

PHILLIP NOEL DOBELL-BROWN



(3rd XI, 1967)

DOBELL-BROWN Phillip Noel 7567 (1959–67)
SW Dobell-Brown Medical Practitioner
Liverpool; Prep, Dal, Cdt. LAC. ATC.
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Born	7 October 1949	Sydney, NSW
Died	26 August 2018	Forster, NSW

One of the few 67ers who attended King's for nine years, Phillip was a day boy travelling from the Liverpool area where his father and two uncles were general medical practitioners.

A definite A class student, he enjoyed King's and surprised some by joining the Air Training Corps. Little did they know that his father had been a Squadron Leader in the RAAF during WW2 in PNG and one of his uncles a Flying Officer. John Gambrill recalls going, along with the late John Alexander, to Phillip's parents' place for a Sunday lunch, followed by a nervous (to John) horse-riding afternoon.

Rob Tonner can remember several school holidays with Phillip at the family's home at Rose Bay and the golf lessons at the nearby Royal Sydney Golf Club. Phillip enjoyed sport, making the 3rd XI.

Phillip, along with six other King's Year of '67, started medical school at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in 1968. His studies were interrupted when he suffered a severe car accident 1973 fracturing a femur, resulting in five months in hospital as a patient. Eventually he graduated in 1975 then had two years of residency at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney plus postings to Blacktown and Dubbo hospitals.

Locum work in 1977 was followed by a year at the Women's Hospital, Darlinghurst – now demolished. 1977 was also the year he married Margaret. Phillip then moved to the family practice at Liverpool for five years, seeing families who had been treated by a Dr Dobell-Brown in Liverpool for several generations.

In the mid-1980s he and Margaret moved with their three boys to Forster where he set up his own practice, later merging with another local practice. Again, John Gambrill remembers occasionally meeting up with Phillip (and other '67ers) at medical conferences. Phillip retired in April 2016 when, co-incidentally, he had a hip operation – a legacy from the 1973 car accident.



At the 50th Reunion in 2017 Phillip was in great form and able to report that his three sons had attended King's (with distinction), boarding at Harris before attending University, marrying and producing four grandchildren for Margaret and himself.

In retirement he and Margaret spent time travelling, cruising, skiing and enjoying good food and wine.

So, it was with shock and sadness we learnt of his passing at Forster in August 2018.

(Phillip with Rob Tonner at the 50th Reunion)

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