

David Pritchard Chivell (1/70)

David passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday 17 November, during an exercise session in the Royal Botanic Gardens behind the NSW Government House, where he worked in the Premier's Department.

I first met David on 28th January 1970, when we were called up for National Service and went to 19 Platoon, 1 RTB at Kapooka. We shared the same room, experiences and doubts about the strange new world we found ourselves in. Eventually we went off to Scheyville, where so many lasting friendships and impressions were made. David stood out to me then, above all, as a genuine, sensible friend who had no ill to say about any one: he accepted things and people as they were. When I met him again some 21 years later, he was still the same man I knew as a cadet.

As I stood with five other O.T.U. graduates at the overflowing chapel, five of us from David's class 1/70, and one of our fathers' class 1/69, we listened to the eulogies from his family, colleagues and friends, their words reflecting the qualities we knew.

The loss is all the more felt because of the shared experiences we had all those years ago.

David is survived by his wife Jenny, and daughters Rebecca, Claire and Alice.

Rob Thornley (1/70)
