



Our Australian Knight

“Every young Australian deserves a future free of poverty, violence, isolation and discrimination”

- Les Twentyman OAM.



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At The Knight we wish to acknowledge Les Twentyman as our Australian of the Year; our Australian Knight.

Les Twentyman has been on the frontline of heartbreak and hope for over 35 years. As Australia's best-known youth advocate and social campaigner, Les developed his expert opinion the hard way - on the street.

Raised in Braybrook in Melbourne's West, Les has devoted his life to young people doing it tough. He is widely considered *the* expert on a range of community issues including youth homelessness, drug abuse, prison reform and social welfare. He is the first stop for Australian media outlets for the word on "how it really is".

Les founded the 20th Man Youth Fund in 1984 to provide Christmas lunch and gifts for a handful of local young people who had no family to speak of. The 20th Man is now a much-respected agency delivering crucial services to young people in and around Melbourne.

Providing programs & services around education, sport & recreation, personal development, counseling and employment pathways – the 20th Man Fund is dedicated to seeing every Victorian child achieve their true potential.

Les believes that investing in young Australians, especially those at-risk, is an investment in a more compassionate and productive society. In order to have a cohesive community, we need to act as a cohesive community and protect our future generations.

As Les has always said –

"if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem"

For your information

1. Every Australia Day, staff at The Knight recognise a worthy recipient(s), for our 'Australian Knight' award, who has demonstrated qualities that personify those of a Knight.
2. The Knight has gifted \$10,000 to 20th Man Fund
3. For further information about Les Twentyman and his 20th Man Fund please go to: <http://20thman.com.au/>

Les Twentyman's



*Australia Day is an opportunity for
all Australians to come together
to celebrate our country and
our unique culture.*



Cheers from

and all at The Knight
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