

Salvation Army honours Roxie

BY COURTNEY JONES

THE launch of The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal in Geelong saw the contribution of a local identity to the charity recognised.

For the past four years, Roxie Bennett has served as chairperson, mentor and motivator to all the hardworking committee members and volunteers on the Red Shield Appeal in the region.

Regional Red Shield Appeal chair Greg McDonald spoke highly of Roxie at the launch.

"Through her leadership, public relations and media skills, Roxie brought a new focus to the appeal," Mr McDonald said.

"With her business and social networks, she was able to attract supporters and organisations to come on board and support not only this region but one of this country's most important charitable organisations, the Salvation Army.

"One of her lasting legacies will be her helping to secure the involvement of Cotton On clothing and its Unite Project with the Salvation Army

supporting youth homelessness.

"Already the Cotton On Group, through the Unite Project, has made a substantial contribution to the Army's services both financially and in kind."

Roxie was awarded the William Booth Companion medallion in recognition of her support of The Salvation Army.

"It wasn't expected at all and it's the highest honour The Salvation Army can give," Roxie said.

"When you help organisations such as The Salvation Army you don't expect to get anything back so I feel very honoured."

Mr McDonald said that on many occasions Roxie had told him that "we all have an obligation to help those less fortunate and if you want to be a part of a community then you have to participate in it at all levels; from those with plenty to spare, to those with little to share".

For more information on the Red Shield Appeal and to volunteer, visit salvationarmy.org.au/redshieldappeal.



Fran Taylor, Helen Bennett, Dara Karlusic, Roxie Bennett, Tina Bennett, Sabrina Krzywdzinski, Luke Outerbridge and Jack Krzywdzinski at the launch of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal in Geelong.



The display suite for The Mercer features a scale model of the building.

The Mercer goes on show

BY JAMES TAYLOR

THE Mercer display suite opening event was a huge success, welcoming non-stop visitors over the weekend.

Property hunters were impressed by the expansive display area showcasing the 31 architecturally designed apartment floor plans, including a scale model of the project, and walk-through, touch-and-feel kitchen and bathroom replicas.

A highlight for many was the viewing platform providing a first-hand experience of the water views that will grace the future Level 3 residents' terrace.

The Mercer sales director Jamie Kay of Oliver Hume said many property hunters were attracted to the low-maintenance inner-city lifestyle in one of Geelong's most exclusive residential addresses, Western Beach.

"Visitors were predominantly owner-occupiers looking to downsize including empty nesters and clients from the Bellarine Peninsula and Western Districts looking for a *pied-a-terre*.

"We also saw parents looking at one- and two-bedroom apartments on Malone Street and Mercer Street to assist their children into the property market, plus a number of investors and second home buyers motivated by stamp duty savings still applicable on

off-the-plan purchasers up until June 30."

The 15-storey apartment project marks a new breed of inner-urban harbourside living with access to all amenities including restaurants, shopping, entertainment, music, galleries, theatre, education, transport and world-class healthcare.

The one- to four-bedroom apartments are selling from \$405,000 to \$1.9 million, with more than 100 of the 128 apartments boasting bay and city views.

The Mercer display suite, at 53 Mercer Street, is open from Saturday to Wednesday from 11am-3pm or by appointment.

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