

Dick McCubbin (1/69)

1/69 has lost one of its finest with the passing on 11 October 2013 of Colin Richard (Dick) McCubbin. Dick was born in Melbourne on 8 July 1948 and grew up in Brighton, Victoria, in a happy family with four boys where structure, detail, consideration, humility and love were emphasized. This upbringing shaped his personality. After completing his secondary schooling at Carey Baptist Grammar School (where in his final year he was School Captain, Captain of the 1st XVIII and a member of the 1st XI) he completed a Commerce Degree at Melbourne University before commencing National Service in early 1969. At Scheyville he was very popular as his calmness, common sense, consideration of others and maturity shone through gaining the respect of his classmates and DS alike. On graduation he was allocated to RA Inf and posted to 2 RTB where he completed his NS Commitment.

After the Army Dick joined *The Wool Corporation* where he found his niche. He worked overseas and interstate selling and marketing wool. He subsequently joined Sportscraft (where amongst other things he acquired the rights to produce the Qantas uniform from Yves St Laurent) before establishing the Jane Lamerton clothing company with his second wife Jane.



Dick and Jane were a great team and their skills complimented one another. Their business, now established over 25 years ago, flourished extending from women's clothing to home wares, intimate apparel and stylish uniforms for many of Australia's top schools.

Dick was a great family man and loved nothing more than to be together with his extended family and friends. His wife Jane and children Sarah, Rebecca, Tom and Georgie and their partners and his grandchildren were at the centre of

his life. Their only competition was the Essendon Football Club.

Left: Ken Grant, Rick Thomas, Ian Howard and Dick McCubbin at the 1/69 reunion Lunch in Sydney. About five years ago a group of 1/69 classmates reconnected in Melbourne holding annual lunches and communicating with one another. The 40 year post Scheyville gap melted away. It was at one of these lunches in October last year where Dick's illness first became apparent. As news of his cancer battle spread the „bush telegraph“ lit up and other 1/69 classmates communicated directly with Dick or to him via mates that they were thinking of him and praying for him. He appreciated every message. Despite the demands of chemotherapy etc Dick and Jane worked to maintain some normality in their lives and earlier this year travelled to Sydney for the OTU April reunion which he enjoyed immensely.

Dick's funeral was held at St John's Anglican Church in Toorak on 16 October 2013 with a private cremation held afterwards. As Jane said at Dick's funeral his OTU experience "...certainly helped form the man. In recent years he has seen more of these wonderful men. He loved them and enjoyed their friendship and support immensely."

As one of our 1/69 guys said, Dick is irreplaceably. He is already greatly missed. Vale Dick McCubbin.

