



#### VALE.

After a long illness, we heard on Saturday, 1st February, that Graham Robinson had passed away in the Norfolk Island Hospital.

Graham Robinson, also known as Robbie, or Gray, was born on 13th April 1908 on Norfolk Island. He was the fifth child and 3rd son of Enoch Cobcroft Robinson and Jemima Quintal and was the only one of Cobby and Jemima's four sons to survive into old age.

Of that family unit, Graham is survived by Sylvia Nobbs (Auntie Girlie) on Norfolk Island and Audrey Scott (Auntie Audrey) of Byron Bay.

When he was about 15 years old, Graham left Norfolk Island for Sydney where he trained as a telegraphist with Australian Cable and Wireless. As a young man he was transferred to Fiji where he met and married his first wife, Betty Southey. After the marriage they returned to Norfolk Island to farm at Steele's Point. Their children, Euene and John, were born on Norfolk Island.

Later, Graham moved his family to Australia so that he could take a course as a hotel manager. The outbreak of World War II saw him back in Fiji where he managed the Hotel Metropole in Suva. He joined the Fijian Military Forces, was sent to New Zealand for Officers' training and came back to Fiji a Second Lieutenant. He and his Company fought on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands campaign he being promoted to First Lieutenant then to Captain.

After the war ended, he was posted to Western Samoa as the aide-de-camp of its last governor, Colonel Volkner.

During the years spent in Samoa, Graham met and married his second wife, May Newton. Their son Adrian was born in Apia and upon his retirement from the Army, Graham returned to Norfolk Island with May and Adrian.

On Norfolk he carried out many jobs - Customs Officer, Policeman, Bailiff and part-time Telegraphist. His career as the Policeman was, according to son Ric, one of the shiniest

gems in his father's crown. "He never arrested a soul but planted many a kick up many a behind."

Son Ric was conceived and carried on Norfolk Island but born in Western Samoa and brought back to Norfolk Island at the age of 3 weeks and a couple of years later the family moved to Auckland where Michelle, the youngest was born.

The family resided in Auckland until all the family were grown and married.

However, the Norfolk Island roots were never forgotten, although Graham had a good job in Auckland, was a Justice of the Peace and a Freemason. As he became older his greatest ambition was to return to spend his last years on Norfolk and it was three years ago that this ambition was realised and he and May moved into their house on Grassy Lane.

As Ric said at the Service in All Saints, Kingston last Monday, conducted by the Rev. Ron Watts "Today, too, is part of that wish. He wanted to die and be buried on Norfolk Island, his birthplace and always his homeland, no matter where else in the world he might have lived.

With his going, Norfolk Island has lost one of her most ardent patriots."

To May and all members of the Robinson family we convey our sincere sympathies in the loss of their very much loved and revered Graham.

May, John, Euene, Adrian, Ric and Michelle would like to sincerely thank Dr. Paul and all the wonderful staff of the Norfolk Island Hospital for their care of Graham during his illness.

They would also like to thank the wreath makers, grave diggers and all their dear friends for their help, compassion and support during their loss.

#### THANK YOU

As visitors to Norfolk Island we feel privileged to have been part of the lovely ceremony for the burial of our old friend Betty Evans. Surely, there can be no more beautiful cemetery anywhere in the world.

We would like to express our thanks and deep appreciation to those who cared for Betty in life and death and for the friendship so freely offered to us at this time.

Yours etc. Ro Leamon and Anne Gray.

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