



## *Only The Brave Dare* Book Background

### **TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL**

Often we have someone who affects our lives without us knowing it .... For author Christopher J. Holcroft, the central character in his novel *Only The Brave Dare* was one of those people.

The main character in the novel is called Scott Morrow and he represents one of the most kind and gentle people the author ever met in real life. Scott embodies the young man who wanted to become a Venturer and do something for himself and the community. In real life, the actual Venturer took out the top honour for his age group by becoming a Queens Scout. Later, the real Scott Morrow became a NSW Fire Fighter who received two special awards for helping save the lives of a number of people in burning houses. *Only The Brave Dare* encapsulates the spirit of this wonderful young man and those within Venturing, who give their time tirelessly to help the community.

Author Christopher J. Holcroft has been a Venturer Leader for more than 30 years and draws from his experiences with youth to write this compelling novel of a group of teenagers on a Christmas camp who just want to have fun without their parents. The trouble is, a group of Russian drug runners want to pick up some illicit drugs and flood Sydney and other Australian capital city markets with their capsules of death and addiction.

Christopher entwines two stories as each main group races to their goal – for the Venturers, it is to explore a wrecked submarine – for the Russians, it is to pick up their drugs dropped by a mother ship and then make their way to Sydney to make millions of dollars with their illegal booty.

Both worlds collide and the Russians take the Venturers captive and hold them in a former convict jail and lighthouse. The most unsuspecting of the Venturers finds a way to escape and pushes himself to the limit of bravery and daring do. He then turns the lighthouse into a weapon as he fights to save his fellow Venturers.

*Only The Brave Dare* is a tribute to the real Scott Morrow and all the other Venturers who seek to better themselves and then place their training at the disposal of the community they serve.