

Courage to care in Port Macquarie



Luke Coleman and Kerrie Jones at the scene of the accident.

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LUKE COLEMAN

“What the bloody hell is that?” Luke Coleman said to himself. It was on Lake Cathie bridge and a car on its side, with smoke and flames billowing from the back, was wedged on the bridge walkway.

“Is there anyone in the car?” he asked a group of bystanders and then saw a head pop out of the driver’s window. Without another thought he ran to the car, managed to unlock the driver’s door, release her safety belt and help her out over the bonnet of the car.

Kerrie Jones was probably in shock. She had swerved to avoid a truck and lost control. When the car had stopped and she realised she was alive, she could see one of the bystanders using his mobile phone and could hear another yelling not to go near the car because it was on fire.

Once out of the car, she wanted to rest for a moment, but Luke, who could see the intensifying flames, insisted on getting her away. They had walked only twenty metres when the petrol tank exploded. Luke had saved Kerrie’s life!

We at *Courage to Care* are proud to pay tribute to this courageous and caring 20-year-old from Port Macquarie.