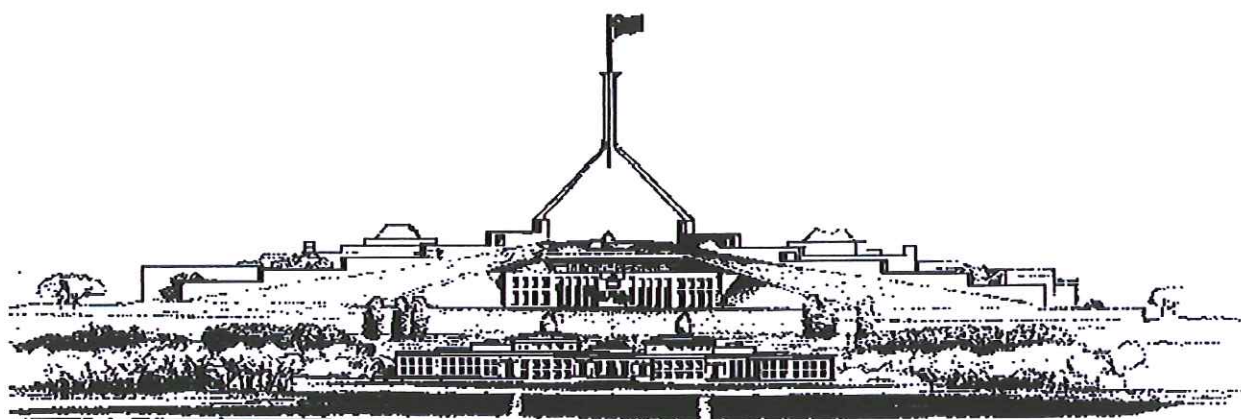




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confronted by these terrible events at a time when their lives should be filled with care-free enjoyment, hope and idealism.

In the ceremonies held in Newcastle and in the comments made by many people who knew Jenny Williamson, the words that shone through are that she was a beautiful person in every way, a loving wife to Bruce, a devoted mother to Adam, Megan and Duncan and a generous woman who always gave her support to others. Jenny left a radiance wherever she went. Her courage and that of Bruce, her husband, stand as a tribute to them both.

The family of Colin Zwolinski want everyone here to know that Australia had done Colin proud. He had emigrated from the UK after his father died when he was 15, determined to make his fortune. Colin achieved the Australian dream: he became a successful entrepreneur, devoted to his mine-tunnelling business, constantly travelling and providing employment for many people. He was supported by a loving wife, Fiona, a Merewether girl whom he had met at the Beach Hotel. They had fallen in love, married and raised two wonderful sons, Ben and Isaac. Fiona was a nurse and a successful athlete.

The footpaths of Merewether will seem very empty today. In all, they were three people who lived their lives fully, with love and dedication to their families and generous commitment to their careers and to their community. They were each regarded with great affection and respect and will be sorely missed.

The Newcastle families have worked as one in many ways throughout this ordeal. They want this condolence motion to register their appreciation of the efforts of others, too numerous to all be named. However, they ask that mention be made of the following: the scores of Balinese people and hotel staff who assisted complete strangers to hospital

and who gave unsolicited help to wounded Australians in the hours immediately following the bombings; the Balinese medical and nursing staff at clinics and hospitals in Kuta and Denpasar; the many doctors, nurses, police officers, diplomats, flight crews, Australian officials and contractors involved in the expert care, swift evacuation of wounded and stranded people to various hospitals and back to Australia and who provided ongoing assistance. Australia can be very proud of them all, including the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and its consulate and other staff for their professionalism and speedy support.

The Newcastle families particularly wish to mention Mr Brian Diamond, the Australian Vice Consul in Denpasar; Mr David Ritchie, the Australian Ambassador in Jakarta; and Mr Miles Kupa, the Australian High Commissioner in Singapore. They also thank the Australian Federal Police officers and staff in Bali, Singapore, Darwin and Sydney who arranged for logistic and family assistance and liaison. They also thank the doctors and staff of International SOS who evacuated severely wounded people to Singapore; the flight crews from RAAF Base Richmond No. 36 Squadron and crews and medical staff from RAAF Base Amberley, Health Services Wing; Qantas and their staff for undertaking the evacuations from Bali back to Sydney; the surgeons and other medical and nursing staff at Royal Darwin Hospital, particularly Dr Len Notaras; the staff at Singapore General Hospital and Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, particularly Dr Susan Lim; the staff at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle; and the staff at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick.

The Newcastle families also thank Centrelink counselling staff and the federal Minister for Health and Ageing, Mr Tony Abbott, for his on-the-ground support when it counted. Tony, your genuine effort, reassur-