

# Harold Stanley Heslop (Ned) OAM, JP

Harold passed away peacefully on 10 March, 2024 aged 78 years. Dearly loved and loving husband of Darlene. Loved father of Rohan (Dec) Special Mate to Jamie & Lisa, Anthony & Kym, Jack & Tim; Royston. Loved brother and brother in-law of Pauline & Roger, Bruce (Dec), Brian, Robert (Dec), John (Dec) & Gerald (Dec)



Harold was born in Swan Hill, Victoria on 27 April 1945. He joined the Army as 3411670, serving in Vietnam as a Lance Corporal with 6 RAR from 4 June 1966 until 14 June 1967. After discharging from the ARA, Ned enlisted into the Citizen Military Forces on 28 November 1975, serving with 2 RVR in Echuca as a Lance Corporal from 21 February to 5 June 1976 and then as a Corporal at Shepparton until 24 March 1979



when he discharged. He then re-enlisted in Swan Hill on 10 March 1982, finally discharging on 29 June 1983. While at Swan Hill he trained some of the early recruits in the Swan Hill Platoon of A Company, 2 RVR that had been re-raised in 1981. The platoon was subsequently renamed as 9 Platoon, C Company, 8/7 RVR.

*Left: January 1967, Private Harold Heslop of Swan Hill, Vic, leads a party of soldiers from B Company, 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR), aboard an M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier.*

In 1968, following his service in Vietnam, Ned joined the RSL. He was the President of the Woorinen (10km north-west of Swan Hill) Sub-Branch from 1981 to 2017 and was a dedicated member of the State Executive from 2004 to 2017. He was a tireless advocate for Veterans and War Widows and was a foundation member of both the Swan Hill and District Veterans Information Centre and the Swan Hill Sub-Branch of the

Vietnam Veterans Association. For his RSL work, Ned was awarded an OAM in 2014 and received the RSL Meritorious Service Medal in 2017. He was also a Justice of the Peace.

Harold, you never failed to do your best,  
your heart was true and tender.  
You simply lived for those you loved  
and those you loved remember.