

IN MEMORANDUM

Steve Hartigan advises us that **Rick Wetterall**, who was a loadmaster with 9 Sqn on both the Iroquois and Blackhawk helicopters, was one of the drivers of the Tilt Train that crashed recently in North Queensland.



On the 27th November, a Tilt Train heading north from Brisbane to Cairns, collided with a semi-trailer at the Bruce Highway level crossing at Conn, 20 kilometres south of Cardwell in North Queensland.

Both drivers of the train were killed.

Steve said he will pass on any more information when and if it comes to hand.

Steve also advises the following sad news:

- **Mônseñior John Granall MBE** passed away on Tuesday morning (30th December, 2008) after a fairly short illness (Leukaemia and Cancer). There are many troops from Vung Tau (1970) and Australian bases who would have had association with John.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday 6th January at 1100 Hrs at the Sacred Heart Church Wallerawang, NSW, (out near Lithgow) then for internment at Pipers Flat Catholic Cemetery, followed by official speeches and eulogy at the Portland RSL Club. Medals to be worn.

- **Trevor Burgess**, a helicopter pilot of considerable renown, who was with 9Sqn in Vietnam from May 1971 to Dec 1971 and more importantly, was a bloody good bloke, has succumbed to a protracted battle and passed away on the 23 Dec 08.

Trevor was a RAAF direct entry graduate of No 73 Pilots' Course and No 12 Iroquois Conversion Course. I was fortunate to be a fellow course member of his and to accompany him on tours in both 5 & 9 Sqns, including his tour of South Vietnam in 1971. Post RAAF he had a long and distinguished career as a civilian helo pilot. Trevor's funeral was held in Adelaide, on the 29 Dec 08.

Mick Gwin's daughter Tania had advised us that **Mick Gwin** had terminal cancer and had been admitted to the Redcliffe (Brisbane) Palliative care hospital. Unfortunately, Mick passed away and we've been advised that there will not be a funeral service, instead, Mick will be cremated. There will be a memorial service in honour of Mick on a date to be advised.

Neil hunter advises us of the passing of **Don McConville** on Saturday 13th December. Don will be remembered by many as the person who taught the KW26 and other equipment in Hangar 35 at Laverton in the 60s and early 70s. Don's funeral was a Requiem Mass at St Peter's Church, East Keilor, Vic on Thursday 18 December.

Ernie Gimm advised us earlier that **Peter Winyard** was not well - he had been diagnosed with cancer of the lungs, liver and kidney – and had been on chemo, but it was suspended following a family conference with the hospital staff. Ernie says that Peter was diagnosed with the cancer during his annual medical check-up. Unfortunately, **Peter** passed away on Sunday 4th January 2009. Ernie says most would remember Peter as the WOff I/C Radio Workshops at Frognall before he was commissioned. He spent some time at MTU/Laverton where he held the position of BRADO in 1976 and eventually retired as a SqnLdr RadO. In retirement, Peter and his wife Kitty lived in North Rockhampton. Peter's funeral was held on Thursday 8th January 2009, he is now out of pain and at rest.