



THE SALVATION ARMY
AUSTRALIA TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Notice

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Valma (Val) Thomas

11 December 1946 – 3 September 2026



Major Val Thomas was Promoted to Glory on 3 September 2026 aged 79 years, and entered her eternal reward after faithfully serving God as a commissioned officer for 43 years. Val trained in the God's Messengers session being commissioned on 8 January 1983.

*The Master said to Val, '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 covers Glynn and Neng Thomas, Kianna and Rhys; Nari and Stuart McGifford, Malinda and Lachlan; and Stephen and Amanda Thomas, Christian, Jasmin, Sienna and Charlotte.

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

Date: Tuesday 8 September 2026
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: The Salvation Army Geelong Corps
239 Malop Street
Geelong VIC 3220

Please come dressed in colour.

Livestream: <https://cpconceptevents.com.au/the-late-val-thomas/>

Refreshments will be provided after the service at the hall.

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

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Major Valma (Val) Thomas

Appointment History*

*The Australia Territory of The Salvation
Army acknowledges and honours the
service of
Val Thomas
God's Messengers Session*

Out of Box Hill Corps		
Bethesda Hospital	Australia Southern Territory	1983
Corps Officer, Darwin - Northern Territory Region	Australia Southern Territory	1986
Corps Officer, Macleod - Melbourne Central Division	Australia Southern Territory	1989
Family Counsellor, Bridge Centre - Melbourne Central Division	Australia Southern Territory	1992
Chaplain, The Bridge Programme - Melbourne Central Division	Australia Southern Territory	1993
Counsellor, Pastoral Care Unit	Australia Southern Territory	1994
Chaplain, Family Support Services & Christmas Cheer Co-ordinator	Australia Southern Territory	1995
Reinforcement Officer - Southern Africa	Southern Africa Territory	1999
Associate Manager, Doveton Family Support Services - Eastern Victoria Division	Australia Southern Territory	2000
Divisional Community Care Ministries & Divisional Companion Club Secretary – Tasmania Division	Australia Southern Territory	2001
Assistant Overseas Personnel Officer	Australia Southern Territory	2003
Outreach Worker - Reservoir	Australia Southern Territory	2005
Retired Officer	Australia Southern Territory	2008

"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*