

## Introducing Jeff Greene Canungra

Jeff came to Everyman's in such an amazing way that he felt compelled to share that journey with you... "I have had a burden on my heart for ages to reach out and help men in all walks of life, so a few years back I initiated a men's group at our church called "MEN'S MESS".

The idea of Men's Mess was based on the concept of an "Army Mess", where personnel would meet, come together for food, fellowship and support (natural and spiritual). Interestingly, this was ages before I had heard the name "EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE".

A short time after starting Men's Mess for the church, my Pastor informed me that a rep from Everyman's, Phil Marshall, had contacted him regarding a speaking engagement at our church; however this meeting did not eventuate.

Six months later the proprietor of a coffee shop at Ferny Grove, the suburb where I reside, handed me an Everyman's card with Phil Marshall's name on it. He also said to me that I should contact Phil.

I thought at the time that it was interesting that someone else outside the church environment should mention Everyman's and Phil to me.

I remember praying and asking God what his will was, and for him to show me without any doubt if he wanted me to be involved in Everyman's. After lifting up the matter to the Lord, I abandoned the prayer solely, and left it in the hands of my Heavenly Father. At the same time I made a conscious decision not to do anything in the natural until somehow the Lord confirmed his will.

I do recall thinking at the time that it would be almost impossible for God to show me in a real powerful way if I should be a part of Everyman's, especially without me instigating any actions on my part, but I was wrong!

A number of months had passed again, during which time I had almost forgotten about the prayer request, then one day at my workplace at Brisbane Airport an interesting meeting took place.

I recall walking past a gentleman in the foyer who was introduced to me as "Phil Marshall", and then I was handed his card. On seeing the name I thought to myself that it sounded familiar!

Then as I walked outside my work building I nearly fell over; there parked in the building carpark was a van with "EVERYMAN'S WELFARE SERVICE" written on it.

Mind you, this happened at a location about 30 kilometres away from my church, home and the coffee shop at Ferny Grove!

I believe that God had placed Phil and Everyman's right under my nose, answering and confirming my prayer about being part of this organisation in a real and tangible way.

I contacted Phil; and after chatting with him about Everyman's I realised this was where the Lord wanted me to be, so I signed up!

I still work full time for the Government, but am happy to be part of Everyman's, on weekends, days off and in anyway needed. I am currently attached to Canungra Army Base - B13C & B13D - KOKODA BARRACKS."

Jesus Is Lord!

## CO-LABOURERS

At Everyman's we realise we can make a small impact on the ADF, but in conjunction with fellow ministries, the results are magnified. We gratefully acknowledge these like-minded ministries with whom we work to serve the ADF:

Chaplains FOCUS

Military Christian Fellowship (MCF)

Navigators SASRA

Red Shield Defence Service

Focus on the Family Solid Rock

The Bible Society

Naval Military and Airforce Bible Society

## News from the Middle East

Everyman's ACOMM George Thomas has hit the ground running providing welfare support to members of the ADF who are currently staging into and out of the Middle East. George works closely with Chaplains from the ADF and our allied forces.

We remain profoundly grateful to the current Chief of the Defence Force (CDF), Air Chief Marshal Mark BINSKIN, who met with Everyman's CCOMM Ken and the then CCOMM of the RSDS Lyndley FABRE in 2015, to discuss the possibility of our Philanthropic organisations resuming service supporting the servicemen and women overseas. Lyndley spearheaded

the request, with Ken in full agreement and we were delighted when the CDF gave his approval for the deployment of philanthropics to re-commence after many years of absence. He wanted a Sallyman or Everyman in place by Christmas, just a few short months away!

Ken requested Lyndley be the first to deploy, as he had worked hard to make it happen; and so he paved the way for subsequent Everyman's and Sallyman REPs to have the honour of serving not only our ADF, but our allies as well. Everyman's ACOMM George is the current Philanthropic in the Middle East and we are proud he can be there for the servicemen and women who sacrifice so much to ensure the interests and security of our nation is maintained.

A big thanks to the CDF for his support of Everyman's and Sallyman's on overseas operations again. We will continue, as our first priority, to seek to meet the CDF's intent: that members of the ADF, living far from home, will have access to consistent and on-going philanthropic support.

## How Can You Help?

I'm sure after reading all the exciting things happening at Everyman's you must be wondering how you can help us to continue supporting the ADF at their home bases and on exercise, in Australia and overseas...

Could you commit to praying regularly for Everyman's, or making a donation? Perhaps you know someone who might be able to assist with goods or services, or perhaps you'd like to get involved in a more personal way by become a Rep. Whatever you might be thinking of, please give us a call at HQ and share your ideas.....the sky is the limit!

## More ways to give....

It's now possible to set up regular (or one-off) Direct Giving from your own bank account straight into ours! The details you need are:

BSB: 034-033  
Account : 197255  
Title: Everymans Welfare Service  
Reference: Your Name

Phone or email us at Headquarters if you'd like a tax deductible receipt.

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## From the Chief Commissioner Ken Matthews



The first half of 2017 is passing rapidly and Everyman's rejoices in the privilege of being able to continue doing what we have done for the past 77 years. Recently I was called to address a Lions Club dinner celebrating volunteers and the need every community has for them. I shared with them the story of Everyman Len Buck's service to Commonwealth troops on the Malay Peninsula in 1942. It is Everyman's real life war story written by American military historian, Professor Robert Linder. Adding to what I already knew, Prof Linder's exposition shed light on a volunteer who literally risked his life every day.

I shared with the group how I truly appreciated the many volunteers who risk life and limb and how Len was an example of that. Len didn't have to go to the front. He was a businessman who was greatly needed at home during the war years, to potentially make lots of money as a tailor supplying uniforms. But heeding the call of God and country, he chose to ask Defence at the time if he could go to the front and take Everyman's first Brew Truck. So to RAF Command Far East in Malaya he went.

Doing his Brew Runs, Len risked capture all the way along the peninsula during the retreat. He risked being bombed to death as he remained in Singapore, staying back as long as he could to minister to the Defence members there. Finally ordered out of Singapore, he risked being drowned by the enemy on the very last ship to leave. Out of 16 ships trying to get out, only 2 made it, the rest being sunk by Japanese aircraft. Even out in the open sea, the Japanese air attacks continued and Len determined to stay up on deck instead of sheltering inside. In this way he could minister to the wounded, but had to find shelter behind the ship's funnel during the frequent attacks. In the lulls, Len went to comfort and pray with the injured and dying. Len could have been badly injured in one attack by shrapnel but a book in his breast pocket took the brunt of it. The book was the Christian tract, "The Reason Why" which Len had shared with many during his Malaya experience and which imparted hope and reassurance in these desperate times.

I have no doubt that the men and women of Everyman's today would do the same. They love the people of the Defence Force irrespective of their race, religion or background. They do it for the same reason, because they have a message of hope and redemption to share. ACOMM George Thomas is currently deployed in the Middle East. George has always shared the same commitment and love that Len demonstrated in World War 2.

Please continue to support Everyman's, as we work to upgrade our entire fleet of Brew Trucks. This is just one of many challenges we have. You can be a part of the mission Len Buck started, by supporting Everyman's. You have opportunity now to be part of a lasting and on-going blessing to our veterans and serving members.

Every blessing  
CCOMM Ken



## 2017 Director's Conference

It was indeed a blessing for us to convene again at our Annual Everyman's Welfare Service Directors Conference at EWS HQ, BANDIANA VIC on 18th April. Present were (L to R) Graham Whittaker, Ken Matthews, Board Chairman John Beresford OAM, Garry Walker, Dustin Gray, and Graeme Liersch.

We greatly missed the presence of Greg McKenzie and Phil Marshall who were not able to be with us this year. Together we made some historical decisions, which included ratifying the new Constitution for Everyman's Welfare Service, bringing us up to date with modern company management and accounting methods. It was also the first AGM for our new subsidiary company Everyman's Welfare Service Capital Limited, designed to facilitate on-going reliable income for the ministry of EWS. In time, we will be asking those who would like to faithfully support us, to consider interest-free loans that will be an investment into the future successful work of Everyman's. This will enable us to expand our services to the ADF as the need to support them in welfare grows every day. In the not too distant future, the Board will share a description of our plans with regard to this, and invite partners to financially support this mission in a way that will ensure your investment or donation will continue to have an on-going impact to support the work of future generations of Everyman's.

Significant at the conference was the appointment of Graeme Liersch as Board Treasurer to both Everyman's and EWS Capital Ltd. Our Auditors have given EWS another commendation for financial management, and now with the addition of Graeme to the financial management team with ACOMM George Thomas and SNR REP Lou Hochwimmer, we are excited indeed for the future of increasingly effective financial operations.

A big thank you also went out from the Board to Director Dustin Gray, whose company continues to professionally host our vibrant website and email service free of charge. Our profound thanks to Dustin are ongoing.

Finally as a Board we congratulated our Chairman CCOMM John Beresford (rtd) who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in recognition of faithful and sacrificial service to the community, through Campaigners for Christ, and up to the present day, Everyman's Welfare Service. Please take time if John is known to you to pass on your congratulations. You can do this through our Headquarters' postal or email addresses (details on the last page).

Please pray for the utmost wisdom for our Board, who have major decisions to make for the benefit of EWS, its calling and purpose. Before God we want to do the very best of what we know will benefit the men and women of the Australian Defence Force.

## Referral from a Church

At the beginning of the year, we received contact from a church, asking us to follow up one of their young men, who was about to enter the gap year programme with the ADF. It has been exciting to hear from this new recruit that a lot of his peers are reading their cam Bibles, supplied by the Bible Society - even people from other faiths! For some, it may be that there is little else to do in their free time, but we know God is at work, as our young recruit is being plied with Bible questions and has been able to pray with some people. If someone you know is enlisting, please let us know, so we can keep an eye out for them. Everyman's has a lot of contact with the recruits as they go through their rookie training at Kapooka.

## ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day 2017 at our bases in the Middle East Region, was commemorated in a variety of ways, including services with visiting dignitaries: the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull and the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin. The occasion was also remembered with the simple sharing of home baked ANZAC biscuits, supplied by Everyman George Thomas' wife, Kay. George was able to share these home baked treats with many members where he is deployed, and they were received with great enthusiasm! The recipients were universal in their appreciation. Flt Lt Maggy Wong of the Medical Team (pictured with ACOMM George Thomas) said: "Yes, that was very lovely of her! Give her our sincerest thanks... Thank you for the morale boosts!"



## Rep Chris Wainwright, Homebush

In addition to work with our sponsor units, Everyman's REPs are, at times, sought after to support local Defence cadet units. Despite REP Chris Wainwright's frantically busy schedule of work with the Navy at HMAS Kuttabul, he was recently asked to assist the annual cadet camp of Kings College in Sydney. Chris was able to support these cadets and their officers with the traditional Everyman's Brew Run, where he had the opportunity to offer friendship, comfort, and hope as he does on a daily basis to the sailors he meets in his everyday work. The cadets were quick to take advantage of the hot brews on the Everyman's Truck, and also some welfare literature including camouflage covered Bibles and Everyman's Daily Breads.



Cadets also soaked up the info in Navy News, which was on hand, igniting interest with some of a possible career in the Navy. Please remember Chris as he works alone in Sydney. Our greatest need at the moment for Everyman's workers is for new REPs to assist Chris, helping to minister to the many needs of sailors in today's navy. If you are interested in serving with Everyman's in the Sydney area (which includes some service to the Army also at Randwick Barracks) please call EWS HQ on 02 6055 2988 or email admin@everymans.org.au

## EWS LOCATIONS

- 9FSB & RAAF Base, AMBERLEY, QLD
- Kokoda Barracks, CANUNGRA, QLD
- Gallipoli Barracks, ENOGGERA, QLD
- Victoria Barracks, PETRIE TERRACE, QLD
- HMAS Kuttabul, HOMEBUSH, NSW
- Navy Accommodation, STRATHFIELD, NSW
- 17 Brigade, RANDWICK, NSW
- Blamey Barracks, KAPOOKA, NSW
- Gaza Ridge Barracks, BANDIANA, VIC
- Latchford Barracks, BONEGILLA, VIC
- Simpsons Barracks, MACLEOD, VIC

## Fleet Project 17

What a time it has been as we have been blessed with new additions to our Brew Truck fleet as we seek to upgrade and replace the old vehicles that have served the ADF well over many years. Nevertheless our Brew Truck upgrade and replacement programme remains a huge ongoing challenge for a small not for profit organisation like Everyman's. It has only been through your generosity in contributing to new trucks, that our Brew Runs to the ADF are an on-going reality.

The Toyota Landcruiser is our preferred vehicle: tried, proven and excelling in the difficult terrain used by the ADF for military exercises. Recently a Commanding Officer (CO) requested a second Everyman's vehicle to meet the growing demand for our service. We were able to oblige with an ageing vehicle that is not fully decked out. Nonetheless the gesture was appreciated by the CO and both vehicles on that base are being fully utilised.

The price tag of the Landcruiser continues to rise; and we continue the ongoing project of replacing our ageing fleet. To this end we invite you to consider making a donation to Fleet Project 17.

The ADF will continue to be called upon, in the future, to support Australia's on-going domestic and overseas operations, as will our welfare service to them. To be enabled to do so, they will have a rigorous training regime in tough and remote training areas around the country. This is where they love to find the Everyman's Brew truck, at the end of a long, hot, punishing patrol. Here the Everyman's and Everywoman's REPs are on hand not only for the hot or cold brew, but also for a quiet chat and that personal discussion when needed.

ADF personnel have testified as to how "the Everyman was a life saver" behind the Brew Truck over a cordial or a cuppa. Today we invite you to partner with us, in this welfare outreach. Please consider supporting Fleet Project 17 to purchase a vehicle required to traverse many kilometres and negotiate a lot of off road driving in military training areas and the Australian outback. Last year, Everyman's was part of a major Exercise in Cultana, South Australia, travelling in convoy with the ADF vehicles, from South East Queensland to South Australia, only to deal with roads that had become a muddy quagmire in the cold and wet wintery conditions.

Please help us to support the ADF as they train in harsh and remote areas in this great country to protect our freedoms. Please contact us at EWS HQ to support this project, or complete the enclosed donation slips, ticking Fleet Project 17, so you can share in the vital welfare work for Defence in 2017 and beyond.



Soldiers on exercise in wet and muddy conditions at Wide Bay, Queensland with Brew Truck 15 in the background

## with grateful thanks...

G'day Kenneth,

my name is Noel Kelly and I served in the Australian Infantry back in the Malaysian and Vietnam days. I was a member of 4 RAR and I served in Malaysia and Vietnam. I served in the Infantry for ten years and then served another sixteen years in Ordinance. In all that time I never came across one soldier that didn't have the greatest respect for our Everyman. You blokes do a great job and I don't just mean from bringing brews out to the bush. Each and every soldier knows that if they have problems you fellows are there to help them. The Everyman is very important to each soldier. I know that most fellows don't show their gratitude to you but I can tell you that you have a special place in the heart of all us Infantry soldiers and I'm sure it is the same for all army blokes

I am 72yrs old now and I am sure this is the first time I have thanked the Everyman organization in a personal way. I am sorry for that. Keep up the good work Kenneth and even if those young soldiers don't thank you very often I can promise you that you are special to them. Once again thanks.

May God continue to Bless you  
Noel Kelly---ex 4RAR