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Welcome CCOMM Phil Marshall

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the new Chief Commissioner of Everyman's Welfare Service, Phil "Snowy" Marshall. Phil has already had many years of experience in the Everyman's ministry, not only doing all the "REP" work such as brew runs and ADF exercise support all over the country, but also in serving as National Relations Manager (NRM).

Phil was instrumental as NRM in highlighting our work not only amongst the churches, but also amongst the many RSL branches and ex Service organisations throughout Australia. Phil's extensive door knocking and speaking appointments have today borne fruit. The relationship between Everyman's and many of these organisations is the best it has been throughout our history. Increased support has come in as a result, and Everyman's reach and ability to provide welfare for ADF members, and veterans, in many parts of Australia, has produced great dividends. However, there is still much more we could be doing with increased resources and donations.



*Phil Marshall
CCOMM*

Phil has also served several years as a Chaplain in the Federal Police, as well as specialising in suicidology counselling as part of his formal qualifications and training.

I am proud to welcome Phil into Everyman's CEO role and look forward to expanding Everyman's reach within the ADF into the coming years.

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From the CCOMM's desk

Well, here we are into a new year. Let me start by wishing everybody a happy 2025, with the hope and prayer your Christmas break was safe, refreshing, relaxing and enjoyed by you, your family and friends.

As you may be aware, Everyman's farewelled CCOMM Ken Matthews at the end of 2024 after almost 26 years of faithful service to Defence members around Australia and the world. Ken's heart of service was clearly demonstrated to ADF members and our REPs alike. Ken's dedication has left an amazing example for us to follow. We wish him and Helen God's greatest blessings as they step into retirement.



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When new leadership comes into the chair there can often be underlying fears and misgivings about possible changes. Let me assure you, we will not be moving away from our foundational calling established in 1940. We remain 100% committed to providing Welfare with Purpose!

As there may be some who do not know me or remember me, allow me a little extra space in this first article to introduce myself. I joined EWS in February 2008 and served until October 2020, rejoining in May 2024. I have been married to Jani for 43 years and together have 3 children, almost 2 sons-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, and enjoy 3 amazing grandchildren. I'm a certified Executive Coach, hold masters in Suicidology, am a minister of religion and was a motor mechanic nearly 1000yrs ago.

Everyman's REPs are motivated to provide support to Defence personnel via refreshments out field or in a Rec Centre on base, lending a listening ear or an encouraging word, and walking alongside them with other Defence welfare networks.

I am continually amazed as I come across ex-Defence members and hear of the impact EWS has had. It could be a memory of 60 years ago where they encountered Everyman's, but when they see us, it is déjà vu, and the stories are told with gratefulness. This recently occurred late last year when we were at Lone Pine Barracks at Singleton for an open day and a member of the RSL spoke to me. It was refreshing to see the relief and joy EWS has brought into troop's lives when we were privileged to serve them around the brew trucks. Our desire is to continue serving, always supporting individuals on the journey of life, both for the here-and-now and also the there-and-after! Working alongside support groups within Defence has also been an honour as we are part of the wellbeing network.

History has proven the model works well and the solid foundation upon which EWS was established has stood the test of time. Without doubt we have evolved and are committed to continual progression, advancing and operating as efficiently and professionally as possible in 2025 and beyond. Society has also experienced significant change over the past few years. The cost of living is soaring, stresses seem to be increasing however, throughout this, EWS has been able to continue with determination. Society has changed, our world is different, even the military has needed to change the way they approach defending our country. It seems wherever you look, everyone and everything is experiencing major change. EWS is doing all we can to position ourselves appropriately so we can effectively meet the challenges that come with change, and so increase our value and efficacy with our welfare support.

This of course is largely due to faithful individuals and organisations who are likewise motivated to play their part in supporting Defence members, families and veterans. EWS has faced numerous challenges over the past 85 years, whether in being able to find people who can step up and volunteer time and finances to support themselves or be it in finding funding to purchase trucks and fit them out appropriately for the task.

All these challenges have been faced with personal grit and internal fortitude to succeed and of course our reliance on the supernatural intervention of our creator, the ultimate Chief Commissioner.

I hear you ask, "What can I do? How can I help"?

Such a wonderful question. Allow me to provide you with some opportunities and potential possibilities. You can open doors for me to present our work to companies, organisations or individuals who might be in a financial position to partner with us. You can sponsor an individual REP or even numerous REPs. You can include us as a beneficiary of your estate, providing a lasting impact. You can pray for further divine intervention on our behalf. These are just a few ideas for consideration.

You can also reach out to me personally via email philmarshall@everymans.org.au or my mobile 0430 855 665. It would be an honour to talk with you and explore how we can partner together in aiding Everyman's and with your help continue our valued support of the Australian Defence Community. I truly believe the days before us are greater than the days behind us!

Bless ya, Phil 'Snowy' Marshall
CCOMM Phil Marshall

Brewtruck Highlights



Rooftop camper



Hotwater urn & coffee machine



Inverter & other equipment



48 volt lithium batteries

It has been so encouraging to have so many get on board supporting Everyman's with providing Welfare with Purpose to Defence personnel since 1940. When you meet the people who have defended our nation over the years, the 'Brew Truck' is often the most common memory that comes to mind. It has been the times around the truck in the middle of a war zone or out field on exercise, when everything in life seems to be going south. Coming across that brew truck and the simple act of being able to stop for a brew and a chat brings some form of normalcy to life.

We all know how everything in life is constantly changing. During change it is important for us to attempt to keep pace and, if possible, to even be ahead of the changes as best we can with all our available resources.

These photos, bottom left, reveal what the changes looks like, as Everyman's keeps up with the changing environment of Defence and the needs that come with those changes.

The technological advancements are simply outstanding, what we can accomplish out field now was simply not even on the radar back in 1940. Just one wonderful aid we have is Starlink, a dish that enables us to be connected to the internet almost anywhere, this assists us with providing a 'Square payment system' for donations and provides the troops ability to connect with home while on exercises.

This is a huge morale boost for everyone, especially for visiting military personnel like on recent Predators Run exercise in Northern Territory, it was amazing to see the difference it made for them to speak to family.

We have also been blessed to work with Safiery Australia in building an amazing electronic charging system that enables us to provide for ADF personnel like never before. It is because of this technology we can power a Zip/Berko hot water system (who help us out with wonderful prices).

We also power fridges/freezers, microwaves and a coffee machine, all so we can deliver hot sausage rolls and the like or, depending on the weather, some frozen refreshments. We have been blessed by many organizations as they do what they can to assist us with discounts whenever possible.

Please check Safiery for yourself at www.safiery.com and see the incredible advancements they have made when it comes to being able to power up a mobile lifestyle.

It is the absolute truth, the support of so many individuals and businesses like you, enables us to continue to 'provide welfare purpose' within the ADF.

I completely understand the financial pressures Australians are facing. Most of our REPs volunteer their time to conduct the efforts we do. I dream of the day when Everyman's can provide a wage for our amazing REPs. Hopefully 2025 will be the year, can you help?

Thank you for your time in reading this. Thank you for your effort on our behalf. Thank you for your ongoing support and, as a statement of faith, thank you for contacting me.

Bless ya Phil 'Snowy' M

EWS LOCATIONS

- RAAF Base, AMBERLEY, QLD
- Kokoda Barracks, CANUNGRA, QLD
- Gallipoli Barracks, ENOGGERA, QLD
- Victoria Barracks, PETRIE TERRACE, QLD
- Simpsons Barracks, MACLEOD, VIC
- Woodside Barracks, INVERBRACKIE, SA
- Randwick Barracks, RANDWICK, NSW
- Blamey Barracks, KAPOOKA, NSW
- Gaza Ridge Barracks, BANDIANA, VIC
- Latchford Barracks, BONEGILLA, VIC
- Robertson Barracks HOLTZE, NT

Singleton

We had the privilege of serving at Lone Pine Barracks, School of Infantry at Singleton Nov 4-9, 2024. It was a wonderful experience serving the young troops out field and having the opportunity to give a morale boost with some cold drinks, chocolates, and chips.

On one of the 'brew runs' there was an amazing opportunity to have one-on-one time with a young digger and assist with a 'life direction question'. It was a special moment to be able to share in-depth and provide an opportunity for reflection a future planning with them. It is these types of encounters that motivate Reps to get out of bed, bomb-up and drive the miles to serve our Defence members with a special time of support.

On Nov 9th, School of Infantry had an Open Day, the first in 20 years. What an honour it was to be part of the displays set up around the oval. As we were setting up for the day an older gentleman came up to the truck and with great excitement, revealed a story of experiencing Everyman's brew truck out bush during the Vietnam conflict. It was as if he was reliving the event and was so grateful that we were still 'doing our thing' as he put it, providing such important support to so many. He was excited to hear we were involved with many units around the country. It was his intent to do all he could to share our story with as many as possible, to ensure we can continue our work of welfare.

Everyman's Welfare Service was started with this motivation, to provide 'welfare with purpose'. This is our foundation and remains our current path to follow into the future. I believe Len Buck, our founder, was futurist in his thinking. Now more than ever, in industry around the world, 'welfare' has taken prime position. High priority is given to providing welfare to employees, which of course is wonderful and somewhat refreshing. In this regard, Len was ahead of his time.

Maybe you know of individuals or groups of people that might be interested in learning of all we do and may be willing to assist us financially. It would be an honour to present our work to them, to ensure our future.

Thank you for your investment into us and Defence.



Everyman's and Sallyman vehicles & staff



Above: Everyman's and Sallyman vehicles

Left: Richard Gibson, Ken & Jo Delamore, Phil Marshall & Peter Harvie

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

Ret'd CCOMM's last brew run

At the beginning of October last year CCOMM Ken headed out for his last brew run before retirement at the end of the year. SNRREP Kristian Kemper, who heads up the runs to Puckapunyal (VIC) where this run was taking place, needed a driver due to a leg injury he had recently sustained. The brew run was for the Army School of Transport (AST) who, although they are based near Wodonga, do many of their field courses at Puckapunyal. On this occasion Ken went down as “chauffeur.” They had been invited by AST Army Chaplain Kyung Ee, who is a good friend of Everyman’s, and lets us know of opportunities to serve ADF members under his care.

After a great lunch with Kyung in the AST Puckapunyal Mess, Ken and Kristian headed out for the range where the AST trainees were working. The view in the middle of the training area was magnificent. Kristian started by giving a brief on Everyman’s and what we do, then Ken and Kristian opened the brew truck for them. Chaplain Kyung was told by the soldiers what a tremendous morale boost the Everyman’s visit had been. While there, a soldier opened up to Kristian with some interesting observations about faith. Kristian was able to give a quick answer that gave the soldier food for thought. We pray he may continue his faith journey.

For Ken it was a sombre time reflecting on all the times he had spent around the truck during his almost 26 years. Ken will always cherish the occasions he was privileged to serve around the brew truck, both at home and on overseas operations. However, he leaves knowing that the Everyman’s team he is leaving behind, is very committed and experienced. They will continue to carry on the vital Everyman’s work many years into the future.



Ret'd CCOMM Ken Matthews chats with troops



Chaplain Kyung & Ret'd CCOMM Ken Matthews with ADF members



SNRREP Kristian Kemper chats with troops

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