

Frank's first flight

And he loved it!

One of Killarney Vale's oldest residents, Mr Frank Davidson, drew quite an interested audience when he arrived in Gosford by helicopter from the Royal North Shore Hospital yesterday.

Mr Davidson, 70, of Davidson Avenue (the street was named after him) was admitted to the Royal North Shore

Hospital's intensive care ward on Friday of last week with a heart condition.

According to his son, Peter, who was at Gosford Golf Club together with his wife and Mrs Davidson, when the helicopter arrived, his

father's doctor had decided the trip back by helicopter would be easier on him because of his condition, than the journey by road.

A Brisbane Water District Ambulance was waiting to take Mr Davidson to Gosford District Hospital when

the helicopter set down on the golf course practice range.

Mr Davidson, who had just had his first experience of flight, said the "trip was marvellous" and he had thoroughly enjoyed it.

It is the first time in 70

years he has had his feet off the ground," his son, Peter, remarked.

A retired PMG employee Mr Davidson, in his younger days worked on the construction of the Sydney Harbour bridge and was one of the last men to leave the job.



Wales' Rescue helicopter pilot, Peter Howe (left) and co-pilot, Bob Ford (second from right) lift Mr Frank Davidson from the helicopter while waiting ambulance officers. Deputy Superintendent of Brisbane Water Ambulance, John Jacobs (right) and Officer Geoff Davis, attend to the life saving equipment which accompanied Mr Davidson on his trip. A doctor from Royal North Shore Hospital attended Mr Davidson on the flight to Gosford.

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