



Vale
Dorothy Elaine Nobbs

12 May 2025 - 28th Jan 2026.

Whatawei yorley, Thank you for comen down desday. and fe all yorley on ar live stream we wish yorley home lorng fe uklan, we love yorley and we sorry nowa work out fe get yorley back.

Elaine was one of the strongest, most hardworking and giving people I have ever known and I am honored to share with you on behalf of all the family just a little of her life.

Elaine was born Dorothy Elaine Eggins on the 12th of May 1947 to Penelope June Eggins (nee Christian) and Ernest Edward Eggins in Kyogle NSW.

She was the second child of six siblings, Ruth, Joyce, Richard, Marlene and Gary and we are blessed that they could all be here today.

Her schooling years started at Norfolk Is. Then Oberon, then Oakdale and finally she went to Camden Highschool where she graduated in 1963. Elaine loved school and she was a talented and passionate sportswoman and really loved to play Hockey and Softball, she also fondly remembered her English/Sport teacher Mrs McVicker and Mrs Lancaster who taught art as her favorite teachers.

Art and Textiles were a passion of hers in school especially designing outfits for Top Model. This passion never left her throughout her life as she sewed, crafted and quilted the most beautiful things. She also had a talent for cooking and the list of request was always long especially for her Sago Plum Pudding, and a love of gardening that later in life she would proudly show off her beautiful craft, quilts, cooking and flowers that she had grown in her garden at our local Norfolk Island Royal A&H Show each year.

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I'm sure this is also when her love of Elvis began and grew into a lifelong love affair filling every area of her home with his deep voice and handsome face.

Growing up her childhood had both many hardships and joys for both her and her siblings and from a very young age no matter what life threw at her she took it head on, head held high with a clear determined sparkle in her eyes that helped shape her life and made her the resilient woman we all knew and loved.

Some of her favorite memories from when she was a child were going to Werri Beach for Church Summer Camp, Sunday School bus trips to Austinmer Beach, travelling to spend time with aunts, uncles and cousins and also being a girl guide.

She always had plenty of stories like walking to school in the snow and eating the soft centre out of the warm loaf of bread that was meant to last the week for school lunches or sneaking the lambs fry to the cat with her sister so she nor hatta eat et.

One of her most treasured memories was when her mother brought her and her brothers and sisters back to Norfolk to live for a short time in Ivy House when she would slide up and down the long halls in her socks, spend time with family at the beach playing in the old ruins and may or may not have weeded someones garden of freshly planted sweet tatie vines being helpful.

After graduation Elaine started her first job at Boardmans Butchery "on the corner of Argyle and John Street in Camden" and this was a time that she really started to blossom. This is also when at age 17 she fell in love with Peter who was working across the road demolishing the Commonwealth bank. Then at age 18 she Married Peter John Nobbs in a beautiful Ceremony in Saint Lukes Church at The Oaks.

They started their life together and had three beautiful children, Tanya, Julie and Susan. Elaine loved being a mother and the years that followed raising her young family gave her great pride and joy, They loved camping, fishing, spending days at the beach swimming and attending the many school activities and sporting events that all of her daughters all excelled in.

Peter Elaine and the children lived in many places but the ones she talked of most in that time were Griffith and Tweed Heads where she raised her girls and made lifelong friends that she loved to spend time with right up until the end of her life journey.

She talked about the holidays and camping trips they did in those times with her brothers and sisters and their children too, Christmases at Smiggins Hole, Great Keppel Island, Mount Kosciuszko, Trips home to Norfolk and so so many more.

And then later the trips she did with her family and friends all around Australia, New Zealand, England and Japan and most especially the camping trip she did with her cousin Leonnie – "Just two crazy girls having some fun" that she has always said was one of the happiest times of her life.

Elaine was extremely hardworking and worked many different jobs over the years to make ends meet. She trained in Textiles and Dressmaking, Hand making many of the clothes both she and her children wore. In the years that she was married and her three girls were growing up She delivered milk, worked for a farmer and a baker, also as a bookkeeper and cleaner, ran a daycare, as well as being a homemaker and wife but nothing would make her as happy as being a mum.

Then in 1984 another daughter came into her life "Caytie" and not long after that in 1989 The family moved back to live on Norfolk which had always been her home in her heart and where she continued to be a constant supporter of school and

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community activities, sports and plays. Continuing to embrace the things she loved, Rock Fishing off Garnet, Camping, Barbies out Puppies and family potlucks.

Her mother was the eldest of nine children born to Ma and Pa Ett "Christian//Horrocks" and this meant once she came home she was surrounded by Aunts and Uncles she absolutely adored and more cousins than she could ever ask for, she embraced the norfolk way of life reconnecting with her family and making new family and friends.

When she first moved home to Norfolk she lived on mill road with her mum and peter and the kids in "MA ETT'S" which some of you may know as uncle frankies this was the house that had been her grandparents and from that old home many stories came.. cooking on the old wood stove, tracking out the back sometimes in the rain to the old long drop, collecting honey from the beehive in the lounge room wall and washing with the old handringer machine "that as kids they would trick their eldest sister into putting her hair in", Eating the best plums and custard apples on norfolk, Making gooseberry jam and drinking fresh milk full of cream from her cousin lyle's dairy across the road.

The Years that followed may have had some hard times but they were also the very best of times.

Elaine who was now fondly known as "chooky" finally got to build her forever home down Garnet Point on land that had been left to her mother Penny by their aunty Girlie Christian and to her it was Gods Country.

Her Daughters all met their future husbands on Norfolk and Elaine took great pleasure in finally having sons, Matthew, Trent and Glenn who she thought of as her own.

This led to What she really was most proud of, Her grandchildren.

Joshua, Tejai, Tiaan, Martyn, Reuben, James, Emma, Eliza, Tina and Zebb and her Great Grand Children, Xaivier, Braxton, Lillianna, Skylah, Caleb, Archie, Banko and Villy Fisher.

The days she cherished most were the days we had together, Christmas, Bounty, Birthdays, BBQ's and Potlucks.

Elaine fondly and Proudly remembers when coming home to Norfolk going to work for her Aunt Mera and Uncle Hamish (Poppa) whom she also adored at H.M Estates which meant a lot of driving even for norfolk to get between all the accommodations but her favorite place was Highlands and while working there she made some of her best and dearest friends "The A Team" Nikki, Chrissy, Di and Lee. Also Paul Nikki knome, Di and Robyn who for many years were her work family and later her lifelong friends.

She also managed the local milkbar Cafe au Lait in foodlands and really enjoyed spending time with all the locals that would frequent there listening and laughing to the old stories they told "only news never gossip"

Finally she became the chef at the local Hospital and cherished the time she spent offering comfort and friendship to the people of Norfolk especially our Elders on Da Randa until she finally retired and turned her energy to volunteering in the community. She was a Lion with the Lions of Arthurs Vale and really enjoyed hosting bingo and serving in the community helping to raise funds to support the local community and then later volunteering at

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"A Distinct and Separate Settlement"

By Don Wright



Dear Reader,

You are cordially invited to the Book Launch of my book:

"A Distinct and Separate Settlement: Governing Norfolk Island"

**When: Thursday
12 February 2026
5.00pm – 6.30pm**

**Where: Paradise Hotel and Resort,
Queen Elizabeth Avenue,
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Light refreshments will be served.

DON WRIGHT is a lawyer admitted to practise in New Zealand, the Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales. He lived in Norfolk Island for nine years, where he held senior positions in the Norfolk Island Administration. Subsequently, he undertook a number of consultancies for the Norfolk Island Government. Don Wright lives in Sydney.

A Distinct and Separate Settlement is Don's first book. It is a political history of Norfolk Island, and will be launched on-Island on Thursday 12 February.

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white oaks where she got to spend time with all her favorite girls especially Sheyl, Zena and Irene.

Her favorite night of the week was definitely friday when she would go to the raffles at the local leagues and rsl club, her friends would always save her a seat even when she was unable to make it and she had the most amazing luck always bring home a meat tray or two to share with the kids.

Sadness struck in 2012, losing her mother in march and then her daughter Jules aged 42, This broke her heart and she never fully recovered from this sadness.

In August of 2025 Elaine had some news that shocked her to the core but just like always she stayed strong and resilient and tackled it head on starting treatment and doing her best to stay positive and healthy. The months that followed were filled with more love than you can put into words and she and her family and friends made the most of every second to be together spending time building memories that I know her Daughters, Sons, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Siblings, Cousins and Friends will cherish and remember for the rest of their lives.

In the end all Mum wanted was fe be home down Garnet Point lorng fe hers Noddy's and Tern's listening gwen dem suf breaken orn a stone down ar flat side with Elvis playing softly in the background and her family surrounding her and it is with great pride and love that we know we were able to give her her final wish and she is now resting peacefully, forever and always extremely loved and missed by us all. Rest easy our darlen chooky.

Words of Appreciation

Awas family would like f express awaus sincere gratitude en heartfelt thanks gen all em wonderful salan who bin care for Mum en walk beside her throughout her journey.

Gut plenti so If se miss anybody please know that we luwe en appreciate Yorlyi

Our deepest thanks to Dr Peter Hopcroft, the medics, nurses, and hospital staff at both Norfolk Island Hospital and The Royal Brisbane Hospital for their compassion and dedication.

Thank you to Aiden and the Care Norfolk office team, Chris and Polly for your kindness, care, and support and nurses Amy, Jeanie and Janine who were with her till the end.

We es truly grateful gen everybody who bin send messages of condolences, provide awa with meals, love care and support during awaus time of grief.

To Shane the sexton, and the grave diggers

To mumma Hen for supplying dem wetl gen dem grave diggers en awaus family.

Mal and works depot team, Lenard the hearse driver, the bringers of flowers, the wreath makers for your beautiful gestures of love and Debbie Jane and her girls for handing out service sheets.

Wayne Bedford and Margaret Christian for supplying vehicles

Awas beautiful girls for the mound flowers and family posies

Our thanks also go to Trent for the PA system, the Ukul Band Porpieh Jam for the beautiful music, and KaaWaa Streaming for enabling the live stream.

And finally, thank you gen all Yorlyi ya des deih for halp awa farewell awaus Mumma.

Luwe Yorlyi

Local IT Support - Expressions of Interest

Hi yorlii

Some of you may remember me from ~10 years at NIDS and ~5 years at NIRC, or may just know me "because". I'm currently exploring whether there's sufficient interest in a small, experienced (20+ years) local IT support and advisory service for Norfolk Island businesses and organisations.

This would not be a large MSP or call-centre style service. The focus would be on in-person, practical, hands-on support, troubleshooting, maintenance, and advice - aimed at keeping systems reliable and reducing repeat issues.

The initial focus would be on support for local businesses and organisations rather than private home users.

Support would be offered primarily during normal business hours, with flexibility to assist with urgent issues where possible. The service would focus on support, installation, and advice, rather than hardware supply or sales.

At present, I'm simply gauging interest and having informal conversations.

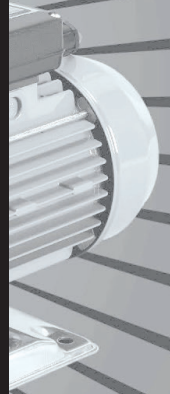
NO commitments are being made at this stage.

If you're a local business or organisation and would like to register interest or ask questions, please get in touch via email at norfolkitservice@gmail.com to discuss further.

Thaenks fe me
— Geoff Wilson

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