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**For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all.
And this great love is demonstrated when a person
sacrifices his life for his friends.**

The Bible

John chapter 15, verse 13

The Passion Translation





The Salvation Army is about giving hope where it's needed most.

What is The Salvation Army?

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

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A time to remember

Many years ago, my family and I visited Gallipoli. On our bus was a young Australian man who had come to locate his grandfather's grave. Our Turkish tour guide asked him about his grandfather's unit before checking a few sites. Within several minutes, he found the grave. It was an incredibly moving experience for the young man, and for all of us on the tour.

Remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom does not glorify war. Mourning for young lives cut short in traumatic circumstances, for global upheaval and suffering, for those left behind and for those serving today, is a mark of deep gratitude and respect. This is why we observe Remembrance Day – to pause, to remember, and to give thanks.

We can also look forward, in hope and reassurance, to a future of peace. The Bible promises this in Revelation Chapter 21, verse 4: "God will take away all their tears. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All the old things have passed away."

Simone Worthing **Assistant Editor**

Remembering the cost

Honouring those who invested in our country's freedom

WORDS DARRYL WHITECROSS AND SIMONE WORTHING

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War One ended. Earlier that morning, Germany, facing imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies (Britain, France, Russia) outside Compiègne, France.

This day is known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day and is commemorated on 11 November in many of the 100 countries worldwide that fought in World War One – including Australia.

“Remembrance Day is one of those important times when we get together, remember those who have died in all conflicts and give thanks to God for the sacrifices they made,” says Major Brett Gallagher, Chief Commissioner of The Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) – the men and women who

live and work with Australia's defence personnel and support them in their time of need. These Salvo representatives have provided comfort and ministered practically and spiritually to soldiers in different conflicts around the world for more than 120 years.

“The day ultimately impacts all people – all cultures and faiths,” says Brett. “Hopefully, we can remember what happened in those days and times, so we don't get to the same point in our world again. Wars, tragically, have continued, so we need to keep stopping, pausing, reflecting, and doing what we can to prevent them.

“I hope that people can stop what they are doing at 11am on 11 November, for a minute's silence as per the tradition of the day, and remember.”



Major Brett Gallagher will again commemorate Remembrance Day at Tuggeranong Salvos in Canberra.



The style and nature of the commemorations and events that usually take place around the country will depend on COVID-19 restrictions, including the traditional Remembrance Day service at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The RSDS representatives will be with their units, or where their units are based, and will observe the minute's silence and mark the day.

DEFENCE SUNDAY

Brett will be speaking at a service at Tuggeranong Salvos in Canberra on 7 November – the Sunday before Remembrance Day. Throughout Commonwealth countries, this is known as Defence Sunday.

"We remember the fallen, the returned, their families, and pray for people currently serving in the Australian Defence Force," Brett explains. "We hope that some defence personnel will join us and participate as well."

Major Colin Maxwell is a Salvation Army officer (pastor) at Tuggeranong Salvos. He said it's important to continue to support the loved ones, families and friends of servicemen and women who battle with painful memories of war long after the campaigns have ended.

"These people are the collateral damage of war, and it's our responsibility to continue to commemorate and remember them

alongside all the experiences, suffering and loss that conflict has created," he says.

"It's important to us as Salvos to commemorate Defence Sunday and Remembrance Day. Such occasions, including Anzac Day, are not a celebration of war – or victory – but a time to remember the cost and to be reverent towards those who paid the price or invested in the future of our country's freedom.

"We want to say thank you to all those who have paid the price dearly, and [those] who are left today who still feel the heavy cost, one way or another. Australia has been a nation which continually stood alongside other countries to battle against injustice, and we need to recognise and commemorate that."

Under the Australian national flag and the flag of The Salvation Army, the Defence Sunday segment of the worship service will include playing 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille', singing the national anthem and a Bible message, which will focus on Christ "who died for our cause".



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PHOTO BY TONY LIAO ON UNSPLASH



Remembering the fallen

Salvo instrumental in establishing Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

WORDS LINDSAY COX

Remembrance Day – originally called Armistice Day – acknowledged the signing of the armistice that brought World War One to an end at 11am on 11 November 1918. After World War Two, it became a memorial day observed across the Commonwealth (and in many nations that fought in World War One) to remember the soldiers, sailors and air force personnel who have died in the line of duty.

The two minutes' silence we observe on Remembrance Day was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey and was introduced as part of the commemorative ceremony at the London Cenotaph on the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919.

In Australia in 1997, then Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11am on 11 November each year to remember all those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

A PLACE TO GRIEVE

Members of the Salvos have dutifully rallied to the defence of Australia to serve in either combat or support roles; the latter including chaplains, stretcher-bearers, nurses, and Red Shield welfare officers. And many of them, along with thousands of fellow Australians, lay buried in graves on the foreign battlefields upon which they fought and died. For some, their final resting place is unknown.

There is particular grief in not knowing where a loved one's remains are. To ease some of this grief and to commemorate all war dead, in November 1920, the remains of an 'Unknown Soldier' were brought from the battlefields of the Western Front and interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey, London.

The idea of the 'Unknown Soldier' was that of Chaplain Reverend David Railton, a son of Commissioner George Scott Railton, The Salvation Army's first Commissioner and second-in-command at the time. Chaplain Railton was serving with an infantry brigade



COURTESY OF THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 100.01

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a place for people to grieve and to commemorate all war dead.

at Armentieres on the Western Front in 1916, where he was awarded the Military Cross for saving the lives of an officer and two soldiers.

He recalled: "I came back from the front-line at dusk after having just laid to rest the mortal remains of a comrade. At the back of my billet was a small garden, and in the garden was a grave. At the head of the grave stood a rough cross of white wood on which was written in deep black-pencilled letters, "An Unknown British Soldier".

The image of the grave stayed with Chaplain Railton until after the armistice when he wrote to Bishop Ryle suggesting that the remains of an unknown soldier be interred in Westminster Abbey as the representative of all those who had died in the war. Ryle approached both Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street and gained acceptance for the idea.

WE REMEMBER THEM

Most Allied nations adopted the tradition, but in Australia it was not until November 1993 that an 'Unknown Australian Soldier' was brought home from France to be interred in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

One casualty of war represented by the 'Unknown Soldier' is Private William Smith of

the 1st South Australian Contingent to the Boer War.

William Smith was a bandsman in the Peterburgh (Peterborough) Salvos in South Australia and a member of the local Militia Force. He volunteered and arrived in South Africa in November 1899 and, with his mounted infantry unit, was brigaded with the Victorian Mounted Rifles at Rensburg following the relief of Kimberley. A determined Boer attack caused the Australians to retreat to Arundel. Trooper James Rigg of the Victorian Mounted Rifles later wrote to his mother: "We had a rough bit of fighting till dark, the bullets whistling overhead like peas. A South Australian was killed in a fight in which they made the Boers retreat back to Rensburg."

The South Australian killed in action at Arundel on 21 February 1900 was Private William Smith, giving him the unhappy distinction of being the first Australian Salvo killed while serving in Australia's armed forces.

On this Remembrance Day, we recall William Smith, who lies in a marked grave far from home in South Africa, who nevertheless is represented by the 'Unknown Soldier' entombed in the Hall of Memory.

Lindsay Cox is Museum Manager for The Salvation Army Australia.

***Walking Him Home* by Feby Chan and Naomi Reed**

WORDS MARK SOPER

Many people in Australia may recognise the name Andrew Chan. He was a member of the Bali Nine who had been in Indonesia's notorious Kerobokan Prison for 10 years for drug smuggling. I recognise the name Andrew Chan as a childhood friend who I had grown up with at Enfield in Sydney – two families becoming one. *Walking Him Home* tells the story of Feby Herewila, who married my mate Andrew back in April 2015.

The early chapters of *Walking Him Home* detail Feby's story – her early years, her faith in God, and her obedience to Christ. It is clear from an early age that Feby loved God and wanted to follow his leading and calling ... eventually to a Bali prison.



Andrew's influence reached far and wide around the world, and no one thought the day of execution by firing squad would come. But that day came on 29 April 2015, devastating family and friends who had prayed for a miracle.



Mark Soper, reviewer, and Andrew Chan, grew up together in Sydney.

Feby's story brings up many emotions for me as I relive Andrew's story. I grieve a mate whose life was cut short, but Feby reminds me of God's healing and faithfulness, which brings hope for a new day. Feby and Andrew's vision to leave a legacy for others, and for children, continues to evolve and brings hope and joy to so many.

Walking Him Home is a real-life example of walking through hardship and seeing God at work at the same time and is a must-read. Available now online and at Koorong bookstores.



Andrew and Feby were married for 35 hours before his execution in April 2015.

Feby tells how she met Andrew and shares how his infectious laugh and enthusiasm for life drew her in. Despite the reluctance of family and friends, their relationship blossomed, built upon a foundation of love for God and a shared vision for ministry and prayer.



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on finding meaning.

Medal for supporting ADF families

Major Penni Roden, a Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) senior representative at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, North Queensland, recently received her long-service medal marking 15 years with the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Ken Golder, 3rd Combat Engineers Regiment, presented Penni with her medal at a Unit Parade.

Penni's work is primarily among families of ADF members, particularly spouses. She said it was important that families were appreciated and supported. Penni also supports other regiments, as well as the Soldier Recovery Centre in Townsville.

Penni said it had been "very eye-opening" to work with families processing the loss



Lieutenant-Colonel Ken Golder presents Penni Roden with her long-service medal.

of a loved one killed in action or who had sustained severe injuries in theatres of war ... and to support those back at home.

"I am really pleased to receive a 15-year long-service medal because it represents 15 years of sacrifice and living life alongside ADF members and their families who go through extraordinary hardship," Penni said.

Solo cyclist pedals 1500km for Aussie veterans



Kelvin Alley battled all weathers to raise money for Soldier On.

Retired Salvos officer and avid cyclist Colonel Kelvin Alley pedalled 1500km in 11 days around Queensland's Darling Downs to raise money for 'Soldier On', an organisation focused on enabling serving and ex-serving Australian veterans and their families to thrive.

"The idea for the ride came when the annual Pollie Pedal was cancelled due to COVID-19," Kelvin explained. I had three early sponsors totalling \$150, and I wanted to honour them."

When he served with the Salvos as National Secretary in Canberra, Kelvin participated in the Pollie Pedal, an annual cycling event made up of politicians, veterans, and corporate sponsors that donates money to charity.

"I am committed to the work of Soldier On," he said. "I am a father of a young veteran who served three terms in an overseas zone of conflict. I have a heart for those who have served our country in uniform.

"The thing I learned each day was to never give in, to keep pedalling, to keep going.

There is not enough space to express gratitude to so many – generous sponsors, gracious and kind strangers along the way. Thank you. I made it home."

Kelvin's ride raised \$10,000 for Soldier On.

Burying your pride in service to others

Stepping out of your comfort zone

WORDS DEAN SIMPSON

My mother does not have a very good track record with cats. She has run over several of them in her time, including some of our own, and there has also been some narrow misses along the way.

Mum has never had a harmonious relationship with animals, despite raising three sons who turned the family home into a veritable zoo of small creatures ranging from mice and rabbits to tadpoles and feathered friends.

Her greatest achievement, however, if you ask her sons, is when she buried the wrong cat.

As the story goes, Mum had dropped my brothers and I off to school and was heading home when she spotted an anxious-looking neighbour standing on the side of the road beside a cardboard box and a shovel.

Curious, Mum pulled over and greeted her, "My goodness, Di, whatever's the matter?"

Di pointed to a spot behind the box where a large black cat was lying, obviously deceased. "Oh Helen, it's our cat. He must have been hit by a car. I need to get him into this box so I can get him home and bury him before the children get home. I don't want them to see him like this."

Now, as I stated previously, my mother's relationship with animals isn't strong at the best of times. Dealing with a dead one takes the matter to a new low. A million excuses ran through her mind before she said, "All right, let's give it a go."

A hidden video camera would have captured quite a scene over the ensuing 10 minutes as the two young mothers tried to scoop a rigor mortis-ridden feline onto a thin shovel and then into a cardboard box. They tried to ignore the people who drove slowly past with various facial expressions ranging from open-mouthed gapes to furrowed brows and shakes of the head.

Somehow, they managed to achieve the feat before Di uttered the words my mother was dreading. "Oh Helen, would you mind coming back with me to help dig the hole?" Another million excuses ran through my mother's mind before she said, "All right, let's give it a go."

An hour later the deed was done. The cat was buried, with a mound of fresh soil the only evidence of a morning my mother would rather forget.

The next day, my mother, after several cups of tea to ease an ongoing bout of nerves,



received a rather hesitant phone call from Di: "Oh, Helen, you'll never believe it ... but our cat just walked in the back door! Oh, Helen, I think we buried the wrong cat!"

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

My mother has been a Salvo her whole life. The work the Salvos do has often been referred to as 'Christianity with its sleeves rolled up'. My mother reflects this reference to a tee.

She has served in many voluntary capacities over the years, from packing toys for underprivileged children at Christmas time to delivering hampers for the needy. Hospitality is her strength, and she is always looking out for others, no matter the circumstance – even coming to the rescue of a neighbour and her 'dead cat'.

As Christians, we are called to serve as Jesus served. This means we will get our hands dirty at times in looking out for others. Serving as Christ served will take us to places where we are out of our comfort zone.

Wouldn't it be nice if we all took a leaf out of my mother's book and said: "All right, let's give it a go."

Dean Simpson is part of the Communications team for The Salvation Army Australia.



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on finding meaning.

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A life of freedom and depth

Peter's journey from detox
to influencer for good

WORDS BRYCE DAVIES

For much of my time as an officer (pastor) with the Salvos, I worked in recovery services – long-term residential alcohol and other drug treatment centres – where there was usually a detox unit.

Participants underwent an eight-month live-in program and progressed through stages towards greater levels of freedom and depth in their recovery.

They were kept busy throughout the day with work therapy. This included gardening, cooking, or working at Salvos Stores, making deliveries, serving in the store, or sorting donations.

There were daily group sessions and weekly case-management appointments. Support was given for participants to attend doctors, psychologists, and other appointments.

It was wonderful to witness the transformations. Those who were broken and estranged from loved ones were stabilised and often reunited with family and friends.

There are a thousand tales to tell, but today I want to share Peter's story.

NEW LIFE

Peter's drinking had cost him dearly. His wife had left him and did not allow him to contact their young teenage children. Peter worked in the automotive industry and was intelligent and articulate. He loved books and had a dry but witty sense of humour.

As Peter stabilised, he loved being part of the

Salvos church on Sundays and attended regularly, even after his time at recovery services was over. Eventually, his family re-engaged, and he started to see his kids and attended their sporting activities every weekend. Christianity was important to him, and he devoted himself to developing a mature faith. He eventually became a Salvos member.

I am an inherently disorganised person, and Peter saw this as an opportunity. He took me on as his 'mission' to the world. He became my personal assistant and started accompanying me wherever I went.

We attended Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal meetings and corporate information sessions. He gave me company, as well as a second set of eyes, ears, hands, and feet to get things done. Peter was quiet and reflective and would not say anything in many of our meetings, but he would take notes and chat with me afterwards about his insights. He was always encouraging and believed in me and what I was trying to achieve.

Peter also accompanied me on my Friday night pub run [collecting money for the Salvos] for many years. He became one of my most trusted and loyal friends.

Over time, Peter became part of our family. He often attended our extended Christmas Day lunches and visited our home for meals and coffee. He always gave my kids presents for Christmas and birthdays – usually a good



Peter was able to reconnect with his kids and regularly watched them play sport on weekends.

book, with a thoughtful card and a sincere hug. He never forgot.

Peter's children eventually became a key part of our annual Red Shield Appeal Doorknock and loved it. It became quite a tradition for us to do the Doorknock together each year.

GIVING BACK

Peter worked at the same Salvos recovery services that saved his life. He gave back to as many others as he could, what was given to him. His life improved in so many ways.

I will never forget the moment after our pub collection one Friday night, alone together in the car, when he told me he had cancer and had just six months to live. It was devastating news.

Peter deteriorated quickly and was hospitalised for most of his remaining time. My pub collection then included a stop at the Royal Brisbane Hospital every Friday night to visit him. He was a contented and cooperative

patient. He was at peace with his terminal illness and was just grateful for the years of sobriety and service he had in recovery.

Peter died, and I did his funeral at the rehab chapel to a full house. His funeral was a fabulous testimony to his recovery and influence for good. I didn't cry then, but I sobbed and sobbed that afternoon. Peter was a dear friend, and I miss him. We were a good team.

In his memory, there is a simple plaque that his devastated children and I placed in the rehab gardens near the chapel. He died deeply loved and respected, especially by his kids.

Major Bryce Davies is a Salvation Army officer (pastor) in Queensland.



Scan here for more on the need for community.

Slaai

An avocado salad from Eswatini



Ingredients

2 large ripe avocados, 3 tbs lemon juice, 1 tsp fresh ginger (grated), ½ tsp salt, ½ cup crushed peanuts (optional), thinly sliced radishes (optional).

Method

- Cut open avocados and scoop out flesh. Dice into 1 cm cubes and place in a large mixing bowl.
- In a small jug or bowl, mix together lemon juice, ginger and salt. Pour over the avocado and mix gently.
- Leave to marinate at room temperature for 20 minutes.
- Sprinkle with crushed peanuts and/or thinly sliced radishes (if using) and serve.



FUNNY THINGS KIDS SAY



Children's letters to God:

"Dear God. Thank you for my baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy."

"Dear God. Why is Sunday school on Sunday? I thought that was supposed to be our day of rest?"

"Dear God. If you didn't let dinosaurs get extinct, we wouldn't have a country now. You did the right thing."

"Dear God. If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes."

DID YOU KNOW?

📖 Our bodies lose up to eight per cent of water on a flight.

📖 Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.

📖 Broccoli is a flower.

📖 There is a secret backup vault on a remote Norwegian island that holds nearly every type of crop seed in the world.

Wordsearch

Words are hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards and backwards. Enjoy!

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- Reuse
- Upcycle
- Compost
- Waste
- Plastic
- Paper
- Aluminium
- Landfill
- Solar
- Wind
- Renewable
- Energy
- Vegetation
- Environment
- Climate
- Greenhouse
- Emissions
- Disposable
- Packaging
- Mulch
- Biodegradable
- Collections
- Community
- Green
- Organic

Quick quiz

1. When is National Recycling Week?
2. How many tonnes of edible food do Australians send to landfill each year?
3. The recycling process recovers and diverts how many tonnes of materials away from landfill each year?
4. Australia occupies which position in the world for ecological footprints per capita?
5. What percentage of Aussies are more likely to buy products made of recycled materials?
6. How many tonnes of goods have been saved from landfill through online purchases at Salvos stores since May 2020?

Bible byte

“How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his (Christ’s) love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding ...”
Ephesians chapter 3, verse 18b-19a
The Passion Translation

Tum-Tum

On which page of this week’s *Salvos Magazine* is Tum-Tum hiding?



Quiz answers: 1. 8-14 November 2. 3.2 million 3. 37 million 4. 4th 5. 70% 6. 54,000.
Tum-Tum: is hiding on page 11 with the cat.

The Ode

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

