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This last week has seen the death of two people who have given greatly to Norfolk Island of their talents - one in the caring and health of the community, the other in the artistic and cultural development of people and places on the island.

On Monday we received the sad news that David Waterson Neagle (Scotty), B.E.M. Captain 2/3 Inf. Bn. 16 Brigade, 6th Division A.I.F. had passed away on Saturday, 25th August at the Royal North Shore Hospital after surgery.

Scotty and his wife Kathleen were residents on Norfolk for many years and during those years he gave unstintingly of his artistic talents - among those we remember so well, the staging of the Pageant of Norfolk Island in 1967 with its large cast of local and mainland artists and the paintings and backdrops which he created himself.

He was responsible for the stonework at the entrance to Rawson Hall, the Lion's Park and the Bi-Centenary Centre and also the upgrading of the South Pacific Hotel.

He created the backdrops for my first and second Debutante Balls on the island and taught a number of local ladies the art of painting backdrops for various functions.

During his Army career Scotty served in Greece, Middle East and New Guinea and was an original member of the 6th Division.

He was also a charter member of the Lions Club and was awarded the B.E.M. in 1977, for his community services.

Over the past few years Scotty and Kathleen have been living in Port Macquarie. He has not had good health and while the news of his death has come as a shock, it has not been unexpected.

To Kathleen and all members of the family, we extend our sincere sympathies. Although we have not heard from Kath for some months, we presume the address of Villa 24, Lourdes Village, Boronia Street, Port Macquarie, 2444 will be the correct one for contact.



Then on Monday, the strains of the Pitcairn Anthem were heard when VL-2-NI commenced its broadcast at 7 am. and we learned the sad news of the passing of Miss Mabel (Billy) Ward at the Norfolk Island Hospital where she had been an in-patient for many months.

Before she came to Norfolk Island with her friend Miriam Davis (who died last December in Hawaii), Billy trained as a physiotherapist at the Mayo Clinic, U.S.A.

She practised in Santa Barbara and eventually with friend Miriam - a Nursing Sister - went to Oregon. During World War II Billy was attached to the forces in Hawaii but eventually went back to Oregon where she and Miriam purchased a turkey farm. Billy worked the farm while Miriam went on with her nursing.

It was on the persuasion of friend the late Edward Moore of Mission Road, that Billy and Miriam came to Norfolk Island via Australia. Miriam, after some years on Norfolk finally went back to Hawaii and Billy carried on her profession of physiotherapist on the island.

In all the years Billy was here on Norfolk the only trips away were for health reasons. She lived on and dearly loved her property on Anson Bay Road, where she could savour the beautiful sunsets.

Pains and aches were treated with great professionalism and personal caring - young and old and lots of footballers called on her for treatment.

She was an ardent supporter of all the Dramatic Society functions and even when she was confined to a wheelchair, attended all performances.

In the early days Billy got around by horse and buggy but later on sported a Volsvagen.

She also attended to aches and pains while in her wheelchair and took the same interest and gave unstintingly of the services of those wonderful healing hands. She also had a lot of caring friends  
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who saw to it that while she could not do any more housework or properly cook for herself, that she did not want in any way.

Eventually it became necessary for her to become an in-patient at the Hospital and it there that she passed quietly away last Monday.

We understand that Billy has two brothers in America, Elwood and Albert - both married with families. Neither have ever visited Norfolk.

We extend to Elwood and Albert and their families our sympathies in the loss of their sister, who would have been 87 in September - and to all those wonderful friends Billy had made on Norfolk, and to the many who remember the ministrations of care given - Billy's passing will leave a real gap in the community.

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Joy and Greg Quintal and family (who were Billy's constant companions and helpers) wish to thank the Doctors, Matron and staff for their kindness to Billy while hospitalised.

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#### THANK YOU.

...Many thanks to the Nursing Staff at the Norfolk Island Hospital for their kindness and the way they looked after me while in hospital.

Also a very big Thank You to Dr. Barry Parsons who gave up his morning tea breaks to make two house calls to check that I was alright. Dawn Woolley.

...To Gran, Poppy, Uncle Adon, Uncle Luke, Uncle, My boyfriend Nicholas, Auntie Susan and Uncle Jack, Auntie Les and the many more friends on Norfolk who have given me (Tamara) and my mum, many memories of our first holidays together.

Naydene says she will always remind Tamara of her days of fun and memories we have all shared.

"We love you all so much and thank you. See you next time - Naydene and Tamara".

...The R.S.L. Ladies Auxiliary of Norfolk Island wish to thank the Administragtor Mr. B. Mac Donald and his wife for opening up Government House on 22nd August, and to all sitters and guiders for their kind assistance. Last but not least, to all our own ladies who helped us to have a successful day.

Many thanks to one and all. Dulcie Bottriell, Hon.Sec.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS.....

to Debbie and Bruce McCowan on the birth of their daughter Kaitlin on 22nd August at the Norfolk Island Hospital, weighing 8-lb. A sister for Larrin and Jacob.

What a thrill for the boys to now have a little sister! All best wishes to you, Deb and Bruce.

Debbie and Bruce would like to thank Dr.Parsons, Kaye, Janine, Jenny and the hospital staff for the special care and attention given to Debbie and Kaitlin while in hospital.

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