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I was born in Adelaide during World War 2 where my father was stationed while in the Royal Australian Air Force. My family consisted of my sister and very socially aware parents who taught us the values of caring for more disadvantaged people and to be conscious of discrimination and prejudice. Our school had several refugee children who came to Australia from war torn Europe and we gradually learnt of their suffering and discrimination. Subsequently I become compassionate of others and their struggles and as a young person became aware of the assimilation of people into our wonderful country Australia where we had freedom of speech and refugees and immigrants had an opportunity to start life afresh.

Our family came to Australia in the 19th century from Ireland, England, Portugal, France, Italy, Wales etc. So we are a real example of how accepting Australia has been to the 190 various nationalities or so of people who have immigrated to Australia.

I always say to the children who come to the Courage to Care exhibition, that we are all Australians - it is just that some people arrived here earlier than others.

On a personal note, I am the mother of four grown up children, and am married to a wonderful man who is a survivor of a concentration camp in Europe and lost 27 members of his family during World War 2. I understand the importance of living in a harmonious community and hope that my contribution to Courage to Care enables people - specially children to have an easier path in life.

We all share this wonderful country we call home and wish to live in peace and harmony with each other. That is Australia.