

PRIVATE LES FISHER - MOUNT PLEASANT

Malayan Emergency and Indonesian Conflict

Les Fisher has a long history with Mount Pleasant with his mother and her family being members of the Carnell and Cooper families.

Les was born 11 August 1944 in Wudinna on the west coast of South Australia where his parents were farming in the 1940's.

The family returned to Mount Pleasant in 1945. Les attended Mount Pleasant Primary School and Birdwood High School. After leaving school in 1960, Les worked for the PMG at the Lobethal Post Office. He left the Post Office and joined the Royal Australian Army on the 10 February 1964.

After recruit training at Kapooka and Ingleburn, he was sent overseas to Terendak Army Camp, near Malacca in Malaysia to join the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

In early 1965, The Indonesian Confrontation started and his battalion was sent to Borneo. He was stationed at Campong Stass and he and the battalion carried out many border patrols to keep the Indonesians on their side of the border. They used Ambush Tactics. Their main ambush was called The Battle of Kidau in which two soldiers were wounded and the Indonesians were held back.

After three years of service in the Army, Les returned to Mount Pleasant in 1970 where he still lives today, with his wife Kathleen. Les served as President of the Mount Pleasant RSL for 17 years and continues to be a member.



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