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Mighty Men Riverina: A Weekend of Faith, Fellowship and Purpose



A few months ago, my son and I attended the Mighty Men Riverina Conference, and we found it to be an exceptional weekend of worship, fellowship, and biblical teaching. In some ways, the camaraderie and sense of shared purpose reminded me of the fellowship I experienced during my time in the ADF.

Mighty Men Riverina is part of the broader Mighty Men movement, which began in South Africa when farmer and evangelist Angus Buchan felt called by God to challenge men to surrender their lives fully to Christ and to live faithfully in their marriages, families, workplaces, churches, and communities. The conference is not organised by a single church denomination. Instead, it is led by men from a wide range of churches across rural New South Wales who are united by a common desire to see men follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Each year, farmers, builders, agronomists, tradesmen, and men from many other walks of life gather together for a weekend of worship, teaching, and encouragement.

While attendees come from diverse backgrounds and face different challenges, they share a common testimony: lives transformed through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. These transformations are evident in restored families, strengthened marriages, renewed hope, and a deeper sense of purpose. The conference exists to encourage men to follow Jesus as Lord in every area of life.

I attended the weekend not knowing quite what to expect, but with an open mind and heart. To God's glory, it proved to be a powerful and inspiring experience. Hundreds of men from across eastern Australia gathered in unified worship, prayer, and teaching, openly seeking God's direction for their lives. As a former soldier, I particularly appreciated the

direct and practical application of Scripture and the authenticity of the farming community. I was struck by their resilience in the face of adversity—navigating droughts, floods, rising costs, and the many pressures that continue to challenge the viability of farming life. Their faith, perseverance, and reliance on God were both humbling and encouraging.

The testimonies shared by farmers and other attendees were powerful expressions of God's transformative work. Pastor Danny and the guest speakers brought the Scriptures to life in a way that was both challenging and deeply relevant. Throughout the weekend, I sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of the gathering—from the preaching and worship to the conversations around campfires and the meals shared together.

I have never considered myself particularly evangelistic. Yet following this experience, I have felt strongly led to share this ministry with others and to invite my "one more" to experience the fellowship, encouragement, and life-changing message of Mighty Men Riverina. My prayer is that more men would come to know Jesus Christ, grow in their faith, and live for His glory. **Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory.**

Thommo, MCF-A Vice Chair

Donations to MCF and Tax Receipts

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the running of MCF-A this last financial year, be it with dollars, time and in other ways. MCF-A couldn't keep running and supporting without you!

For those who **gave via the website donation button** (or the old Give Now platform) you should have been sent your tax receipt at the time of your donation. Please email the MCF office if this wasn't the case or you can't find your receipt.

For those who **gave directly to MCF-A via the bank account**, you should receive your tax statement from MCF-A by the end of July. If you don't get your receipt by the middle of July and you need it please contact the MCF office.

There are still **two regular donations that have been going for a long time that don't have a name attached**, so please get in touch if you think it may be you!

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Mighty Men and the weekend events are free!



Visit their website for more information, www.inverellmightyomen.com, or feel free to contact Danny Everingham directly on 0407429763, dannyeveringham@outlook.com. I am planning on attending again in 2027, and I would love to see our MCF blokes experience the power of men openly worshiping Christ with the other Mighty Men. (All blokes and sons 14+)

Vic, Nth NSW and Sth Qld events this year....check for more next year. Wives/families welcome at events for part of the Sunday.

Welcome to God's Family!

On Friday 19th June PTE K Hough from School of Infantry was Baptised at Port Gawler Pontoon, Port Gawler Sth Aust by Chaplain Skipper who is the Regional Support Chaplain Sth Aust. PTE Hough was supported by MCF Edinburgh, friends and a Rep from Everyman's Welfare Service.
Congratulations welcome to the family of God Brother! – Chaplain Skipper



Please remember PTE Hough (and Liam from last month's eNews) in your prayers. Check out his wonderful Testimony on the MCF-A Facebook page!

WA pray for Defence and start a new Small Group!



On Friday 19th June there was an open invitation to all current and former Defence employees to attend the WA National Day of Prayer for Defence gathering at Leeuwin Barracks. The gathering opened with worship singing 'How Great is Our God'. They then prayed through the NDPD booklet and shared in fellowship.

It was also confirmed the Bible Society resources arrived and were installed at the same time. Big thank you to Bible Society!

WA southern area co-ord Brittany Sharpe also wrote they are planning on bi-monthly catch ups continuing on Friday afternoons at Leeuwin Barracks Chapel where they are looking forward to the MCF-WA community growing.

Any past and present employees of Defence, including APS and Contractors are most welcome to come along, and a family and supporter day is hoped for later in the year.

This group doesn't replace any MCF-A Small Groups on Bases but helps connect those who would like more Christian Military events in the Perth and surrounding area (including HMAS Stirling and RAAF Pearce), or who don't have a Small Group in their area. For more info, to find out the next meeting date or go on the mailing list please contact brittany.sharpe@defence.gov.au

In case you missed it.....

Veteran Bibles



Bible Society Australia are looking to do a second printing of the popular limited release Veteran Bible produced in conjunction with Sydney RSL. This second edition is looking to make some minor improvements and have a wider reach. Can you help make this happen?

From Bible Society Australia: This project will distribute Veterans' New Testaments across Australia, providing spiritual and emotional support to those transitioning from military to civilian life. With additional helpful resources on resilience and recovery, this Veteran's New Testament offers hope, identity, and connection for veterans and their families facing isolation, trauma, and life after service.

In 2026, Bible Society Australia will partner with veterans and veterans' chaplains to print and distribute 20,000 Veterans' New Testament's (second edition) nationwide through chaplains, ex-service organisations (ESOs) and veteran hubs.

To read more or to donate: [Australia: Veterans' New Testament - Bible Society Australia](#)

Save the Date



National Prayer Breakfast 2026 - *in person and online*

Monday 26th October – Parliament House Canberra @ 0715

You can join in person or online. ***Why not get your Small Group together for a 'watch party' breakfast?*** Eastern and WA time zones catered for online, and online is free (with a donation encouraged). More info at: [Home - Australian National Prayer Breakfast](#)

For those in Canberra that day, MCF-A is looking to book a table or two. Please indicate if you would like to be made aware if there are seats available on an MCF-A table by emailing mcf.office@defence.gov.au (Tickets around \$80)

Other items that may be of interest

Army Museum – Bandiana (Vic) reopening 3rd July 2026

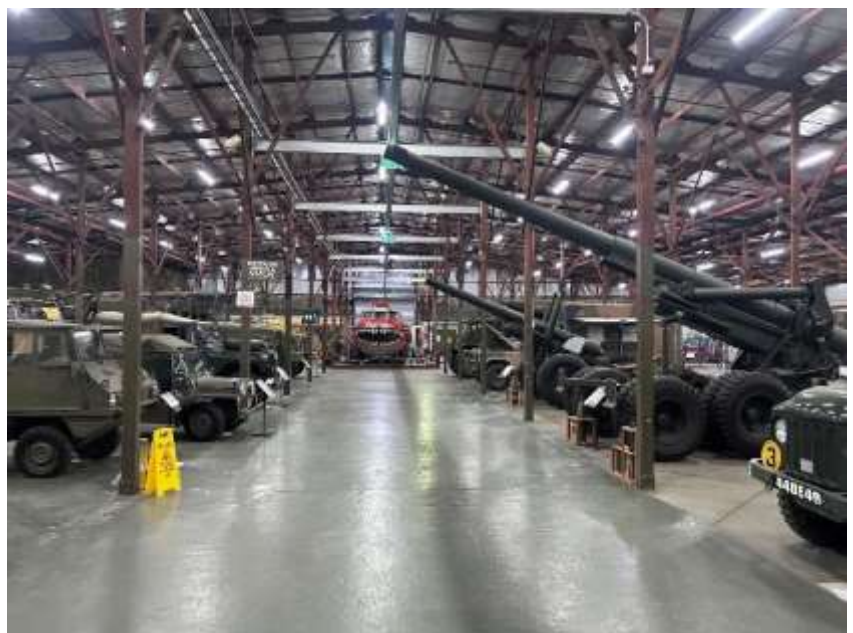
The Australian Army Museum Bandiana provides a leading-edge focus for the interpretation and display of Australia's rich military heritage and only a few minutes off the highway near Wodonga.

The Museum was established in 1976 as the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps (RAAOC) General Museum in its present location. It now holds loads of memorabilia on all the different Army Corps including a good display on Army Chaplaincy.

The museum is very well priced and hosts a vast assortment of items across all aspects of Australian Army involvement and includes a huge display of various vehicles including tanks.

The museum has just been refurbished and the MCF-A Staff Worker highly recommends a visit by everyone, not just Army. The kids will also love it!

For costs and opening hours: [Visit – Army Museum Bandiana](#)





Spiritual Warfare training info

Dear friends in Christ,

We, Bjorn and Lilian Schmid, provide spiritual training and development through the [Prayer Strategy for the Spheres of Influence](#) across a spectrum of areas to assist individuals and organizations:

- ***The Discernment Program*** – a 12-week course delivered via daily emails to help people increase their supernatural gift of discernment – [click here for more details](#)
- ***Spiritual Warfare with Kjell Sjoberg*** – a video program run over 15 weeks – [click here for more details](#)
- Teaching and Equipping on ***Spiritual Mapping*** upon completion of the Spiritual Warfare program.
- ***Convict Women and Orphans on Ships to Australia from 1787 to 1853*** – watching, discerning, and praying for the healing of the past – [click here for more details](#)
- ***Prayers for The Spheres of Influence*** – monthly posts and articles on the website at [prayerstrategy.org](#)
- ***Research and Updates to Pray for the Spheres of Influence*** – worldwide research on challenges encountered in the Spheres and approaches used to pray for people and situations in the Spheres through occasional email surveys and articles on the website at [prayerstrategy.org](#) (e.g. [click here to check the latest research on Challenges Encountered in the Spheres of Influence](#))

We will be running a discernment program in August 2026 if you wish to free register by sending an email to info@prayerstrategy.org

Bjorn and Lilian Schmid leaders from the Prayer Strategy for the Spheres of Influence [Prayerstrategy.org](#)

If you would like more info or dates of the 2027 programs please email them directly or the MCF office.

Please note, this is not an endorsement of MCF-A but for your information only, as they often pray over Defence.

Other items

Have you posted or moved house? Are you deploying or away from home for a few months or longer?

Posted or moved, please update your details [HERE](#)

Deploying or on a long exercise? MCF-A would love to support and pray for you while you're away. Let us know at: mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Membership

[Membership](#) is free and **open to every Christian**. If you've not had an association with Defence or you don't identify as Christian you can be an associate member via the same link.

Donations

MCF is supported almost entirely through freewill donations by members and supporters.

Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time, and through [financial support](#). (Direct debit preferred – details below the big green DONATE button on the webpage link)

Note that donations (over \$2) to MCF-A are tax deductible.

Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator [Daniel](#) or the MCF Office. You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on confidentially to the MCF Prayer Warriors, OR to enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior, contact the MCF Office or Daniel.

Contacting the MCF Office

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