



## **Marguerite Mary Joyce Adam 'Honey'**

Marguerite Mary Joyce Adam (or Honey as she became known) was born in Australia on the 7th October 1931. Honey had a privileged and unusual upbringing that gave her many opportunities beyond the norm.

Her father's work in the New Hebrides (now known as Vanuatu) for the British - French condominium government meant the family often travelled between Brisbane and New Hebrides on the Burns Philp cargo ships referred to in those times as steamers.

The delivery of freight to Norfolk was often an opportunity for passengers to spend a day or two off the ship, and it was through these stopovers that the family came to know Norfolk, and ultimately Honey's parents chose to retire to Norfolk's milder sub-

tropical climate shortly after World War 2, with Honey finishing her schooling (both high school and further education) in Brisbane before coming to live here.

Honey had endless stories to tell about her adventures and the war years in the New Hebrides, where she roamed unfettered, and continued in a similar manner throughout her adult life on Norfolk Island.

Honey was schooled in Brisbane, staying with her aunt and uncle in the Manly/ Wynnum coastal area on Moreton Bay. Upon completion of her schooling, Honey returned to Norfolk where she adapted to island life with swimming, fishing and gardening being major interests and pastimes.

In 1961 Honey married Phil McCoy and witnessed first-hand as he designed and built the launches and lighters that went on to perform Norfolk's ship to shore freight transfers for many decades. Phil predeceased Honey in August 1975.

Honey's early years as an expatriate child in a foreign setting had a significant impact that shaped her approach to life. Despite the example set by her orderly parents, Honey had a cavalier approach to her work, home and family that many saw as free spirited, and a somewhat non-conformist rebel.

Before her eyesight started to be an issue, Honey was a keen botanical sketcher and landscape painter. She had a good knowledge of Norfolk ecology and was never happier than when she was roaming around out at Phillip Island or resting under a shady tree down at Bumby.

Honey refined the art of stubbornness, and her ears were finely tuned to filter out anything she didn't want

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## **Australian Government**

### **Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

## **Remediation of Slaughter Bay Sea Wall Works**

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) is undertaking remediation works to the Slaughter Bay Sea Wall over the next six months.

The works are being undertaken in three sections, requiring parts of the beach to be closed to the public. This protects the community and ensures the works are undertaken safely.

Fencing and signage will be erected, separating the closed area from the open sections of the beach that can still be accessed and enjoyed by the community.

The works secure the structural integrity of the Slaughter Bay Sea Wall, ensuring it remains a key infrastructure element for the island's future resilience.

The Department will continue to provide updates as the works progress.

### ***'Honey' - continued***

to hear – and to hear anything she shouldn't! Some 11 years back at around 80 years old she found a large marine buoy on the rocks at Bomboras, it weighed some 40-50 kilos and was as big as a 44-gallon drum. She not only rolled it off the rocks, but up the Bumby Road to make sure she got it home.

Any summary of Honey's life would not be complete without mentioning her passion for dogs – Honey has had dogs since those early years in the New Hebrides and continued to have them up until her illness and hospitalisation in November last year, even then visits from the last two Staffys she owned were demanded.,

Honey's free-spirited approach to life will be remembered for many years to come....

### ***Thank You***

The family of the late Honey McCoy extend their deepest appreciation to all who have assisted Honey, particularly in these last six months of her illness, to her long time friend and support Annette Stolz, to the doctors, nurses, to the wreath makers, to the aged care co-ordinator, to Aiden and crew at Care Norfolk, to Rossco and Gaelene, to the Rev. Laurie Carleton for his visits to Honey and for his role in the funeral service, to those who have done so much in these last few days, to the two amigos who spent much time with her towards the end, to the Sexton Shane Quintal, to the grave diggers who endured through the cold, rain and wind, to the pall bearers as they give of their time and efforts, to Darlene and to Milton for co-ordinating the music and sound system for her funeral and to all those who have come forward to help in so many ways.

## **MEETINGS AND AGMS**

The Annual General Meeting of Red Cross Australia (Norfolk Island Branch) will take place on Wednesday 19 July 2023 5.30p.m. at the Royal A&H Society Rooms, Taylor Rd.

Following Annual Reports and Election of Office Bearers, the Guest speaker will be Jim Joy (ES Volunteer) talking on Safety Planning in the Mining Industry. For more information, please contact Mobile 52112



### **Thank You**

We, the Dance Festival committee, Jan Lawrence and Tanya Kershaw for the Annual Social Ballroom Dance Festival, would sincerely like to thank the Norfolk Island Lions Club for the fabulous dinner provided to our guests, and also ourselves on Wednesday 21st June, at our dress-up them night.

You are all such lovely people, always there with a smile and nothing is ever a problem.

We do appreciate all you have done for us to make this night so successful.

Our guests have all thanked you for the beautiful meal, especially those with dietary requirements.

Thank you from Jan, Tanya, Lorraine, Annette, Steven, Michelle, Peter, Helen and Tony.

We will be back, look forward to seeing you all in June 2023 on Norfolk Island.

## **July 1**

July 1 is the 182nd day of the year (183rd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar; 183 days remain until the end of the year.

1932 – Australia's national broadcaster, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, was formed.

1942 – The Australian Federal Government becomes the sole collector of income tax in Australia as State Income Tax is abolished.

1978 – The Northern Territory in Australia is granted self-government.

1979 – Sony introduces the Walkman.

1997 – China resumes sovereignty over the city-state of Hong Kong, ending 156 years of British colonial rule. The handover ceremony is attended by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Charles, Prince of Wales, Chinese President Jiang Zemin and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

2002 – The International Criminal Court is established to prosecute individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.

2006 – The first operation of Qinghai–Tibet Railway is conducted in China.

2007 – Smoking in England is banned in all public indoor spaces.