

## **LINDSAY APTED**

**31 MARCH 1922 – 17 JUNE 2010**

Lindsay Apted died on 17 June 2010. He died at home on his couch after lunch in the room overlooking the orchard and the surrounding bush, where he had lived most of his long and valuable life.

Lindsay was a community leader. He did not throw his weight around but was involved in all aspects of the community and used his wisdom in any ways to make life smoother. He was a foundation member of Strathewen Landcare and actively recruited members.

He was in tune with what went on in the area and knew what was going on. One of the ways he achieved this was by travelling around the area and talking to people. I used to be amazed by the unlikely people he knew. This included my late father-in-law, Reg Smithers, who bought our property in 1969, although he lived in Kew. Lindsay knew him almost from the beginning of Reg's association with the area.

Lindsay and Edith used to drive around the area to check what was going on. I once saw them parked on the side of the road and stopped to see if they needed help. They had just stopped on their tour of inspection to admire a view.

Whenever one needed good advice, it was always worthwhile seeking his opinion. On several occasions I have regretted that I did not make better use of his wisdom.

He had a lively sense of humour and there was always a twinkle in his eye. It gave him great pleasure and amusement to tell me about a discussion he had with my eldest daughter, Jenny, then aged about seventeen. She was handing out how- to -vote cards for the ALP during an election, and Lindsay was giving them out for the Liberals. Jenny, who was a passionate believer in ideals, told him that she could not understand how a nice and intelligent man like himself could support the Liberals. Her enthusiasm for her cause gave him great pleasure and when he told me about it, he was still laughing and his eyes twinkling.

Lindsay was involved in so much in the area; working to have electricity put on, in 1962 I think, the school, the fire brigade, St Matthews Church and so many other areas. He served the orcharding industry on the Orchards and Cool Stores Association and the Australian Apple and Pear Growers Association. He was a member of the green wedge Farmers Association and the Rural Shire Action committee, whose object was to get a better deal for this area from the council. Edith was treasurer.

He was very distressed at losing so many friends during the fires, but gave help and consolation to the survivors.

Lindsay lived a full and good life and he was respected by all.