

ACOMM Richard Gibson Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Holsworthy



ACOMM Richard Gibson was recently at Holsworthy Barracks to support the members of the military bands preparing for this year's Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT) in Sydney. It was especially significant to Richard, as he supports many of the big military exercises in the Brew Truck purchased largely with a donation from the REMT Foundation following the Tattoo held in Melbourne in 2016. This vehicle proudly carries the insignia of the REMT Foundation, whose philanthropic work is largely unknown and unrecognised.

Richard had the pleasure of meeting the CEO of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, BRIG David Allfrey, MBE (ret) and showed him over the Brew Truck, even providing a hot cup of coffee! Most of the band members had not seen an Everyman's Brew truck before, however they expressed their gratitude of having refreshments on hand during breaks in their rehearsals. Coffee and sweets were popular items and Richard also had many opportunities to tell them about the work of Everyman's.

On the last day, the band gathered around the Brew Truck and an officer thanked Richard for his service and presented a medallion from the RAAF Band as a thank you. For Richard, it was a totally unexpected, yet humbling experience.

Following the first week of rehearsals Richard redeployed to a training area in northern Queensland to support many more ADF members with the REMT Brew Truck, while REP Chris Wainwright took the Sydney Brew Truck to the second week of rehearsals at the Sydney Showgrounds.



At left, ACOMM Richard Gibson with BRIG David Allfrey MBE (Retd), CEO of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and serving a member of the Australian Army Band, at right.



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take the Everyman's Brew Truck down to the wharf on Sydney Harbour as a large number of sailors said goodbye to their families before embarking on operations. Chris was there to offer kind comfort, and a highly sought after brew on the wharf to families and friends.

At RAAF Base Amberley, the Wing Commander was enthusiastic about meeting Commissioner Phil MARSHALL, to sponsor a new Everyman Bradley CLARKE, for our large centre there to provide a place of peace, understanding, and acceptance for all who serve there.

Looking to 2020, I can see new and ever more opportunities beckoning. We could increase our service but for want of new trailers, Brew Trucks, and most importantly, new REPs for the field. Your prayers for new staff and/or giving to our projects and general support, all play a crucial part in enabling us to provide Everyman's welfare to its fullest potential.

Please consider how you might support this vital work into the next decade.

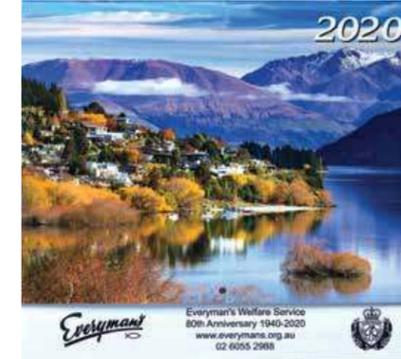
Ken Matthews
Chief Commissioner

Everyman's Memorabilia

As Everyman's enters its 80th year, we have produced a number of items of memorabilia to commemorate this very special anniversary. The quantities we have are limited, so please get in early to order your keepsakes. All prices include postage and handling.



Clockwise from left: Dog Tags, unique to Everyman's, front and reverse sides shown, metallic silver in colour; 2020 Calendar; Pen, easy grip, black ink.



**Suggested donation
(includes postage & handling)**

**Dog Tags \$15
Calendars \$10
Easy Grip Pen \$5**

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From the CCOMM's desk...

We introduce our new Patron

**His Excellency General
the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)**



As 2019 draws to a close, we were delighted to recently receive a letter from the office of His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) accepting our invitation to be Patron of Everyman's Welfare Service for the term of his tenure as Governor General. In announcing his patronage, the Governor General has said,

"I am delighted to become Patron of Everyman's Welfare Service.

"Throughout my career in the military I witnessed the importance and impact of Everyman's work. Their support, compassion and care for our serving men and women is remarkable and helps lift morale in the field or on base.

"Everyman's staff exemplify the richness of spirit that characterises the best of our nation. They work tirelessly and selflessly and are an inspiration. I look forward to being involved as Patron over the next five years."

His Excellency's endorsement of the work of Everyman's is important to us, and I'm sure you will also appreciate the significance of his statement. This news caps off what has been an amazing year for Everyman's! In the last 12 months we have had four new REPs accredited by Defence and one more in the process as we go to print...



At our recent National Conference, we were able to photograph our team of almost 20, in uniform, in front of 6 fine looking and well equipped Brew Trucks. This is a result of your willing and kind donations, and your on-going prayers.

In recent times our REPs have had opportunity to bring some former Defence members into the companionship of our fledgling EveryVets group.

It is not only the Army that seeks our support. Recently our Navy REP Chris WAINWRIGHT was sought out to
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Mo Money - A Record Donation! 3 Platoon, A Company, 1 RTB, Kapooka

Q: How much is a moustache worth?

A: In the case of 3 Platoon, A Company, 1 RTB, Kapooka, (11th June 2019 – 2nd September 2019), it's quite a bit!



3 Platoon, A Company, 1 RTB, Kapooka

The corporal with the moustache in this photo, is now clean shaven!

It all started with a female recruit (name withheld) who whilst watching the boys get their heads shaved, said she would shave her head to raise money for her favourite charity. When a Corporal said that the only charity in Kapooka that needs supporting is Everyman's, she withdrew her offer. The corporal (name withheld) said that he would take up the challenge and shave off his mo if the platoon raised \$5000.05! The challenge was quickly accepted by the platoon and his fellow platoon staff. Looks like this corporal was about to lose his precious mo, and was in trouble from his wife for not seeking her permission first! But by this stage it was too late... Just prior to their march out, our fearless corporal gave up his precious mo for Everyman's. It was announced by the reviewing officer on the parade that they had raised \$5525.55!

A new record donation for a Platoon at Kapooka! All of our praise goes towards the members of 3 Platoon and their staff for this excellent fund raising effort.

2019 Directors' Conference

Every 6 - 8 weeks Everyman's Board of Directors meet to make important decisions about the direction of the Everyman's ministry. Once a year they fly in to Albury to meet face to face hold our Annual General Meeting and sign off on the Auditors Financial Reports. They do an outstanding job and do not move forward on any decisions without the full agreement of every Board member. That Everyman's has now entered its 80th year is a testament to the mutual vision and dedication of each and every one who has served on the Board, since its inception.



CCOMM Ken Matthews receives his 20 year service medal from Board Chairman, John Beresford, OAM.

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

Introducing our new REPs: - Welcome back Rep Shane Lavell!

It is with great joy we welcome back Shane after being away from Everyman's for many years. He initially served with Everyman's in the 1980's and 90's. In that time, he was posted to several locations around Australia including Kapooka, Bonegilla, Bandiana and Darwin. Furthermore, he served on an overseas operation in Cambodia as part of Australia's peace keeping mission there. Shane comes back to us to serve part time for now when work permits and leave provides opportunity. Shane will mainly be helping out at Simpson Barracks Watsonia and is open to filling in at EWS HQ Bandiana, and most importantly at Kapooka being a very high tempo base having a great need for Everyman's services. Though out of Everyman's for a long period of time there are many things about the ministry that never change, as we support Defence members both at home and abroad. Shane is able to bring his years of experience back into the modern generation of Everyman's REPs, albeit adjusting himself to the modern Defence environment and culture, which has changed markedly since he was last with us. Keep Shane in your prayers as he will no doubt find himself tackling new challenges and adjustments, but at the same time being able to share his experiences from previous service with a view to making the Everyman's ministry more and more relevant and effective.



Rep Kiel Gardoll



Kiel began with us in July this year and has come from a Defence, police, and prison security background. At the moment Kiel is still working through his theological degree in South Australia, but has nonetheless gained opportunity to become a fully Commonwealth accredited Everyman's REP with Defence and serve at Kapooka. Along with wife Emily, they promise to be an effective team in assisting with the Everyman's welfare, care and outreach to our Defence Force members. For now Kiel will serve part time and fill in when he can, most probably at Kapooka. However both Kiel and Everyman's itself have been concerned for some years to re-instate some form of work with Defence in South Australia. For many years Everyman's was with 16 Air Defence Regiment, however there are now potentially many other openings as well at Edinburgh in particular. Pray for Kiel and Emily that they will see clearly where best to serve Defence through Everyman's in the coming years.

Mason comes to us from a Defence background, having served as a soldier himself up until fairly

recently. He was inspired by the ministry and presence that Everyman's has had throughout its history and during his own service, and aspires to continue that same perseverance for bringing welfare to Defence personnel through serving with the ministry. It is great to have someone so recently discharged who is up to date with the challenges and frustrations that ADF members might be facing. Mason will serve part time in Everyman's, primarily at Land Warfare Training Centre at Canungra with REP Jeff GREENE. Mason will be able to cover for Jeff while he is engaged in his crucial Assistant National Relations Manager role, which takes him around the country. Please keep Mason in your prayers as there is much to do in serving the ADF at Canungra with the many courses taking place there. Mason will also be available to assist at other locations in SE Queensland when he is available, and on the major exercises. We are grateful that Mason adds to our strong Everyman's presence with Defence in the Brisbane area.

Rep Mason Eagelton



Rep Leane Dabitz Simpson Barracks

REP Leane Dabitz has settled in to her role as an Everywoman's Rep since being called into the ministry in 2018. She has made many valuable contacts around Simpson Barracks and is recognised with waves and smiles as she travels around the base in the Brew Truck. She has ably stepped in to fill the gap created, when longstanding Simpson Barracks, REP Adrian Steen stood down for an extended period of leave to address some serious health issues. Leane is supported by part-time REPs David Tong and Shane Lavell. Her report of recent activities follows:

September was a fruitful month for the team at Simpson Barracks. Several marksmanship courses were underway at the base where we provided a morning brew with cheese and biscuits for the trainees each day. Numerous trips to Puckapunyal saw us serving the School of Artillery in the field for the first time as well as continuing support for Melbourne University Regiment.

We were also invited to support the two weeks of Exercise Emu at Puckapunyal for School Based and Community Based units. There were over 800 Cadets present for each of the two weeks! The cadet groups visited were given an overview of the work and history of Everyman's Welfare Service by the Padre in attendance, CHAP Mark Dunn. Drinks and snacks were distributed and much appreciated by all.

Ex Emu, Puckapunyal



These female cadets were delighted to get a warm brew from the brew truck on a cold morning at Puckapunyal during Exercise Emu. They were even more delighted to find Everywoman, REP Leane Dabitz (front right) there to serve them and have a chat to.



It makes no difference whether it's far north Queensland, a naval base in Sydney, chilly Canberra or Victoria, when the Brew Truck arrives, a queue quickly forms to take advantage of the goodies on board. This is often the moment when the Everyman, or Everywoman will notice someone who doesn't appear to be travelling so well. Maybe they are standing off to one side, or just not joining in the camaraderie of those around them. The REP will quietly come alongside and ask how they are doing.

EWS LOCATIONS

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