

BRAVERY AND BETRAYAL



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A new film, developed by ex-SAS veterans, is stripping back the myths and telling the true story of the SAS experience in Afghanistan.

BRAVERY & BETRAYAL - The True Story of the SAS in Afghanistan is currently touring Australian cinemas.

After 9/11, Australia sent the SAS into Afghanistan, and into harm's way, to protect Australians during the War on Terror.

Some 25 years later, the hardship and suffering of what they experienced lives on with them. For the first time ever, the SAS are telling their story of what really happened in Afghanistan and Iraq through this unique documentary.

The film features:

- Exclusive never before seen interviews with officers and soldiers of the SAS.
- Interviews with three sitting Prime Ministers at the time of the conflict in Afghanistan - Rudd, Howard and Abbott.
- Interviews with the brave pilots of the American Army who fought alongside our SAS.
- Heartbreaking stories of the wives, mothers, widows and children left behind.

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About the making of this film

Many of the 400 SAS soldiers that fought in Afghanistan alongside Australian Defence Personnel, feel their service and sacrifice has been forgotten amongst the turbulence of politics and negative headlines.

Produced by Australian film-maker Simon Heath over 5 years, and supported by veterans' charity Wandering Warriors, **Bravery & Betrayal** was initiated by ex-SAS servicemen to set the record straight, and tell their own story. More than 30 veterans, political leaders, and family members were interviewed in Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, New York and Washington.

Quotes from ex-SAS serviceman involved in the film:

"SAS soldiers were the first to deploy to Afghanistan, bore the brunt of the intense fighting, while also deploying to Iraq during the same period. We shouldered the heaviest combat to alleviate pressure on our fellow diggers and to support the broader mission objectives.

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"By dismantling networks, gathering actionable intelligence, and neutralising threats before they reached Australian soil, the SAS created a buffer that ensured Australians sleep safe at night - most without ever knowing how close the threats had come. What Australians are also not aware of is the sacrifices SAS soldiers and their families made due to the commitment required."

"The SAS conducted 95%+ of the combat missions in Afghan - in excess of 3000 missions. It was either freezing cold - below zero temps, or extreme 40+heat. That's just the physical side. Mentally you left your life, family and friends to risk your time and life for your country and fellow Australian military."

"From time immemorial soldiers have been returning home from conflict changed. They see and do things not generally expected of the wider community. As a society we can sympathise, but rarely can we empathise. How do you explain your experiences? Most times you fall short, and this can be incredibly frustrating."

"At their core, SAS soldiers are grounded in the same values as everyday Australians. They are fathers, brothers, sons and friends. Men who sacrifice time with loved ones to serve their country with unwavering dedication."

"This documentary aims to set the record straight - to honour the service and sacrifices of SAS soldiers, expose systemic failures, and advocate for meaningful reforms in the treatment of veterans, both during and after their service."

How to see the film

The film premiered in Perth – the home of the SAS – on April 26 and is now touring the country, showing in all the capital cities, regional centres, RSL's and country towns.

Tasmanian tour dates and locations are as follows:

State Cinema | Hobart | 18 July 2025

Easy Tiger | St Helens | 20 July 2025

Metro Cinema | Burnie | 23 July 2025

Village Cinemas | Launceston | 25 July 2025

The Paragon Theatre | Queenstown | 27 July 2025

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To find an upcoming screening date and get tickets, please visit

<https://wanderingwarriors.org/bravery-betrayal-the-documentary/>

Ticket sales are being used to fund the tour of the film, and donations to support the work of the Wandering Warriors is much appreciated.

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Note - further high resolution images available.