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Scant records of the history of the Salvation Army Corps indicate the first commanding officer was Captain John Bannerman 16.7.1887. Reference in the minutes of the Sandgate Baptist Church shows that at one stage the first building in Loudon Street, Sandgate was rented to the Salvation Army at 7/6d. per week. The Salvation Army had Barracks in Jane Street (Now 6th Avenue) and they utilized the Baptist Church Hall for a while and held many Meetings in the streets.

As was their custom, the Band played to accompany the street meetings, and a favourite spot was in front of the Osborn Hotel, Sandgate. This fact raised the ire of the Licensee Louis Drouyn, who was also an Alderman of the Sandgate Council. He was successful in persuading the Council to pass a by-law prohibiting the playing of band instruments in the streets.

The Army resisted this By-Law with the result that Captain Wright, of the Brisbane Corps was brought before the court and sentenced to 7 days imprisonment in the local Lock-Up. On his release a large number of the Bandsmen from the Sandgate and Brisbane Area gave him a hearty welcome on his release and they marched to the Barracks in Jane Street, with the Band leading the procession. Other prosecutions followed at different times and on one such occasion, one resolute Captain was sentenced to 28 days imprisonment in Boggo Road. The persistence of the Army however gained the upper hand and the enforcement of the By-Law was abandoned.

The Salvation Army lost ground in Sandgate and was non-existent by 1901. However in 1927 they started to witness here again and the building in the first photo shows the Army Hall erected in Rainbow Street in that year.

This Hall was used for many years until the much larger as depicted in the second photo was built in the latter part of this Century.

A number of Masonic Orders which had been meeting in the Masonic Temple in Eagle Terrace, Sandgate then took over ownership of the new Brick Salvation Army Hall from the 8.12.1991, when the Army opened their new building in Lemke Road, Taigum.