



*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



**Norman Ellis**

18th April 1940 ~ 8th September 2023

GRIFFITH LAWN CEMETERY

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023





# Norman William Ellis

Dearly loved husband of

Rhonda

Much loved father and father-in-law of

Neil & Michele

Jason & Jo

Tanya

**Cherished Poppy of**

Jack, Patrick, Liam, Ryan,

William, Olivia and Lachlan

## **Close the Gate**

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,  
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,  
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,  
Hang up your shovel inside of the shed; your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,  
The sun is setting, the sheep are all fed, and here now is the end of your day.

You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,  
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labour is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,  
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.

# Order of Service

Music: Beautiful Circle (*Sara Storer*)

Welcome and Introduction

Eulogy: Read by *Neil Ellis*

Poem: 'Close the gate' Read by *Liam Ellis*

Music: A farming man (*Grant Luhrs*)

Tribute: from *Rodney Evans*

Tribute: from *Graham Grant*

Reflection

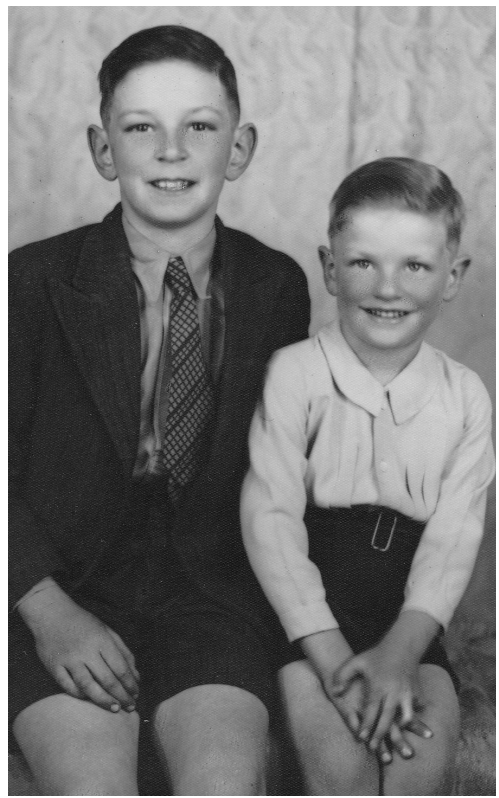
Committal

Music: You are my sunshine (*Jasmine Thompson*)

Words of thanks

Music: Bob the Kelpie (*Don Spencer*)





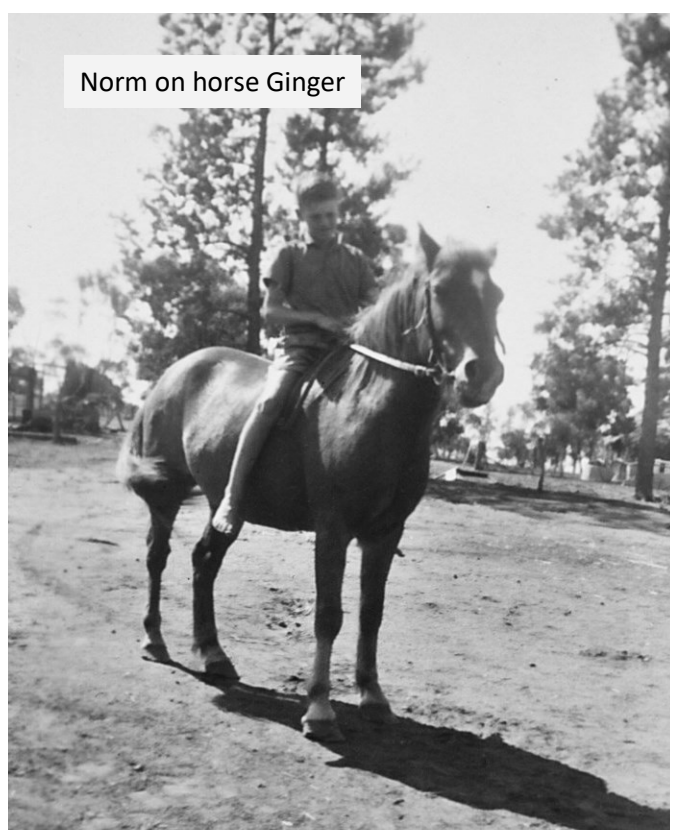
Norman and Baden Ellis



Rabbit hunting



Norm on horse Ginger





Cadet at Albury Grammar



Albury Grammar







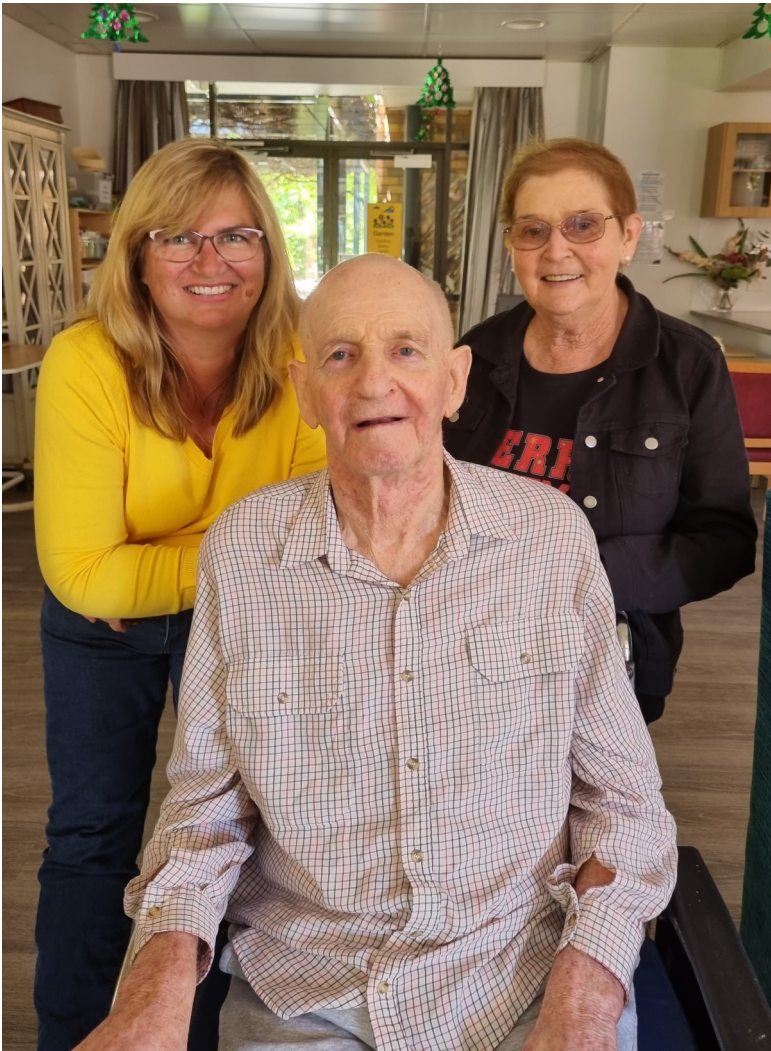
Baden and Norman Ellis, Jim and Bill Irvin



Barellan Football Club premiership







Norm and Eldest grandchild Jack



After many months apart due to Covid - a re-union of the brothers



Scalabrini great mate, Dario Serafin





Thank you for your presence here today and for your expressions of sympathy, support and friendship.

Special thanks to the Scalabrini Village staff for the exceptional level of care and compassion given to Norman during his residence.

Please join the family for light refreshments at the Exie's Sporties Club after the service.

