

MEDIA RELEASE : Heroes of Australia (HoA) The Wall of Fame

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CITY OF GOLD COAST "BLAH, BLAH MAN" APPOINTED GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR HEROES OF AUSTRALIA

Heroes of Australia, the Wall of Fame, is a national legacy project to archive the historical profiles of Australians and chronicle the blood, sweat and tears of ordinary people who have done extra-ordinary things.

Heroes of Australia was quietly launched on the Gold Coast on 19 September this year and within a few short weeks the project proved so popular with Australians that it's Founder, Geoffrey Weymouth of Hope Island, S.E. Queensland, invited the Active-Healthy Ambassador for the city of Gold Coast, "Blah, Blah Man", Collin Hart, to join the Heroes team as its Goodwill Ambassador.

Collin didn't hesitate, his immediate response was, "This is a dream come true, I never expected this at my age, to be able to help everybody." he said. "I would love to travel all over Australia and spread the message that we need to preserve and protect our heritage, the courage and sacrifices of all Australians for the benefit of future generations."

Mr Hart, a resident of Southport, is very well known throughout South East Queensland and Northern Rivers of New South Wales not only for his benevolence, but for delivering motivational lectures using himself as an example. Collin Hart is one of the most optimistic and cheerful 70 year olds you are ever likely to meet. Yet, he has been battling serious illness and debilitating arthritic pain most of his life.

By 2003 Collin had lost one eye, his index finger and was confined to a wheel chair, unable to walk because of the two hip replacements with huge, open, weeping and incredibly painful venous ulcers on his legs. Depression and hopelessness were written on his face. Collin says, "My spirit had been battered by the years confined to a wheel chair. I was depressed and I was putting on massive amounts of weight. I felt hopeless."

"And then one day a nurse told me to hop on the scales and that was the moment it hit me – and it hit me hard. I was an incredible 170 kilos!", he said. "She asked if I wanted to do anything about it – of course I did! ... and this was to be the first turning point of my life", said Collin. "I was single-minded and all the support I got really touched me, so I decided to give back to help the community that had helped me. I was determined to help the community to change".

Then in 2014, when the world appeared to be his oyster, Collin was diagnosed with prostate cancer, skin cancer and with a very rare condition that is popularly known as the flesh eating disease. Months of "radiation treatment" caused him to question the very meaning of his life. To Collin, remission was a whole new lease on life, a renewed opportunity where every minute is bonus time and he is determined not to waste a second of it.

Collin, a butcher by trade, has had a roller coaster ride from one bad time to another throughout his life and there will be very, very few who can match his tenacity, resolve, unreserved benevolence, beaming smile and positive attitude in the face of such a long and continuous string of personal challenges. In short Collin is the epitome of an Australian Hero and a natural choice for the position, Goodwill Ambassador for all Heroes of Australia.

Please be sure to visit Heroes of Australia at www.HeroesofAustralia.com.au.

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