

# Outback Heroes Live Forever

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Outback Australia, over time, had many brave heroes,  
Understandably, they can't be written in a few rows.  
There are people who changed our land, all worthy civilians,  
Bushrangers like Ned Kelly, could be heroes or villains.  
Afghan cameleers walked supplies, across the desert plains,  
Coming to mind is Waltzing Matilda, his ghost remains.  
Kingsford Smith should be mentioned, for his flights across the land,  
How about John Flynn, who watched his RFDS expand?  
Explorers should be mentioned, Bourke and Wills to name a few,  
RM Williams was successful, in a business or two.  
Our indigenous Australians, took care of their outback,  
Every settler found life hard, living on a dusty track.  
Stockmen rode for miles away, chasing cattle with a whip,  
Living in shallow creeks, is the legendary bunyip.  
I know there are more heroes, that indeed need a mention,  
Victorious soldiers from the outback, served their nation.  
Engineers shaped the outback, with their vast working knowledge,  
Forestry workers cleared land, for timber and foliage.  
Outback heroes needed women, to be there by their side,  
Religious heroes stayed to pray, good service they provide.  
Every person in the outback, found life extremely tough,  
Various people did not make it, it was just too rough.  
Exceptional folk made the outback, in their unique way,  
Rightfully we name them, the Outback Heroes of today.