



*Vale*  
**Sylvia Herrmann**

On the 24th of November late in the evening, our beloved Sylvia Herrmann passed away peacefully at her home in Mahina, Tahiti. It was the result of a long illness, but she was not in pain.

Many Norfolk Islanders knew and loved Sylvia—she was the first, along with her children, to welcome us to Tahiti.

Who can forget the fabulous welcomes at Fa'a'a Airport, or sitting around her kitchen table, feasting on her fabulous Tahitian food, and singing along with the family? She was dearly loved by all of us who knew her.

Fifi asked me to translate and pass on the following:

Sylvia was born in Papeete on 21 January 1939. She had a rich and full life. She was a renowned pastry chef. She was a woman of character who navigated her own ship, her own life, her own way. She loved receiving guests in her humble abode in Mahina. Still, today, her home breathes Norfolk: in her heart and soul there was always a special place for Norfolk Island and the extended family of descendants.

Her eyes shone when we spoke of you all. We wish to thank everyone who has passed on their

condolences, prayers, love, thoughts and flowers for our mama Sylvia. You brought immense joy to her life.

There are not enough words to express how grateful we are for all the moments of happiness she had with you, and thanks to you all.

*Mauruuru no to outou here i to matou metua vahine. Ia vai te here i roto ia tatou. Ia nui te aroha.*

*From Liander, Leslie, Mareva, Fifi, Moana and Serina*

Sylvia's farewell was very beautiful, surrounded by family and loved ones. She is now at rest at the cemetery at Matavai, Point Venus.

For those that stayed in the hall during the Tahiti Bounty Day Celebrations of 2008, this is close to where she was laid, where our history began all those years ago on the black sands of Matavai Bay.

*Pauline Reynolds*



NATS (Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society) are looking for both Male & Female actors to participate in their next two productions.

Mixture of ages required from early 20's and over. Some small cameo roles available. Phone Louci 50806 for further details.

**POSITION VACANT**

**GENERAL SUPERMARKET ASSISTANT**

Foodland has a vacancy for a full time General Supermarket Assistant. The position will entail checkout operation and general supermarket duties. Experience not necessary as full training will be provided but we are looking for an energetic person who enjoys working with the public. Reasonable literacy and numerical skills required.

Enquires in the first instance to Peter Walkinshaw. Application forms can be collected from the Foodland office.

**Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year**

*John, Dominique, Johnny, Ethan, Grace & Johnny of Norfolk Optical would like to thank their clients for their support during 2020 and pray that your Christmas is a peaceful time with family and friends.*

*See you all January 20-25 2021 for our next visit.*

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