

## VALE.

Another shock to the community was the announcement that "Frankie" Christian had died peacefully at his home in Mill Road, last Saturday morning, 21st October.

He had not been too well over the last few months but we did not expect that sadness so suddenly.

The eldest son of the late Charles Reuben and Ruth Kilminster (nee Horrocks) Christian, Franklin Consett Reuben Christian, always known as Consett to the family but 'Frankie' to his many friends, was born on Norfolk in 1924. It was a large family - of 5 girls - Penelope, Pamela (deceased), Esme, Ena and Mera and 4 boys - Consett, (now deceased) Dalyell, Sydney and Fletcher.

After schooling on Norfolk, Consett went to the Kogarah Technical College.

He joined the RAAF, and under the Canadian Air Training Scheme became a Bomber Pilot, seeing service in New Guinea, and after discharge at Wagga, NSW, came back to Norfolk.

He did some farming but during the whaling years on the island, was the engineer for the Whaling Station until that disbanded in 1960.

Marrying Robyn Gulley, they had three sons - Nicholas, Timothy and Richard. However, Robyn and Frankie decided to part some 10 years ago and she took the boys to the mainland where they have been ever since.

The three boys were able to come over for the funeral which was conducted by the Rev. Les Thompson in All Saints, Kingston and later at the graveside at Kingston Cemetery.

It was indicative of the charisma of Frankie, always ready to help, always ready to 'pull the leg' that All Saints was packed for the service. There are many on the island who will forever remember him for his generosity.

During the service, young Richard faced those many people and it must have been quite an effort for him, to thank everyone for their friendship to his father and to himself and his two brothers since they had arrived on the island, apologising for the absence of his mother who had been unable to be present.

The boys told me of the so very happy times they had had with their father in his only recent visits to the mainland. "We had a really good time together, catching up with a lifetime of memories for both Mum and us. He became our best friend and we will treasure those days with him" they said.

As there was no photo available from any of the family, we could not think of a better tribute to Consett than to publish the one I took of the three boys when they visited me in the Printery on Thursday.....and no better epitaph than to say of 'Frankie' - than "he was a friend to all and it was good to know him"....and as one who had known him since my first visit in 1949, his cheery greetings never failed to leave a feeling of warmth.

To Penelope, Dalyell, Sydney, Esme, Ena, Fletcher, Mera and the members of their families

and the families of Pam and Consett, our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of their dearly loved Consett.



Photo shows the three sons of the late Franklin Consett Reuben Christian - l. to r. Timothy, Richard and Nicholas Christian.

Timothy is a salesman/storeman, Richard is at Epping Boys High and Nicholas is an apprentice TV Technician. They live at 75 Chester Street, Epping, 2121.

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Saturday	11am - 2pm 4pm - 8pm
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WOULD HOUSIE PATRONS PLEASE NOTE  
that housie will not be played at the Club until  
further notice.



## CONGRATULATIONS.....

To that lovely young couple, Chris and Leanne Kenny, on the birth of their 'son and heir' at the Norfolk Island Hospital on Friday 27th October, weighing 7-lb. 13-oz. by name of Brady Christopher.

Great excitement all round as Chris and Leanne are very popular and have many friends on the island. We can see young Brady accumulating lots of 'aunts and uncles'!

Love and best wishes to you three!

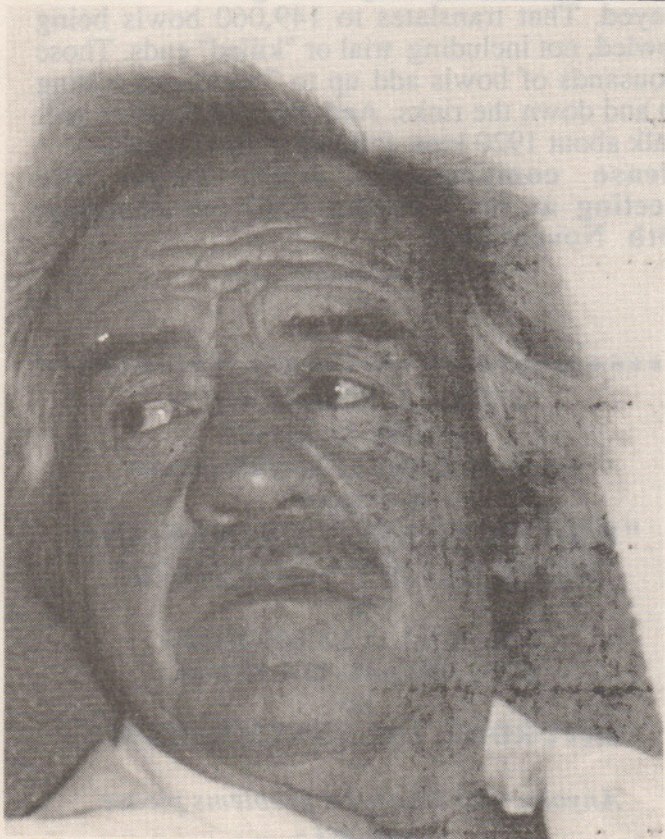
...Thank you....A sincere and hearty Thank you to the wonderful nursing staff and doctors of the Norfolk Island Hospital for the care and attention shown to us. We were treated as friends, not as patients and we really appreciate their thankless work.

Thank you to Doctors Panter, Parsons (not to forget Wood), Kaye, Glynn, Fla, Raewyn, Marge, Ruth, Joy N, Val and Pam and a special Thank You to Joy Cochrane for her origami (nappy folding) lessons! With love from Chris, Leanne and our son Brady.

## THANK YOU.

...Amanda Cottle - and her family - would like to say Thank You to all at the hospital who made her feel special and well again. (You might like to know that she sang on the way home, though!).

...To the doctors and all the lovely nurses and cooks - for looking after me so well whilst I was in hospital - a big Thank You. Francis Menghetti.



...We - Nicholas, Timothy, Richard, our Mother Robin, Stepfather Gavin and Grandfather Reg - would like to convey our dearest thanks to all who

contributed and took time to attend our Father's funeral. It will be a treasured memory that will be with us forever.

Special thanks to the hospital staff for their care of Dad before and after his death; to the ladies for the lovely flowers and other floral tributes.

Thanks to the R.S.L., the grave diggers, Ambulance attendants, staff of the Norfolk Island Administration, Rev. Les Thompson for the memorable Church service and to all the supportive friends and relatives of our family - and the people we haven't mentioned, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

...Consett's brothers, sisters and their families would like to also say a special Thank You to the above people and the organisations.

At times like the one we experienced, one especially appreciates being a part of the caring community of Norfolk Island.

(As was mentioned in our Vale notice last week, the family had not been able to find a photo of Consett; however, one has come to light and we publish this to go into our records - the late Franklin Consett Reuben Christian).

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