



Press Release

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Living historians visit Cairns

An interactive exhibition educating about the importance of standing against prejudice and bullying is on display at Seville Mercy Conference Centre, 35 Bauhinia Ave, Earlville, from August 14 to September 11, 2015.

Courage to Care is a travelling exhibition with a corresponding educational program, originally formed as a creative response to challenge discrimination, racism and bullying.

Holocaust survivors tell their rescue stories to provoke conversations about social justice and bystander intervention. After the talks the audience participates in workshops reflecting on the courageous acts of those who helped survivors, and relate those events to their everyday life.

During the Cairn's exhibition, Courage to Care will also recognise the accomplishments and courage of local hero, burns survivor and advocate, Carol Mayer, whose injuries were so severe that doctors spoke about switching off her life support.

Ms Mayer uses her story to inspire those facing hardship or an arduous journey of recovery, and also to touch on the importance of fire safety.

Courage to Care Curator Rachel Mensforth said Ms Mayer's battle to survive was an amazing journey driven by acceptance, love and an extraordinary appreciation for life.

There are limited spaces still available in the adult and school programs, which are free admission. and Courage to Care Chairman Andrew Havas OAM said the program is tailored to each age-group.

"The aim is to convey the immense difference that small acts of kindness can make. At no point is there a focus on horror or shocking the audience," he said.

Since 1998, more than 193,000 people have seen the exhibition, including over 80,000 students from regional and metropolitan areas who also participated in the Courage to Care educational program

The exhibition is supported by the Catholic Education Services (CES) Diocese of Cairns.

Chairman Andrew Havas OAM and Holocaust Survivors Halina Robertson, Lilly Wolf and Egon Sonnenschein are available for interviews on August 20.

For more information about program sessions, walk in times and bookings, phone 07 4050 9712 / courage2care@cns.catholic.edu.au / www.couragetocare.com.au

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