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... News has just come through that on 1st June last, Bruce Barnes - who was son of a former Principal of the Norfolk Island Central School, died in South Perth.

Bruce and his wife Lorna visited Norfolk in April 1984 from Perth where Lorna lives and had a wonderful reunion with many people here.

We can remember that very happy visit, with Bruce showing us old photos of the school and reminiscing on the days he spent there.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Lorna and members of the family.



... Pictured above is a happy photo of the late Jessie Shiels who passed away at the Calvary Hospital, Sydney on 3rd January.

Jessie Roseclare Blanch was born on Norfolk Island on June 23rd, 1913, daughter of Isaac Snell and his wife Mary (Adams).

After the death of her moth, Jess left school to help her father care for the younger children of the family. She later helped Granny Quintal run the tea-rooms on the island.

During the war years, as the young widow of John Simpson, she left Norfolk for Sydney where she met and married Patrick Shiels, a widower with 6 children - Keith, John, Joan, Fay, Zena and Roslyn. Jess and Patrick blessed the family with two more children - Patrick Jnr. and Betty.

As the family grew, the children made their own way in the world but many happy reunions were held at the family home at Caringbah, Sydney.

For many years, Jess worked for the New South Wales Railways but was widowed once more with the passing of Patrick in September 1978.

Jess returned many times to Norfolk to share happy times with her relatives and friends. She is survived by one brother, eight children, fourteen grand-children and two great-grand-children.

It was Jess' wish that her ashes be laid to rest in her beloved homeland and it is a fitting tribute to this lady who brought great love and happiness into this world, that 5 of her children are here on Norfolk now - 4 of them coming over especially for the interment of her ashes at the Kingston Cemetery on Friday afternoon, 17th January - John, Fay, Patrick and Betty from Sydney; Zena who lives on Norfolk Island - and from New Zealand came Jess' brother George (known to us all as Joaty) and his wife, Peg.

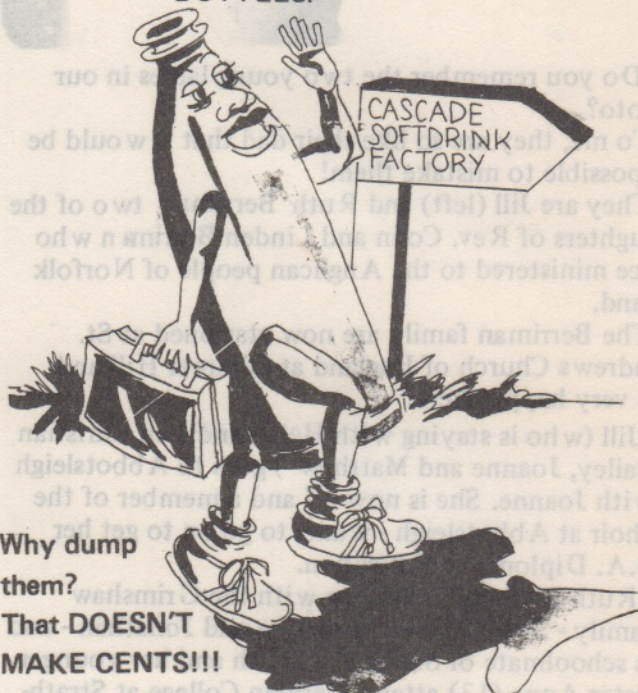
Jess will be sadly missed by all her loved ones and those fortunate enough to have known her.

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