

AUSTRALIAN GUNNER OBITUARY RESOURCE

Graham Geoffrey Brown

1950 – 2020

By Christopher Jobson

Graham Geoffrey Brown was born in 1950 and raised in a South Australia farming area. Graham joined the Australian Regular Army in October 1967, and after Recruit Training, he was allocated to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

After his Initial Employment (DP3) Training at the School of Artillery, Manly, he was posted to 1st Field Regiment, serving in 101st Field Battery, and was deployed to South Vietnam over the period 1969/70. In 1971, having returned to Australia, he married Rhonda, the love of his life, and together they had two sons, Michael and Jamie.

In time Graham was posted to 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, at Woodside in the Adelaide Hills. He later attended a Long Range Air Defence Course at the Royal School of Artillery, in Britain, and his postings here in Australia included Battery Sergeant-Major of 110th Air Defence Battery, two postings at the School of Artillery (as a Sergeant Instructor in Regimental Training Wing, and later as a Sergeant-Major Instructor-in-Gunnery in Air Defence Wing), the Regimental Sergeant-Major of 4th Training Group and he then served in the Headquarters of 4th Military District. He was also involved in the planning of the Adelaide performance of the Bi-Centennial Military Tattoo in 1988.

After his discharge from the Army, in October 1992, Graham set-up a business, Blackwood Mowers, which provided both sales and servicing for a variety of lawn mowing machinery, and at the same time, he and Rhonda became heavily involved in activities within South Australia's Blackwood Community.

Graham was an extremely professional soldier; he had a strict but quiet nature in all his military and technical gunnery skills.

Graham died in May 2020.