



Vale

**James Wallace Garland
Bsc (M) Psc, Qfi**

28 Apr 1942 - 26 Aug 2023

It is with regret we inform the Norfolk Island community of the passing of Jim Garland, who quietly passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning 26 August, aged 81 years.

Jim was a Fighter Pilot, receiving the Top Gun Trophy, went Super Sonic below Sea Level in Death Valley, when he left the RAAF he was ask to work in the Pentagon in Finance, he was a Amazing Man. I will miss him so much - Elizabeth.

Jim joined the Air Force in January 1960 and left in June 1979 at the rank of Wing Commander.

He came from Nambour to join the last RAAF College course, No 13 Course, as it transitioned to RAAF Academy in 1961. He was one of eight eligible cadets undertaking a double-major physics degree at Melbourne University in the days before the university course was further developed by the university to be completed at Point Cook.

Jim proved to be highly intelligent and a natural leader; was captain of the Academy Rugby and Basketball teams; and was made senior cadet in his fourth year. On completion of the Academy course, Jim won the Sword of Honour on graduation and went on to complete his basic and advanced flying courses to be posted to Williamtown to complete the Operational Conversion course on Sabre jets. He was also awarded the Academy Flying Trophy post-graduation as flying training on Vampire jets was then completed as a junior officer.

He was posted to 78 Wing in Butterworth, newly married and accompanied by Joy.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
NO.13/23**

TOON TRUST ROUND 7

Expressions of Interest open for the Toon Trust Environmental Funding round 7 on Friday 18 August 2023.

The objective of the Trust is to finance individuals or groups, initiatives relating to environmental protection, heritage protection, natural resource management and land management.

Projects that contribute to improved water quality or water retention will be prioritised in this funding round.

However, if you have a project that does not focus on improved water quality or water retention but is in line with the other environmental aims of the funding, you can still apply.

Further information such as the guidelines, expression of interest form and frequently asked questions can all be downloaded from www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/open-tenders-and-eoi



**Closing date:
5pm Friday 29 September 2023**

*Dated: 11 August 2023
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He operated with No 3 Squadron in Butterworth and on deployment to Ubon, Thailand before being posted to 82 Wing, Amberley. He undertook the conversion to Canberra aircraft and posting to Vietnam in 1967 where he served for six months. He was then selected for F-111C conversion in the US and completed that conversion course, but problems with that aircraft delayed Air Force acceptance for a number of years and Jim never got to fly the aircraft in service in Australia.

On return from the US F-111C detachment, Jim completed the Flying Instructors Course at Sale and was posted to No 2 Flying Training School at Pearce WA where he instructed for three and a half years. He had a number of staff postings, including a detachment to Tengah where he was on the HQ staff of ANZUK. On return to Australia and after undertaking the Army Staff Course at Queenscliffe, Jim served on the Joint Service Staff College as an instructor. On promotion to Wing Commander, he concluded his career in the Department of Defence working in Force Development and Analysis Division.

At near the twenty-year point, Jim, who only ever wanted to fly, decided to leave the Service and purchased a macadamia farm in the Northern Rivers District at Nambucca. He later moved to live on Norfolk Island where he remained for 20 years. He was thrice married and had three children from his first marriage, Simone, Christine and Anthony.

Jim was the recipient of several Honours and Awards - Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasps VIETNAM and MALAYSIA; Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp THAILAND; Defence Force Service Medal; National Medal; Australian Defence Medal; Pingat Jasa Malaysia ; Returned from Active Service Badge

Jim's funeral was held in his home town of Nambour on Friday 8th September 2023.

A message from James's step-daughter Paula - "You came into our lives over 20 years ago. Mum was so in love, she found her partner in crimes... someone who shared her love of travel, food and wine. Traveling the seven seas not once, twice, but 100 times. Trips to Bali, Europe and England, and always stopping off to meet up with one of their children along the way. Friendship and memories that you've accumulated will always be there.

You moved to Norfolk Island and started your life on paradise as you would say, where you made amazing lifelong friendships. May it be fishing, playing golf or Bridge and ending up in long Friday lunches.

Mum would say that everyone would sit and listen to the knowledge you would share about your full life. We are very proud of you, and we thank you for being a second father in our lives and a grandfather to our children.

So many Christma's, Easter's and family events you were part of. I remember every grandchild would want an elephant ride from you once your offered. Card games were an after dinner delight, but you were also there to help us with the serious parts of our lives and our businesses when we needed legal knowledge, we learnt so much from you.

My brothers, sister and I miss you and love you.

Thank you for giving our mother the love she deserved, I know you were her Jimmy. You were inseparable to the end. She has beautiful memories that she will carry with her always."

Thank You

Big Thank you to all the Doctors, NIHRACS Manager Kath, Matron Phylis, all the office workers, nurses and cleaners.

A special thank you to all who have been so wonderful to Jim and myself - Elizabeth.

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