

## Vale Colin Nettebeck

The ISFAR community is mourning the loss of Emeritus Professor Colin Nettelbeck. With colleagues Wallace Kirsop and Dennis Davison, Colin co-founded ISFAR and its journal *Explorations* (now *The French Australian Review*). He served in various roles (including president) in ISFAR from 1985 to 2000 and returned as president from 2011 to 2018. During the latter period, his policies emphasised the research profile of the Institute, including upgrading the journal, and creating a dedicated Research Committee and establishing the French Australian Dictionary of Biography, to which he contributed several entries. Colin published widely on modern and contemporary French literature, cinema, and cultural history, contributed regularly to *Explorations* and *The French Australian Review* and, at the time of his passing, was writing the story of the Crivelli family in Australia. Colin's many other roles and achievements are listed in his life membership profile and in a tribute written by Colin's longstanding friend and colleague, Emeritus Professor Ivan Barko, in the most recent issue of *The French Australian Review* (72), which was dedicated to Colin.

A Colin Nettelbeck Scholarship was set up in 2021 to recognise the central role Colin played in founding the Institute and his longstanding commitment and invaluable contribution to all its public and research activities. Colin passed away on October 21, 2022 after a long illness.

