



## SASSAFRAS-FERNY CREEK FIRE BRIGADE

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### Edward Geldard 1961-2007

Edward Geldard will be remembered for his winning smile, sharp intellect and can-do approach to most things. A man of enormous energy, love of life, family, community and an entrepreneurial spirit, he was a valued member of our brigade for more than eight years.

Ed was killed on 29 December 2007 in a helicopter accident at Port Melbourne.

He began his CFA service with the Olinda fire brigade in April 1995, before moving to Ferny Creek with his family.

A volunteer since 1999 with Sassafras-Ferny Creek brigade, Ed was elected to the position of 4th Lieutenant in 2004, a role he still held at the time of his death. He was presented with a CFA 12-year service badge last year.



*Ed astride the Gouburn River, Woods Point, 2006*

Throughout his CFA involvement, Edward juggled the demands of rich and busy family and business lives and was involved in a range of community activity. Unlike many who claim to be 'too busy' to become involved, Ed made time and was always available when the demands were greatest.

Ed fought the devastating fires in the Dandenongs in 1997, but was also a member of strike teams during the 2003 Alpine fires, at Kinglake in 2006, and again last year at Woods Point.

Edward will long be remembered as an engaging and generous volunteer. We will all miss his advice and good humour, his friendship and support.