

## IN MEMORANDUM

### Mike Carson

Neil hunter advised the passing of Mike Carson in England on Thursday 1 September 2011. Mike was cremated at the Harwood Cemetry, Stevenage UK on Tuesday 13 September.

### Wayne “Strop” Schofield

Steve Hartigan advises: “I have received the following sad news: One of those that was killed in the Chopper Crash at Shoalwater Bay on the 8th September 2011 was Wayne “Strop” Schofield – who was a Framie ex 5 SQN. Wayne’s funeral was held on Monday the 19th September at the Royal Military College Chapel at Duntroon. A private cremation followed the service after which a wake was held at the Duntroon Golf Club.



This is how the ABC reported the incident

The survivor of Thursday's fatal helicopter crash in central Queensland remains in a serious but stable condition in hospital.



Cairns-based pilot Haydn Redfern and Canberra man Wayne Schofield died when their helicopter came down in dense bushland at Shoalwater Bay, north of Rockhampton, around midday (AEST) on Thursday (8Sept). Investigators resumed an examination of the wreckage this morning.

An unidentified 50-year-old Canberra man suffered serious injuries in the crash and remains in Rockhampton Hospital. The men worked for the Canberra-based Defence contractor PS Management Consultants and were carrying out routine maintenance of communications towers at the time of the crash. The helicopter company, Heli Charters Australia, issued a statement expressing its condolences and support to the victims' family and friends.

On Friday, three officials from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and two defence officers begun investigations at the crash scene. They have so far examined the lead up to the crash and have obtained a fuel sample from the bulk supply where the helicopter last refuelled. But investigators say it could take up to a week to gather evidence from the site of the fatal crash.

**Tony Boys**

Gary Olsen from the 2 Squadron Association advises the sad news of the passing on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 of Tony Boys (right). Tony had been a long time committee member of the Association and served with No 2 Squadron at Phan Rang as an LAC Clerk Equipment Accounts from 12 March 1968 to 12 March 1969. Tony had been living in Tweed Heads South.



Tony’s funeral was held in Kingscliffe (NSW) on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September and he was buried at the Tweed Lawn Cemetery. A wake was held at the Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club.

**Gary “Two Dogs” Jones**

Geoff Brand advises that Gary Jones passed away early in the morning of the 17th February 2011. His funeral was held at the Castlebrook Crematorium, NSW, on Monday the 21st Feb at 12 noon. Gary was with 9Sqn in Vietnam during 1970. He originally was a Gun Plumber until becoming a Chopper Crewman and then later a Loadmaster. A wonderful bloke. Condolences to his wife Lynn his children and his Family.

**Peter Outtrim**

Bob Hambling advises the sad passing of Peter Outtrim, in Sydney on 27 September after a short battle with cancer. Peter trained as a RadtechG on 17 Radio Apprentice Course. He was at 30 SQN until the Mk 1 Bloodhounds were disbanded and he joined the Mk2 Bloodhound project in England, Cyprus and Singapore. While in Singapore, Pete and his then wife, Liz, spent most of their spare time building a large wooden power boat in their front yard and launched it shortly before they were posted back to Australia. He was an instructor in computing at Radschool, in the late 70’s and subsequently worked as a civilian in the computer industry in the Sydney area.



**Michael Birrell**

Dit Eaton has advised that Brian Michael “Mick” Birrell passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2011. Mick was a framie and was with 35 Sqn from June 1968 to June 1969. No further details are available.

**John Crossman**

Wayne Hedges advises that John Crossman passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. He had been very ill for the last 18 months and passed away in a nursing home in Redcliffe Qld. No further details are available

**Victor John Kitney**

Roger Kitney advises that his "father Victor John Kitney, Ex 3TU Circa 1952, passed away on Saturday night 26<sup>th</sup> November. 2011 at the RSL aged care, in Menora, Perth after a long battle with cancer. He was 82. Dad was classified as a WOM during his serving days (1948 - 1954) and was very proficient at morse code. He also spent time at the Monte Bello islands prior to the "Big Bang". He lived and breathed radio for as long as I could remember"..