



EULEEN MIRO KIERNAN.

The sudden tragedy which beset the Kiernan family on the morning of 14th January has left not only the family and its relations in great loss, but the community of Norfolk Island has lost a very lovely and caring person in Euleen Kiernan.

Born in New Plymouth, New Zealand, Euleen spent her primary years at Little Akaroa Primary School and later became Dux of New Brighton District High School, Christchurch.

Working as a personal secretary in Christchurch for a couple of years, she moved to Auckland where she married James Russell Kiernan on 18th April 1959. They had four children - Ian, Mark, Paul (Shorty) and Katrina.

They came to Norfolk Island in 1975 with Mark, Shorty and Katrina, Ian remaining in New Zealand to complete his education. Ian has since moved to Norfolk and is now here with his wife Jasmine and young Hailey. Shorty and Katrina attended the Norfolk Island Central School (now both working) while Mark went into the RAAF.

Euleen worked with her life-long friend Jan in "Sew 'n'Sew" until she purchased her own business "The Underworld" in 1982 and well known among the locals as a happy and co-operative person with whom to deal in her special lines of ladies wear.

She was a great family person and gave a warm welcome to many friends and relations at the family home in Cutter's Corn. She was a keen fisherwoman and one of the great joys of her life in more recent times was singing with Moya Jackson and Margaret Beaumont as one of the trio of Catholic ladies and looking after the floral arrangements in our Catholic Church.

Euleen is survived by husband Jim, Ian and family, Mark and family, Short and Katrina, her sisters Berys in Canada and Ila in Melbourne and families.

As Father Harry Moore said "Euleen derived tremendous pleasure in looking after the flowers in the church" - and we feel that the Communion Song which was sung at the Requiem Mass - "For the Beauty of the Earth" summed up Euleen's outlook on life - her love for all God's creation.

The community of Norfolk shares in the loss of this lovely lady.

From Ian and Inez John from Auckland, came this message to be included in this issue:

"Dearest Euleen - just one lovely person who gave so much love to us and who will always be held close to our hearts.

Our deepest sympathy to Jimmy and family. We share with you in your sorrow. God Bless".

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HEALTHCARE NOTES - continued.

I appreciated his contribution to the debate: New Zealanders living in Norfolk need the protection of the Healthcare Scheme every bit as much as we all do.

ROCK FISHERWOMAN HURT IN FALL

Mrs. Eulene Kiernan, a very keen fisherwoman of Cutter's Corn, was injured early last Wednesday morning, 10th January when the rope which she was using to get to the fishing spot at Headstone, broke, and sent her crashing onto the rocks below.

The island's emergency services - Volunteer Rescue Squad, Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance were utilised and Ambulance staff and Doctor Parsons attended to Eulene at the base of the cliff.

After treatment at the Hospital, Eulene was flown to New Zealand for further treatment on the afternoon Air New Zealand flight to Auckland.

According to a member of the family, Eulene has undergone one operation and she is comfortable and has regained feeling in some parts of her body. She will be examined by the Specialist on Monday.

The Norfolk Island Police would like to thank the Volunteer Rescue Squad members, the St. Johns Ambulance staff and the Red Cross members who set up a canteen for the helpers, the boat crews who stood by to assist and to all the other people who co-operated during the incident.

CLIFF RESCUE SQUAD COMES OF AGE

Five years ago, Chris. Buffett, Merv. Buffett and Arthur Evans, together with a few other volunteers, formed the Norfolk Island Cliff Rescue squad.

Back in those days there was an awareness among this group, that the island was quite unprepared to handle an emergency situation if someone was to accidentally fall over the steep cliffs that surround the island. There have been a number of such accidents in the past.

After months of effort, the group sent three representatives away to the mainland for specialist training and over the intervening years, the knowledge gained from this visit, plus that which has been passed on by visiting instructors, has seen our squad become very proficient in all facets of cliff rescue, vehicle extrication, bush search and communications.

They have taken part in various operations at different spots on the island and possibly the most dangerous job undertaken so far, was the retrieving of personal effects from the yacht which was washed on to the rocks at Headstone some years ago.

Over the years, the Squad has received much moral support from the Police and financial assistance from the Government and other interested Service Clubs and now has a membership of 16 - comprising both men and women.

An eye-witness of the rescue operations during last Wednesday's accident said "I was so proud of the way that the volunteer rescue team went about their work". We are sure that the whole island can be proud of the perseverance of those long-time members of the team who have plugged along steadily to keep alive the vision that they had some 5 years ago. This foresight and dedication proved their point that Norfolk Island is now prepared for any emergencies - and such as that which occurred last Wednesday.



Our photos, courtesy of the Norfolk Island Police, show the Doctor and Ambulance team attending to Eulene and the members of the Volunteer Rescue Squad "walking" up the cliff with the stretcher.