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General Operations Vehicle Replacement Project Roof-top Camper New Admin Position

Personal Support for _____ MOSES



Acting CCOMM Phil Marshall promotes Richard Gibson to Assistant Commissioner at the Everyman's Annual Conference held at Kapooka in September this year

It remains a great privilege and honour to serve those who serve our nation, providing a listening ear and a word of encouragement. Some conversations were about living in the 'here-and-now', as well as the 'there-and-after', encompassing the 4 distinctive areas of humanity; physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual. Everyman's Reps are ready to provide support to everyone, everywhere, whenever possible. We recently supported numerous Remembrance Day services with our 'brew trucks', once again having opportunity to care for those who have served our nation. I personally, had a great time at Miranda RSL. I'm so very grateful for the support you provide to Everyman's. "Thank you and well done" on behalf of Everyman's and the thousands we serve! Although we are extremely careful with our spending, the need is always before us. We know and have proven over 78 years that 'if we do what we can, God will do what we can't'! There is a great proverb that says, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might". Can I encourage you also to "do it with all your might" whether it is giving your time/finances, speaking to others about EWS or praying more? Whatever it is that you do, do it well, do it very well! Here at Everyman's, we are looking forward to our stand-down time. I hope and pray your Christmas and New Year will be a time of relaxation and refreshment. May you be re-energised with new power and strength, both physical and spiritual from the King of Kings; freshly equipped to do all He has pre-ordained for you in 2019.

ACOMM Richard Gibson
2CER, Enoggera

2018 has been an exciting year, beginning with a transfer to my new unit, 2CER, who are based at Enoggera. There are over 600 army personnel in 2CER, and being a Combat Engineers Regiment it means plenty of field work! My first exercise serving 2CER was at Shoalwater Bay giving myself and the unit plenty of time to get acquainted. They love the way we have the brew trucks decked out and are thrilled to have their own personal Everyman's Rep!

In 2019 we hope to purchase a suitable roof-top camper unit for the Brew Truck I take on exercise. This will be more durable in the often rough terrain we find ourselves in during the military exercises and make relocation, while on exercise, more efficient. We have sourced a suitable unit for just under \$5000. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation towards the purchase of this roof-top camper, please circle that option on the donations page. I will continue to serve other units when possible and am also regularly at the new Recreation Centre at Amberley Air Base, to help REP John Turner, who is our sole REP at Amberley. Please consider how you might be able to help Everyman's in the coming year.



ACOMM Richard Gibson doing what he loves best - serving the members of 2CER on exercise!

National Relations Manager
COMM Phil Marshall

As 2018 draws to a close, I reflect on a year that has proven to be one with many challenges and many victories. It is rather incredible how much we can achieve when put to the test. This has been my experience while Ken was deployed overseas this year. In that time we have two people interested in beginning the process of becoming Reps, we have purchased a new (second-hand) brew truck, which we will be fitting-out over the next few months and many, many 'hot/cold brews' have been served and chats enjoyed.



ON PATROL

November 2018

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



From the
CCOMM's desk...

COMM Phil MARSHALL (left) has done a sterling job of carrying the mantle for Everyman's for the past 5 months while CCOMM Ken MATTHEWS was on deployment, as well as continuing with his work as the National Relations Manager. In addition, Phil was keynote speaker at our annual conference in September.

He challenged the Everyman's team to step up to the next level as we serve those who serve our nation in 2019. CCOMM Ken has recently returned from deployment in the Middle East. While overseas, he had the privilege of meeting up with former Everyman ACOMM (Rtd) Allen Pipes. Allen was an Everyman for many years, so there was much to reminisce over, as well as finding out about what has been happening with Allen and his family in the years since he left Everyman's.

Both Chaplaincy and Everyman's are in the business of watching out for and befriending ADF members.



We seek to make sure as many as we can reach have the proper welfare care and counsel they need both overseas and at home. Many of you may remember Allen as an Everyman. Please remember to pray for him and his family now that he is in this vital Chaplaincy role. Both Ken and Phil thank you for your support of Everyman's in 2018 and pray your Christmas and New Year will be a time of relaxation and refreshment; and a time to prepare for the year ahead.

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Veterans' Health Week Rep Kristian Kemper Latchford Barracks

REP Kristian KEMPER was invited to support a group of students, all children of men and women currently serving in the ADF, at a Veterans Health Week activity. The students came together from four Wodonga Secondary Schools and the day began with a number of fun activities to break down the barriers before learning about healthy eating and preparing some healthy dishes for lunch in the field kitchen. They also enjoyed hot and cold brews from the Everyman's Brew Truck and chatting to Kristian, as they sat around the campfire.

At the end of the day, the students headed home, having made new friends from neighbouring schools, learnt new skills cooking in a field kitchen and having a new understanding more about healthy eating options. All in all, it was a wonderful day of learning in a super relaxed and fun environment!

In addition to Everyman's, the activities of the day were supported by members of the ADF, the Wodonga RSL, Healthy Together Wodonga and financially supported by a DVA Healthy Veterans Week grant.



Rep Kristian Kemper sitting around a campfire with children from Wodonga Secondary Schools

Rep Ben Ridley 8/9 RAR, Enoggera



Rep Ben Ridley salutes the flag at Bethany Christian Care, Eight Mile Plains on ANZAC Day 2018.

This year has been a challenging one for me as 8/9 RAR's Everyman, due to the location of the major exercises limiting my ability to support the unit. I had to settle for mostly supporting the unit on smaller field exercises, courses and visits around the Battalion with my wife, Claudia's, home-made Anzac biscuits, which were very popular! (See recipe at www.everymans.org.au).

Although I couldn't get out with the Battalion as much as I would have like, it did allow me time to work on other ventures, the main one being a project for a veteran's branch of Everyman's.

The focus of Everyman's traditionally has been serving current members of Defence, but being a veteran myself, I know the great need of many younger veterans, many that I personally served with. It was this understanding that drew me to reach out to a group of like-minded veterans who are willing to volunteer their time and reach out to other veterans in the community, with the same Christ-like love and support that Everyman's has been providing to Defence since WW2.

Although the group is in its infancy and not even officially launched, the group has already helped some veterans, some of whom are ex members of 8/9 RAR.

Please pray for this new venture as there is a desperate need. Many of our veteran community are taking their lives and something needs to be done!

ACOMM George Thomas ARTC, Kapooka

ACOMM George THOMAS receiving a donation from John Plonges, Treasurer of the National Servicemen's Association, Wagga Wagga & District, to assist with the cost of purchasing the drinks and snacks that the Brew Truck takes to the firing ranges at Kapooka.



Peninsula Palms Retirement Village Rothwell, QLD

Acting CCOMM Phil MARSHALL and I had a wonderful morning at Peninsula Palms Retirement Village recently, where about 50 people had come together for morning tea and to hear about Everyman's.

Phil shared a little of the history of Everyman's, before an update on our current activities in Australia and overseas. He included how appreciative we are of our supporters (both in prayer and finances).

Phil also spoke about Everyman's drive and vision for more people to partner with us, explaining how the time is right for us to step up and start raising much needed capital, for one reason and one reason alone:

“Because Everyman's desires, with a passion, to serve the Australian Defence Force at the next level”

The blessing didn't stop there. After the meeting I was delighted when two of the residents came to me and shared their own experiences with Everyman's in Brisbane during World War Two:

Mr John HARLETON, a gentleman around 96 years young, told me he was

travelling with the RAAF from Cooktown, QLD to Tasmania in 1944, when he dropped into the EWS hut in Queen Street, Brisbane for a coffee and biscuits. He recalled a conversation with Mr Gordon BLAIR who was in charge at the time; and Mrs Ella McMURRAY (nee MORSE) told me that between 1940 and 1945, she and her sister Maisy, both volunteered on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to have a chat with our brave armed forces personnel in the same Queens Street Hut!

The Hut was located at the Charlton Newsreel Theatre. Ella also remembered going to Gordon Blair's wedding - she thought he married a New Zealander.

To hear these stories from John and Ella was a great encouragement to the faithful workers who are carrying out the Lord's work in 2018, especially when you think of how John remembers his 'conversation' with Gordon BLAIR, and how Ella was there to have a 'chat with coffee and biscuits'.

It says a lot for our organisation and its integrity to have weathered the storm of the intervening years, and still be sought out by Defence personnel for a 'chat with coffee and biscuits'.

I wonder if Gordon, at the time, realised the impact he had on John and Ella, and probably thousands who flowed through the Hut during WW2. It is a powerful reminder for us never to underestimate the power of the chat, if John and Ella remember their chats so well, after 70 odd years.

Phil & I love to talk to people about Everyman's! If you would like us to come to your organisation, please call, or email Headquarters where the Admin team can help you make arrangements.

REP Jeff GREENE
Canungra



Residents John Harleton and Ella McMurray

Rep Frank Tottingham at RMC, Duntroon



This year the Lord has really opened the door to witness to the Officer Cadets and Staff here at Royal Military College – Duntroon. In March, I was able to support the cadets at the end of their 13km march from their initial training area back to RMC and it was a great time to again affirm the Gospel message that Everyman's is known for here at RMC. Throughout the year we see these cadets a lot when they are “in the Bush” and share “a cup of cold water”, cordial, or a hot brew. Most of them say “Thank you” but we have also had many Christian cadets said “Thank you” for the Christian witness, and the available material that enabled them to share the Gospel with other non-believers. Wow! What an encouragement!

Introducing AUR Leane Dabitz at Simpson Barracks

I first heard of Everyman's Welfare Service more than 10 years ago through a church friend who was serving with them in Darwin, where there is a large Defence Force presence.

I became aware of the difficulties and trauma sometimes associated with Defence life, through friends who had served.

I believe the work that Everyman's does with ADF members in caring for their spiritual and practical needs is incredibly valuable.

I'm excited to be relocating from Darwin to join the Everyman's team at Simpson Barracks in Melbourne, and I love sharing the life-changing message of the gospel and working through life's issues with friends and people I meet.

Most recently, I've been working with young people with various welfare needs in the Northern Territory, and last year completed a Diploma in Counselling.

A big thank you to the Everyman's team and supporters for welcoming me, and for your faithful support, prayer and blessings.



Approved Unaccredited Rep, Leane Dabitz en route to the annual Everyman's Welfare Service conference, held at Blamey Barracks, Kapooka in September this year. We expect Leane's accreditation with Defence will be notified in the coming weeks.

Rep Adrian Steen School of Signals, Macleod



The Brew Truck at Simpson Barracks underwent a major refit this year and now has the capability of supporting all military exercises undertaken by the School of Signals.

A highlight of recent Brew runs was one to Puckapunyal involving a joint forces major exercise by Reservists from many places around Australia (run by 4 Com from Simpson Barracks) where there was over 500 personnel.

I was very warmly received and they quickly wiped out the stock I had on board, replacing it with generous donations and requests for support at multiple exercises in 2019!

Leane and I are looking forward to everything 2019 has in store.

At left, service personnel enjoy the spoils from the refurbished Brew Truck at Puckapunyal.

Cadets!



Rep Kristian Kemper from Latchford Barracks supports the cadets from 420 Benalla Rural City Squadron on a recent exercise

