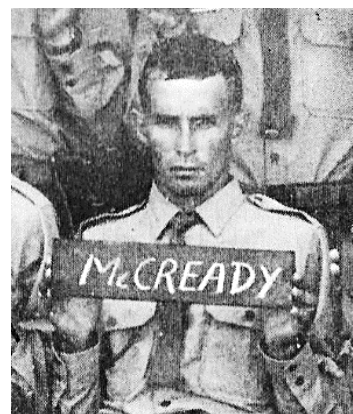


**Jonathan David McCready** was born at Stawell, Victoria, on 8 May 1945, the second son of Ian and Joy McCready. Shortly after his birth his family moved to the Melbourne suburb of Armadale, then Aspendale, where Jon developed an interest in boats and sailing and then on to Brighton, where Jon completed most of his education at Haileybury College in Brighton, a southern suburb of Melbourne. Jon attended Monash University in the south-eastern Melbourne suburb of Clayton, graduating as a Bachelor of Economics in 1967. Before entering the Army, he was employed as a Trainee Executive with Mayne Nickless. John married Ingrid in 1967. They would have a daughter, Kate.

Jon joined the Army as National Servicemen 3792405, commencing at 2 RTB, Puckapunyal, on 7 February 1968. He was selected for officer training and commenced at OTU on 23 February 1968, with Class 1/68, as a Cadet in 22 Section, 8 Platoon, C Company under Corporal Ron Clark.



In his Senior Term Jon was the Corporal Section Commander of 22 Section under Platoon Sergeant Ian 'Chips' Rafferty. Ian, who commenced with Class 4/67, but due to an injury repeated with Class 1/68 and graduated with Jon, said: 'he was extremely likeable, steady and we got on well from the time he marched in.' Along with this fellow Junior Section members Dick Baird, Tony Grundy, Mick Tabone and Jim Williams, Jon graduated, Graduate Number 607, on 18 July 1968. Unfortunately for Class 1/68 the Graduation Parade was washed out. Jon was allocated to the RAAOC and posted to the RAAOC Centre Bandiana, Victoria, for Corps Training. He was posted as the Officer Commanding the Melbourne Area Workshop Stores Section on 4 November 1968, where he completed his National Service on 6 February 1970.

Jon returned to Mayne Nickless and developed their Parcel Delivery Service. Jon love skiing, fast cars and sailing, which followed on from his interests in boats as a boy. He sailed in a number of Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races and when American singing group Fleetwood Mac were in Australia on one of their tours, he took them sailing.

His interest in fast cars saw him work on many a car project in his garage, but much to his and Ingrid's dismay, very few car projects come to fruition. Jon's love of skiing came from his father. Jon loved crosswords, reading - something that he was doing in hospital in the days before he died - and watching sports such as the Tour de France and the Olympics. He loved a bargain, especially those from Aldi, and had a wicked sense of humour, perhaps derived from watching Fawlty Towers and Monty Python. Jon died on 29 March 2023.