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*The Lasting Legacy of Giving*



Tambourine Bay Gospel Chapel Secretary and Everyman's Board Vice President, Graham Whittaker

Just recently Everyman's had the great joy and privilege of receiving a large donation from Tambourine Bay Gospel Chapel. It was passed onto us on behalf of the church, by the church Secretary and our Everyman's Board Vice President, Graham WHITTAKER. Tambourine Bay has existed in Sydney as a leading light in evangelicalism and as a group of saints committed to mission work. Everyman's has had the privilege of being one of the organisations financially supported by Tambourine Bay over many years. We will not know until eternity how many lives have been touched and saved by this church's outreach.

Unfortunately the congregation grew old and were not able to keep up the maintenance of the building. But Tambourine Bay was not going to allow its faithful work to disappear. It passed on a very generous donation to Everyman's, as we are a like-minded group of believers. The hopes and dreams of this church will now live on through Everyman's Welfare Service. One of Tambourine Bay's desires was to spread the hope offered in Christ to the Services. Even though many of their congregation will now be in new churches, they can rest assured their legacy and outreach will live on perpetually through Everyman's.

The first exercise for 2019 was held at Camp Kerr, Tin Can Bay, QLD back in March. There were sandflies, mozzies and rainfall like you wouldn't believe! Humidity was sitting at 93% and day time temperatures over 35°. Thunderstorms, lightning and hail completed the weather picture! It made for a very challenging two week exercise in which the brew truck and I got very little rest! But it was also a great reminder that when our ADF are deployed overseas, they have no say in the location they will be sent to, and have to be able to manage, however trying the conditions may be. While out field I stopped in to see 6RAR. Their RSM was very happy to see me, as their Philanthropic had been unable to attend. I also got to serve the troops from RAAF BASE Amberley and their dog squad! Wow! Some of them had never encountered the Everyman's brew truck before and they were amazed at what we do and pleased to see me (and the Brew Truck)! The staff at Everyman's HQ were also a bit surprised to see doggy treats on the shopping list! It was a "first" for all of us.

During all this hard work there was still plenty of time to share the good news of Christ. While ducking under the supa wing awning to keep dry one night I was able to share how I met the Lord Jesus, and also to hand out some DVDs into welcoming hands. My friends, please keep praying for the safety of all the men and women serving in the field as they train and continue to protect this great nation of ours. God bless you all.

*ACOMM Richard Gibson  
2CER, Enoggera*

*Editor's Note:* Since writing this article, Richard has been out on many more exercises, with REP Ben Ridley and a second Brew Truck joining him at the recent Talisman Sabre 2019 at the ADF Shoalwater Bay Training Area in July. See Ben's article and more great pictures on page 4.



*It's not often we get an aerial photo opportunity to show off our Brew Trucks in action. Note the solar panels, drop down fridges and slide drawers (in the vehicle at the rear)  
The vehicle in the foreground was purchased with a very generous donation from the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Foundation following their very successful shows in Melbourne in 2016. This year they will be back in Australia with shows at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, 17-19 October.*



Serving the Australian Defence Force since 1940

**ON PATROL**



August 2019

*From the CCOMM's desk...*

I often reflect upon the longevity of Everyman's as we now look back over 79 years of faithful service. Along the way we have had many struggles and it is, in many ways,

a miracle of God that we are still here. There were times of few staff and no money. At one stage in the 1970's we were down to just two people. But the key to all the long and blessed longevity we have had, has been our precious REPs.

Just recently our dear brother John Turner, sponsored by 23 Squadron Amberley, had to retire due to health concerns. During John's decade with us, he exemplified what it means to be an Everyman's REP. John is a Rwandan veteran and had many health challenges as a result, as well as considerable loss in his personal life amongst family. John has had a lot to grapple with.

Yet he never complained to me about his lot in life. In all he did, he strove to the best of his ability. It struck me that the Johns of our movement, and most importantly their Christian faith based motivation, has been the key to the longevity of Everyman's and our on-going desire to support Defence. Yes, there is always a cost for our REPs financially, in time, and like John, sometimes pushing sometimes through delicate health to get the job done.

Our longevity has another factor as well: our faithful supporters offering prayers, finances, or both. If only we could know and count the many who have forged on because of a "chat with the Everyman." From 1940 to this day, those chats have gone on and on. One elderly gentleman who had spent his life sacrificially in mission work, helping indigenous people in the Territory, by capturing their languages in written form, had his life changed in the "Everyman's Hut" one night as a young soldier. He told us he was a hopeless drunk not caring where his life went when he went in to the Everyman for one of those chats. Even though he was drunk at the time, he realised from both a practical and spiritual perspective, that his life had to change; and change dramatically it did that night!

We don't always hear about these transforming events, but these are what your support and prayer is achieving through us to this day. Please partner with us in making sure that the longevity of Everyman's remains intact for the coming generation. You can become a regular financial supporter, or you could make a gift in your will to continue the work for future generations of ADF members. For those who pray, please continue to pray fervently for us that we can and will make a difference.

For more about making a gift in your will, please see the article on Living Gifts on page 3. God's richest blessing to you all,

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Rep Milton Wilson is on hand to guide RAAF and Army recruits around one of the older style Brew Trucks at the Firing Range at Kapooka. Our aim is to one day have them all operating as efficiently as the vehicles that serve the troops in QLD.



## ARTC, Kapooka

There has been a changing of the guard at ARTC, as ACOMM George Thomas has stepped down as Team Leader, handing the reins to REP Warren Clarke, who has stepped up to the challenge admirably. While George has stepped down from his formal role as Finance Support Officer he continues to offer his financial and administrative experience when requested. He also continues to engage in some specific projects that offer increased benefits to the operation of Everyman's. We have recently welcomed part-time REP Kiel Gardoll into the team at Kapooka. Kiel will share a little about himself in a future edition of On Patrol. REP Milton Wilson maintains his hospital visits and also serves the Army and RAAF recruits at the firing range, while REP David Tong will take some time out to spend with his family in Victoria.

## National Relations Management Team



**COMM Phil Marshall**  
&  
**REP Jeff Greene**



The past few months have been very busy, it seems 01/01/19 was just yesterday, but we have served many troops, and visited numerous RSL's and groups in the past 5 months. Can I say here and now, THANK YOU to the RSL's who have supported us, THANK YOU to the many individuals that have supported us and THANK YOU to the churches that have stood with us with your financial gifts, your kind words and thoughts & prayers. We have been able to purchase and completely fit out our newest brew truck (2016 Toyota Hilux) courtesy of a grant from the Family Support Funding Program. This will be utilised by REP Jeff Greene at Canungra and he will be happy to bring it to your RSL Sub-Branch or Church group to share with you the benefit it brings to members of our ADF when they are on exercise. We have also been able to purchase the rooftop camper for Richard Gibson's brew truck through a generous gift from Caloundra RSL sub-branch. We SINCERELY THANK the sub-branch committee and members! We are looking forward to meeting many of you in person throughout the remainder of 2019. Jeff is busy booking up appointments with groups to share our story. (Please just ask if you want either of us to come). Can I encourage you to not grow weary in your well doing - Everyman's staff won't; they WILL DO MORE as MORE support comes in! Bless ya heaps

## Living Gifts

Since 1940, Everyman's Welfare Service has, with compassion and commitment, sat alongside many a troubled Defence member. Subsequently great differences have been made in countless valuable lives. To ensure we can continue to do so for generations to come we have been putting time and effort into what will be the most effective and rewarding way for all involved to continue to support such a celebrated operation.

What if you could support the work in such a way that your contribution is not just for today or this month, but could go on in perpetuity to help ADF members into the future? Such an opportunity is now available through making a bequest. Though many of us may not even be thinking of bequests, they can nevertheless be of immense value as your contribution can mean practical support that goes on into the future.

Everyman's has a fund for the purpose of providing continued capital for maintaining and updating our fleet of Brew Trucks to enable us to continue the work that has been so gratefully received over the years. Many of you reading this may have been the beneficiary of such friendship and counsel, whilst others support us because you know Everyman's works from a Christian basis, and can therefore help some people understand a deeply felt spiritual vacuum inside.

Recently we were at the top of Mt. Pleasant, also known as Gunner's Hill, where Parliament House is clearly visible just to the south. We were there to offer a brew and bikkies to the 130 trainees of III Class and their staff. They had just finished their 12km pack march from their bush training area, and were looking forward to receiving their lanyards for the first time and becoming actual officer cadets! The past eight weeks had given them their introduction to army life, and they were now ready for two days off and then back to training. (Only 16 months to go!)

These young men and women already have a love for Australia, and their training here gives them even more of an appreciation of the sacrifices that have been made by so many others before them. Along with the Australian cadets, there are exchange cadets from 6-8 other allied Commonwealth countries! May God continue this amazing work we do serving so many people as Everymen & Everywomen!

Just recently Everyman's has had to step back from regular deployments to the Middle East. This decision was not made lightly; however many of our REPs have part time jobs to support themselves in the Everyman's mission. They are not paid by Everyman's or the ADF. This can make it very difficult at home when they are away for 4 months overseas. Imagine if the investment of your legacy could one day bring a return that would enable an Everyman's REP to deploy with the ADF and minister to their members without causing financial hardship at home.

Growing capital from your invested gift, has the potential to open the door to younger REPs with families who need this financial support on overseas operations and in full time ministry.

Would you consider today, partnering with us by leaving some of your estate to the ongoing work of Everyman's? By aligning yourself with the future endeavours of our work in this way, you will help to provide an ongoing and long-lasting legacy. It's our ongoing commitment to support the welfare of our men and women in uniform who are protecting our country, both now, and well into the future.

We would love to talk to you about how you can be that person who makes the decision to stand alongside us. Don't wait a moment longer to become part of an ongoing and long-lasting legacy, pick up the phone and call us today at our National Headquarters on 02 6055 2988 to find out how.

## Rep Frank Tottingham RMC, Duntroon



## Rep Ben Ridley 8/9 RAR, Enoggera

I can honestly say that my recent trip to Shoalwater Bay has been the most fruitful exercise that I have had since joining Everyman's 4 years ago. The trip gave ACOMM Richard Gibson and I an opportunity to minister, not only to our Australian soldiers, but to many of our allied International forces as well. There were US Marines, Filipino Army and Marines, Japanese and Fijian Armies represented.

More spiritual conversations were had than I can count and I gave away all of my Bibles and many tracts, particularly to the Filipino soldiers, many of whom will return to the Philippines and will see combat within the next 12 months as their country is currently at war with an Islamic State militia group. When the soldiers asked for Bibles, I told them that I would give them a Bible on the condition that they read AND obey what it said, to which they agreed.

Another special moment was using the 'Google Translate' app on my phone to witness to some of the Japanese Army. ACOMM Richard Gibson and I were able to share the Good News of God's love and forgiveness of sin to a group of about 10 Japanese soldiers. They understood the message and were thankful to us. The Army has a motto 'Improvise, Adapt and Overcome'. Sometimes we need to think outside the box to minister to people from other language groups and in this case, modern technology assisted in sharing the Gospel!



These photos of our newest Brew Truck, (purchased with a grant from the Family Support Funding Program) in action at Exercise Talisman Sabre held in far north Queensland in July this year, involving some 25,000 servicemen and women from Australia, New Zealand, USA, Japan and other allied countries. Picturesd above is REP Ben Ridley with a group



of US Marines eager for action at the beginning of the day. Above and bottom left REP Ben Ridley loves to engage with the soldiers he meets, and being ex military himself, he relates easily to the trials and tribulations of being on exercise. Below, the brew truck is requested day and night. As a result, ACOMM Richard Gibson and REP Ben Ridley made frequent trips to the nearest town to refill their brew trucks with goodies that cannot be found in ration packs!

