

Rep Adrian Steen Simpson Barracks, Melbourne on The Long Ride

Late in 2015 I heard about the Long Ride in support of Prostate Cancer and that the Military were encouraging members to get involved.

As 3 to 4 times more men die of Prostate Cancer than Woman of Breast Cancer I felt this was a worthwhile cause as men seem to have been forgotten around this issue.

Several members from my unit (Schools of Signals) were signed up, and having been a rider for most of my life I decided to join them, however I soon had to acknowledge it would not be possible to ride following my recent health issues, but as an Everyman with a support Brew Truck I could participate!

On 9th April we set out to cross Australia from, east to west, for Prostate Cancer. Many members of all Defence Services and Civvy groups converged as we travelled. I soon discovered that my primary goal of supporting my element of Signal members had expanded, with frequent stops each day for drinks, nibbles and encouragement to all riders.



Rep Adrian Steen offering support to participants of The Long Bike Ride

This trip was not for the faint hearted with long distances between fuels stops, through desolate country each day, wild roos, goats, camels, weather and break downs all a concern.

The members who rode scooters (top speed 100kph - now that was an act of faith) provided interest and humour for participants and supporters alike!

It was a challenging, but great time and raised over \$140K!

ACOM GEORGE THOMAS, REPS MILTON WILSON & DAVID TONG ARTC, KAPOOKA

EWS was able to support HQ Army Recruit Training Centre Kapooka during a visit by the Defence Minister, the Honourable Marise Payne, Chief of Army Lt Gen Angus Campbell and many other key personnel. The occasion featured the ADF's Indigenous personnel recruiting strategy. The ADF Indigenous Elder WO1 Roy (Zeke) Mundine MID OAM attended and featured a Wagga based Indigenous Dance Troop. Everyman's was able to provide the Dance troop with facilities to rehearse and prepare for their dance and afterwards to relax. The occasion was an opportunity for ACOM George THOMAS to catch up with Zeke Mundine (pictured top right). As a part of a remarkable military career Zeke served as QM of 1/19 RNSWR while George was part of Admin Company. Zeke's MID citation can be read at www.5rar.asn.au/history/cite_mundine.htm.



REPs Milton WILSON and David TONG (pictured at left) are putting in a sterling effort at Kapooka in all sorts of winter weather to meet up with our recruits and staff training in the field. A hot cuppa and an ANZAC bikkie or two make a huge difference after a long wet night in the field and a forced march. Thanks Rory McKenzie for the excellent photo of David & Milton at the coalface. Rory may soon participate in our Approved Un-accredited Representative (AUR) programme at Kapooka, to try his hand at what it means to be a committed and faithful Everyman's REP. Former REP Warren Clarke recently commenced as an AUR, as he waits the outcome of his application for re-accreditation by the ADF.



Thank You from National Relations Manager COM Phil Marshall

Since the last On Patrol I have travelled many kilometres around our amazing country. One trip was a little more out of the ordinary than usual... Straight after ANZAC Day I flew across to Perth, where we had been able to secure a great Toyota Land Cruiser, thanks to the many who supported our Support Vehicle Northern project. I am pleased to say the fit-out of the vehicle is almost complete! From 27 April to 15 May I travelled 7600kms and conducted 19 meetings with individuals, RSL's and churches in WA, SA and Victoria! It is such an honour to hear fresh stories of EWS' influence of years past; to be given opportunities for involvement to support the military; and to have new individuals supporting Everyman's.

As opportunities for Everyman's services increase, so too do the costs of running the organisation. I know you are interested in our work and I am confident you support us and others as best you can. We (myself and the ADF members) are truly grateful for all you have done and continue to do. In your confidence of the work of Everyman's, can I ask you to consider the current status of your support? Can you set up meetings, morning/afternoon teas, BBQ events or similar? Have you considered including Everyman's as a bequest beneficiary? (We can send you information about doing that). Please take time to consider what more you could do?

To be able to effectively meet the growing requests, we need to increase our fleet of vehicles and purchase another 'Mobile Rec Centre'. A Brisbane based, camper trailer company has offered us a reduction of \$3,900 on our next Mobile Rec Centre. Perhaps you can muster the remaining \$13,000 to complete the purchase; maybe you can muster \$6000 to complete the fit-out of the new brew truck; or perhaps you can undertake the purchase of yet another much needed brew truck? Never underestimate your ability to contribute! Your gifting maybe to set-up group speaking appointments, or to introduce individuals to financially support Everyman's, whatever your gift is, do all you can, with who you are, and what you have, to the best of your ability! This is a life worth living.

Bless ya heaps, Phil



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From the Chief Commissioner Ken Matthews

Dear Friends, Prayer Partners and Supporters

As we enter the second half of the year we have great reason to rejoice. Earlier this year we were able to attain the gracious privilege of the Patronage of His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd). General Cosgrove and Everyman's go way back, but our most memorable

interaction was in 1999 when General Cosgrove, then Commander of INTERFET, the international peace-keeping force for East Timor, said "I want three Everyman's REPs for East Timor!" At that time we were able to deploy then Everyman's REPs Ray CARNES, Allen PIPES, and Stewie DENSON. A feat we could not attain now. We rejoice that good relationship with the Governor General has endured to this day.

We celebrate again as we undertake our first overseas deployment in 12 years, with the ADF. REP Ben RIDLEY (8/9 Battalion) deployed in April and has had a great time being a firm and positive witness as he greets all ADF personnel who are deploying into country. He takes them on a tour of the base and surrounding area, followed by lunch. We were thrilled to receive a message from the Chief of the Defence Force, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL Mark BINSKIN who wrote to Everyman's saying, "Please pass on my best wishes to Ben as he deploys."

We also have 3 new REPs almost certainly coming on and are experiencing increased contact from folk interested in serving with Everyman's.

With so many reasons to rejoice we must be careful never to forget our commitment to servanthood towards the ADF. Jesus said that the "greatest among you will be the servant of all." For the last 17 years it has been a great joy and privilege for me to be serving in Everyman's, but the greatest "blast" I still get is serving a cuppa to an ADF member, and having a chance to speak about the hope in Christ I have. Pray that none of us will ever forget this or lose sight of its importance.

We invite you to support Everyman's as never before, through prayer and resources. There are so many in Defence, and in the veteran community, succumbing to suicide. Many return from overseas deployments in great emotional and mental pain. (Recently Afghanistan became our history's longest war). Pray God will give everyone in Everyman's, His wisdom to be in the right time, at the right place, with the right words.

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Rep Ben Ridley 8th/9th Battalion, RAR



Greetings dear supporters and prayer partners!

As many of you know I have been away on deployment for the last couple of months and how quickly the time has passed! It was interesting to reflect on deployment as an Everyman, while remembering my last deployment in 2012, to Afghanistan as a soldier. I took over from Lyndley Fabre who is the Chief Commissioner ‘Sallyman’ and first Philanthropic Representative to deploy over here. After a week’s handover, I was left to carry on the torch.

I have been able to build on the great work already established, and spread the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord to the ADF and her allies, mainly American and British forces.

I felt early on, that running a course would be a great idea to invite people to come along to and learn more about the Christian faith. I found a fantastic video series that had just been released called ‘The Lamp Light Project’ which overviews the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. I put up posters around the base and invited people face to face to come along. We are now nearly all the way through the course and there has been an amazing response from non-believers and believers alike! Every week we have been discussing fundamental Christian beliefs and it has been challenging to all. Hopefully we will continue meeting together after the course is completed, as the group has a great dynamic. Another highlight has been an invitation to preach at the American Camp Chapel, meeting some fellow believers and seeing many familiar faces transiting through to various places in the region. We also have the responsibility to run cultural tours for the members

deployed here. We take them to the local mosques, museums and afterwards, we have lunch together. This is a good opportunity to speak about the vast differences between Islam and Christianity as most people these days are ignorant of the differences particularly about the personhood of Jesus Christ. Finally, I do not stop thanking the Lord for the opportunity to be here and to shine the light that God has given to us. I know that there are many of you who have been praying for me and I can assure you that the Lord has been answering!

At left, Rep Ben Ridley preaching at the American Camp 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)
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EWS LOCATIONS

- 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

Rep Frank Tottingham RMC Duntroon

As the last On Patrol was going to print, REP Kristian KEMPER was finishing the makeover of a vehicle purchased for deployment to the Royal Military College at Duntroon, ACT. Just before ANZAC Day, Kristian and Chris Kemper made the trip over with the Mazda Bravo/RMC Brew Truck fully kitted out and ready for service.

I had asked Kristian which uniform I should wear for the “handing over the key photo”, meaning Khaki or Polys and when he said “Wear your blues” I thought – “Well, um... okay.” So of course I show up at the Australian War Memorial in my “blues”... United States Marine Corps Dress Blues rather than the blue Everyman shirt! Fortunately, there are always a few foreign military personnel wandering around Canberra; and ANZAC Day was just around the corner, so I didn’t feel too out of place!

Kristian showed me the ins and outs of the Brew Truck and the following day I made the first Brew Run; and began introducing the Staff and Cadets at RMC to the Everyman’s mission. One week later was ANZAC Day and between the Dawn Service and the National Ceremony my wife, Shelley, and I were able to offer another Brew Run to the Royal Australian Artillery Reunion at the service on Mt Pleasant (Gunner’s Hill).

Prior to the Brew Truck arriving in Canberra, COM Phil MARSHALL came through so we could offer a Brew Run for the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police, as they celebrated their 100th Anniversary, at the Australian War Memorial.

The weeks have been a blur since the RMC Brew Truck arrived. It has remained busy since that whirlwind start and I am looking forward to attending a dining-in night. We pray the Lord guides us now as we continue to focus on opportunities to share the clear Gospel message. Thank you for your support!

NB There is a pictorial record of the process of turning an ordinary vehicle into a Brew Truck, in the album, “The Making of the RMC Brew Truck 2016” on our Face Book page.

PS from Everyman’s Headquarters: We now have soldiers coming into the Rec Centre at Gaza Ridge Barracks, Bandiana, following their training at RMC. Without exception they mention meeting the Everyman at RMC; and how good it was to see him with the Brew Truck, especially during field exercises!



Rep Frank Tottingham, right chatting with a soldier during one of his first Brew Runs for RMC Duntroon.

Snr Rep Richard Gibson 9FSB, AMBERLEY reporting from Exercise Hamel at Cultana SA

It was very windy, wet and cold at Cultana and I was thankful for the warm clothes I packed before leaving Queensland. The soldiers have been doing it tough, but their faces light up when the Everyman’s Brew Truck pulls in. Hot coffee and chocolate drinks have warmed their bellies and helped them get through the nights on picket.

This year has found me setting up the Mobile Rec Centre right next door to Chaplain Steve Cloudsdale from Tasmania. Praise God for Chaplain Steve who has been a great help to me, showing me around Cultana and connecting me with all the units I need to be serving.

While on a brew run this week one young man told me how he used to be a church goer, but after facing many challenges as he grew up, was at the point of not believing there was a God anymore. I was deeply moved and asked him if I may share a little about a good mate of mine, that my wife and I called Teddy Bear. Teddy Bear was a good man. He never smoked, never drank and went to church every week. One day I received a phone call from his wife to say he was in the palliative care unit with throat cancer and only had days to live. We were devastated.

I told the young man that my mate, was treated like the black sheep of his community, yet I only ever saw him doing good. I loved him very much, but my faith was about to be challenged. I couldn’t understand why my mate, who had lived such a good life and had loved God with all his heart, should now have throat cancer.

His wife asked if I could come quickly as he was waiting to see me before he passed away. Although we lived a long way away, we got there just before my mate went to be with the Lord.

I turned my attention back to the young man and said, “You know, we all have many challenges in life, but no matter what they are, God will always be waiting for you to call on Him.” As we stood there, another soldier walked in. The moment was broken; the young man had to leave. I never got to finish the story with him that day, but feel that he might just read the ending in this edition of On Patrol...

After my wife and I returned home, the Lord gave me a great testimony to share. It starts like this, “There was once a man who died on a cross and made a way for us all to get home in time...” Just like my mate waited for me; God is waiting for you to call on Him. Our time on this earth is short, so please don’t miss the call.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and eat with him, and he with me. Rev 3:20

Written in loving memory of my best mate, David Horn, AKA Teddy Bear

Snr Rep Richard Gibson, centre, enjoying a chat and the opportunity to serve a warm brew with soldiers participating in Exercise Hamel at Cultana, SA

