

Media Statement
On Behalf of the Family of Bradley John Murdoch

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The family of Bradley John Murdoch confirms his passing and wishes to share the following statement.

To many, Bradley Murdoch is known only for the events that led to his conviction in 2005 for the murder of British backpacker Peter Falconio, a crime for which he has always denied responsibility from his arrest until his death.

But to those who truly knew him, he was much more than the headlines.

When given the opportunity, Brad was a devoted father, father-in-law, and proud Poppy who never missed a chance to brag about his grandchildren. He was a beloved brother, uncle, and friends.

Throughout his years in custody, Brad was well liked and respected by fellow inmates and correctional officers alike. He earned the affectionate title of “Uncle” from many Indigenous prisoners, recognising his efforts to offer guidance, support, and practical help whenever he could.

Brad had a generous spirit. He was a gentle giant with a heart of gold, known for his quick wit, his talent for fixing or building just about anything, and his incredible skills in the kitchen. Above all, he was someone who, no matter the circumstances, always extended a helping hand to those around him.

Following the broadcast of the television series *Murder in the Outback* in 2020, which questioned key aspects of the case that led to his conviction, Brad believed there was one final avenue of hope: a Petition for Mercy.

For three years, Brad placed his trust in former criminal lawyer Andrew Fraser, who acted as his legal representative and claimed to be working closely with a team of three King Counsels to draft the petition. It was later revealed that all three KCs had not been involved in Brad’s matter for years. This revelation was a crushing blow to Brad, who had clung to that hope in good faith.

We understand that the public perception of Bradley will always be shaped by his conviction, but our intention is simply to share the man we knew, the version of him that was rarely, if ever, seen beyond our family and close friends.

He was deeply loved. He will be deeply missed.

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