

**VALE: COLONEL NEIL MITCHELL**

5719335, Neil Raymond Mitchell, born 13 Jun 1951. Neil (Graduate Number 1708) was commissioned in Class 2/72 on 5 Oct 1972 into the RAAOC and posted to 2RTB. During his service his postings included AP&M, HQ Training Command - Army, RAAOC Centre, Materials Division - AHQ, and Southern Logistics Group. He retired on 10 Jan 1999 with the rank of Colonel.

Neil married Elizabeth (known to many Scheyvillians) and they have four children, but they have divorced. Neil and his partner Marion had planned to marry and honeymoon in Europe. However, when the extent of his illness has been discovered, they married on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Neil had battling cancer for some years and was placed in the Oncology Ward of the Canberra Hospital in Woden in early October. He passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> October. He had been visited by many old friends and workmates while

has was able to receive visitors. He had great support from his first and second wives, his children Daniel, Victoria, Christopher and James and step-daughter Rebecca, and his brother Ken, who had come over from Perth.