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VENTURER SCOUTS STOP MAJOR DRUG FLOOD

A group of teenage Venturer Scouts and their leader have helped thwart millions of dollars in recreational drugs hitting the streets of every Australian capital city.

The fictional headline and opening paragraph above are the setting for *Only The Brave Dare*, a new book set to take Australia by storm.

Australian best-selling author Tony Park will launch the book at St Joseph's church hall, corner of Watkins and Walz Streets, Rockdale **tonight** (Thursday, 8 May) at 7pm. Mr Park has written four top selling books on Africa including *African Sky*, *Zambezi*, *Far Horizons* and *Safari*.

Only The Brave Dare's author, former Sydney Journalist **Christopher Holcroft**, has woven a fast paced story about modern day drug smugglers and a group of Venturers who end up clashing with each other in a remote coastline setting. Christopher has used his long experience running Venturer Scout Units, being an Army Reserve Officer and covering Police stories as a newspaper journalist, to combine the elements needed to bring this fictional tale together. The result is a book young readers aged 11 to 18 will want to read again and again.

Only The Brave Dare is set in picturesque Myall Lakes on Australia's east coast. It involves Venturers going on their annual Christmas holiday camp to the area for a week of surfing, canoeing and pure fun. Russian drug mafiosi have arranged for a mother ship to drop off a cargo of illicit drugs in a wrecked former Royal Australian Navy submarine in the area near Myall Lakes the same time the Venturers want to explore it. Two worlds collide when the Venturers find the drugs first. A second group of Russians find the boys with the drugs and take them prisoner in a former convict jail turned lighthouse. The most unlikely of the Venturers makes a daring escape and turns the lighthouse into a weapon against the Russians.

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