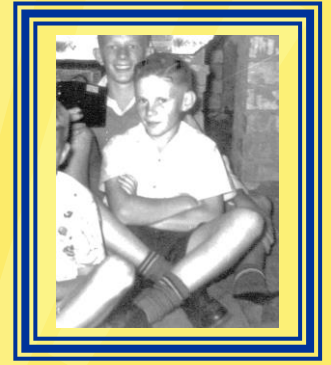




# John Fairley



Attended Dapto Public School from 1952 - 1958

- John Fairley was a student at Dapto Public School between 1952 and 1958.
- Both his Father and his two daughters also attended Dapto Public School.
- After leaving High School in 1964 he began working as a commercial photographer in Sydney.
- In 1969 he was called up for two years National Service & spent the two years as an Army photographer in Canberra, Brisbane & Vietnam.
- In Vietnam John shot both moving & still pictures. The movie was sent onto Canberra for processing & then sent to the television channels to be used on their nightly news. The still photos were processed in Saigon by either John (*or one of the other three photographers who were in Vietnam at a time*) & then forwarded onto Canberra to be sent to both city & country newspapers.
- He photographed Australian soldiers on patrol in most parts of the country. He travelled mostly by helicopter from the DMZ (demilitarized zone between North & South Vietnam) to Central & Southern Vietnam.



- **Most of his photos can be viewed on the Australian War Memorial website.**

- **His photos are also published in many of the books on the Vietnam war.**



- **He returned to Australia in December 1970 after serving eleven months in the War zone. He was discharged from the Army in January 1971 after serving his two years National Service.**



- **John moved back to Dapto after his Army service to help in the family business. The business JG Fairley Pty.Ltd was at the time a General Store changing to a Hardware store in 1971. The business closed in 2001 after 102yrs in business!**