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changing lives



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“Just because you can feel every burden  
does not mean they are all yours to carry.”

- Author unknown



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

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



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## Daily differences

Sometimes, maybe often, we can look at the world and wish it was different – no violence, loneliness, poverty, disasters, hate. The list could go on.

There are so many people and organisations, both in Australia and around the world, working hard to bring hope and change to so many – charities and churches, researchers, first responders, aid workers, global institutions. Again, the list could go on.

Around us, if we look closely enough, there are also those doing what they can to make a difference in their local communities every day. They are changing their corner of the world and bringing hope.

In this edition of *Salvos Magazine*, you can read about how caring people have chosen to use their time, values and skills to do just that.

In Faith Talk, Lyn Edge also challenges the idea that all Christians have the same views on life and faith, and emphasises that God wants us to love our neighbours, not our religions.

Loving our neighbours, as God intended, will help to change the world.

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Simone Worthing **Editor**

# EVERYDAY HEROES

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## A FRIEND TO THOSE SLEEPING ROUGH

"For nearly six years I have been a volunteer at the corps (church)," Desiree Jones, a member of the Salvos in Brisbane, says. "I help with serving the food for the community lunch. I try to help the officers [pastors] who are also doing this.

"I also make coffee and tea for those waiting for Doorways [emergency relief and financial counselling service], especially when they are short-staffed.

"It's always on my heart to help the people who have less than I have – it's like a must. I am blessed to have the time. I am retired, so why not invest this time that God has given me to something so important as service?

"Looking after vulnerable people has always been something I love to do."

DESIREE IS DEDICATED TO HELPING THE VULNERABLE.



## MADISON SERVING IN THE HEART OF AUSTRALIA

Madison Clutterbuck is the warehouse assistant for Alice Springs Salvos Thrift Shop, the largest secondhand store in the Central Australian town. The 21-year-old found herself connecting with her new community after COVID-19 brought unlikely opportunity and a rewarding path.

"My paid job with The Salvation Army is at our Thrift Shop as a warehouse assistant here in Alice Springs. I do pick-ups and deliveries and sort everything that comes through," she explains. "This is my fourth year here after moving over from Tamworth. My parents have been officers [pastors], and I've been going on the journey with them. I also volunteer many more hours assisting."



**IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE EVERYONE FEELS SAFE AND FEELS WELCOME TO COME IN.**



Madison and her family drove across to the Northern Territory at the beginning of 2020. "It was a big move – it felt like another country with people from different cultures and backgrounds," she shares. "There are the local Indigenous communities obviously but also lots of Americans who work here.

"I started helping after everything changed when COVID hit. The shop manager went back to New Zealand,



MADISON SAYS SHE IS A CHATTERBOX WHO LOVES TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE.

and so I volunteered and then started working here.

"People love coming in and shopping, and we have conversations with them," says Madison. "One lady comes in with two grandkids, and we know everything about that family. Everyone comes to us, and we can help direct them, connect with people and tell them which services to use. You can also tell when things are tight for people and find ways to help them.

"I got involved due to wanting to be a person who showed the love of Jesus by helping and serving others in a safe environment. Every day I'm on the counter, I say 'Hi' and ask them what they're doing.

"It's about communication, not just asking people for their money. It's about talking. I'm a chatterbox – I'll talk to anyone who listens. People in the street know me through the op shop and say hello. It's about making sure everyone feels safe and feels welcome to come in." ▶

## VOLUNTEERING FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME

When Nicholas Lim volunteers for the Salvos, the 34-year-old lawyer doesn't leave his own home. He's part of a growing number of Australians donating their time online.

"I started this in 2020 in the middle of COVID," says Nick. "I had extra time, so I was looking for some volunteer work to do, and then I saw an advert on volunteer.com.au and applied. I have been doing it ever since."

The advertisement that Nick responded to was for someone to assist the Salvos in updating their operational manuals within the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) services. As a senior manager in policy and compliance at a major bank, Nick's skills were a huge blessing.

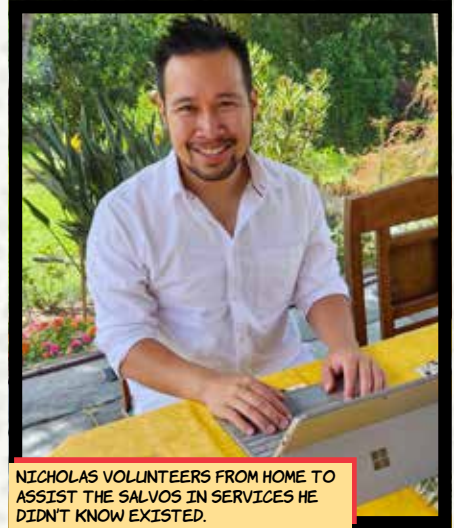


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He says he knew of the good work of the Salvos but had no personal connection with the organisation and wasn't aware that they worked to support people struggling with the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs.

"I understand how to develop and implement policies," he says, "but I had no



**NICHOLAS VOLUNTEERS FROM HOME TO ASSIST THE SALVOS IN SERVICES HE DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED.**

background knowledge of AOD services such as intoxication withdrawal treatment or providing a safe space for individuals with excessive alcohol consumption."

The operational manuals Nick helped develop cover all the duties people can expect as an AOD worker. Supported by the team's Queensland state manager, Nick assisted in developing a nationwide manual on alcohol withdrawal.

Next, the team approached him and asked if he wanted to assist with another operational manual, 'Sobering Up'. He immediately said yes and is now working on his third project with the team.

"Harriet and Kathryn [from The Salvation Army Alcohol and Other Drugs stream] are always taken aback when I agree to do another round of

writing, and that's part of the charm of the experience for me – the team has an unassuming nature," Nick comments, adding that he has also been blown away by the level of care offered by The Salvation Army workers in the Alcohol and Other Drugs space.

"One of the reasons I decided to do this is that I grew up in New Zealand but

have a Cambodian background. When I see a charity like The Salvation Army doing really good work in Cambodia, then ask for volunteers, I find it very easy within me to do that.

"I still haven't gotten around to meeting The Salvation Army team that I work with face-to-face," he says, "but I feel like I'm intrinsically involved in the mission."

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT MORNINGTON

For many who have received help, offering help to others just makes sense. Debra Kirkpatrick is one of them. She volunteers two days a week for the Mornington Salvos in Victoria as an assistant to the corps officer (pastor), Auxiliary-Lieutenant Debra Taylor.



**DEBRA STEPPED OUT OF HER COMFORT ZONE TO HELP OTHERS.**

"I just wanted to pay back," Debra explains. "I've called upon The Salvation Army to assist me in troubled times in my life. To know it's there and that I've got somewhere and somebody to turn

to, that's huge for me and I know it's huge for a lot of other people too."

Debra, a single parent, had also been working full-time for years and one day witnessed a train colliding with a car outside her office. What she saw led to PTSD, depression, anxiety and a breakdown. The Salvos helped her with food, financial services and starting again after she had to sell her house.

"When you're bringing up children on your own, you find that even if you do have support from family and friends, you don't want to burden them. The Salvation Army was able to provide that support to me," she shares.

Debra's volunteering looks different every day. "I've been doing a lot of work with regard to entering volunteer information into the system. At first, I was a little bit nervous because I wasn't familiar with the Salvos' computer system, but there's always been help and guidance."



Scan here for more stories of hope.

## Rainbow Tick a recognition of sustained commitment to inclusion

For the past several years, The Salvation Army has been on a journey of inclusion. This has included the launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan in December 2020 and the release of the Inclusion Statement in July 2021.

When Salvation Army mission delivery centres in Victoria recently received Rainbow Tick accreditation, it demonstrated their commitment to fostering a welcoming and safe environment for the LGBTIQ community.



According to Rainbow Health Victoria, the Rainbow Tick is a form of accreditation which serves as a framework for organisations

to demonstrate that they are safe and inclusive for the LGBTIQ community.

A total of 35 Salvation Army centres across Victoria received the three-year accreditation on 12 May, including Salvation Army Headquarters in Blackburn.

Major Jenny Begent, head of social mission, said this was vital, as many Salvation Army staff and clients identified as LGBTIQ.

“We wanted the Rainbow Tick because we want to be inclusive,” she says. “We want to provide safe spaces.”

Jenny says the team was very grateful for the assistance of The Salvation Army’s chief secretary Colonel Winsome Merrett,

who had assisted in the process of discussion with Rainbow Health Victoria.

“The Salvation Army has always been about the marginalised,” Jenny says. “This is a group of people who are marginalised, and so we want to be able to provide the best possible service to those people, and not just a service, but a place to belong.”

The Salvation Army’s Upton Road Youth Service in St Kilda (Vic.) was the first faith-based charitable service delivery centre in Australia to receive Rainbow Tick Accreditation in 2019. Upton Road client services coordinator Brittany Williams says the team saw it as vital to be an inclusive space, especially due to the demographic of clients they regularly encountered.



A Salvation Army group participates in this year’s Pride March in Sydney behind The Salvos’ banner.

The Rainbow Tick accreditation is just one demonstration of The Salvation Army’s efforts towards greater safety for all. The Salvos’ other recent move towards inclusion for all was to announce public support for the Indigenous Voice to Parliament as a social justice response. – Kirralee Nicolle



# Youth LARFing their way to a better future



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The Salvation Army Karinya Support Service LARF (life skills, activities, relationships and fun) mentoring program assists youth who have experienced homelessness, trauma or social isolation to encounter those from backgrounds different to their own and learn how to engage more effectively with those around them.

Program coordinator Jasmine Darge says the fortnightly group sessions offer activities based on life skills, relationship building, self-care, health and wellbeing, and having fun through play-based therapy.

“Most of the youth are disengaged from school and have existed in a family violence situation,” she says. “[We’re] giving them that space and opportunity to just be kids.”

Jasmine says many participants started out shy and introverted, but many who have left the program are now employed, seeking out study options or giving back through volunteering in community programs such as the Country Fire Authority. – Kirralee Nicolle



The young people love the challenge of the climbing wall.



Scan here for more information on Salvation Army services.

# One Christian view?

Agreeing to disagree, with grace and respect

**WORDS** Lieut-Colonel Dr Lyn Edge

**As part of *Salvos Magazine's* occasional series, 'Christian Myths and Misunderstandings', Lieut-Colonel Dr Lyn Edge explores a commonly held view that there is one 'Christian' view on all matters of life and faith.**

Watching a panel show recently, one of the guests was introduced as representing the Christian view on the topics that were discussed. I was struck that the person was not someone with whom I agreed. We were both Christian, we both had read the same Bible and were trying to live as faithful followers of Jesus. But we disagreed.

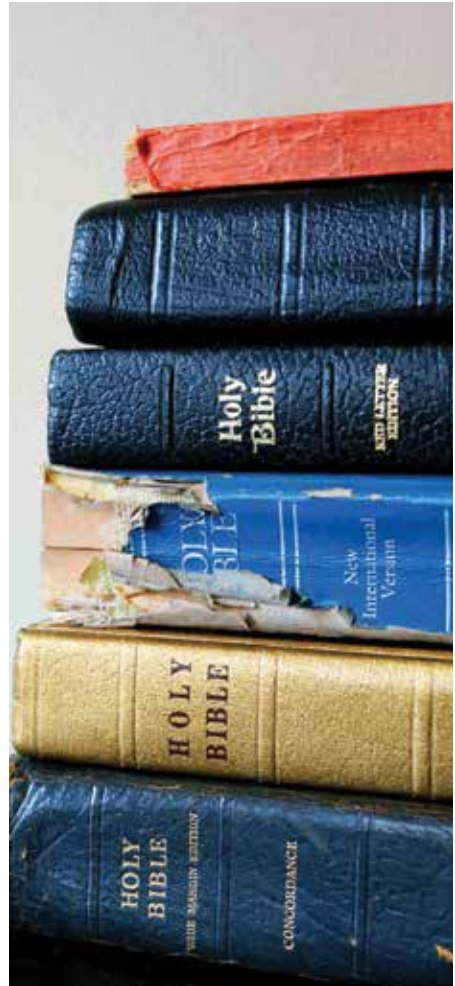
The person was not introduced as representing 'a' Christian view, but rather 'the' Christian view and I wonder if they were chosen because their views were divisive, and that makes for compelling viewing.

But is there anyone they could have invited to present 'the' Christian view? Is there a single Christian view on important matters of life and faith, on politics and ethics?

## DIFFERENCES EXIST

In our increasingly polarised world, some people do claim to have the 'one true Christian view' and then they advocate that view with great fervour. This is not new, of course.

In the biblical book of Galatians, we hear of early Christians who were "biting and devouring" one another (Galatians chapter 5, verse 15). However, it seems that the "biting and devouring" has been amplified for those of us living in the era of social media.



Differences of opinion, beliefs, practices and theology are exemplified in the fact that there are more than 45,000 different Christian denominations in the world today. In 1900 there were 1600 denominations. This a 2712 per cent increase in the division of the Church in just over a century.

Global ecumenical leader Wesley Granberg-Michaelson's description of this situation is that Christianity is "endlessly denominated, geographically separated, spiritually bifurcated, institutionally insulated, and generationally isolated". Of course, we know that differences and division exist, not only between denominations, but within them as well.

### **AGREE TO DISAGREE**

So, is there one Christian view on important matters of life and faith? For me, the evidence over the past 2000 years is in. There is not one view on Christian matters of faith and practice. There are faithful Christians, educated, well-meaning people, who disagree on important matters of life and belief.

If you think you have the true Christian view on a topic, I would ask how do you reconcile the fact that within over 45,000 denominations and 2.4 billion Christians in the world, you happen to be the one who is correct?

Even with such diversity, there are some Christian themes which most followers of Jesus would subscribe to – including love, grace, forgiveness and redemption – and these can be important building blocks for finding a shared life together.

So, in the light of the illusive shared belief, what should we do?

Let me respond with a story. Many years ago, I attended a Bible conference with

an eminent biblical scholar. There was discussion about a particular text and someone attending the conference put forward an alternative understanding to our guest speaker. The speaker responded by saying that is not what he understood the Bible to be saying but that he would "agree to disagree without being disagreeable".

That phrase has stayed with me all these years as a great pearl of wisdom.

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It is possible to hold highly diverse beliefs, and yet make grace, respect and love foundational in our relationships. How beautiful our churches and our world would be if respect, love and mutual learning informed our interactions. What if humility of opinion marked all our interactions, both in person and online?

I'd like to give the final word to author, teacher and Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor who said, "The only clear line I draw these days is this: when my religion tries to come between me and my neighbour, I will choose my neighbour... Jesus never commanded me to love my religion."

*Lieut-Colonel Dr Lyn Edge is a Salvation Army officer (pastor) in NSW.*

# A friend in need

Stretching out a helping hand to the homeless

**WORDS** Anne Brooks

I first got to know about the existence of God when I was about six or seven years old in Sunday school at the local church. That was in Bundjalung, my father's country in Northern New South Wales.

I went to church through my teenage years and had my first contact with The Salvation Army in my early 20s. My first husband was a convert. We got married in our local church but unfortunately after a few years we drifted away from the Salvos and each other, and I found myself on my own with three tiny children and a few bags of clothes. That was it.

Over the years, it was all about just getting back on my feet with the help of friends and family, and basically working to keep me and my children together, body and soul. For a long time I was focused on keeping a roof over our heads, and we ended up in public housing. Then I met Monty, the wonderful man who was to become my second husband. He not only took me on, but he also took on my three children as well and gave them his name.

## RECONNECTION

I came in contact with The Salvation Army again in April 2018 when Monty and I had an appointment at a company next door to the Salvos in Brisbane.

When we had finished, we came out thinking, "We're hungry, it's lunchtime – where are we going to eat?" We saw the Salvos next door. "Ah, this place is open and it's free too, so let's go in there."

We were so warmly welcomed and it was such a friendly place that several weeks later we started attending the lunch regularly together, as we were both retired.

During this time, Monty was diagnosed with three rare cancers and degenerative brain and spine disease. He passed away in January 2020 – I'd been with him for nearly 40 years, and he was a gem.

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**Anyone can end up on the streets and the fastest growing demographic is older women.**

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Once I finished my Sorry Time (the mourning period when a family member dies) and got everything finalised, I returned to the community lunch and to The Salvos Sunday services as well. I enrolled as a senior soldier (member) in the Salvation Army on 15 May last year.

## STREET OUTREACH

Recently I felt God was telling me to go and talk to people living on the street. So that's what I'm doing. Anyone can end up on the streets and the fastest growing demographic is older women.

I've gotten to know quite a few of the people living rough. I walk up and say,



Anne loves connecting with those sleeping rough on the streets and letting them know there is help and support for them.

“Hi, my name’s Anne – what’s yours?” Sometimes they tell me, sometimes they don’t. I spend a few minutes chatting, asking them if they know where to go for a decent meal, and I give them printed information about where they can go to get help. I invite some of them to the Salvos – some come, some don’t, but it plants the seed.

There was one lady I got to know very well, but she hasn’t been around for a few weeks. I miss my regulars and follow up on them as much as I can.

I approached one fellow recently, and he just sat there. I thought, “Fair enough, they’re not all going to like us.” When

I next approached him he was sound asleep, so I left a leaflet under his shoes next to his head.

My faith is everything. One of the things that grabbed me right from the start was that everyone’s welcome at the Salvos. I have acquired brain impairment and I haven’t been judged for having mental health issues or living in public housing. I thank God that I’m one of the family.



Scan here for more stories of hope.

## Strawberries and cream



### Ingredients

500g (2 punnets) strawberries;  
 1½ tbsp caster sugar; ¼ cup flaked almonds; double cream to serve;  
 1 tbsp shredded, fresh mint leaves

### Method

- Wash, hull and halve strawberries and sprinkle with sugar.
- Place almonds in small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for two minutes or until toasted. Remove from heat and set aside for five minutes to cool.
- To serve, divide strawberries evenly among serving bowls. Top with a dollop of double cream and sprinkle with almonds and fresh mint leaves.

## HAVE A LAUGH



My tennis opponent was not happy with my serve.  
 He kept returning it.

Why did the woman buy nine racquets?  
 Because tennis too many.

I'm starting a petition to prevent tennis courts being built in my local park.  
 I just think there'll be too much racket.

## 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. How many players competed in the first Wimbledon championship in 1877?
2. What colour clothes must Wimbledon competitors wear?
3. What food is traditionally associated with Wimbledon?
4. As part of their training, ball boys and girls are tested to see if they can stand completely still for how long?
5. What does the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club use to keep pigeons away from the venue?

# Tum-Tum



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

# Bible byte

"An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."

2 Timothy chapter 2, verse 5  
*English Standard Version*

**Quiz answers:** 1. 22 2. White 3. Strawberries and cream 4. At least three minutes 5. Rufus, a Harris hawk  
**Tum-Tum:** is hiding behind the door handle on page 13.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Wimbledon began in 1877 as a gentlemen's singles championship, making it the oldest tennis tournament in the world.**

**54,250 tennis balls are used during the Wimbledon championships.**

**Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam played on grass courts. During the event, the grass is cut to a height of exactly 8mm.**

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