



## **Kayla Silverman**

### **Volunteer Facilitator**

I was born in South Africa and have lived in Australia for most of my life. I am proud to be Australian and feel privileged to live in a beautiful country where freedom of speech is allowed and where most people have a keen sense of social justice.

Having grown up in the days of apartheid in South Africa, I am acutely aware of racism and inhumanity. My parents were born in Poland but were fortunate enough to have emigrated prior to the Nazi era. Many extended members of my family perished at the hands of the Nazis. My roots have instilled in me a desire to do my small bit to fight against discrimination and intolerance. I have spent four decades teaching in secondary and tertiary institutions and feel that the most important lesson to be learnt is that of compassion and tolerance. In the twilight of my career, I would like, in some small way, to help combat intolerance and bullying.

I feel privileged to be part of Courage to Care and cherish the opportunity given to me to facilitate in passing on the message that every single person can make a difference!