

## **EDD 403 JASMINE**

Jasmine was born in 1998. She was trained by Corporal Fred Cox in the United Kingdom during February 1999. Fred was in the UK and trained Jasmine at the British Army dog school at Melton Mowbray. Fred brought Jasmine to Australia on his RTA and they were posted to 2 CER based in Brisbane. Jasmine attended Operation Gold in 2000. In 2001, Jasmine was posted to SME in 2002 and was re-teamed with Sapper Shane Edwards. During 2005, SPR Edwards discharged Jasmine became a "spare" dog and through some unusual circumstances moved from SME and was quartered with John Cannon and his family. In late 2005, the call came for EDD to be tested for operational duty in Afghanistan and Sapper Phil Grazier needed an EDD to train up to combat competency. John recommended Jasmine to Phil. Phil took up the recommendation and was immediately impressed by Jasmine's EDD capabilities. They became a team. In November 2005, Phil and Jasmine were deployed to Afghanistan in support of SOTG 1 & 2, operating out of TK. At the completion of SOTG 2, Phil RTA but Jasmine remained in-country for SOTG 3 when she was re-teamed with Sapper Chad Meldrum. Jasmine RTA in late 2006 and having completed her 30 day quarantine at AQIS Eastern Creek, she was retired by the Army in 2007. Jasmine was discharged and taken into the care of WO2 Macalinden and his wife Anne Marie. In 2007, Jasmine caught a serious infection in one of her eyes and it had to be removed by a Veterinary Surgeon. Jasmine passed away in 2009.