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26 Years, 15 Stores Later and Still Giving – Salvos Stores Celebrates

Rosalie Barry has discredited the theory that today's workforce changes jobs every 2 -3 years, celebrating this week 26 years of service with Salvos Stores. On Wednesday, 14th of April, Salvos Stores CEO Allen Dewhirst will present Rosalie with an award in recognition of her commitment and valuable service to Salvos Stores and the people of Ballarat. This presentation will take place at 2:30pm at the Sebastopol Salvos Stores.

Rosalie joined Salvos Stores in May 1985 after working as a nurse in Warracknabeal. Rosalie began her journey at Abbotsford Salvos Stores in 1985. Since then she has worked at over 15 stores, and participated in multiple store openings. Rosalie, quick to see the need in the community, proposing the opening of a Melton Salvos Stores.

After leaving her impact on the Geelong and other Ballarat stores, Rosalie finally ending up the Sebastopol Salvos Stores (her current store). While Sebastopol is her favorite store, she will always have a soft spot for Abbotsford. "Each of the stores I have worked at has been unlike the last. Each store brings out something different in me, and I am very privileged to have had that experience over the last 26 years".

CEO Allen Dewhirst values the contribution Rosalie has made to the organization "Salvos Stores are very grateful to Rosalie and her contribution over the last 26 years. She is an inspiration to all staff members and volunteers."

The organization has gone through enormous transformation in the time Rosalie has been working. Rosalie believes Salvos Stores have come a long way. When she started at Abbotsford donations were sorted on belts on the shop floor. "The changes to Salvos Stores have been mind blowing," Rosalie says. "I always said once they bought electronic tills in, that would be it for me, but I have got the hang of it".

Rosalie remembers learning an unbelievable amount from Miss Dingle at Abbotsford and her respect for Captain Dobson, who was in charge at the time.

Rosalie is proud of her current store, and loves it when new customers come in and are impressed with what they have to offer. "The comradeship between people at this store makes it a lovely environment to work in." Although she has been with Salvos Stores for 26 years Rosalie shows no sign of slowing down. "I plan to keep going as long as I can, every day I get out of bed and look forward to going to work."

Salvos Stores has over 200 stores and operates as a thriving business with the added benefit of contributing positively to the excellent work of The Salvation Army. For more information, about Salvos Stores or store locations, please go to www.salvosstores.com.au or contact 13 SALVOS (13 72 58)

In brief -

What: Presentation to Rosalie Barry for her milestone achievement of 26 years of service with Salvos Stores

When: Wednesday April 14 at 2.30 pm

Where: Sebastopol Salvos Stores Corner Beverin Street & Grey Street, Sebastopol.