

THOMAS
ANTHONY
BIELECKE (41)
Caringbah, N.S.W.



Thomas Anthony Bielecke was born to Tom and Mary Bielecke, in Brooklyn, New York City, on July 5th, 1941.

Having completed his schooling, Tom Joined the United States Marines For two of his four years of service, he was on active duty in the Philippines. At the time of his discharge, he held the rank of Lance Corporal.

Tom was working in medical administration when he met his wife To be, Vivyan an Australian girl working in America. They were married in Suffrin, in the State of New York, in May 1973.

For the next four years Tom attended Columbia University, New York City, where he studied anthropology ... until they decided to move to Australia, Vivyan's homeland, in 1976. They made their home in Caringbah and their son Keir was born on March 5th, 1978.

Tom really loved Australia and he loved the shire in which he and Vivyan made their home. He continued to marvel at our wide open spaces our waterways, and our parks and playing fields, as well as our passive bushlands.

He felt a need to be involved with the community. Fifteen months ago he saw a recruitment drive conducted by the Heathcote Bush Fire Brigade in Miranda Fair - and applied for membership.

He was a dedicated member of the brigade even organising the mowing of his lawns of a Saturday, so that he could attend the brigade headquarters each Sunday, as well as responding to every fire call.

Any brigade member will tell you that it is no easy matter to be promoted to Deputy Captain - but Tom had achieved this distinction within less than 15 months