

(cont'd) One of my hobbies is to reunite old books with their previous owners...or in most cases, their family. The internet is a great help and has many tracks to follow.

"Mr Lawrence" proved to be a real challenge. He had passed away many years ago so it was time to start ringing possible descendants.

After many phone calls, I found a distant relative in Orange, NSW.

He told me that "Mr Lawrence" was born in 1907 and spent a lifetime in the civil aviation industry and had owned a house in Sydney. He married but never had any children.

This was starting to get more difficult until the Orange contact told me about his elderly aunt in Sydney.

Before I contacted her, I was able to find the late "Mr Lawrence" in the 1936 census which also listed his address at the time.

So, with some nervousness I contacted the Sydney descendant. I spent quite a few minutes convincing her that this was not a scam and I didn't want any money. But what I did want to do was to return the old book to "Mr Lawrence's" family. She was speechless. The lady was actually "Mr Lawrence's" favourite niece.

This old book had finally found a new and rightful home.

She told me that he had passed away in 1978 and that he was a real gent.

She sent me a beautiful thank-you letter on behalf of all the "Lawrence" family. I think I was just as excited as they were."

To be sure, not all genuinely lost items will make it back home as in John's story. One or two that does will make a welcome difference.

By the way, **Missing Persons Week** is Aug 3-9. The Salvos International Family Tracing Service has a 75%+ success rate in locating missing family members and relatives.

Cheers,

Stu Robertson

Family Store Manager

St. Ives. 2075
31st Jan. 2014

Dear John,

Just a short note to let you know that, my uncle, Gerry's book, has arrived safely. When I return from my trip to France, I will try to locate some photos to send to you.

Many thanks for your efforts in locating me. This has brought back many happy memories of Gerry. Kind regards Margaret

Mark Your Calendar



Life

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Check the Information table **and our Church website** for any further information about these events

Fuel

8/8 6-9pm

Songs of Peace

10/8 3-7pm

Emotionally

Healthy

Spirituality

11-12/8

Royal Qld Show

Day 13/8

StellaFella Friday

15th August 2014.

Fairhaven

Recovery Centre

Nigel Benn Night

26/8 6.30pm

Women's Camp

25-28/8

YMC QLD

29-30/8

August 2014 News

Monthly Newsletter of Life Community

Are You Trusting What God Said? Do You Know That Your Situation Is Not Permanent?

God has given you the power to overcome the challenges that seem to keep arising in your life. You are not defeated. No matter how it feels or what it looks like, you are not defeated. You are an overcomer. The battle against life and death has ALREADY been won on your behalf. Jesus has fought the battle, won it, and given us the victory.

Whatever your situation is ... **KNOW THAT IT IS NOT PERMANENT.** Learn how to trust God for change. Trust what He has said. Trust that He has told you that He is working things together for your good. Trust that He will never leave you nor forsake you. Trust that He is God and His Word is true.

Worship For Today ... "Overcomer" Ministered By Mandisa

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Coming Events

FUEL

Friday 8 August 2014 Dinner 6pm (> \$5pp)
Fuel 7pm - 9pm Lake Community Church (Salvos);
25 High Street FOREST LAKE 4078
Open to 12-25years + youth leaders
Check out the facebook event; <https://www.facebook.com/events/601257999988724>

24 AUGUST—COMMUNAL LUNCH

The fourth and final Sunday of our month of exploring worship will be on Sunday the 24th of August where we will all share in a communal lunch here after the service to celebrate and enjoy each other's company :) Please bring along a plate of goodies to share.

SONGS OF PEACE— Sunday 10 August 2014—3pm to 7 pm

Here at The Salvation Army Life Community Church, 123 Paradise Road, Slacks Creek. Come and hear the sound of peace from Indigenous Australians and Pacific Islanders. Listen to the voice of youth and community leaders. (Please see the flyer on our website)

FAIRHAVEN RECOVERY CENTRE

An Audience with Champion Boxer, Nigel Benn

6.30pm, 26th August 2014 at 168 MacDonnell Road, Eagle Heights. Mt Tamborine Since his retirement Nigel Benn has developed a strong Christian faith and now lives with his family in Sydney, where he works and guides troubled kids at the Blacktown PCYC (flyer on our website)

CHURCH WEBSITE salvos.org.au/lifecc/ Please don't forget to go on our website which is now up to date and is full of interesting info.



Family Store

Here's a story from my very good mate John. He and a few other blokes usually have coffee together with me almost every Saturday at different locations. One Saturday I turned up with an old book that was donated. (Just like a few of us, I'm interested in WW2 aviation and a bit beyond in the propeller era.)

I gave John the book to share the discovery - and as we talked, we all agreed that it would be the next project for him. You'll read "why" in a minute.

Let's pick up John's story:

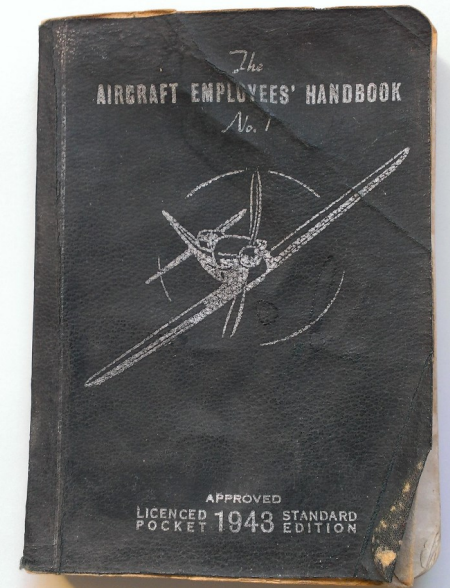
"As well as being interested in historic aviation, I also love old books and was given a real gem by Stu from the Salvation Army Family Store at Shailer Park.

This one was an Aircraft Employees Handbook and as you can see from the photo, it had seen a lot of use by its owner during WW2.

The book was always kept in his top pocket as a reference source during his daily duties as an aircraft mechanic.

I'll keep the previous owner's name out of it so as to protect his descendants' privacy.

Let's call him "Mr Lawrence".



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