant of $14,000 will be received in 2009/10 to offset the deficit of the big band tour.

The operating result for 2008/09 was a deficit of $16,699, but as noted this should be reduced taking into account the band instrument purchases were funded by a donation received in 2007/08 and the additional THQ grant for the big band tour yet to be received.

Korean Corps Account
The Korean corps ministry is supported by a grant from THQ, which was $89,000 in 2008/09. Total income of $100,820, above budget by $4,120 included the THQ grant and Sunday collections totalling $10,452. Expenditure for the Korean corps was $82,757, including officer allowances and levies of $49,893 and motor vehicle and travel expenses of $12,391. Total expenditure was below budget by $12,219 and with the favourable income variance there was a surplus of $18,063.

Community Centre
Total income for the community centre totalled $97,585, with $47,901 coming from corporate and personal donations and proceeds from Christmas carolling. We are grateful to the QANSTRUCT Group for their generous and on-going support. Grants of $46,189 were received from the Government and Salvation Army, including a $25,396 allocation from the Box Hill Salvo Store.
The various costs associated with the community centre, including wages and on costs and welfare assistance totalled $92,419. A processing error of $6,820 relating to the 2007/08 financial year was discovered too late so an adjustment was required in 2008/09 having negative impact on the operating result. Deficit funding for Cafe Salvo is processed through the community centre with an allocation of $59,714 being made. The allocation from the Box Hill Salvo Stores provided 43% of the deficit funding.

_Cafe Salvo_

The cafe’s sales and income from catering totalled $119,624, under budget by $6,376. Total operating costs for the cafe totalled $179,306, over budget by $17,106. There was a deficit funding allocation made from the community centre of $59,714. For 2008/09 the allocation from the Box Hill Salvo Store will be allocated directly to the cafe.

_Fund Balances_

The following reserves are held at DHQ and the balances are as follows:

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_Moving Forward_

The appointment of Anne Thorpe as corps administrator in mid 2009 has allowed for more focus upon administrative processes in the corps office. Anne has been able to generate increased usage of our facilities by external groups and has renegotiated the parking agreement with Australia Post securing a substantial increase in that income stream. From October 2009 – January 2010 the Department of Human Services will be regularly using the corps facilities while one level of their building in Nelson Road is being renovated. There was an increase in participation in the planned giving program after the review earlier in the year and the budgeted income for 2009/10 from planned giving is based on that review.

The financial situation of Cafe Salvo has been under careful review this year and several changes have been implemented as a result; a full price rise occurred for the 2009/10 financial year, a revision of purchasing procedures resulted in some changes to suppliers, staff hours have been reviewed and shifts reduced as a result. Sales income for Cafe Salvo continues to increase as a broader customer base engages with our cafe. There has been an increase in catering requests with the increase of external parties using the corps facilities.

_Legal Dispute_

The discontinuation of legal action related to the property redevelopment dispute was announced to the corps late in 2008, however the finalisation of legal costs and the subsequent insurance claim for expenses was not finalised until mid 2009. Our corps had committed $300,000 from our property development reserves to legal costs. After all matters were resolved the amount of $134,685.70 was returned to property reserves.

In relation to the legal costs that will not be recovered, no money from tithes and offerings or general income has been utilised for these legal proceedings. All legal funding was sourced from our Property Development Reserves, which comprised the proceeds from property sales made by our corps over the last decade. Whilst the final outcome has financial implications for us as a corps community, I am sure you are pleased that these matters have now worked towards their final resolution.

If you require any further information regarding the financial information in this report please do not hesitate to speak with Major Gregory Morgan or me.

_Darren Waterworth_
## BOX HILL SALVATION ARMY - FINANCE REPORTS

### GENERAL CORPS ACCOUNT

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### EXPENDITURE

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**OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)**

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### KOREAN CORPS ACCOUNT

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**OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** 18,063 2,200 20,263 928 0

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE

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| **EXPENDITURE**          |                |               |           |                  |                |
| Wages & On Costs         | 30,095         | 40,005        | 9,910     | 3,611            | 29,374         |
| Welfare Assistance       | 60,857         | 52,403        | (8,454)   | 9,549            | 47,246         |
| Administration Expenses  | 1,467          | 3,410         | 1,943     | 790              | 4,120          |
| THQ Levy                 | -              | -             | -         | 1,167            | 4,688          |
| Café Salvo Contribution  | 59,714         | 36,500        | (23,214)  |                  |                |
| Other                    | 6,820          | (6,820)       |           |                  |                |
| **Total Expenditure**    | 158,953        | 132,318       | (26,635)  | 15,117           | 85,428         |

|                          |                |               |           |                  |                |
| **OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | (61,368)     | 0             | (61,368)  | (10,050)         | 0              |

## CAFÉ SALVO

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| **EXPENDITURE**          |                |               |           |                  |                |
| Wages & On Costs         | 94,621         | 91,137        | (3,484)   | 27,968           | 95,145         |
| Property & Maintenance   | 1,992          | 1,457         | (535)     | 1,177            | 1,435          |
| Food Supplies            | 70,830         | 62,556        | (8,274)   | 19,728           | 58,100         |
| THQ Levy                 | 9,076          | 6,310         | (2,766)   | 2,172            | 8,689          |
| Other Expenses           | 2,787          | 740           | (2,047)   | 80               | 2,530          |
| **Total Expenditure**    | 179,306        | 162,200       | (17,106)  | 49,325           | 165,899        |

|                          |                |               |           |                  |                |
| **OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | 895           | 0             | 895       | (3,126)          | 0              |
May 2009 saw the conclusion of our previous three-year Planned Giving program and the commencement of a new program. 161 church members and families responded positively to be part of the program and we give thanks to God for your support of the ministry and mission needs of our corps.

We worship a just God, a fair God. A God who only asks that we responsibly steward the money He has given us, in accordance with His expectation, so that we might bring glory to His Name. Your sacrificial giving will allow us to face the future challenges of our corps and community with a greater confidence. May you be blessed, and your spiritual life strengthened by your giving.

I would like to leave with you the words of Paul as he addressed the church in Corinth in his second letter to that fellowship in chapter 9.

“6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever” 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

Dean Reynolds
“I just want to say thanks; you have been so kind and nice to me and my little family. I just hope one day God will give us the chance to give back a little for all the help and support in this difficult time for us.” Jane W.

On the success of last years Red Shield Appeal Launch, a second one was held this year at ‘Fountains Restaurant’ at Box Hill Institute, TAFE. Again, we had the wonderful support of the TAFE students from the catering and events management classes, who were involved in various aspects of the event. This included catering, front of house, marketing and promotion. This year we had a lot of wonderful memorabilia for auction, which sold very well under the hammer of our auctioneer - Philip Webb. Thank you to Pip Davey for the donation of an original art piece that was created for the occasion and to Ken Waterworth for organising an ensemble for the event, which added to the evening. The appeal was generously kicked off with donations from ‘Collins Mellody’ (Ron Mellody) and ‘The Honesty Shoppe’ (Barry Scott).

I wish to acknowledge and thank all members of our corps and the wider community of friends and family who contributed to this years’ appeal. I would particularly like to thank the District Chairpersons and the Area Captains, without whom these results could not be achieved. Also, a great effort by Ross Glen who does a mountain of work behind the scenes, both before and after the appeal, in the organising and running of the counting house and collating all the facts and figures! Thank you!

A lot of hours of planning and work went into the organising of a very successful appeal and my thanks and sincere appreciation are extended to the excellent commitment and efforts of the committee, chaired by Mr Ross Mitchell (Nesso Pty Ltd). Considering there are still many struggling with tough economic times, a fantastic result and effort was achieved by all involved.

2009 - $118,354
2008 - $ 98,306
2007 - $71,551
2006 - $68,000

Due to the combined efforts of the Box Hill corps, extended family and community support, there will be many people assisted through the variety of programs and services we offer across the state. 2 – 3 hours is all we need to give, to make a difference in so many lives.

The date for the appeal next year is May 29th & 30th.
Let’s continue to make that difference.

“To everyone at The Salvation Army, I would sincerely like to thank you for all your help and assistance. You have been fantastic and I can never repay you for all your kindness. My life, thanks to you, is now back on track.” Sam L.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Judi Agnew
City Director
Our corps website underwent an ‘extreme makeover’ this year. The website has been re-designed with two main priorities in mind:

1. To promote The Salvation Army - Box Hill corps in the Whitehorse community
2. To provide a means of communication within the corps community

A major complaint of the website in the past was that it was rarely up-to-date. Unfortunately many of the events promoted on the website had already come and gone. We have now implemented a database to manage the content on the website for all events and programs so that it will only display information for events that are yet to happen.

The site also has a member’s area which includes a Corps Directory, Members News and Prayer Requests.

**Corps Directory:**
Members of the corps are able to search the corps directory page to find the contact details of other listed members. You can even update your own details if you change your address, get a new email address or phone number.

**Members News:**
The Members News section was created to allow members to share news of interest with the corps community. This has been used mainly by our administration office as an extension of the weekly newsletter but is available to all members to add items of interest.

**Prayer Requests:**
Visit the Prayer Requests page to see the current items submitted for your prayer support. You can also submit your own prayer requests for others to support you in prayer.

If you have any comments or ideas on other things that you would like to see on the website, please contact us to let us know.

*Brad Sainsbury*
*Corps Webmaster*
Sunday, January 25th was the welcome to corps officers, Majors Gregory and Priya Morgan, together with their two children Thea and Zac. The 10am combined welcome meeting was led by Majors Allan and Lorraine Daddow, Assistant Chief Secretary and Child Sponsorship Secretary respectively who also conducted the service of commitment. Corps representative speaker was David Willett and to represent the Children and Youth ministries was Sister Mrs Judi Agnew. Band and Songsters took part. Major Priya Morgan spoke in response and Major Gregory Morgan gave the message based on Luke 4: 14-30. There was no 6pm meeting due to the divisional meeting at Waverley Temple to welcome officers and farewell candidates in the division. Major Gregory Morgan conducted the funeral service of Mrs Dorne Timewall on January 23, 2009.

On Friday, January 23, 2009 a ceremony was conducted in the Box Hill cemetery at the graveside of Mrs Adjutant Robert Cottle (nee Mary Jane Twaddle) the mother of Mrs Major Jean Paraker as Jean’s ashes were interned by Le Pines representative Mr Graham Wynne in this gravesite. The service was conducted by Captain Timothy Lynn with support from Captain Melissa Templeman-Twells (granddaughter), Pastor Simone Turner (granddaughter) and David Parker (son) on guitar. Family, friends and representatives from Box Hill corps attended this service and later shared in fellowship at morning tea at Inala Village.

Envoys Matt and Fiona Kean became cadets and will be in the training college for two years. Graham Gourd and his daughter Kirsten are our prayer ministry leaders involving the weekly prayer newsletter. Tuesday evenings a prayer meeting at 7pm is held in Café Salvo and Friday mornings between 6.30 and 7.30am at the hall.

Sunday, February 22, 2009 we welcomed the following delegates of the Administrative Leaders Training Course: Major Verona Haughton – the Caribbean, Lieut-Colonel Timothy Mabaso – South Africa, Major Sangthangdule – East India, Major Simon Tso – Hong Kong, Captain Victoria Lilac – Romania. Commissioner Brian Morgan led the meeting with the message given by Lieut-Colonel Timothy Mabaso. An amount of $12,690.15 was given by the congregation for the Victorian bushfire appeal. Teams at Box Hill Centro collected $10,918.25.

Great News! 20 children interested in learning an instrument in the junior band and a plea was issued for the return of ‘lost’ instruments. Sunday, March 1st, marked the commencement of worship considering “Jesus way . . .” into the Easter season, and how the example of Jesus challenges us to live today.

Bro. David McEwen was promoted to Glory, Sunday, March 1, 2009. Bro. Vern Downes was promoted to Glory on Monday, March 2, 2009. Brigadier Mrs Muriel Archbold was promoted to Glory, September 17, 2009.

In June, Anne Thorpe became the Corps Administrator commencing in the office on Monday 19th.

Friday, July 24th marked the 100th Anniversary of the re-opening of the corps following its closure in 1896, due to soldiers leaving the area (the Great Depression) in search of employment. This was mainly due to the brick works in Federation Street closing. It was not until January 13, 1910, that Commissioner James Hay granted ‘corps status’ to the corps at a meeting held in the Federal Hall in Whitehorse Road.

The book Where a City Grew – a record of the history of Box Hill corps since 1891 is still available for $25.

The dedication of Charlotte Nardella, daughter of Karly, took place during the 11am service on Sunday, July 26th conducted by Major Priya Morgan. Kevin Dao was presented with his ‘Crest’ Award for his studies in Junior Soldiers.

Dorothy Hill, Mrs

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 

ROMANS 5: 1

Box Hill Corps – Annual Report 2009
Worship

Two thousand and nine saw a massive change in the multimedia team at Box Hill with Vaughan Duck moving on after seven years as the team coordinator. I know that you would all like to say a big thank you to Vaughan for the work he has put into maintaining the multimedia system and the team at Box Hill.

Did you know multimedia has been around for thousands of years. Exodus 31:18 says – When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God. God had given Moses the Ten Commandments in stone for all to see! This is what multimedia is all about for people to see and to understand. Things have changed a fair bit since the days of Moses and technology has improved just a little.

At the start of the year we had a team of six people involved in MM and now we have a team of eight with our latest recruit, Nick Glen working the keyboard and mouse in the last couple of weeks.

I would like to thank the team of Aaron Philp, Lyndel Sainsbury and Nick Glen (9.30am), Dorothy Hill and Mal Woods (11.00am) and Dustin Lewis and Jacob Lewis (6.00pm) for their service during this year. These people contribute to our worship every Sunday with the words of songs, Bible readings, PowerPoint presentations, DVD’s or video clips from the internet made available for you to see.

We hope that through our efforts you are able to link words to the music that is brought to you by our musicians, and that through imagery we have helped your worship experience at Box Hill. Each one of us believes in the ministry of multimedia and the value it brings to our meetings. We believe multimedia enhances worship.

As a team we are always looking out for new recruits. If you would like to help with worship at Box Hill and enjoy using computers, come and see me.

Stewart Orchard
Multimedia Coordinator
On Monday evening, December 1, 2008, a Christmas Fanfare resounded in the auditorium at Hayville Village to open the carol service for the residents. This occasion has become a regular appointment arranged by our associate Don Lees.

Our first engagement this year was to visit Inala Chapel on Sunday 2nd February, at the invitation of Captain Tim Lynn. Our prelude was the tunes of “St Francis” and “Laudate Dominum”, which provided the introduction for the Call to Worship. Praise was the key word and emphasis for the service. Inala Choir, conducted by Anita O’Brien, gave an uplifting rendition of “Praise God for Everything”. Classic Brass message came from the chorus arrangement of “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”. As this occasion was so soon after the tragic bush-fires, Captain Lynn used this service for an opportunity to donate goods to the bush-fire appeal which was well supported by the congregation. The captain then proceeded to speak on the subject of “Thankful — Always” which was suitable for the occasion. For our postlude we played “St Teresa” in the final moments of the meeting.

The next major engagement was to participate in the 125th Anniversary of the commencement of The Salvation Army corps at Stawell. This was held on the weekend of 12th and 13th September. At the invitation of the corps officer, Major Carolyn Wright, we were pleased to accept. We were able to provide items of brass, vocal and piano for the various programmes of the weekend. Saturday evening started with our performance of the march “Sword and Shield” and the selection “The Front Line”. Several visitors who were soldiers and officers previously of the corps, contributed anecdotes of the experiences during their time at Stawell. Major Brian Everett presented a Flash-Back of his appointment during 1964 and 1965. Other items came from Sister Jean Black who gave a humorous vocal solo and Vic White who gave a recitation. Captains Brad and Angela Watson were excellent comperes for the evening, with Brad excelling in a piano duet with CSM Eileen Bowen. Prior to the commencement of the 10.00 a.m. service, our group played several items to set the mood for the meeting. The guest speaker was Major Colin Elkington who gave an inspirational message entitled “Think and Pray”. Our musical segment included “With Gladsome Mind” and the vocal group sang “Christ in Me”. After an excellent lunch we had the opportunity to meet with the large groups of locals and visitors in fellowship. Classic Brass presented a PSA which was well received by the congregation. We presented a very popular programme with a variety of items with brass, vocal and piano.

We were very pleased, especially for Major Wright, that all of these events were well attended and the hall was packed to capacity. A very enjoyable and satisfying weekend for all of our members.

Classic Brass consists of 11 brass players and our pianist, Mavis Sanders.

Arthur Withers

With the harp and the sound of singing
With trumpets and the blast of the Ram’s horn
Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Psalm 98: 5, 6
The senior band has once again had a very active year.

The band has 36 members with the executive officers being: Craig Downes, bandmaster; Stephen Webb, deputy bandmaster; Ken Lomer, band secretary/sergeant and Darryl Griffiths, librarian.

Most Sunday mornings throughout the year, the band is active prior to the 11am meeting; playing at aged care homes and hospitals, presenting music, the word of God, and speaking with the residents of these homes. These engagements are very popular and we continually receive requests for further visits.

Almost without exception the band is seen supporting the 11am service throughout the year and also takes on the heavy commitments of caroling during December.

Special events throughout the year that the band has either organised or taken part in – commencing back in March – the SAPPHIRE fund-raising musical night. Bands in the Round in the Northcote Town Hall in May. In July the "Eric Ball" night at Box Hill with Box Hill and Camberwell bands and Ringwood songsters. The band made a CD recording in September. In November, the band spent the weekend in Bendigo, presenting a program on the Saturday night. Major Ashley Davies accompanied the band and led worship on the Sunday. Prior to Sunday worship, the band presented Christian music at the Golden Oaks Aged Care Village – enjoyed by residents and staff. Prior to Christmas, we will take part in the annual "Come Celebrate" Christmas carol night in Whitehorse which usually attracts about 5000 people.

The members of the band are a group of men who loyally, week in, week out, give dedicated service to our Lord.

Ken Lomer

The Sunday 11am Holiness meeting is recorded in the sound room each Sunday. Duplications are made and each CD is accompanied with a copy of the Sunday newsletter. Many are mailed within Australia and overseas each week.

Neville Robinson

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10
**Worship 9.30am**

The word ‘worship’ speaks of connections. We come to church so that we may seek to understand our own individual spirituality, and through seeking, we discover our spirituality finds its rest in a relationship with God through Jesus. Worship takes place in an atmosphere of grace and mercy. God offers a way for us to be released from the many varied addictive behaviours that enslave us to feelings of failure or loss. When we come to Him with all that we are, being honest and expecting, God meets our need, and through His Grace and Mercy begins a work in our lives, and we respond with shouts of thanksgiving and praise.

Within our relationship with Christ we desire to go deeper. It is only through a deeper understanding of the claims of Christ, a deeper personal relationship with our Heavenly Father, and a deeper expression of adoration in our individual worship, that we can understand the heartbeat of God. When we go deeper, we gain the mind of Christ, and it is this that drives The Salvation Army to fulfill its evangelical social mission of transforming lives, caring for people, making disciples and consequently reforming society. Without going deeper into our relationship with Christ, the call to social action falls on ears that are unable to understand. It is the task of the 9.30am congregation to go deeper with God, so that we primarily know God, and out of that feel His passion for the marginalised, and the lost, and become His agents of change in people’s lives. It is through loosing ourselves in Him that we find our purpose in life.

The 9.30am congregation is progressing through some structural change at this time. After many years of leadership, Major Peter Lindstrom has relinquished his task of worship leadership. Though still on the worship leadership roster, Peter has been released to fulfill other tasks within The Salvation Army. Thank you Peter for assisting the 9.30am congregation to connect with God over these past years. We now turn to developing a different structure where many are involved in worship, leadership and support. We desire to continue the good work, and assist others to realise and use their spiritual gifts to build up the congregation life. A church congregation can be seen as biotic in nature and a healthy congregational life produces growth, not just numerically, but also spiritually. We desire to invite, and receive offers of, greater participation in areas of congregational care, worship participation and support.

I also desire to thank Bronwen and Graeme who assist with welcoming people each week with a smile, and a newsletter. This is appreciated by many, as is the role that the folk in the sound room make to the smooth flow of a worship experience.

So may the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 100 fill our mind and our tongue in 2010.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 
Worship the LORD with gladness; 
come before Him with joyful songs. 
Know that the LORD is God. 
It is He who made us, and we are His; 
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. 

Enter His gates with thanksgiving 
and His courts with praise; 
give thanks to Him and praise His name. 
For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; 
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Brett Allchin, Major*
The 11.00am congregation has enjoyed another year of great times of worship of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our times together have been enhanced by high quality music and engaging preaching.

We have been glad to welcome Majors Gregory and Priya Morgan to Box Hill this year, and have been blessed by their leadership and quality preaching and teaching from God’s word.

A particular highlight during 2009 was a “Songs of Praise” service arranged by Darren Waterworth and his team of helpers, inspired by the ABC TV “Songs of Praise” program. Our version included recorded and live interviews and testimonies, contributions from the band, songsters and singing company as well as some great congregational singing.

Each year, members of the National Servicemen’s Association of Australia and Melbourne Legacy visit the corps. Both these groups appear to enjoy their respective church parades in the 11.00am service and after each visit we receive many words of appreciation. A Youth Discipleship Sunday in September featured the concert band, as well as outstanding testimonies and talks by our youth. One Sunday in October the primary children “took over” the 11.00am timeslot and we enjoyed their participation as part of the Children’s Celebration weekend.

During the year the congregation has continued to be blessed by band and songster messages as well as occasional contributions from junior groups. Our thanks go to the members of these groups, as well as our pianist, organist and the operators of multimedia and sound for their ongoing assistance in their respective areas of responsibility. Naturally I must not forget the wonderful support of the welcome team, at both the external and internal doors.

Karin Lennermo-Beasy, Envoy

The 6pm service has had a variety of preachers this year, being a venue in which we can begin to train new speakers. Of course, our commanding officers have spoken regularly, with others, including interns Glenn Fulton and Aaron Philp, Kirsten Gourd, Steve Mellody and Renee Chomel also speaking God’s word. Worship in music led by Henrik Beasy and prayer times led by Kirsten Gourd have provided some really special times throughout the year. Admittedly, we have really struggled this year without a welcome team or a pastoral care system for those who are not part of a cell group. We desperately need these positions filled, as these ministries are vital to the growth and health of this service. Our prayer is that next year these ministries will be taken up by willing volunteers.

Matt and Fiona Kean, Cadets
Mission

Community Care

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Community Care continues to be a vital part of our corps and one that brings a number of challenges and opportunities for us to reach out to those in need each week.

This year Lesley Willett has been studying intently and has been away on placement for a number of months. Shirley Lewis has taken on the bulk of the role of coordinating the Emergency Relief programme, with Lesley supporting one day per week.

We continue to be blessed by having a committed, compassionate team of workers who give of their time to those in need in so many ways. Each month more than 120 families are fed, clothed, supported and comforted. So much time, energy and love is put into this every day.

Café Salvo continues to provide many opportunities for us to come alongside people, many who are distressed and just needing someone to have a listening ear for them. There is much loneliness and isolation in our neighbourhood and our café provides a wonderful place where people can come and sit in an environment where they can feel loved and cared for. Work has been done recently to extend the outside area of the Café to provide more room for people to sit and enjoy a coffee together.

Every Sunday our community tea cooks and helpers get together to provide a beautiful meal for approximately 80 people from around our community. This year people who have provided meals includes a team from Epworth Eastern, One Community Church and a number of people from our corps. This tea provides a time for people, who are often lonely, to spend time with each other. Ben Frawley, one of our regular volunteers that comes into the Café every Thursday to chat to people, also attends our community tea every Sunday and often sits and chats with people at the tea. He wrote to us recently about some of the people he comes in contact with. He writes:

“I sat with a group of guys who live in a sub standard boarding house. They told me that there were eight to the house and they all pay $150 bucks each for a tiny bedroom. This probably leaves them $20 bucks a week to live on for the week. Due to the shortage of housing, people like this are often exploited, and forced to live in bad conditions at a high price.

I spoke to another guy who had just been released from prison. He was quiet spoken, and very scared in nature. He was currently sleeping on a few bath mats in some run down house. His biggest worry was not his living conditions, but his need to find friends who were outside of the drug world. He felt this would help him stop re-offending.”
Another guest who regularly attends has schizophrenia. As a result he says many things that he shouldn’t and is rejected by much of society. On a good day when you can actually have a conversation with him, you quickly realise he is a nice guy. The sad thing is, he is fully conscious about the bad words he speaks but they come out anyway, and then he suffers society’s rejection. I can’t imagine anything worse.

Another lady who comes, lives by herself, and has been known to run out in the street screaming, because she thinks aliens are going to abduct her. Strangely she is quite normal most of the time, and yet she constantly lives in fear of having another psychotic attack. Many of these people slip through our health care cracks.

You’d have never have guessed it, but we have people who squat in Box Hill. Some live in an old car, others find a derelict house to live in. They are masters at blending in with society, and unless you saw them sleeping in their car, you’d never know. Coming to dinner for them is a temporary moment of normality.

I recently heard a story about some scientists who put rats in a completely darkened box, half filled with water. The rats swam for three minutes on average before giving up hope and drowning. The scientists then put a pinprick in the top corner of the box, to allow a small fragment of light in. The rats would swim for 36 hours before tiring. The difference was HOPE.”

These are some of the people that we meet every day in our Café. Please pray for the staff that have the opportunity speak to with people and give them some sort of hope for their future.

Once again leading up to Christmas we will be giving out hampers and toys to 200 families. This provides us with an opportunity to make Christmas that little bit brighter for those who don’t have a lot to celebrate.

We are constantly looking for volunteers to come and spend time with individuals who need support or just company, or to take on a mentoring role. The Salvation Army has a great reputation of being there when people need them. It is an awesome privilege that God has given to us. May we continue to be Jesus to the people. This is a ministry of our corps, an outreach that comes to us. The number of people who need assistance keeps growing rapidly and we need the support of the wider corps to continue the work amongst the people. We pray that God will continue to bless all those who work in Community Care and that more people will want to become involved in it. We welcome your involvement and support.

Shirley Lewis
Lesley Willett

[Note: Our material supplies for welfare have been greatly supported by donations left in the hall foyer throughout the year and by the Buddhist Monastery in Warburton.]

Corps Bus

Sundays at 11.00am

How fortunate we are at Box Hill to have a great team of capable drivers who are so caring and considerate of their passengers each Sunday morning. It is our delight to transport those who use the bus as a means of getting to and from the 11am service.

Many happy and sometimes sad moments are shared between the driver and passengers, who always have words of wisdom to contribute to the conversation during the trip to Nelson Road.

Our sincere thanks to:
Glenda and Kevin Down, Peter Griffiths, Lindsay Hewitt, Wayne Lewis, Des Lynn, Bill Maslin, John McLeod, Mac Wynne, David Newdick.

David Newdick

May my spoken words and unspoken thoughts be pleasing even to you, O Lord.

PSALM 19:14
In settling to prepare this report – I do so with happy recall – it has been a good year, in fact a very good year for the club, with much to celebrate. The rich fellowship shared by members is certainly cause for celebration – the support, encouragement and friendship offered one to another is quite special and greatly valued. Delightful musical mornings have brought such pleasure, warming the heart – guest speakers have been entertaining, educational and informative on a wide range of topics. Membership participation mornings are always something else – usually served with lashings of laughter – unveiling a range of talent. Our club comprises an interesting mix of people and personalities, gathered from different cultures and backgrounds – coming together to share rich fellowship to the benefit and uplift of all.

Cause for celebration is to be found in the fact that the Box Hill Companion Club has been in operation for 21 years. In June we acknowledged the early leaders: i.e. Lorraine Lynch, Commissioner Merle Linnett along with many who have journeyed 21 years with the club. We salute them again and thank them for their invaluable contribution to the success of this club.

Further cause for celebration! We have welcomed new members who have added greatly to the vibrancy of our meetings. In contrast, we remember with heavy heart the passing of much loved members who touched our lives in special ways.

Outings are always a source of enjoyment. This year they included: A trip to Churchill Island – visiting the heritage farm, followed by an enjoyable lunch at Cowes. An entertaining morning at the Defence Force School of Music for an “In Home” concert, followed by lunch at Montmorency R.S.L. The stand-out was a memorable trip to Marysville to support as best we could, what was left of local business i.e. Marysville Bakery and the Lolly shop. It was a moving experience for all present.

The club continues to be served well by an active committee who have the best interest of members at heart. Commissioner Merle Linnett continues to be responsible for our weekly epilogues and is always topical, relevant and a source of blessing and encouragement. Major Thelma Webb, Pastoral Care leader, gives loving care and support to members. Financial matters are handled with competence by Arthur Withers and Charles Cockram. The club regularly contributes to worthy causes, along with child sponsorship and mission work. We are fortunate to have capable, willing people who take responsibility for a range of tasks that assist in the smooth running of activities – including: Welcome, Morning Tea, Birthdays, Encouragement cards, Trading Table – not forgetting the invaluable support of the menfolk, who pack up and put away chairs etc. I acknowledge the assistance of Neville Robinson who helps in so many ways with quiet efficiency.

In conclusion, I wish to state again – we have a vibrant companion club that is open to all the 50 years and over age group. What do we offer? Great Friendship, Rich Encouragement, Strong Support, Warm Understanding, the Pleasure of Sharing, the Joy of Laughter and Christian Love.

On behalf of the Box Hill Companion Club, I again put out the welcome mat and enthusiastically encourage you to step inside this warm circle of friendship in 2010.

Avis Lamotte, Lieut-Colonel

“I need your help, for I want, not only to share my faith with you but to be encouraged by yours: Each of us will be a blessing to the other.”

ROMANS 1:12 (Living Bible)
Once again the team at Café Salvo are excited about the continued growth over the past year. We see more and more new customers from local businesses and visitors to the hospitals next door. Also the drop-in centre continues to be a great source of fellowship and support to our friends from the local area.

We have had a great influx of people from the drop in centre stepping up as volunteers, which if you look around the grounds of the church, you will notice the difference in the garden beds, etc. We have also had some take part in food handling courses and now help out in the café itself.

We do still have plenty of room for volunteers to hang out at the café in a ‘pastoral’ role. We now have a couple of people doing this, but still have several days where we could do with more help. As I said last year – if you feel that this is a ministry that you could help to fill, then please contact myself or one of the Corps Leadership Team.

Financially, we are really getting quite strong on the income side of things, and have recently implemented some changes to help decrease costs which I believe will see us reach a strong position by the end of the financial year.

Once again we thank you for your prayerful support, as this can be a fulfilling but very demanding ministry. The amount of people we are able to talk to and pray with continues to grow and it is great to see that this is including more of our customers as well as our drop-in centre folk. This is one of the most important parts of the cafe and is where we need the most help as we continue to get busier in the café operation.

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to another great year in 2010. Cheers!

Scott and the Café Salvo Team

“For everything we know about God’s Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That’s an act of true freedom.
Galatians 5:14 The Message
Craft
Tuesdays at 10.00am

We meet each Tuesday morning between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon with approximately 35 members on our roll, averaging 28 ladies each week.

Our committee consists of four ladies: Janet Waller, Isobel Clark, Marlene Sanderson and Cheryl Kerr. We like to keep our ladies interested and ask for their input too. Sewing, card making, quilting, making ornaments and flower arrangements are popular activities. The ladies frequent an outlet shop, Helen White in Bayswater, as they spend their money on trinkets, soaps, and lotions, flowers and talcum powders; but most of all the ladies do enjoy their cup of tea/coffee with a biscuit and a good chat, enjoying fellowship with each other. Naomi is a member of the 9.30 a.m. Sunday service and loves to join us for the fellowship as she writes her poetry.

Isobel Clark

Forest Hill Chaplaincy
Tuesday and Thursday

Yep! I’m still there, every Tuesday and Thursday mornings - Walking, Talking, Listening! It’s been some 7½ years and still going. I don’t turn the world upside down, but I’m available! When a lady says to me as I walk out of the shop: ‘thanks for listening!’ it makes it all worthwhile.

Have you been to a Greek Orthodox Church wedding? Margaret and I were invited to one, so I looked up Google to find out about it, and was impressed with all the meanings of the ritual. But they do not make their vows to each other, they make them to God. This young couple invited me to conduct a little ceremony at the beginning of their reception, so that they could make their vows to each other. So many at the wedding said, “we wished we had thought of that!”

Seven years ago, I spoke to an excited young lady showing me her engagement ring, and I said to her, “I would conduct her wedding if they desired!” Four years later at Ripponlea Gardens, I did conduct their wedding. A few months ago they telephoned to ask if they could come and visit us, and they brought their little baby daughter to see us. That’s all great!

One of the difficulties of this responsibility is introducing myself and my role to new staff. Staff changes regularly – some are a little reticent and wonder what this ‘religious’ person is going to do, but most give a positive response to what for them is a different innovation.

A Vietnamese gentleman with his own business at the centre came to Australia as a refugee a number of years ago; helped by the late Major Brian Corfield to settle here. He has a lovely family, his two children doing very well with studies.

I am regularly asked to fulfil a role as a Justice of the Peace, both for management, staff and customers. I thank God for the opportunity to be available to the people at Forest Hill shopping centre.

Ashley Davies, Major

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.
PSALM 19:14
Home League for 2009 has taken on a new format under the leadership of Major Priya Morgan. This consists of a regular meeting with guest speakers on the first Thursday of the month, preceded by morning tea. The remainder meetings of the month feature morning tea with a special theme arranged by Major Margaret May. Once a month the ladies pack into the bus driven by George Leavy and off they go to a restaurant, a book store/café, or McDonalds. These special outings are enjoyed by all. We continue to sponsor two children: Alfan in Tanzania and David in Mexico. Farewell has been said to Mrs Thelma Luke after 20 years as a Home League member who has special gifts in caring. Thelma has moved to a retirement village in Kilsyth. Brigadier Mrs Muriel Archbold was promoted to Glory, September 17th 2009. Muriel together with her twin sister Lilian, had been members of home league for many years. Major Gregory Morgan conducted the funeral of Mrs Dorne Timewall on January 23, 2009. Dorne had also had a long association with the home league at Box Hill.

Home League again supported the annual Cancer Council event: Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea with support from many ladies and gentlemen, craft, band and companion club, totalling a wonderful amount forwarded to the Cancer Council of $906.20. We thank each and everyone for their support and donations. During this special morning we enjoyed the musical talents of Noel Jones on keyboard, and Alby Stewart on tuba. Thank you to these two men for their support on this day.

As a group we have, during the year visited: Koorong Book Store, Camberwell Home League, McDonald’s, Acorn Nursery. Thank you to Mrs Isobel Clark who again has been supportive with catering needs during the year, and thank you to George Leavy for his commitment as our bus driver each week.

Dorothy Hill, Mrs

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
PROVERBS 3:5-6

L.I.F.T.

Year 2009 progressed successfully with ten monthly meetings comprising of five at members homes and five visits to places of interest in the metro area – the Christmas luncheon in November being the final meeting of the year.

The excursion to the MCG conducted by a MCG guide who personalised a "one off" tour, highlighted the history of the MCG and memorabilia. Visiting South Melbourne market also proved an exciting day for seeking purchases with a difference. The City Shuttle Bus Tour covered considerable scope including visiting Docklands. Thelma’s invitation in August to her new residence also gave our group a great day as did the visits to other member’s homes.

Meetings were well supported on most outings, weather and illness taking a small toll on the average attendance, but still retaining the important roll of good Christian fellowship and companionship.

Doreen Millane
mainly music commenced in New Zealand in 1991.

The Salvation Army first began using this program in 2002 and since that time, mainly music has become this territory’s most successful pre-school ministry.

The aim of mainly music is three-fold:
1. To provide an environment where young children can develop educational skills using the tools of music, movement and rhyme.
2. To encourage the parent/child interaction, to meet parents’ needs with practical support and to provide an environment of friendship building, for parents and children.
3. To ensure that all who attend hear a clear and loving Gospel message.

So, what is involved in mainly music?

mainly music is a 30 minute music program for pre-school children. The parents/carers of the children are encouraged to take part in the session and in fact, it is vital that they do so, as this encourages a richer level of child participation. The music session is followed by morning tea and a short playtime. This gives the mainly music team a chance to get to know the adults who attend. It also helps the parents/carers to meet other families in their local community.

mainly music commenced at Box Hill on 24th August, 2009 with three children and their parents. We now have seventeen children registered, which is very encouraging for me as a leader and for the successful future of the program.

We have ten members in the Box Hill mainly music team and each one uses their special talent to make this ministry effective. I am so thrilled to have such a wonderful group of people to share with, in this exciting program within our corps.

mainly music has already begun to show its worth within the corps, with two new families now regularly attending the 9.30am services and the children from these families will, I believe, commence primary in the not too distant future.

My prayer is that mainly music will continue to grow, develop new contacts, and allow us to show our love for God in what we do. Through the mainly music ministry we will see new families enter into a wonderful relationship with each other, our corps and more importantly God.

Gillian Lewis-Summerton
mainly music coordinator
In July this year an ‘ANYA’ Saturday was held at Box Hill where about 60 women gathered together for a
time of pampering and reflection; not only pampering our appearance, but our inner beauty as well. A
time of worshiping together, fellowship over some fabulous food, small groups and just meditating over
God’s word. Luke 1 verses 28 - 38 was the message for the day that we are “highly favoured, the Lord is
with us.”

Not long after this weekend a group of women met to talk about ministry for women at Box Hill corps.
Women of all ages, across all three services were asked to join in discussion to establish a program so that
they can journey together socially and spiritually. After much discussion it was decided that the women
didn’t necessarily want a structured program. The more mature women of our corps asked for a time of
fellowship that is more structured on the lines of women’s fellowship, so next year we hope to have a
program for them. A number of ideas came forth targeting all ages – not necessarily appealing to all – but
hopefully we can cater for every age group.

One idea which was discussed was to have a women’s breakfast which took place in August where 35
women shared breakfast and fellowship together and had a wonderful time with the support of some of a
husbands who served breakfast and helped with the clean up.

Elaine Thomas suggested a walk and coffee morning for the ‘Women’s Journeying Together’ group. In
October, six women gathered for the walk and another eight joined later for coffee at Doncaster Pancake
Parlour with good fellowship and many laughs. A shopping tour was planned for November but
unfortunately this had to be canceled due to circumstances beyond our control, but I’m sure that in the
future it will happen. Please pray for the women’s ministry at our corps. We can look forward with keen
interest as we start to plan ahead, so that we can journey together as ‘Women in Christ’.

Suzanne Moore
SAPPHIRE (Salvation Army People Providing Help in Real Emergencies) was launched in October 2007. The aim was to establish within the Box Hill corps, a group that would make a connection and support financially Salvation Army Mission Programs overseas that were making a difference in the lives of the poor and marginalised.

In 2008 SAPPHIRE supported the Eastern Victoria Division Partners in Mission Project – A Vocational Training Program for Victims of Sex Trafficking, in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo Territory). Over $30,000 was raised last year for this project. The building to accommodate the project was delayed due to circumstances originally unforeseen. The wonderful work being done by The Salvation Army in Kinshasa is still ongoing. The new Vocational Training Centre, to enable this program to be more successful, has now started, which will enable the full program to commence in 2010.

The money raised by SAPPHIRE last year will cover all the wages, materials and equipment for the first 12 months of the project!

This year we have focussed on a fantastic opportunity to completely fund the establishment of a Furniture Making Business at the William Chamberlain Rehabilitation Centre in Kingston, Jamaica. Because of SAPPHIRE this project is now well under way.

Five generous families from our corps community supported with donations of $1000 to $2000 each and many others supported our fund raising/social events during the year.

Our target of $10,000 was well and truly exceeded and as a result we were able to send a further $3000 to refurbish some of the bathrooms and the sick bay in the Salvation Army residence and school for blind children in Jamaica.

**SAPPHIRE FUNDRAISING EVENTS for 2009**

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Thank you to everyone in the Corps Community who supported these events and especially to the families who have supported SAPPHIRE directly with donations of up to $2000.

2009 Total amount raised $14,904

Many thanks to the committee who have worked to make 2009 another successful year: Gaynor Mellody, Sue Williamson, Viv Lynn, Sue Franks, Gil and Sue Moore, Arthur and Peggy Withers.

If you would like to know some of the ways you can support SAPPHIRE or if you would like to know more about The Salvation Army’s work amongst sex-trafficking victims in the Congo or about the work in Jamaica that John and Kaye Williamson are involved in just email j.allen@bigpond.net.au or phone 5962 3351.

*Jan and James Allen*

“But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.........”

**LUKE 10:33**

As God’s people we are called to have compassion for the oppressed!
Korean Ministry

A Korean speaking meeting is held each Sunday at 11am in the youth hall at which approximately 40 folk attend.

English speaking classes are provided for the congregation one day a week e.g. Thursday. Many corps folk take responsibility for the leadership of these classes with interesting lessons learnt.

Our young people are involved in the music program of the corps taking part in timbrels, learner band, junior band, concert band and the singing company.

Discipleship/soldiership classes are provided.

School for Korean senior citizens has commenced. The program is run in two semesters and guest teachers are invited to run classes with the aim of improving the health and well being of the participants and also provide a social interaction for the group.

The program is allowing the Box Hill Korean ministry to meet a need for friendship and community for the Korean senior citizens in Melbourne.

Other activities:
1. A vigorous visitation program is provided.
2. A holiday program for kids during the winter and summer months.

Seong Soon Hwang, Major
Community

Pastoral Care Council

The Council is responsible for pastoral care of soldiers, adherents and attenders of the corps. The Council also oversees the discipleship process and acceptance of recruits, new senior soldiers and adherents. The Council, comprised of the corps officer team and representatives from each of our four congregations, met this year in April, July and October and will hold its final meeting for the year in December.

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Tania Griffiths

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

JOHN 13:35
With whirlwind beginnings God called me into officership and the adventure of training college. Although it was a bit of a surprise to me it makes so much sense. As I look back on my life, I can see how God has brought everything together and has paved the way for me to serve Him, in The Salvation Army. The things I am passionate about, the experiences I have had in my life, and my hopes for the future of His Church have all come together and I am confident of and thankful for His leading in my life.

The last two years have been an amazing journey of learning what it is for me to be an officer. I have truly enjoyed the process of college, although, of course, there have been many challenges! I feel that I have learnt an incredible amount through all of these and through the academic study, the practical experience, and most of all, from others who have shared their wisdom, passion, and experiences with me.

I have been blessed to be part of several corps on placements; to become involved in the life of those communities, and to gain experience in a wide range of areas: from preaching and pastoral care to finances and management. I had the opportunity to spend almost four months in Alice Springs where the expression of the Army is beautifully diverse. This was an incredibly rich time of learning and engaging in ministry and I feel privileged to have been part of that community where God is working so powerfully.

Another highlight has been living in the college community where there have been great times of encouragement and challenge as we have wrestled with the tough questions, and tried to understand what the heart of God is through Scripture for the wide range of contexts in which we serve.

Throughout my time at college I have become increasingly more aware of God’s presence with me and am aware of my great need to walk closely with Him. For apart from Him I can do nothing of lasting value, but in His grace, I am privileged to partner with Him that His Kingdom may come and transform this world. I know that I will always have much to learn, but feel confident in God’s equipping and empowering as I step into officership.

I have greatly appreciated the encouragement and support of Box Hill corps and feel blessed to have come into the Army in such a place where people care so much for each other and are working together for the salvation of Box Hill and of all the world. It was through the hearts of the people there that I saw such evidence of the Spirit of God and was drawn to the Army. I give thanks for each one of you and pray God’s blessing on you as you tread out His abundant life in Box Hill and beyond.

I celebrate this season of life as a cadet and look forward to what is ahead, thankful for the words of Isaiah 26:3, that “God will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in Him.”

Amanda Vaarson-Morel
By the time you read this article, I will be a Salvation Army officer – a fully fledge, signed up minister of the gospel with 30 years of service ahead of me. It’s been a journey getting here though - 20 years in fact, and well worth the adventure.

I was 17 years old when I first signed up as a candidate for officership. Well into my preparation, pre-college assignments and backings from corps leaders, I was on my way to training, due to enter in 1992. Then I met Scott.

The pull to full-time ministry never left me, but when Scott and I married in 1996, the thought of ministry, via officership, was packed neatly in the back of my mind. Having qualifications in psychology and counseling, I explored other ways of serving God in The Salvation Army – a part of the Church I had no intention of ever leaving.

Since 1994 until now, I've been employed by The Salvation Army – in drug and alcohol counseling, as a youth worker in various capacities, and now serving as children’s secretary in our Eastern Victoria division.

It seems that the longer you hang around the Salvos, the more things change. Three years ago, the territorial commander challenged me to consider becoming an Envoy - a non-commissioned officer, living under officer conditions and serving in an appointment with a fixed tenure of up to 9 years. With Scott's blessing, we took the plunge, selling our home, saying a quick prayer and hoping for the best. Even then, the thought of being commissioned as a “single spouse” officer was not on the agenda of our territory.

God has a way of bringing things around, and not 12 months ago, I was approached by the territory to consider being commissioned at the end of 2009. The rules of single spouse officership had changed, and with my qualifications and experience, I was asked to join the Prayer Warriors session as a cadet for six months and complete my theology degree.

From June to November, I spasmodically attended The Salvation Army training college with my “session” whilst studying and serving in my appointment. Twelve weeks ago our son Gabriel arrived, so you could say this last six months has been a whirlwind – and a total change in our lives.

I'm looking forward to being an officer. I (with Scott and the kids in tow) am happy to go anywhere (even Tasmania), attempt anything, and with Scott, serve God and The Salvation Army in our own unique ways. Mind you, twelve months ago we had no idea any of this was going to happen – it just adds to the adventure that comes with full obedience to God.

Thanks to Box Hill corps for always being supportive of my journey and for every opportunity given to me to develop in my leadership. At least now I can write “Minister of Religion” as my occupation on my tax return – and that's an amazingly satisfying feeling!

Sonia Jeffrey
The Recruits/Soldiers classes that were held at the beginning of this year were successful on one level, but also somewhat lacking on another. The attendance was good; about 14 people on most days. Much was learned and refreshed within our hearts. A couple of already enrolled soldiers, for nearly 30 years in fact, attended and seemed to rekindle a passion for their covenant. Having said this, since these classes, only two people were enrolled as soldiers during the year, although others have expressed sincere conviction. Personally, I believe the corps, as a united body, ought to invest more effort into accurately reflecting our covenant, in order to create more interest in Salvation Army soldiership. I am convinced that Box Hill’s soldiers have the potential to be among the most influential in the Army. A soldier who presents a joyful, living covenant with Christ is much more able to make soldiership desirable to others than a thousand sermons. Hallelujah!

Matt Kean, Cadet
Youth and Young Adults

The year began with INSANE and our youth and young adults loved it! Around 30 attended this territorial event in January, along with over 600 others at Melbourne high school for eight days. There was plenty of teaching, hot weather, electives and mission opportunities as well as a chance for all to make commitments or re-commitments to the Lord.

Soon after this event, the ‘normal’ year began. Five youth cell groups are happening on Sunday mornings at 11am at the TAFE. We must thank leaders Dustin Lewis and Daniel Moore (year 7 and 8 boys), Claire Hogan and Naomi Pho (year 7-9 girls), Glenn Fulton and Aaron Philp (year 9 boys), Miriam Pho (year 10-12 girls) and Ryan Agnew and Graham Gourd (year 10-12 boys). This year in cells we began the new territorial corps cadets material. The material covers a wide range of topics including Bible, Salvation Army history, Doctrine, Spiritual Development, and Life Issues just to name a few. When cells re-commence in 2010, all groups will continue with corps cadets using the newly issued workbook.

Thanks to Steve Mellody and Tania Griffiths who led four young adult cell groups this year. We also held a young adults retreat in August down at Sorrento. This weekend turned out to be a great time for those who attended. Much was learned about our relationships with each other and with the Lord.

Then there’s SHRABS - fortnightly on Friday nights when we have great fun times with the youth. Activities such as girls/boys nights, ice skating, Olympics and even an amazing race-car rally are among the list of entertainment. Special thanks go out to Kirsten Gourd for her leadership of these events.

We were privileged to have Captain Rowan Castle (the newly appointed TYS) attend our RAW camp which was held over the long weekend in March. Around 50 youth and young adults met together and we were challenged by the theme ‘Acts’. Captain Kylie Collinson took on the role of cook for the weekend - she’s amazing!

In June, about 40 attended our favourite winter camping spot in Warragul for State Youth Games (SYG). We battled against 2000 other youth and young adults and won the ‘medium church award’ for the second year in a row. We couldn’t have been so successful without the assistance of Karen and Rod Begley, Sue Lamotte, Graham and Sue Gourd, and Stewart and Vanessa Orchard. This team needs endless praise for the work they do at SYG.

The next big event for the year was TCAC (Territorial Creative Arts Camp) with around 12 of our own attending. This event had been revamped this year and many who attended were spiritually challenged. For the first time, on September 13th, we held ‘Youth Celebration Sunday’, where our youth led all three services. This day was a wonderful time, where all congregations were encouraged and challenged by the
youths’ involvement. It was also an excellent chance for our youth to step up into various roles and be engaged. Our hope is that this day will continue to be a part of the corps calendar in years to come.

A special mention must be made about our *Mark’d Foundations* participants, Glenn Fulton and Aaron Philp. These guys were part of the one-year internship program run by Eastern Vic and Melbourne Central divisions. They spent two days a week in classes at the training college as well as a further eight hours a week (sometimes more) in ministry around the corps. A highlight of these guys internship was the opportunity to re-engage in ministry at Box Hill high school. A breakfast program was established at the school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, which Glenn and Aaron have been participating in, along with a few other young adults – namely Kirsten, Amir, Daniel and Steph.

A group of young adults, led by Phoebe Pho took on the responsibility of running a school holiday program in the July school holidays at the Sunbury corps. This was a highly successful event, with about 40 kids in attendance, and now a number of these children regularly attend corps programs.

We are so thankful for all the support and encouragement that the corps has shown us over the past two years. Our ministry at Box Hill has been a great opportunity to grow in our understanding of God’s love and His gospel. The youth have taught us many things; at the top of these is the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ at a younger age. It has been both challenging and rewarding seeing them move into spiritual maturity. They are so very precious to the future of the corps and the Kingdom of God.

*Matt and Fiona Kean, Cadets*
Children’s Ministries

2009 – What a fantastic year we have had in the Kids Church and Primary ministries at Box Hill corps. We have new leadership in Kids Church – Emma Lewis and Dave George, and in primary with Kathryn Mellody. Throughout the year we have had 30 children on the Kids Church role and 12 children on the Primary role.

During the weekend of 24 – 25 October, we had a wonderful time at our Kids Celebration weekend. The Saturday night was an all-age event with nearly 250 corps members and friends participating in the game show “Takin’ ‘Bout Your Generation”. Having all five generations competing in trivia and physical challenges was both hilarious and an opportunity for old and young to enjoy this time together. The Sunday worship services were full of highlights including the enrollment of nine new junior soldiers, 20 junior soldier renewals, and the children were involved in Bible reading and worship singing. Thank you to our wonderful leaders for all their hard work throughout the year and towards this fantastic weekend – Emma Lewis, Dave George, Kerryn Downes, Dustin Lewis, Jess Dupuy and Ben Waterworth.

The Primary children had a lovely time learning their songs and lines for a memorable presentation of ‘The Noah Musical’. The hall was transformed into a land of rainbows and animals (two of every kind), along with a great big Ark. As always, we were greatly entertained, but also presented with the important truths of the story of Noah. Thank you to all the leaders – Kathryn Mellody, Brad Dupuy, Emily Glen, Jake Lewis and Emily Clark – for all their hard work leading up to and on the weekend and throughout the year.

In December we are looking ahead to a great Christmas Pageant, where our children will lead us in celebrating Jesus with music and worship.

In 2010 we are anticipating another exciting year with new children and new leaders, focusing on having fun, while helping the children learn about Jesus through exploring the Bible and developing a strong Christian faith.

Jude Wynne
Children’s Ministries Coordinator

And Jesus said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”
MATTHEW 18: 3-5
Despite the best laid plans, junior timbrel rehearsals were delayed in starting this year due to a certain baby not being up to speed with those plans. However, we finally started with several new girls beginning to learn. We welcomed Amy and Claire Burchell, Leah September, Talitha Orchard and Lilli Florence. Joining with the other ten members of the timbrel brigade, they put in a great effort to learn *Assignment*, which was a compilation of parts of a timbrel march created by Melinda Saunders in the ’80s for the senior timbrel brigade and new parts created by me. It is quite a challenging timbrel march and the girls performed it spectacularly and put in a marvelous effort, particularly those who had never played before.

We then worked hard towards the October Kids Church Celebration with two new pieces, ‘*God is in the House*’ and ‘*ABC*’, a Michael Jackson song. The girls all worked hard and played all three marches they had learned during the year over that weekend.

We have had a new member, Phoebe Florence, join recently, which brings the number of girls in the timbrels to sixteen. We are working on ‘Jingle Bells’ for the Christmas pageant and only have four weeks to learn the march in. All the girls are doing well and putting in a lot of effort into getting it right. They have managed to learn all the beats in two weeks, which is excellent and shows how much attention they put into learning.

As a leader, I have found the time spent with the girls very rewarding and I hope that they are enjoying themselves in praising God through their performances.

    Michelle Creek

    

    For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, The Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. Then Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to The Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.”

    EXODUS 15:19-21 (RSV)
Coming to the end of my fourth year as the Junior Soldier Sergeant at Box Hill corps, I still consider myself privileged to be in a position that allows me to be part of the lives of children that are seeking the life of a Kingdom Kid. I have much to thank God for – an amazing brigade of children who have promised God, that by His help to lead a life that is clean in thought word and deed – a tough challenge for anyone these days. These children on a daily basis get out there and give it their best.

On a weekly basis Rhonda and I aim to encourage and inspire these children to keep that part of their promise, constantly reminding them that they are not alone in the journey of being a Christian. Even when God seems distant, He has not left us to do the journey alone, He has given us his love letter - the Bible, that when we look into its pages we will find answers to those tough questions. He has also given us his Holy Spirit to speak words into our life that enable us to make sense of the senseless. Through prayer we are able to speak with God.

2009 began with a new assistant – Rhonda, a lady of Godly wisdom, and understanding of children. As a junior soldier brigade we took a few weeks to settle, I think we all missed the 2008 grade 6’s as they began the next stage in their journey in youth cells. In addition, two out of the brigade transferred to another corps. Through this transition period we took great interest in this years Self Denial Appeal - making a valuable financial contribution. With Mother’s Day, Easter, Red Shield, Salvos out there, Fathers day and Youth discipleship Sunday, our junior soldiers were keen supporters of the greater corps community. As part of our Kids Celebration weekend, 18 of our junior soldiers, well supported by their prayer pals renewed their Promise. As a grand finale to this weekend, we witnessed the enrolment of nine new junior soldiers.

Rhonda and I want to thank those who have come in and assisted when we have been unable to lead a lesson. To all our faithful prayer pals – keep praying for your junior soldier, they selected you because they trust you. To all the supportive parents and carers – you are a blessing from God in the way you desire that your child/ren grow in the ways of God. As adults in the Church – we are the example these children look to for understanding on how to walk with God.

As the JSS when I am with the junior soldiers I have in the back of my mind words from Proverbs 22:6, written firstly for the family, then the faith community in which the children belong . . . “train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Rhonda and I only have 40hrs a year with the junior soldiers. Seize the day.

Sally Allchin, Major
Why learn in a band?

- Learning in a group as they will spur each other
- Good for interaction and also develops a community
- Weekly attendance is essential to get momentum
- A performance every term
- Good start is essential
- Lessons are where you learn – band is where you put it into practice
- Helps establish early habits and commitments

In February of this year we invited parents to attend a band information evening. We had a good number attend and explained the concept of a junior band. The requirements were to come to a weekly rehearsal, have a weekly lesson, and commit to four personal practice sessions of 15 minutes per week. The response was very good and we ended up with over 20 young people from age 6 to 14 signing up to this new program. The concert band instrumentation is used, as that is what is most common in schools; so flutes, clarinets and saxophones are added to the traditional brass format we know in the Salvos.

We have had a great year and the kids have improved enormously. Every Tuesday night at 6pm we rehearse for 45 minutes and the support I have received from Jude Wynne, Rendale Williams, Darryl Griffiths and David Summerton has been sensational. We have performed on several occasions including YP Anniversary. As I have received farewell orders, Noah and I won’t be able to be a part of the junior band in 2010, but I’m sure they will continue to improve! Here is the honour roll as they continue their musical careers – please encourage these young champions . . .

**Flute**
- Ainsley Summerton
- Talitha Orchard
- Leah September

**Clarinet**
- Jui Park
- Lisa Kim
- Kaja Jeffrey

**Saxophone**
- Ally Griffiths
- Jamie Griffiths
- Lauren Wynne
- SangWon Kim

**Trumpet**
- Seung-u Park
- Zion Court
- EunBee Hwang
- JuHo Kim
- Kane Shin

**Baritone**
- Hayley Sainsbury

**Trombone**
- Noah Collinson
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