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one life at a time*





“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

- Carl Bard



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

What is The Salvation Army?

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Vision Statement

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.

Mission Statement

The Salvation Army is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by:

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

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In this edition, we highlight the social work of the Salvos as presented in its 2020-21 Annual Report. This work, with individuals and families facing hardship and injustice, assists people experiencing homelessness, addiction or domestic and family violence, those needing financial assistance or help with employment, the lonely, and much more.

The prayers of the Salvo community nationwide underpin this vital work. The love, faith, and actions of this community, and their desire to see lives changed, is the motivating force behind the spiritual and social support the Salvos give to those in need.

In Faith Talk, Jo-anne Brown writes about prayer – what it is and isn't, and different ways of communicating with God. At its simplest, Jo says, prayer is about connecting with God. She shares her childhood experiences of prayer and the sense of peace and balance she now experiences knowing she is heard, loved, and understood by God.

We pray that our readers also find a sense of peace and assurance in knowing God loves and hears them. For more stories, check out salvosmagazine.com.au

Simone Worthing **Assistant Editor**

Snapshot of the Salvos

Helping those doing it tough across Australia

The Salvation Army has released its 2020-21 annual report, highlighting its work across Australian cities, country towns, and remote communities.

As a Christian movement united by faith, the Salvos work with individuals and families nationwide without discrimination to support those facing hardship or injustice and to provide spiritual and social support to those in need.

For over 140 years, Salvos have been helping those doing it tough through our programs and services, op shops, and Salvos centres. We assist people experiencing homelessness, addiction or domestic and family violence, needing financial assistance or help with employment, and much more.

This report covers the social work of the Salvos in Australia. This work is also underpinned by 278 corps (churches/faith communities) across the country.

Below is a snapshot of this diverse and life-changing work. We will also feature additional stories from the report in future editions of *Salvos Magazine*. To download the full report, go to bit.ly/3ouQMhp



1,889,000

sessions of care across all social programs



887,500

crisis beds provided to people who experienced homelessness



5800

women and children supported who experienced family and domestic violence



1,774,800+

meals provided to people who accessed homelessness services



12,900+

people provided financial counselling



>\$72,709,710

total amount of financial assistance provided (cash, gift card, vouchers, etc)



>21,600

households/families assisted who were impacted in some way by disaster (bushfires, floods, drought, cyclones, etc)



34,600+

people assisted with alcohol and other drugs, gambling addiction and rehabilitation services



309,800+

sessions of care provided to people who were at risk of or experienced homelessness



68,700+

job seekers assisted to find employment



>2450

people cared for in residential aged care facilities



348

Salvos Stores



\$52,228,700

amount of profit generated back into Salvos programs from Salvos Stores

Mission portfolio overview

A focus on Community Engagement

As a Christian movement, The Salvation Army is dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities, and working for justice.

The Salvation Army's Mission portfolio includes Community Engagement; Mission Support; Policy, Research and Social Justice; and Social Mission.

Community Engagement includes Community Services, Strategic Emergency and Disaster Management, National Bushfire Recovery, and Red Shield Defence Services.

The Community Engagement area also supports other mission expressions such as Chaplaincy and corps (church) based social programs.

Community Engagement teams also work across the country with Salvos Stores, Aged Care, EPlus, and Salvos Housing.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services supports people experiencing hardship to alleviate their difficulties and build capability and resilience for the future. Services include emergency relief and case management, financial assistance and counselling, preventative financial literacy/capability programs, microfinance, parent education and support, referral support and connecting people with other services. These services are delivered through Communities for Children, church-based social programs, Doorways, Microfinance, and Moneycare.

DOORWAYS

Doorways can be viewed as serving the community in three ways: early intervention,

crisis, and ongoing support. Doorways is an umbrella of programs and services. At its core sits emergency relief, case management, referrals, and material aid.

MONEYCARE

Moneycare is a holistic, strengths-based model that alleviates hardship and builds long-term resilience.

Moneycare incorporates financial counselling, financial capability services, and financial literacy/capability training and education.

Financial counsellors mainly work with people in financial difficulties or crisis with unmanageable debt. Financial capability workers mainly work with people struggling on low incomes to make the best of what they have.

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**When the emergency is over,
it's not time to pull out.**

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STRATEGIC EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

When a disaster strikes, the Salvos are ready to meet people at their point of need. Emergency support workers provide immediate assistance with cash and goods.

When the emergency is over ... the Salvos step up services to meet the needs of the community. Our support is long-term, meaning years, not months.

NATIONAL BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

The unprecedented nature of the 2019-20 Black Summer fires meant that emergency response and recovery activities were often undertaken concurrently. In addition to practical assistance, the Salvos provided immediate financial assistance to affected communities.



Salvation Army Emergency Services teams are frequently called out in disasters to serve frontline personnel, including State Emergency Services.

The Salvos have since established a dedicated Bushfire Recovery Team that is nationally coordinated but locally embedded. This ensures we can respond to urgent needs while creating connections with individuals and families to explore longer-term support. This is done by being present at government-established recovery centres/hubs, through corps (churches), dedicated telephone lines and with the support of other Salvation Army services.

The Salvos recognise the importance of providing emotional and spiritual support early and throughout disaster recovery.

CHAPLAINCY

The Salvation Army's network of Christian chaplains works to support people who need a helping hand. Our chaplains meet people at their point of need to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support. This includes one-on-one conversations, spiritual guidance, prayer, worship, education,

advocacy, Christian ceremonies, and other supports. Chaplains also provide referrals to other Salvation Army mission expressions, external services, and other faith groups where appropriate.

RED SHIELD DEFENCE SERVICES

The Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) provides the Australian Defence Force with practical, emotional, and spiritual support in difficult times, times of grief and in the everyday.

Since 1899, Salvation Army officers have travelled with Australian troops to war. Its history has been to provide support for whoever needs it.

The RSDS continues to be a presence in Australian military life, proudly serving those who serve and their families. Where there's a need, the Salvos are here to support Australian troops as they serve our country and risk their lives in the line of duty.

Social Mission

A focus on youth

The Salvation Army Social Mission teams provide quality, non-discriminatory social services through four primary areas of need: Alcohol and Other Drugs; Homelessness; Family Violence; and Youth.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Salvation Army Youth Services include a range of programs for young people, their families, and the community.

We deliver intentional avenues for young people to explore opportunities, build support networks, and access, participate in, and contribute to their communities.

Our programs include housing and homelessness, driver training, education, employment and training, social and community activities, specialist therapeutic responses, and youth justice programs.

More than 4900 young Australians were supported through these programs in 2020-21.

We understand that a safe space for growth is created when people feel believed in, valued, listened to, and respected. The Salvation Army's programs and centres are safe and supportive environments where individuals, especially young people, are free to be themselves.



>4900

young Australians
were supported
through youth
services programs



100,000+

number of sessions
of care provided to
young people



53,800

number of bed
nights provided
to young people
who were at risk
of or experienced
homelessness

Morley the merrier for energetic youth ministry

WORDS Jessica Morris

The Morley Salvos youth ministry team in Perth engages with more than 300 kids every month. Youth Pastor Davis Bode leads the team with assistance from energetic community case managers Jodie Egan and Michael Dawson.



Community Case Managers Michael Dawson and Jodie Egan prepare breakfast as part of the Morley youth team's Schools Program.

"The young people we engage with just want somewhere to belong," says Davis. "We provide a place where all our leaders believe in our young people and encourage them to be the best version of themselves."

Youth ministry at Morley (Morley YTH) seems to operate 24/7. It includes a Friday night youth program, case management, school engagement, and school holiday and breakfast programs. And the best part is they see lives changed.

"One of the biggest struggles we had this past year was facing the isolation caused by COVID-19," says Michael. By connecting with young people online or over the phone,

the youth team experienced growth, even in lockdown. "Young people are already on their phones, so we as a team thought, 'Why not put good content, that gives life, into the palm of their hands?'," says Davis.

Case management plays a pivotal role. Michael and Jodie focus on an early-intervention model to advocate for young people experiencing homelessness, mental health and identity issues, and family estrangement.

Clients are referred to them through local high schools, and they always invite them into the Morley YTH community.

"We try to look at it from a holistic viewpoint by engaging with the family and providing support where possible," says Michael. "We help the young person build positive connections outside of school, to set goals, and achieve them, and we instil hope."

Last year, the team engaged with three schools. Aiming to meet the unique needs of each community, Davis, Michael, and Jodie offer a breadth of options to students – breakfast programs, a recess table tennis program, and lunchtime soccer games. They also support Year 7 students through orientation and assist with major mental health events like R U OK? day.

"We may never see the end product, but we truly feel honoured to be a part of [these young people's] journey – to plant a seed of love and hope in their lives that can potentially grow into something amazing later in their life, where they can then be a positive impact on those around them," says Michael.

An anchor for the soul

The power of prayer in connecting us to God

WORDS Jo-anne Brown

My earliest prayer experiences were not what I considered prayer at the time. As a young child, they were moments when I sensed the presence of something greater than me, something outside myself that I couldn't explain but longed to connect with and be known by.

I gradually realised that I was seeking connection with the God who loved me, and, in time, I learned that this was one way of prayer. There were also other ways to pray and connect with God.

So, what exactly is prayer? There are probably thousands of ways to describe prayer, but for me, the very heart of prayer is simply communication with the God I love – communion or conversation between friends, where there may be tears, laughter, quiet words of longing or angry words of hurt.

It is also more than a conversation between friends because there are times of silence, of listening, and of simply being aware of God's presence and enjoying that sense of connection. There are some significant differences too, the main one being that we cannot see or audibly hear the one we are talking with!

DIFFERENT APPROACHES

We can pray formally or informally, using the words of others, or speaking from the heart. However we pray, it is important to be real and honest.

During his earthly ministry, Jesus gave his followers some prayer guidelines (Matthew chapter 6, verses 9-13). He suggested we start



with acknowledging who God is. This might be calling out to God as Father, to Jesus as our friend, or to the Creator Spirit, who holds all things together. God is so much more than we can express in a single name, so taking time to think about God as a healer, provider, lover, saviour, and so on, can help us remember who it is we are connecting with. When our hearts are full of joy, we might praise God for these things. Our prayers may also reflect our longing for the world to be healed and for peace to be restored, recognising that only God can do this.

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At other times, we might call out for help, whether for ourselves or other people. The simplest prayer may well be, “Help me, God.” Knowing we can express our fears, anxieties, sorrows, and inner turmoil to God without judgment or condemnation brings a sense of healing in itself.

An important part of prayer is also saying thank you – for the ways that God has heard us in the past or simply for being present with us. Sometimes, we might not know how to pray, so it can be helpful to start with remembering all the things we can thank God for and all the ways we have already experienced God’s love.

CONNECTION

My own discovery over the years is that prayer is frequently not about words at all. That wholehearted connection with God may come as we sit in silence admiring the sunset, as we dance or make music, as we create, as we meditate, as we simply sit in solitude,

allowing our hearts to recognise God’s presence. It may also be through words written long ago by others who have put down their own hopes and longings in God.

However we see prayer, at its simplest, it is about connecting with God, being known and seen and heard by God and, whether I receive what I asked for, it is the sense of being held by one who loves me and understands me. When I have been real and open in my communion with God, in whatever way that might have been, it restores a sense of peace and balance deep within my being. This is an anchor for my soul, even with all the things I don’t know or understand about God.



Scan here for more
on finding meaning.

Pray like this: “Our Beloved Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the centre on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is in heaven. We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day. Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Rescue us every time we face tribulation and set us free from evil. For you are the King who rules with power and glory forever. Amen.”

**Matthew chapter 6, verses 9-13
The Passion Translation**

Rebuilding beyond bricks and mortar

Salvos help Tanyia move forward in life

Lea Davis is a Salvos bushfire outreach worker who has been working closely with Tanyia Becker after she lost her husband in the Black Summer bushfires on New Year's Day 2020. Tanyia's husband, Freddy, bravely fought to save their home, still standing proudly today.

Lea said Tanyia's situation is different to her regular caseload. "Other people grieve for their loss of possessions, like their home or a business," Lea said. "Tanyia is grieving the loss of her soulmate."



Governor-General of Australia, General David Hurley (left) and his wife, Mrs Linda Hurley (right), spoke to East Gippsland bushfire survivor Tanyia Becker (centre) about the support she has received from The Salvation Army.

Lea connected Tanyia to a grant that assisted in funding her husband's funeral costs and she is currently working with Tanyia on a second grant to fund outstanding bills and equipment to manage her three-acre (1.2 hectares) property in Genoa, East Gippsland.

While these grants will make a huge difference in helping Tanyia get back to her simple but cherished off-the-grid lifestyle that she

shared with Freddy for 24 years, Tanyia is currently needing assistance in navigating the legal system; a situation she never thought she would have to face.

Today, Lea is helping Tanyia by explaining proceedings in a language she can relate to and connecting Tanyia to rural counselling services. Lea also works collaboratively with Tanyia's local community health service case manager.

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"Tanyia and I talked about how the Salvos could help her moving forward into a 'new normal' without her husband," Lea said. "But

the legal issues Tanyia is dealing with today are stopping her from moving on.”

Lea previously worked with Salvos Legal, and as a qualified social worker, Lea not only connected Tanyia to much-needed grants, but has also counselled Tanyia and helped look after her well-being.

“Tanyia has handled her situation exceptionally well, but when a person goes through something like this and is able to handle it well, they can crash at the end,” Lea said.

Working closely with clients to support them practically and emotionally can be overwhelming during a disaster of this scale. Having also worked as a case worker with Uniting Care during the Black Saturday bushfires over a decade ago, Lea recalls managing her own wellbeing through strategies learned over a number of years to ensure vicarious trauma does not become an issue.

“I try not to get too emotionally involved, but that can sometimes be hard because you go into this type of work to assist people,” Lea said. “I’m really happy with the supervision offered by The Salvation Army as we move through the Disaster Recovery, as it makes a huge difference to have the ability to discuss various scenarios and hypotheses with someone who is able to shed some light on the complexities within certain cases.”

As Tanyia’s legal proceedings continue, Lea is there to help ensure that no matter the outcome, Tanyia can move forward to live the life that her husband fought so hard for her to have.



Scan here for more on the need for community.



7000+

number of households/families assisted who were impacted by bushfires



12,500+

assistances/episodes of care provided to households/families who were impacted by bushfires



6100

instances of financial assistance distributed to people impacted by bushfires

Mexican street corn salad (Esquites)



PHOTO: EMILY GRAHAM

Ingredients

2 tbs vegetable oil, 3 cups fresh corn kernels (approx. 4 ears of corn), pinch of salt, 60g crumbled feta, ½ cup sliced spring onions (green parts only), ½ cup chopped coriander leaves, 1 chopped jalapeño pepper (seeded, and stemmed) 2 tsp crushed garlic, 2 tbs mayonnaise, 1 tbs lime juice, chilli powder or flakes, to taste.

Method

- Heat oil in frypan or wok over high heat until simmering. Add corn and salt. Cook until charred on one side. Stir and repeat until charred on second side. Continue until corn is well charred all over. Transfer to a large bowl.
- Add remaining ingredients and toss to combine.
- Serve immediately.

Tum-Tum

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



Quick quiz

1. When is World Wildlife Day?
2. Approximately how many species of wild flora and fauna are critically endangered?
3. Approximately how many species of wild flora and fauna are vulnerable?
4. What is Australia's national floral emblem?
5. What is Australia's national animal?
6. What is the only mammal that can fly?



PHOTO: STOCK / GETTY IMAGES

Bible byte

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Psalm chapter 17, verse 6
New International Version

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Wordsearch

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

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| Biodiversity | Habitats |
| Birds | Humanity |
| Earth | Mammals |
| Ecology | Nature |
| Ecosystem | Oceans |
| Endangered | Organism |
| Environment | Pollution |
| Extinction | Protection |
| Fauna | Resources |
| Fish | Restoration |
| Forests | Species |
| Fragile | Vegetation |
| Fungi | Wildlife |

HAVE A LAUGH

Who granted the fish a wish?
 The fairy codmother.

What did Cinderella say when her
 photos didn't show up?
 "Someday my prints will come."

My lack of knowledge about
 Greek literature has always
 been my Achilles' elbow.

Oliver comes home from his first day of
 school, and his mother asks,
 "What did you learn today?"
 "Not enough," Oliver replies.
 "They said I have to go back tomorrow."



DID YOU KNOW?

**Roosters
 have built-in
 earplugs.**

**The average
 golf ball has
 336 dimples.**

**A song that gets
 stuck in your head is
 called an 'earworm'.**

**There are parts of Africa
 in all four hemispheres.**

Answers: 1. 3 March, 2. 8400, 3. 30,000, 4. The golden wattle, 5. Kangaroo, 6. Bats.
 Tum-Tum: is hiding in a guitar on page 10.

Have you taken care of your Will?



A gift in your Will can help The Salvation Army create a long-lasting impact in the lives of those experiencing hardship.

Together, we can give hope where it's needed most and you can start or continue your legacy of generosity.

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