



THE SALVATION ARMY
AUSTRALIA TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Notice

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Commissioner John Clinch

30 November 1930 – 24 October 2026



Commissioner John Clinch was Promoted to Glory on 24 October 2026 aged 95 years after faithfully serving God as a commissioned officer for 70 years. John trained in the Soul Winners session being commissioned on 9 January 1956.

*The Master said to John, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:23*

Our love and prayers, along with our heartfelt sympathy extends to Commissioner Beth Clinch and family Lt Colonels Ron & Robyn, Allan & Mandy, Gregory & Julee, Carolyn & Peter and Andrew & Carol along with John & Beth's 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A Public Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration of John's life will be held on:

Date: Friday 30 October 2026
Time: 2:30pm
Venue: The Salvation Army
Camberwell Corps
7 Bowen Street
Camberwell, VIC 3124

Livestream available at: <https://www.lepinefunerals.com.au/funerals/upcoming-funerals/3FK48/>
and <https://www.westwardfilms.com.au/john-hamilton-clinch>

For those who may want to convey condolences, please see the following contact information:

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On behalf of The Secretary for Personnel

Commissioner John Clinch

Appointment History*

*The Australia Territory of The Salvation
Army acknowledges and honours the
service of
John Clinch*

Out of Fairfield Corps		
Corps Officer, Korumburra Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1956
Corps Officer, Dandenong Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1958
Corps Officer, Morwell Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1961
Corps Officer, Bentleigh Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1964
Corps Officer, Chelsea Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1966
Corps Officer, Launceston Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1967
Divisional Youth Secretary & Public Relations, Tasmania	Australia Southern Territory	1970
Public Relations, Territorial Headquarters	Australia Southern Territory	1974
Assistant Public Relations Secretary, Territorial Headquarters	Australia Southern Territory	1977
Divisional Commander, South Australia	Australia Southern Territory	1979
Field Secretary, Territorial Headquarters	Australia Southern Territory	1983
Chief Secretary, Territorial Headquarters	Australia Eastern Territory	1987
International Secretary SPEA Zone	International Headquarters	1989
Territorial Commander	Australia Southern Territory	1993
Retired from Active Service	Australia Southern Territory	1996

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Matthew 25:23

"Having fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

**Appointment History as recorded on Officer Personnel file*