



*Hugh Guthrie Brown*

*26<sup>th</sup> October 1933 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014*



We sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts at this time

Your support and friendship have been of great comfort to us

Maureen & family

During the photographic tribute I asked that the music from "The Man from Snowy River" be played. It was so fitting as Hugh loved it because it reminded him of happier times.

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11th July, 2014.

Dear Graeme,

Thank you for thoughtful letter on Hugh's passing. I am still coming to terms with losing him.

I wanted to let you know, Graeme, how much your friendship meant to Hugh. He supported you and the MCAV right to the end and was devastated when he lost the badge to his hat! I think it was "taken" when we went to London some years ago!

Whenever the news was on, followed by the weather I'm sure at the back of his mind was "wonder if I can start buying tomorrow?" He loved Spurs and you were all included in that love.

Some might think Hugh suffered through that insidious disease, Parkinson's, but not long before he died he assured me he wasn't suffering. Rather, I think he felt cheated because he couldn't please himself and go "back" whatever he felt like going back!

Thank you for helping to enrich Hugh's life through your friendship, Graeme,  
Kind regards, Maureen



## ***The Measure of A Man***

The measure of a man is not determined  
By his show of outward strength  
Or the volume of his voice  
Or the thunder of his actions  
Or of his intellect or academic abilities

It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has  
For his family and for everyone  
The strength of his commitments  
The genuineness of his friendships  
The sincerity of his purpose  
The quiet courage of his convictions

The fun, laughter, joy and happiness he gives to his family  
and to others

His love of life

His patience and his honesty

And his contentment with what he has



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**F**ORMER Mansfield District Forester Hugh Brown passed away on 28 April 2014. Hughie became a legend in the High Country during his time at Mansfield because of his positive approach to practical issues in the bush and passion for fuel reduction burning. He was renowned for his ability to read the weather and quickly implemented large cool burns safely and with minimal staff.

Hughie oversaw the development of many roads in the bush including the Bluff Link road which became a vital part of the Forests Commission's fire fighting network. This road joined Jamieson to Wrens Flat, Mt Sunday, the Upper Jamieson, the Bluff Link, Bindaree and Mt Stirling Circuit Road.

Hughie Brown proudly told everyone he could drive the Forests Commission's two-wheel drive Holden station wagon from Woods Point to Whitfield without leaving the bush!

However, Mother Nature won and most of that road proved to be too costly to maintain at that level so reverted to 4x4 only.

Hughie was a huge supporter of the Cattlemen and this was evidenced right to the end. When he left Mansfield, the President of the Mansfield branch of the MCAV, Jack Lovick, presented Hughie with an Aukubra hat. A hat that became a much-treasured possession.

The essence of the cattlemen was present at Hughie's service when the family chose his favourite piece of music, Bruce Rowland's theme from *The Man from Snowy River*. A reminder of happier times spent in the bush that he loved.

The association regrets his passing and acknowledges the support that he gave during his time at Mansfield. Our condolences to his wife Maureen and family.