



THE SALVATION ARMY
AUSTRALIA TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Notice

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Drew Ruthven

23 May 1958 – 1 July 2026



Major Drew Ruthven was Promoted to Glory on 1 July 2026, aged 68 years, and entered his eternal reward after faithfully serving God for 42 years as a commissioned officer. Drew trained in the Heralds of Hope session being commissioned on 7 January 1984.

*The Master said to Drew '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 Major Leanne Ruthven, daughter Claire, sons Darryn and Lyle, their partners and three grandchildren.

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

Date: Wednesday 8 July 2026
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: The Salvation Army Preston Corps
263 Gower Street
Preston VIC

Livestream: <https://www.vividstream.com.au/live/drew-ruthven>

Refreshments will be provided after the service in the hall

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

Major Leanne Ruthven
Email: ruthvenleanne@gmail.com

On behalf of **The Secretary for Personnel**

Major Drew Ruthven

Appointment History*

*The Australia Territory of The Salvation Army
acknowledges and honours the service of
Drew Ruthven
Heralds of Hope*

Out of Kilkenny Corps	Australia Southern Territory	
Assistant Officer - Tanderra Night Shelter	Australia Southern Territory	1984
Manager, Hollywood Children's Village	Australia Southern Territory	1985
Corps Officer - Mount Barker Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1988
Corps Officer – Millicent Corps	Australia Southern Territory	1991
Corps Officer – Campbelltown	Australia Southern Territory	1993
Family Support Social Services	Australia Southern Territory	1993
Russian Corps Plant - St. Kilda	Australia Southern Territory	1994
Russian Outreach - Migrant Services	Australia Southern Territory	1995
Chaplain- The Bridge Programme	Australia Southern Territory	1998
Assistant Manager - Basin Farm Centre	Australia Southern Territory	2000
Centre Manager - Basin Rehabilitation Centre	Australia Southern Territory	2001
Assistant Divisional Social Programme Secretary (pro tem)	Australia Southern Territory	2002
Divisional Corps Program Secretary, Eastern Victoria Division	Australia Southern Territory	2003
Property Secretary – Territorial Headquarters, Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea & Solomon Islands Territory	2007
Divisional Program Secretary, South Australia Division	Australia Southern Territory	2009
International Emergency Services Personnel Officer – Program Resources Department	International Headquarters	2010
International Emergency Services Coordinator	International Headquarters	2011
Senior Chaplain & State Co-ordinator, Courts & Prison Services, State Office, Victoria	Australia Southern Territory	2013
Deployment to Naura/Manus Island	Australian Southern Territory	2013
Territorial Refugee/Immigrant Project Officer	Australia Southern Territory	2014
Regional Leader & Project Coordinator, Romania	Eastern Europe Territory	2015

International Emergency Services Programme Officer - Strategy, Security and Field Support, Melbourne	Australia Southern Territory	2018
Engagement Co-ordinator, Salvation Army International Development, (SAID)	Australia Southern Territory	2018
General Manager Bushfire Recovery - Pro Tem	Australia Territory	2020
General Manager, Strategic Emergency & Disaster Management	Australia Territory	2021

"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