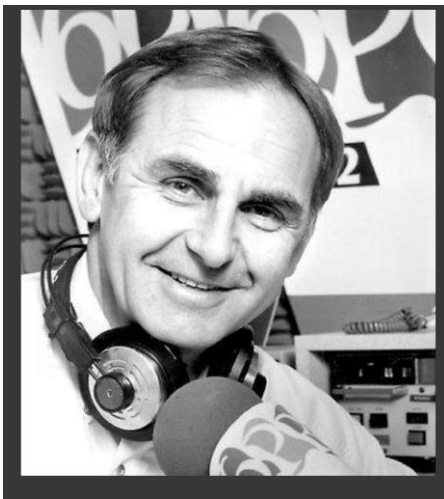


**Howard Neville Sattler** was born in Cootamundra on 23 February 1945. He completed his secondary education at North Sydney Boys High School. Before entering the Army on 17 July 1968 as a National Serviceman with the third intake that year, he was employed by John Fairfax and Company at the Sydney Morning Herald as a Copyboy and Journalist. Howard commenced OTU on 2 August and graduated with Class 3/68 on 21 December 1968. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Army Educational Corps (Public Relations) and posted to the Directorate of Public Relations at Army Headquarters in Canberra and from 1 May 1969 was attached to Headquarters Western Command, Perth, where he remained until his discharge on 16 July 1970.

After stints at Channel 7 and several newspapers, including the Sunday Independent, owned by mining magnates Lang Hancock and Peter Wright, Howard joined 6PR where he would make his name in broadcasting.



The controversial radio host, who some credited with introducing a 'shock jock' style to Perth airwaves, spent most of his career with Fairfax's 6PR, now owned by Nine Entertainment. He became a Radio Host who courted controversy! Over more than 30 years, Howard hosted 6PR's Breakfast and Drive programs, but it was the flagship Mornings program where he built a loyal talkback audience with his forthright style.

In 1991, at the height of his career, he became embroiled in a public debate about juvenile crime, which culminated in legislation targeted at young offenders. After a brief period in Sydney in the early 2000s, Howard returned to 6PR where he remained for a

decade.

In 2013 Howard joined some of his fellow 3/68 graduates at the Sydney National ANZAC Weekend Reunion in Sydney. He kept the table up-to-date with the scores with his beloved Fremantle Aussie Rules team.

The following July, he was sacked by 6PR owner Fairfax for questioning then-Prime Minister Julia Gillard about the sexuality of her partner, Tim Mathieson, during a live interview. Mr Sattler sued Fairfax for wrongful dismissal and the case was 'confidentially' settled in 2015.



In October 2018 Howard sent his apologies for not being able to attend the 3/68 50<sup>th</sup> Graduation Reunion held at Scheyville, advising that his health issues had overtaken his ability to travel. The newspaper editor and columnist became a vocal campaigner for voluntary euthanasia laws in the years leading up to his death.

On 4 August 2019, by then terminally ill, Howard opened up about wanting to end his life, in a push to legalise voluntary euthanasia. The former 6PR shock-jock had been battling a degenerative brain disease and at that time revealed he probably only had months to live.

One of Mr Sattler's producers, Carla Shearman, described him as a "master storyteller" over his decades-long career. "Although he had a very tough persona on-air and he was a bit of a stirrer ... he just had the most incredible compassion." "Right to the end, he has always fought for the underdog." "He was just one of those people that thought, you know what, if something's happening that's not right, or if people are being affected by something ... I need to stand up for the average person," Ms Shearman said. "I think that's why he connected so much with audiences because they knew he was always in their corner."



Howard Sattler died on 11 June 2021, at the age of 76, following a degenerative neurological condition. He is survived by his wife Despene, who stated 'It is an absolute blessing ... not a cruel twist ... that he died naturally'. Howard leaves behind

Despene, step-children Katie and Andrew and grandchildren Jenna, Owen, Jack and Mimi. A Celebration of Life for Howard was held in the Norfolk Chapel, Karrakatta Cemetery on 22 June 2021. Howard was interred in Lawn S Section of the cemetery.

