



AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Supporting those who risk their life to save life, property or the environment.

The official newsletter of the Australian Bravery Association.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Andrew Kendall



Dear ABA members and friends,

This year has been a positive one for the Australian Bravery Association.

Highlights have been the acceptance of patronage by His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia; an excellent National Conference; wonderful regional reunions in Mildura and Ballina; and a successful Courageous Kids Campout.

Our 2020 National Conference is coming up in Canberra from 7-9 February. There are some great activities planned and a number of notable guests who will be joining us including Andrew Barr MLA, the ACT Chief Minister; General Angus Campbell AO DSC, Chief of the Defence Force; and His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley. I hope that many of you can join us for the conference.

This year we have also been fortunate to have a number of individuals conduct fundraising activities for the association. I thank Jamie Ferguson BM, Kay Danes OAM, Sally Gregory, Coralee Lever, Melanie Warburton, Goch Kot BM and Brian Harland, amongst others, for their efforts.

I would also like to thank the members of the National Executive and our Ex-Officio members who have worked hard this year to keep the association running and support our members.

Finally, I would like to thank Keith Payne VC AM for his Vice-Patronage, and Florence Payne OAM for her support, of the Australian Bravery Association over many years. Keith and Flo have made the decision to step back from public life in order to spend more time with their family. We wish them all the best.

I hope all members and their families had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Coming events

**ABA National Conference
Canberra**

7-9 February 2020

**The program is attached along with
your registration form**

- Welcome Reception, including a welcome by ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA – Mercure Canberra
- AGM
- Black Tie Dinner (guest speaker: General Angus Campbell AO DSC, Chief of the Defence Force) - Royal Australian Mint
- Service of Remembrance – Government House
- Farewell Lunch – Poppy's Café, Australian War Memorial

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**Victoria ABA Reunion (Mildura)
5-7 June 2020**

**Queensland ABA Reunion
(Gold Coast)
October 2020 (Date TBC)**

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NEW AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY ASSOCIATION PATRON

The Australian Bravery Association is thankful and proud to have His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, as our patron. He joins our Vice-Patrons Darrell Tree CV; Victor Boscoe CV; Allan Sparkes CV, OAM; Tim Britten CV; Richard Joyes CV; and Doug Baird OAM, father of Corporal Cameron Baird VC, MG.

His Excellency, together with Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, have been very supportive of the Association.

Governor-General's Biography

His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) was sworn in as the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on 1 July 2019.

David Hurley joined the Australian Army in January 1972, graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. In a long and distinguished 42-year military career, his service culminated with his appointment as Chief of the Defence Force.



He commanded the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment during Operation SOLACE in Somalia in 1993, receiving the Distinguished Service Cross. Following promotion to Colonel, he was appointed Chief of Staff, Headquarters 1st Division in June 1994, attending the U.S. Army War College in 1996 and 1997. He commanded the 1st Brigade from 1999-2000 in Darwin, supporting Australian-led operations in East Timor. He was appointed the inaugural Chief of Capability Development Group from 2003-07, Chief of Joint Operations Command in October 2007, and Vice Chief of the Defence Force in July 2008. Promoted to General, he succeeded Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston as Chief of the Defence Force on 4 July 2011 until his retirement on 30 June 2014. In 2010, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force.

Prior to being sworn in as Governor-General, David Hurley served as the 38th Governor of New South Wales from October 2014 – May 2019.

David Hurley was born in Wollongong, New South Wales on 26 August 1953, the son of Norma and James Hurley. His father was an Illawarra steelworker and his mother worked in a grocery store. He grew up in Port Kembla and attended Port Kembla High School where he completed his Higher School Certificate in 1971. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1975. He is married to Linda with whom he has three children: Caitlin, Marcus and Amelia.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Wollongong in 2013; a Doctor of the University, *honoris causa*, from the University of New South Wales in 2015; made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering in 2016; and awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Macquarie University in 2017.

Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley's Biography

Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley (nee McMartin) was born and raised in Sydney. She was educated at Kingsgrove High School and went on to become a teacher, commencing in 1976. She married David Hurley in 1977.

In the course of their married life, Mrs Hurley has supported her husband throughout his career on a wide variety of postings in Australia and overseas, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and Malaysia.

Mrs Hurley's own career in education has been in both the public and private school systems, until her retirement from full time teaching in July 2011. She has been an active member of the community as a Pastoral Carer at the Canberra Hospital and Hospice. Mrs Hurley holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Canberra.

Mrs Hurley has an interest in the Arts, especially music. She is passionate about singing, and showing how singing, especially in a group, can have a positive impact on individuals and the community.

Mrs Hurley is a member and Patron of 'Solid Rock', a Christian Ministry to women in Defence. She has been a member of the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church choir in Canberra and is a member of the Australian Military Wives Choir.

Mrs Hurley is dedicated to championing causes that are developing new technologies to recycle rubbish, and ways to reduce our use of plastic, particularly plastic packaging and plastics used for single use items, which are not only harmful to the environment but add unnecessarily to landfill sites.

Their Excellencies have three children: Caitlin, Marcus and Amelia.

Government House Open Day

On Saturday 12 October 2019 Their Excellencies invited the ABA to participate in the Government House Open Day on the Lakeside Lawn.

The event offered an ideal opportunity to showcase and promote the Australian Bravery Association. Melanie Warburton, Goch Kot BM and Brian Harland did a fine job of representing the Association.

Her Excellency drew the raffle winner and we raised over \$150.



Christmas Reception at Government House

On Wednesday 11 December 2019, Jim Preston, National Vice-President NSW, and Meanie Warburton attended a Christmas Reception at Government House to celebrate the hard work and dedicated service of Their Excellencies patronage organisations throughout 2019.

Jim and Melanie report that it was an awesome gathering of people from a vast array of charities from all walks of life.



AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY ASSOCIATION FLAG

During 2019 the ABA designed and launched our official flag.

The ABA Flag provides tangible symbolic recognition of our Association, its strategic purpose and objectives. The Flag is to be utilised for formal ABA events, ceremonial occasions and to further professionalise our association. For example, an ABA Flag has been and will be utilised at our national and regional events and ceremonies. It will be used at the Service of Remembrance at the Australian Bravery Garden, Government House, Canberra, in 2020.

Flag Symbol - Meaning

From a historical/background perspective the study of flags is known as *Vexillology* and originates from both the Latin word *vexillum* ("flag") and the Greek suffix *-logy* ("study"). The actual word "flag" is derived from the Old English (Saxon) language "fflaken", which means to fly or to float in the air. According to heraldic traditions there is significant symbolism associated with the colour of a flag. A red flag is considered a symbol of hardiness, bravery, strength & valour.

Accordingly, the ABA Flag is predominantly red in colour.

Flag Design

Key design inclusions:

- a. The ABA Crest incorporating the Crown of Saint Edward and the shield and crest of the Arms of the Commonwealth of Australia;
- b. The Australian Bravery decoration colours of magenta and blood-red, symbolising the colours of venous and arterial blood; and
- c. Black text to recognise those of our membership whom were recognised posthumously or those that have since passed.

Thanks to ABA National Vice-President, Peter White MBE MCS for his leadership in the design and production of the Flag and to Australian Federal Police Sergeant Dale Cooper for his advice.

The ABA Flag was officially launched at the Mildura Reunion on 7 June 2019 and carried proudly by the Australian Lighthorse Association during the parade at the Ballina Gathering in August.



MIDURA REUNION

ABA National Vice-President, Coralee Lever, again hosted a wonderful reunion in Mildura, Victoria from 7-9 June.

Highlights included the welcome at the Mildura RSL, an enjoyable 4-hour cruise along the beautiful Murray River, the Bravery Association Dinner at the Mildura Golf Resort and Coralee's famous Casserole Lunch.

All involved appreciated their time with friends and relaxing in a beautiful part of the world.



BALLINA GATHERING

On 24-25 August 2019 the ABA hosted a successful gathering at Ballina on the New South Wales north coast, a location where many Bravery award recipients are from.

An informal Meet and Greet Luncheon at the Ballina RSL River Café was followed by an Australian Light Horse Association Parade of Honour along River Street to the Ballina RSL Cenotaph where a Service of Remembrance was conducted by ABA Honorary Chaplain Jim Cosgrove.

The Reception was then hosted by Councillor David Wright, Mayor of Ballina Shire Council, at the Ballina RSL Riverside Function Centre followed by a Black-Tie Dinner. Thanks to Major General The Honourable Justice Paul Brereton for taking the salute and speaking at the Dinner and The Headliners Cappella Choir for their entertainment throughout the night.

Thanks to John Thurgar SC OAM RFD and ABA Honorary Veterinarian Dr Peter Kerkenezov BM (pictured right on the horse) for their organisation of the event and to the many organisations in Ballina that supported the event.



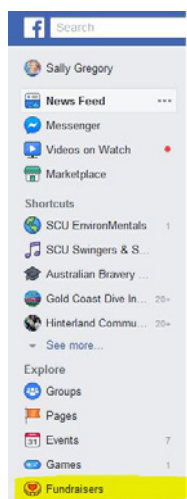
QUEENSLAND REPORT

After the fun of our National Conference in Canberra, in February, ABA National Vice-President Qld, Sally Gregory and ABA Deputy National President Mike Pearson BM APM had the honour of attending the Bravery award investitures at Government House, Brisbane on 6 March at which 18 brave rescuers received awards. Receiving Bravery Medals for their efforts in rescuing their mate during a shark attack in Ballina (NSW) in September 2016 were the winners of the ABA Brave Youth of the Year Award for 2018, Tom Harper BM and Jae Waters BM. The boys were joined by proud family members and proved very popular with TV media and journalists who celebrated their story of courage and mateship. A month before, the boys and their parents joined us at Canberra for our National Conference where they received their award and were honoured by being invited to lay wreaths at the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial alongside veterans Mark Charteris, our new Northern Territory Representative (left) and Colonel Mike McMahon BM, our new National Secretary (right).



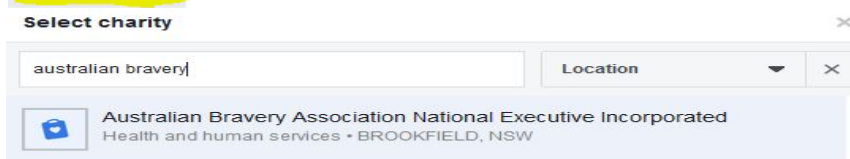
In May, Sally Gregory gave a presentation to the Rotary Eclub of Global Trekkers about the Courageous Kids and the challenges of life after bravery. From this, they donated US\$700 to support the Brave Youth of the Year Award.

In October Queensland again hosted the 'Courageous Kids Campout' at Mike and Lovey Pearson's place with Uke lessons, swimming, cricket and karaoke (thanks Jamie Fergie for the equipment). Mike and Sally gave an impressive rendition of the old dirty dancing favourite 'Had the Time of my Life.' Unfortunately, there was no big bonfire this year due to the fire ban but we're hoping next year will enable Mike to get his matches out!



A special shout out to Jamie Fergie BM, pictured here with his gorgeous daughter Georgia, for raising over \$900 by dedicating his birthday to help the ABA through a fundraiser on Facebook. Funding for any volunteer organisation can be hard but Facebook has made it easier by producing the birthday charity fundraiser option which allows you to raise funds for the ABA by nominating them as your charity of choice. The video clip in the link below shows you how you can avoid getting socks and undies for your birthday by suggesting your friends donate a few dollars to the charity of your choice (the ABA) which you can find in the Select Charity tab which comes up after you select the Fundraiser option in the left-hand toolbar of your Facebook page (highlighted in yellow).

(<https://www.facebook.com/wideawakewithshanti/videos/433322517438817/>)



If you have a birthday coming up, please consider pledging your birthday to raise some much-needed funds for our ABA. Funds raised will support rescuers, such as our Brave Youth of the Year awardees and members in necessitous circumstances who don't have funds to attend ABA events.

REPRESENTATION AT BRAVERY AWARD INVESTITURES

One of the key roles of ABA representatives is, as official guests, to attend investitures for National Bravery awards at Government Houses throughout Australia and for Royal Humane Society of Australasia and Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Bravery awards at various locations.

Thanks to Peter White MBE MCS, Mark Hoskinson AFSM (ACT), Jim Preston, Brian Harland (NSW), Mark Charteris (NT), Sally Gregory, Mike Pearson BM APM, Kay Danes OAM, Andrew Kendall, David Raymond BM (Qld), Bill Lowther (SA), Coralee Lever, Tom Voigt (Victoria), Richard Wells and Victor Boreham OAM (WA). The following photos are from some of those investitures.



Mark Charteris attended the awards investiture at Government House, Darwin in May. The awards were presented by Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory (pictured right).



Mark Hoskinson AFSM with Hugh Jackman AC in Canberra.



Sally Gregory with Commendation for Brave Conduct recipient Katherine Brock (pictured centre) in Brisbane.



ABA Vice-Patron Doug Baird OAM officially received his Medal of the Order of Australian (OAM) at an investiture in Brisbane. Doug and Cams Cause are recognised for their support and services in assisting veterans and their families. Well done Doug!



Kay Danes OAM was honoured to attend an investiture in October in Brisbane where numerous Bravery awards were presented by the Governor.



Andrew Kendall attended the Royal Humane Society of Australasia investiture at Brisbane City Hall in May. Pictured here with his family and The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Adrian Schrinner, is Jake Menefy who received the Bronze Medal and 2018 Rupert Wilks Trophy for the most outstanding act of bravery by a child of 12 years or under. Jake rescued of a man from drowning at Teewah Beach, Qld on 16 April 2017.



Jim Preston was delighted to meet Deputy Private Secretary to the Queen, Tom Laing-Baker (pictured right) at the investitures in Sydney. Jim said it was an absolute pleasure meeting Mr Laing-Baker and having a great chat about the Australian Bravery Association. Mr Laing-Baker assured Jim that he would be taking his comments back to the Queen.

ABA BRAVE YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Thomas Harper BM and Jae Waters BM

Congratulations to Thomas Harper BM and Jae Waters BM who were jointly awarded the ABA Brave Youth of the Year Award at the ABA National Conference this year.



Tom and Jae with their families and Sally Gregory.



Tom and Jae with the CEO of the Royal Australian Mint, Ross MacDiarmid, and ABA Vice-Patron, Darrell Tree CV.

Both boys attended the National Conference with their families and had a wonderful time. Thanks to Sally Gregory, Chair of the ABA Brave Youth Committee, and her fellow committee members for their dedication and work to select the recipients.

Their Bravery Medal citation reads as follows.

Mr Thomas Bruce HARPER, Lennox Head NSW 2478

Mr Jae Xander WATERS, Keith Hall NSW 2478

On the morning of 26 September 2016, Mr Thomas Harper and Mr Jae Waters went to the assistance of another surfer during a shark attack near Ballina in New South Wales.

Mr Harper and Mr Waters, both then 16 years old, were surfing at Lighthouse Beach with another friend. As they paddled on their boards out to their friend they saw his board lift up out of the water as a 4 metre Great White shark attacked. The boys saw the shark lunging at their friend, grabbing his leg and the surfboard, and knocking him into the water.

Despite the danger, Mr Harper and Mr Waters immediately paddled out to the injured boy where they saw that the shark was temporarily tangled in the board's leg rope.

Without hesitation the boys each grabbed hold of their friend's arms and, placing him between their two surfboards, began to paddle towards the shore. By this time the shark had managed to disentangle itself from the leg rope and began to pursue the boys at a close distance.

Despite the threat of the shark attacking again, the boys conveyed their injured friend to the shore where he was treated by emergency services before being taken to Lismore Base where he recovered from his injuries.

By their actions, Mr Harper and Mr Waters displayed considerable bravery.

MEETING YOUR MEMBERS

Keith Banks BM



Keith Banks BM VA and Bar served in the Queensland Police Service from January 1975 to February 1995. He worked in various areas including general duties; as an undercover agent with the drug squad; Criminal Investigation Branch (various specialist squads); Tactical Response including duty in bomb disposal and the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence.

Keith is the only police officer to have been decorated with two (2) Queensland Police Valour Awards (now known as the Valour Medal) and is also the recipient of the Bravery Medal.

His first Valour Award was for his actions during a tactical operation in Brisbane on 29 July 1987 to capture Queensland's most wanted criminal. He was in charge of an assault team tasked with forcibly entering the house and capturing the offender. During this operation the offender opened fire on the assault team killing Senior Constable Peter Kidd and wounding Senior Constable Steve Grant. Keith and another officer returned fire and killed the offender.

His second Valour Award was for his actions in negotiating with a heavily armed male in Brisbane on 27 November 1993 who was armed with a rifle and a live hand grenade. The offender had also made an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) consisting of 16 sticks of gelignite wired to 3 detonators. The male person had entered the MLC building in the CBD and fired shots. Keith responded to the emergency call from Police Operations and decided to enter the building to speak with the offender who was seated on the floor of the building foyer. Over a period of approximately one and a half hours Keith persuaded him to surrender the rifle, the hand grenade and finally walk away with him from the building leaving the IED behind. Keith proudly broke most of the rules of negotiation by swapping a pot of light beer for the rifle and refusing to leave the male person when qualified negotiators arrived. Those who know him would support the fact that he enjoyed breaking rules. It is an established fact that this is the last light beer he has ever handled and the record states that he did not buy it on that occasion!

He was awarded the Bravery Medal for this action following his nomination by a member of the public who had seen the news coverage. In those days the Police Service did not nominate members for National awards if they had received a Police award.

Keith is the Chief Operations Officer for the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV). His hobbies include training in Goju Ryu Karate, general fitness training and lying on a couch doing nothing. Keith always has been and continues to be committed to making life easier for good people and is a perfect fit for the ABA family.



Laurence Sams SC OAM

The following media release tells Laurie Sams' story.

Media Release: SAS Amputee Honoured with Order of Australia

January 26, 2019

A one-legged Vietnam veteran who rode a bike from Hanoi to Sydney to raise awareness for veteran suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder has been honoured with an Order of Australia Medal in today's New Year's Honours List for service to veterans and their families.

Laurie 'Truck' Sams SC rode onto the Sydney Opera House forecourt on November 20, 2016, six months and 10,000km after setting off from the Australian Embassy in Hanoi. His 'Victory over PTSD' journey capped off a series of marathon rides and treks the now 69-year-old amputee undertook after losing his left leg below the knee in a parachuting accident in 1995.



He is in training to ride across America next year, supported by a team of US Special Forces veterans.

Laurie's OAM follows a Star of Courage awarded to him as a result of his parachuting accident. He is also an honorary member of the US Army's Golden Knights Parachute Team (2009), Australian Parachute Federation Life Member and Australian Sports Medal recipient (2000). The OAM nomination reads as follows:

"A former Warrant Officer with the SAS Regiment, Laurie completed 21 years in the Australian Army, including a 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam. In 1995 he lost a leg below the knee when his tandem parachute failed to fully open during a jump from 5000 feet in Queensland. Action taken by Laurie to bear the full force of the landing by shielding his tandem passenger resulted in him receiving a Star of Courage, awarded for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril.

"After learning to walk with a prosthetic leg Laurie led two walking expeditions along the 315km Thai section of the notorious Thai Burma Death Railway to retrace the footsteps of his late father Private William Sams, a 2/26 Infantry Battalion member captured after Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942. An uncle, Private John Butt, also served as a POW on the railway and in Changi Prison Singapore.

"The first walk took place in 2002 under the patronage of Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to commemorate the 40,000 Malaysian POWs and labourers who died during construction of the railway. The second, in 2005, was convened by then Australian Governor General and former SAS Commanding Officer Major General Mike Jeffery to mark the 60th Anniversary of the release of Australian Death Railway POWs.

"Laurie later undertook a series of charity cycle rides in Vietnam, notching up 14,000km visiting such key Vietnam War battlefield sites as Long Tan, Khe Sanh, Ashau Valley, Hamburger Hill, Ho Chi Minh trail, Son Tay, Mekong Delta and the French-Viet Minh battlefield of Dien Bien Phu, which ended 100 years of French rule. All were aimed at raising awareness for injured veterans and strengthening cultural ties between Australia and Vietnam. He has also completed two Tour de Thailand rides for Thai charities and has learnt the Thai language as part of his commitment to that country.



“In May 2016 Laurie set out on a six-month, 10,000km ride from Hanoi to Sydney to raise community awareness and support for serving and ex-service personnel suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD) and other mental injury. Although encountering oppressive wet season humidity in South East-Asia and freezing conditions and heavy winds across the Nullarbor he finished the ride on schedule and generated wide television, radio and print coverage in Vietnam, Thailand and across Australia.”

AUSTRALIA’S MOST DECORATED FIREFIGHTER: 5032 KEVIN FLETCHER NSWFB

An interesting story about Australia’s most decorated firefighter published by the NSW Museum of Fire.

Kevin Fletcher SC BM died in 1996 and unfortunately, his prized medals fell into a private collector's hands. Not seen by family and public until they were put up for auction November 2019, they now are in the hands of the NSW Museum of Fire for display.



Star of Courage; Bravery Medal; Royal Humane Society of NSW Bronze Medal; National Medal; NSW Fire Brigade Conspicuous Bravery Medal.

Star of Courage: On 1 April 1990, a fire broke out in the Boral Liquid Petroleum Gas storage facility at St. Peters in Sydney. NSW Fire Brigade units from Alexandria and Newtown attended this fire, which was finally brought under control after a nine-hour battle. At one stage it was reported that a firefighter could not be located within the fire area and District Officer Alan Dwyer and Senior Firefighter Kevin Fletcher drove into the facility to search for him. During their search, a 40,000-litre storage tank suddenly exploded, sending a fireball hundreds of metres into the air. The firemen, despite being close to this explosion and in extreme danger, continued their search which was eventually successful.



In 1992 at Government House Sydney, both were eventually awarded the Star of Courage for this incident. 13 Firefighters received Awards for this fire amongst these were two Star of Courage and four Bravery Medals.

Bravery Medal and Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal: On 19 April 1994, two cars collided at the corner of Dean and Kiewa Streets, Albury NSW, the 59-year-old woman driver in the front vehicle being trapped by her leg. An LPG gas tank in the boot of her car exploded, engulfing the car in flames. Off-duty firefighter Kevin Fletcher now stationed in Albury was nearby and ran to assist. Entering the burning vehicle twice, he eventually freed the injured driver, being seriously burnt himself in the rescue. On 9 September 1994, Fletcher was awarded the NSW Fire Brigades Conspicuous Bravery Medal for this rescue.

Kevin Fletcher was awarded the Bravery Medal in September 1995 and the Royal Humane Society of NSW Bronze Medal in October 1995 for this exploit.

On 30 October 1996 Kevin Fletcher collapsed and died at Albury Fire Station while visiting. He was 49 years old. Kevin was given a Full Brigade Funeral which was attended by many fire fighters State-wide along with friends and family.

ABA ON FACEBOOK

The Australian Bravery Association has two Facebook pages members can access.



Australian Bravery Association: This is an open community page (open to the public) which provides information about the association, including upcoming events, and matters relating to Bravery awards and recipients and the Australians honours and awards system.

Australian Bravery Awardees: This page is the original Australian Bravery Association page. It is a closed group, a private and discreet discussion portal for rescuers and their families. If you need someone to chat to who has walked in your shoes, this place is for you.

MERCHANDISE

Don't forget we have a large range of merchandise for purchase and further advertise the ABA. Full colour photos and merchandise order forms are on our web site.

All Order forms to: **Brenda Cochrane, ABA National Treasurer, PO Box 127, Bundaberg Qld 4670 or**
 Email: brenda.cochrane@forbravery.org.au

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| Tie Bars/lapel pins/brooches | \$10 | Cuff links | \$15 | Association neck ties | \$25 |
| Men's embroidered shirts | \$35 | Ladies embroidered shirts | \$35 | Name badges | \$20 |
| Embroidered baseball style caps | \$20 | | | | |

+ \$8 postage for above mail orders

Mark Whittaker's book - **BRAVE** : \$20.00 + 10.00 postage

ROTARY ECLUB OF GLOBAL TREKKERS SUPPORTS ABA BRAVE YOUTH AWARD

In June ABA National Vice-President Qld Sally Gregory did a presentation to the Rotary EClub of Global Trekkers. From this, their board met and voted unanimously to become a sponsor of the Australian Brave Youth of the Year program.

Supporting Youth is one of the five avenues of Rotary service where Rotary Clubs involve youth and young adults in all its activities including vocational, community and international service projects, as well as providing programs and resources that support youth and young adults.



The Global Trekker members connect online in weekly meetings from Australia, North Carolina USA, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand, and Vietnam. As Rotarians, they provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

If you are interested in joining a meeting email them at eclub@rotary7690.org and an invitation will be sent to you 10-15 mins before the meeting starts. If you want to know more about the Rotary EClub of Global Trekkers go to their website at www.rotaryglobaltrekkers.org.

GRANT WRITER

The ABA is looking for someone with experience to take on the role of ABA Honorary Grant Writer. Here is the role description for you to share with anyone you know who would like to be part of our organisation. They do not have to be a bravery award recipient, but previous experience in grant writing is necessary.

Grant Writer Role Description

The Australian Bravery Association (ABA) is a not for profit organisation of volunteers who provide support to recipients of Australian Bravery Awards. We require an experienced Grant Writer to work collaboratively with the National Executive (NX) and relevant committees to apply to multiple grant providers from both government and the private sector.

The role involves:

- Identifying and providing advice about appropriate areas for funding within the ABA
- Seeking the input of the NX as required for the success of grant applications
- Preparing and submitting applications in a timely manner and tracking and reporting back to the relevant ABA committees and NX on the progress of such applications
- Excellent communication, networking, computer and organisational skills
- Attending NX periodic teleconference meetings as required
- Working from home.

Applications can be sent to National President Andrew Kendall at AustralianBraveryAssociation@gmail.com

VALE

Vera Jary – Coralee Lever’s friend in Red Cliffs who also lost her husband at Port Arthur. “Vera was a great lady and it was a privilege for Alan and I to be billeted with her on our first trip to a Mildura Reunion. A real wag!” – Brenda Cochrane OAM.

PHOTO GALLERY
NATIONAL CONFERENCE CANBERRA 2019



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