



8 October 2020

Statement from the Hon Will Alstergren on the passing of Judge Guy Andrew

It is with deep sadness that I confirm the tragic death of Judge Guy Andrew.

Queensland police has this evening released a public statement:

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/news/2020/10/08/update-2-search-for-missing-man-mount-coot-tha/>

His Honour is survived by his wife Nicole and daughters Bridget and Morgan.

His Honour will be remembered as a fine, highly respected barrister and a diligent and determined judge who lived a life of service to others and to the law.

He was loved and admired by many during his long career at the Bar and he made many good friendships in his short time on the Bench. The esteem in which he was held was evident by the large number of judges, barristers, solicitors, associates and other Court staff who took an active part in the search for him.

His tragic passing is a timely reminder of the extraordinary pressure on all who practice in the often highly emotive family law jurisdiction. This pressure can be exacerbated by appointment.

Whilst His Honour's transition to the Bench presented saw some initial, unforeseen challenges, Guy, with the support and encouragement so freely offered by his colleagues was navigating his way through these challenges with all the determination that marked all that he did and especially marked what he did in the service of others.

All our love and prayers go out to Nicole, Bridget and Morgan during this terrible time.

Judge Guy Andrew will be dearly missed.

The Hon Justice William Alstergren
Chief Justice
Family Court of Australia
Chief Judge
Federal Circuit Court of Australia