

Captain Edward [Ted] John Wilson
26/05/1939 to 26/04/2024
Member of the League
Roll No. 325



Ted was born in Kogarah Hospital Sydney to parents May & Edward Wilson in 1939, brother to Norma & Rosemary. His mother May died unexpectedly in 1948 and all three children moved from Hurstville to live with their grandparents in Northbridge, attending Willoughby Public School 1948-1952. In 1952 Ted was “adopted” by his Uncle Fred and Aunty Phyllis and moved to Geelong with his “Brocousins” David & Phillip and Attending Geelong College. In 1955 he joined BHP as a Deck Apprentice and gained his Second Mates Certificate sailing on the Australian Coast.

In 1961 he passed his First Mates Certificate and joined Eastern & Australian Steam Navigation Company trading between Australia and Asia, he was promoted 1st Mate, followed by his passing his Masters Certificate in 1967 and becoming Master of the SS Aramac at the age of 28.

In 1970 he came ashore as Assistant Marine Superintendent with P&O Australia Ltd, returning to sea later that year as Master of SS Arawatta at age 30 before returning to his Superintendent job later that year after one voyage due to deteriorating eyesight. In 1976 he moved to McDonald Hamilton and became General Manager/Operations Manager of Dilmun Navigation Company, which operated tankers servicing PNG, Solomon Is and the South Pacific. In 1982 after six years Ted resigned to come ashore to care for his father who was in failing health. In 1983 he married Trish Holdway at St Chad’s Anglican Church Cremorne. In 1984 he returned to work as Operations Manager at Seatrade Ltd for six years.

His daughter Eve was born in 1987. In 1990 he worked as Shipping Manager with White Mining Company on a coal project in India. Follow up projects with White kept him active until 2015.

In 2014 he walked Eve down the aisle for her wedding to Marco. His grandson Will was born in 2022.

After retirement in 2015 Ted continued with voluntary work, 19 years with Meals on Wheels, Hon Sec Company of Master Mariners of Australia (NSW Branch), COMMA representative member of the Navy League, President Middle Harbour Progress Association. Ted was also a long time member of League of Ancient Mariners of NSW



Ted in Uniform 1955



Ted with wife Trish

Thank You to Ted's family for information & photos