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From the CCOMM's desk...

Dear friends and supporters

We write with a heavy heart as we see the toll COVID 19 is taking upon our communities and families. But we are proud to see our Defence Force arriving in force to assist police in border control in NSW, QLD & SA. As with Op Bushfire Assist, our men and women in uniform have again come to the rescue.

It is for this among many other reasons that Everyman's strives to support them continually. On the border near EWS National HQ, our team has sacrificially gone out in extremely chilly conditions before dawn with the Brew Truck. That's because we know our ADF members are out there in the freezing cold, far away from home. Everyman's knows what it means to them, to have the Brew Truck pull up out of nowhere, with not only the "hot brew," but also the friendly smiling face and someone they know will listen. We know what it means for them, and the police, to be able to have the specially prepared, home-made "Mrs Matthews ANZAC bikkie". These are always a treat wherever we go and are a touch of motherly care. It has been great to see our Everywomen's Reps, ACOMM Lou Hochwimmer and REP Chris Kemper going out with the Brew Truck. Chris's husband SNR REP Kristian, has also continued to spearhead new areas of support along the border serving at the coldest hours of the pre-dawn mornings and the very cold days of the border's winter.

BRIG Mick Garroway, overseeing the operation, was very appreciative as we offered our assistance, and made sure our REPS' support could be streamlined. On one occasion our Brew Truck pulled up some troops just out of Kapooka, were so excited that they "mobbed the truck like seagulls," only to have their Commanding Officer sternly remind them of social distancing. Simple care and resources are a great encouragement to Defence personnel. They are deployed far from home and concerned for their families.

Our Queensland team has used this COVID time to make any repairs needed to their Brew Trucks, and are now on standby for the return of exercises. They have been requested out on small trips recently. We are also working hard to make our newly refurbished Rec Centre at RAAF Amberley well known to all, with good publicity, on this our largest base. The team at Kapooka has had no rest with recruit training continuing throughout the COVID restrictions.

But we have seen a slump in donations due in a large part because we have not been able to see Defence members nearly as much. A grant we put in for a new Brew Truck was declined this year, which of course means we must continue to economically stretch out the use of older vehicles.



CCOMM Ken Matthews

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Farewell Phil

Thanks for everything!

Wow, I can hardly believe that we are almost into the last quarter of 2020! It is true, 'time waits for no-one'. In the theme of 'last quarter', it would be apparent that I have entered my own last quarter with Everyman's (EWS).

Everyone knows and understands there are times and seasons, it is often quoted "a time to be born, a time to die...there is a season for everything". I am not sure if everyone knows that quote comes from the Bible in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Well, indeed my season with Everyman's has come to an end.

I absolutely do mean a huge thank you to everyone that I have had the honour and privilege of meeting with, journeying with and experiencing life with over these past 10 years through Everyman's. Thank you to the many military personnel, the many RSL sub-branch members, the many military organisations, Rotary, the Country Women's Association, the businesses, the churches and the many individuals that have allowed me to share the story of Everyman's.

I truly count you all as amazing people and am honoured to have spent time with you and have seen how we have partnered together in sharing the load of 'Serving those who serve our nation'.

My years of travelling around this beautiful country with Everyman's will not be forgotten, and my prayer is that you will not forget the work of EWS, and you continue to partner with them so it can successfully go on for another 80 years.

Thank you to our Chief Commissioner Ken Matthews, to the Everyman's Board of Directors, the Reps on the ground and in the office. May you continue to go from strength to strength, under the protection of God Almighty. Thank you to our God above for His many blessings over Everyman's, and as the out-going National Relations Manager, I say thanks to God for bringing Jeff Greene into this organisation. He is taking the role of NRM to greater levels than I ever could. Please be sure to book him to speak at your sub-branch, church, retirement village or club, as you will enjoy him and he will be of extreme assistance to you and EWS alike.

I will be watching the advancements with excitement, as you all remain partnering together to increase the support of the ADF in every way possible. Please do not grow weary in all the good that you do.

Bless ya heaps, Phil M



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COMM Phil Marshall*

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Please consider how you may support our Defence members via Everyman's this COVID and Bushfire year. Everyman's intends to be there for them wherever they're deployed. We ask that you might consider your financial support for us and we do appeal for renewed prayers in our task. We seek to be equipped and ready to do what we have always done, be a "home away from home" both in the Rec Centres and behind the Brew Trucks, wherever our Defence Force members serve.

CCOMMM Ken Matthews

Operation COVID-19 Assist



Above, SNR REP Kristian Kemper at the Hume Freeway checkpoint.



Above, ACOMM Lou Hochimmer at the Hume Freeway checkpoint at dawn.

There is no escaping, for any of us, the way COVID19 has impacted our world this year. In fact, 2020 has been one crazy year with bushfires, floods and then a novel coronavirus (and all this in just the first quarter)!

At the time of writing, every state in Australia has closed its border to Victoria. Everyman's HQ is situated at the Army Logistic Training Centre (ALTC), Gaza Ridge Barracks, BANDIANA, on the edge of WODONGA, VIC. The City of ALBURY is just across the border in NSW. The NSW Police with



Above, View of the Hume Freeway from Eastern Hill, Albury looking toward Wodonga. Row of tents being the checkpoint.

the assistance of ADF Personnel are manning the border crossings and ensuring that everyone arriving at the checkpoint has a valid pass. This cannot be an easy task when the rules have continued to change through the weeks the border has been closed and the frustration of some trying to cross is evident.

I cannot pretend we are happy to have our lives interrupted in this way, but at the same time, we are thankful for the opportunities God has given us in the midst of this mayhem. SNR REP Kristian Kemper, REP Chris Kemper and I have been out in the Brew Truck taking a hot brew (cuppa) to both police and the ADF at various times of the day and night. The delight of the ADF Personnel when they see the truck arriving at dawn, or in the middle of the night, makes the 4am, or 11pm start worthwhile!



Above, SNR REP Kristian Kemper chatting with NSW Police at the Hume Weir checkpoint, while REP Chris Kemper practised her night photography skills in the early hours of the morning



Above, SNR REP Kristian Kemper & REP Chris Kemper at the Hume Weir checkpoint.



Above, ACOMM Lou Hochwimmer at the Lincoln Causeway checkpoint at sunrise.



Above, Soldiers at the Lincoln Causeway checkpoint enjoying a hot cuppa & a chat.

At the crossings around Albury Wodonga, many of the ADF personnel had just completed their basic training at Kapooka and were waiting for their courses to start at ALTC when they were called upon to assist with border control. Their delighted response to the Brew Truck is directly related to their interaction with REPs Warren Clarke and Milton Wilson at Kapooka. Many of them recalled the morale boost they received when the truck appeared at the toughest part of an exercise; just when they thought they couldn't put another foot forward!

Further downstream, were personnel from 8/9 RAR, Enoggera QLD. Having travelled down from Brisbane to our cold winter, they were very surprised to see the Brew Truck turn up out at the Yarrawonga Mulwala crossing. Once again, their response stemmed from their connection with Everyman's REP Ben Ridley, who deploys regularly with them on exercise, including some weeks in East Gippsland, VIC where 8/9 helped with the post fire clean up earlier this year.

It didn't take long for the police to also recognize the truck and greet us with waves and smiles, and line up for a hot brew. Many of the police have come down from Sydney, and on some of the smaller crossings, they are working without ADF Personnel. They tell us they are being well looked after by the locals passing through, with cups of hot coffee, pies, donuts and firewood being dropped off at regular intervals. One was overheard to say he thought the cold weather was shrinking his uniform!!

We have heard many positive comments from countless people who have passed through the border checkpoints, saying how nice everyone has been to them; and we have witnessed first hand how helpful they have been when people didn't have the right paperwork. They are all doing a sterling job, with a smile on their faces; courteous at all times and now being recognized by locals who need to pass through each day!

In all of this we have been blessed to be able to get the Brew Truck out to the border crossings and share the love over a hot brew.



Above, ACOMM Lou Hochwimmer & REP Chris Kemper at the Lincoln Causeway checkpoint in Albury.



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2020-A Crazy Year

No matter who we are, or where we are, no matter the colour of our skin, our faith or our socio-economic group, in 2020, we all have one thing in common; we have all been affected in one way or another by the Novel Coronavirus, COVID19.

It has reached, almost, to the farthest ends of the earth, with the exception of Antarctica. This newsletter is read by supporters of Everyman's around Australia, and also by many friends living in other parts of the world, and not one of us has escaped the effects of the coronavirus. Our prayer is that none of you have experienced the virus, first hand, or among your loved ones, but we know there is every chance that some of you will have.

If the events of this year have you thinking about your own mortality and you are interested to know more about the hope a Christian has in an eternal life after our mortal death, please get in touch with us here at Everyman's.

Stay strong and stay safe. Stay safe in the arms of Jesus.



*Assistant Commissioner
Lou Hochwimmer*



ADF Chaplain Luke Skipper and CCOMMM Ken Matthews have worked hard during the COVID restrictions to record a message and bible reading for members of the ADF, who, like the rest of the community, are unable to get to church services at present. ADF members can log in to the online Christian services on ADELE.

EWS LOCATIONS

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

Everyman's 80th Anniversary 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.



Don't miss out!



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



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