

John Michael Hogan: John's death was reported in The Scheyvillian 3 of 2018. His partner Lyn Pegler sent further information on John's post-NS life. Lyn believed that John divorced in 1982 and she first met him in 1983 when he was the 'Sports Master'. 'He was very fit at this time. He had given up playing rugby league and was sailing with the Capricorn Cruising Yacht Club. He kept up his interest in football by training and managing schoolboy teams. He was on the board of several local sports clubs. He was presented with the Australian Sports Medal for his contribution to sport in our area. After meeting me he developed new interests as I am the least sporty person. He became interested in restoring colonial furniture, gardening, bird watching and travel. We travelled extensively, often looking up and having some success with family history searches.

It was after a rather long holiday in Europe and Ireland in 2002 that he was first found to have heart problems. He resigned from the Sports Master position and taught in the classroom. Teaching was everything to him and when he was forced to retire at the end of 2008, he became severely depressed. I retired in 2009 and we had other trips away to try and help. We went to France and visited all the first and Second World War sites. I enjoyed this trip but found it very tiring.

He joined the National Serviceman's Association over twenty years ago and was a Sub-Branch President up until his passing. He kept up an interest in this group and we attended many conferences with them. We went to Canberra for the Anniversary of National Service. This was highlight for him. He enjoyed living at his beach house at Emu Park. He would sit and watch all the wild birds that fed on the native trees he has planted years before. His mobility was not good and he had several falls when I was not down there with him. I preferred living in Rocky but we would spend time between our town houses.

From last Christmas he was unable to drive or live by himself. I looked after him at home in Rocky between frequent visits to hospital. He passed away in the Mater Hospital in Rocky on 2 October 2018. He was laid to rest in the Emu Park Cemetery. John is survived by his two daughters, Melissa and Patricia but sadly no grandchildren, also by myself and my two sons Derek and Nicholas, also no grandchildren.