

# In Memory of Hugh Monroe

27.11.1947 - 10.01.2010



Vale

Hugh Monroe

At 6.30am on January the 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 Hugh Monroe was accidentally killed when the CFA fire truck he was driving clipped a tree and rolled. The accident occurred not far from his home in Tolmie, just out of Mansfield in Victoria's North East.

Apart from his ten year involvement with the CFA, Hugh was a very keen and accomplished fly fisher. He was an early member of Yarra Valley Fly Fishers in the suburbs of Melbourne. Some fourteen years ago Hugh and his family shifted to Tolmie. Hugh retired early from the army and spent his time doing what he liked best, fishing and helping his local community.

Hugh was also a very active member and past president of the Mansfield Flyfishers Club and in recent years he was also actively involved with the Australian Trout Foundation. Hugh contributed a considerable amount of time and effort into ATF projects such as the reconstruction of the Howqua River track and other works on the Jamieson River over the last few years. He worked very closely with ATF's Project Manager, Merv McGuire on these projects and was Merv's 'man on the spot' to get things happening. This was a roll he loved doing and we could not have had a more obliging and competent person to undertake this role.

Hugh also assisted in the Futurefish/ATF project to help get the Buxton Trout Farm back in operation after the devastating Black Saturday Fires in 2009. Again he was one of the first to put his hand up to help.

Most importantly to me, he was a friend, not only of mine but also to so many other people; he was amazing. That was the nature of the man; if you needed assistance, he was there.

I know I will miss him as will so many others. His passing is a tragic and real devastating loss.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Mick Hall  
President  
Australian Trout Foundation