



## **John Coull**

**31 October 1948 - 7 May 2021.**

**2 RVR, 8/7 RVR**

John Coull was born in South Australia on 31 October 1948, but was educated in Ballarat. In his late teens he met the love of his life, Irene (or 'Rene'). The couple married about a year after their meeting. They would have twin girls, Elisa and Narelle, and a son, Scott.

John had several occupations during his working life that included the railways, carpet and vinyl laying, as a Security Guard and a Nurse, with some of his Nursing being at Ballarat's Lakeside Mental Hospital.

John enlisted in the CMF's 4 Field Ambulance on 31 August 1964 and trained as a Medic, transferring to 2 RVR on 29 January 1965. He discharged on 12 June 1968, but re-enlisted on 2 August 1971 with 2 RVR. He rose to the rank of Corporal by the time he discharged again on 20 November 1972.

John was the member of the Ballarat Ranger Military Museum for many years and was the Membership Officer for the museum. Until he undertook the role of President for the Sebastopol RSL, he was invariably at the museum whenever it was open

As he read numerous newspapers front to back and missed nothing, he would keep the museum members up to date on all the military related matters, along with some non-military matters.

In 2019, when Sebastopol RSL sub-branch had trouble finding a President, John took on the challenging position with gusto, making many changes to the Sub-branch, including the clubrooms. His leadership at the sub-branch will be missed.

John had a lengthy struggle with his health, particularly his breathing. On Friday 7 May John left the RSL early in the afternoon and was in high spirits. However, when Rene returned home later in the afternoon, John had passed away. He is now at peace.

The 8/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion – 2 RVR Association and the Ballarat Ranger Military Museum thank John for all his hard work over the years, most of which was in the background and seldom seen by the membership of the association and the museum.

John leaves behind his wife, Rene, eight grandchildren, 4 Great-Grandchildren with three more on the way, and his dogs, whom he loved. RIP John, your work is done!