$13 million upgrade to Norfolk Island’s Cascade Pier

31 March 2016

Waterway Construction has been selected as the successful tenderer to construct the $13 million upgrade of Cascade Pier on Norfolk Island.

Minister for Major Projects, Territories and Local Government Paul Fletcher said Waterway Constructions are specialists in the construction and refurbishment of maritime structures and will bring an experienced construction and engineering team to Norfolk Island to deliver this vital infrastructure.

“Importantly, the company is committed to using local businesses for supply of materials and to hiring local people to work on the project where practical,” Mr Fletcher said.

“Waterway’s competitive pricing has allowed the Australian Government to commit to lengthen the pier by an extra 3 metres, bringing the total length of the extension to 24 metres.

“This extension will enable the loading and unloading of cruise ship passengers and freight to occur more safely and under a wider range of weather and sea conditions.”

Mr Fletcher said the refurbishment will also include the installation of a boom dock hydraulic crane to facilitate the future unloading of cargo.

“Additional funding will be provided for the construction of customised barges to service the new pier,” he said.

“Once the project is complete, nominated members of the Norfolk Island community and regional council staff will receive training in the safe and effective operation of the hydraulic crane.

After another successful Police Charity Golf Day, the President of the Norfolk Island Netball Association Mr Bart Murray was presented with a cheque for $4,204.25 by Sergeant Catherine Tye. This money will go a long way toward the resurfacing of the netball courts, a much needed upgrade to keep the courts in working condition for use by the community.

Once again the residents of Norfolk Island have shown their generosity and community spirit. Thank you again to all who helped out on the day, and to our generous sponsors for supporting the NIPF’s fundraising efforts. We hope to see you at our next event.
$13 million upgrade to Norfolk Island’s Cascade Pier - continued

“The Cascade Pier project will deliver great benefits to Norfolk Islanders, although inevitably there will be disruption to the normal operations of the pier during construction.

“Waterway Constructions and my Department will consult with port users with a view to minimising disruptions so vital freight deliveries occur, scheduled cruise ship arrivals are accommodated and the impacts to commercial fishing operations are contained. Norfolk Island residents will be kept closely informed on the progress of construction.”

Works on the Cascade Pier extension upgrade will commence in late May 2016 and be complete by late 2017.


SUNDAY Cloudy. High (80%) chance of a shower. NE winds 10/15 knots. Shower or two. Min: 21 Max: 25


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New South Wales to provide services to Norfolk Island

30 March 2016

JOINT RELEASE WITH:

Mike Baird, Premier of New South Wales

Minister for Major Projects, Territories and Local Government Paul Fletcher and New South Wales Premier Mike Baird today announced the New South Wales Government will assist the Australian government to provide some services on Norfolk Island from 1 July 2016.

Mr Fletcher said he was delighted Premier Baird had agreed to assist with health and school education services for Norfolk Island following the Australian Government’s decision to extend Australian social security, immigration, taxation arrangements and government services to the island.

From 1 July 2016, Australian citizens residing on Norfolk Island will also have the rights and responsibilities of mainland Australians, including access to Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

“The Australian and New South Wales governments are working closely together to determine the scope of services involving NSW, but these will include school education, the management, delivery and regulation of state type health services and advice about financial support for the newly established Norfolk Island Regional Council,” Mr Fletcher said.

“The Australian Government is committed to providing high quality, affordable and safe health and aged care services for Norfolk Island.

Norfolk Island will benefit from New South Wales agency expertise in commissioning services for rural areas and island communities such as Lord Howe Island. “I am looking forward to working with New South Wales government agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the Norfolk Island community,”’ Mr Fletcher said.

“The Australian Government is committed to reforms which will result in a sustainable, stronger and more prosperous Norfolk Island.”

Mr Baird said New South Wales is pleased to help the Australian government achieve its objectives to improve social and economic outcomes for Norfolk Islanders.

“We are incredibly proud to support the Australian Government to ensure the delivery of safe, reliable and effective services to the Norfolk Island community.”

Norfolk Island Data Services to commence

NBN Installations in May 2016

NIDS staff and contractors recently completed training and have been appointed installers for the National Broadband Network (NBN) satellite rollout on Norfolk Island.

Installations will commence in May 2016 on a ‘first come - first served’ basis. ‘1ASkyMuster’ is the first of two Ka Band satellites to be deployed by NBN Co as part of the Australian Government’s guarantee to provide worldclass internet services over Australia and its Territories. Norfolk Island has its own spot beam to ensure unprecedented services and a guaranteed speed of 25/5mbps.

Standard installation costs will be met by NBN Co, which means no costs to customers for installations on Norfolk Island.

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Norfolk Island Regional Council Elections - Non Residential Roll

Applications are invited from qualified persons for inclusion on a non-residential roll for the 2016 Norfolk Island Regional Council election.

Qualified persons must:
• Own land on Norfolk Island and reside elsewhere; or
• Occupy land on Norfolk Island with a right to continue occupation for not less than 3 years from the date of this application; and
• Be an Australian citizen; or a British subject who was enrolled on the Commonwealth electoral roll on 25 January 1984; • Be 18 years or older at the time of enrolment.

Application forms can be obtained by:
• Downloading an electoral form from the ANI website at http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf; • Downloading an electoral form from the Australian Election Company website www.austelect.com; • From the Norfolk Island Regional Council Enrolment Office, Shop 36H Taylors Road, Norfolk Island (opposite the Tourist Information Centre); or • From the Norfolk Island Post Office.

Completed Claims for Enrolment as a Non Residential Owner or Occupier for the 2016 elections must be received on or before 6pm (EST) Monday 18 April 2016. Forms must be lodged by one of the following:
• By post to: P.O. Box 3056, Caboolture, Qld, 4510; • By hand to: Norfolk Island Regional Council Enrolment Office, Shop 36H Taylors Road, Norfolk Island (opposite the Tourist Information Centre); or • By scanning and emailing to: info@austelect.com

No person can be enrolled more than once for the Norfolk Island Regional Council election.

Peter Gesling
Executive Director

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NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Saturday 28 May 2016

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Written and authorized by Richard Kidd Australian Election Company PO Box 92 Norfolk Island 2899
Knight in shining Armani

For the last 9 years, our island home of Norfolk has gone through some soul destroying moments which have seen the tried and tested ways that things were done in the past changed for ever.

These changes have been carried out at an alarming rate:-

• People were made redundant from their jobs and their positions taken up by an ever increasing group of workers being brought from Australia;
• local residents have been warned that there was no guarantee that they will have a job after the first of July 2016;
• Immigration restrictions have been lifted for holders of Australian Passport holders and citizens that have lived on the island for years -such as those from New Zealand, United Kingdom, and other parts of the world - have to apply for dual citizenship if they continue to want to live on Norfolk.
• The closing down of the obstetrics section of the Norfolk Island Hospital so pregnant mothers had to have their children in hospitals in Australia or New Zealand
• To drive the nail a little further into the wound and make it even more disastrous, was the move to do away with the Pitcairn lineage and the connection of most of the residents with the Mutiny on the Bounty,
• There was much uncertainty in the community, which led to many wishing that Geoffrey Robertson QC might make a trip to Norfolk. Those who dreamed that this might happen realised that we could never cover the expense of bringing him to Norfolk.

And then in one of those “God moves in mysterious ways. His wonders to perform”, who should step down from Good Friday’s flight from Sydney but none other than Geoffrey Robertson QC and his daughter, Georgina.

Robertson was born in Sydney, Australia, and grew up in the suburb of Eastwood, attending Epping Boys’ High School. He then attended the University of Sydney where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1966 and a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours in 1970, before winning a Rhodes Scholarship to study at the University of Oxford, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Law from University College, Oxford in 1972. In 2006 he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Sydney.

Doughty Street Chambers is a British set of barristers’ chambers situated in Bristol, Manchester and London’s Doughty Street, undertaking criminal justice, public law, immigration, employment, human rights and civil liberties work. Doughty Street Chambers was set up in 1990 by thirty barristers, aiming to break the mould of traditional chambers by moving out of the Inns of Court. The chambers are now over four times the size with over 120 members, including 29 Queen’s Counsels. Geoffrey Robertson is the founder and joint head of Doughty Street Chambers along with Edward Fitzgerald Other notable members include Amal Clooney, Louis Blom-Cooper, Geraldine Van Bueren, Sadakat Kadri, Helena Kennedy, Ben Silverstone and Keir Starmer.

We did not get to personally meet Geoffrey Robertson and his daughter during their brief 4 day holiday on the island but they must have gone back to the United Kingdom full of praise for the wonderful weather that we had over Easter.

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Share The Care: Falls Prevention Is Everyone’s Business

April is Falls Prevention month, beginning with ‘April Falls Day’ on the 1st of April. This year the theme is ‘Falls Prevention is Everyone’s Business!’ This theme aims to get everyone – patients and their families, doctors, allied health and the community talking about falls and how we can prevent them!

The facts about falls:
1. More than one in three people aged over 65 falls at least once a year.
2. Once you have had one fall you are more likely to fall again.
3. Over 1/2 of all falls occur at home.
4. In NSW, falls lead to 27,000 hospitalisations and 400 deaths per year.

What are the risk factors for falls? And how do I keep myself and my family safe?

Decreased muscle strength and decreased balance
- Remain active every day! If you need advice on how to keep active speak to your GP or a Physiotherapist.
- Come along to a Bones and Balance Class at the Physiotherapy department for a gold coin donation.

Decreased vision
- If you’ve been prescribed glasses, make sure you wear according to recommendations. Get your eyes checked regularly. Make sure dim areas have good lighting so you can clearly see.
- Some medications can increase your risk of falls.
- If you are concerned – ask you GP about your medications.

Footwear
- Make sure you are wearing firm, well-fitting footwear with good grip. Walking in socks can increase your risk of slipping, so make sure your footwear is nearby and consider what you wear on your feet when you’re going to bed.

Home hazards
- Have clear lighting where its need – consider sensor lights if you frequently get up overnight.
- Remove any trip hazards (rugs, cords or cables and clutter).
- Take care in wet areas consider, non-slip mats or rails if needed.
- Consider what equipment might make your home safer (rails or marking the edge of steps).

Rushing to the toilet
- Try to go to the toilet when you feel the urge, don’t hold on until you are bursting.
- If you need to get up at night, make sure your path to the bathroom is clear and well lit.

Reaching too far for objects (including walking aid and furniture walking)
- If you use a walking aid, keep it in close reach, don’t ‘park’ it far away.
- Using furniture to support yourself whilst walking can be dangerous as it can move and make your unsteady. If you feel like you need something to hold onto whilst your walking, consider a walking aid.

So, what happens if I do fall?
- Firstly, take a few deep breaths; falling is scary and stressful so try to calm down.
- Then, check to see if anywhere hurts.
- If you don’t think you have any injuries and you can access a sturdy piece of furniture, try to slowly and carefully get yourself up.
- If you are injured, or don’t think you can get yourself up, call for help – use your personal alarm if you have one or consider carrying your mobile phone.
- Even if you don’t think you are injured, it is a good idea to visit your doctor after a fall to discuss how to prevent further falls.

For more information or advice, talk to your doctor or contact Marni at the Physiotherapy department to arrange an appointment to discuss how to reduce your risk falling!

OR, come along to a Bones and Balance class – Tuesday and Friday morning at 9am.
Training opportunities on Norfolk Island

Forklift and other qualifications

Register your interest for training opportunities on Norfolk Island over the next two weeks – 4 to 16 April 2016.

Priority will be placed on those currently working in the field and seeking accreditation or re-accreditation. Course fees (at a subsidised rate) will be payable direct to the training facilitator for some training (marked with an *).

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Subject to demand, an additional session of White Card training may be available in the evening on Thursday 7 April.

Also subject to demand, an additional session of forklift training may be scheduled on 13 and 14 April, or alternatively, this could be restructured for an additional session of working at heights and/or working in confined spaces training. We welcome your views. A final decision on the training to be delivered on 13 and 14 April will be made in coming days.

This training is supported by the Australian Government under funding announced on 5 February 2016 for small business and private sector skills development on Norfolk Island.

Please telephone the Office of the Administrator on 52634 any time between 08.00am to 8.00pm on Saturday 2 April to Monday 4 April to register your expression of interest.
**Trial Road Patching Methods**

The roads here on Norfolk are the butt of many a good joke – among locals and visitors alike. Over the years we’ve seen awas potholes planted out with plun, and laughed at suggestions the bigger ones ‘daun-a-town’ might make great Turkish Baths for the tourists! But this week’s reference to the pothole-patching efforts of our tireless road repair contractors and crew as “50 Shades of Grey” takes the cake.

All jokes aside, the art of road maintenance here on Norfolk is an ode to island ingenuity. We haven’t always had access to the latest technologies – nor funding to an optimal level. But our lads on the roads have done a sterling job over the years, regardless. And they are currently experimenting with some clever new technology that may just change our road-building ways – long term and for the better.

“Most people don’t realise how much road surfaces move,” Doug Creek, Manager of Public Works, explained. “They actually deflect, or flex, every time a vehicle goes over them. We can now measure that rate of deflection with an apparatus called a Benkelman Beam.” This beam is 2 metres long and easily fits on the back of a truck.

The rate of deflection in a road indicates how solid the sub-base and road base layers are. Simply put, the lower the rate of deflection, the better the road-base is, and the better the road base - the more durable the surface bitumen will be. A more durable road surface will deliver a better result with fewer potholes!

“Road base is preferably somewhere between 100mm and 150mm thick,” Doug explained. “But the amount of moisture in that road base is significant too, so we’re taking samples to determine what is optimal for Norfolk’s roads.”

These samples are being tested in a makeshift ‘lab’, set up in the Works Depot staffroom. “It’s a bit primitive, using the old oven,” Doug Creek added, “but it actually works. The samples are accurately weighed, dried out in the oven and reweighed, and that simple technique is giving us a clear indication of the moisture levels we’re working with here. Too much moisture – or not enough – will result in less than optimal compaction of the road-base. So all this testing will ultimately help us deliver better roads in the future.”

Doug and his team have also been trialling a small device called a nuclear densometer. This measures the density of the road-base – a critical factor that influences the actual compaction process. “We are up-skilling our team to use this new equipment, and remain quietly confident this new technology will improve all we do on the roads,” Doug said. “There is a perfect formula for our road-base out there, and we’re determined to find it. The stronger the layer beneath the bitumen, the better our roads will be.”

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**A New Cherry Picker For Norfolk Island Electricity**

Have you noticed the lads from Norfolk Island Electricity (NIE) lately, trimming overhanging trees from the safety of their swish new Elevated Work Platform (EWP)? They’ve been using it for a few weeks now and John ‘Moochie’ Christian, the Electricity Manager, couldn’t be happier with its performance.

“The old cherry picker needed to be recertified,” Moochie explained “but it was going to be too expensive to have it shipped off the island and to meet compliance standards. So it had to be taken off-line. The Administration discussed this major risk for Norfolk Island with the Commonwealth and the purchase was included in the 2014/15 Funding Agreement”

To save on additional costs, the new $400,000 EWP was modified in Australia so that on arrival, it would simply replace the old one, attaching smoothly to the existing NIE work truck. “The last job for the old cherry picker was straight after Cyclone Winston,” Moochie said. “So we were lucky with the timing, as the truck re-fit took 3 weeks to complete. We just used a ladder during that time, and delayed doing any non-essential work until the new one was operational.”

The significant difference with the newer model EWP is that it’s remote controlled. “That took the 5 of us a day to train and qualify for certification,” Moochie said. “The bucket and swivel move in both directions and the fly jib can rotate nearly 360 degrees. So it is much safer – and easier – to operate than the old one.”

Moochie extended his thanks to the Commonwealth and to the Administration especially Bruce Taylor, Deputy CEO for all the assistance that he and his team at NIE received, and added that the new cherry picker would be available for hire at a very reasonable rate. “We only charge $48 per hour for the operator and picker, so people don’t try to trim their own big trees themselves,” Moochie explained. “This really minimises the risk to our Electrical Reticulation Infrastructure.”

The Administration is currently working out the best course of action for the old cherry picker. For all enquiries, please call the NIE on 22078.

*Jon Gibbons*

*Chief Executive Officer*
We are really excited to announce two new installations this week. A short term display in The R.E.O. to compliment a story on Roy Bell featured in the current Your World Magazine and new display material in the Pier Store Museum to enhance our Norfolk Language display.

Roy Bell was born in 1882 on Raoul Island in the Kermadec Group east of Norfolk Island, coming here to live in 1911 it is now fifty years since Roy was laid to rest in our cemetery at Kingston. Being born into the Bell Family on isolated Raoul was the beginning of an incredible life story for Roy. The hardships the family endured and the immense appreciation for nature were no doubt inspirational for his life’s work as a photographer, ornithologist and a naturalist. On Norfolk Island he was also known as a spiritualist.

Roy is remembered for his work supporting Tom Iredale and a group of scientists studying birds, molluscs and shells on Raoul Island. On Norfolk he continued to be a natural history collector making contributions to Gregory Mathew’s valuable publication ‘Birds of Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands’ published in 1928. Today on Norfolk we can be grateful for a wonderful collection of Roy’s photography that has captured the visual history of our island.

Call into The R.E.O at Kingston to see our display commemorating the life of Roy Bell. Then come across to the Pier Store Museum to see the new iPad installed at our Norfolk Language display.

The app design provides an easy to follow audio and visual for visitors to experience, learn and play with the Norf’k language. It begins with an introductory page that prompts you to learn the Origins of Norf’k (Wesaid Norf’k kamfram); Old Folk – Food and Whaling (Oel Salan – Wetels en Wielen); Language of Love (Laengwij’ Law); Humour (Kasedri); Modern Education (Lernen Norf’k Des Dieh); Teach Yourself Norf’k (Tiich Yusaelf fe Tork Norf’k)

The Origins of Norf’k features audio and visual showing four men speaking a single passage in Tahitian, English dialect, Pitcairn and finally Norf’k itself. The Old Folk – Food and Whaling is a group of Norfolk Islanders talking in the 1960’s about gathering food, cooking, whaling and the younger generation. The Language of Love is a story written by Rachel Nebauer-Borg about a young couple courting and the Humour features a poem composed by Andre Nobbs titled Baswaaghas that depicts the Norf’k sense of humour in describing a man and a woman who overcome their dislike for each other to fall in love. Modern Education is an audio of three school students learning the language at school and to illustrate the difference one student is Australian, the other a New Zealander and the third a Norfolk Islander. And finally Teach Yourself Norf’k is a set of simple language lessons progressing from simple greetings, questions and phrases through to full conversations, all with written translations and wonderful images. We also have colouring in and lettering activities for the children.

The Norfolk Island Museum offers thanks to both Eddie Hooker and Ron Edwards for providing information to develop our Roy Bell story and many thanks also to all dem sullen who have contributed to the content for this wonderful Norf’k Language resource in the Pier Store Museum.

We also sincerely thank Nicky and Wally Beadman for giving generously and freely so much of their time and expertise to develop the Norf’k Language app and to Peter Muhlhausler for his continued support of Norf’k Language in the Norfolk Island Museum.

Janelle Blucher

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**Strong outside support:**
United Nations Association President says "you have the right to make your own decision." - South Pacific Commission says "you are entitled to a seat." - Top Australian economist says "your economy can support your island." - Pacific Islands Monthly" says "people everywhere aspire to self-governing." - Readers write in to support Norfolk.

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When Ukraine threatened the autonomous status of Crimea, the people of that territory on March 16, 2014 voted in a popular referendum to declare independence from Ukraine and apply to join the Russian Federation as an autonomous republic. The results of the referendum were overwhelmingly for independence and retrocession to Russia with 96.7 percent of eligible voters opting for separation from Ukraine.

The West howled at the referendum and its results. The European Union, Canada, and the United States slapped punitive sanctions on Crimean and Russian political leaders, companies, and institutions.

Compare the overwhelming desire of the people of Crimea for separation from Ukraine and accession to the Russian Federation with how Australia has recently treated the self-governing territory of Norfolk Island, located in the Tasman Sea between Australia and New Zealand and the full story of the West’s total and utter hypocrisy comes to light.

Norfolk Island’s population of 2300 could not be more different than that of Australia. Norfolk Island has its own flag, in which the famous Norfolk Island pine tree is depicted; its own post office that issues its own stamps; its own national holiday, Bounty Day; and its own official language, Norfuk, which is a patois of English and Tahitian, known as Pitkern, originally spoken by the mutinous descendants of the HMS Bounty. In 1979, Australia granted Norfolk Island self-government, with an elected Legislative Assembly enacting laws for the island. However, Australia’s Norfolk Island Act of 1979 placed restraints on Norfolk Island’s self-government.

Australia, could, at will, override Norfolk Island legislation with Australian law. In 1977, the Norfolk Island Council, after being advised of the Australian government’s plans to incorporate the island into Australia, petitioned the United Nations to intervene. The Council reasoned that without a popular referendum on incorporation, Australia’s plans were a violation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Australia chose not to apply the covenants to Norfolk Island. Nevertheless, after the enactment of the self-government act of 1979, Norfolk Island enjoyed a degree of self-government not enjoyed by Australia’s other external territories, including Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island, Lord Howe Island, and the Torres Strait Islands. Australians and foreigners, before Norfolk Island’s illegal annexation by Canberra, required a passport to enter Norfolk Island.

Norfolk Island is a member of international sporting organizations and Norfolk Island teams have marched under their own flag at the Commonwealth Games. Norfolk Island is also a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and its Chief Minister, equivalent to a Prime Minister, has represented the island in Australian and international forums. Assisting the Chief Minister in self-governance was a Cabinet composed of a Minister for Tourism, Industry and Development; a Minister for Finance; a Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services; and a Minister for the Environment.

Norfolk Island enjoyed its autonomous status until March 19, 2015, when the right-wing Australian government of Prime Minister Tony Abbott unilaterally revoked the self-government of Norfolk Island and attached it administratively to the state of New South Wales. The Abbott regime had decided to revoke the island’s self-governance because Norfolk Island, like many governments around the world, including Greece, Iceland, have been wrecked by the effects of austerity and unscrupulous bank lending practices. Norfolk Island, no longer benefitting from tourism revenue, went broke. When Norfolk Island decided to become an offshore banking center and legalize medical cannabis, both vetoed by the Australian colonial representative on the island, in order to replace the revenue sacrificed by the tourism slump, the Abbott regime began plotting their takeover of the island. Rather than work cooperatively with the long-established self-government institutions of the island, Abbott and his government in Canberra simply abolished them.

In November 2014, Abbott and his ministers went out of their way to snub Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G20 Summit in Brisbane. One of the bones of contention was the referendum that saw Crimea return to Russia. Abbott even threatened to «shirt front» Putin, that is, physically assault him, during the G20. While the Western leaders at the G20 Summit condemned Russia for recognizing the self-determination of Crimea and supporting the self-government desires of the Russian-speaking people of Donetsk and Lugansk in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine, Abbott and his ministers, in violation of (continued overleaf)
Australia annexed a self-governing territory and the world remained silent - continued

every principle of international law, were plotting to seize control of Norfolk Island from the elected government and its citizenry.

On May 8, 2015, the people of Norfolk Island held a referendum, which was not that much different than the referendum held in Crimea. The referendum question asked whether Norfolk Islanders should «freely determine their political status and their economic, social and cultural development» and «be consulted at referendum or plebiscite on the future model of governance for Norfolk Island before such changes are acted upon by the Australian parliament». The referendum passed with 68 percent voting in favor. Australia and the Abbott regime ignored the results of the vote and continued to undemocratically absorb Norfolk Island into New South Wales and Australia.

Australia maintains that Norfolk Island is an integral part of Australia, notwithstanding the 1979 Act and several declarations by Australian delegations to UN specialized agencies that Norfolk Island is a dependent territory of Australia. In every definition of the international law concept of an external dependent territory, Norfolk Island deserves to be added to the UN’s list of non-self-governing territories and Australia should be forced to develop a schedule for decolonization of Norfolk Island. Australia’s disingenuous stance on Norfolk Island resulted in the island not being places on the UN Decolonization Committee’s official list of non-self-governing territories. Norfolk Islanders believe their country should be on the UN list because they contend that Queen Victoria granted the island independence when Britain decided to resettle the people of Pitcairn on Norfolk Island in 1856.

Australia has used its tremendous diplomatic clout to deny Norfolk Island a hearing before either the United Nations or the International Court of Justice. Norfolk Island Chief Minister Lisle Snell, who was tossed from his office as a result of Australia’s unilateral action, declared the results of the referendum displayed for the world Australia’s perfidy. Snell said, «the referendum results blow a hole in Canberra’s assertion that the reforms introduced before the Australian Parliament that propose abolishing the Legislative Assembly and Norfolk Island Parliament were overwhelmingly supported by the people of Norfolk Island.» In other words, as far as Australia and its surveillance-oriented FIVE EYES intelligence partners of the United States, Canada, Britain, and New Zealand are concerned, the people of Norfolk Island and Crimea do not deserve their referendum decisions to be recognized by the world community. However, unlike Russia, which did recognize the will of the people of Crimea, Australia has rejected the will of the people of Norfolk Island. And unlike Russia, Australia has not been subject to crippling international sanctions for its political and diplomatic aggression against Norfolk Island.

Australia riled Norfolk Island’s elected leaders when it informed them they would have to vacate their government offices by midnight on June 16. The new de facto leader of Norfolk Island is Regional Development Minister Jamie Briggs, an anti-labor union crony of Abbott. After Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly Speaker David Buffett railed against Canberra’s seizure of power on the island, Briggs informed Buffett that he was fired from the Canberra-appointed replacement for the elected Legislative Assembly, the «Community Advisory Council».

Norfolk Island’s appeals to the world to condemn Australia’s illegal annexation have gone unheard. At the very least, sanctions, including visa bans and foreign asset freezes, should be imposed on Australian leaders like Abbott, Briggs, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, Attorney George Brandis, Finance Minister Matthias Cormann, and Governor General Peter Cosgrove, among others. The «quislings» appointed by Briggs to the rump unelected Community Advisory Council should also face international sanctions, including travel bans. Norfolk Island, populated by the descendants of British Royal Navy officers and enlisted men who mutinied against the tyrannical Captain William Bligh, do not need Tony Abbott and his cronies in Canberra reprising the dictatorial roles of Bligh and his loyalists on the HMS Bounty.

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The Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department confirmed this principle in a submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Northern Territory in 1974 (Parliamentary Paper No. 281 of 1974) in which it stated it would be politically unthinkable to take away such powers after they had been granted. And yet, history clearly records the Australian Parliament took away Norfolk Island’s Parliament and self-government against the wishes of the majority of the people.

“A Modern Mutiny”
On Wednesday 20 April 2016, a documentary titled “A MODERN MUTINY” will be screened on SBS – just eight days before the 227th Anniversary of the world’s most famous mutiny – “The Mutiny on the Bounty.”

Viewers may be able to get an insight from the title and perhaps the content in the SBS documentary from the preview. In the preview the Norfolk Island Administrator is triumphantly showing the SBS film maker the word ‘MUTINY’ which was illegally painted on the walls of the Kingston compound. To see the preview to the SBS documentary go to -


One would have hoped the Administrator, a Vice Regal appointee, might have realised that his public presence in front of the word ‘MUTINY’ is inflammatory and may be viewed by some as incitement – or perhaps he did. Perhaps also the Administrator should take the time to revisit the findings of the 1926 Royal Commission regarding the removal of the then Norfolk Island Administrator. This would be a timely exercise in the light of the Administrator’s behaviour since he arrived on Norfolk Island and in light of the 2015 petition sent to the Governor-General requesting the Administrator’s immediate removal from Norfolk Island.

NIPD does not condone vandalism. However, a friend of NIPD in Australia, a Sociologist, when asked what Mutiny in the Norfolk context means, said – “When someone writes Mutiny on a prominent wall in Norfolk Island, it is a poetic call to justice; a call to rally together around the heritage of Norfolk Islanders as an independent culture that deserves respect. So the word Mutiny in the current context is a cry of the heart and a political statement. But it is more. It is a poet at full lungs saying that the emperor has no clothes; that the new deal is a raw deal, that local hearts and minds feel trampled on. It is a humble request for Australia to give Norfolk Island a fair deal. Not to let the Norfolk Islander community see their livelihoods and their pride taken away.”

NIPD Update
NIPD had hoped to have a weekly talk back and phone in segment on the Norfolk Island ‘Community Radio’ to allow supporters (or detractors) to ask questions relating to our work. Within days of making that request the work of our Association to uphold the rights of the Norfolk Island People was deemed to be ‘against the Government’. NIPD is not welcome on the Australian Government controlled radio – formerly known as the islands ‘Community Radio’.

NIPD had hoped to provide some protection to our Committee members by incorporating as a legal Association, a process that normally takes only a few days. NIPD applied in November 2015 and is yet to hear if that application is to be approved. We have been led to believe that the Commonwealth Legal Officers are still busy working out a way to refuse our application. In recent weeks we have had to take a more expensive legal path to protect our Committee members.

NIPD had hoped to garner the public support of a wider range of groups, Associations and individuals. However NIPD is having to receive their support through third parties (and in confidence) because of fear of retribution by the Australian Government.

It is extremely sad that standing up for one’s rights is met with such resistance in this modern day, and especially from a Government that asserts that it upholds the principles of democracy and the rule of law.

Given the importance of our work we are understandably cautious and despite overwhelming odds the Committee is still making fantastic progress, so much so that our international, academic and political support base grows substantially as our state of affairs gathers greater profile.

We leave you with these thoughts:
• Norfolk Island belongs to the descendants of the original settlers from Pitcairn Island, and the many other people, irrespective of their nationality, who have chosen to make Norfolk Island their home since 1856.
• Australia’s current actions are illegal in International Law.
• On Monday 18 April NIPD will be holding a public meeting and will be in a position to update the Norfolk Island people on the progress and work of NIPD, including our application to be listed as a non-self-governing territory with the United Nations.

From the Management Committee
www.norfolkschoice.com
31 March 2016
From 1 July 2016, it will be compulsory for Norfolk Islanders to have superannuation. If you are an employer or employee this will affect you. AustSafe Super will be hosting two seminars and conducting appointments for employees and employers to assist with setting up accounts.

Details on the FREE seminars are below:

**Employer Seminar**
Tuesday 3rd May 2016
5.30pm for a 6.00pm start
Governors Lodge Theatre Room
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5.30pm for a 6.00pm start
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It is only to be expected that when you devote years of your life to the betterment of the island that you call home, when the time comes to say farewell, those of us who are left join with family members to offer expressions of support and sadness.

This was the case on Saturday, 26th March when members of the Norfolk Island community gathered at St. Barnabas Mission Chapel and later at the Kingston Cemetery to say farewell to Marie Anne Bailey OAM. Reverend David Fells welcomed us all to the Chapel and after the singing of the Hymn “Gethsemane”, Mary Christian Bailey delivered the following Eulogy:

“Marie Anne Bailey was born in 1926, and died in her 90th year.

This afternoon, as we reflect on her life, we have decided to take you on one of Marie’s tours. It will be quite a journey, full of adventures, lots to do and see, a few challenges. But at the end of this tour, you will be very glad to have met this iconic and visionary lady, who has done so much for our island.

The tour begins at Marie’s home, Greenacre, the old house that was built by George Bailey who came to Norfolk Island in 1875 to work for the Melanesian Mission as a blacksmith, and married Emily Christian, who had arrived from Pitcairn in 1856 at the age of four. George and Emily had six children, and the youngest of these was Tom.

The first stop on our journey will be Fiji. Tom and his wife Edna Roberts were stationed there with the Pacific Cable Board. While they were there Marie was born in 1926. With her fair colouring, she must have stood out, and loved to tell people she was so fair because she was born in the daytime!

In 1930, when Marie was four, the family returned to Norfolk Island and lived for many years in one of the Cable Board houses at Anson Bay. Tom so much enjoyed daughter Marie’s company, and sharing activities like fishing and gardening with her, that he kept her back from school until she was seven, when she eventually started at Lisa Everett’s little Anson Bay School.

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Marie Anne Bailey OAM - continued

In year 6, she moved to the Middle Gate school, and made the hour long journey on horseback each morning and afternoon, usually along the old Pine Avenue.

Let us stop the bus here for a while. Marie loved to tell us how she watched those pines come down to make way for the new airstrip back in 1942. The roots of the pine would be severed, a rope attached, and they would be uprooted using two bulldozers. The branches would be removed from each side, and the tree would be rolled out of the way. Marie recorded that the whole process took just 15 minutes.

The new airfield would soon play a significant role in Marie’s life. One of her diaries records the aircraft she observed flying in and out each day. Then after the war, the family gained passage on a New Zealand Airforce plane and travelled to New Zealand, where she was enrolled in Massey Agricultural College. At first Marie had thought she would like to study dairying, having had much first-hand experience at home. But after a year, she decided she did not really want to be around cows for the rest of her life, and did a two year diploma in horticulture.

Marie loved to grow things all her life. Only weeks before her death, she was still planting cuttings in her potting shed. In those early years, she developed a small industry exporting acalypha leaves for New Zealand florists to use making wreaths, and also exported avocados, which had first been brought to the island by her own father. Both these activities provided employment for local people with picking and packing.

She was appointed as an inspection officer for the Bean Seed industry, and, rode all over the island on her bicycle to inspect the plantations for disease. She told how she would look longingly at her father’s car when it was raining, but he would not take the hint, encouraging her to be independent and hardy. She experimented with a couple of bicycles with small motors, but eventually asked Shane McCoy’s father to do up a repossessed car in Sydney and ship it over here for her. Marie’s horticultural and gardening skills also led to her having a place on the Norfolk Island National Parks Advisory Committee, where she served for 25 years.

You may be surprised that the next stage of our tour takes us to what is now the Leagues Club in Ferny Lane. The new airfield was bringing increasing numbers of visitors to the island, who needed to be welcomed, fed, entertained, and taken on sightseeing tours. Marie saw the opportunity to start her very own tour company. Her very first tourist buses were Ford lorries. One of these, the Model A, is still going strong, although it makes only an occasional appearance on the road. It was not long before the very first of a long line of Toyota buses was brought to the island. Locals were encouraged to open their homes and gardens, to get involved in catering for tour groups, to demonstrate their traditional skills and culture, and to generally showcase the island’s story. And of course, there were the drivers – Dolly, Gwen, Doodsie, Zena. – nearly always women. Later there some fellas like Pauly Ted were allowed into the fold. It was always said that her staff worked with her, not for her.

I should mention that during these years, this hardworking lady also ran a 24 hour Taxi service (and she meant it), had the school bus run, and was able to boast “We meet every plane.”

It is those Toyota buses that will take us on a brief diversion to Japan, where Marie met up with all the Toyota big-wigs, and secured the Toyota agency for the island. Unfortunately, the Japanese had difficulties in dealing with even such a strong woman as Marie, and the agency was eventually passed over to a man.

And while we are detouring on our journey, let us fly off to other parts of the world. Marie loved to travel, and she often took her staff with her. She competed in the South Pacific Games in Guam. There was a trip to Whangarei to see the launching of the new Bounty. There was a visit to Hawaii with her friends and staff, and when there was a hitch in their travel arrangements, she made an impulsive decision to pay a surprise visit to her cousin Charlie Roberts in California. Then there was the trip to Wimbledon, when a casual conversation with another lady in a queue resulted in a lifelong friendship.

You see, Marie just loved to talk about Norfolk Island wherever she went and to promote it. She would strike up conversations with strangers in lifts, on trains, in restaurants. She was forever putting Norfolk Island on the map.

After this diversion, let us continue our journey down to Kingston to the Golf Club. As you enter, you will see Marie’s name and photo everywhere. As a young girl, Marie had taken up tennis like her father, but one day decided to play with his unused golf sticks. He watched her practising, gave her a few hints about her stance, and she soon discovered a wonderful talent. Her name appeared on the Club Champions Honour Board 22 times in 29 years. She had two holes in one, and was a life member and patron of the club. It was only a few years ago that broken wrists, then a shoulder injury forced her to retire from golf, still on a very low handicap.

As our tour leaves the Golf Club, we will just call up to Government House, where Marie was presented with the Australian Sports Medal in 2000, and the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Developing of the Tourist Industry in 2007. Later in 2011, Administrator Owen Walsh would present her with the Order of (continued overleaf)
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Australia. She accepted all of these, and many other accolades, with matter-of-fact modesty.

We will now head up New Farm Road to the historic Nobbs homestead Moira. It was here, in conjunction with Val and Kit Nobbs, that Marie began the iconic Island Dinner back in the early 60’s. This was an opportunity to showcase traditional Norfolk Island foods and cooking as well as gracious island hospitality. When increasing age made it hard for the Nobbs sisters to continue opening their home, Marie needed to find a new permanent home for this popular occasion on the visitor itinerary, and the opportunity arose for her to purchase the historic Bishops court, opposite the Chapel. Right at this same time, Marie had also taken delivery of a Cessna aircraft, to conduct sightseeing flights over the island. The plane was christened the Flying Nun to tie in with the Bishop’s court name.

Before we continue our travels, you may ask if there is a written Guide Book to accompany our tour? Does anyone have one of these gathering dust on their bookshelves? This is the 1984 edition of Marie’s A to Z of Norfolk Island. Well, get it out and read it. It has some great historical information, excellent descriptions of the Norfolk way of life, and some surprisingly perceptive political comment. It also gives you an insight into Marie’s wry sense of humour. Under the heading of Currency, she suggests Norfolk could have some special coins called a Fletcher and a Bligh – the Fletcher definitely having a higher value! She always wanted Norfolk Islanders to be proud of their unique history and heritage.

Eventually Marie sold both Bishop’s Court and Marie’s Tours. We will travel back to the old Bailey homestead, but if you think we are coming to the end of the journey, you are seriously mistaken. We will visit the Pitcairn Settlers’ Village, developed by Marie around her property to show that the rich history of the island is not limited to the Penal Settlement area. Marie was finding that the sheds and outbuildings at Greenacre, many of which had once held the buses, were filling up with items and artefacts from past years. As she started to put them on display, many people came forward to loan or donate other items that told the story of the Pitcairners and their early years on Norfolk Island. The focal point of the village would be Marie’s grandfather’s Blacksmith shop. Marie also built a half, Christian’s Cave, which to this day is a favourite place for meetings and gatherings. Visitors greatly enjoy Marie’s colourful gardens, and the healthiest most luxuriant array of pot plants you will see on any verandah on the island.

We will travel back out the front of the homestead along Queen Elizabeth Avenue and see the magnificent row of stately and colourful Poincianas, all started by Marie from seeds taken from the grand old tree at her home, planted by her father in 1930. She has watered and nurtured them to maturity, and they will be a wonderful memorial to her community-mindedness for years to come.

Just a little further on, we come to the Cyclorama and Hilli’s. This was another of Marie’s visions that she worked to make a reality. The original inspiration had come from a Diorama she had seen during a train trip across Canada. In Marie’s mind, it was a wonderful way of telling the story of the Pitcairn and Norfolk people from the Mutiny up to the present day. Just around this time, her cousin Tracey and Sue had returned to the island, and accepted the enormous challenge of visually creating the story “in the round”. As we know, this attraction has, over the years, moved many people to tears, and in 2014 earned a major TripAdvisor Award.

The day the Cyclorama was finished, Marie’s mind moved to her next project, which would involve the land adjacent to Hilli’s Restaurant. After initial thoughts of a maze, or a map of Norfolk Island laid out with plantings, Marie decided she would like to do something to honour Queen Victoria. At her father’s knee she had learned that the Queen had gifted Norfolk Island to her forbears, and Tom had learned this from his mother’s knee. But there was nothing on the island to acknowledge this gift, and she was going to set this right. The paddock was transformed into a beautiful park, with plantings representing many countries of the Commonwealth and Polynesia. At the centre a gazebo was built with writings and pictures portraying Norfolk Island’s association with the Queen. At the centre of this is a bust of “Vicky” – Marie’s affectionate nickname for her – obtained from England. Queen Victoria’s Garden was a wonderful gift to the island.

Yes, we are nearing the end of our journey and will return to the old homestead where it all began. Marie was now experiencing increasing health and mobility problems, but had acquired her “buggy” which enabled her to retain some independence, and to run around her beautiful domain, checking on the Village and her gardens, pruning and watering, fertilising and tiding up. In between times, she had a constant stream of visitors to her kitchen, including many from overseas, and there were lots of talks about the old days, and occasions for poring over her old diaries and mementoes and photos. Marie became a living reference book for nearly 90 years of the island’s history.

Marie was an only child, and never married or had children. But she has left behind an extended family on both Edna and Tom’s side, who loved her dearly as a sort of trusted “aunt.” and who will miss her presence deeply. And then there is Tina Marie, her beloved dog, now safely homed with Carol and Dan, the last of a long line of pets and animal friends who were so very important to her. There are pictures and other reminders of them all through the house, including a diary of the activities of a little bird called Cheep who used to visit her.

So what have we learned on our journey through Marie’s life? She was an optimist, an achiever, an enabler, a pioneer. She was incredibly generous. She adored her island home, and everything she did was to honour it and promote it. She was never happy with second best. Nothing was worth doing unless you put your whole heart into it. She achieved things that other people did not even dare to dream!

Marie Bailey was truly Norfolk Island’s National Treasure!”

The message from the Bible - John 14:1-4 - was read by Carole Yager and after Reflection and Prayers the funeral party left for the Kingston Cemetery.

Kingston Cemetery

After a welcome by Reverend David Fells, those present recited The Lord’s Prayer and this was followed by the singing of “Ship of Fame”.

Charles Christian-Bailey then read the following Eulogy that he had written for his Cousin Marie.
Marie Anne Bailey OAM - continued

“IT is difficult to summarise such a long, full and valuable life of a person into a few paragraphs. Those who attended the earlier service at St Barnabas heard a little more than I will say here, however I will try to capture some of the essence of the very special person who was Marie Anne Bailey OAM.

Let’s take a Marie’s Tour back in time through her Life. Most of us present may only know of Marie’s recent achievements, some will know of earlier achievements, but I would say all of us present would be aware of the great RESPECT this community has for Marie Bailey – a respect fully evident by the number of people gathered here today.

Marie passed away peacefully last Monday afternoon at 89 years of age. After enjoying a relatively long and healthy life, her last few years became challenging with increasing health problems, some of which caused her immense pain. Like many of her generation, she was never one to complain and always maintained an optimistic outlook even right to the end. Her health problems took her on many trips to hospital in Sydney over the last 8 or so years. We all know Marie as a great pioneer and advocate for the Norfolk Island Tourism industry. Marie never missed an opportunity to promote Norfolk Island, always filling her travel bags with brochures and handing them out to Nurses, Doctors, other patients, taxi drivers, strangers in elevators and at every occasion she could. Her ability to communicate with people of all different ages from different walks of life, won her many life-long friends from all over the world.

The next bus stop in this remarkable life was her great appreciation of her Pitcairn Island heritage. At 83 years of age when most people have long since put up their feet, Marie sees it important to memorialise and recognise the great gift Queen Victoria made to the Pitcairn Island people back in 1856, by granting Norfolk as their new homeland. Marie’s Grandmother, Emily Wellesley Christian was born on Pitcairn Island, came here in 1856 and was granted by Queen Victoria the land that is Marie’s home today.

Using her wealth of experience in horticulture she created the beautiful Queen Victoria gardens at the front section of her property. Along with dozens of plants bought and donated, she struck and raised many interesting and exotic shrubs and trees to plant in the grounds. In the centre she built an 8 sided gazebo to honour the 8 families relocated to Norfolk from Pitcairn and the wonderful gift made by Queen Victoria. These gardens will remain a living, growing sanctuary to be enjoyed now and into the future by all locals and visitors alike.

Moving along next door, in 2002 at 76 years of age Marie develops one of her grandest achievements – Fletcher’s Mutiny Cyclorama. This magnificent panoramic display was the brainchild of Marie after being inspired by a similar display in Quebec Canada. Marie saw this grand exhibit on one of her many travels in the early 1980’s. Her passion to tell the story of her famous forebears and to create memorable tourism experiences left a burning desire to develop a good quality attraction. When her cousin Tracey Yager and Sue Draper moved back to the Island, she saw the opportunity to realise her dream by using their creative talents to craft this world class tourist attraction that we know today.

Marie retired (and I say that loosely) in 1989, after a career at the time spanning over 40 years in the tourism industry. More time was needed to pursue her other great passion of Golf and Gardening. However to Marie there was something not right. Tourism at that time was slanting too far towards the convict settlement side of Norfolk’s history at the exclusion of Pitcairn Settlement history. She felt this was the most important settlement as it is the one that exists here today. Her drive and determination lead her to fill a void by telling her family story, in doing so keeping alive some of the facets of Norfolk Island culture and traditions. Marie was immensely proud of her family history and in 1989 she decided to honour this connection by opening to the public her historic family property “Greenacres” or formally known as “Shortridge”. With this property she created “The Pitcairn Settlers Village”.

The Governor General of Australia Sir Ninian Stephen was visiting Norfolk at the time and it was suggested by the Administrators Office that he may be available to officially open the Village. However, although he did attend the opening, Marie bestowed this honour on the Oldest Living Norfolk Islander- Mrs Gordie Beveridge. The same honour was accorded to Mrs Sylvia (Girly) Nobbs, Norfolk’s Oldest Living Resident, some years later when she opened the Cyclorama.

A journey through Kingston with a stop at Norfolk’s historic Golf Club will see a name recurrent, spanning several decades on the honours boards around the walls.

MARIE BAILEY Ladies Club Champion 22 years out of 29 years from 1950; Life member; Course Record Holder; Club Patron; Hole in One on two occasions.

Marie represented Norfolk in the Pacific Games in Guam in 1999 and again on Norfolk for the Mini Games in 2001. She also played in the Fiji Open in 1979.

The other day we received the following tribute from the Golf Club which I will read:-“The honour boards speak for themselves on Marie’s achievements

Marie was instrumental in Golfers competing in the South Pacific Games and once she stopped competing herself she mentored and supported the ladies teams. Marie was greatly admired and respected at the club and her achievements and contributions will not be forgotten”.

We thank the Golf club for paying your respects to Marie’s Life with your guard of honour this afternoon.

Let’s take a trip up the gravel track to Mount Pitt, when the Norfolk Island National Park was proclaimed in the early 1980’s. The legislation provided for an advisory council to represent the interests of the Norfolk Island Community. What better ambassador to represent the tourism sector, Marie served as a dedicated member of Norfolk Island National Park Advisory Committee for 25 years, many of these years as the Chair. She often held a fractured committee together with her conciliatory resolve and her practical no-nonsense business sense.

It’s a well-known fact Tourism underpins the Norfolk Island economy. Journey back a bit to the 1950’s and a lesser known fact is that pioneers like Marie Bailey are responsible for the growth and success of the industry today.

Marie got a job with the Tourist Bureau in the late 50’s. At this time visitor number to the island were around 640 per year. The Tourist Bureau relied on a

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Marie Anne Bailey OAM - continued

Government subsidy of a meagre 104 pounds per year of which also had to fund her salary.

A regular air service had been established to the Island in the 1950’s. The Islanders had come to value this service as their link to the outside world, however few people seemed to be concerned about tourism promotion and growing a tourist industry on the Island. Support and subscriptions to the newly formed tourism board were lack lustre at best. A wonderful story she often told was of an occasion prior to a meeting to discuss tourism promotion where poor numbers were expected, Marie and others pinned posters around the Island simply stating; NO TOURISTS – NO PLANES. This instantly grabbed the attention of the community, filling the meeting hall with concerned residents.

Her resourcefulness and Can-Do attitude safeguarded the success of the Tourist Bureau. The old YMCA hall was relocated from the airport to where the Leagues club stands today. From these premises funds for tourism promotion were raised from concerts, refreshment sales and even a sly bar.

In the beginning, it was the tourist bureau who organised the island tours. Owen Evans truck, with seats fitted to the back was used to conduct the tours. Owen drove, while Marie did the commentary.

Later on it started to build up and soon got to the stage where the office had to be manned full time, while someone had to meet the aircraft. So that was when they gave her the choice of either running the office or taking the tours and running them herself. So in true Marie Bailey fashion she said “okay, forget me and I’ll go my own way”.

That’s when she started out with Charlie Bailey’s Model A Ford truck and commenced Marie’s Norfolk Tours.

As the business grew she purchased the first Toyota bus ever to be imported to Norfolk. She ended up with several buses in her fleet over the years. Marie had secured the original Toyota dealership on Norfolk, eventually surrendering it after finding the Japanese reticent to do business with a single woman.

Many of the tours she pioneered still exist today and providing meaningful employment and supplementary income to local families. Progressive Dinners, Behind the Hedges, Island Diners to name a few. Marie bought a Cessna 172 and conducted Scenic Tours for a while. She also had a 24 hour Taxi Service (her after hours service was staffed by her personally)

Marie’s Tours was a dominating force over 30 years. She taught the Islanders to take ownership of tourism. She took immense pride in everything she did. She ran a tight ship, but all of her staff were her friends first and employees second.

At the drop of a hat she could often shut shop and shout all of her staff on a trip away. They went to places like Lord Howe or Hawaii.

Ironically Marie’s success in business was not necessarily due to a measured assessment of percentages, business plans or any of that boring stuff. Rather she believed fully in what she did, she drove everything from the heart, but most importantly she worked incredibly hard. Her greatest riches were derived from the pride and satisfaction of what she had accomplished.

Let’s take a look behind the hedges to a time when Norfolk relied on various produce industries. Marie had attended Massey University after school and attained a degree in horticulture. On her return to Norfolk, just after the war, she became the agricultural inspector, inspecting and certifying certain exports like bean seed.

At the time National Airways had just started flying to Norfolk. National had trouble filling the 17 seats so a special airfreight rate of 6 pence a pound was offered for local producers to send produce back to New Zealand. Marie kept busy packing and sending avocados, beans, fruit-salad plant, sacks of sweet tatie, cut flowers and all manner of produce.

At one time there was great demand from New Zealand florists for the Red Acalypha leaves to be used as floral fillers. Various old ladies like Moosha and Lilly Oodo would pick the leaves and A young Marie took her motorbike with side cart around and collected the leaves for fumigation and packing ready for the aircraft. There were 14 leaves to a bundle and around 2000 bundles were exported weekly. This collaborative spirit helped shape to person who she was to become.

Sadly, changes to Quarantine laws saw the end of this business.

Marie grew up on Norfolk during wartime. She made many friendships with New Zealand servicemen many of which endured into her later life. She was a great recorder of interesting facts and observations. Like the method and length of time it took them to remove a Pine Avenue tree. She was always curious and interested in how things worked and how they were done.

Marie’s early childhood was spent at the Cable Station with her parents Tom and Edna Bailey. Tom was in the cable service for many years working in various postings through the Pacific.

Marie was born in Suva Fiji while her father had a posting there. A lesser known fact that Marie was always proud of. She always claimed she was born in the daytime that’s why she turned out white!

The family returned back to Norfolk when she was 4. Marie and her father Tom always shared a special bond. Tom kept Marie back from school for the first 2 years so he could spend more time raising her and teaching her life skills in her homeland. She always talked fondly of the fishing trips down the Chord in their little boat “carkcrotch” that they kept on the rocks there. (continued overleaf)
**What’s on at The Theatre**

**THIS WEEK**

**Standby**

A witty romantic comedy starring Jessica Pare, Brian Gleeson

Alan is down on his luck, stood up at the altar and recently fired from his bank job. Working part time as a tourist advisor at Dublin Airport info desk he meets Alice who is on standby for a flight home to New York. Ten years ago, when they were students, Alan and Alice had a summer romance that ended badly. Alan convinces Alice to stay one more night in Dublin and over the course of one night they get to know a city and each other all over again. Rated M

**FROM 8 APRIL**

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Marie Anne Bailey OAM - continued

Marie was a competent doer – while others were busy talking about it, Marie was busy doing it. She told her stories through her actions, her creations, her generosity and her leadership.

We shouldn’t grieve too much for Marie, her accomplishments are all around us today for us to enjoy and benefit from. Instead we should take a leaf out of her book and just get of our backsides and do it. Marie, you were small in stature but to this place you were a giant – and as one of your Doctors described recently a real monument for this community.

You may have never had children, we thank you for treating us as your own. We know many generations of Norfolk Islanders to come, will know your name”.

Marie’s cousin, Tracey Yager was the next speakers and she delivered the following tribute to her Cousin:-

“Marie had a huge impact on so many people, not just here on Norfolk but all over the world.

Anyone who met Marie remembers her.

She has made friends with so many people during her life - many of them aren’t able to be here today and our thoughts are with them.

Marie was an amazing woman - she wouldn’t want me saying any of this, she didn’t like being in the limelight, she’d tell me to sit down and be quiet! But it has to be said.

She shaped the way Norfolk is today.

She proved that gender or size is no barrier, that if you have real passion and a strong heart you can achieve anything.

In essence Marie was a people person, she inspired people, she had a genuine interest in others and would befriend anyone who was in her presence for more than a few moments.

Over the past few days as people have shared their memories of Marie with me one of the things that has come through so very strongly is the tremendous amount of respect that the people of this island have for her.

I would like to share with you some of the wonderful words people have used to describe Marie:

• Innovative • Trail Blazer • Champion
• Selfless • Entrepreneur • Visionary • Brave
• Pioneer • Wealth of Knowledge • Determined
• Before her time
• Strong yet Gentle at the same time
• Great Company

These were just some of them that I’ve heard over the past few days, but of all, the most common words used to describe Marie have been:

“SHE WAS A NORFOLK ICON”

Marie’s Fijian Friends then sang their hauntingly beautiful farewell song “Isa Lei” - “Isa Isa, you are my only treasurer” as the Floral tributes were placed on the coffin and the Committal took place.

“Come Ye Blessed” Pitcairn Anthem was then led by PJ Wilson and the Farewell song - “I am Woman” was sung by Helen Reddy.

The late Marie Bailey OAM

Thank you to all of you.
From the Yager and Christian Bailey Families
What an amazing and supportive community we live in!!

Thanks Yourli for Uklan

On behalf of the family we would also like to extend our thanks to Jo and Jonno and The Norfolk Islander.
It is a great service that you provide and we would like to acknowledge that you do this free of charge.
It is much appreciated.

Charles, Tracey, Kim and Sue

Where to start:-
To all those who sent emails, card – who called and those who made the effort from overseas to make it over in time, none of it will be forgotten and is appreciated.

Jodie Williams, the service sheet did absolute justice to you and Marie.
To all the ladies at the usual place, once again you have out did yourselves in your beautiful arrangement and care of placing at St Barnabas – thank you

Shane Quintal your care and thought of where to place the grave was much appreciated.
To the grave diggers your dedication and in your free time says it all.

Tardy thank you so much for helping putting her to rest and driving past all the things that meant a lot to Marie.

Golf Club, it was an honor for us for you all to be present and show your respect to an amazing lady.

Reverend David Fell – your words were heard by all – thank you for your support and words of encouragement and comfort.

Pall bearers all of you meant a great deal to Marie – thank you.

Milton your timing was faultless, thank you for the beautiful music.

Andre Nobbs, thank you for organizing the PA system for us.

Service Sheet Distributers it is with appreciation we say thank you to you all.

Phil McDowell and PJ thank you for the beautiful playing of the organ and leading the Pitcairn Anthem.

Fijian Singers there was not a dry eye in the house it was stunning and beautiful, Marie would have loved it.

Helen Reeves and helpers you made it a breeze on the day, our thanks is heart felt.

The Doctors, Nurses and Staff at the Hospital.
Thank you for your ongoing care over the last few years, you have battled with us we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

You are all amazing, your care and attention to Marie was impeccable – she was never a number to you all and that is a credit to our wonderful Nursing staff at the hospital.

You didn’t stop there, your support and words of comfort for friends and family goes beyond the line of duty.
You all made Marie comfortable and at peace and for that we will never forget.

If we have forgotten anyone we apologise so many people did so many things. Thanks Yourli

Charles, Tracey and Family.
Thank you, thank you and thank you! This amazing and generous community always rally to assist the education of our children and this year did not disappoint. The Easter Carnival is the fundraising event for the Parents and Citizens Association of Norfolk Island Central School. Bronwyn South and Roz Tierney have, again, headed up a tireless group of parents and community members to ensure that the evening was successful and a lot of fun. To our office staff, Meg, Sa and Susie thank you and to our NICS staff, who always give 110% a huge thank you. I am not sure where you find the energy at the end of term but you always do. To our Administration staff, Norfolk Island Radio and NI business community thanks for you continued support.

Last Thursday we were very fortunate to have Jessica Watson visit and talk with interested senior students and Years 9 and 10 Marine Studies students. Jessica spoke about her adventures sailing solo around the world and skippering in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race. She was the youngest to do both!

Jessica talked to the students about setting, working towards and achieving goals; overcoming fears and putting yourself into situations that you find challenging. The students asked a range of interesting questions and very much enjoyed Jessica’s short visit.

We are so fortunate to have people like Jessica, who visit our island, that are willing to give up their personal time to come and share their experiences with our students. Thank you very much Jessica for your visit. It was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks also to Sorrel Ciantar and Rowan Peterson for facilitating this event.

**Visit by the HMAS Sirius**

Students at NICS were fortunate that the sea remained calm and crew were able to disembark from the HMAS Sirius on Friday 18th March and visit the school to talk with interested students. The Captain brought a diverse group with him to the school. The students were spoken to by 4 young sailors and officers who spoke about their roles within the Navy and their application and training processes.

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Expression of Interest

NICS School Learning and Support Officer
Part Time / Casual - 28 hours / week

Norfolk Island Central School is seeking expressions of interest from persons who may be interested in joining our Support Team for term 2, 2016 with a possibility of extension for the remainder of the year. Please note that these positions are casual and funds are determined by identified student needs.

The applicants will need to show a capacity for working with students with physical and intellectual disabilities, and students with social and learning difficulties.

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Applications must address the essential position criteria:
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Please email application to michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au
Applications close on Friday 15th April at 3 p.m.
Enquiries to: Michelle Nicholson Principal at NICS Ph: 23000

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School News - continued

The students were given the opportunity to ask questions and speak with the 4 presenters and others that had come along after the talk concluded.

Thank you very much to the Captain and crew of the HMAS Sirius for taking the time to come and share your knowledge and experiences with us.

Photocopiers
Thank you to the Norfolk Island National Parks team who have so generously provided the school on loan with two photocopies until our new parts arrive. A big thank you to all who have phoned offering assistance.

Shave for Cure
This year NICS SRC will be doing our ‘SHAVE FOR A CURE’ Funky Hair Day fundraiser on Tuesday 5th April at the K-12 Assembly.
If you wish to support the Leukaemia Foundation and have your hair shaved please collect as many sponsors as you can. Sponsor sheets can be gotten from Aimee or Kyle.
If you wish to have your hair coloured please bring in a gold coin.
If you wish to come to school with your ‘Funky Hair’ done please bring in a gold coin.
If you wish to support ‘Shave For A Cure’ please bring a gold coin. Permission notes will be at the School Front Office.

Thank You
Dan & Carole Yager and family and Chuck Roberts and family in California would like to thank all those who extended sympathy, provided food, sent flowers and were supportive in the recent loss of Carole and Chuck’s cousin Marie Bailey. She surely was an amazing woman.

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When driving…. be considerate
SLOW DOWN FOR HORSES!
Dear Jonno,

Last Saturday evening, a group of people made use of the outdoor area of the Parish Centre without a booking. The next morning, we were horrified to discover all sorts of smashed liquor and beer bottles, cigarettes and other rubbish on the ground. This was Easter Sunday morning with an advertised Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt about to begin. As a result, we were forced to restrict our regular kids activities as well relocate the hunt. Given some of our little ones are still crawling and stumbling, the whole scene presented a very serious safety hazard.

The Parish Centre Facilities are available for hire at a reasonable cost. We realise that from time to time, people, including tour groups, stop off at the outdoor barbecue area for refreshment breaks. We do not have a major problem with casual use of this area but do ask that, if possible, you advise us of your intention to do so to avoid any clashes with paid bookings. In any case, we ask that anyone who uses our facilities show consideration, be careful to leave them in a good clean condition, and remove any rubbish.

Rev. David Fell on behalf of the Church of England on Norfolk Island”

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Dear Sir,

The world experienced a period of colonisation between the 15th century and the early 20th century. But no one has thought to tell Australia it is over!

According to my research, you know you are living under colonial rule when:
- they have assumed control of your territory and homeland
- they have claimed ownership of your assets and infrastructure, and exploit your resources
- they are acting more in their own interests than yours
- they claim cultural and racial superiority
- they gain economic control by making you dependant on aid and welfare
- their rule brings more economic benefits to the ruling power than the local people
- local initiative and enterprise is discouraged
- they remove your leaders and install their own puppets
- they institute forms of government modelled on their own
- you are dispossessed of your land and of your traditional means of sustaining yourselves
- you experience discrimination and inequality in your own country
- you are subjected to cultural insensitivity
- they pay their own public servants high wages to carry out tasks of responsibility, leaving you to perform the more menial tasks
- most of their so-called investment is allocated to their own bureaucracy and contractors, and brings very few direct and tangible benefits to you
- decisions about your affairs are made from afar by people not familiar with your real needs and values
- propaganda and distortions of the truth are used to justify their actions
- your loyalty and allegiance is expected to be directed first and foremost to the colonial power

The people of Norfolk Island can relate to every one of those points. The Australian Government is acting like a colonial power because it thinks it can.

This is Might vs. Right. And Right is on our side.

“Colonialism is a relationship between an indigenous... majority and a minority of foreign invaders. The fundamental decisions affecting the lives of the colonised people are made and implemented by the colonial rulers in pursuit of interests that are often defined in a distant metropolis. Rejecting cultural compromises with the colonised population, the colonisers are convinced of their own superiority and of their ordained mandate to rule.”

Jurgen Osterhammel 2005

Mary Christian-Bailey

A Response to Minister Fletcher’s Radio Interview

Dear Editor,

On March 10 there was a seminar held in Canberra on the subject “No Man is an Island: The Future of Governance on Norfolk Island” hosted by the University of Canberra’s School of Governance and Policy Analysis. As part of my visit to Canberra I was interviewed by Alex Sloan of ABC 666 Radio Canberra about the upcoming seminar. In response to some of the issues raised in that interview, Alex invited Minister Paul Fletcher to respond on her programme.

The main emphasis in Alex’ interview with the Minister was on democracy on Norfolk Island, the substance of the transition process, and what other possibilities there might be for Norfolk Island’s future.

Alex’ interview with Minister Fletcher was printed in The Norfolk Islander last week. (Transcripts of both these interviews are available – see below (1).)

I would like to respond to some of the statements made by Minister Fletcher during his interview. The first observation to make is that at the public meeting held with the Minister on Norfolk Island on 28

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January 2016, he presented three general arguments about why the Australian Government was proceeding in the manner in which it is. These arguments were: that the majority of Norfolk Islanders wanted it; that there would be substantial economic benefits for the island; and that as Australians, Norfolk Islanders should receive the same benefits as other Australians.

In examining what the Minister said in interview with Alex Sloan, we can note that the first of these arguments was not mentioned. It appears that the Minister has finally recognised that there is no evidence in the public domain to establish this proposition and that it is, in essence, false.

The second argument, that Norfolk Island will be a substantial economic beneficiary of the changes, was only mentioned in passing. Perhaps the Minister has almost recognised that the economic modelling on which this proposition is based cannot legitimately sustain his view – as was pointed out by independent analysis of the models made by Professor Michael Common in his report of November 2015. (Furthermore it needs to be noted that this modelling referred only to economic costs and benefits, with social costs and benefits being ignored.)

The core argument of the Minister’s interview with Alex Sloan was that ‘services available to people on Norfolk Island are not the same as are available in the rest of Australia’, and ‘It’s a question of giving people living on Norfolk Island the same rights as are available elsewhere in Australia’. Well, that is a point of view. However this point of view needs to be held up in comparison with other points of view. In particular the view of the Australian Minister for Home Affairs, Hon Robert ‘Bob’ Ellicott QC in 1978, when he announced the following with regard to Norfolk Island, was that:

‘The Government is prepared over a period, to move towards a substantial measure of self-government for the Island, and is also of the view that, although Norfolk Island is part of Australia and will remain so, this does not require Norfolk Island to be regulated by the same laws as regulate other parts of Australia;........ The Government believes that social service benefits appropriate to the conditions of the Island should be provided as of right, but does not believe that the services provided should necessarily be the same or at the same level as those available on the mainland....”’ (2)

The key fact here is that these are both statements made about Norfolk Island by the responsible Ministers in the Liberal Australian Governments of the day. They represent different points of view - or as one might say, political stances. They are different value judgements about how Norfolk Island society ought best be organised. Neither statement represents an argument. The alternatives have to be argued for and against, and the present Australian Government has so far provided no coherent or substantial arguments in favour of its case. Constant repetition of the catechism about Norfolk Islanders having the same benefits and costs as Australians, gets us no further forward. (In prefacing such an argument, I personally find support in the view expressed by Winston Churchill who, in a speech to the House of Commons in 1940, expressed the view that people should receive the nurture ‘not of totalitarian uniformity but of tolerance and variety’.)

And as for processes involved, the Minister’s assertion of there has been adequate consultation with the citizens of Norfolk Island cannot be accepted for a number of reasons, the most evident being the processes of establishment and conduct of the Norfolk Island Advisory Council. (There are others, but to retail them here would take us too far away from our purpose.) Nor can the Minister’s claim to bi-partisanship between Liberal and Labor MPs in the passage through the Parliament of the Norfolk Island Legislation Amendment Bill be taken as prima facie evidence of virtue. While both parties may currently cleave to the catechism mentioned above, support for the legislation probably had much to do with the

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relative importance given to this issue compared to other ‘continental’ issues with which the Australian legislature needs contend; to partial briefings provided by Commonwealth public servants and the well-documented misleading statements made by the then Minister Jamie Briggs in the Parliament and elsewhere; and to the overwhelming dominance of the Canberra media by the Commonwealth Government in comparison to the ability of a small island to gain any media attention at all for its case. (The deception involved in the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories in exceeding its terms of reference to recommend the abolition of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly, to which the Assembly itself had no rights of submission, requires a separate consideration.)

So the question of what is best way forward for Norfolk Island and Norfolk Islanders remains a matter of legitimate debate. Whether the actions of Australian Government amount to ‘colonisation’ as Alex Sloan suggested to the Minister in her interview, or not, as the Minister claimed, may be determined soon enough.

- Chris Nobbs


Dear Sir

I was just thinking, wondering...Please enrol on the election roll to vote for the new council of Norfolk Island!

We are being asked to enrol, to vote for council members, who as yet, we have no knowledge as to what requirements the Australian Government are going to enforce on those wishing to stand as the members of the council.

If as residents of Norfolk Island we enrol to vote in this election, then find out, the requirements set by the Australian Government restricts anyone who we would consider good enough to stand on the council to represent us, we will still have to vote, or be fined.

If we do not enrol to vote in this election, it will just appear we did not wish to have a say in this election and just show up as a lack of interest....hmmm

Anyway, my thoughts are please enrol for the election Roll. What are your thoughts?

Perhaps we have been had by the short and curlies, or perhaps you can cast an invalid vote....no fine there I guess. Perhaps they will all be people we want to represent us on a council, perhaps we don’t want a council, and perhaps we want a Norfolk Islanders legislative Assembly. Perhaps the biggest invalid votes in a council election of any so called “part of Australia” will send a message.

Yours Sincerely,

Tane Cottle

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Letters to the Editor - continued

Sir,

We refer to the last “Norfolk Islander” reporting of a transcript of an interview of Minister Paul Fletcher by ABC’s Alex Sloan.

Minister Fletcher repeatedly tried to justify his Government’s actions towards Norfolk Island as being necessary, because, as he said, “Australians living on the Island DO NOT HAVE, but should have, access to the same level of services as other Australians”. He expressed his determination to make this happen!!

This distortion of the real truth about the level of social services that should apply, has become somewhat nauseating! What Minister Fletcher has been told NOT to say is that, the people of Norfolk Island freely and consciously CHOSE to have a system of governance that DID NOT follow or apply the same laws and regulations that apply in Australia, including a different level of social services!.

Let us quote from the Federal Policy for Norfolk Island, that was willingly accepted by the people of Norfolk Island, AND which was subsequently agreed to by Federal Cabinet –

“The Government (Australian) is prepared over a period, to move towards a substantial measure of self-government for the Island, and is also of the view that, although Norfolk Island is part of Australia and will remain so, this does not require Norfolk Island to be regulated by the same laws as regulate other parts of Australia.”

AND, “Australian social security benefits would not be extended to Norfolk Island”

AND, “The Government believes that Social Service benefits appropriate to the conditions of the Island should be provided as of right, but does not believe that the services provided should necessarily be the same or at the same level as those available on the mainland, (for instance, they need not include unemployment benefits)”

It is significant to say, that the people of Norfolk Island have NEVER agreed to, or have NEVER BEEN ASKED, whether or not to accept ANY change to these agreed policies!

Obviously, like his predecessor, disgraced former Minister Briggs, Minister Fletcher has also been poorly or mischievously misled in the briefings by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, as a means of advancing the Department’s long-held agenda!

The consequent injustice of this forced colonialist approach that Fletcher hopes will deliver the benefits he promotes, is abhorrent to many (being a blatant disregard for democratic principles), and an affront to his and Australia’s Human Rights obligations at International Law.

In closing, let’s not have any words suggesting that adequate consultation has been taking place, as the very suggestion is absolute ‘bollocks’.

Norfolk is up for change, BUT NOT by way of ‘jackboot diplomacy’.

Yours etc.

‘Bring on the Truth’

Dear Sir,

I would like to say a very special ‘thank you’ to Puffa, Bear and Tardy for their most generous donation of 70kg of fresh fish for the school carnival. That’s awesome guys!

Would also like to thank Chris from Norfolk Gas Centre for his long term dedication, and a big ‘thank you’ to the ladies Roz, Bronwyn, Helen, and the Westpac Staff.

Having reached the “Eight-0’ mark this year I’m going to call it quits, leaving it up to the lap top generation for the future.

Thank you, thank you.... Norris

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MEETINGS AND AGMS

The next meeting of the PROBUS CLUB of Norfolk Island will be held at Christian’s Cave at 10.30 am on Tuesday 12 April. All members, folk interested in joining and visitors are very welcome. Contacts: Helen 24344 or Pauline (23623).

NOTICE

Due to family illness, COMPUTER GUY (Glen Christian) will be off Island from Monday April 4th, and should return Tuesday April 12th. I apologise for any inconvenience caused to my valued customers.

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As part of the Norfolk Island reforms, from 1 July 2016 the Administration of Norfolk Island will be replaced with an elected Norfolk Island Regional Council. The Regional Council will consist of five (5) Councillors. The first election is being held on Saturday 28 May 2016. The Councillors will elect a Mayor from among their number. There are no wards for the Regional Council, meaning that all candidates stand in an undivided electorate. The proportional representation voting system will apply; which requires a candidate to receive a quota of the formal votes cast to be elected.

New electoral rolls are being created for this election. All people eligible to vote in this Regional Council election should therefore apply to be included on the new electoral roll before 6:00pm Monday 18 April 2016. Even if you are already enrolled to vote on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll for federal elections as a Norfolk Island Elector, you won’t automatically be included on the Norfolk Island Regional Council electoral roll, as there needs to be a new roll created for the Regional Council election.

You must submit an enrolment form specifically for these Regional Council elections.

You are eligible to enrol to vote on the residential roll for the Norfolk Island Regional Council election if you live on Norfolk Island, and:

- You are an Australian citizen, or a British subject who was enrolled on 25 January 1984, and
- are 18 years or older at the time you enrol.

The residential roll is limited to people who live on Norfolk Island; it is not sufficient to be a permanent resident of Norfolk Island living elsewhere.

Land owners and occupiers who do not live on Norfolk Island are also eligible to vote. The non-residential roll will be prepared by the Administration.

Enrolment for voting in the Norfolk Island Regional Council election is not compulsory. However, if you are enrolled as a resident, you must vote and you may be fined if you don’t.

You can enrol by completing the enrolment form and returning it by 6:00pm on Monday 18 April, 2016 to the Locked Box inside the Norfolk Island Post Office; or returning it to the Office at Shop 36H Taylors Road (opposite the Tourist Information Centre), Norfolk Island Or by downloading an enrolment form online from www.austelect.com and returning the completed and signed form by scanning and emailing to info@austelect.com. Enrolment forms will also be available from the Office of the Administrator.

The deadline for enrolling is 6:00pm Monday 18 April 2016. If you want to vote in the first Norfolk Island Regional Council election, you must be enrolled on the Norfolk Island Regional Council roll.

The election is being held on Saturday 28 May 2016. Information on where and how you can vote will be provided closer to the election date on the radio, in the newspaper and other media sources.

Further information on the Election can be found online from Australian Election Company www.austelect.com

Written and authorised by Richard Kidd, Australian Election Company, PO Box 92, Norfolk Island 2899
Letters to the Editor - continued

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The world experienced a period of colonisation between the 15th century and the early 20th century. But no one has thought to tell Australia it is over!

According to my research, you know you are living under colonial rule when:

- they have assumed control of your territory and homeland
- they have claimed ownership of your assets and infrastructure, and exploit your resources
- they are acting more in their own interests than yours
- they claim cultural and racial superiority
- they gain economic control by making you dependant on aid and welfare
- their rule brings more economic benefits to the ruling power than the local people
- local initiative and enterprise is discouraged
- they remove your leaders and install their own puppet
- they institute forms of government modelled on their own
- you are dispossessed of your land and of your traditional means of sustaining yourselves
- you experience discrimination and inequality in your own country
- you are subjected to cultural insensitivity
- they pay their own public servants high wages to carry out tasks of responsibility, leaving you to perform the more menial tasks
- most of their so-called investment is allocated to their own bureaucracy and contractors, and brings very few direct and tangible benefits to you
- decisions about your affairs are made from afar
- propaganda and distortions of the truth are used to justify their actions
- your loyalty and allegiance is expected to be directed first and foremost to the colonial power

The people of Norfolk Island can relate to every one of those points. The Australian Government is acting like a colonial power because it thinks it can.

This is Might vs. Right. And Right is on our side.

“Colonialism is a relationship between an indigenous... majority and a minority of foreign invaders. The fundamental decisions affecting the lives of the colonised people are made and implemented by the colonial rulers in pursuit of interests that are often defined in a distant metropolis. Rejecting cultural compromises with the colonised population, the colonisers are convinced of their own superiority and of their ordained mandate to rule.”

Jurgen Osterhammel 2005

Mary Christian-Bailey

Dear Sir

On 2 March 2016 the Norfolk Island Advisory Council released a Questionnaire on the Norfolk Island Economic Development Strategy prepared by SGS Economics and Planning. The questionnaire was distributed to all post boxes and was made available at the Australian Government Information Centre and at 11 Quality Row, as well as online at the Norfolk Island Advisory Council website.

What a WOFTAM!

A convenient Commonwealth illusion of action. No money. No commitment. No plan. Having destroyed democracy and the economy, stripped Norfolk of key local revenue raising powers, assets and land, the Department-DIRD-will now largely walk away, and make the Regional Council responsible for coping with the mess Canberra has created.

The following statement says it all.

‘The diverse range of feedback and priorities highlights and underscores the need for the Regional Council to prepare a strategic economic development strategy including a plan for working collaboratively with the Australian Government to deliver the best outcomes for residents and visitors on Norfolk Island’.

Yours etc

Brett Sanderson

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Training opportunities on Norfolk Island

Plant and Heavy Vehicle Licences

Register your interest for WorkCover and verification of competency training opportunities to be delivered on Norfolk Island over the next two weeks: 4 to 16 April 2016.

Priority will be placed on those currently working in small business using the relevant equipment or vehicle, and seeking accreditation or re-accreditation.

Training starts Monday 4 April for some courses:

- Crane (three day course with assessment on the 4th day, starting Monday 4 April)
- Dogging (three day course with assessment on the 4th day, starting Monday 4 April)
- Skid steer (three day course with assessment on the 4th day, starting Monday 4 April)

Recognition of prior learning for experienced operators will be assessed and considered by the training facilitators.

Additional training will be made available after the first phase, including:

- Medium Rigid (MR) (one day course, to be held at various times)
- Heavy Rigid (HR) (one day course to be held at various times)
- Heavy Combination (one day course to be held at various times)
- Front end loader (wheeled) (three day course, 8,9 and 11 April)
- Excavator (four day course starting 11 April, with assessment on the 4th day)
- Scaffolding (basic) course (four day course starting 11 April, with assessment on the 5th day).

Additional training opportunities may be announced during the two-week training period. The heavy vehicle training is available for those who currently hold a valid licence and are seeking refresher training or certification of their existing license.

This training will be facilitated by Business Solutions and is funded by the Australian Government under support announced on 5 February 2016 for small business and private sector skills development on Norfolk Island.

Please telephone the Office of the Administrator on 52634 any time between 08.00am to 8.00pm on Saturday 2 April, Sunday 3 April or Monday 4 April to register your expression of interest. Placements for training starting Monday morning will be confirmed Sunday evening.
Dear Sir,

Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

QoN 000001 - Community to ask the Chair of the Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

1. In early February, as reported in the Norfolk Islander newspaper, the Chair made representations to Australian media that those on Norfolk Island opposing the changes being imposed by the Australian Government had a “lack of understanding of the system and they are scared of change”. Does the Chair understand the changes to the islands economic structures and the impacts to the costs of doing business?

2. If the Chair does have this level of understanding, why has the Chair refused to respond or acknowledge the letters requesting her to operate a public meeting to share her knowledge on these very important matters?

3. The Accommodation Tourism Association and the Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce have both written to Australian Government representatives highlighting the impending damage to the islands economy, levels of employment and the island’s capacity to compete as a tourism destination. Therefore does the Chair recognise that the sharing of her understanding with these key organisations is imperative at this point in time to ensure economic and employment stability?

QoN 000002 - Community to ask Mr Beadman of the Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

1. Given your past communications to media demanding transparency of government, consultation with community and accountability for decision making, how do you continue to endorse a council that does not broadcast or provide audio recorded minutes of meetings that affect and purport to represent the community of Norfolk Island?

2. Can you define how the council is accountable to the people of Norfolk Island?

3. As a person with a media background, do you consider the current restrictions applied to the Norfolk Island radio station appropriate in the current situation, whereby there has been a comprehensive lack of change management capacity or empathy demonstrated by the Council and by the Australian Government?

QoN 000003 - Community to ask Mr Evans of the Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

1. Given your private sector interests in shipping and cruise ship visitation, can you advise why the Infrastructure Australia Grant won in a competitive grant application by the Norfolk Island Government and announced as grant funding to be handed to the Norfolk Island government in 2013 has been withheld up to this point some 3 years later?

2. Is the current Cascade pier upgrade being funded by the grant funds previously awarded to NIG in 2013?

3. If not, then what has happened to the 13.7 million dollars awarded to Norfolk Island in 2013?

QoN 000004 - Community to ask Ms Semple of the Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

1. With the recent advertisements in Australia for employment and management positions on Norfolk Island commencing in the near future, can you identify the exact number of public sector employees who will soon be unemployed or under employed?

2. In terms of public sector expenditure, can you define the saving to the community in replacing a NIA employee with an employee engaged under the current Australian Government driven regime?

3. Why are the employment positions not offered with an emphasis on local employment as a priority as is the case in other remote communities and islands such as Lord Howe Island?

QoN 000005 - Community to ask Mr PJ Wilson of the Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

1. Given the demonstrable negative issues and community impacts evident in Christmas Island, how have you found reason to support the operation of the advisory council, and how do you justify to this community the benefit of installing a regional council?

2. Have you made yourself aware of the various issues raised by ICAC with regard to the interaction of island councils and state government service delivery corruption inquiries (eg. more than 20 in one year for one council)?

QoN 000006 - Community to ask all members of the Australian Government appointed Advisory Council

1. Given the ever increasing international support for the people of Norfolk Island to commence a self-determination process as defined by the United Nations charter, at what point will the council acknowledge that they have not represented the best interests of the majority of people in the Norfolk Island community?

2. Has the council sought legal advice on their individual liability if/when a damages case evolves out of the actions of the various representatives and figures of authority – including those on the council?

3. Does the council consider the recent release of the NIAC Questionnaire feedback summary presents an accurate reflection of the percentage of NI community they engaged with, when numbers are manipulated/ranked and additional points are added to give the misleading impression that there were a greater number who had faith in the NIAC process?

4. Why has the council not engaged with community through genuine open and accountable public meetings on issues of economics, social well-being and electoral matters?

5. Does the council have a conscience or empathy to the many disenfranchised long term residents of Norfolk Island? If so how is this demonstrated?

6. Has the council delivered positive outcomes to this community since their appointment? If yes please define them in dot point form and publish them for this community.

Yours etc

André Nobbs
En Plein Air
Painting Trip
on Norfolk Island with the versatile Craig Penny, Artist.

A group of twelve painters arrived on Tuesday from Victoria and the Gold Coast for a week of expert instruction from well-known Australian contemporary watercolour and acrylic artist Craig Penny. Craig hails from Melbourne and has created a career from his considerable talents... “for me painting is like life... giving yourself enough skill, knowledge and integrity and then letting yourself free to take what is thrown your way.” Craig’s work is in galleries throughout Australia, Asia and California as well as held in private collections. Craig regularly travels with groups of painters to Europe, Japan, Asia and now... Norfolk Island! Four non-painters have come with various members of the group, including Craig’s wife Andrea, and are loving the rest and relaxation that Norfolk has to offer. One of the couples in the group is celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary while on the island.

The “En Plein Air” trips are an ongoing joint venture between local resident Barb Kelly, and the Norfolk Island Travel Centre, aimed at promoting the island to overseas artists and painters. They provide an exciting and rewarding opportunity to inspire people across a wide variety of art genres, who wish to capture the dramatic beauty of our gorgeous land and sea scapes. The program also includes a visit to Cylorama, various tours, as well as dinners at Castaway, Hilli’s and Dino’s.

Craig will be conducting a free art demonstration for locals at 1.30 on Saturday in the Function Room at the rear of Hibiscus Crown on New Cascade Road. Everyone is welcome. You don’t need to be a painter to appreciate the execution of a work of art!

Craig and the group collect their art bags ready to embark on their first painting adventure.

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Page from the Past
Saturday, 6th April 1974

Wings of Mercy - Sixteen times in the last 7 years men and aircraft of the RAAF and twice from the RNZAF have come to the assistance of injured and sick residents and visitors on Norfolk Island.

Last Wednesday was such another occasion. An appeal was sent by the Administrator seeking assistance from the RAAF to evacuate Mr. Don Reynolds (Senior) who had been injured in a fall from his motor bike.

On receipt of our local Government Medical Officer, Dr. Henry Smith’s diagnosis, Specialist Surgeon Wing Commander Nelson, Officer Commanding No. 3 RAAF Hospital, Richmond considered it necessary to bring with him a full medical team, together with all the necessary blood plasma and other equipment for an emergency operation.

This is the first time that a full medical team has come to the island prepared to swing straight into operation. In the past, while there have been surgeons and flight sisters on the aircraft, patients have usually been evacuated immediately to either Australia or New Zealand.

Wing Commandeer Nelson’s team consisted of Dr. Degotardi, Specialist Anaesthetist, two senior theatre Sisters and a medical orderly all from No. 3 RAAF Hospital, Richmond. The Hercules, under the command of Flight Lieutenant Jolley and 6 other crew members landed at Norfolk at approximately 7.00 p.m. last Wednesday evening. It was pointed out to us that two extra crew members were carried on this flight as it was thought the practical experience of this type of medical evacuation would be good training value.

On arrival, it was decided to operate as soon as the theatre was ready; Wing Commander Dr. Nelson, assisted by our Dr. Henry Smith and Dr. Degotardi, performed the operation.

The aircraft left on Thursday morning taking Mr. Reynolds, accompanied by his son Don, to a mainland hospital. At the same time, two other hospitalised residents, Mrs. Jean Mitchell and Mr. John (Beef) Buffett both needing further medical attention went on the aircraft.

Although Mercy flights go back further than 1967, we owe, as Dr. Smith said, a great deal to these men of the RAAF and RNZAF who do such a tremendous service on such flights to Norfolk and other isolated places in and around Australia and New Zealand.

Pride of Norfolk - This is the heading in the “Conference News” which is published monthly for members of the Greater Sydney Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - and the December/January issue features on its front cover, Norfolk Islander, Mr. Les (Shorty) Nobbs of Rocky Point with a canteen of cutlery presented to him for his outstanding efforts as a Literature Evangelist in 1973.

Besides sales, the magazine says, Les is an Elder of the Windsor Church, his children attend the Castle Hill Church School and his wife Alice (nee Adams) helps by driving the school bus.

The article concludes by saying “those who know Les, state that it is a deep spiritual insight and sincere love of his Saviour which has enabled him to make the adjustment from the quietness of Norfolk Island to the rat race of concrete jungle Sydney.

Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Committee - At the monthly meeting held at the school on Monday, 18th March, the composition of the re-enactment party was finalised. Members elected a represent those who landed and the boat’s crews are as follow:-

- Captain Cook George (Mac) Adams
- William Wales, astronomer Herbert Nobbs
- Johann Forster, naturalist Gary Robertson
- George Forster, naturalist Ken Salt
- Lieutenant Pickersgill Bruce MacKenzie
- Carpenter Kik Quintal
- Carpenter’s crew Phil Page, Bill Blucher
- Crew for two boats John Christian, Steve Ryves, Rodney Menzies
- Puss Anderson, Arthur Bigg, Byron Burrell,

The Chairman, Cnr. W. Randall, OBE, said that the special committee formed to look into the matter of boats for the landing had reported that, through the cooperation of local residents, two suitable boats could be obtained on the island.

Fellowship of First Fleeters - From the Vice Patron and Life Member of the Fellowship of First Fleeters (D.S.M. Oakes) we have received the following letter under date 14th March:- “Sir: In company with the Women’s Pioneer Society, the St. George Historical Society, I spent an enjoyable 7 days at Norfolk Island during the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and some members of her family.

Many people whom I met were interested in our organisation (The Fellowship of First Fleeters) and I am attaching the following information for their benefit.

These Norfolk Islanders will never die

“To live on in the hearts and minds of descendants is never to die” is the motto of the Fellowship of First Fleeters whose members have proof that they are descendants of the very first settlers who arrived at Sydney Cove on 26th January, 1788.

Among the members of the Fellowship there are many descendants of First Fleeters who left Sydney Cove on Friday, 15th February, 1788 to sail for Norfolk Island.

There are descendants of Philip Gidley King, First Commandant of the island; Mr. Jamison, Surgeon’s first mate of the Sirius; Olivia Gascoigne, Nathaniel Lucas, Edward Garth and Susannah Gough. Other members have ancestors who went to Norfolk Island at a later date and these include William Broughton, John Drummond, Owen Cavanagh, Thomas Lucas, William Tunks, Thomas R. Crowder, Catherine Johnston, Margaret Darley, Mary Phillips, Eleanor Wainwright, Mary Turner, Jacob Billett, James Morrisby, James Sheers and William Saltmarsh.

- Tom.
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Now that Easter is over, I would like to take some time to dwell on the reason for Jesus’ suffering in Gethsemane and on the cross. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus told His disciples when they arrived in the Garden of Gethsemane, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” (Matthew 26: 38). Luke adds that Jesus prayed, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.’ (Luke 22: 42-44)

We have a picture here of a Man suffering greatly, but no-one had touched Him yet. The horrible physical suffering was still in the future. So what then is this cup that He is trying to avoid, and why is He in such spiritual agony, sweating blood? Is it just the fear of death, when He knew that in three days He’d be alive again?

Jesus understood that in order for all of humanity to be freed from the punishment for sin, He had to bear that punishment Himself. It was prophesied in Isaiah 53: 12 He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Peter confirms this in 1 Peter 2: 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. Finally, Paul states the following in 2 Corinthians 5:21: For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

So it was not so much the thought of death that freaked Jesus out, as the thought of carrying on His shoulders the sins of the whole of humanity. He who was totally sinless had to drink the cup of God’s wrath against the horrors of sin. As it states in Psalm 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed, and He pours it out; surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down.

Jesus faced not only normal death for us, but He drank the cup of God’s punishment, so that we do not have to. The weight of sins that were piled on Him, was so terrible that the Father did not want humanity to witness the agony of His Son on the cross, and therefore caused the sun to stop shining for three hours. The filth of sin blocked His Father, with Whom He had had a perfect relationship forever, from His sight on the cross, causing Him to cry out in agony, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27: 45, 46).

Kids’ Korner

Hi Kids! Do you like your name? What would you think if you had to change it? The Bible tells us that God changed Abram’s name – when he was 99 years old!! You can read the story in Genesis 17, verse 5.

Match Up
In Bible times, names had special meanings. The name Abraham meant “father of many.” Can you match up these names with their meanings?

| Abraham | Yahweh is glory |
| Daniel  | Star           |
| David   | God is my judge |
| Elijah  | Beloved        |
| Esther  | Father of many |
| Isaac   | Deliverer      |
| Jochebed| Companion      |
| Moses   | Laughter       |
| Ruth    | My God is Yahweh |

Word Search
Can you find the names from the list above in the puzzle:

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Norfolk Island is located approximately halfway between Sydney and Auckland, holds critical historical links to the establishment and survival of Sydney, and is home to one of the most stunning environments. Norfolk Island is about to experience an exciting period of change as it moves from limited self-government to the establishment of a Regional Council on 1 July 2016. We are looking for a management team that will help set the platform for long-term growth and a sustainable future for the community.

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- **Manager – Customer Care Ref. 131735**
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- **Manager – Finance Ref. 131736**
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- **Manager – Local Services Ref. 131737**
  Providing the insight needed to ensure prioritised community services are delivered within the parameters of the new service delivery model and NIRC strategic plan.

Travel to Norfolk Island is considered international and a current passport is required for candidates who may be invited to interview. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

For a full job description and candidate information pack, visit mcarthur.com.au and enter the relevant reference number in the Job Search bar.

For further information, please contact the McArthur recruitment team at +61 2 9277 7000 or norfolk@mcarthur.com.au. Applications close at 9am on Friday 8 April 2016.
British ‘invaded’ Australia, say university guidelines

SYDNEY — Language guidelines that advise students to describe British explorer James Cook’s arrival in Sydney as an “invasion” rather than a “settlement” were defended by an Australian university on Wednesday (March 30), denying it was rewriting history to be politically correct.

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) Indigenous Terminology guide says that Australia was “invaded, occupied and colonised”.

“Describing the arrival of the Europeans as a ‘settlement’ attempts to view Australian history from the shores of England rather than the shores of Australia,” the guide says.

But the university rejected the idea that it was dictating what language could be used by students.

“The guide does not mandate what language can be used,” it said in a statement, adding that it offered a range of examples of more and less appropriate language.

“For example the guide suggests referring to Captain Cook as the first Englishman to map the continent’s East Coast is ‘more appropriate’ than referring to his “discovery” of Australia.”

The guide notes that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were in Australia long before Captain Cook arrived, making it impossible for him to “discover” the country.

“Most Aboriginal people find the use of the word ‘discovery’ offensive,” it added.

The guide likewise says it is more appropriate to describe the arrival of British ships in Australia using terms other than “settlement”.

The university said students were always encouraged to form their own opinions and to suggest that the guide would stifle open debate was “plainly wrong”.

“Terminology guides such as this are commonplace across universities and many public sector organisations and it is absolutely appropriate for students and staff to have such a resource available,” it added.

The guidelines were blasted by The Daily Telegraph tabloid as a “whitewash”, a reaction that indigenous historian Jackie Huggins said was disappointing.

“We know this country has a colonial history and that certainly has been characterised by a devastating land dispossession, violence and unapologetic racism as well,” she told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

“We cannot deny our history. It’s a history that’s never fully been taught to us in our country.” AFP

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Sudoku Number 260 - Medium

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9 3 2 7
6 7 9 4
5 4 8 6

4 9 8 5
1 5 4 9
7 2 3 6

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Term one has seen the year off to a great start for all of our Preschoolers and it’s clear that it is going to be yet another busy year at Banyan Park!! We have two groups of beautiful children who have all settled in nicely and are off to a flying start for the preschool year. We are very pleased to welcome a number of new families to the centre, and to welcome back our families from last year. Term one has been filled with lots of learning and laughter for both groups as the children explore, discover and embrace their preschool experience.

Our older group are enjoying being ‘the big kids’ and are embracing new challenges each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Wendy, Emily and Kylie. Our younger group are thoroughly enjoying their preschool experience too and are participating well in their activities with Sarah and Emily on Thursday and Friday.

We have a wonderful relief pool again this year to cover staff leave or illness with Susie, Leah, Brigitte, Jo and Megan on-call. These ladies are all familiar to the children and are lovely regular additions to the centre.

What have we been doing ??

Our unit on self has been very popular, with the children in both groups learning about their height, weight, physical characteristics, likes, dislikes, family, home, address etc. This unit is extensive and also incorporates looking after ourselves, brushing our teeth and healthy eating. Age appropriate activities have been planned for each group based on these concepts and have been enjoyed by all. The younger group enjoyed their ‘love’ paintings and stories around valentines day, and the older group enjoyed their history and Foundation Day craft and stories topped off with a wonderful ‘Day as a Convict’ excursion with Rachel Nebauer.

The children have been well engaged with our (continued overleaf)

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Saturday 28 May 2016

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Regional Council Election Enrolment Centre
36 H Taylors Road
(opposite Tourist Information Centre)
NORFOLK ISLAND 2899
Tel: 23054

Enrolment forms must be received by the deadline 6.00pm Monday, 18 April 2016.

Written and authorised by Richard Kidd Australian Election Company PO Box 92 Norfolk Island 2899
Banyan Park Play Centre Inc. - continued

craft activities with some of the highlights being easel painting and collage, free choice craft, finger painting and most recently easter craft. It is beautiful to watch the children's creativity in full swing! We regularly allow the children to create freely as it is very important for their development at this stage that their activities are not too structured or forced. They do the creating...and they do a fantastic job!

The dramatic play area has been a highlight for many with dress ups, home corner (first babies and then cooking and dining) and now we have our own shop at Banyan Park offering ‘fresh foods’ and outstanding customer service! The construction corner is also a huge hit and has included lego, large wooden blocks, small blocks, cars and trains.

During group time we’ve enjoyed stories and discussions relating to our themes, the children have shared their news and we’ve enjoyed games and stories focussing on rhyming words, syllables and sounds. During music and movement we have enjoyed lots of singing and dancing, detecting various rhythms and beats, stretching and yoga. It’s hard to choose a highlight with the children enjoying it all!

While the children are having so much fun they are also hard at work...developing fine motor skills (essential development in the preschool years), building concentration, independence, learning and preparing for school - at a level appropriate to their age and stage.

The warmer weather has enabled us to include water play in our outside program and this has proven very popular with both groups. The children have pumped the water, bathed babies and then coloured the water to name but a few. They have also enjoyed exploring and tending to the gardens, the sand pit, swinging, sliding and climbing. During all of this the staff are observing balance and gross motor skills, while the children are negotiating and problem solving, strengthening their growing bodies and building confidence.

Water Safety

Stage 1 for this year is almost complete and there has been great improvement and success for the children in both groups. We are so proud of the them all for the progress they are making!! Every child has increased in confidence at their own pace and they have all gained new skills. Some of the skills we have focussed on during stage 1 include confidence and respect for the water, back floats, strong kicking action and reaching arms (to enable them to get to a safe place if required, and also beneficial for later stroke development), water familiarisation (to avoid panic), submerging and getting those faces in the water! Water safety will finish in the pool next week (end of term) and re-commence as soon as possible later in the year.

In addition to water safety, our annual program incorporates other safety aspects such as road safety, airport safety, sun safety, safety around the home and on the land (including vehicles, water tanks, duck dams, creeks, puddles and machinery etc). It is great to see the children already putting many of these aspects into practice.

Speech Pathologist

We had a visit from Speech Pathologist Lynn Rogers recently. Following our initial assessments, Lynn met with some of the children and parents. Regular language development assessments are conducted in the centre. These assessments identify any areas of concern that could be addressed with Lynn. If you have any questions or would like further information please feel free to discuss with one of the staff. Lynn will be back on Island mid-year.

AGM

Thank you to those who attended our AGM. The Committee for 2016 is:

President: Kylie Umlauft  
Vice-President: Crystal Fell  
Treasurer: Megan Magri  
Secretary: Katie Pyle  
Committee: Sharni-Marie Barney & Maria Christian

The Auditor was elected at this meeting and will continue to be Belinda Grube of Norfolk Island Business Solutions.

If you have a matter for the Committee, please drop a note into play centre, or contact one of the committee members directly.

Accreditation & the future...

In January 2016 we coordinated a visit from Neville Dwyer, a highly experienced Preschool Director and Accreditation expert from NSW. Neville was involved in writing and establishing the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and National Quality Framework (NQF) and was a wealth of information for our staff and committee. Neville provided training and left numerous resources for us to embark on the accreditation process to ensure that whatever the future holds, we will be ready, and we will be providing the best practise for Preschool aged children on Norfolk Island. Neville was very pleased with what he saw at Banyan Park and is confident that the accreditation process will run smoothly for us.

Last week staff and committee members attended a seminar with Marie Deverill from Community Child Care Co-Op who was on Island to meet with and advise all early childhood providers about the accreditation process. The visit was productive and again more information was gained for the process ahead. Marie was pleased with the path Banyan Park is taking and the progress already made in the lengthy accreditation process ahead.

A number of meetings have also been held with Government officials to ensure Banyan Park’s future in the upcoming changes. We will keep parents and the Community informed as progress is made.

Remember...Our door is always open!

Banyan Park Playcentre has an open door policy and we invite and encourage parents and community members to drop in. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call on 22415.

PLUS...Don’t forget to check out our website: www.banyanparkplaycentre.com which is being continually updated!

AND...Like us on Facebook!

Term 1 Holidays

Last Day of Term 1: (4s) Wednesday 6th April / (3s) Friday 8th April  
First Day of Term 2: (4s) Wednesday 27th April / (3s) Thursday 28th April
Between 4pm – 6pm, 7 days a week, come and enjoy our SET Meal which includes soup, mains and a dessert for a SET Price of only $18.50 per person. Enjoy beautiful surrounds in the iconic Bailey’s Restaurant OR simply pop in to buy the set meal as a takeaway on the way home from work. Either way, you’ll be SET for a great night. From 6pm we will continue on with our normal dinner service except Wed and Thu.

NB: All orders to be in by 6.00pm – you may stay as long as you like past 6.00pm to enjoy your sumptuous Dinner Set 😊

**Monday**
- **Soup:** Potato and Mushroom
- **Main:** Aussie BBQ plate – bacon, sausage, minute steak, jacket potato topped with home-made coleslaw and sour cream
- **Dessert:** Mixed fruit strudel

**Tuesday**
- **Soup:** Minestrone
- **Main:** Creamy Chicken Carbonara on a bed of Fettucine Pasta
- **Dessert:** Tiramisu

**Wednesday**
- **Soup:** Creamy Tomato
- **Main:** Thai prawn curry
- **Dessert:** Lemon meringue pie

**Thursday**
- **Soup:** Roast Vegetable
- **Main:** Chicken meatballs with creamy Mustard Sauce on penne pasta
- **Dessert:** Pineapple upside down cake

**Friday**
- **Soup:** Mexican tomato and bean
- **Main:** Three cheese beef lasagne with a delicious béchamel sauce and crisp salad
- **Dessert:** Passionfruit parfait

**Saturday**
- **Soup:** Pea and Ham
- **Main:** Home-made individual meat pie with creamy mash and lashings of gravy
- **Dessert:** Sticky Date Pudding

**Sunday**
- **Soup:** Creamy Pumpkin
- **Main:** Traditional Roast of the day
- **Dessert:** Apple pie with home-made sorbet

**NB:** A vegetarian option will be available nightly

Everyone Welcome!
Expired Driver’s Licences
Please check the expiry date on your driver’s licences. It is easy for your licence to expire and not be aware of it. We receive a report each week with the names of people whose licences have expired, so you may receive a phone call or a friendly reminder if we see you driving around. The danger if you are driving on an expired licence is that you are not covered by your insurance. Have a look in your wallet, and if your licence has expired, please go down to Kingston and renew it.

School Zone safety – Preschool areas
From personal experience, I know that small children can move very quickly and you only need one moment of inattention for them to get away from you. When Mums and Dads are dropping off or picking up their little people from Minischool and Banyan Park Play Centre, drivers need to be especially aware when they are driving past.

We are lucky that Banyan Park Play Centre is within the existing 30km/hr School Zone, however drivers please be extra aware when driving down Shortridge Road past Minischool on weekdays around 9am and 3pm. Slow down and keep an eye out for little people!

Bovine issues
In the absence of a Stock Inspector, some people in the community think if they have an issue with cattle, then they should call the police. Unfortunately we don’t have a lot of knowledge or experience in the world of animal husbandry. So if a wayward cow has found its way onto your property, have a look at the tag number and go to the NI Administration website for details about who the beast belongs to. If the beast appears in distress or injured and you can’t get hold of the owner, please ring the vet. If an animal has caused a motor vehicle accident, or you are in fear of your safety, please call us.

We wear a lot of hats as the police on Norfolk, unfortunately cow whisperer is not one of them...

Emergency numbers
Police – 22222 for routine enquiries. In an emergency Police can be contacted on 000.

Crimestoppers
Crimestoppers is a national system which can be reached on 13999 and will take information on any criminal matter. These calls are transferred through to operators off island. All Crimestoppers reports will be accepted anonymously. Police wish to reassure members of this community that any calls to Crimestoppers are made in the strictest confidence and are not subject to caller ID or subscriber tracing. Telephone calls are taken by Canberra based staff.

Police Contact Details
Norfolk Island Police Force
Tel: +6723 22222
Email: enquiries@police.gov.nf
Office hours for routine enquiries: 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. If the station is unattended, please use the courtesy telephone located near the front door to contact on duty Police.

Netball News
It’s now April and the Norfolk Island Netball Season is on its way.

Mixed Night Netball
Competition starts this Monday 4th of April at 6.00pm. Players need to be at the courts by 5.45pm to be ready to hit the courts at 6.00pm. If you want to play an don’t have a team then call up to the courts and join a team.

Saturday Comp
The Saturday Netball season starts on the 30th of April for Juniors and Seniors. Juniors will start with Grading days for the first 2 weeks and Seniors will start with the Opening Day Round Robin.

Working Bee
We will be holding a short Working Bee on Sunday 24th of April to get the courts ready for the start of the season. It won’t take long and anyone who can make it would be more than welcome.

CALLING AN AMBULANCE

When confronted by a sudden accident or illness and you want help.
The quickest way to get help:

• Ring for the Ambulance, 22091 or 000
• Give the exact location, landmarks etc.
• Speak slowly and clearly.
• Give your name and the phone number you are ringing from.
• Give the number of casualties [if a multi person accident]
• Give the name of the patient if known [this is important on Norfolk as the hospital will have records of that person]
• State if any other emergency service is required eg. Police, Cliff rescue etc.
• Do NOT hang up till the hospital hangs up, they may have other questions they would like to ask.

Telephone
22091 or 000
Probus Club Invitation

PROBUS has existed on Norfolk Island for many years, and is a member of Probus South Pacific Ltd. It was formed under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island especially for semi-retired and retired persons.

Probus provides a variety of cultural and entertaining opportunities for the development of acquaintances, fellowship and interests; organizes social events and activities; arranges fascinating guest speakers; and interaction with clubs throughout the South Pacific, New Zealand and Australia. We can also host and entertain visiting Probus tour groups which frequently visit our beautiful Island. Further exciting features of the club are its travel opportunities and special travel insurance for members.

This month we are conducting a membership drive. If you would like to learn more about the Probus Club of Norfolk Island, would like to join our club or become an elected member of the organizing committee you are invited to coffee at Christians Cave at 10.30 am on 12 April. Ex-Rotarians, previous members and newcomers to Norfolk Island are most welcome. This is a social club where you will have fun with no special responsibilities or rigid attendance requirements.

For further information please phone Helen (24344) or Pauline (23623).

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COUNSELLOR - FREE & CONFIDENTIAL
8.30am - 5.00pm Weekdays : Ph 23190 or 56400
After hours contact,
for emergency or crisis only is via the Hospital 22091
or the Police 22222.

CANCER COUNCIL HELPLINE
13 11 20 for the cost of a local call from landline only.
For further help, go to the online chat at www.cancerconnections.com.au

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC FAMILY
VIOLENCE COUNSELING SERVICE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE
9.30am-1.00pm weekdays : Ph22447

KIDS HELPLINE
24hrs free & anonymous : Ph1800 551800

KARITANE
24hr, free call, advice re children 0-5 : Ph1800 2273

YOUTH HELP
Information : www.reachout.com.au

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Ph1800 200 526

MENSLINE AUSTRALIA
Especially for men (not a free call)
Ph 1300 78 99 78 or www.menslineaus.org.au

BUDGET HELP
Rees Walden (free) : Ph24287

DEPRESSION HELP
Information : www.beyondblue.org.au

RED CROSS
Telecross support call service : Ann Wright : Ph 22739

WEIGHT CONTROL
SDA Church : Ph 22201

QUIT SMOKING
SDA or Hospital or Counsellor : Ph 23191

CRAFT GROUP
SDA Church : Ph 22201

CARE NORFOLK INC.
Providing in-home domestic care, social support and minor home safety modifications.
All enquiries to Liat Baddock on 52696.

THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS ADVICE LINE
Help with relationship issues & advice on parenting arrangements after separation.
Ph: 1800 050 321

YOUTH CENTRE
Open Friday and Saturday : 7am - 10pm : Ph 24111

LETAL SALAN PARENTS GROUP
For parents of young children : Ph 22636 : dougeve@ni.net.nf

NISEDU
Special Education Unit : Ph 23000

ST JOHN’S AMBULANCE
First Aid Training : Ph 53533 / 23181

DENTAL CLINIC
Hospital : Ph 22091

HOSPITAL
Grassy Road : Ph 22091

PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Hospital : Ph 22091

BABY HEALTH CLINIC
Monday and Wednesday : Ph 22091

RESPITE CARE
Hospital : Ph 22091

DISTRICT NURSING
Emily Channer Trust (Hospital) : Ph 22091

DIABETES MANAGEMENT
Hospital : Ph 22091

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
Raise funds for equipment : Ph 22091

SUNSHINE CLUB
Funds for medical assistance : Ph22091

WHITEOAKS
Local Seniors Social Group

SERVICE CLUBS
Lions and Lions of Arthurs Vale. Rotary, Quota, Probus
For contact phone 22147

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Every Wednesday, 5pm. Ring Ron on 23150
WHAT IS MOULD?
Mould is part of a group of very common organisms called fungi that also include mushrooms and yeast. It is present virtually everywhere, both indoors and outdoors.

Mould may grow indoors in wet or moist areas lacking adequate ventilation, including walls/wallpaper, ceilings, bathroom tiles, carpets (especially those with jute backing), insulation material and wood. If moisture accumulates in a building mould growth will often occur. Many different types of mould exist and all have the potential to cause health problems.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF MOULD
Not all people are adversely affected by mould. However it can emit particles that may cause some people to sneeze. This is not necessarily an allergy; like a dust storm, it is a reaction to the particles in the air. Often, moulds can also release a musty odour which can be disagreeable.

Symptoms caused by mould allergy may include:
- Respiratory illness or asthma;
- Watery, itchy, red eyes;
- Chronic cough;
- Headaches or migraines;
- Rashes (dermatitis);
- Tiredness;
- Sinus problems, blocked nose; and
- Frequent sneezing;

For people with asthma, inhaling mould spores may cause an asthma attack.

If you or your family members suffer health problems after coming into contact with mould, contact your doctor. In the case of a life-threatening emergency, phone 000.

CONTROLLING CONDENSATION AND MOULD
Although mould can be found almost anywhere, it needs moisture and nutrients to grow. The key to preventing mould growth is reducing dampness in the home. This can be done by:

Maintaining proper ventilation
- Turn on exhaust fans, particularly when bathing, showering, cooking, doing laundry and drying clothes.
- Open windows when weather permits, to improve cross ventilation.

Reduce humidity
- Limit the use of humidifiers.
- Limit the number of fish tanks and indoor plants.

Controlling moisture/dampness
- Repair all water leaks and plumbing problems e.g. burst water pipes, leaking roof or blocked rain gutters.
- If water enters your home, completely clean and dry water-damaged carpets and building materials. Discard material that cannot be cleaned and dried completely.

REMOVING MOULD
- Eradicate mould when it occurs. It is hard to remove when it has been there a while;
- Do not dry brush the area. This could release spores into the air which can spread the mould further as well as cause an allergic reaction in some people; and
- There are several treatments for mould:
  - Tea Tree Oil is effective. A 3% solution or 2 teaspoons in a spray bottle with 2 cups of water will suffice. Shake well before each use;
  - Kill mould from surfaces with an 80% white fermented vinegar solution (available from supermarkets). After applying the mixture, leave for at least 20 minutes and then lightly sponge with clean water;
  - Remove the mould physically. Killing, but not removing the mould may allow it to grow back; and
  - Don’t use bleach. Bleach has a high pH which makes it ineffective to kill mould. It simply bleaches it, so it looks like it has disappeared.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE
Cleaning
- Clean your bathroom frequently;
- Clothes & shoes must be dry before storing them;
- Clean evaporation trays in refrigerators frequently;
- Cool mist or ultrasonic humidifiers should be cleaned according to manufacturer’s instructions and refill with fresh water daily;
- Wipe away moisture on windows and walls to keep your home dry;

Other
- Consider installing sky lights in darker areas;
- Minimise the number of indoor plants;
- When filling your bath, add cold first, this reduces the steam produced; and
- Let the sun into your home by opening curtains.

Division Notes
FIRST AID CLASS
Next class is Friday 29th April, 9am in the St. John Hall in the Hospital grounds.
All interested persons please contact Delwyn 53533 or Louise 51181.

SKILL DRILL
Tuesday 1st April, 6pm in the St. John Hall.
AGM, plus last weeks subject of Asthma Management
Norfolk Island Squash News
The club plans to run a business house comp for an extended period this year culminating in finals and presentation night. Players are asked to add their names ASAP to the list on the club notice board. The match committee will then grade players into teams of four. Sponsorship (TBA) will provide for a great comp with prizes etc. Please get your names in now. Whilst there put your name down for the Gary Raper Tournament 9th -13th May. Please note that membership is now due and application forms are available at the club.

Ladies Night
Ladies interested in playing a social Tuesday night comp are asked to please contact Debby on 58189.

Wednesday Night Mixed Competition
Wednesday 06/04/16
Court 1 Court 2
4.00 Debby v Liam Lexi v Renee
4.30 Puk v Lance Dean v Charles
5.00 Umi v Figgy Mya v Eamonn
5.30 Craig v Snobbles Bob v Becky
6.00 Nyree v Kym Deb J v George

Players are reminded that the onus is on you to find a replacement if you can’t play on the night.
If you are keen to play and haven’t made the draw or can’t make your time slot please phone Debby on 58189.

NI FITNESS AND HEALTH NEWS
Sitting “Hurts” the Dangerous Facts!!
Part 1.
It can lead to: tight back muscles
: tight hip flexors
: neck strain
: increased blood pressure
: fat burning enzymes drop by 90% (there goes your metabolism)
: calorie burning drops by 1 per minute as soon as you sit
In fact if you sit most of the day your risk of heart attack is about the same as if you smoke!!
Sitting for long periods of time is linked to depressive symptoms.
Part 2 next week.

The “March Makeover” participants are definitely benefitting from not much sitting!!
Week 4 almost done. Nearly halfway.
“Motivation gets you started. Habit and a positive mind keeps you going.”

All Gym enquiries to Kay on 52809.

When driving…. be considerate
SLOW DOWN FOR HORSES!
Walkinshaws win again in Club championships to make the final.

The winning run of Pete and Lizzie Walkinshaw’s team of Peter Glass and Stephen Mathews rolled on when they soundly defeated the very strong team of Jeff and Annie Pledger, Joey Williams and Tane Cottle in the Mixed Fours Semi Final played last weekend.

In a determined and concentrated effort Pete’s team won 14 ends against 5 ends to Jeff’s team to have the final score recorded as 30 -9. Many thought that Jeff, Annie, Joey and Tane would put immense pressure on team Walkinshaw but after ten ends the two Pete’s Lizzie and Steve had raced to a 15-5 lead. Although they tried very hard Jeff’s team were only able to score 4 more points to have the game finish early on the 19th end sending team Walkinshaw straight to the final.

Their opponents in the final to be played next Sunday was decided on Wednesday with Mitch Graham Trev Gow Ann Snell and President Moochie Christian overcoming the team of Matt Bigg Tess Evans with Brent and Chris Pauling. This game was a classic struggle early with Mitchell’s team just managing to hold a narrow leading margin and Matty’s team fighting to score a multiple count to get back to even. Mitchell’s team persevered with accepting singles and at the same time gradually extending the lead to the point that Matt’s team needed to take some risks to get back into the game. In the end , the accumulated lead become too far away and Mitchell’s team won 20 – 9.

The final to be played tomorrow will be an interesting affair with team Walkinshaw on a roll winning all of their games easily. Some say that they have not been really tested as yet but this will come in truckloads from team Graham. Experts of the game can’t pick the winners in this match up with some saying that that Peter Glass Steve Mathews Lizzie and Pete Walkinshaw are all at the top of their games whereas Mitchell’s team will rely on the up front players Moochie and Ann to build a foundation of tight heads for Trev and himself to work with.

On recent form Moochie should get his usual slides off his previous short bowls to get somewhere near the Jack and also the occasional fluke close bowl without any help – so this tipster says it will all come down to how team Walkinshaw responds to this.

Fantastic fundraiser with fantastic sponsors.

Easter Monday saw a fund raiser for one of our members to help with medical costs for a liver transplant.

It was great to see 14 pairs teams take to the paddock to fight it out for the Silverware – or Gold coloured carry bags.

On a day where teams were changed every game for the three games everyone had a great day of bowls and then went inside to take their chances on the chocolate wheel and raffles. With so many prizes being donated for the cause, many many people went home with prizes. This could not have happened without the very generous sponsorship that the day received. Following is a list of sponsors who the Club and recipients of the day are extremely grateful for their support.

- Christian Bailey Agencies
- NI Supermarkets PTY
- NI Gas Centre Pinetree Tours
- Governors Lodge Resort
- Hill’s Restaurant
- Paw Paws Pump Shed
- Central Service Station • Cascade Motors
- Barney Duffy’s Restaurant
- NI Bowling Club Bistro
- Blu Butterfly
- Jes Himii • Betty Mathews
- Charles Menghetti • Baunti Escape Tours
- Petal • Greenwood Adventures
- Charter Marine • Jackson’s Fishing Charters
- Advance Fishing and Cruising

Fantastic fundraiser with fantastic sponsors.
Cheryl Tennis News

Excitement is building as we welcome visitors this weekend arriving for the 26th Annual Governor’s Lodge Veteran’s Tennis Tournament. Players are coming from as far afield as Perth, South Australia, New South Wales, ACT, Brisbane and of course New Zealand. We hope the weather will be kind and look forward to all the usual fun and friendship as well as great tennis. Spectators are encouraged to come up and see what these skilful veterans can do on court! There will be morning tea or something for a light lunch option available each day.

The programme of events begins with Social tennis & Registration for all players from 2 pm on Sunday 3rd, with an Official Welcome and Opening from 6.30 pm followed by a Fish Fry and nibbles. Monday 4th is Ladies Doubles; Tuesday 5th Mens Doubles; Wednesday 6th Mixed Doubles Main draw matches; Thursday 7th Mixed Plate & Consolation matches.

Finals are scheduled for Friday throughout the day, and the International Challenge is played from 7 pm. Usually a very entertaining evening, as teams vie for the Shield, and Steak or Sausage sandwiches will be available to purchase. On Saturday from 6 pm the Presentation Dinner will be held at Governor’s Lodge from 6 pm.

All of which means that there will NO NIGHT TENNIS for this week, or next, as it is School holidays.

Last Tuesday night -Ladies completed Round 6 and thank you to those who filled in at short notice. Well played Teresa, & Hannah for Ro, with 16 points and Ella, Julie and Sarah made 15. No maximums this week!

Tuesday Night Men played their postponed Round 5 this week. Points went to Teams 3 and 4.

Mavis Cup will resume after school holidays on the 23rd April.

Junior Squad players are continuing to work hard in anticipation of their coming trip to Fiji. Friday afternoon tennis will resume after the school holidays. Hopefully the Trivia Night helped with fundraising efforts.

Court Hire Visitors and non-members are welcome to come and play during the day at a cost of $16 per hour – Night $18. However Members have FREE use of the courts during the day and $12 per hour in the evenings if there is no comp. Please use the Honesty Box if courts are unattended.

If anyone would like to use the courts for a special function contact a Committee member or see Gae or Chris at the Gas Centre.

Ball Machine Hire Should you wish to hire the Ball Machine to improve your skills, cost to Members is $6 per half-hour, $10 per hour; and Non-Members $15 for half an hour and $25 per hour. Contact the Gas Centre 22419 to arrange.

Upcoming Events - Keep these dates in mind
GOVERNOR’S LODGE VETS TOURNAMENT
3RD-10TH APRIL
MAVIS CUP 23rd APRIL
May Club championships
The Norfolk Island Golf Club

The Golf Report

Last weekend the “Norfolk Insurance Office” Easter Tournament had its inaugural and a big thanks to Terence Grube as our new sponsor for this tournament. Played over two rounds of stroke and with respect to the Bailey family, Sunday and Monday became the two playing days. And with two perfect days for golf the golf course was the winner with only two players breaking nett par after two rounds.

A cracking 68 nett/gross from Andrew [ Umi ] Umlauft came in best winning Day 1 from Chris Magri with an equally good 70 nett with Peter Magri claiming 3rd on 72 nett. The best of the Ladies was Naomi Thompson on 71 nett from Vanessa [ Sa ] Magri 75 nett.

The Pro-Pin 4th went to regular visitor and overseas member Mark Schutters, the All-In 9/18th to Dave McCowan, the Ladies 2nd shot to 6/15th Naomi Thompson and Men’s 2nd shot to 1/10th Dave Murdoch.

The “Island Plumbing & Gas” Putt-Off is back to $15 today thanks to a superb putt of 15 m from young Jade Umlauft to claim $195. Putting on Dad’s behalf Jade kept half of the money and Dad put half on the bar for the members to share. Thanks to Andrew Barnett and Island Plumbing & Gas for the ongoing sponsorship of the putt-off!

Day 2 proved equally as hard to break nett par with Wayne Richards winning the day with 73 nett on a c/b from Beau Magri with Dave Murdoch 3rd on 74 nett. Naomi Thompson repeated the first day with the best of the Ladies with 75 nett on a c/b from Pat McCoy.

The Pro-Pin 4th went to Tommy Greenwood, the All-In 9th Neale Turner, the Ladies 2nd shot to 6/15th Pat McCoy and the Men’s 2nd shot to 1/10th Neale Turner.

The overall results after two days of play [ 36 holes ] -

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A very small field turned out for Wednesday’s golf as rain was threatening but the weather stayed fine and those who turned up had an enjoyable day. Chris Magri won the day with 37 pt’s which included a fine eagle on the 15th. Andrew [ Umi ] Umlauft came in 2nd with 34 pt’s and Cameron Feldman 3rd on 33 pt’s. The Pro-Pin 4th was not struck.

Today’s golf is the “Olive Cafe “Monthly Medal and Lisner Trophy Rd 4, a stroke event. Tee off times are 8.30am and 1pm. Players are reminded to have their cards to the match committee no later than 15 mins prior to tee off. Visitors with an official club handicap are always welcome to come down and play.

Next week’s golf :-

- Tuesday ..... Veterans Golf ... 9 holes - 3pm
- Wednesday ..... Individual Stableford [ bonus pt’s for 2 Drips Ansbury Christian Cup - 1pm
- Friday ......... Cascade Motors & Tegal Chook Run .. very social 9 holes - 3pm
- Saturday .... Country of Origin [ Australia - N Z. - Norfolk ] - Stableford

Visitors to the Island our clubhouse is open from 11am daily for a refreshing drink or just enjoy the view from the clubhouse veranda. Lunch is available Monday to Friday 12 - 2pm and Sunday you can enjoy afternoon tea [ $12.50 p/p] or High Tea [ $35 p/p ] 1.30 to 4.30pm . Bookings are essential and please ring Natalie at Sweet Pea Bakery 51476 for enquiries and reservations.

Finally a ‘ Profound Thought for the Day ‘ ......

------------------ Be who you are and say how you feel because those who mind do not matter and those who matter don’t mind.

Good golfing everyone...

‘ Squirrel ’
MAZDA DEMIO , manual, light blue in very good condition. $6,300. Phone 52055

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Gas heaters, books, blankets, bedspreads, glass fronted display cabinets, counters, shelving, new commercial crockery, commercial sandwich maker, sporting goods, kitchen sink, cooktops, heaps more. Ph 50701.

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NOTICES

VALUER TONY ANDREWS will be on the Island from 9 to 16 April. For appointments please contact EastPoint Valuations. Ph 02 6622 8778. Fax 02 6678 0448. www.eastpoint.com.au

THE FLU VACCINATIONS are available at the hospital, Outpatients Department. You will need to phone 22091 and make an appointment

PUBLIC NOTICE The door prize for attending the Norfolk Island Administration Community Strategic Plan - Consultation Phase 1 is ticket number purple B13 which was drawn under police supervision. To pick up the winning laptop computer, bag and anti virus please call 50385/22385 or 23086 or email mmono123@grapevine.com.au

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT Olivia Martinez will be moving to the island on Friday 22 April 2016 and working from the new Bedford CA office in the Village (next to the Olive). Book your first meeting now from Saturday 23 April to discuss your personal and business tax affairs – email: martinez@bedfordca.com.au. If you have questions you would like to attend to before 23 April, Olivia is available by Skype – add “Olivia Martinez” as a contact and arrange your phone conference now.

CARE NORFOLK INC. Providing in-home domestic care, social support and minor home safety modifications. All enquiries to Liat Baddock on 52696.

LITTLE SINGAPORE CAFE AND TAKEAWAY is open from Monday to Saturday for Smoko, Brunch and Lunch from 8am - 4pm. Coffee from 8am - 6pm. Dinner from 4pm to 8pm. Bookings not essential but preferred, especially for groups. We are located at the Strand Arcade, Taylor’s Road. Phone 22426. (Opposite Pete’s Place)

DON’T BE PART OF THE 69% THAT MISS OUT
CHECK OUT TripAdvisor; our reviews tell it all; “quality food, excellent setting and charming staff” MARIAH’S Ocean-View Restaurant just on the edge of Burnt Pine on the way to Kingston; it’s worth the effort of a few extra yards. Ph 23155 or 22255. Open Tue. to Sun.

HOUSIE every Monday night at Paradise Hotel 7p.m. Lions Club of Arthurs Vale

IF YOU NEED A FOODCARE VOUCHER please contact Foodcare on 22201 or 22348

I LUV GUVS! Governor’s Lodge has it all and truly at the BEST PRICES on the island. BREAKFAST daily 7.30 – 9.30am. Why not fuel up for the day with us? Pancakes with bacon/eggs/maple syrup YUM! Our famous LUNCHES are daily 12.00 – 2.00pm from just $10 - $18 with some new items on the menu! Or perhaps a lovely DINNER in Bailey’s, a restored homestead built in the early 1900s. Lastly, for a simple SNACK, COFFEES or HOT CHOCKIE stop into our Lounge Bar at Reception every day 8.00am – 5.30pm. Queen Elizabeth Ave ph 24400

DINO’S RESTAURANT AT BUMBORAS is now open Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings and Sunday Lunch. Phone 24225.

MEETINGS AND AGMS

The Annual General Meeting of the NORFOLK ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at The Ferny Lane Theatre on Monday, 11 April commencing at 7.00pm.

There will be a special meeting of the CIRCA INC at 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 April 2016 in the A & H Hall for the winding up of the Association. All interested persons are invited to attend

SERVICES AVAILABLE

TRACTOR WORK – for slashing, ploughing or running drills, please call Dene Snell on 50217.

TREE - LOPPING, TREE - FELLING, CLEARING AND ON-SITE WOOD CHIPPING. Convert your palm fronds and fresh green waste into valuable mulch. CHIP IT, DON’T TIP IT!! Fresh wood chip also available, in bags or bulk. Enquiries to Derek on phone 22226.

MOWER AND SMALL ENGINE SERIVE AND REPAIRS. Most brands, trades qualified with over 25 years experience. Phone Roy on 50245

N.I. Pest Control
For all your pest control needs
Domestic and Commercial Services
CONTACT DUNCAN GRAY
PHONE / FAX 23034 • MOBILE 50541
The next sittings of the Court of Petty Sessions is set down for Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 10.00 am in the Court House, Kingston.

A.V.A. BATAILLE
CLERK OF THE COURT
Come Worship With Us.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Reverend David Fell.
Rectory: Headstone Road
Telephone: 22293 / 53040
“www.norfolkislandchurchofengland.com”

SUNDAY SERVICES
8.30am St Barnabas Chapel - Communion Service with children’s programme followed by morning tea (Morning Prayer Service first Sunday of the month). 4.30pm Evening Prayer and Sing Along at All Saints Church Kingston. 10.00am Morning Worship on first Sunday of each month at All Saints Church Kingston. 9.00am Radio Programme on VL2NI AM band.

Other Activities
School Scripture - each Wednesday at 1.30pm during term. Ecumenical Prayer Time - every second Tuesday 7.30am
We are the church of the “open door”. Our two historic buildings All Saints Kingston and St. Barnabas Mission Chapel are open 24 hours for sightseeing, quiet reflection, and prayer.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Pastor Dion Fourie
Manse and Church: New Cascade Road. Tel 22201
email: sda@ni.net.nf
Website: www.norfolkisland.gscadventist.org.au
OPEN ON MONDAYS ONLY, 2:00 TO 4:00 PM. South Pacific Display Centre is open to Tourists and all interested persons.
TUESDAY 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm: Ladies Arts and Crafts time.
THURSDAY : 5:00 pm Radio Programme on Radio Norfolk
SATURDAY: Sabbath Services: 9:30 am Sabbath School and Bible Study for all ages. 11:00 am. Divine Service- Solid Bible preaching
VISITORS AND SEARCHERS - Always welcome for worship and fellowship, with God our Maker and Life.

SOUTH PACIFIC DISPLAY CENTRE – Tourist Attraction
Best of its kind in the South Pacific – South Pacific Artefacts Including Significant Pitcairn Items on display
Open on Mondays only, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
Admission $2.00

COMBINED CHURCHES (Ministers Fraternal) ACTIVITIES
PRAYER MEETING -7:30am every 2nd Tuesday –Phone 22606 for details.
SCHOOL SCRIPTURE -1pm Wednesdays

ST. PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
Queen Elizabeth Avenue Telephone 22763
Administrator Father Paul Hilder
Parish Council President - Dave Porter, for Baptism, First Communion and Weddings please contact Dave 22162.
Rosary - Sunday 8.30am (Preceding Mass)
MASS - SUNDAY 9.00am
Piety Stall open before and after Sunday Mass.

UNITING CHURCH
Cascade Road - Telephone: 22179
Rev. Owen Lukins
Rev. Roz Bond from 8/4/16
“May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors” (1 Kings 8:57)
SUNDAY 3rd at 10am: Communion Service. All welcome
TUESDAYS at 4 pm: Radio Programme on VL2NI in the AM Band

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MONTHLY MEANS FOR MAR. (All Years)

RAINFALL SO FAR FOR MAR: 257.2mm
RAINFALL FOR 2016 TO DATE: 659.0mm
MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL: 1290.0mm
AVERAGE MARCH RAINFALL: 101.8mm
AVE 1 JAN TO END MARCH: 282.6mm

Rainfall measured 9am - 9am the following day