

## Australian peace keeping



**Captain Carol Vaughan Evans**, an officer who was in charge of a casualty clearing post, in Kibeho during the Kibeho Massacre on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1995.

The Australian Army was serving there as part of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda. They were setting up camps for those who wouldn't go back to their village for in fear that they would be killed by one of the military's kill squads that were out hunting those who were guilty of being connected to the 1994 Rwandan Genocide.

They were invited there by the new Rwandan government that was made up of both Tutsi and Hutu people of the country, to observe and help with the change from civil war to peace by observing the border, de bombing, monitoring the cease fire and clearing mine fields, they also gave medical help to those who were sick and fed those who were starving.

It was thought that all people who took refuge in the peace camps built by the United Nations force were guilty of the Rwandan Genocide, so the military took action into their own hands killing an estimated 4000 people.

Captain Carol Vaughan Evans was in charge of the south Rwandan post when the government forces decided to open fire upon the casualties inside, the courage that she showed on this day will forever be remembered by those who survived with the help of her and her team.

Captain Carol Vaughan Evans, shows the key to being a responsible citizen in my eyes because she stayed there even under fire and kept helping the people even when they were scared to seek the peace keepers help.

Carol shows the traits of a great Australian peace keeper by staying even when her own life was in danger, not leaving any one behind and being reliable to those who put all their trust in her.

Being a responsible citizen is what these peace keepers from Australia have shown and are showing to the rest of Australians and hopefully the world just by being there getting in with the people and helping them with their understanding.

Captain Carol Vaughan Evans and other Australian peace keepers like her, show qualities in them selves and their country, that lead the way to happiness and peace in these unsettled countries. By being there and not trying to be the enforcer, but showing that they can be the friend and that they will help them rebuild after this time of unsettlement is greatness in its self.

These peace keepers should be commemorated highly within museums and historians around the country showing the bravery and the skill that they have used to keep the peace in these countries, then and only then should there be something big placed in our nation's capital to bring everything that the peace keepers stand for together and show it with pride to the rest of Australia.

**Example:**

- A well painted mural,
- An out standing sculpture,
- Even a walk in themed room to let people get the feel for what they do.

Any of the above would be a good showing our respect to the Australian peace keepers.

I knew very little about what peace keepers do and are entitled to do when they are working in different Countries before we started this unit. Through the work that I have done in class and going to the defence 2020 exhibit in Launceston, I have learnt so much about what they do and how they help.

**Example:**

- De mining
- Medical help
- Giving out food
- Making shelter for those who have none
- Rebuilding a broken city, village or town.

This makes the countries that have been going through a rough time a safer place and happier place to be in.

The work that is done by these people, have open my eyes to what normal people can archive by just being there and supporting those who can not support them selves.

It made me think about those people who have been on peace keeping missions and made a life better for someone else even though their own life was endangered.

I now have a great respect for those who have been on missions and served their country proud.

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