

## **LEUTENANT COMMANDER FRED GOODFELLOW RAN**

Lieutenant Commander Fred Goodfellow was born on 15 May 1934, in Canada and obtained an Engineering Degree from Toronto University.

On joining the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), he qualified as a Pilot and served in the RCAF Fleet Air Arm as a Pilot and Engineer.



### **Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow undergoing pilot training in the RCAF**

On 11 December 1966, he joined the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Air Arm and was posted to the RAN Naval Air Station, Nowra where he flew de Havilland Vampire aircraft and facilitated the operational introduction of the Douglas A-4 Skyhawk into RAN service.

On 15 May 1969, Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow was seriously injured in the crash of a Vampire aircraft.

The accident occurred on Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow's birthday.

At the date of his accident, Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow was 35 years of age, married to Ann and had four children under the age of nine. Due to the seriousness and life threatening injuries suffered by Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow, Legacy provided continual care for their children while his wife stayed by his side.

On 21 May 1970, Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow was medically discharged from the RAN a paraplegic, destined to remain in a wheelchair for the remainder of his life.

As a result of his disabilities, Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow's incapacity in relation to civil employment was classified as Class A under sec.52(2) of the Retirement Benefits Act and commenced receipt of invalidity pension benefits on 9 July 1970.

Following his discharge, Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow undertook training in Law and represented himself at the successful High Court case in 1977.



### **Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow at the High Court 1977**

For the remainder of his life, Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow and Ann raised their family relying primarily on the DFRB invalidity pension payments and repatriation benefits from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow dedicated the remainder of his life to his family and voluntary assistance to veterans and members of the ADF on repatriation and superannuation issues.

Lieutenant Commander Goodfellow passed away on 28 April 2005 and is survived by his widow Ann and four children, Robert, John, Wendy and Fred.