



# eNews June 2026

## A New Perspective



Steve, one of our very close family friends came out this morning with us for coffee. Being Mother's Day eve, he was going on about how much he appreciated me as a mom juggling family work and ministry. However he took this opportunity of sharing something about his own spiritual journey. He is a teacher and a deeply spiritual person. He said, 'God is teaching me to die to myself, God is preparing me to die a little more every day.' He said he wanted to cut off everything that is distracting him from God. He wanted to spend more time in His presence- like marinating in the love of God :D He was reminded of how one time, on his way to a Christian music concert, he met with an accident, smashed on both sides like a ping pong ball between a semi-truck and the fence and he simply walked out of it unscathed. His car was written off. He felt a whole host of angels all around him. He walked back home on the freeway that night. He said, 'Spiritual warfare is a real thing. It's important to realise that you have an anointing on you. God is this person with a 700 km bandwidth and you are like this person with a 1 mm. He is so awesome.'

I came home with a new perspective.

So MCF members, know who you are and whose you are! You are a child of God. You are a warrior. May you be covered with the blood of Jesus and the whole armour of God as you take your stand in Defence for Australia, to be the salt and light, to manifest the presence of God through the Holy Spirit living in you; to build His kingdom! As you pray on your knees for yourself, your family, your workplace, your church, may you see your purpose clearly. May your eyes be fixed on Jesus the author and finisher of your faith, may your work bring about the Godly culture that comes about by obeying the Word of God! May you reach your heavenly home one day to receive the greatest award 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

As the end of the financial year approaches, I personally thank you for your [support](#) for the work MCF does. May you reap a rich harvest as you sow faithfully into His kingdom work in Defence.

Vani, MCF-A Treasurer

## Email issues

The MCF-A Office has been having **issues sending emails to some non-Defence email addresses**. It seems some emails think we are spam. This also applies to those on the Word @ Work mailing list. Not on the Word @ Work mailing list but would like to receive a weekly short reflection/devotion, also email the office.

***This issue appears to be resolved. If you have missed any eNews or W@W email mail outs please get in touch.***

# Thank you!



The 18 – 24 May was National Volunteer Week, and this year's United Nations Theme includes Volunteers, so the MCF-A Exec, Council and Staff Worker thank all our MCF-A Reps and other volunteers for all the hard work put in to keep MCF-A going to support and encourage Christians in Defence. Volunteer support can come in many forms and doesn't go unnoticed! Thanks to the MCF-A Exec and Council also, as they too are all volunteers.

Here's a link to a story that was published in a Defence magazine from one of our wonderful MCF-A volunteers.....

[Inspired to serve, rather than be served - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia](#)

## National Day of Prayer for Defence – Sth WA

**Everyone with a heart to pray for Defence is most welcome!**

**When:** Friday 19 Jun @ 1300hr

**Where:** Leeuwin Barracks Chapel

**POC and directions:** [brittany.sharpe@defence.gov.au](mailto:brittany.sharpe@defence.gov.au) for Base access if you are a civilian or [mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au) for a map with directions.

## Welcome to God's Family!

Liam Bennett, was Baptised into Christ by the Army Regional Support Chaplain - South Australia Luke Skipper on Monday, 22nd May 2026 at Port Gawler Pontoon, Port Gawler South Australia. Liam was supported by his family, friends and members of MCF Edinburgh group.

Liam, a civilian, was introduced to Chaplain Skipper by a Defence family who are involved in MCF. After several meetings and a lot of conversation with Chaplain Skipper, Liam asked Chaplain Skipper if he would Baptise him. Congratulations Liam welcome to the family of God Brother! – Chaplain Skipper



# Can you spare the cost of a coffee a month, or a one off donation....and you'll get a tax deduction at the end of the financial year?



The MCF Exec know times are hard for most at present but they're asking for each MCF member and supporter to **give the cost of a coffee a month (or more if you can) to help cover the rising cost of running MCF-A**. The Exec have purchased better insurance to make sure all members and supporters are covered for events and that MCF Reps and others have proper insurance cover for running the Small Groups. ***This is good governance, but it also costs.*** MCF-A doesn't get funding from Defence as almost all of its funding comes from members and supporter donations. The part time Staff Worker is the only person paid, all other positions and help are from volunteers.

We are still running behind on meeting our budget for the year, but if all our members gave a cup of coffee a fortnight each year we'd always meet the budget.

If you donate via Direct Debit your tax receipt will be emailed to you in the first two weeks of July, all other donations you should have had a receipt sent to you at the time of the donation. All enquires to the MCF-A Office.

You can [DONATE](#) here and follow the options on the page, or below the big green button if you'd rather direct debit into the MCF account ***remembering to put your name in the description/reference line.***

**No donation is too small, and you can do regular or one off donations.**

**All donations over \$2 are tax deductible .**

## Save the Date



**National Prayer Breakfast 2026 - in person and online**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Parliament House Canberra @ 0715**

You can join in person or online. ***Why not get your Small Group together for a 'watch party' breakfast?*** Eastern and WA time zones catered for online. More info at: [Home - Australian National Prayer Breakfast](#)

## MCF-A Velcro Patch and Clothing



The MCF Office has a limited number of **arm/cap patches** available for purchase. If you'd like to order a patch please use the email below to be sent a purchase form. (\$5 each)

*They look great on a cammo cap! Or can be swapped with overseas military on exercises.*



**Other MCF-A branded clothing is also available!**

Please contact: [mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au) if you'd like a purchase form, have any questions, or would like the order form for MCF-A branded clothing items.

## Veteran Bibles



*Bible Society Australia are looking to do a second printing of the popular limited release Veteran Bible produced in conjunction with Sydney RSL. This second edition is looking to make some minor improvements and have a wider reach. Can you help make this happen?*

**From Bible Society Australia:** This project will distribute Veterans' New Testaments across Australia, providing spiritual and emotional support to those transitioning from military to civilian life. With additional helpful resources on resilience and recovery, this Veteran's New Testament offers hope, identity, and connection for veterans and their families facing isolation, trauma, and life after service.

In 2026, Bible Society Australia will partner with veterans and veterans' chaplains to print and distribute 20,000 Veterans' New Testament's (second edition) nationwide through chaplains, ex-service organisations (ESOs) and veteran hubs.

**To read more or to donate:** [Australia: Veterans' New Testament - Bible Society Australia](#)

## Other items that may be of interest

### Early MCF-A memberships

Dear All,

I went to the MCF office with the box of handwritten cards which recorded early membership of OCU/OCF/MCF plus a box of correspondence and magazines.

How good it was to see both Julie and David. Then I was handed the beautiful card and MCF-A 'coin' which was a surprise. Thank you!

To Darren T, I saw the beautiful crosses you made and I hope I have the privilege of sending some out. I was praying for the two deployed members I have sent parcels to who are now safely home, and I am also teaching women from Solid Rock how to send care parcels for their deployed families.

Blessings

Helen



*Helen Bielenberg has been helping the MCF-A Staff Worker keep in contact with any MCF deployed, or overseas members MCF knows about. Helen sent numerous care packages, which often included hand-made cards, not only for the deployed person but for them to send home to loved ones. It was noted at the MCF-A AGM last November that Helen be recognised for her support with the presentation of an MCF-A coin.*

## ANZAC Walk 2026



[The ANZAC Way: Walking with Veterans Through Remembrance, Reflection and Hope](#) (link to read all about the walk)

**ANZAC Way walk 2026 Blog** – The blog gives great insight into the walk and its meaning for those who participated this year. Why not look to see if you can join the walk next year?

*If you don't have time to read all the blogs, maybe day 4 will encourage you in whatever is going on in your life at present.*

Blog link:

<https://www.anzacway.org.au/blog/tag/8593/ANZAC+Way+2026/>

*MCF-A Vice Chair and Chair walking on a rainy day during ANZAC Walk 2026*

## Mighty Men Conferences across Australia – free

*It's a place where men from all walks of life gather to be refreshed, challenged, and equipped in their faith. It's about real talks, around real fires, building real brotherhood.*

The MCF-A Vice Chair, Darren Thomas, attended one and highly recommends any of these free camps to other men associated with MCF. Contact the MCF Office if you'd like more info or check it out at: [INVERELL MIGHTY MEN - RIVERINA MIGHTY MEN - MIGHTY YOUNG MEN](#) (Please note you need to view this on a personal device and there are more places than the two listed here.)

## Sydney Concert

**BOOK NOW!**

# One Sydney

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

**SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE**  
CONCERT HALL: SUN 14 JUNE 2026 / 2pm & 7pm

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another"*  
John 13:35

**BOOK NOW**

**VARIETY CONCERTS FEATURING**

MATT MAHER - TARRYN STOKES - STAN WALKER - BUDJERAH - DAMI IM  
ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL CHOIR - BELLA TAYLOR SMITH - FR ROB GALEA  
BEN FIELDING & REUBEN MORGAN - DR MARY HEALY - BYZANTINE CHOIR  
RAPPING PSTR BLAKE YOUNG - THE FIRST HYMN (COMMONS WORSHIP)  
MARK VINCENT - PACIFIC ISLANDS CHOIR & SO MUCH MORE!

Dear Unity  
A Historic Celebration as One  
Christian Alliance  
Australia

If you would like to know how to get discounted tickets please contact the MCF-A office via email:

[Mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:Mcf.office@defence.gov.au)

Sydney – Sunday 14 June 2pm and 7pm

## Australia Prays

In May many people and places across Australia held prayer events to pray for all aspects of Australia.

If you were unable to join an event but still wish to pray you can listen to the recording on the Australia Prays and the National Day of Prayer YouTube channel via this link (only available on personal devices): [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT\\_OYEtswErPCG-GE\\_H\\_BqQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT_OYEtswErPCG-GE_H_BqQ)

## Other items

**Have you posted or moved house? Are you deploying or away from home for a few months or longer?** **Posted or moved**, please update your details [HERE](#)

**Deploying or on a long exercise?** MCF-A would love to support and pray for you while you're away. Let us know at: [mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au)

## Membership

[Membership](#) is free and **open to every Christian**. If you've not had an association with Defence or you don't identify as Christian you can be an associate member via the same link.

**Donations** MCF is supported almost entirely through freewill donations by members and supporters.

Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time, and through [financial support](#). (Direct debit preferred – details below the big green DONATE button on the webpage link)

***Note that donations (over \$2) to MCF-A are tax deductible.***

## Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator [Daniel](#) or the MCF Office. You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on confidentially to the MCF Prayer Warriors, OR to enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior, contact the MCF Office or Daniel.

## Contacting the MCF Office

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