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'Broady's Best' – VICSES member Shane Taylor puts spotlight on family



Shane with his son Kyle at the VICSES awards

VICSES volunteer Shane Taylor is a model Victorian, but it's his family the Broady local wants to put the spotlight on.

Shane has been extremely active in 2020, taking part in several bushfire support deployments, the search for Will Callaghan at Mt Disappointment, as well as assisting DHHS with COVID-19 testing sites, supporting CFA at the Campbellfield Factory fire, and more.

As part of VICSES' **'Your Family, Our Family'** (YFOF) campaign this year, Shane would like to highlight the sacrifices of his loved ones, including his late Dad. Shane still receives great emotional support from his elderly Mum – who lives nearby – and his children Kyle and Jessica have followed in Dad's footsteps to volunteer, one for VICSES. Without their support, Shane couldn't do what he does for the community.

Shane is also part of the [Orange Knights](#) – a motorcycle group involved in fundraising and the support of members with PTSD. Fully endorsed by VICSES, the 'Knights' have helped raise money for numerous causes, including funds for the child of a Bendigo unit member who is now in cancer remission.

'YFOF' takes place on [14 & 15 November](#), and is an opportunity to thank the many people supporting every member of VICSES. They are the unsung heroes behind Victoria's first responders.

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Quotes attributable to VICSES Broadmeadows member Shane Taylor.

“It has been a massive year for me - heading out to the fires, attending some very serious road crash incidents, helping with the Campbellfield fire and searching for young Will just north of Melbourne – all during the COVID-19 pandemic. My family, and the Orange Knights, are there for me whenever I need them, and I couldn’t do it without them.”

“I hope that during the ‘Your Family, Our Family’ campaign people think about the folks that are behind the guys and girls in orange. We are dedicated to our community, and they are dedicated to us.”

“My Mum had a really big health scare this year, and I am so grateful she’s still with us. My son Kyle and I actually found her with a serious head injury and a broken hip, and assisted ambulance crews in getting her to the hospital. She’s such a tough woman.”



VICSES' Broadmeadows unit