



Vale
Graham Robert Bull

3-2-1947 to 21-5-2019

Graham Robert Bull was born in Sydney in 1947, the second son of Colin and Thirza Bull. His siblings remember him as the confident, outgoing one, with a sharp mind and streak of individuality. In spite of—or perhaps strengthened by—the trauma of polio-induced paralysis as a young boy, Graham excelled academically and went on to complete a Commerce degree at the University of New South Wales. He pursued a career in marketing and raised three children—Carolyn, Lesley and Adrian—with his wife Nancy. After a stint in New Zealand, the family settled in the Sydney suburb of Chatswood, where Graham lived until he moved to Norfolk Island in 2014.

Graham's love of wood, and drive to create, defined him. From a young age, he was often found on the back step of the family home in Burwood, whittling away at bits of wood. As an adult, he developed his woodcarving skills in his spare time. He was always busy on the next project—from model tall ships, to building kitchens, to restoring the Victorian-era exterior of the Chatswood home. It was here that he developed his love of old houses and architectural design. Later, when widowed in 2005, he put his energies into an incredible modern extension to the family home, which he conceptualised and supervised with trademark attention to detail.

By his 40s, Graham had left the corporate world to pursue a career as a master woodcarver, excelling both as practitioner and teacher. For 15 years he taught woodcarving from his Whistlewood studio in Chatswood, to students who ranged from school children to burnt-out business executives. He published three books on carving, and also wrote NSW's first TAFE course on the subject. Graham was a gifted teacher and always happy to share the secrets of his mallet and chisels—speaking recently of his pleasure helping students at Norfolk Island Central School.

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Graham's move to Norfolk Island in 2014 brought him new inspiration. He loved the tranquillity of the island, producing his most masterful carvings there, while also developing specialist photography skills. He liked to reflect on how he and his second wife Elena, who visited each year, were captivated by its stunning blue-green landscapes. He was also intrigued by the island's unique ecology: his grandchildren delighted at snorkelling with him at Slaughter Bay, conducting experiments with the cones of the Norfolk pine and learning how to carve its precious timber.

Perhaps Graham's greatest legacy was his careful restoration of his home 'Moira'. To Graham, Moira was not only a lovely historic house he felt lucky to live in, but reflected Norfolk Island's fascinating past, the tenacity of the pioneers who built it, and the dedicated craftsmanship of those who worked with him on its renovation. His great wish was to preserve Moira as a unique and important piece of the island's history, and perhaps even one day open his own gallery there.

Graham passed away in his birthplace of Sydney after a short illness, his daughter Lesley and grandson Jack by his side. A family service was held in Sydney on 11 June. But his heart will always be on Norfolk Island, where a memorial will be held in due course.

Thank You

To the staff of the Norfolk Island Health and Residential Aged Care Service who cared for Graham in his final days, and to the magnificent Care Flight workers who kept him safe during his evacuation to Sydney.

Thanks also to the many special people on Norfolk Island who welcomed Graham into their community and made his last years some of his happiest.

Cat Welfare and Wildlife Protection Association of Norfolk Island Inc, Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Cat Welfare and Wildlife Protection Association of Norfolk Island Inc, on Monday 8 July at the A&H Hall at 5.30pm.

The Cat Welfare Association has had very little activity in recent years, and discussion will include a proposal to terminate the Association, and transfer its assets to a special fund managed by the NI Flora & Fauna Society, to be used for the benefit of domestic cats eg. subsidies for microchipping and desexing.

All past members are encouraged to attend, and interested persons will be welcome.

For more information call 22800 or 50901

In Memoriam

***In Memory of* Dorothy Mary Elizabeth McCoy 'Dossie'**

(nee Gondon).

9-4-1928 - 7-7-2008

11 long years since you left us Mum.

Love and miss you.

From your family.

July 5

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

July 5 is the 186th day of the year (187th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. 179 days remain until the end of the year.

1687 – Isaac Newton publishes *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*.

1915 – The Liberty Bell leaves Philadelphia by special train on its way to the Panama–Pacific International Exposition. This is the last trip outside Philadelphia that the custodians of the bell intend to permit.

1946 – The bikini goes on sale after debuting during an outdoor fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris, France.

1954 – The BBC broadcasts its first television news bulletin.

1954 – Elvis Presley records his first single, "That's All Right," at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee.

1975 – Arthur Ashe becomes the first black man to win the Wimbledon singles title.

1980 – Swedish tennis player Björn Borg wins his fifth Wimbledon final and becomes the first male tennis player to win the championships five times in a row (1976–1980).

1996 – Dolly the sheep becomes the first mammal cloned from an adult cell.

2009 – The largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever discovered in England, consisting of more than 1,500 items, is found near the village of Hammerwich, near Lichfield, Staffordshire.



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