

'OLD GEEZERS'

'Old Geezer' is Australian slang for an old man, and 'Old Geezers' are easy to spot.

At a sporting event during the playing of the National Anthem, they will hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment.

They know the words and believe in them.

They remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbour, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler.

They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age, the Moon Landing and Vietnam.

If you bump into an 'Old Geezer' on the footpath, he will apologise.

Pass an 'Old Geezer' on the street and he will nod, or tip his hat to a lady.

'Old Geezers' trust strangers and are courteous to women. They hold the door open for the next person and always when walking, make sure the lady is on the inside for protection.

'Old Geezers' get embarrassed if someone uses bad language in front of women and children, and they don't like violence and filth on TV or in movies.

'Old Geezers' have moral courage.

'Old Geezers' seldom brag... unless it is about their grandchildren in little league or music recitals.

This country needs more 'Old Geezers' with their decent values and common sense. We need them now more than ever.

'Old Geezers' know our great country is protected not by the party politicians, but by the young men and women in our Defence Forces who are serving their country in foreign lands, just as they did, without a thought except to do a good job, the best they can... and to return home to their loved ones.

Each and every one of us should thank God for 'Old Geezers'.