

Auburn Uniting Church Coffee Morning Thursday 7 March 2024

10:15 am

“A visit to The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Melbourne”

Our outing this year is a visit to the Salvation Army Heritage Centre at 69 Bourke St, Melbourne. This visit will include a tour of the Centre and a talk about The Salvation Army Project 614.

All are welcome, no need to RSVP. Please meet outside 69 Bourke Street at 10.15am. Trams 86 and 96 and Parliament Station are the nearest public transport options. There is paid undercover parking at First Parking, 34-60 Little Collins Street which is directly behind the Heritage Centre - walk up Westwood Place. The visit will start with coffee/tea and there are many places nearby for lunch together afterwards.

Heritage Centre

The Heritage centre depicts the Salvation Army's Australian origins, its role in various wars and its little-known, but significant, contributions to Australia's film industry. Tambourines, trumpets and other Army memorabilia are on display.

The museum is accessed by lift to the 4th floor in an historic building the Salvation Army has owned for over 100 years, which includes their Citadel - used for public worship and meetings. On show are uniforms, books, photos, souvenirs of early outback aircraft ministries, World War 2 ministries and brass band paraphernalia.

The Limelight Studios are of particular interest. This is where many Salvation Army silent movies were produced, including "Soldiers of the Cross" (the world's first multimedia presentation of silent movie clips, lantern slides and live music) in 1900.

Majors Brendan and Sandra Nottle

As Salvation Army officers, Majors Brendan and Sandra Nottle have been appointed as a couple to work in Melbourne. From 2003, they began to organise a project now known as *Project 614*, a missional order amongst the poor. They work with a team of 1000 volunteers to help people who are homeless, or suffering from mental health issues, addiction or social poverty.

Brendan is a member of the Premier's Ice Action Taskforce and the Victorian Housing Minister's Rough Sleeper's Roundtable and frequently advocates for issues facing those at risk of homelessness. In 2013, he was named Melburnian of the Year in recognition of his tireless efforts to support disadvantaged people.