



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Courage to Care to visit Logan**

*The smallest act of kindness makes a difference*

Logan residents and school students are encouraged to visit Logan Central Library from 31 Oct to 28 Nov to experience the renowned ***Courage to Care*** exhibition.

***Courage to Care*** aims to inform and educate Australians of the dangers of prejudice and discrimination. It educates visitors, in particular students, towards an understanding of the roles of victims, perpetrators and bystanders by exposing them to survivors of the Holocaust and their rescuers.

“It is an exhibition that challenges our thinking, perception and has the potential to change our behaviour. World War 2 is a period that seems so far removed from our present day experience, but what this exhibition shows us is that the experiences lived at that time are as relevant for us today as they were then. The content provides us with the opportunity to question our ability to resist the ills of our contemporary world,” said Andrew Havas OAM, Chairman, *Courage to Care*.

Visitors have the extraordinary opportunity to meet and tour the exhibition with living historians, who risked their lives to save others, or for whom themselves were saved, during the Second World War.

The *Courage to Care* exhibition features a free educational program for school students focusing on the importance of standing up to bullying and prejudice whenever it occurs. Students start with a guided tour of the exhibition, then have the opportunity to sit down face to face with living historians and hear their positive accounts of how the selfless deeds of others impacted their lives. Finally students are encouraged to reflect on their own personal values and ask how they too, can bring about a discrimination free society.

**The exhibition will be formally launched on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm by Councillor Russel Lutton, on behalf of Logan City Council.**

*Courage to Care* will also acknowledge the personal contribution of Logan resident **Blaise Mukendi**, who acts as a ‘Voice of the Voiceless’ – a refugee activist with an unwavering commitment to the welfare of others. Blaise is a living example of how one person can make a difference by simply extending a caring hand.

Admission to *Courage to Care* is free and information about school and adult programs is available from *Courage to Care* on (02) 9321 6300. Transport subsidies for schools wishing to attend the exhibition are also available. For bookings please call this number directly.

Staffed solely by volunteers, the *Courage to Care* program is an initiative of the not for profit Jewish community organisation B’nai B’rith. *Courage to Care* promotes tolerance and harmony within the broad Australian family of communities, encouraging participants to stand up against bullying, intolerance and racism and to simply extend the hand of friendship.

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