



MAL VERCOE 1937 - 2008

This is a dedication to my husband Mal Vercoe who was 70 years old when he died. In 2000 Mal first contacted cancer of the ureter and kidney. Two years later it returned in his bladder, which he had removed in 2002.

Mal lived 7 years after first contacting cancer and his life was full and enjoyable right to the end. He endured his operations and treatment with optimism and always said "you have to roll with the punches".

Mal was an avid sportsman and in his life was always involved in different sports. His main love was the surf and for 50 years he was a member of Dee Why Surf Club and helped build the Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Club with volunteers. When he lost his bladder in 2002, he retained his love of the water by swimming in Port Stephens Bay at Hawks Nest. Three years after his bladder operation and when he was 68 he participated in the annual Stockton to Newcastle harbour swim with his son held on Australia Day. We were all proud of him, he never let his loss of bladder curtail him in any way. He regularly played golf twice a week sometimes more and always enjoyed a morning walk with his dog. Mal is pictured here with his dog 'Swag'. He called him the 'golf ball hunting dog' and averaged 1500 lost golf balls a year at Hawks Nest Golf Club.

Mal had a lot of fun in his 70 years and was always the life of the party.

He is missed by his family and friends but never forgotten.

Mal died on 2nd January, 2008.

Diane Vercoe (wife).