

## Vale Geoff James

It is with great sadness that we have to advise the passing of long-time Register member Geoff James. Geoff died peacefully in hospital in Queensland with members of his family by his side, he was 85.

The Register got to know Geoff in 1999, when he was elected to the Committee as the Historian, in those days primarily responsible for handling requests for birth certificates for TRs. After several years in that position, he became Vice President, displaying boundless energy and enthusiasm - not always well-directed, after all he was the inaugural winner of the MOSS award for his exploits ! The Committee at the time had to make a rule that limited the awarding of the trophy on a once-only basis, as Geoff could have won the trophy virtually every year.

In 2008 Geoff was elected as Register President, a position he held for the next 6 years. His enthusiasm was infectious, and the Register prospered under his leadership. He attended almost every event on the calendar, always steadfastly refusing to put up the top on his red TR3A, affectionately known as The Tart, no matter what the weather threw at him. On one memorable occasion he was on the way home from a Register event when a hailstorm struck. After stopping under a bridge, he approached other members with blood pouring down his face from the hailstones, creating a somewhat frightening spectacle.

After 15 years on the Committee, Geoff retired and subsequently moved to the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, where he and his TR were quite active until recent years.

Geoff was one of the true characters of the Register, and many of his friends will have lots of stories to remember him by. We can all thank him for helping to make the Register the outstanding club that it is today. RIP old chap.