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“The river is the river, and the sea is the sea.
Salt water and fresh, two separate domains.
Each has its own complex patterns, origins, stories.
Even though they come together,
they will always exist in their own right.
This is reconciliation.”

— Senator Patrick Lionel Djargun Dodson,
a Yawuru man from Broome, Western Australia





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Respect for all

NAIDOC Week celebrations take place across Australia in July each year to highlight the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for NAIDOC Week this year (2-9 July) is 'For Our Elders'.

In this edition of *Salvos Magazine*, we look at the past, present and future impact that Elders make and their role in both preserving ancient culture and helping youth navigate modern challenges.

This dual role is evident in our Sunset Skate story, where we highlight a partnership between local Elders, the Salvos and the PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Club) and the positive response it has attracted from local youth.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people also share their personal perspective on Elders, as well as the broader role they have played culturally and spiritually.

In a similar vein but different context, Faith Talk and My Story share a coffee theme and illustrate the vital importance of acceptance and inclusion for everyone to foster a sense of belonging, value and hope.

Check out these and other stories at salvosonline.org.au

Simone Worthing **Editor**

FORGING FRIENDSHIPS AT SUNSET SKATE

Positive relationships and community support are helping First Nations youth tackle life challenges with a refreshingly new perspective.

WORDS Cliff Worthing

It's not often that police are surprised by the effect of sausages and chatting, but about a month after Gladstone Salvos in Queensland started engaging with young people at the local skate park, the outcomes are generating appreciation.

"Recently, a young man was getting some grief from other skaters and wanted to retaliate but decided to come over to our van and talk with the local Elders who work with us," says Captain Chris Ford,

Gladstone Salvos pastor and team member.

"The Elders were able to intervene and quickly calm the situation and it all happened right in front of the

police who were amazed at the unexpected turn of events."

Gladstone PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Club) approached the Gladstone Salvos a few months ago looking for solutions to a growing issue of youth, engaging negatively with police and local community.

Chris was able to propose a different approach which involved creating positive engagement with the youth at

Sunset Skate Park. He approached local Indigenous Elders to discuss what might work, and they offered to collaborate with the Salvo volunteers and police.

POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT

Every Thursday night, the Salvos set up their emergency services vehicle, cook sausages, distribute water and engage with the young people. Having a little puppy as part of the set-up really helps foster conversations, Chris says. Several local Elders make themselves available for relationship-building too. Police are in the background as another avenue for positive engagement.

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On any given Thursday about 40-50 First Nations young people attend the skate park.

"Some of the kids are slowly opening up," Chris says. "They come over for the free sausages and water, and we get to talk. It often starts with chit-chat about



their day, or what they are doing, and why they aren't home after dark."

Often Elders are hearing stories of family situations at home that result in the young people congregating at the park. The Salvos and local Elders are discussing ways to support young people experiencing difficulties at home.

"I can see value in the Sunset Skate events held at the PCYC Skate park every Thursday afternoon," says Auntie Gay Sirriss, First Nations Liaison Officer, Community Development and Events, Gladstone Regional Council.

"Giving their time and being willing to listen is an invaluable impact that our Elders make today in a society where some of our most vulnerable aren't being heard. As part of the skate park ministry, I'm hoping to see more emerging Elders come along to help build relationships with the youth to show them we care about their wellbeing.

"For me, my Elders past and present have made me the person I am today. Without their constant guidance I would not have the morals or values that I live by today.

"In the last month you can see a respectful relationship has been forged between the youth and the Salvos team.

As time goes on, the relationships Sunset Skate create will be invaluable."

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

PCYC Gladstone Youth Club manager Sergeant Dominic Richardson and Youth Club officer Senior Constable

Wendy Kinsley are pleased to be working together again with Salvation Army and other community partners for the Sunset Skate Thursday afternoon events.

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"The Sunset Skate events offer an opportunity for proactive community policing where we can engage in a positive way with the youth at the Council skate park area," says Sergeant Richardson.

"Sunset Skate events and our partnership with the Salvos are a welcome relaunch of previous events we worked on together. We are extremely grateful for the assistance of

The Salvation Army for the support each Thursday and for the role they have played in assisting engagement and support from other stakeholders to support our crime prevention and youth development goals."



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For Our Elders

Honouring the 'backbone' of Indigenous communities

NAIDOC Week 2023 is being observed around the country from 2-9 July. The theme for the week is 'For Our Elders', and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people comment on what the theme means for them.

WISDOM AND STRENGTH

'For Our Elders' is a fitting theme for NAIDOC Week, honouring and celebrating those who offer wisdom and strength to the community.

Honouring our Elders by listening is so very important because, as every year goes by, there are Elders missing ... with them goes their knowledge and wisdom which is why sharing and teaching is of the utmost importance to keep our culture thriving.

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**Our Elders are our
knowledge holders.**

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To me, an Elder is not only a title earned with age, but in my mind can also be anybody in the community who is willing to share, willing to teach, willing to learn and serve as a role model.

We have heaps of people in their 30s and 40s who are doing amazing things to promote and showcase Aboriginal people and culture in areas like Welcome to Country, traditional dance and 'palawa kani' (the only Aboriginal language in Lutruwita [Tasmania] today). In my mind they are Elders in the community too.

Belinda Farley-Wills is a Palawa woman of the Trawlwoolway Nation of Lutruwita (Tasmania).

BUILDING FAMILY

Our Elders are the backbone of our communities. On a broader scale, they have led movements in this nation that have changed the course of how we are recognised as a people and culture in Australia.



Zelma Dumas, most loved matriarch of the Dumas family.

Locally we have our Elders who are unsung heroes, who daily fight and empower the younger generations to take up the cause to see changes in their local communities.

The most important role Elders play in culture is being the gatekeepers for knowledge and stories that keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture alive.

My Nan, Zelma Dumas (my dad's mum) played a significant role in my life. One of the greatest things she taught me growing up is bringing family together.



Tahana Turner says Elders keep Indigenous culture alive.

For many Christmases throughout my childhood my mum and dad used to take me to her house, and I would watch her make the traditional Christmas puddings that you boiled in a calico bag. I loved watching her soft, gentle hands and how she used to rub the flour and suet together to form crumbs. It wasn't until later in life that I realised the symbolism of what the pudding represented – the legacy, the passing on of knowledge and the bringing together of family.

Before she passed on, I knew I had to have her recipe and keep the tradition

alive. I love cooking the pudding for my family – it brings them together and I love seeing the look on their faces when they eat the pudding.

Tahana Turner is a Bundjalung woman from Booningbah Country, a descendant of the Coodjimburra clan.

FOUNTS OF KNOWLEDGE

This year's theme, 'For Our Elders', is probably one of our most important because without our Elders we wouldn't be here. In some way we have all been influenced in the decisions we make today because of our Elders. Their love, time and knowledge with which we have all been nurtured should be honoured, not just during NAIDOC Week, but each day.

Our Elders play a very important role because they are the gatekeepers of knowledge for their nations.

Auntie Gay Sirriss is a Toolooa woman of the Gurang Nation.

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**Elders ... bring security,
hope, vision and dreams.**

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CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

Technology can never beat the wisdom that is embedded in our Elders. That's where everything is based and is the foundation of our lives, of every generation and family today.

And so, I'm really encouraging you today to think about Elders. And from our Indigenous point of view, Elders are like gatekeepers. They keep watch, they're looking out to protect and ▶



Pastors and Elders Willie and Sandra Dumas.

make sure nothing is going to invade their communities. They bring security, hope, vision and dreams.

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Elders ... have paved the way for the freedoms we have today. They're an incredible bunch of people who stood up against injustice.

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And I really believe for our Elders it's important to bring the Word of God to our community because that is what's going to bring change and transformation. That is what's going to protect and keep our young people in that place of respect and connecting to our land.

The Bible also talks about Elders in the book of Leviticus chapter 19, verse 32,

and urges the people to stand up in the presence of age and show respect for the Elders.

Now there are times when our Elders, if they see any injustice or see anyone that's not treated right, they will stand up morally with the standards, with principles of those values, making sure that they will continue and make sure it's going to be part of the next generation and part of our lives right now in Jesus' name.

So, I really believe this is a time for us to pray for our Elders to be strong and lift their hands up.

Pastor Willie Dumas is from Biripi country, with connections to Dunghutti country.

CULTURAL LEADERS

This is such an important theme as it recognises our Elders who have gone before us, who have laid down their lives, and who have paved the way for the freedoms that we have today. They're an incredible bunch of people who stood up against injustice and who are our spiritual leaders.

Our Elders are our knowledge holders, and they have passed on to the next generation – and continue to pass on – the knowledge of our community, our land, our kinships, our laws, our ceremonies and the land that we all live on. These ceremonies are important to keep our culture alive.

Pastor Sandra Dumas is a Bundjalung woman from Booningbah Country, a descendant of the Coodjimbingurra clan.



Scan here for more information on NAIDOC Week 2023.

Project Lunchbox makes a difference

Every week, 20 or so students at a local school in Brisbane receive a healthy lunch and an encouraging note prepared by the Calamvale Salvos.

"We really hope it makes a difference and helps the kids achieve their potential," Calamvale corps officer (pastor) Major Dianne Gluyas says.

The local member of parliament, James Martin, wants to find more funds to supplement the money raised by the Salvos. Dianne is also seeking support from local businesses to expand the program to other local schools.

The Salvos liaise with the school chaplain, Kotiah Pilly, to provide meals to the students most in need. The housing crisis, rising cost of living and individual family

circumstances make it incredibly difficult for some families to prepare lunches. Some children don't attend school when they don't have lunch, and others go to the playground without anything to eat.



Deputy Principal Deb Kelly (left) and School Chaplain Kotiah Pilly receive the weekly supply of lunchboxes from Major Dianne Gluyas.

"We want to let them know we care," Dianne says.

Breakfast and belonging at Launceston Salvos

Launceston Salvos has provided around 9700 free meals to the community over the past year.



The Salvo's Nigel Chong making breakfast muffins with volunteers from the Launceston City Council.

The team began offering free hot breakfasts at the beginning of COVID-19

lock-downs in March 2020, and now offers breakfast six days a week.

Aux-Lieutenant Roderick Brown, Launceston corps officer (pastor), says the meals are not just about filling stomachs but also about building connections with those doing it tough.

"It's replaced a family and belonging," Roderick says. "People have found a safe place to come into."

Roderick estimates that at least 250 people are experiencing homelessness in Launceston, but adds that this number is likely to be much higher.

A sense of belonging

Creating a feeling of welcome and inclusion for everyone

WORDS Emma Howan

When I find myself having to move house, putting familiar art and photos on the walls is one of the most important things to me. Once I can see myself in this new space, it starts to feel like home.

It's a similar experience when I walk into any new environment; I'm curious to see what the space is saying about itself and whether this is a space that is right for me. Do I belong here?

I'm a regular customer at my local coffee shop, which has a mismatch of retro chairs and tables. There is a community noticeboard with posters and flyers for a huge variety of events, support groups, health and fitness groups, religious activities and much more.

There is a growing tally of suspended coffees – where someone pays for a coffee, and someone else who might not otherwise be able to afford one can collect it. There's also a range of art, books and toys, and even a place to add a photo of your pet.

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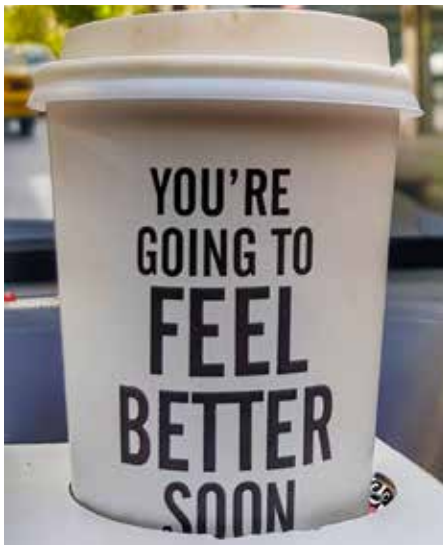
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WELCOME FOR ALL

This eclectic coffee shop could appear at first glance to not really know who it is catering for, but to me it shows that whatever walk of life you are from, you belong here.

I am a Salvation Army officer and fourth-generation Salvo on my mother's side. When we have those generational links in The Salvation Army, it can be easy to find a sense of belonging. We know what to expect, we have connections with family and friends – some perhaps from Sunday school and youth camps – and very often we enjoy lifelong friendships.

However, I'm sure all of us have at some point wandered into a space where we felt that we just didn't belong. We notice





it quickly and may find ourselves not wanting to return there.

The Salvation Army was established to be that mismatch of chairs and tables – people who at first glance might not seem to fit together. The Salvos sit very firmly in a calling to everyone. One of the most familiar verses of the Bible says: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NIV).

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The Salvation Army was established to be that mismatch of chairs and tables.

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ALL IN GOD'S FAMILY

The Salvos’ belief in this promise sees a passion within them for all people to find a sense of belonging within the Salvos and in God’s family. We would

never want someone to leave one of our Salvation Army expressions because of a feeling that they don’t belong.

The sense of belonging that my local coffee shop provides reminds me to be mindful of the way we do things in our physical spaces and in how we interact with each other, which might be a barrier to someone trying to find a place to belong.

This challenge sits with me daily to be (re)creating Salvos spaces where, whatever walk of life someone is from and whatever journey they are on up to this point, all people can find belonging in Jesus because we all belong here.

Captain Emma Howan is a Salvation Army officer (pastor) in New Zealand.

*This is an edited version of an article that appeared in **The Officer** magazine (April-June 2023 edition).*



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A daily cup of kindness and respect

Cornel and his coffee kickstart people's days

WORDS Mal Davies

If you wander down the east end of Pirie Street in Adelaide on any weekday morning, you may detect the aroma of coffee. No, it's not emanating from the dance studio or the architects' office or even the apartment block – it's coming from the cafe and decking at the front of City Salvos.

A cafe has operated there in different formats over the past decade but was relaunched in its current format in February 2022 and has recently employed a new barista.

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My job is to give people a friendly start to the day and a smile, and to always treat them with respect.

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While most of the customers are Doorways emergency relief clients (awaiting morning appointments or seeking assistance), the cafe is open to anyone. Apart from a barista, it is staffed by volunteers from the Salvos church community.

The cafe seeks to be a welcoming place that offers a warming cup of tea or coffee in the morning, as well as a smile and



Cornel sees his job as giving people a friendly start to the day.

someone to talk to. It often has music playing, flowers on the tables, and some light reading material at hand promoting the work of The Salvation Army.

FROM INDIA TO ADELAIDE

New barista Cornel Alderson emigrated from India with his family when he was 16 years old and settled in Salisbury Downs in the north of Adelaide. He worked for government departments for 22 years (doing admin, clerical and surveying work) before moving into hospitality work.

Cornel has worked in different hospitality roles at hospitals, sporting clubs, hotels – even on a boat – and is an experienced barista. He is a ‘people person’ who likes talking and laughing and says that the caring, dedicated approach of the Salvos is the perfect workplace for him.

"I was raised by an Indian Catholic father and an English Anglican mother, and I attended a Catholic church and school," he says. "Then, just to really confuse things, I married a Greek lady who was Greek Orthodox!"

"My mum was a teacher and had a strong moral code, and I was raised to do things right and care for others, and that's stayed with me. So, I'm thrilled to work for The Salvation Army, which is an amazing organisation and really does care for people ... just as I want to."

VALUE AND RESPECT

Cornel has done years of hospitality work and has learnt to value and respect people and talk to them at their own level. He says that much of his work – apart from making coffee – is about simply being friendly and offering a listening ear.

"If you treat people nicely, more often than not they'll treat you nicely," he says. "My job is to give people a friendly start to the day and a smile, and to always treat them with respect."

The cafe is one of the main public entry points to the church, and so Cornel is, by default, one of the first Salvo representatives that visitors and new clients speak to.

"What better way to start the day," says Cornel, "than with a good coffee and a smile?"

Major Mal Davies is a Salvation Army officer (pastor) in South Australia.



A customer at City Salvos cafe, enjoying his morning coffee.



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Spiced chickpea soup



Ingredients

1 large brown onion, 2 garlic cloves, olive oil, 400g chickpeas, 1 tbsp tomato paste, 1 tbsp paprika, 1 litre chicken stock, 1 tsp rosemary

Method

- Peel and dice onion and garlic.
- Heat a dash of olive oil in a pot, then sauté onion and garlic.
- Add rinsed and drained chickpeas, tomato paste and paprika. Sauté for another two minutes.
- Add chicken stock and bring to the boil, immediately turning down low to a gentle simmer for 30 minutes or until chickpeas are tender.
- Blend with stick blender. Season with rosemary to taste.

HAVE A LAUGH



Is chicken soup good for your health?
Not if you're the chicken.

How did Reese eat her soup?
Witherspoon.

How do you know if you're
eating rabbit soup?
If there's a hare in it.

SIGNING IN



Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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Quick quiz

1. What 1933 Marx Brothers classic movie has the word soup in its title?
2. The distinctive red colour of borscht comes from what vegetable?
3. Who was the artist who famously produced artwork of soup cans?
4. What are thick fogs, particularly in London, colloquially called?
5. The pop culture catchphrase "No soup for you!" originates from a 1995 episode of what US TV sitcom?

Tum-Tum



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

Bible byte

"Human beings cannot live on bread alone but need every word that God speaks."
 Matthew chapter 4, verse 4
Good News Translation

Quiz answers: 1. Duck Soup 2. Beetroot 3. Andy Warhol (Campbell's soup cans) 4. Pea-soupers or pea soup fogs
 5. Seinfeld
 Tum-Tum: is hiding in the cup tray on page 10.

DID YOU KNOW?

Condensed soup was invented in 1897 by Dr John T. Dorrance, a chemist with the Campbell Soup Company.

The earliest archaeological evidence for the consumption of soup dates back to 6000 BC - hippopotamus soup.

Soups are classified into two groups - clear soups and thick soups.

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