



Janice Mavis Saal
‘Jan’

16th August 1940 - 23rd August 2026

Janice (Jan), our mum, was born in Brisbane 86 years ago, where she spent most of her younger years. At the age of 15, she moved to Mackay, where she later met our dad, Brian.

They both worked at Fieldes Motors — Mum in the office and Dad in the workshop. Mum always loved music, particularly dance music, and of course, dancing. Fittingly, it was at a dance that their relationship began. We remember Dad saying that he was never much of a dancer, but he would happily go along to the dances just to see her.

Mum and Dad were married in December 1958 and welcomed us children over the following three years.

We grew up hearing stories about how Mum and Dad built their Mackay home one board at a time, along with the challenges of preventing the local

wildlife from becoming permanent additions to the family!

Mum created a wonderful home and life in Mackay over the next 30 years. It was a meaningful and happy chapter of her life, and raising us girls was always one of her greatest joys.

Once we were in high school, Mum embarked on a career in hairdressing, where she thrived. She loved transforming the way people looked and felt, but perhaps even more importantly, she loved the friendships and connections she made with the people whose hair she styled.

Mum also loved playing tennis and driving our VW Bug, affectionately named Herbie. We remember Friday night club matches with friends and, when it became too late for us, falling asleep in Herbie while Mum finished her evening.

She also loved holidays and travel. There were many summer camping trips up and down the east coast of Australia — which makes us smile given Mum's less-than-enthusiastic relationship with bugs! She particularly loved her many visits to Norfolk Island, where she could reconnect with her sister Val and family.

In 1986, Mum and Dad made Norfolk Island their home, beginning another very special chapter of Mum's life. Together they ran a nursery for many years and became part of the fabric of the Norfolk Island community.

Community service became an important part of Mum's life, particularly through her many years of involvement with the Lions Club of Norfolk Island and Lions Club of Arthurs Vale. Mum generously gave her time, energy and support to the clubs and their activities, always willing to contribute wherever she could. Through Lions, she helped support the wider Norfolk Island community while also forming many treasured and lasting friendships.

Her involvement was about much more than simply belonging to a club. Mum genuinely believed in helping others and contributing to the community she called home. She took enormous pride in being part of Lions and in the work the clubs carried

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out for Norfolk Island. The friendships, fellowship and sense of purpose she found through Lions remained very important to her over the years.

Above all else, family and friends were Mum's greatest passion. She was a loving mother and sister, a doting grandmother and great-grandmother, an adoring aunt to her many nieces and nephews, and a loyal and treasured friend to many.

She leaves behind so many memories and will be deeply missed by all of us.

We love you, Mum.

Thank You

The family would like to sincerely thank everyone for the love, kindness and support we have received during this time.

A very special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Norfolk Island Hospital, and to all the staff at Care Norfolk for the compassionate and loving care they provided to Mum. The dignity, respect and love shown to her has been deeply appreciated by our whole family.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to Shane, Mal, Colleen, the gravediggers, coffin builder, hearse driver, pallbearers and wreath makers; those who decorated the mound, made the cross and donated flowers; Kev and Kieran for the livestream; Jodie for the service sheet and Toni for the printing; the police for the escort; Chelsea for the beautiful service; Trent for the PA system; and Darlene at the radio station.

Finally, our very special thanks to the Lions Club of Norfolk Island and Lions Club of Arthurs Vale for their unwavering friendship and support of Mum. After so many years of Mum giving her time and heart to Lions, the love and support shown to her

and to our family has meant more than we can say.

And to anyone we may have inadvertently missed, please know that we are truly grateful.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Sudoku Number 452 - Medium

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3			9				6	
					4			5

3	2	5	9	7	1	8	4	6
8	9	1	3	6	4	5	7	2
7	6	4	2	8	5	3	1	9
2	1	9	8	3	7	6	5	4
6	3	8	5	4	2	1	9	7
5	4	7	1	9	6	2	8	3
9	5	3	7	2	8	4	6	1
1	7	6	4	5	3	9	2	8
4	8	2	6	1	9	7	3	5

SUDOKU RULES

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There is no math involved. You solve each puzzle with reasoning and logic. Each puzzle only has one solution.

Last week's solution



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