Noel remembered for famous news picture

**OBITUARY**

By NIGEL ADLAM

THE man who took an award-winning photograph capturing the deep division in Australia over the Vietnam War has died.

Noel Stubbs had been at the Darwin Hospice since June. He was 71.

Mr Stubbs won a Walkley Award in 1966 for his news photo of a welcome home parade in Sydney for Diggers returning from Vietnam, where protester Nadine Jensen smothered herself in red paint and rubbed herself against several soldiers to indicate that they were ‘covered in blood’.

The Diggers didn’t flinch — they just kept on marching.

Mr Stubbs made the move from Sydney to Darwin in 1971 to become chief photographer at the Northern Territory News.

When Cyclone Tracy struck in 1974, he made sure his family was safe and then drove down Rothdale Rd in Jingili taking pictures.

Mr Stubbs gave up photography to work as a technician with Telstra soon after the cyclone.

His son-in-law, retired policeman Garry Casey, said: ‘‘He rarely touched a camera again.

‘‘But he was enormously proud of his Walkley Award and spoke about it until his final days.’’

Mr Stubbs leaves his wife of 56 years, Noni, and also two children, Michelle and Wayne.

His funeral will be held at Thorak cemetery at 10am today.

ABOVE: Noel Stubbs with wife Noni. BELOW: Mr Stubbs won a Walkley Award in 1966 for his photo of a welcome home parade in Sydney for Diggers returning from Vietnam, where protester Nadine Jensen smothered herself in red paint and rubbed herself against several soldiers to indicate that they were ‘covered in blood’.

Psychiatrist deems former officer fit for work

A PSYCHIATRIST has told a court a former police officer who has accused the NT Police of bullying and harassment could return to full-time work.

Professor Harvey Whitford told the Darwin Work Health Court that psychologically there was nothing preventing former detective constable Roberta Barnett from returning to work.

Mr Whitford has taken the police to court, blaming some of the force’s top brass of bullying her and giving her a psychological injury that has left her ‘‘unemployable’’.

Earlier in the hearing, Ms Barnett said she was no longer able to work under anyone, and had trouble working more than an hour a day as a result of the alleged bullying during her time as a police officer between 1998 and 2006.

But Professor Whitford said she would be able to work away from the personalities in the NT Police force, but was vulnerable to a flare-up in her adjustment disorder if she perceived bullying or harassment in a new position.

‘‘It wasn’t the work she had to do, but the environment she was working in that was doing that work in,’’ she said.

‘‘It seemed to me her relationship with those individuals was the focus of her ongoing distress.’’

Detective-Superintendent Joanne Wernham and 2005 for Buderim in Queensland.

Mr Prechelt is survived by his sons Mark and Greg, his mother Judy and wife Christa. His funeral is being held today at 1pm in Maroochydore.

No DNA concerns

THIR shock decision by the Victorian police to suspend DNA evidence being presented in court does not affect the Territory.

NT acting commissioner Bruce Wernham said the move did not question the ‘‘integrity’’ of DNA test results, but only the way it was statistically interpreted.

‘‘Northern Territory police have a very conservative statistical interpretation model, which has been reviewed by renowned, independent scientists and forensic statisticians,’’ he said.

Mr Wernham said police were ‘‘totally confident’’ in the Territory’s model.

**Darwin business pioneer dies, 77**

A PIONEERING Darwin business man has died, Klaus Prechelt was 77.

Mr Prechelt (pictured) came to Australia from Berlin in 1951 at the age of 19 and settled in Darwin.

He and Jim Bell of Nightcliff established the Bell & Prechelt building business in 1959.

The business went on to become a major contractor for the NT Department of Works during the 1960s and 1970s.

Mr Prechelt lived on the corner of Gardens Rd and Melville St next to the Botanical Gardens.

He was a prominent member of the Darwin community and passionate Toast Master at Darwin’s original Beef and Burgundy Club.

He could be found on many a day enjoying lunch with friends at Charlies, an institution for Darwin’s business community at the time.

He left Darwin in 1985 for Buderim in Queensland.

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**Product Safety Recall**

**MISTRAL Portable Air Conditioner**

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**Macklin tours camps**

INDIGENOUS Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin toured Alice Springs town camps yesterday where a clean-up is underway as part of a $130 million rejuvenation project.

Ms Macklin said the clean-up will pave the way for the construction of 85 new houses, essential infrastructure and rebuilds and refurbishments of existing houses that are in poor condition.

‘‘Work is finally underway to change the lives of town camp residents,’’ she said. ‘‘Building houses and fixing infrastructure demonstrates the Government’s commitment to an accelerated and concerted effort to deliver essential services and infrastructure to the children and families of the… camps.’’

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