



Vale
**Leslie Arthur Steven
'Storky'**

21st January 1951 - 17th January 2025

Leslie Arthur Steven affectionately known as 'Storky' born 21st January 1951 in Bowral to Rita and Maxwell. He was the second eldest of their 5 children, siblings Cherie, Rolly, Ruffy and Shane. They grew up on a farm in Fitzroy falls in NSW and when his parents separated his mother Rita brought them to Norfolk Island in December 1965 where Les grew up and has lived for most of his life only leaving to complete his electricians apprenticeship.

In March 1985 he met Deb and fell in love. They married 15 Feb 1992 and created a beautiful life together. He was the head of the family but the biggest softie at heart. Deb always joked he ruled the roost but she ruled the rooster. They had their daughter Amy on the 19th October 1991 followed by their son Luke who was born 31st January 1995 and completed their little

family. His kids were his pride and joy. And his was such a doting dad.

April 2022 Les became a grandfather for the first time when Banko was born to which he became affectionately known as poppy. Les held on through his sickness to become a grandfather for the second time when Villy was born just a month ago.

He was a simple man, loved footy on Friday nights, golf Saturday afternoons and family time in between.

Les Loved playing footy, was passionate about his dear Reds team to which he lost a kidney playing for. Everyone knew he loved his dear dragons even though I don't think they won many games over his lifetime. If you've ever watched a game with Les, or even been at the same pub during a game I'm sure you've heard him use every expletive under the sun. He was passionate we'll give him that.

The same could be said for his golf, a game he loved until he didn't. Which would fluctuate every time he played. Luke recalls caddying for his dad when he was young. He duffed the first shot off the tee and Les cursed and shouted he knew he shouldn't have come to play today.

Les qualified as an electrician and ran his own business for many years. Les was always looking out for the older Norfolk Islanders. Deb would be doing the books and ask "where is the job card for such and such" Les would say. No we can't charge them. I had a cup of tea and ate scones and cake worth more than the job. Or he'd come home with Vegetables and say we cant charge for this job look at all the veggies. So when the kids came along Les decided that cakes and pumpkins wouldn't cover the cost of nappies and moved to being an electrician for Norfolk Island Electricity. Where he stayed for 25 plus years.

Les endured a freak accident 17 May 2010 where Les was attached to a power pole that snapped and fell to the ground on top of him. Les himself believed he had died. Almost losing his leg and crushing the left side of his body.

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For the next few years Les endured countless surgeries and was in hospital in Sydney for extended periods of time. He suffered greatly during this time and yet never complained still joking and smiling.

In 2020 Les's health started to decline where we noticed a hesitation in his voice. For someone so quick witted this was odd. First he lost his ability to speak, he could understand but couldn't answer and gradually horrible physical symptoms would take over shutting down his body and breaking our hearts. Deb was his rock during this time always by his side and his face would light up with every visit from his kids and grandkids.

As his niece put it "Les was the guy who lit up any room and turned serious moments into fits of laughter. Anyone that knows Les has a funny story to tell. He was quick witted and cheeky.

He was loyal and loving husband and a kind and caring father and grandfather. The hole he will leave in our hearts is huge. Forever loved and dearly missed by us all.

Rest in Paradise Storky.

Thank You

Where to begin there are so many people to thank. Firstly to the people who travelled to be here with us today Rolly, Shane & Leanne. Debs brothers David, Greg and Paul. Family and friends Karl, Alana, Dylan and James.

To Storky's lifelong friends Marj and Barley who have been by his side throughout. We couldn't have done it without your love and support.

Monique and Naydene words cannot say how much we appreciate you going above and beyond for us when we are all so broken.

Special thanks to Reuben. Luke wanted to make his dad's coffin and Reuben went over and above to make it happen. In Les's words it was "perfecttt".

The Norfolk Island hospital, Dr Peter Hopcroft and the amazing nursing staff. How blessed we were to have you look after Les, he loved you all.

To the pallbearers, Shane and the hardworking Gravediggers, Kay, the amazing wreath makers, Pendo, Tim Sheridan, the Police escort, Leonard, Hen, Rangi, Kissard, Tosca, Amy's incredible group of friends for decorating the mound. The Golf club and Reds football team for the guard of honour- thank you. You all highlight how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful community.

We thank everybody for their calls, texts, food, visits.

If we have forgotten anyone know that we appreciate you all.

Lots of love, Fishy, Amy & Luke x

CSIRO Norfolk Island Water Resource Assessment (NIWRA) update Installation of groundwater monitoring bores

CSIRO scientists Andrew Taylor and Jo Vanderzalm will return to Norfolk Island between the 2nd and 6th February to continue CSIRO's research on the island's water resources. During this time, the CSIRO scientists will be working closely with the island-based project team and local drillers to install new monitoring bores to measure groundwater level.

The new monitoring bores will be installed near permanent reaches of Watermill Creek, Town Creek and Cascade Creek. The groundwater level measurements in these monitoring bores will be used to assess surface water-groundwater interactions, including the vulnerability of permanent surface water reaches, and refine estimates of groundwater flow and storage across the island.

This work forms part of the continuation of the Norfolk Island Water Resource Assessment project, funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts. For more information on the Norfolk Island Water Resource Assessment, please visit: <https://www.csiro.au/en/research/natural-environment/water/Water-resource-assessment/Norfolk/Assessment-details>

22222 Calling

The NIPF hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend (if they didn't have to work) and the Flotilla. It was great to see so many people down at Emily Bay.

Road safety is still our main concern and we want to remind everyone that school went back this week so please slow down in the school zone.

Also, as the person operating a vehicle you are responsible for any passengers you may have with you. Insist that everyone in the vehicle wears a seatbelt and do not exceed the speed limit.

This week's piece of traffic legislation:

Section 31A of the Traffic Act 2010 states:

- (1) The driver of a motor vehicle on a public road must not use a mobile phone while the vehicle is moving or is stationary but not parked.
Penalty: For a first offence 2 penalty units.
For a second or subsequent offence 5 penalty units.
- (2) Subsection 31A(1) does not apply to the driver of a police or fire services vehicle or ambulance.
- (3) In this section, a mobile phone is a hand held radio device utilised for the purpose of two-way radio communication between two or more points, and may connect to —
 - (a) a trunking system; or
 - (b) a cellular mobile phone network, and includes —
 - (c) a hand held radio transceiver; and
 - (d) a walkie talkie device.

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