

This Sunday at Riverside

Darren will be considering the prayer of Paul, at the end of chapter three of his letter to the Ephesians. This is a powerful indication of the love that Paul had for the church in Ephesus and a transformational prayer for us all .

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next Sunday Mal will be preaching and will be tackling the subject of witnessing. From his own experience and God's word he will unpack what a witness for Jesus Christ is - or should be!.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	30th June	Brekky Club	9am-10am
Tuesday	1st July	Café and Play Café Little Boat Big Rivers Club	9am - 2pm 4pm-5:30pm
Wednesday	2nd July	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 2pm
Thursday	3rd July	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 2pm 10:30am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	4th July	Cafe and Play Cafe SHOUT Youth	9am - 2pm 7pm - 9pm
Saturday	5th July	Brekky Club Oasis Ladies Coffee Club	8am - 10am 10:30am
Sunday	6th July	Prayer Meeting Riverside Worship Splash Dedicatiion Service	9am 9:45am 11.45am

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.



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**The Salvation Army
Riverside Gawler**



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**June 29th
2025**

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Pastoral Letter from Miriam

Dear friends,

Territorial Commander Australia



Challenges are easy to see ... they're right in front of us every day.
But today, I want to focus on something greater.

We, as The Salvation Army, have come through incredibly tough seasons. I acknowledge the pain and personal cost many have felt. And yet, through it all, you've kept going. You've shown courage, compassion, and faith. I thank God for each of you!

Over the past few mornings, I've found myself awake in the early hours, often a sign that God is trying to get my attention. In those quiet moments, I've sensed something deeply significant ... an insight I believe is both a word of encouragement and a clear direction for us all.

It came to me not long ago, and it's stayed with me ever since, and it is this ...The Salvation Army's superpower is this: We are to be Jesus-centered, Spirit-led, hope revealed. Full salvation — body, mind, and soul. Our mission is integrated into people's lives — we walk alongside them, offering services that wrap around the person. All of this wrapped in prayer and discipleship. And most importantly, we do this together!

Let me explain a little more ...

Over recent months I've heard powerful stories, especially at our Red Shield events of lives transformed. One woman, escaping domestic violence, found safety, support, and ultimately, Jesus. Her words? "My two Salvation Army angels." Her life. Transformed ... body, mind, and soul. Beauty instead of ashes.

This is who we are. Every day, across Australia, we walk with people through their darkest moments bringing light, love, and hope. "Transforming Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus." That's not just a vision. It's happening. And it's our future.

Even in this season. Who we are. What we carry. The heart we bring to every person, every place. It doesn't change. We are still hope-bringers. For our communities. And for each other. So, let's keep showing up. Let's keep believing. Let's keep bringing hope. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every prayer, it matters!

Today, I invite you to lean in. To live out our calling ... Jesus-centered, Spirit-led, hope revealed. To walk with people ... body, mind, and soul. To be the hands and feet of Jesus in every corner of our nation. Together, let's transform Australia ... one life at a time. Hope givers, hope bringers ... thank you. A thousand times more, please Jesus. Hope and a future ... let's move toward that every day.

26th June 2025

God bless you,

Miriam

Riverside Ready Meals

You may have noticed on our Facebook page that we are doing a little survey to see if producing Riverside Ready Meals would be a good and sustainable idea. These would be meals prepared by our wonderful Cafe Team that would be frozen and available for purchase at approximately \$7-\$8 a meal.

This will earn some additional income for the cafe, so it can remain financially viable and continue to do the 'Brekky Club' and \$2 hot meals for those impacted by homelessness and the frozen meals for our emergency relief hampers.

What we need to know is if you think this is a good idea, and more importantly if you would use this service, knowing that as you eat a good hearty meal prepared by professionals you are also assisting our church mission.

So, If you are a busy person and would appreciate a ready meal prepared for you, using seasonal vegetables from the Purrana garden and herbs and spice from the Riverside Kitchen garden, packed in an eco-friendly container please put a comment on the sign up sheet in the foyer. Based on the responses we may run a pilot project and if this is successful expand it into a regular feature of the Riverside Cafe. Watch this space!

Creativity in Action

Chris's late wife Karen was a very creative person and Chris has found these wonderful beanies that she made. If you would like one please see Chris, all he is asking is a donation toward the church. Thank you Chris.



Riverside Badges

The Riverside badges have arrived, please remember if you have ordered a replacement you don't get the 50% discount and the badge is \$10. For those of you that this is your first badge if you are able to contribute to the cost that would be wonderful but if that is not possible please don't worry. Badges are on the table in the foyer.

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Touch Point

Sermon by
Darren
Available on App
and Website



Read Ephesians 3:14-21

Q1. What stirs in your spirit as you read this prayer of Paul for a church he planted in Ephesus?

Q2. What is it that he wants for this Church?

Q3. What picture do you have in your mind when Paul prays 'may your roots grow down into God's love'? How will this keep you strong?

Q4. Darren said that knowing how much God loves you and experiencing that love would solve a lot of problems and prevent many more. Do you agree or disagree?

Verse eighteen in the NLT says 'as all God's people should' in the NIV this is translated 'together with all the Lord's Holy people'. Paul is talking about unity here. There is a power when we are together, whether it be in worship, prayer or communion. The more we unite with other believers the more we will experience a deeper move God's love.

Q5. Would you agree with Darren's last statement above, do we experience more of God's love when we are together with our Christian brothers and sisters. Why or why not?

Q6. Do you know and experience the love of God? To quote Paul in verse 18 'are you made complete with all the fullness of life and power'?

Paul says some extraordinary things in this prayer....from his glorious unlimited resources....his mighty power within us...to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think? Paul was praying using language like this because he knew how much he was loved by his Father in heaven.

Q7. What would happen if we started praying this prayer for Riverside? Allow yourself to imagine what God could do for us out of his glorious unlimited resources and what 'infinitely more' might mean for this community. Let's get praying that we all know how much we are loved?

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