
VALE JOHN FAIRLIE

30 DECEMBER 1948 - 7 FEBRUARY 2024



It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our esteemed Chairman, John Fairlie. John's indomitable spirit, unwavering commitment, and visionary leadership have left an indelible mark on our organisation.

[A Legacy of Excellence](#)

John's journey was one of resilience and achievement. From his early days as a manager in the supermarket industry, he made his way into finance. He worked in Hobart for Westpac and both Westpac and NAB Private Bank in Melbourne before acquiring Geoff Doolan and Associates in 2000. He renamed the business to GDA Group which became his passion, his business, work and hobby.

[Beyond Finance](#)

John's impact extended beyond his involvement with GDA. He was the proud father to four daughters and twelve grandchildren. He was well travelled with his wife Ann with the private game parks of the Sabi Sands area of South Africa being a favorite.

His most recent passion was touring with his grandson Jack Beeton as he pursues his Formula 4 career in Europe.

[A Man of Integrity](#)

To us, John was more than a business leader; he was a man of great integrity. His warmth, humor, and generosity endeared him to colleagues and friends alike. John's vision continues to guide us, ensuring that we remain steadfast in our commitment to you.

[Business as Usual](#)

John's sudden death has been a shock for all. He is, and will continue to be, greatly missed.

As we mourn John's loss, we want to assure you that our operations continue seamlessly. Our dedicated team, led by John's long term business partners and trusted successors, remains committed to your financial well-being. You are in safe hands.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our client services team.

We are here for you.