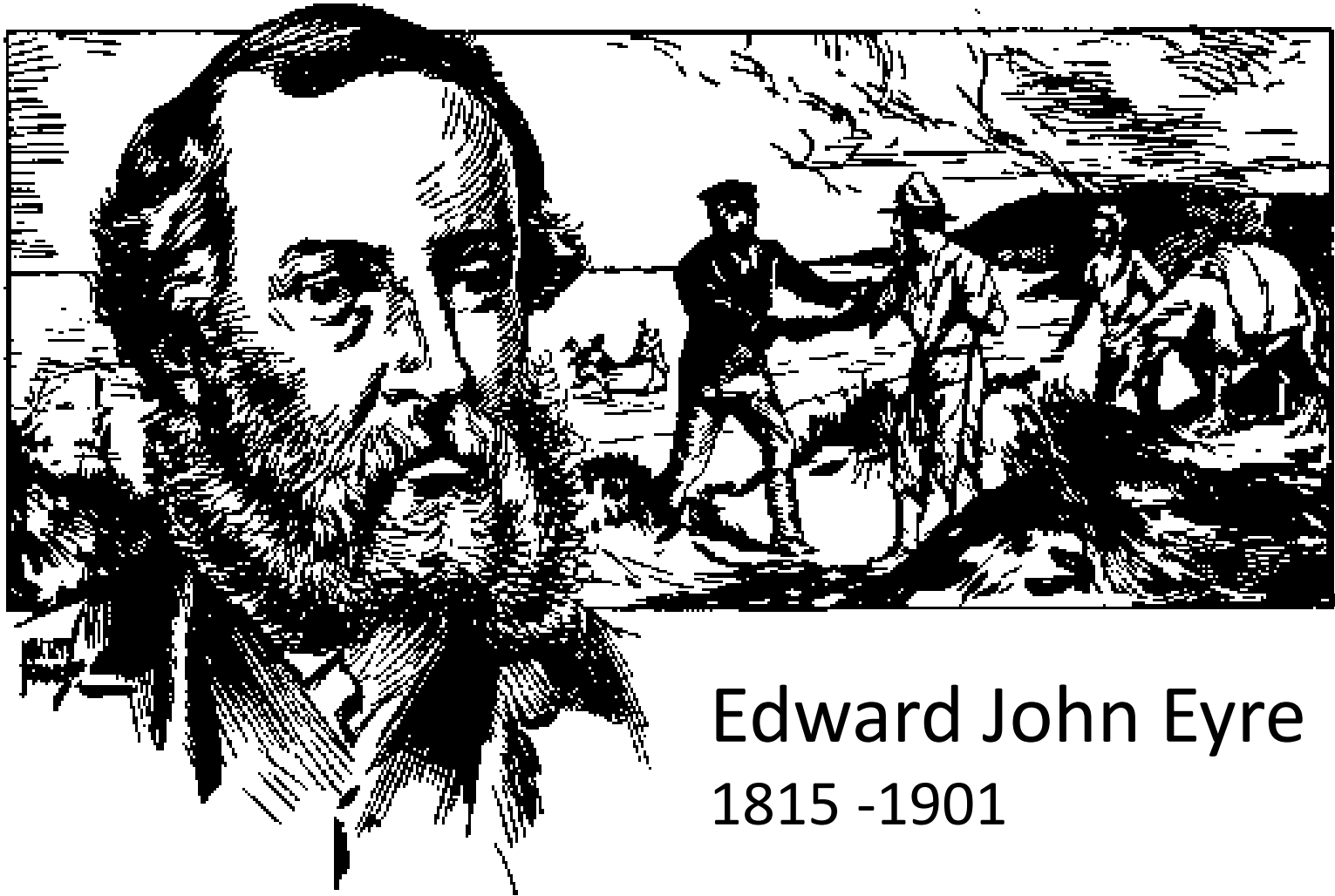


Australia Day

A land pioneered on
undaunted courage!



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Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the mastery of it.

Courage is doing what you are afraid to do.



Be strong and very courageous...

Joshua 1:7a (nlt)

*...God has not given
us a spirit of fear
and timidity, but of
power, love, and
self-discipline.*

2 Timothy 2:7 (nlt)



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It takes courage to be ordinary.

Acts 4:13 (niv)

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.



It takes courage to be vulnerable unto God.

1 John 1:9 (niv)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



So... how can we grow in courage?

We grow in courage when we face our crippling fears head on.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (niv)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.



So... how can we grow in courage?

We grow in courage when we surround ourselves with good role models whose life model courage.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (niv)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."



Jesus was a man of courage!

No-one can fully comprehend or fully understand the pain and suffering Jesus endured.

Isaiah 53:5 (niv)

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.



Jesus was a man of courage!

Jesus had seemingly lost all
resemblance to a man.

Isaiah 52:14 (tlb)

*They shall see My Servant beaten
and bloodied, so disfigured one
would scarcely know it was a person
standing there.*



Jesus was a man of courage!

He set His face courageously and
steadfastly toward "*Skull Hill*".

John 3:16 (niv)

*For God so loved the world, that He
gave His one and only Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish but have eternal life.*



It's within these sufferings of Jesus, lies the heart of the full and great salvation God offers to us.



Jesus suffered and died for our sins, and rose again from the dead, so that we might be acquitted of all wrong-doing and set free to live abundantly under the blessing of God.



Jesus was truly
'The Man of Courage!'

