

## Board Chairman, CCOM (Retd) John Beresford OAM



Above, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor of New South Wales following the presentation of the Order of Australia medal to Everyman's Board Chairman CCOM (Retd) John Beresford; and below with daughter Jenny and CCOM Ken Matthews

You may remember earlier this year we reported the exciting news that our Board Chairman CCOM (Retd) John Beresford had been awarded the Order of Australia Medal? CCOM Ken had the great joy of attending the ceremony at Government House in Sydney.

John began work with Campaigners for Christ way back in 1949 on the Social Welfare Committee. The assembled crowd gasped audibly when they heard that John had tirelessly volunteered, without pay, for such a long time in welfare work to the community and to Defence. In all those years, John has put his hard earned money from his building business into the Christian faith based welfare work of Campaigners for Christ which eventually became Everyman's Welfare Service.

John became more and more involved with Everyman's, finally being appointed Chief Commissioner in the 1980's elevating the reputation and work of Everyman's to Defence, to a much higher level.



This resulted in a greater respect and regard from the highest levels of the ADF. John's selflessness was rightly rewarded by His Excellency General David Hurley, Governor of New South Wales. In attendance with John were his daughter Jenny and son David. CCOM Ken felt greatly honoured to also be invited to attend the award ceremony representing Campaigners for Christ/Everyman's Welfare Service, the ministry John has loved and continues to serve now as Board Chairman. From the Board and staff at Everyman's we say, "Well done, John! We are glad that age has not stopped you continuing to give your all because of your love for the men and women of our Defence Force."

## Everyman's Week

Everyman's Week has become an annual event at each of the locations where Everyman's has a presence. It is held in October, which is the anniversary of the month Everyman's was formed in 1940.

It's a great opportunity to raise awareness of the work we do to soldiers and civilians who never venture as far as the Rec Centres in their normal working day, nor do they get out on exercise, where we meet the others in our Brew Trucks. We give ANZAC biscuits and an Everyman's business card as each person arrives for work.



Pictured at right are Everyman's Reps Warren Clarke and David Tong receiving a donation from a soldier arriving for work at Blamey Barracks, Kapooka.

## EWS LOCATIONS

- 9FSB & RAAF Base, AMBERLEY, QLD
- Kokoda Barracks, CANUNGRA, QLD
- Royal Military College, DUNTROON, ACT
- 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

## National Relations Manager COMM Phil Marshall



Our National Relations Manager, COM Phil Marshall does more kilometres in his Brew Truck than I care to imagine as he shares the story of Everyman's to ex-service organisations and other interested parties, and appeals for their support to continue the work we do.

In addition, Phil oversees the staff in South East Queensland and Sydney and in recent years has arranged the purchase and fit-out of three of the four Brew Trucks added to our fleet. This takes a considerable amount of time in sourcing the items needed at the best price possible and moving the vehicle from one place to another as each contractor completes their job. The REMT vehicle that was presented to the Governor General at Government House in August is a good example of the finished product – ready for action.

It is a huge undertaking and there are times when Phil is absent from home so much as he works for Everyman's, that his daughter has threatened to stand a picture of him at the dinner table!

One of the pleasures Phil has when he is traversing the countryside in his Brew Truck is the recognition of the Everyman's vehicle and the memories it invokes for others. A few of his stories follow:

1. While driving the brew truck along the M1 South Brisbane, a Harley rode up beside me and gave me the thumbs up as he rode alongside me! It is always good when you see the Everyman's work being fondly remembered by ex-diggers...

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A pictorial history showing the type of vehicle used in the 1940's to the newest vehicles of our present day fleet. We've come a long way! It will be, however, an ongoing project to replace each of the ageing vehicles that remain, to ensure we are fully functional as we strive to serve the men and women of the ADF, as they serve our country.



## 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:

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## What an Exciting Year it's been! Our Day at Government House

On the 23rd August 2017, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter COSGROVE AK MC (Retd), hosted an event at Government House where the vehicle donated to Everyman's by the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT) was unveiled. It was an occasion where we were able to have present; the Chief of Air Force, AIR MARSHAL Leo DAVIES, COMMODORE Tony PARTRIDGE representing the Chief of Navy, and VICE ADMIRAL David JOHNSTON representing the Chief of Defence. Also present were the Director General of Chaplaincy Navy Principal Chaplain Colin ACTON as well as Director General Chaplaincy Army Monsignor Glynn MURPHY. Prior to the ceremony, Everyman's Board Chairman CCOM (Retd) John BERESFORD OAM, Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo's Ambassador Australia, Mr Ramsey MACPHERSON and CCOMM Ken MATTHEWS were able to have a 10 minute audience with their Excellencies, Sir Peter and Lady COSGROVE, where we were able to exchange some relaxed and friendly conversation before we adjourned to the Government House Drawing Room for the ceremony. His Excellency related that in his 40 year Army career, Everyman's was always there with a comforting brew and a listening, caring ear. He pointed to the REMT Brew Truck as the latest instalment of the care Everyman's had given in the past, and would give via this new generation Brew Truck into the future. His Excellency moved a special vote of thanks to the REMT for such a profound and generous donation of this Brew Truck, so that the ADF would have on-going welfare through the work of Everyman's. CCOMM Ken Matthews then shared that the day was not just about Everyman's, but also the other representatives of the Australian Christian community. The Christian community has supported welfare work to the Defence Force, since Federation. This has included recreation tents at the pyramids before the departure of the ANZAC's to Gallipoli, and the Everyman's Brew Truck by the side of the road as hugely outnumbered Commonwealth forces withdrew from the Japanese army on the Malay Peninsula in 1942. Without the support of our fellow Christian workers, Everyman's could not be nearly as effective as it has been in the past, nor remain as effective as we aspire to be in the future.

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His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) turns the key in the vehicle donated by the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo



REMT Ambassador, Mr Ramsey Macpherson, CCOMM Ken Matthews & Board Chairman CCOM (Retd) John Beresford OAM with Mr & Mrs Russell & Helen Bielenberg

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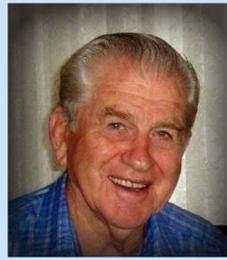
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## Tributes to two good and faithful servants

### Rev Dr Graeme Smith



Everyman's was saddened to hear of the passing of a past Everyman's Assistant Commissioner and great warrior for the faith Graeme Smith. Graeme went to be with the Lord in September. He is survived by loving wife Maria and family. Graeme was part of Campaigners for Christ way back in the 60's, and would visit the REPs on the bases to encourage them and strengthen them in their Christian faith so that they could serve Defence as effectively as possible.



Afterwards Graeme went on to pastor a number of churches, at least one of which grew from a home to one of the nation's largest churches. Graeme was in high demand around the country at national Christian Conventions due to his uncompromising preaching and his leading of many people to faith. Even in his last days in hospital, he was still speaking to nurses and staff about the hope we can all have in Christ. At Everyman's we farewell one of our own until that great Day when we will all be re-united. We can be assured of the Lord's words to Graeme, "Well done good and faithful servant."

### Everyman's ACCOM (Retd) Ed Bentley

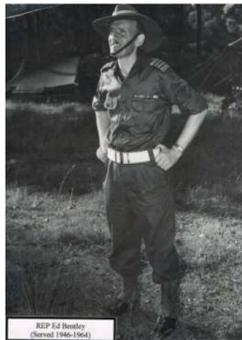
Our Everyman's logo is a modern take on Ed's distinctive handwriting

Ed was born in July 1918. As a child he was taught to play the violin by his neighbour and this started what was to become one of his hallmark ministries as a violinist throughout the years. Signwriting and calligraphy were also lifelong passions from an early age. His violin case carried the words, "What think you of Christ?"

In 1939 at an open air meeting at Paddy's Market it was announced that war had been declared. Ed was about to go to Darwin with Everyman's Welfare Service to support the soldiers, but halfway through his commissioning service, he learned of his conscription to the Army.

Following the war Ed joined Everyman's Welfare Service and was based at Ingleburn where he met and married Laurel. They were posted to Ingleburn and then the Wacol Army Barracks in Queensland, where Ed ran 'Fact and Faith' nights in the Everyman's Hut. He was a "soul winner" and one to one he often led a person to Christ. In 1963, Ed and Laurel were called into Wycliffe Bible Translators spending time in PNG before returning to Australia.

Like Graeme, Ed influenced the lives of many around him with his humility and gracious spirit. We salute you Ed Bentley. You have finished the race and completed the task the Lord Jesus had given you.



ACOM Ed Bentley served with Everyman's 1939-1963

### A Gift from the Chaplains

The Soldiers Chapel at Army Recruit Training Centre is well attended by recruits and family during their course at Kapooka. The Anglican Chaplain, Fay Fraser and Chaplain Phil Riley recently presented a cheque to Everyman's Welfare Service. The funds were sourced from the collection contributed by soldiers attending the Anglican Chapel during the year and will be important in supporting Everyman's in continuing the work into the New Year. The Soldiers Chapel is a splendid building and plays an important part in the character formation of our new soldiers. If an opportunity to visit the Chapel comes your way, don't pass it up!



Pictured LR are Chap Fay Fraser, Rep David Tong, CCOMM Ken Matthews, Rep Warren Clarke & Chap Phil Riley

## Our Day at Government House

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Ken thanked ADF Chaplaincy and our "Philanthropic cousins" the Red Shield Defence Services (the Sallyman). The Bible study groups and social activity communities of Military Christian Fellowship, Navigators Defence Ministry, Focus Ministries, Solid Rock and the Association for Conferences, Teaching and Service were also thanked for their many years of co-operative and tireless work with members of the Defence Force.

After the formalities we adjourned to the garden of Government House where his Excellency received the keys to the new vehicle from REMT Ambassador Ramsey Macpherson, and then turned the engine over for its first foray into welfare Brew Runs. This Everyman's vehicle is unique in being the first to have the Governor General of Australia be the one to set it on its way for what we all hope will be a long life supporting and encouraging our men and women in uniform everywhere.

CCOMM Ken underscored the event by telling all assembled that those in Everyman's, as well as the other Christian ministries he acknowledged, thanked our Great God every day for the wisdom and strength He gives us, enabling the continuation of the multifaceted care the defenders of our nation so profoundly need and deserve.

This was a unique day in the 77 year history of Everyman's.

### Our Appeal

Into the future Everyman's will continue to need new Brew Trucks like the REMT vehicle. Please consider donating to this vital appeal.

The leaders of the ADF continue to request the presence of Everyman's, not only on bases and on exercises across the nation, but also on Overseas Deployments as directed by the current Chief of our Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Mark BINSKIN. Everyman's has been very favourably received in the Middle East by Defence members in the last 18 months.

We invite you to join with us to support the project to renew each of the Brew Trucks in our fleet by donations or bequests, as we journey into the future. Please contact Lou or Chris at Everyman's HQ on 02 6055 2988 or at admin@everymans.org.au



Their Excellencies Sir Peter & Lady Cosgrove with REMT Ambassador, Ramsey MacPherson, Everyman's Board Chairman, John Beresford, CCOMM Ken Matthews and COMM Phil Marshall



Above, Mrs Libby Horton, LTCOL James Van Heel, His Excellency, Mrs Johanna Van Heel and LTCOL David Horton

### 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
Association for Conferences Teaching and Service (ACTS)		Naval Military and Airforce Bible Society

## Memories



Everyman's founder, CCOM (Retd) Len Buck

In opening the mail this week was the On Patrol newsletter. I started reading it and came across Len Buck's name. It was interesting that only this week I had mentioned him to someone.

In my younger years, some 30 years ago, I was involved with Campaigners for Christ in Qld. They did a lot of Biblical training for young people like week-long study courses. It was during this time that I meet Len Black and sat under his ministry and teaching. I remember him being in his late 60's and after one session saying to him "that by the time I reached his age, I hope that I had done as much as he had done". His reply in all his humbleness was "I trust

you may have done more". That has always stuck with me and I am in my sixties now and I know his words had an effect on my beliefs and the way I serve people.

When I was involved with Campaigners for Christ, we often heard about Everyman's Welfare and Stacey Kruck also at the time spoke to us on one camp.

It has been many years, since my involvement, but it bought joy to my heart that Everyman's still existed and was continuing its great work for our Saviour to those who serve our country. God Bless you all.

Michael Kells

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2. When driving the brew truck along the MI near the Gold Coast an Emergency Response vehicle drove past me and sounded the horn a number of times and waved. I eventually pulled over thinking something must be wrong. The guy pulled up behind me and proceeded to relay his memories of enjoying Everyman's service while serving in the army. After a few minutes of thanking me, I told him the real reason he pulled me over was to pay-up for the numerous drinks he had received while in the military and had not paid for.. He laughed and said I was probably right and gave me a donation on the spot! He also said he would sign up thru the Everyman's web site and become an ongoing donor.

3. While driving through country NSW, I received a call out on the CB from a semi trailer I had just passed, praising the Everyman's for the work we did, the truckie recalled our work in numerous exercises while serving in the army and over the radio said he would go online and become a supporter, because of the signage on the brew truck showing the web site. He encouraged me to continue the good work and thanked me for our service.

Please help Phil and all our Reps, who are unpaid volunteers, by making a regular donation to help them continue to do the work they do so well.

## Everyman's Rec Centres



In most locations Everyman's has great Recreation Centres. The Rec Centre at Gaza Ridge Barracks has been buzzing for most of the year with soldiers coming in during their morning tea and lunch breaks, as well as at the end of the day. My office is some distance from the Rec Centre, but I can hear the fun



and laughter coming from the different groups using the facilities. Pool and Table Tennis seem to be the rowdiest of games and recently when talking on the phone with a supporter of Everyman's, he asked "What is all that noise?" It was great to be able to tell him it was our Rec Centre being used! There are smaller rooms, where people can enjoy some quiet time, chatting with friends or the Everyman (or woman), making phone calls to loved ones, playing a board game or watching a movie. The facilities in each of the Rec Centres are only there because of your generous donations. Please be assured they are being well used and are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Senior Rep Lou Hochwimmer