

# Everyman's

Serving the  
Australian Defence Force  
since 1940



April 2018

## ON PATROL

Patron

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

### *From the CCOMM's desk...*

On Thursday the 5th of April I was reminded once again of the meaning of living a life worthy of our calling as a Christian. This is something essentially important to each EWS REP. On that day I attended the memorial service of our sister in Everyman's, Audrey Beresford. Audrey was the wife of former Chief Commissioner and current Chairman of our Board of Directors, John Beresford. Without her dedicated support, John assures us he could not have worked in Everyman's supporting the Australian Defence Force.

Audrey was a devoted mother and provided the support at home to their children, enabling John to work hard each day knowing his family were safe and well cared for. John was an attentive father to their young children despite the busy life he had, running his own building business, and Everyman's, as Chief Commissioner, at the same time.

Audrey was a dedicated musician and often played and sang during Everyman's gatherings for its REPs and families when they came together for services. She also served in a secretarial role for many years to



Mrs Audrey Beresford

our parent organisation and doing many things without payment or money. Audrey looked to God for direction and through this she served others selflessly all her life. One day in Heaven I hope to know how many Defence members were touched and saved because of her kind words, her service, and the critically important support she gave to husband John.

Everyman's wants to thank the Lord for the life of Audrey Beresford and to commend to her the words our great God and King, "*well done good and faithful servant.*" May all of us in Everyman's today, seek to live such a life, that bears fruit for the good of all those around us, and a life that will matter for others for all eternity.



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## *at Kapooka...*

In February CCOMM Ken MATTHEWS visited the team at Kapooka and caught up with ACOMM George THOMAS and REP David TONG. To our delight CHAPLAIN Fay FRASER (Anglican Chaplain Kapooka), presented a cheque for \$2000 collected from the offerings made on Sunday mornings by recruits expressing their thanks for the service that Everyman's provides.

Once again we affirmed the importance of

the EWS/Chaplaincy partnership that has stood us in good stead mutually in the ADF for the last 78 years. The generous donation will go a long way to assisting the EWS Kapooka team to enhance their existing Brew Truck and Rec Centre which the recruits and staff all love.



*Pictured, CCOMM Ken MATTHEWS, CHAP Fay FRASER and REP David TONG at the Kapooka Chapel*

## **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	Association for Conferences, Teaching and Service	

*It's that time of year again...*

## **Our Annual Audit**



*Above, Snr Rep Louise HOCHWIMMER assists auditors Michael DAWS and Thomas MORAN of Stewart, Tracy & Mylon, Wodonga, in completing compliance checks at the audit for 2017.*

As a not-for-profit organisation and a Tax Deductible charity, Everyman's places a strong emphasis on ethical and professional management of the finances supporters invest in our mission.

The audit of our financial year to 31 December was recently completed and will be submitted to our AGM in May and then posted on the Australian Charities and Non Profit Commission web site.

The auditors view our operation as having good controls on income and expenditure, a good reflection of the great work Louise and Chris undertake in the HQ Office.

## *A Trip Down Memory Lane*

Recently a man by the name of Gordon FISHER was amazed to see an Everyman's Brew Truck parked outside his neighbour's house sporting Ed BENTLEY'S "Everyman's" logo on its side. Gordon's dad, Jim FISHER, was a big supporter of Everyman's, assisting SNRREP Ed BENTLEY in Ed's Brisbane/Wacol days. Ed was responsible for the logo which is now on all our new Brew Trucks.

Now Gordon was a neighbour of current REP Ben RIDLEY!

Gordon shared some great photo's with Ben, which are very typical of Everyman's in the 1950's and generously allowed Ben to pass them on for all to see and enjoy.



At left is one of the regular Saturday night meetings at the Everyman's Hut at Wacol in 1954.

They usually filmed a Christian based movie for the troops followed by the tasty fresh scones, sandwiches (see on front table) and of course a nice hot brew afterwards.

Jim and his wife are seated in the front row next to the aisle, along with Gordon (the little boy in the front) and his older sister.

These nights sometimes included a singalong, and on Sunday nights a service, presided over by the unit Chaplain. Note Ed's "Everyman's" logo up on the back wall of the hut!

In the mid 1950's photo below, we have SNRREP Ed BENTLEY in his Everyman's uniform along with a lady who we think is Ed's wife, Laurel. The men behind Ed are Jim FISHER (standing on the left) who is part of the male quartet from Corinda Gospel Chapel. Ed most probably got Jim and the Quartet to perform in the Everyman's Hut from time to time, to not only entertain the troops, but to let

them hear of the good news of the Gospel in song.

Praise God for faithful servants of days gone by, like Jim, Ed, and Laurel, as well as the many others not named, who prepared the food and fitted out the Everyman's huts for movie nights.

If you ever sat in the Everyman's Hut in those days, to enjoy a movie as a young soldier, or you know some of the folk in these photos, we would love to hear from you.



### ***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



# South East Queensland and the Commonwealth Games...

Here in SE QLD we have been busy with our respective units to whom we are attached, and have also been supporting units who are heavily involved in the Commonwealth Games.

I was attending a 'Brew Run', when an older man approached me and proceeded to explain how he had not seen an Everyman, since his 'Nasho Days'! He said on numerous occasions when moral was down and unsettled troops started complaining, the very sight of the Everyman's Brew Truck changed everything. He recalled how the atmosphere changed as they sat around the truck talking about life and how the 'cuppa' made all the difference. He encouraged me by saying, "please don't stop doing what you do! I'm sure the difference you made back then is impacting our troops in the same way today"!

It is such an honour to serve those who serve our nation, and a great joy to hear how we impacted troops so many years ago, as these memories are recalled.

Through all the changes that have taken place over the years, one thing remains, and that is our difficulty to meet all the requests by units for our support AND the ongoing need to update our fleet of vehicles in an effort to bridge the gap between our ability to support and the requests being made.

Can I challenge you today to support Everyman's at this time? Your personal financial gift will assist us; sharing our details with your friends will assist us; and arranging opportunities for us to provide a short presentation of our 78 years of service to your local group (Church, RSL, Rotary, Lions, Men's Shed, community group) will also assist us.

What can you do? Never under estimate the power of your influence on others!

COMM Phil Marshall  
National Relations Manager



*The Brew Truck at a more unusual venue during the recent Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast*

**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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