

AFTERWORD: A PERSONAL NOTE

For as long as we can remember, the university and academia were a part of Mum's life. Research, field work, lectures, tutorials and writing papers were familiar subjects to us long before we attended university ourselves. Mum loved her work and was quietly proud of the results, particularly her published works and her Ph.D. She would have been even more proud and humbled by the tribute paid to her by the many friends and colleagues who have contributed to this publication.

Mum's academic interests often crossed over into our family life. On family holidays she would always be able to explain to us the formation of the landscape. Wherever Mum went she would have an 'eagle eye' for interesting landforms and rocks, sometimes carrying large samples home with her. We both spent time with Mum in the field, driving the 4WD and helping to carry samples and take notes. We are pleased, as Mum was, that academic life provided her with so many personal rewards, such as lifelong friendships and opportunities to travel extensively overseas and to remote parts of Australia.

We have always been proud of Mum's achievements, her hard-working, methodical approach and her ability and willingness to tackle the unconventional and try new things. This publication is an enduring reminder for us of Mums' accomplishments, professional and personal, and we are grateful to everyone for their time, their contributions and for the tribute they have paid to Mum's work and memory.

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