Hero rewarded for brave act

By CONOR BYRNE

A RELUCTANT hero has been awarded a well-deserved Australian Bravery Medal after rescuing an unconscious mate and his dog from a burning home.

Sergeant Dean Francis Briese, who has been based at Robertson Barracks outside Darwin since January, was walking home after watching the NASCAR Rally on TV and Guth proved that with his well-bred artist rises to occasion to fulfil a knead Darwin since January, was

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Robertson Barracks outside

Briese, who has been based at

a burning home.

Sgt Briese, wearing thongs, dragged his mate out of the burning home then returned to search for his mate’s kids — who stayed with their dad every second weekend, but they were elsewhere that weekend.

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Sgt Briese suffered flashburn in his eyes, smoke inhalation, and some poisoning from arsenic and cyanide. ‘‘I got burns around my feet — thongs aren’t the best thing to go into a (burning) house in,’’ he said.

‘‘Smoke was probably down to about my waist area. There was a lot of soot and ash. It’s taken a bit to get over it.’’

A nervous Sgt Briese said he was ‘‘embarrassed and overwhelmed’’ by the attention that he was receiving.

“I’m not really the kind of guy who wants to be standing here,’’ he said. ‘‘I don’t think it’s anything anyone else wouldn’t have done if they were there at the time.’’

Sgt Briese joked that his friends ‘‘got themselves a cushy posting now so he’s looking after himself.’’

And the dog? ‘‘It had a trip to the vet and the vet treated it quite well and it was back at another mate’s place the next day,’’ he said.

Well-bred artist rises to occasion to fulfil a knead

By SARAH CRAWFORD

IT IS tough earning a crust as an artist.

Conceptual artist Robert Guth proved that with his bread swap stall at Palmerston Festival yesterday. Instead of taking dough he was giving away loaves of bread in exchange for whatever object the buyer thought it was worth.

Mr Guth received everything from perfume and baby clothes to books, hats, duct tape and chocolate slice. A few children gave him leaves.

‘‘It is to make people stop thinking about what a loaf of bread is worth to them and how much the labour is worth,’’ Mr Guth said.

‘‘It also creates a massive collection of objects that are all worth a loaf of bread.’’

But spending hours kneading and baking only to give away the loaves for leaves is trying even for this optimistic artist.

I have to honestly go into this thinking people are acting fairly otherwise I would feel so ripped off,’’ Mr Guth was one of many performers at the Global Fair that was held at Gedney Square yesterday.

The multicultural feast of music, food, costume and dance was attended by hundreds of families who soaked up the last event of the two-day festival.

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Phone photos pose risk

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A single online photo can allow criminals and child predators to access private information through the data or geotags stored in the owner’s smartphone.

Geo-tagging is the process of adding location-based data to various media including photographs.

While all photos uploaded to Facebook are free of geotags, other social network and picture sharing websites still contain geotags.

Sharon Trotter, the manager of CyberSmart Programs at the Australian Communication and Media Authority, said: ‘‘We advise people to be aware of their privacy settings so that they aren’t unintentionally geo-tagging themselves.’’

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