Attended Dapto Public School from 1952 - 1958

- John Fairley was a student at Dapto Public School between 1952 and 1958.
- Both his Father and his two daughters also attended Dapto Public School.
- After leaving High School in 1964 he began working as a commercial photographer in Sydney.
- In 1969 he was called up for two years National Service & spent the two years as an Army photographer in Canberra, Brisbane & Vietnam.
- In Vietnam John shot both moving & still pictures. The movie was sent onto Canberra for processing & then sent to the television channels to be used on their nightly news. The still photos were processed in Saigon by either John (or one of the other three photographers who were in Vietnam at a time) & then forwarded onto Canberra to be sent to both city & country newspapers.
- He photographed Australian soldiers on patrol in most parts of the country. He travelled mostly by helicopter from the DMZ (demilitarized zone between North & South Vietnam) to Central & Southern Vietnam.
• Most of his photos can be viewed on the Australian War Memorial website.

• His photos are also published in many of the books on the Vietnam war.

• He returned to Australia in December 1970 after serving eleven months in the War zone. He was discharged from the Army in January 1971 after serving his two years National Service.

• John moved back to Dapto after his Army service to help in the family business. The business JG Fairley Pty.Ltd was at the time a General Store changing to a Hardware store in 1971. The business closed in 2001 after 102yrs in business!