



THE SALVATION ARMY
AUSTRALIA TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Notice

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Elva Banks

31 August 1931 – 14 February 2026



Major Elva Banks was Promoted to Glory on 14 February 2026. Elva, aged 94 years, entered her eternal reward after faithfully serving 74 years. Elva trained in the Ambassadors Session, being commissioned in 7 January 1952.

*The Master said to Elva '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 Elva's daughter Major Karan Ross and husband Major Graeme Ross; Granddaughter Emma and husband Scott Hughes; Grandson Adam and wife Tamasyn Ross, children Penelope & Oliver; Granddaughter Captains Leah Fowler and husband Captain Sam Fowler (USA Western Territory), children Zoe and Niamh. Elva's son Philip Banks, wife Julie Banks, Grandsons Jordon and Isaac Banks and granddaughter Gabrielle Banks.

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

Date: Monday 23 February 2026
Time: 10.00 am (refreshments to follow)
Location: Tuggeranong Corps
Corner Anketell and Reed Street North
Greenway, ACT 2900

Public Committal Service: Location: Norwood Park Crematorium
65 Sandford St, Mitchell, ACT 2911
Time: 1.30 pm

Livestreaming of both services will be available on: [The Salvation Army Tuggeranong Facebook](#) page

For those who may want to contact the family during this time:

Major Karan Ross
90 Pocket Avenue, Banks, ACT 2906
Phone: 0418 112 749

On behalf of **The Secretary for Personnel**

Major Elva Banks

Appointment History*

*The Australia Territory of The Salvation Army
acknowledges and honours the service of*
Major Elva Banks
Ambassadors

Out of Orange Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	
Officer, Toowong Industrial Girls Home	Australia Eastern Territory	1952
Officer, Chelmer Home for Women and Girls	Australia Eastern Territory	1953
Corps Officer, Quirindi Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1954
Corps Officer, Uralla Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1955
Corps Officer, Dorriggo Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1956
Position not recorded, Tuggerah Welfare Farm	Australia Eastern Territory	1957
Corps Officer, Merewether Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1958
Corps Officer, Port Kembla Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1962
Corps Officer, Grafton Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1965
Corps Officer, Canowindra Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1968
Corps Officer, Tighes Hill Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1969
Corps Officer, Toongabbie Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1972
Corps Officer, Dee Why Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1975
Corps Officer, Rockdale Corps	Australia Eastern Territory	1977
Regional Officer, Sydney Metropolitan Division	Australia Eastern Territory	1982
Position not recorded, THQ Correctional Services	Australia Eastern Territory	1983
Postal Officer, Territorial Headquarters	Australia Eastern Territory	1985
Retired	Australia Eastern Territory	1993

“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*