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There are not too many people who come to Norfolk Island to retire - and do just that - and at the same time give unremitting service and co-operation to the community and services as has the late John Dugdale.

John died suddenly, while mowing his lawn on Thursday afternoon, 16th January, 1986 at his home at Bumboras.

Born in Victoria, a member of a farming family, John did not stay on the farm but all his working life was spent as a member of the Rolls Royce Aircraft division - a precision engineer. Eventually he travelled all around the world with Rolls Royce, being based in England, and did a lot of training on aircraft engines.

He had a great interest in racing cars.

On retirement John and his wife came to Norfolk. Mrs. Dugdale went back to Australia but John stayed on and during the years he was here - must be at least ten - he worked quietly away mending peoples' clocks for love of his hobby, doing many such other precision engineering jobs with a smile and a thank you as repayment.

A gentleman to his fingertips, John had many friends on the island and he is going to be greatly missed by them. His many services, not only to his friends but to other members of the community with whom he came in contact and for whom he quietly went about doing little acts of kindness.

Our sincere sympathies are extended particularly to John's two daughters Joan and Margaret (who has been to Norfolk 3 or 4 times, the last time some 7 years ago when her dad suffered a bad heart attack) the four grandchildren and other relatives of the late John Dugdale.

THANK YOU.

"On behalf of my sister Joan and myself, I would like to acknowledge the help and many kindnesses received from the friends of our father, the late John Dugdale.

During this difficult time I have been given kind words, fond stories of Dad, many relating to his love of fixing clocks and enormous practical help.

There are too many to thank individually but I would like to mention a few - Samantha Browne, Lorna Richardson, Ralph Weslake, Tiny Olsen, Judy and Keith Jarvis and Sonia and Frank Hiam.

Dad enjoyed a happy and busy retirement in his last years on Norfolk Island and it is of great comfort to know that he had so many caring friends and neighbours. For this especially, we give our heartfelt thanks. Margaret Dugdale'..

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TAA TO BUY NINE AIRBUS A320 JETS.

Trans Australia Airlines (TAA) is to seek Federal Government approval to buy 9 Airbus A320 twin-jet aircraft to replace its Boeing 727's and DC9's.

The total cost of the A320 project, including the aircraft, spares, flight simulators, support equipment and training, will be about \$650-million.

The chairman of TAA, Mr. Neil Smith, who announced the airline's plans in Melbourne on December 20th, said it was the culmination of 5 years' involvement between TAA and French-based Airbus Industrie in the design evolution of the A320 aircraft.

The first of the new TAA aircraft is due for delivery in April 1989 with 6 entering the service by September 1989 and the final three in May and June 1990.

Mr. Smith said "TAA has deliberately delayed proposed delivery dates to take advantage of the new IAE V2500 engine which will be available in 1989. A320's with this engine have also been ordered by Lufthansa and Pan American".

TAA would have the longer-range version A320, which would operate non-stop Sydney-Perth with an improved payload.

Mr. Smith said the A320 had a wider cabin than any other single-aisle aircraft operating today, so there would be more passenger room and storage space.

Australia's other major domestic airline, Ansett, finalised its agreement on December 3rd with Airbus Industrie for Ansett's eight A320's, to be called Skystars and due to enter service by the end of 1989.

Ansett's new aircraft purchase was announced at the Paris Air Show last year. Ansett has options to buy 9 more of the aircraft.

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