



SPEAKING OUT: "Local Hero" Malcolm Peden, accompanied by Holocaust survivor Halina Robinson and Chairman of Courage to Care, Andrew Havas OAM at the exhibition opening on Thursday evening.

The courage to care

New exhibition focuses on speaking up

By BRITTANY MURPHY

THE words of Elie Wiesel - "What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor but the silence of the bystander" - echo the theme of the latest installation at the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery.

Opened on Thursday night, Courage to Care takes the anti-bullying message to a newer, stronger level, focusing not on the victim or the perpetrator, but the observer.

Founded in 1999, Courage to Care focuses on the empowerment

of minority groups by encouraging students to not be a by-stander in situations of discrimination.

"The smallest act of kindness can make a difference," chairman and co-founder of the program, Andrew Havas told Post before the opening.

The exhibition pays homage to the people who put their lives at risk to rescue Jews and other minorities during the Holocaust, using it as an example of what can happen in situations of extreme bullying, and how one person can make a difference to someone's life.

With a display of World War II artifacts, such as the petticoat of Sabina Van Der Linden, and testimonies of Holocaust survivors and rescuers, the interactivity of the exhibition really grabs the hearts and imagination of the visitors, probing self-reflection and social inclusion.

What separates the display from others is the local focus it has on each rural community it visits, selecting a "local hero" to commemorate and display within the exhibit.

For Goulburn, this is local man Malcolm Peden, who saved the life

of an elderly man when he discovered his car had rolled on the Crookwell Road.

Mr Peden was presented with a certificate at the exhibition opening.

"Courage to Care pays tribute to Malcolm Peden for his acts of courage and bravery that serves the local Goulburn community with distinction," it read.

The exhibition runs three two-hour educational programs for local schools specifically aimed at the different age groups from years five to 12.

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Horse shooters in Tallong

By GERARD WALSH

LAST week's fatal shooting spree of four horses on a Marulan property comes just weeks after another incident at Tallong where a quarterhorse was killed in what the owner believes was a targeted attack.

Julia Zaetta's seven-year-old gelding Milo was found shot dead on her property in Caoura Road late last month.

"Milo, apart from being valuable, was a pet," Ms Zaetta said.

"He is the fourth animal shot on our property."

"In early May we found a magnificent male deer, shot in the previous 12 or so hours before we found him, skinned.

"And a couple of years ago we found another of our horses dead, lying beside a young deer that had been shot."

Ms Zaetta suspected the culprits could be shooters venturing their way up from the Illawarra.

She said they have twice made their way to their house asking permission to hunt game.

"It seems there is a culture of shooters nearby on the coastal areas at Wollongong and surrounds, and the shooters come up our way to find their targets," she said.

Ms Zaetta said she felt for the Webb family who lost four of their harness horses in a random attack last Monday night.

"It's not only the loss they have to deal with, but it's that sinister feeling knowing that people with guns have entered your property and took delight in killing defenceless animals and family pets," she said.

UPDATE: A Winfarthing Rd property neighbouring the Webbs' was also targeted by shooters sometime last week. Police said bullet holes were found in a house and livestock targeted. More in Wednesday's Post.

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