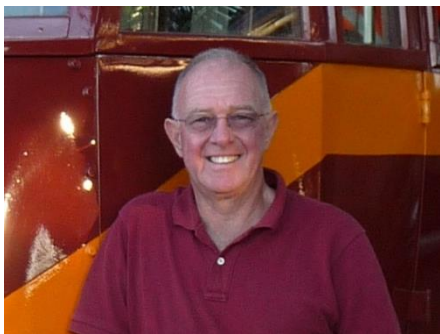


Peter Llewellyn Johns.

1732165 Peter Llewellyn Johns was born in Kilcoy, Queensland on 12 January 1945. He grew up in Clayfield, Brisbane, where his family lived with his grandparents. Peter completed his secondary schooling at Kedron High. He formed a lifelong friendships with Warren Walker and with two others and they became the four musketeers. Their friendship was so close that Warren, who had to study Latin because he wanted to become a pharmacist, was joined by Peter, who decided to do Latin as well to support his mate! The boys were great friends, going on holidays to the Gold Coast, cruising in sports cars and basically getting up to mischief with their larrikin mates.



While studying Commerce (part-time) at Queensland University in 1963 Peter working with National Mutual Life Association as a Statistician, he deferred his National Service. He entered the Army as a National Serviceman at 3 TB Singleton on 13 July 1966 and commenced OTU with Class 3/66 on 29 July as a member of 5 Platoon, B Company. His 'Father' was Geoff Holland. In Senior Term Peter's 'Son' was Doug Dick. After graduating on 23 December, Peter was posted to the School of Artillery for his Young Officer's Course and after completion became an Instructor at the school. In June 1967 he was then posted to 110 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery at RAAF Butterworth in Malaysia, spending a lot of time 'jungle bashing' in various parts of the country, where he completed his National Service. After discharge he returned to National Mutual and subsequently joined the APS.



Peter's death was reported in Queensland newspapers on 13 November 2019. A Celebration of Peter's Life was held on Friday 15th November 2019 at the Lakes Chapel, Morley's Funeral Home, Townsville.

From Warren Walker (friend) via Don Gordon (1/66)

Peter and I were glued to the television in 1964 for the first call-up lottery. My date came out about the 12th instance and Peter about 20th. Lucky us! I deferred (doing Second Year Pharmacy) but Peter decided to go

for it. He was studying accounting at night and working for NM Life Insurance. He did qualify for a deferment. He was chosen for Officer Training (a great honour) and got a remarkable posting to Butterworth in Malaysia. He joined the Federal Government immediately after his call-up period and serving the government, and the people of Australia, became his life's work.

Peter married Pam Stone in May 1971, shortly after commencing his government service, but the marriage did not last. They separated in the mid 80's. Peter was posted to Hong Kong in 1978, but the posting he relished most was Alice Springs from 1985 to 1988 where he was with Primary Industries. He was given a great house, a new Landcruiser and a generous expense account.

After his time at the Alice, he was posted to Canberra to a desk job. Not to his taste but in 1990 Peter ended up marrying his supervisor, Margaret, who worked out of Sydney. They used to arrange meetings half-way between Sydney and Canberra. Margaret was the love of his life. Both loved the outdoors.

Peter moved to Sydney to a more active job and in 1996 the pair built a new house at Mona Vale on Sydney's northern beaches. Peter never had any children of his own but "inherited" three when he married Margaret (two girls and a boy). They now have four grandchildren.

After four years as a State Manager in Perth, in 2002 Peter retired about the same time as Margaret and in 2012 they moved to Magnetic Island, enjoying that idyllic island life. Peter, as usual, joined every club you could imagine: he joined Margaret at the golf club and was instrumental in starting the "Man Shed" on Magnetic. Sadly, it was not to last. Peter was racked with bowel cancer for several years and suffered greatly with the Chemotherapy. Greatly missed!