

No Defibrillator: crowdfunding for medical equipment in paradise



Vinnie died in the place he loved. The clinic on Nusa Penida, an undeveloped island off the mainland of Bali, was under equipped. No defibrillator, and the ECG equipment was not operational. His family hope to help others “next time”, so that they may enjoy this slice of paradise without tragedy.

Nusa Penida lies off the tourist track. Known for its beautiful beaches, you can visit in a day trip by speedboat. But the best way to enjoy the island is to spend at least a few days there. Vinnie was enjoying the seaside and relaxing with his family – his wife Annette, known as Annie, his children Lily, Ruby and Jack, and their extended families.

It was a place Vincent and his family had visited many, many times. On this particular visit, Vinnie was in need of lifesaving equipment. However, the Nusa Penida clinic did not have operational ECG equipment, nor a defibrillator. Vincent Paul Mumford, of Elterwick Victoria, died on July 3.



The Mumford family's tragedy sparked a crowdfunding campaign "in memory of Vinnie and his deep love of Bali and her people". The family are raising funds to be able to buy a defibrillator or similar and take it to the local medical team on their next visit.

Annie's cousin, Meredith, helped create the [mycause fundraising page](#) on 12 July. In just under a week, family and friends had raised almost \$7,000 for the cause.

With the donations are a flood of messages, many expressing fond memories of Vincent and the family.

Mark writes: "Rest In Peace Vinnie. An exceptional human. Always the gentleman and very fond memories of him at Devon St. Gone too soon."

Natalie writes: "Thank you for thinking of this idea. In our time working in the Nature Reserve together Vincent talked so much about these places! My deepest sympathies to the family."

On a tribute board, Gina Fiske wrote the following: "Vince was very much a passionate, diligent and caring person who as a community volunteer gave so much to the elsternwick park association as the Treasurer, committee member, on park volunteer and friend to many of us, to whom gave his time and energy and skills to help realise a local vision. He will be so greatly missed and remembered by many people. RIP."

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