

VALE

It has been a sad old island over the past fortnight and there were two very sudden shocks this last week.

Ernest Byron Adams (Ernie Pat) died suddenly at his home in Cascades early Saturday morning, 9th May at the age of 56 years.

Born on Norfolk Island on 31st July 1925, he was the second eldest son of the late Pat and of Mrs. Helen Elizabeth (Ma) Adams of Cascades.

He had gone back to work only a fortnight after some sick leave. At the time of his death he had been a member of the D.C.A. (Department of Transport as it is called now), for 30 years. Before he came home some 10 years ago he had been a Line Foreman in Sydney for 20 years.

During World War II he was a member of the Militia on Norfolk Island.

A good all-round sportsman, he was a very keen footballer and tennis player. During his schooldays he won the Selheim Cup for school sport two years running.

He was a fairly big man, a kind and courteous Norfolker, rather quiet and unassuming but always a kind and friendly smile for everyone. A staunch member of the Methodist and later Uniting Church on Norfolk Island - his dad and his younger brother both Elders and lay readers.

Ernie is survived by his wife Nancy and son Brian.

To Nancy, Brian and to dear Ma (who has had more than her fair share of grief in the last year or so), to Ern's brothers Charles, George (Mac) and Tom and their families, we extend our very sincere sympathies in their sad and sudden loss.

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Then on Monday morning, we were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Frances Laing (nee Snell) at her home at Ball Bay, earlier that morning.

Frances was born in Santo where her parents, Ike Snell and Mary (Adams) had a plantation. They moved back to Norfolk when Frances was about 2 years of age. She was the youngest of the family (she turned 60 last February) - Gilbert (Narta), Celia Yaeman, Jessie Heins, Joarty, the late Keith (Granpa) her brothers and sisters.

During World War II, Frances served in the Land Army in Sydney for 4 years and married Graham Douglas (Hippo) Laing on Norfolk Island when Hippo (as he is known to us) returned after being a P.O.W. in Austria.

A devoted wife and mother, Frances and Hippo enjoyed most of all their fishing together on the rocks around Norfolk. When Suzie came along she just glowed with happiness.

To Hippo and 13-year old Suzie, Frances and Hippo's relatives and families, we extend our heartfelt sympathies in their sudden grief.

THANK YOU.

Ma Adams and family, Nancy, Brian and family, wish to convey their heartfelt gratitude to the

doctors, nurses, hospital staff, Pastor Seymour Brown, grave diggers and all the marvellous people for their condolences, cakes, flowers, etc. and to everyone else who assisted in any way.

To John (Moochy) Christian for conveying Ma and Bob (Charles) from the airport to the funeral, Thanks, Moochy. Also for your and Gary Ryan's many, many kindnesses to Ern as work mates. Also for the assistance of his workmates to Nancy, his wife, during his illness.

We, one and all, wish to thank all yorlie for your wonderful thoughts and help. And thank you, members of the Reds Football team who acted as Pallbearers.

We wish to convey our most heartfelt thanks to all those marvellous people who were such a help and comfort - the Doctor and hospital staff, the ambulance driver, Sid Cooper, the grave diggers and wreath makers - and all who expressed their kindest sympathy in our sad loss. Hip and Susan Laing.

THANK YOU

... Mrs. Marjorie Lush and her daughter Mrs. Radley, would like to record their thanks to Doctor Miles and his terrific staff for their kindness and wonderful attention to Marjorie while she was in their care.

Special thanks to Miss Billy Ward for her help and to those kind folks who popped in to chat and saved our holiday from complete disaster! (Mrs. Radley's son Martin (11) accompanied his Gran - Mrs. Lush - to Norfolk from New Zealand and Mrs. Radley from paPadstow, Sydney, met up with them as a surprise when they arrived! It was unfortunate that Mrs. Lush had to spend most of her holiday hospitalised but we she won't think too unkindly of Norfolk because of that! We hear that she received all that 'loving care and kindness' for which our hospital staff is renowned.

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ANOTHER GUIDING VISIT

Over the past 10 days the S.D.A. Camp site in New Cascade Road has been the scene of much activity with the visit of the 1st Yowie Bay Guide Company of 28 persons!!!

Enjoying Norfolk until Saturday, are:
Yowie Bay District Commissioner Mrs. Barbara Faggotter; 1st Cronulla Ranger Unit, Mrs. Joan Way; Helpers on the staff: Mrs. Fay Procter, Miss Kerrie Procter, Master Craig Procter, Ann Eacott and Mr. Brian Eacott. Captain Mrs. Beryl Eacott, Knoombee, Mrs. Marie Clark, Junior Leader Miss Katie Stanley - and the girls - Robynne Beer, Carolyn Bruce, Robyn Organ, Kym Fagan, Michele Elliott, Marie Bell, Kristen Maguire, Christine Nielsen, Louisa Clark, Michelle Dixon, Karen Bell, Anna Kirby, Kerry Lake, Kerrie Horder, Lyndal Wyndham, Annette Paterson, Martina Wutzke and Megan Wyndham.

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