

BOOK: KOKODA WALLABY, BY ANDREW JAMES

A new book which is the biography of Stan Bisset, MC, OAM, MID, was launched and released late last month. Stan at the time of his death in October '10, was our oldest living Wallaby and a Kokoda Track veteran and hero. Stan was a member of 2/14 Battalion AIF and served in the Middle East as well as New Guinea. He was selected as a member of the touring Wallabies in 1939.

It is written by Andrew James himself a veteran of Afghanistan having served with Australia's Special Forces.

The RRP is \$32.99 and the publisher is Allen & Unwin. Most book shops/stores would have access to this book.

I was fortunate in having met with Stan and spent some time with him when he lived on the Sunshine Coast.

I recommend it to you as a record of achievement of a great soldier and citizen.

Brian Iselin

'A great story that is long overdue in the telling.' -Paul Ham

'Rugby is fortunate to have so many role models of the highest order. Stan Bisset is at the top of the game.' -John Eales, former Wallabies captain

'Stan Bisset, like this remarkable story of his life, is timeless.' - Patrick Lindsay

'Stan was a man before his time. His leadership, forward thinking and standards were second to none . . . This book is a fascinating and insightful read and I highly recommend it.' -Rod Macqueen AM, former Wallabies coach

Stan Bisset was a real hero, both in battle, on the rugby pitch and in desperate armed combat against the Japanese during the Second World War.

As a member of the ill-fated 1939 Wallaby touring team to England, he was a rugby legend. In the Middle East and on the Kokoda Track, he was one of Australia's most distinguished and heroic combatants. But above all else, he personified so many attributes of the Australian soldier: moral and physical courage, compassion, selflessness, independence, loyalty, resourcefulness, devotion and humour.

Stan Bisset's remarkable life story is told by former Australian soldier and Afghanistan veteran Andrew James. This is a truly inspiring book that crosses generations.

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