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Norfolk Island Juniors representing at Western Regional Championships

Hard on the heels of a highly successful tour of New Zealand, Cheryl Tennis Club is proud to announce that for the first time in many years, a team of 4 junior players is off to Lautoka, Fiji, to contest the Oceania Federation's Western Regional Junior Championships.

The team, comprising Arki Nobbs, Vanessa Brown, Sam Cribb and Sophie Ellem, travel to Brisbane today (Saturday), on to Fiji Sunday, back to Sydney the following Sunday, returning to Norfolk Island Monday. They stay at the 'ITF House', an accommodation funded by the ITF for full time tennis scholarship students from the Oceania Region.

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***Lest We Forget* The Centenary of Gallipoli**

Saturday, 25th April 2015

“Well, what a week it's been from the Returned Services League's point of view.” With numerous people from Australia wide, and of course from across the trench, choosing wee little Norfolk Island to commemorate with us the 100 years since the landing of Gallipoli.

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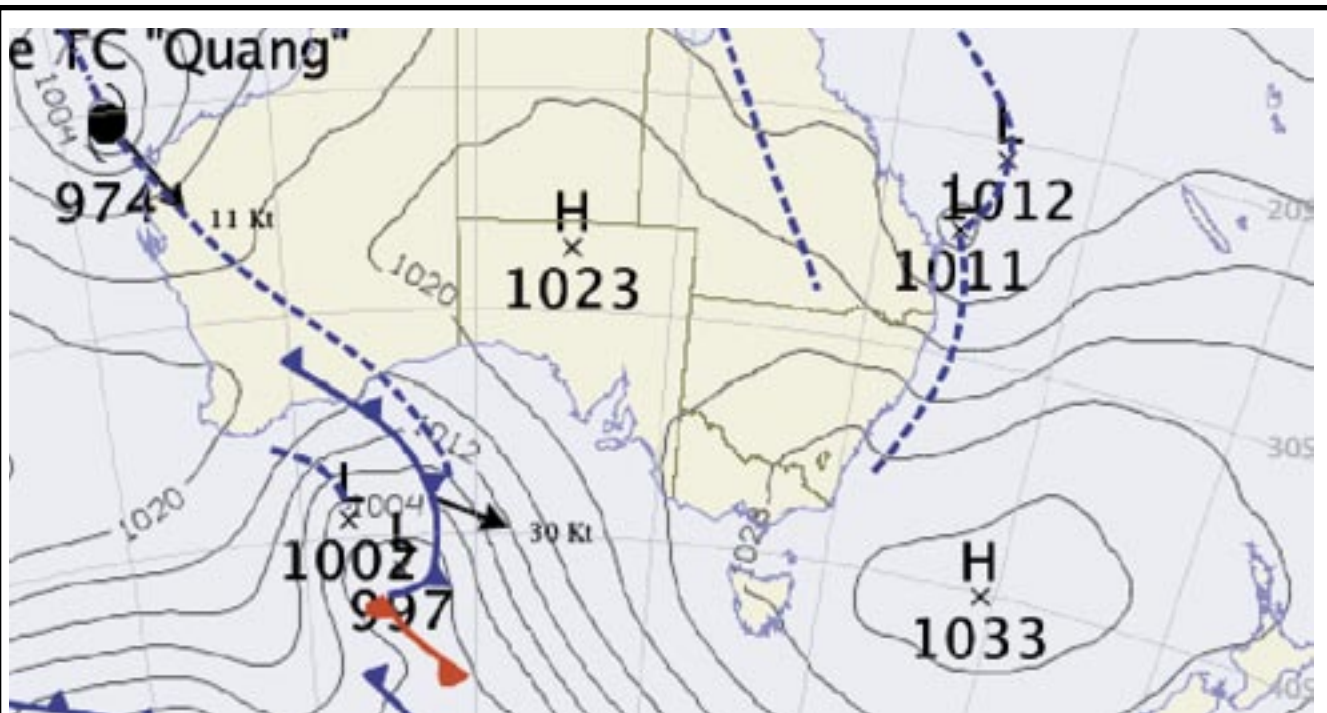
The big cogs of the RSL slowly turning. In fact we started the cogs turning some two - three years ago. It's hard to believe, from grants that were 'knocked back' to acknowledge, by way of a small plaque at the foot of a headstone, that this person served at Gallipoli at some stage during the campaign. This was for all the Aussies, Kiwis, Norfolk, British and Allied service men who are buried in our cemetery and believe me, you would be surprised at the number.

To a seperate grant for a small bronze plaque to inform people that Kingston jetty was more than likely the one of our two jetty's our service people left the island to fight in the Boar War and both World Wars. A big thank you to Shane Quintal for all his research, time and

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SUNDAY Mostly cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers. NE winds 20/30 knots. Min: 19 Max: 24

MONDAY Cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers. NE winds 25/30 knots. Min: 19 Max: 24

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WEEK ENDING	RES	GEP	TEP	VISITORS	UEP	OTHER	TOTAL
12th March 2015	1347	33	66	709	212		2367
19th March 2015	1356	33	67	690	219		2365
26th March 2015	1346	34	62	714	230		2386
2nd April 2015	1382	43	51	551	224		2251
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knowledge, not to mention his support and to Albert Buffet as well.

Our own HMAS Sirius not being able to commit due to a refit, to no Royal Australian Navy ships in any way able to support us. To the Royal Australian Air Force unable to commit after writing to 3 squadrons that have Norfolk people serving with or have served with, to our request to bring home 'ALL' our current serving people from the Australian and New Zealand defence forces.

Some 2 weeks out we were notified that an officer from the Royal Australian Air Force and one from the Royal Australian Navy would take part on ANZAC Day. So we hadn't been idle by any means. With no other happy results, that is until Liam Donohoe, and Liam Kiernan made a 'covert' appearance, that the RSL had to 'short circuit' the system to make this happen.

But what a week it has been. From a week out the club was humming, with water blasters blasting, paint brush's working over time both inside the building and out side, in fact some instances if you didn't move you were painted, all under the ever watchful eye of Chief Petty Officer Wes Cooper.

Our next big event was the inaugural ANZAC Day Cup challenge between the Bowling Club and the RSL. Sadly we lost the Cup until 2016. The next big event was held on April 24th, the Ceremonial Sitting of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly, to mark 100 years of Gallipoli, then it was back to the club where yours truly proceeded to give a brief service about the battle of Kapyong in Korea 1951.

With showers all day and strong winds, the weather forecast was. not looking good, we all started to wonder what ANZAC day would bring. I think every one that day was a weather man!! Some one did ask me what our plan B was if it rained, and I said Beer!! No plan B as so often happens, the big fella upstairs looked after us and wow didn't he turn on the weather.

What an awesome turn out for the Dawn Service at Emily Bay, with the SBS film crew here at the time suggesting to me 'more than 600 people' turned out for the Dawn Service, but I am still hearing figures of a thousand as well. For me to try and describe the Dawn Service would not do it justice. For those who had that little sleep in, you missed a beautiful morning, with Vera Lynn singing in the back ground it was simply awesome.

From there we made our way to the 19th hole where we had our traditional Gun Fire brekkie, after that we adjourned back to the RSL, for more light refreshments then back at the crease for the mid morning service at the Cenotaph. It was another great turn up on a fantastic day, with over 50 people on parade.

After our service and wreath laying it was back to the RSL for lunch, provided by our own RSL Woman's Auxiliary and what a feast it was. Congratulations to our own 'George Douran' who is now a Life Member of the RSL club, nominated by the sub-branch for going above and beyond the call of duty. In fact I would nominate the whole Woman's Auxiliary for Life Membership if I was able to.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank yorlye, the public, for making ANZAC Day 2015 special ef nort fer yorlye nor gwen happen. I'm not going to fall in the trap of individually thanking every one in case I forget some one, but thanks again to every one who helped in any way, shape or form, big or small you are a part of the team that makes ANZAC Day SPECIAL thank you.

Wal Finch, President N.I. RSL Sub-Branch.



Our photo shows Royal Australian Navy sailor, Able Seaman Phoebe Evans paying her respects to a family member at the Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli.

Phoebe was also in the Dawn Service giving out wreaths to all the dignitaries or VIPs and also at the second service as a Catafalque Party - the only female.

Her family member was Alan Fletcher Buffett, who is buried at the gates of Lone Pine. Alan is uncle of Margaret (Peggy) Evans, her grand-mother. Peggy and Charlie Evans were also in the forces/world war II.

Phoebe is very fortunate because her great grandfather on her mother's side from PNG was also involved in world war II, he was a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel.

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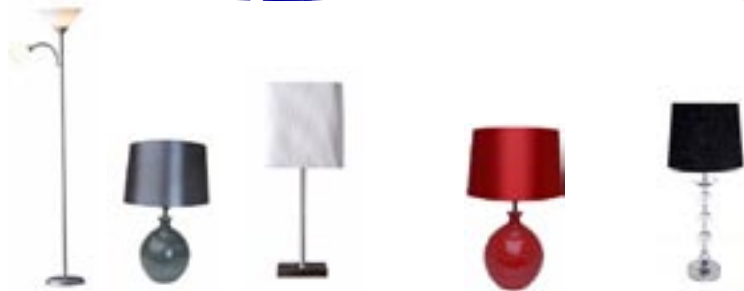
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The Referendum

‘A number of recent public comments cannot go unanswered’, the Chief Minister Lisle Snell said today.

The first is the Administrator suggested the current referendum was not a constitutional matter and that the Government was acting like children in the process and concentrating on things about themselves rather than the community. Nothing could be further from the truth.

‘As I said on radio this week, if the Administrator and the Australian Government do not think that a question on a community’s political status does not go to the very heart of constitutional and democratic process they are clearly mistaken and wrong. Any change to the Norfolk Island Act 1979 that seeks to remove the Legislative Assembly is in our view clearly a constitutional matter, and therefore the right of the people through referendum to have a say in that process is paramount.

‘We now also see through a Joint Press Release from the Liberal and Labor Parties on Norfolk Island in their support for a NO vote next Friday saying ‘... calling for no further delay in making proper plans for economic revitalisation, the youth, the elderly and the most vulnerable in our community.’

‘1 July 2016 is when those benefits will flow to the community, this won’t be delayed. I have to say, that making such commentary suggests they have not taken the opportunity to inform themselves of the content and lack of detail contained in the proposed Bills before the Australian Parliament. For if they did, I am sure they would have the same concerns as me about the lack of detail, and in some areas discrimination particularly in relation to transition in the areas of taxation and pensions.

‘While we should have robust discussion around the referendum I would urge that be on the basis of fact and not statements directed to scare. On that I have to put the record right, a vote either way on the referendum will not delay the flow to the community of the benefits to the Australian systems from 1 July 2016.

‘We are going to hold a public meeting next Wednesday at 5.30pm in Rawson Hall to enable all parties and the community to express their views in an

open and respectful manner and I would encourage all community members to attend.’ Mr Snell said.

*Lisle D. Snell
Chief Minister and Minister for Tourism
1 May 2015*

Contractor engaged for Norfolk Island Roads Strategy

The Australian Government is getting on with addressing the infrastructure and economic challenges on Norfolk Island by engaging WorleyParsons Services Limited to develop a Norfolk Island Roads Strategy.

After years of uncertainty, action is being taken to build better infrastructure on Norfolk Island so local residents can take advantage of more economic opportunities into the future.

The Strategy will consider the current condition of the roads on Norfolk Island, assess them against appropriate design, building and engineering standards and develop a maintenance and development plan.

The Strategy will prioritise road infrastructure upgrades and maintenance, including indicative costs, that will deliver significant long-term improvements to Norfolk Island’s road system.

Improving Norfolk Island’s road network is critical for community safety as well as economic and tourism development. It also complements our investment to upgrade the Cascade Jetty.

Representatives from WorleyParsons will travel to Norfolk Island on Friday 1 May 2015 to undertake initial research.

The final draft of the Roads Strategy is expected by the end of June 2015.

The Strategy supports the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and the External Territories, in its report on economic development of Norfolk Island, Same Country, Different World.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Governance change is a constitutional matter!

“I was extremely disappointed and astounded to hear the highest Commonwealth Representative on Norfolk Island, the Hon. Gary Hardgrave, say that a referendum on governance is not a constitutional matter”, Hon. Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community services said.

“For a person who holds a Vice-Regal position to say such a thing, along with a referendum being a waste of time and money is appalling and is not in line with democracy in the 21st century”, Ms Adams said.

Norfolk Island was accepted by Australia as a Territory under the Authority of Australia in 1914. Well after the Australian Constitution was in place in 1901. Therefore, Norfolk Island is not mentioned in the Australian Constitution, so the closest thing to a constitution for Norfolk Island is the *Norfolk Island Act 1979 (Cth)*. The Norfolk Island Act should therefore be treated like the Australian Constitution – no changes should be made without a referendum.

“As I have been saying for years in our Parliament, the Parliament is the voice of the people, therefore a referendum of the Norfolk Island community on governance change is essential. The Australian Government, as 21st Century legislators in a democratic country, must pay attention to the 8 May 2015 referendum on Norfolk Island before they vote on the bill now before the House of Representatives, which proposes to abolish the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island. Anything less is undemocratic. This is consistent with the resolution of the Australian Region Management Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association’s letter dated 14 April 2015, in which they called upon Assistant Minister Briggs to not proceed with the legislation before the House of Representatives until, amongst other things, the result of the referendum on 8 May is known”, Ms Adams said.

Robin Adams
Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services

1 May 2015

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A Visit From The Admiral's Grandson

The Admiral Sir George Young (1732-1810) not only played an instrumental role in garnering support to fund the British settlement of Australia, but at least twice he's had an inadvertent role in Norfolk Island's history, as well. Based on Captain Cook's record of a coastline lined with flax, it was the Admiral who along with Sir Joseph Banks and others advocated settling Norfolk Island to supply hemp and cordage to the British Navy. As we know, a party of the First Fleet set sail for Norfolk within 10 days of landing in Sydney Cove. But according to the Admiral's genealogist, he may be connected to Norfolk in an entirely different way: as a third-cousin and sponsor of Bounty mutineer, Edward Young. This is what Greg Young and his wife, Michelle, and I got together to discuss during their recent holiday on Norfolk. Probably the least is known of Edward's background than of all the mutineers. It was pure coincidence that we met on Tuesday, the 226th anniversary of the mutiny.

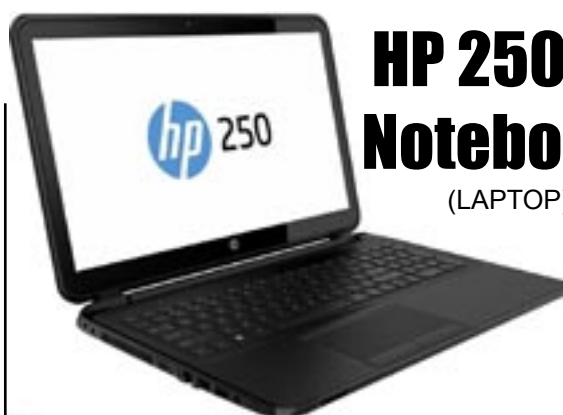
Greg hails from Queensland's Sunshine Coast and is Admiral Sir George Young's grandson some eight generations removed. He happened to mention on a tour a possible connection to Edward Young, which produced a telephone call to me. We met both knowledgeable of the Admiral's genealogy, "Young of Formosa" (1882), and the speculation in it that Edward was the grandson of the Admiral's first-cousin, James. What supports this tempting supposition are the unrelated facts that 1) a young teenager named Edward Young served under the Admiral without pay in 1784; 2) Bligh records the Admiral recommending Edward to him in 1787; and 3) the six people listed in the Admiral's family tree as possibly being Edward's

father, aunts and uncles are to a person the very names Edward gives his children on Pitcairn.

Greg and Michelle were on Norfolk to celebrate a birthday and visit good friends, Colin and Shelley Mitchell, and I'm certain we'll see them here again. They had a great time. Also, and it was Greg's idea, he and I might have our DNA tested to see if there's a genetic link. That sounds both weird and cool. Fut nort.

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The family of WILLIAM ALEXANDER PATTON



Australian Government

Community Update

May 2015

Cascade Pier Refurbishment and Extension- Norfolk Island

The Australian Government has agreed with a recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital & External Territories to complete the upgrade of the Cascade Pier.

Project Objectives

- Increase the operating life of the existing Cascade Pier.
- Provide a safer operating environment for passenger and freight movements.

Cascade Pier

The Cascade Pier was constructed circa 1850 and was a vital piece of infrastructure during the whaling days. The Pier is now an important link for freight and cruise ship passenger arrivals as well as a launching point for commercial and recreational fishers. Of the two piers on Norfolk Island, Cascade Pier is used for the majority of operations.

Economic Benefits of the Cascade Pier refurbishment

The refurbishment and extension of the Cascade Pier is expected to:

- increase economic activity during construction,
- increase the opportunities for visitation by Cruise Ships, and
- provide a safer port environment that may facilitate opportunities for improved freight handling.

Project Budget

\$13 million

Project Timeline

Review of the proposed design of the Cascade Pier is underway and a detailed project plan is currently being developed to consider options for the tendering and construction phases of the project. Pending successful completion of the design and award of a construction contract, it is anticipated that construction on the pier will commence in the last quarter of the 2015-16 financial year.

Photo of existing Cascade Pier



Design Process

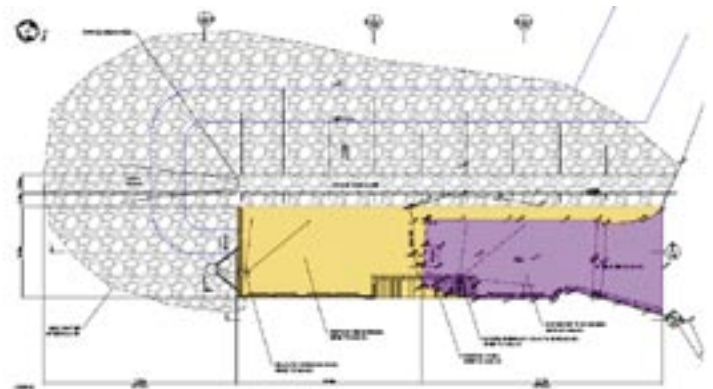
WorleyParsons has been appointed to lead the design review and costing for the pier refurbishment and extension. WorleyParsons has been tasked with confirming the suitability of the design previously proposed by the Norfolk Island Government and seeking further stakeholder input.

Consultations with key users of the Pier commenced in April 2014. Worley Parsons are currently revising the design.

Next Steps

- Geophysical assessment of the Cascade site is scheduled for early May 2015.
- Physical scale testing of the preferred design to commence in May/June 2015.
- Confirmation of environmental approvals and conditions.

Plan view of the current Cascade Pier extension concept



- The purple area indicates the existing pier and the yellow area indicates the proposed extension.
- The grey area indicates a proposed rock revetment adjacent to the Pier on the northern and eastern sides. The inclusion of the revetment is currently under review.



Further Information

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Chamber Of Commerce Rejects Administrator's Report To Minister

Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce president, John Brown, has rejected the Administrator's report to the Minister about the proposal to abolish the Legislative Assembly.

He said:

"The executive of the Chamber of Commerce met with the Administrator, and advised him that the Chamber members wished to be provided with full details of all of the proposals before commenting on any of them.

Any additional discussion was clearly limited to the personal views of the members who were present, and none of those comments were presented as representing the views of the Chamber of Commerce.

Importantly, the Chamber of Commerce did not, and does not, support the abolition of the Legislative Assembly".

Chamber Of Commerce President Supports Referendum

Norfolk Island Chamber of Commerce president, John Brown, yesterday supported the forthcoming referendum. He said:

"I don't understand why some people are trying to stand in the road of holding the referendum. It is the perfect way to find out what the community really thinks, and to either confirm or reject the views which are being disseminated by His Honour the Administrator and others.

There has been a lot of spin doctoring, and tales of bullying. This is the opportunity to test all of that, as there can surely be no allegation of bullying at a referendum. Allegations of bullying are an easy way to try to divert attention from the real issue.

Speaking of the recent press release from the Norfolk Liberals, he said:

"The Norfolk Liberals do not pretend to be in touch with the community's views. They are a small group which speaks for some, not all, of its members, and not for the community. They have issued a press release in conjunction with the Norfolk Island sub-branch of the ACT branch of the Labor Party. That group, too, is small. Perhaps it has only one member. It was disbanded some time ago. It seems to be talking from its grave.

Members of the Chamber have varying views about the proposed changes in Norfolk Island, but we are not frightened to find out the community's real views, and the best way to do that is to hold a referendum.

Norfolk Island is the home of the descendants of the Pitcairn settlers. The overwhelming majority of our members respect that. At the very least, those descendants are entitled to have their views heard at a referendum.

The present referendum question is a simple one. Why be frightened of it? It is not hard to say yes or no."

Freight Flight to Norfolk Island -7 May 2015

While it has been welcome news that an increased number of people have been travelling to Norfolk Island in recent months, the full or near-capacity passenger flights have decreased Air New Zealand's freight carrying capacity, which has resulted in air freight building up in both Brisbane and Sydney.

Following community concerns raised with me about the resultant backlog in air freight to Norfolk Island, I am pleased to advise the Department has chartered Aergo International to provide a freight specific flight for 7 May 2015.

The flight will travel from Brisbane, via Sydney, to Norfolk Island on the following schedule:

BNE	7:30	SYD	9:55	SYD	10:55
NLK	14:15	NLK	15:15	BNE	15:50

We have arranged this schedule in order to clear the backlog in both Brisbane and Sydney. There may be capacity for additional freight so if you wish to use this service please contact your usual freight forwarder. Freight charges will be the same as those charged by Air New Zealand.

I thank Bart Murray of Burnt Pine Travel who has kindly offered to coordinate freight forwarders in Brisbane and Sydney to consolidate backlogged freight to ensure the flight can be used to its maximum capacity.

*The Hon Gary Hardgrave
1 May 2015*

Norfolk Island Juniors representing at Western Regional Championships

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They contest a week long tournament against players from such places as Vanuatu, The Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Kirabati, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea. Whilst in the tournament, they will be under the close watch of the OTF Coaching and Development Officers, gaining valuable advice and experience.

Cheryl Tennis Club Tennis Coordinator and Coach, Danny Nobbs will accompany the team. He has high expectations following an intense period of training and preparation over the last year, in preparation for the NZ tour, this opportunity, and also the Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa later in the year, in which Arki and Vanessa also trained for. If any of the players are successful, they contest the OTF Championships later in the year, again in Lautoka.

We are confident they will be excellent ambassadors for Norfolk Island, and will do us proud.

Administrator's interview over Radio Norfolk

The following is the interview that His Honour the Administrator Gary Hardgrave had with Radio Norfolk Acting Manager, Louci Reynolds on Monday, 27th April 2015. Please note that Louci's questions are in *Italic* letters.

Louci welcomed the Administrator who commenced the interview with a comment about "the great week-end the island experienced and it almost seemed the rain of yesterday was a solemn curtain fall to that whole ANZAC commemoration of the week-end. The rain held off so that we could do what we wanted to do on Saturday and on Sunday it was like just some tears came from the heavens and I thought it was a wonderful sense of renewal that came out of the week-end weather."

Thank you Gary for coming into the studio. We talked on Friday and you mentioned that you had some time to spend with us this morning to just have a chat on some of the questions that I guess have been bandied around the community. I note the media release that the shop front is now all 'go'.

I drove past on the way here and trades are in there and there is some scaffolding up and there is some work being done and some work was done over the week-end as well. Thanks to various trades that said 'there's a job to be done so we will get on and do it' because the work started on Saturday afternoon which is just unbelievable.

Do we have an opening day. Like in the next couple of weeks or so.

It's due to open in mid-May. I would have hoped that we could have got something operating from as early as next week. A couple of delays have probably pushed that back a bit, but we are on our way. It's not far away and it's right in the middle of town so it's easy to find.

The next I guess would be the major step - the Worley Parson's project in what I see is the next progression step. Have you got a date when that redesign paper work will be given to you.

I haven't, but it's a fair question and I will pursue that to find out and I promise to keep you abreast. All I know is that Worley Parsons project managers have been here. They've talked to local community interest groups and people who've got experience on the tides and wind gusts and everything associated with the Cascade site, talking to those who use the pier as it currently stands. The biggest challenge for the project managers is going to be building something while still making use of the facility. We don't want to see it shut down during the period of the construction but we were promised, certainly the indicator was 12 to 18 months from the green light. The green light has been given, so within the next 12 to 18 months we will have a project complete which is great.

This is the important matter for the industries on Norfolk Island to get that stimulus production working. So everybody is just wanting to know when will the contractors supply come out and all that. It's most important for the businesses to be able to move forward.

There is no doubt about it. From the Australian Government's point of view we are getting on with the job. We have now something like 65 days to go until the transition year of 2015/2016 starts. It's 366 day year so we have a bit over 400 days until things are meant to be in new order from the 1st July 2016. So we are not wasting

any time; we are not wasting any money we are getting on with it.

My only concern at the moment Louci to be honest, is I am not sure that the Norfolk Island Government who are leaving office on the 1st July are doing what I would like them to do and that is to recognise they are in a caretaker period. That they are not to be spending the sort of money that they are currently spending on trips overseas and on attempting to try and waste the communities time with a Referendum.

This is going to be an expensive process. The ancillary costs as well as the direct costs of the Referendum are tens of thousands of dollars and as a former Chief Minister said in the paper over the week end "it will mean nothing anyway, because it is not going to delay the Australian Government." But all I am concerned about is if the vote goes a certain way, that the Norfolk Island Administration will waste more time, more time that should be spent right now in the transition period. We need them to work with us to help the various parts of the Norfolk Island Administration, the bureaucracy and the various community services that they do to transition to the transition year [?]. Now that's not double Dutch, that's just simply a statement that right now we were hoping that they would play grown ups and they would recognise that it's not a job for life, it is a job for the community. It is not about them, it is about the community and so from an Australian Government point of view we very much stay focussed on the best possible outcome for the people of Norfolk Island and I just simply say to the Administration 'Stop playing games. Stop wasting money. Stop trying to prepare yourselves to waste even more time.' There is just simply nine weeks to go and just let's get a proper grown up transition because it is about the people. It's not about the politicians.

Sure, that is right. But a Referendum is a Referendum.

It's a waste of time.

All countries have them all over the world.

But Referendums are run on a proper constitutional question that is of such a grave importance that it is put to the community. This is just simply a political 'motherhood' statement and people can make their decision and the trouble is that if it votes one way, it will be a signal to slow down yet again the transition time - slow it down, try and delay, try and embarrass, try and force the commonwealth to not do certain things. It is correct as the former Chief Minister said in the paper on the week-end, "the Commonwealth will continue because we believe in the project that is Norfolk Island. We will continue to do the job. Moreover, it is the job that we were asked to do by a couple of Assemblies in a row - you know this Assembly and the last Assembly asked for these changes. What I don't get is why they are spending tens of thousands of dollars on overseas trips, on bringing people to the island and on the Referendum itself. Why they doing this? Why they wasting time? When in fact we are running out of time. We have \$5.75 million dollars in money that's not being spent this financial year on Norfolk Island, money that was allocated. What we need now is to spend that otherwise that \$5.75 million disappears in a little over 9 weeks time. It just goes off the table. That's money that's under the Funding Agreement milestone that is yet to be satisfied. So what I would be saying is if I was in the

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Administrator's interview over Radio Norfolk - continued

shoes of the Norfolk Island Government "well look, Tim Sheridan said we've mucked it up and people are now going to intervene." That's what the Finance Minister said. Now let's try and get that \$5.75 million into Norfolk Island's economy.

At the moment it is going to disappear from the 30th June. This is a matter that a lot of people in the community have to rightly ask them questions about. I don't mind answering questions on behalf of the Australian Government, but think the Norfolk Island Administration and the government has to actually account for their conduct in this because they are wasting time and trying to get the community to give them permission to waste even more time.

Well, I'm not a politician so we will move on from there.

Well, neither am I, but I am just saying that I'm trying to work in favour of the Norfolk Island community. If you want to talk about what we are doing and delays and all those things, the biggest potential delay comes from the Norfolk Island Government.

OK. I think the Referendum, and this is my opinion, give a quantifying amount because there's discussions of a majority here, a majority there and I guess nobody knows what that actual majority is until a figure comes out. That is only my opinion - the Referendum will give a figure.

But it is a series of 'motherhood' questions. There is actually nothing there. The question was "Do you want the Norfolk Island Assembly to waste more time and not let the Australian Government get on with the job that everyone has asked them to do. Vote this way or vote that way?" I mean that's really what the question could give us.

OK. Let's move on. The Economic Recovery Plan being showcased in the Norfolk Mall. Have you had a look at it and what do you think?

Well, again it's just a side bar thing and has no validity and it is, I think, fantastic in the sense that it is extraordinarily strange.

The other thing that I did want to discuss is the high temperature incinerator. Do you actually know where that is at the minute?

Look, I wished it was here. I wished it was happening. Everything, if you heat it enough becomes a piece of glass. One of the problems, and we never talk about it openly, because we don't want tourists to know about it. We certainly don't want Greenpeace and the Surfrider Foundation and other people who care about the ocean to know about it, but it is an enormous disgrace that Norfolk Island partly burns so much rubbish and throws it into the sea. It is not an unusual thing to happen on island communities that the sea becomes the last deposit point for rubbish. But these things have to change and it has been caught up in process to long. I've been here not quite 10 months and I said about 7 or 8 months ago you've got a matter of weeks to fix this. The weeks have passed and nothing has changed. What I want to see from the 1st July (2016?) is a change to that and as best as we can will affect change. The trouble is there's been a lot of damage, a lot of process and a lot of nonsense that has led to this stage. The end of it we need to have

made some decisions about this in the past and I think that probably it is a challenge to the Norfolk Island Government to do everything that they can to affect that towards progress by the 1st of July. Not to spend time, money and effort, tens of thousands of dollars, and trying to get the community to give them permission to waste more time.

The reason I asked that was the fact that for the community economic stimulus is important. There are businesses still slowly going backwards; there are people who still are in the potential line of losing their jobs; there are people in the Public Service who have already lost their jobs.

Yes, in fact some to pay for the Referendum.

Well, I don't know about that.

Well they do. That's how they see it.

We did have the General Manager of the Norfolk Island Reform come in here and give assurances that these people would not lose their jobs. That is happening, that's a fact.

That's nothing to do with the Commonwealth. That is all to do with the decisions taken by the Norfolk Island Government and the Norfolk Island Administration. In this caretaker period they are continuing to be the ones who have control of 'who has what jobs where' - that is true. That doesn't change. What we have said is that following one July there will be no force redundancies; there will be no involuntary redundancies; there will be opportunities I'm sure as things always happen in organisations for people who decide to go if they want to go. I am not going to say to you if you are an employee on the 1st July you will still be an employee on the 30th June because that is unfair, because some people may choose to do otherwise. Or opportunities to access things like the Provident Fund, take the money, not pay any tax and do something else. These are things that people rightly can decide to do. However, right now those decisions about who stays, who goes are in the hands of the Administration.

Just talking about the Economic Stimulus that the island does need. Obviously people can now have an idea and start up a new business. Is the possibility of Grant applications and things like that are on offer in Australia is there an option now not waiting until the 1st July 2016 for small businesses to apply for Grants and being in the running and help them to get through this transitional period?

It's a fair question. The New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, as they call it NEIS, is as I understand it, does assist people, particularly those who have been long term unemployed to start with an idea and to grow it into something, but I mean none of those benefits currently extend to Norfolk Island. This is why I am just so urgent about not wasting time. I can see that we are now at 430ish days until all of those sort of things have to be in place and there is not a day to waste. The short answer is 'No' because none of those things extend, but the opportunity for perhaps some stimulation into the economy with \$5.75 million sitting there, waiting to be spent, but I can't get the Norfolk Island Government to focus in on the community - they are only focussed in on themselves!

Thank you Garry, we shall talk again.

Look forward to that Louci, any time.

Chief Minister's interview over Radio Norfolk

The following is the interview that Chief Minister Lisle Snell had with Radio Norfolk Acting Manager, Louci Reynolds on Thursday, 30th April 2015. Please note that Louci's questions are in *Italic letters*.

After the usual welcomes, the interview commenced with Louci asking the following question:-

Thank you for coming in today. You have a couple of up-dates for us Lisle.

Thank you Louci. I just want to make a few points on what was raised on Monday (27th April), by the Administrator. I don't intend to cover every aspect of his interview, but I feel there are a number of key points that cannot go unanswered and I am here to do that this morning.

The first of these of course is the very question of having a Referendum. While the Administrator replied to one of your questions that "this was not a Constitutional matter and the government was acting like children in the process and concentrating on things about themselves rather than the community." Nothing could be further from the truth. We do not consider that we are acting like children. If the Administrator and the Australian Government did not think a question on the abolishment of a democratically elected parliament in Australia does not go to the very heart of a constitutional and democratic process, then they are clearly mistaken and wrong.

Any change to the Norfolk Island Act 1979 that seeks to remove the Legislative Assembly is, in our view, clearly a constitutional matter and therefore the right of the people through Referendum to have a say in that process is paramount. You would appreciate that Minister Adams in her brief interview with you on Monday stated the reasons for the Referendum and how it came about and the importance of it - referring to Section 4 of that Act.

When I wrote to the Administrator about the Returning Officer's position, stating "that it is my view to, that the Minister should have initiated a Referendum in his own right, using that provision under the Referendum Act because it is of such great importance to the constitutional situation of Norfolk Island. Why do they keep on this track of saying that it wasn't important to need a constitutional change. 'It wasn't important enough' is just beyond me, it is beyond a lot of people on this island. It is certainly beyond the majority of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Lisle, the fact is that the Norfolk Island Government is still in the position of being the Norfolk Island Government until perhaps such time if, and when that changes. So it is within a complete right of the Norfolk Island Government to hold a Referendum.

The Norfolk Island Government still operates as the government. There has been reference to a 'care taker mode'. 'Care taker mode' is one that looks after the business of the government until an election is held. There is going to be no election. So we are still the government until such time as we are told by legal process, that we are no longer the government. That has not happened. Sure, we have been warned that

it is going to happen, but up to this date we are the government of this island. The Administrator implied that the government was 'acting like children' in this process and with self interest. The question of defending a democratic process to us is not a school yard game, we are not acting like children even though he might think it is. The government in this process is defending the right of Norfolk Islanders and residents and community of this island to have a say in the governance model that they want to apply here and that should apply here.

It is a very important issue - the most important issue since 1979 and as you are well aware, the Administrator has, on a number of occasions, inferred that the cost of the Referendum is in the 'tens of thousands of dollars'. Now let me assure the community of this island that this is wrong. While the cost of the engagement of the Returning Officer and associate costs will be in the vicinity of \$10,000 overall, this amount could have been significantly less had the Administrator accepted the proposed changes to the Returning Officer's position that was put to him by the Norfolk Island Government. That is, to briefly explain, that traditionally it has always been the Immigration Officer that takes on the role of the Returning Officer. We could not fill the role of the Immigration Officer until we were authorised to do so through Commonwealth process. They are
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restricting us in a number of areas of employment within the Administration so it took place late last year. It took us some months to get that position up and running and then we started the process of appointing him as Returning Officer. Normally it would be just a tick and flick but in this particular place it didn't happen even though all the requirements, as we understand it, and has been the procedure beforehand, was complied with, but in this case it was held up for reasons I won't go into here. Nevertheless, had it been done, as it has been done before, we would not have had this position as been questioned so many times of tens of thousands of dollars which is totally false and misleading.

He also implied that the current changes introduced by Assistant Minister Briggs into the Australian Parliament on 26th March were in accordance with what was asked for by this and previous Assemblies. Now that is also misleading. The point he did not make was we never, ever asked for a Regional Council model of governance and the consequential removal of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island. No matter what people on this island think about the Legislative Assembly, it is an institution that gives the people the right to have a voice in their own affairs and that's the institution we are talking about, not the Assembly themselves. It's a very important point and the Administrator and the Australian government for that matter, could have been confused about this as they also seem to be about the definition of consultation.

Let me say, the recent announcements through Press Releases by the Minister and Senator Zed Seselja that the people of Norfolk Island will be allocated to the A.C.T. electorate as an example. This was done with no consultation or discussion prior to that decision being made. If this is what we can expect after the first of July 2015, then God help us. It's just one classic example. Because I could go into great detail about community interest and why Norfolk Island should be part of any Australian electorate. There has to be a comparison; there has to be a community of interest similar to Norfolk Island; there has to be a process where the votes of the people of that community will make a difference. There is no way the votes of this community will make a difference in the A.C.T. electorate.

I did wonder if that proposal to put Norfolk Island in the A.C.T. electorate is that part of the Bill that is on the table in the Australian Parliament. Or is this a separate little proposal?

It is a separate issue. But it is part of the Bill to make us part of an electorate in Australia. This has been a question that has been around for a long time, going back nearly 20 years about whether Norfolk Island should be part of the A.C.T. electorate and there was actually a Bill proposed and presented to the House for approval but it never was assented to. There has been a lot of confusion about that. You know, the MP in Canberra (Ms Gai Brodtmann MP) states that she is the representative for Norfolk Island; there's Mrs. Natasha Griggs MP up in Solomon in the Northern Territory who also represents Norfolk Island and you

don't have to vote at the present time. So there's been a lot of confusion about it. Just to say that you are going to be a part of A.C.T. is not fair and not democratic on the people of this island. They should have a right to say, or a community of interest being conducted, on why and who and what is the best for Norfolk Island to be included in a Australian constituent

When I spoke to Senator Seselja he said obviously people on Norfolk Island are eligible to vote in various other constituents at the moment and they might be quite happy to stay where they are.

Exactly. And they may have some type of allegiance to the place where they have been voting for the last 50 years so it needs a lot more consideration.

Senator Seselja was here for 3 days last week. Do you know actually how many people he visited when he was seeking conversations with the general community. Did you actually have a chat with him?

No we didn't. We didn't know he was actually on the island. We didn't even get the courtesy of a notification from anyone, including the Administrator's office to say that the Senator was on the island and that he was conducting interviews with members of the community. They didn't even have the decency to inform the government that they were here and they were doing this on behalf of the Commonwealth and of the people of Norfolk Island. They didn't even have the decency to let the Norfolk Island Government know that they were doing this. I never caught up with Senator Seselja and that was a great shame because I had met him previously in Canberra. He didn't take the courtesy of calling on me and I didn't even know when he arrived or when he left.

That is unfortunate.

It is. I want to clarify a few things and there are quite a number of issues that you quite rightly pointed out in your interview last Monday. I want to clarify the Administrator's reference to the outstanding \$5.75 million that he was referring to as 'milestone' money within the current Funding Agreement. When I requested the CEO of the Administration to sign the Funding Agreement we did make provision that we were signing it under duress. We were signing it with the understanding that some of the milestones could not possibly be achieved because of the difficulties that were associated with staffing situations within the public service and so on. He implied that the government should do everything possible to secure that money. Let me assure everybody on Norfolk Island that we have tried to secure that money but every time we achieve what we consider to be the final to a milestone, they put up new goal posts and things change. We then find we have to do something else.

One of them was the passing of the municipal rates. Now we went honestly right through that process. We looked at every issue regarding municipal rates until such a time as we had to take note of what the community was telling us that they did not want municipal rates under the conditions that were provided for under that proposed legislation - and we took notice of them. It wasn't a matter of confusion, it was a matter of a government doing what the people

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wanted them to do and that is exactly what transpired in the voting on the question of municipal rates. Municipal rates and other things would have had a very negative economic impact on this community and we took notice of that impact on the community rather than taking that milestone money which is, truthfully, about \$5.75 million still remaining.

I have been asked how are you going to make up that difference? Well we are making up that difference by trying to encourage the Tourism industry for example. Tourism is our main industry for Norfolk Island and fortunately that is becoming more positive and I think the general consensus around is that if we can build the tourism industry up, we can continue on with the fund raising and the user-pay type principal of our Government Business Enterprises (GBE's) here on Norfolk Island, we will reach a sustainable level.

I want to say that we have a preferred model of self government and that preferred model of self government has been around for over 4 years. There have been no consultations between the Norfolk Island Government and the Commonwealth on that preferred model of self government. That preferred model of self government would have introduced a lot of what has been talked about in the amendments to the Norfolk Island Act, such as the introduction of Taxation, Social Welfare programmes and so on. Our government's preferred model also agreed to those conditions. Unfortunately, we have never had the opportunity to discuss it.

No consultation happening!

No consultation whatsoever. They have ignored it and I can quite rightly tell you now, it goes back to over four or five years that the difficulties that we are having with the 'milestone' funding agreements now, started five years ago when we signed that Memorandum of Understanding. As soon as we signed that we had difficulties from there on and there will be more about that in the future.

Coming back to the Referendum. The Administrator felt that perhaps this was a plan to slow things down. But it isn't in that case, is it? It's just a matter of process and things can continue along the track that they are continuing?

Exactly. The Administrator implied we just wanted to delay and waste time by the referendum process. Let me say, if the referendum question answers to the 'Yes' affirmative is supported on the 8th May, I will be writing to the Government and the Opposition of the Australian Parliament with a time line that will outline the transition application of those systems to Norfolk Island by the 1st July 2016, together with the governance arrangements being voted on in the August 2015 sitting .

We are not about delay, we are about getting it right and I can't stress on that enough. Why I intend to put forward the time line is to clear some of the 'sloppiness' that seem to exist in the legislative amendments put forward by the Commonwealth. Now up to date, you will recognise, and the people of this island will recognise, all we have seen are sweeping policy statements that tell us all these lovely things with little or no implementation details. They don't

tell us what's going to come behind it. Sure, we've got the FAQ's statements and so forth, but when we delve deeper into it, and there have been letters in the local paper and there have been representations made to the JSC meetings, and simple questions have not been answered. It worries me. I am fearful that when the shop front is set up in Burnt Pine that people going there to ask questions, they will be given a phone - 'you ring up this number it's free - you will be put in a queue and they will try to answer it.' Listeners will be aware that when the experts recently visited, and I've mentioned that before to the island, that they have been unable to answer those simple questions on the implementation process. In particular on the matters of taxation and pensions.

It is a very huge and difficult issue as to how to apply Australian taxation on to Norfolk Island and obviously though the questions are supposed to be updated or the facts up-dated on the Fact sheet, we just seem to be looking on the web site to find whether the questions have been answered or not.

Exactly. As I mentioned before, there are many unanswered questions in this process and whilst I feel the Administrator's time would be better spent trying to answer some of those unanswered questions, my government would like to hold a public meeting. Not for us to talk, but for us to listen, to all of those questions that are out there and to answer them in a truthful and factual manner as best we can. I would have liked to have invited the Administrator to this meeting but he is off island. I am sure the Deputy Administrator may take the opportunity to attend.

I just want to make it quite clear that extending the vote on the issues will provide the ability for implementation and clarification for what is currently being proposed by the Commonwealth in their time lines. The people of Norfolk should be under no illusion about what will happen on Wednesday, 1st July 2015 and that is the Administrator will govern Norfolk Island. I for one, and I am sure that there are others out there, do not want to wake up on the 1st July 2015 with my worst nightmare becoming a reality and that is to have the Administrator governing once again. Having total control over our beautiful island home.

The interview ended with the Chief Minister advising Louci that the Norfolk Island Government was planning for the Public meeting to be held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015.

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Answers to your questions from the information sessions

Representatives from the Department of Human Services and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) were on Norfolk Island from 14 – 16 April 2015. The representatives held twelve group information sessions and over 60 one-on-one meetings to provide the community with information on the tax, social security and healthcare systems that will be introduced on Norfolk Island from 1 July 2016.

Commonwealth representatives are working together across agencies to provide easy to access and simple to understand information about government payments and services. We will work with Norfolk Island residents and other government departments to make processes as simple as possible.

Commonwealth representatives will be back on island regularly over the coming year to provide residents with more information. We are listening to the community to work out when and how many visits will best support the community through the changes.

A Commonwealth Information Centre will shortly be opening in the Burnt Pine area. It will have computer terminals and telephones to allow Norfolk Island residents to make a free call to speak with mainland customer service staff and to provide access to a range of agencies' websites at no cost to residents.

Commonwealth representatives operate within a strict privacy framework. Staff are bound by strict confidentiality provisions when dealing with personal information obtained through working with members of the public, including delivering a range of activities relating to tax, social security, employment services, families, health, child support and disability services law. These provisions limit how personal information can be used and when and to whom it can be released.

Australian Government agencies take privacy seriously. From time to time it may be necessary to disclose your personal information to third parties. The circumstances surrounding why, who and when your information may be disclosed are outlined in the Department of Human Services website under [Privacy Policy](#) and on the ATO website under [Privacy Policy](#).

With regard to the Department of Human Services' payments, each person's circumstances are unique and we encourage you to test your eligibility for payments. People can claim different payments and services once they prove their identity and meet the eligibility criteria for that payment or service. The Department of Human Services may need to know about a person's income, assets, living arrangements, marital status, family make-up, studying arrangements and age, just to name a few. They may make the relevant enquiries to make sure you receive the correct entitlement. The Department of Human Services will also ensure that their staff are aware of changes relating to Norfolk Island Reforms.



This is what we heard you say and our response

Some of the questions that you asked may not be covered in this Factsheet. We will continue to provide answers to other questions to assist you in understanding how these changes will affect you. Many reforms will be phased in over time to take account of local circumstances.

We will be publishing answers on the [Norfolk Island reforms website](#) and in the Norfolk Islander newspaper in the coming months. Please check www.infrastructure.gov.au/norfolk-island-reform regularly to stay up-to-date.

Social security assistance and payments

Will Norfolk Islanders currently receiving Norfolk Island payments need to make a claim for the relevant Commonwealth payments or services?

Yes. All Norfolk Island benefits will cease from 1 July 2016. Any entitlement to Commonwealth payments or services will need to be claimed and assessed against the relevant eligibility criteria.

When can I apply for Commonwealth payments and services?

There is no need to lodge applications at this point in time. There will be opportunities leading up to 1 July 2016 to claim for payments and services.

From May 2016 to August 2016, the Department of Human Services staff will return to Norfolk Island specifically to further explain their services and identify health, social, or welfare payments or services that eligible people might be able to claim. Staff will be able to help you with any questions or forms that you may need to complete.

In the interim, a Commonwealth Information Centre will shortly be opening in the Burnt Pine area to provide access to mainland customer service staff and to provide access to a range of agencies' websites.

What is means testing?

Most social security pensions and allowances are payments with an income and assets tests (means test) applied. The Means Test comprises the Income Test and the Asset Test.

- The Income Test uses income from nearly all sources, including wages, business profits, rental income, private pensions, and controlled interests in private trusts or companies.
- The Assets Test uses the market value of all assets owned by the customer (and their partner if they have one) except for the home.

These are designed so that those in need receive the maximum amount, those who have the means to partly support themselves receive less, and those who can afford to fully support themselves do.

What is gifting?

Under the means test, gifting is when you or your partner give away assets or transfer them for less than their market value, for example, if you do not receive adequate consideration for the gift or transfer in the form of money, goods or services.

You or your partner can give away money, other assets or income to any value you choose at any time. Before you make a gift, you should carefully consider the effect it may have on your financial security. You should also check how it will affect your payment.

Gifts made by Norfolk Island residents before legislation is passed will not be assessed. This takes account of local circumstances and is an exception to the normal gifting rules, which apply to any gifts made in the 5 years before receiving a pension or allowance, unless you can demonstrate that you could not have expected that you would qualify for a pension or allowance from us.

How are real estate asset values determined? Who will determine the value?

Real estate assets can include a house, unit, vacant land, holiday home or shack, regardless of whether you rent it out or not. The value of any real estate apart from your own principal home is considered an asset under the assets test.

The Department of Human Services may arrange a valuation of your real estate at no cost to you. This can be different to the valuations used by state and local governments, which do not generally reflect the current market value of the property and buildings. The Department of Human Services make an allowance for any loan amount you have owing on that property and they only take into account your ownership percentage. They will apply an indexation amount annually to the value of your real estate to keep the value current. As payments are subject to an assets test and to ensure you are receiving the correct entitlement.

What is curtilage?

Under the assets test, the land adjacent to your home is called curtilage. For social security purposes, curtilage in excess of 2 hectares on the same title as your home is assessed. For rural customers, the same title may be exempt from the assets test provided you or your partner satisfy all the conditions for the concession.

What crisis assistance will be available?

From 1 July 2016, Norfolk Islanders will have access to the payments and services of the Department of Human Services including Crisis Payment for certain circumstances and access to the Department of Human Services Social Worker services.



Taxation

What steps can I take before the tax system applies on 1 July 2016 to get ready?

- You can apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) and an Australian Business Number (ABN) if you need one at any time.
- Keep track of income and deductions for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 16 (the 2015-2016 income year) so that you can better estimate your income for 2016-2017 to determine eligibility for some social security assistance payments and estimates of taxation liabilities, including the Medicare levy surcharge.
- Attend future information sessions on the island.

We are looking into the possibility of lodging dummy or practice income tax returns or activity statements.

How do I apply for a Tax File Number?

You can apply for a TFN at any time. Currently you will need to complete a paper form if you are on Norfolk Island, *Tax file number – application or enquiry for individuals (NAT 1432)*. You can apply for a TFN by visiting the Office of the Administrator. You should bring one original primary [proof of identity](#) document, such as a birth certificate, passport or Australian citizenship certificate, and two secondary documents, such as drivers licence, firearms license, marriage certificate, Medicare card or bank statement.

If you already have a TFN you will not be issued a new one. If you have lost your TFN or are not sure if you have one, look for your TFN on any correspondence from the ATO or contact your tax agent. If you still cannot find your TFN, you can submit the TFN application form to find out your TFN.

How do I apply for an Australian Business Number?

Currently only certain businesses are entitled to an Australian Business Number (ABN). From 1 July 2015 all businesses on Norfolk Island can apply for an ABN. You apply for an ABN with the Australian Business Register (ABR).

- You can lodge online at <https://abr.gov.au>. Follow the link to [apply for an ABN online](#).
- You can lodge a form by mail. The following forms are available for your ABN registration. You will need to quote the reference number provided below in brackets when [ordering the form](#) from the ATO website at www.ato.gov.au.

Apply for ABN – individuals/sole traders: ABN registration for individuals (NAT 2938)

Apply for ABN – companies, partnerships, trusts and other organisations: ABN registration for companies, partnerships, trusts and other organisations (NAT2939)

Application for ABN – superfunds: Application for ABN registration for superannuation entities (NAT 2944)

Change ABN details: Change of registration details (NAT 2943)

Cancel ABN registration: Application to cancel registration (NAT 2955)

What assistance will be available for small businesses to comply with the tax system?

The ATO is planning a number of activities to assist small business with understanding and complying with the tax system. This includes undertaking more visits to the island by people who are specialists in various areas of the tax system. Further details around assistance will be available in coming months.

What is the tax free threshold?

As on mainland Australia, if you live on Norfolk Island, the first \$18,200 you earn is tax-free. This is called the tax-free threshold. If you are a non-resident for tax purposes, you pay tax from the first dollar of taxable income.

How much tax will I pay?

The amount that you pay depends on the level of your taxable income for the income year. The current rates are:

Taxable income	Tax on this income
0 – \$18,200	Nil
\$18,201 – \$37,000	19c for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$37,001 – \$80,000	\$3,572 plus 32.5c for each \$1 over \$37,000
\$80,001 – \$180,000	\$17,547 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$80,000
\$180,001 and over	\$54,547 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000

- The above rates do not include the Medicare levy of two per cent.
- If your income is over \$180,000 you will also be required to pay the temporary budget repair levy of two per cent of the amount of your income over \$180,000. This levy will cease on 1 July 2017.
- If you are under the age of 18, and receive unearned income (for example, investment income), special rates apply.

What happens if I have more than one job? Will I be taxed more?

If you are sure that your total income for the year from all sources will be less than the tax-free threshold (\$18,200), you can claim the threshold from all of your employers. This means no tax will be deducted from your pay.

If your total income for the year from all sources will be more than the tax-free threshold, you can only claim the threshold from only one employer at a time. Generally, you would choose the one you expect will pay you the most during the financial year. This means that you are less likely to have a tax debt at the end of the financial year.

Example:

Staci has two employers: she earns \$1,000 a fortnight from XYZ Pty Ltd and \$900 a fortnight from ABC.

Her total income for the year will be more than the tax free threshold. Staci will claim the tax free threshold from XYZ (the employer who pays her the most) and XYZ will withhold \$76 from her pay.

Staci cannot claim the tax free threshold from ABC and, based on current rates, they will have to withhold \$226 from her pay.

The [FAQs - Tax](#) on the Norfolk Island reform webpage contain more information on claiming the tax-free threshold if you have multiple jobs.



What is the zone tax offset and who is eligible for it?

The zone tax offset is an offset for people who live or work in remote areas of Australia. The zone tax offset reduces the amount of tax you have to pay. Norfolk Island is currently, and will continue to be, a special zone.

To qualify for the zone tax offset, you must have lived or worked in a remote area (not necessarily continuously) for 183 days or more during the income year. You may still be eligible if you have not lived in a zone for 183 days depending upon your circumstances.

All residents of Norfolk Island who are eligible can claim the fixed amount of \$1173. The fixed amount can be increased if you maintain a dependent child or student or you are a sole parent.

Example:

Jon is married and has 3 children under 25 years old who are still at school and do not earn any income.

Jon enters his information into the Zone calculator on www.ato.gov.au to calculate his zone tax offset as follows:

The fixed amount	\$1173
\$376 for each dependant student under 25, less 50 per cent	\$ 564
	\$1737

Jon can claim a zone tax offset of \$1737 in his 2016-17 income tax return.

What superannuation obligations do I have for employees?

Generally you have to pay superannuation guarantee for an employee who:

- is 18 years old or over, and
- you pay \$450 or more (before tax) in salary or wages in a calendar month.

This applies whether the employee works full time, part time, or on a casual basis. You'll also have to pay superannuation guarantee for an employee who is under 18 years old if:

- you pay them \$450 or more (before tax) in salary or wages in a calendar month, and
- they work for more than 30 hours in a week.

A Norfolk Island transitional superannuation guarantee rate will apply, where the rate will start at one per cent and then increase by one per cent as per the following table:

Financial year	General superannuation guarantee rate	Norfolk Island transitional rate
2016-17	9.5%	1.0%
2017-18	9.5%	2.0%
2018-19	9.5%	3.0%
2019-20	9.5%	4.0%
2020-21	9.5%	5.0%
2021-22	10.0%	6.0%
2022-23	10.5%	7.0%
2023-24	11.0%	8.0%
2024-25	11.5%	9.0%
2025-26	12.0%	10.0%



How often do I need to make superannuation contributions for my employees?

To meet your superannuation guarantee obligations, at minimum, you must pay your contributions quarterly to your employee's complying super fund or retirement savings account, which is a type of account offered by institutions such as banks.

Can the ATO provide a list of superannuation funds?

The ATO does not provide a list or recommend a superannuation fund. The Money Smart website provides information about what you should consider when choosing a super fund, found at www.moneysmart.gov.au.

I am self-employed. What contributions should I make to a super fund?

If you are a sole trader or in a partnership, you don't, as an employer, have to make super guarantee payments for yourself. However you may want to contribute to super as a way of saving for your retirement.

Most self-employed people can claim a deduction for contributions they make to their super until they turn 75 years old. To do this, you must:

- notify your super fund that you intend to claim a tax deduction for your personal contributions, and
- receive written acknowledgment of this from your super fund.

Keep in mind that contributions you make may be subject to extra tax if they exceed the contributions limit for that year.

You asked these questions and further information will be provided in the coming months

What will be the changes for businesses under New South Wales law that will be progressively applied to Norfolk Island?

Law modelled on New South Wales law will be progressively applied to Norfolk Island from 1 July 2016. Norfolk Island laws will remain in place until they are specifically replaced by a New South Wales law. There will be scope to adjust laws to reflect local circumstances and the community will be consulted throughout this process.

In the year leading to 1 July 2016, the Australian Government will consult with the Norfolk Island community through the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will consider the priorities and preferences for introducing new laws to Norfolk Island, based economic development, community safety and sustainable government.

Will the application of New South Wales law to business affect payments from the Department of Human Services?

We are aware that a number of Department of Human Services' payments require services to be delivered by a registered business, including child care and aged care. The Australian Government will be working with businesses to determine the priorities and preferences for introducing new law to Norfolk Island modelled on New South Wales law, including considering the link between Department of Human Services' payments and business accreditation.



Are employment laws on Norfolk Island changing?

The mainland employment laws, including minimum wages and conditions, will not commence from 1 July 2016. The Australian Government intends to phase in these laws over a period of time. Before these laws commence, the Australian Government will consult with the business community and workers to ensure a smooth transition to the mainland employment laws.

When will the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's (ASIC's) functions and role apply to Norfolk Island?

In the coming months, the Australian Government will consider extending the legislation administered by Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to Norfolk Island. This includes the *Corporations Act 2001*, the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* and the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*. The Australian Government will consult with the business community around the extension of these laws.

How will Capital Gains Tax apply?

We will shortly be issuing a further Factsheet on Capital Gains Tax, including the concessions that are available to small businesses. The ATO is also planning a number of activities to assist residents and small business with understanding and complying with the tax system which will apply from 1 July 2016. This will include more visits to the island by people who are specialists in various areas of the tax system.



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BEAUTIFUL NORFOLK ISLAND

- **YES** - We DO have fair & democratic rights now
 - Vote to keep them
- **YES** - We DO have a good aged pensions
 - with discounts attached
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 - equivalent to Private Health & Hospital cover elsewhere
- **YES** - We DO have a Hospital Free of Superbugs
 - & capable of catering for an isolated community of 1800
- **YES** - We do have a simpler way of doing things
 - envied by many, & without the red tape & costs involved
- **YES** We DO have great Sporting Facilities & Organisations
 - with Youth Involvement
- **YES** - We DO have loads of Community Improvements
 - especially since the 1970's
- **YES** - We DO want local politicians
 - who know & care for Norfolk Island
- **YES** - We DO have a History & Heritage WORTH FIGHTING FOR
 - save it for future generations
- **YES** - We DO have a future with Self Governance
 - with the will & ability to effect important changes

-Better the devil you know-

VOTE YES

Women's Wellness Program

Lions Club of Arthur's Vale and the Norfolk Island Hospital are once again offering women on Norfolk Island an opportunity for preventive health care. Every Wednesday, starting May 13, for a limited time, appointments can be made by telephoning 22091 for a half-hour consultation.

Each consultation will involve discussion of medical history, family medical history, examination including blood sugar, breast check, Bowelscan and Pap smear, if indicated.

Finally written advice will be received with an assessment of current health status and suggestions for any further timely testing.

The cost to each woman for the half-hour consultation will be \$25.

Is Your Relationship in Trouble?

It is believed that 40% of separations in heterosexual relationships are initiated by the woman. Sometimes the decision to separate comes as a complete surprise. Many men do not recognise the warning signs that their relationship is in trouble, or ignore these signs in the hope that things will improve. The experience of separation or family breakdown is distressing for all concerned. It is particularly devastating if you are taken by surprise and are not the one who initiates the separation- the person who initiates the break-up will usually experience greater distress beforehand. Each relationship is as unique as the people involved; there is no definite way to predict whether a relationship will end. What one couple will put up with, can drive another apart. However, there are always clear signals that all is not well. Watching for and recognising these signs, and acting promptly, is vitally important for the health of your relationship.

Some common signs that your relationship may need attention:

- Communication is minimal and often negative,
- Differences are criticised rather than enjoyed,
- You are spending less time together,
- One partner indicates the relationship is in trouble,
- One partner is rarely prepared to listen,
- Conflict leads to resentment, not resolution,
- There are fewer fun moments,
- Put-downs are more common than compliments,
- Humour is often at the other's expense.

If you recognise any of these warning signs have you been:

- Burying your head in the sand and acting like nothing is wrong?

- Blaming your partner for what is happening, hoping the problems go away or expecting your partner to do something about it?

Problems don't usually go away on their own if they're not talked about. It is often during this time that someone makes the decision to leave. Responsibility for the wellbeing of a relationship rests with both you and your partner.

This information is part of a series of self-help tips for men. More information can be found at www.mensline.org.au

If you are experiencing stress regarding your relationship or in your separation from your partner and you need someone to talk it over with you can contact the Norfolk Island Hospital Counselling Service on 23190 or 56400. All inquiries are handled with absolute confidentiality. There is no fee for service when seen by the Counsellor.

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- **"No"** Excuses.
 - **"No"** Regrets.
 - **"No"** Alternative.
 - **"No"** is the answer and the kindest and only word appropriate

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Last week Pro Tax gave a very general outline of the impacts of Tax to Individuals income and it's impacts at the Supermarket and for the purchase of Petrol.

He/she claims that whilst he/she did not attend any of the meetings with the Taxation Officials on Island recently, he/she has done their own research. Seems he/she didn't research the local GST tax as this is 12% not 10%.

Furthermore, they claim that as the GST will no longer apply to goods sold, such as goods purchased at the Supermarket and Petrol, he/she claims that these prices should be reduced.

Regretfully he/she neglected to consider the impacts to business.

To mention two new taxes that Business will be required to pay, they are Payroll tax and Superannuation plus costs for a Professional Taxation Accountant to prepare Tax Returns/BAS statements. These are new expenses and in some cases the increases could be quite considerable.

Now, unless Pro Tax has never been in business these costs will not be absorbed by business. This will mean cost of goods sold will not be reduced. You can also bet your last taxable dollar that Tradesmen and labour costs will increase as a consequence.

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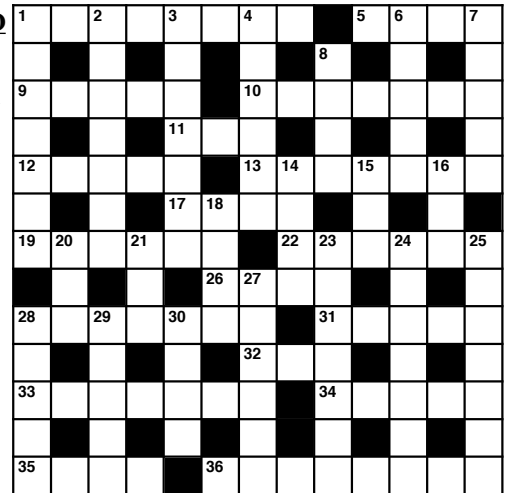
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Coinage
5. Two-wheeled vehicle
9. Savoury jelly
10. Shifty
11. Primate
12. Hit hard
13. Principle
17. Allay
19. Type of locomotive
22. Eats away
26. Ashen
28. Preoccupy
31. Profess
32. Definite article
33. Bill
34. Procrastinate
35. Never-failing
36. Inequitable (3-5)

DOWN

1. Sang
2. Fissure
3. Prison absconder
4. Moves furtively
6. Endure
7. The act of stealing
8. Velocity
14. Spool
15. Dove sound
16. Baked dish
18. European mountains
20. Author, ... Fleming
21. Male title of respect
23. Regresses
24. Used the phone
25. Breed of dog
27. Aft
28. Goes out
29. Bestower
30. Relating to the ear



Solution to last week's Crossword



Norfolk Island Shipping Line - *MV Norfolk Guardian* Australia/New Zealand/Norfolk Island

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Letters to the Editor - conitnued

It is unfortunate, but in the whole process of incorporation into the Australian Taxation system, little or no consideration has been given to the impacts to business.

Yours,

Anti-Tax

Dear Sir

His honour the Administrator stated in his **Community Consultation Report to the Minister** (20 December 2014):

The repeal of the current Act and and the introduction of a new Norfolk Island Act is *supported* by a substantial majority of Norfolk Island residents.

The vast majority of residents believe the 14th Assembly has not acted in the best interests of the people of Norfolk Island. The overwhelming view of the community is the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly should now be abolished and replaced, after a transitional period to effect changes to the governance structures for service delivery, by a local government type body.

The trouble is, when you look at what the consultations involved, the numbers don't add up.

The 500 residents who attended the two public meetings didn't state this. The Twyford Report from the first community quite clearly shows the opposite of the administrator's claim. (This was the consultant engaged and paid by the administrator).

The members of the Legislative Assembly presumably didn't advocate abolishing themselves.

The Council of Elders surely didn't support this recommendation?

Nor did the chamber of commerce.

So when you look at the administrator's own consultation list, the numbers simply don't crunch. His statement on Recommendation One is mathematically incorrect. Could this be why he is so busy badmouthing the NIG and the referendum process? Nervous his

'rithmetic skills may be exposed for what they really are?

Regards

Forensic Accountant

Dear Sir,

The referendum question is so badly worded that its outcome cannot be relied upon to reflect the community's view on any clear issue. We are left to guess about what is hoped to be achieved. But there are clues.

The very fact that the 'Yes' statement holds "**Advance Australia Fair**" in odium reduces the referendum to an '**us versus them**' issue. It suggests that proponents see the referendum as a means of preserving Norfolk Island as a separate nation from Australia.

Sad really, but enough reason in itself to reject the question outright.

Yours

Mike King

Dear Sir,

Listening to the Australian Administrator for Norfolk Island refer this week on radio to the weekend rainy weather "... and on Sunday it was sort of like just some tears came from the heavens..." I couldn't help but wonder if the tears that came from the heavens were because of what is happening to Norfolk Island at the hand of the Commonwealth. I am absolutely appalled by the way the people of Norfolk are being treated.

Having just spent a month on island, I am completely shocked by the sheer quantity of people who I spoke to who, I believe in my professional opinion as a therapist, have a compromised sense of wellbeing. In regards to the situation of the Commonwealth forcibly taking over without suitable and unbiased consultation, I consistently heard comments like "I feel angry;

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Letters to the Editor - continued

anxious; frightened; violated; helpless; voiceless; scared; frustrated; upset; worried; defenceless; intimidated; bullied..." This is not healthy.

For the Commonwealth to take away the democratic rights of the people and to publicly belittle them and their elected representatives to me seems nothing less than an act of violence. For the Administrator to tell elected officials of Norfolk to 'grow up' and tow the line, rather than organise a referendum to listen to the voice of the community, is insulting and indicates the inappropriate patriarchal, culturally incompetent nature of this man and his office. To have left people for years with unanswered questions until they have been deeply affected on a personal level and to mislead people in the Australian and Norfolk media also seems like an act of violence.

In the lead up to the referendum of which the Administrator so publicly scoffs, I think it is important to remember that what is really being asked is more along the line of: Do you believe in basic Human Rights? Do you believe in Democracy? Do you care that a large portion of the community is hurting because the Commonwealth hasn't given them the choice to vote on their future? It appears that the Administrator does not. When he refers to the referendum and Norfolk Island Government (NIG) as "wasting the community's time" and money, I think he tends to forget that unlike the system he is coming from, the NIG reflects the wants of the community.

As Australia's net foreign debt reaches \$1 trillion, Norfolk's \$42 million debt seems considerably small. Under the Abbott Government, figures for the purchasing of new submarines are in the vicinity of \$40 billion with a further \$12 billion for 58 new Fighter jets. Whilst the PM is on over \$500,000 annually with a minimum retirement package of \$200,000p/ a plus car, office, staff and travel - I really question the system that the Commonwealth seems hell bent on

forcing us into. As they close down remote Indigenous communities; make budget cuts to the pensions of the elderly; sign deals to destroy parts of the Barrier reef; ship men, women and children seeking asylum off to prison-like environments (much to the condemnation of national and international criticism); when they don't recognise the love of same-sex marriages at the altar but all too quickly do in the welfare office; I really understand why so many Norfolk Islanders are rightly fighting for their choice of self-governance and join more and more Australians who are tired of an archaic system that doesn't seem to have the best interest of its citizens at heart.

Indigenous Norfolk Islanders have been building community in remote isolated islands for the past 225 years between Norfolk and Pitcairn and prior to that on their maternal side for millennia in Tahiti. To them and the multitude of people who moved to Norfolk over the last 159 years and chose to make it their home, I believe just a little bit of respect could be extended to them. I believe it is their right to have a choice in what type of governance they have.

Vote "YES" at this referendum.

Anything else to me feels like an act of VIOLENCE.

In the bigger scheme, this whole situation is a not something to shy away from. Like death (or the death of a nation) it is something that we are all faced with. It feels like we are in the 11th hour and regardless of which side you stand on, this is an invitation to open and continue conversation in a healthy and PEACEFUL manner so that we can unite and move forward in harmony. When I look at the abundance of injustices that are happening in the world, I realise it is imperative that as many people as possible are expressing their ideas about the systems that support them.

Yours etc,

Miles Sanderson.

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The Consequences of Delay

Change is inevitable either way; we simply can't carry on as we are.

What is not so clear is the immediate consequences of delaying that change. They cannot be ignored. They are real.

The Norfolk Island government had a responsibility to advise the community of these consequences but failed to do so.

Aspect:	NO DELAY	DELAY
Immediate Federal funding	NO LOSS	LOSE \$5 Million
Budgeted funds	\$136 Million	NONE
2015/16 Budget	AGREED	NONE
Funding shortfall 15/16	NONE	Approx.. \$8 million
Funding the deficit	DOESN'T ARISE	NO PLAN
Pensions	ASSURED	NO GUARANTEE
Cascade pier project	ASSURED	IN JEOPARDY
What's ahead	A PLAN	MORE OF THE SAME
Existing services	ASSURED	IN JEOPARDY
Where will you be?	MORE ABLE TO PLAN	NO BETTER OFF
The only certainty	CLEARER WAY FORWARD	ANOTHER REFERENDUM
Pharmaceutical and Medicare benefits	ASSURED COMMENCEMENT	UNCERTAIN
Continued air services	ASSURED	IN JEOPARDY
Child support	ASSURED COMMENCEMENT	UNCERTAIN
Access to federal grants	ASSURED COMMENCEMENT	UNCERTAIN
Progress with reform	CONTINUING	DEFERRED

Delay is too big a price to pay.

Vote **NO**

Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Editor

I have just read an enlightening book about meglomania, and if any free thinking person, with the power of free speech should look this word up.

You may recognise some traits???

Lyn Bryant

The following letter has been sent to Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development by Albert F. Buffett, Chairperson, Norfolk Island Museum Trust

22 April 2015

Dear Minister Briggs,

I write to you as Chairperson of the Norfolk Island Museum Trust, a body appointed by the Norfolk Island Government's Minister for Culture under the Norfolk Island Museum Trust Act 1987.

The Trust owns and controls the 'Norfolk Island Museum Trust' (NIMT) collection which is cared for and displayed in the Norfolk Island Museum. Whilst the museum also houses two Commonwealth owned collections (KAVHA and HMS Sirius) the issues raised in this letter pertain only to the NIMT collection.

The Trust requires urgent information from you regarding decisions that you have made about the ownership, management and protection of the NIMT collection after June 30 this year, when it is planned that the Norfolk Island Government be dissolved and replaced with an Interim Advisory Council. This collection of over 6,000 items is identified as the local Norfolk Island community owned collection and should not be included with, or in any new management plans made for the Commonwealth owned collections.

The Norfolk Island Museum was formed in 1987 when it became custodian to the Norfolk Island Historical Society's collection of artefacts which became the basis of the NIMT collection.

Since then the collection has grown through acquisition, purchase, donation and loans by members of the Norfolk Island community and elsewhere. While the collection covers all of the island's history across all periods of time, the majority of objects are from HMAV BOUNTY, Pitcairn Island and Norfolk Island post 1856.

These objects have great cultural and heritage meaning to local families, the Norfolk and Pitcairn Island community's and very often to people from across the world. The decision to donate or place objects on long term loan with the Museum has often only been undertaken with the belief that they would be locally owned and managed.

This expectation must be honoured by continuation of the current NIMT membership and function after June 30 2015, and the on-going ownership and management of the NIMT collection being placed with the local Norfolk Island Regional Council once it is formed.

The Norfolk Island Museum Trust members wish to inform you that we are not in agreement with the NIMT collection being owned and managed by KAVHA as identified in recommendation 8.4.4 and

8.3.7 of the Draft KAVHA Heritage Management Plan. In addition we understand that the recently appointed Commonwealth Heritage Manager's position includes responsibilities over the management of moveable heritage items.

We are unaware of what this means in relation to the NIMT collection as to date he has not met with us or conveyed any information on his role. It is the Trust member's belief that he has no jurisdiction over our collection.

The Norfolk Island Trust members are particularly concerned that information be urgently provided by your Department via factsheet or other method to the community, to allay fears that the ownership and management of the NIMT collection will be removed from the local community.

I would appreciate your earliest response.

Yours sincerely,

Albert F. Buffett
Chairperson.

Norfolk Island Museum Trust

cc.: His Honour the Administrator, Hon. Gary Hargraves
Hon. Robin Adams Minister for Culture, Norfolk Island
The Editor – Norfolk Islander
The Editor – Norfolk Online

Sir

The Administrator claimed on radio this week that the Norfolk Island Government and Assembly are in "caretaker mode" and therefore should not conduct the Referendum. The Administrator did not indicate what the legal authority was for making such a claim.

There is no basis in law or fact to support such a claim, as it is my understanding that the caretaker conventions that apply in the Westminster parliamentary system apply only to the status of an incumbent government after it has announced that an election is to occur. The caretaker convention has absolutely no application to an announcement by the Commonwealth Government that it intends to abolish what is at the present moment, a legitimately appointed Legislative Assembly.

The measures introduced into the Australian House of Representatives by Minister Briggs to abolish the Assembly are just Bills and until dealt with, have no effect on the current legal status of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly retains at present, its full legislative and executive powers under the Norfolk Island Act with power and responsibility to represent the Norfolk Island community and act in its interests.

The Administrator as a former politician would be well aware of the true position. One can only speculate why he would wish at this time to suggest publicly that this is not the case.

Mike Zande

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Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Sir,

I have been so disappointed in the propaganda and smear sent around by the Australian Government that I feel it's time to set a few things straight.

The Australian government, Minister Briggs and Gary Hardgraves talk about providing the Norfolk Islanders the same level of services and benefits as other Australians

- And yet quite a number of elderly members of our community risk losing their pensions because of means and asset testing (yes everything other than the family home is valued and taken off their pension), or due to their citizenship status (eg. NZ's)
- They talk of social welfare payments making it easier on families and yet 1 in 5 households in Australia are currently suffering from rental stress (difficulty in making payments – and that's before we start talking about homeless and people under the poverty line in Australia)

The Australian Government talks of the benefits of the Australian system

- And yet there are more than 100,000 homeless people in Australia, what system is helping them?
 - Unemployment rates are 6.10%, and underemployment rates a further 8% (14% total)
 - Youth Unemployment rates are 13.88% and up to 21% in some rural areas (ABS 2014-15)
- Minister Briggs talks about our road system
- And yet 80% of their nations road system is still unsealed (ABS – History of Roads in Australia 2012)
 - And only 70% of rural arterial roads are sealed – the major roads which connect cities, large towns and “important centres.”
 - “Economic limitations combined with concerns that they could be held liable for only partially improving a road, are sometimes cited as the reason that nothing is done to improve the condition of the road” - Local Govt. Association of SA. (ARRB – Crashes on unsealed roads 2008)

They talk about our hospital and its ‘insufficiency to meet the needs of the community’.

- And yet NOT ONE rural town in Australia of 1800 people. Can boast having all of the following: A full time Dentist, A full time Physiotherapist, A full time Counsellor, A full time Pathologist/ Medical Scientist, 3 Medical doctors with extensive rural and remote experience, Capacity to treat Dialysis patients, Visiting specialists on a regular basis, A full time pharmacist the list goes on.... (some evidence please Mr Bureaucrat if you disagree!)

They talk about our “third world” infrastructure

- And yet in the past 15 years we have managed to build / upgrade the following (and yes with only a population of 1800)
- A new Airport – under CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) regulations and audited every year
- Bicentennial Complex to house customs, post office, tourist bureau etc.
- Waste Management Centre
- A new Fire Station – CASA regulated and audited

- New police station
 - Upgrade the Fuel storage tanks at Ball bay (and the road that services them)
 - Refurbish, renovate and re-roof the NI Central School
 - A new Dental Clinic
 - Upgrade the Bridge at Headstone
- Just to name a few!

The Australian Government keeps telling us it would be politically incorrect to simply assist Norfolk Island without integrating us into their system, because we don't contribute to their taxation system.

- And yet we are talking about a government who spent \$12million last year on housing commission homes, for repairs to their properties from damage done by their tenants
- 12 million to assist people who are in public housing because they have low incomes and therefore don't contribute to the taxation system and yet still get the benefits of Social security payments and Medicare whilst at the same time cause damage to a government asset.
- Let's not even get started on foreign aid to Indonesia!
- Documents tabled in the Parliament referencing ATO and ABS demonstrated that Norfolk has paid over \$5M per annum directly and indirectly into the Australian Tax system.

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Letters to the Editor - continued

- Is it politically correct to collect all NI EEZ revenues without returning even a small percentage of those revenues to the island?

Minister Briggs criticises our Child protection Laws

- And yet in Australia, on average 27 children die at the hands of one of their parents every year, many families of which are known to authorities.
- Every single person in this community wants to protect our children in the best way we can, but don't criticise our system when their own Child protection laws are failing children.
- Work with us, don't try to mislead the Australian public.

The Australian government talks of the incredible benefits of the Medicare system.

- And yet the Medicare system is overloaded and underfunded – why do you think there are incentives for people to join Private health care??
- Two examples of the waiting times for what the Australian government calls “elective” surgery. These are ‘median waiting times’, which means the number of days within which only 50% of patients are removed from the elective surgery waiting list.

1. Knee reconstruction: Median waiting time 184 days (more than 6 months)

It's 300 days in NSW!

2. Tonsil Removal: Median waiting time 100 days (that's a long time to have sore tonsils)

It's 200 days in NSW!

I ask what small business owner or casual worker who spends a lot of time on their feet could wait 6 months or more for the public system to have a knee reconstruction.

And FYI – Private health (with rebate) – only basic hospitals cover for under 45's is between \$100-\$140 per month, that's \$1200-\$1680 per year (with excess usually around \$500).

SO between the propaganda, and the blatant lies e.g. to quote a Commonwealth Official; ‘the vast majority of residents believe the 14th Assembly has not acted in the best interests of the people of Norfolk island. The overwhelming view of the community is the NI Legislative Assembly should now be abolished and replaced, after a transitional period to effect changes to the governance structure for service delivery, by a local government type body’ (Gary Hardgraves – NI Community Consultations, Report to Minister Jamie Briggs, Dec. 2014).

I, for one, have no faith that the Australian Government has or ever will have our best interests at heart.

Yours etc.

Contributed

Dear Sir,

May I say, along with many others, how very disappointing it was that only two Anthems were sung at last Friday's ANZAC Dawn Parade at Emily Bay.

Unlike similar ceremonies in Auckland, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and London – plus many other locations, the National Anthems of both Australia and

New Zealand were omitted from the ceremony.

This was a very special occasion, marking the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, after which a total of 44,150 Allied soldiers died, including 8,709 from Australia and 2,779 from New Zealand. The total Allied casualty toll, including wounded, came to 44,150 (including French, Indian and Newfoundland troops) – not to mention the 86,692 soldiers from the Ottoman Empire who perished.

Sometimes, even in small communities, it is necessary to look outside the square and to appreciate that we also live in a world which exists outside our special Island.

Lest we forget.

Sincerely,

David Pegman

Dear Sir,

I can accept that there are those in the community who welcome the whole raft of changes that the Commonwealth plans to impose on Norfolk Island. **They have a right to be heard.** They are, no doubt, aware that our own government has already agreed to the most far-reaching of those changes, in the areas of taxation and social security, particularly Medicare.

There are many others, however, who have a different view about the changes that are needed and how far they should go. Many of these people sincerely believe the Commonwealth's plans will bring about genuine loss and disadvantage to them. **They also have a right to be heard.**

Others strongly believe that everyone, including the Commonwealth, needs to do a lot more homework before they proceed. They feel we still do not have enough information to enable anyone to make a reasonable choice, a situation that has not been helped much by all the “information” sessions lately. **They have a right to be heard too.**

A YES vote in the referendum will send the message that everyone, whatever they feel, has the right to have a say, and have their views heard, acknowledged and recorded.

Many believe the Commonwealth has played a “divide and conquer” game with us. This referendum has nothing to do with what changes you think the island needs, or what you personally want to happen. It is purely about the right of each person to contribute to the decisions. Let us at least be united on that. **VOTE YES.**

Yours sincerely

Mary Christian-Bailey

Dear Sir,

Norfolk Islanders, Norfolk Islanders of Pitcairn Descent and recent arrivals to our community who are on the electoral role have one of the most important decisions to make on the 8th of May. The upcoming referendum isn't just about the Commonwealth versus our Local Government.

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Its also about the protection of a People. There is an important aspect to this debate that has been carefully and craftily kept off the agenda by a man with too much power, poor judgment, an inflated ego and megalomaniac personality (Google that last one). That aspect being the special relationship that Norfolk Islanders of Pitcairn Descent have with this place we all call home. The rights of these people are in serious jeopardy as he has arranged for all references of these people to be a thing of the past. This could be due to the fact these people may hold the key to a prosperous future for all of us as they are the indigenous people of this Island as recognized by the UN. They have an inherent right to this Island as bestowed upon them by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in 1856. Through this relationship to Norfolk Island it could be argued that tens of Millions of dollars of valuable Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) could become in some part a form of revenue.

If the removal of the Legislative Assembly and the 1979 Norfolk Island Act were to happen, the Australian Government would have successfully safe guarded itself from any such claim.

This Island could be well and truly financially self sufficient. A YES VOTE will give us a chance to protect these Peoples rights, be financially self sufficient and decide ourselves if we would like to join the Australian Taxation and Welfare system, and if so at what level. The 1979 Norfolk Island Act can be amended for today's world. Don't let the wool be pulled over your eyes, 23 Million Aussies would be envious of the opportunities that lay ahead of us. Be a POSITIVE contribution to our future and VOTE YES.

Regards,

Concerned Islander.

Dear Sir,

The upcoming Referendum, whether Australia takes any notice of it or not, has the potential to present the island with some real social and economic problems and potentially nasty carry-on effects.

Of course we all know we are doing it tough and I am sure we all acknowledge we could do things better, but is it worth giving everything we enjoy and are proud of, away, for a penny or two, and be governed by arrogant Aussie politicians hundreds of miles away? - many of whom have never been here, or while here stuck behind 2-foot thick sandstone walls and fed information by their comrades instead of meeting the real residents of this island.

Of course some of us are struggling, I am, and as a community we are tired, but think a bit further into the future than work on the new pier etc. Think about why you are here and relise when you have no right to whinge later if you vote NO now.

A message for those of you who are, or have been here for a short time, or leave shortly (teachers, police, seconded officers) - consider the long time residents, those who's families have been here since 1856. Although we make you welcome and sometimes

become life long friends, it is our homeland, not yours, you may be gone back to your home in six months.

And, while you are casting your vote, remember that there are some who are residents, who are Pitcairn Descent, served the community for many years, even decades but have NO VOTING RIGHTS because they are not Aussies, while newcomers can vote. Fair go bloke!

Vote in the direction you believe, but, whether you vote Yes or No, thnk carefully. Your vote counts to the future of our kids and their kids, and the uniqueness of this island that tourists come back to, or are jealous of.

If you are voting No becuase "this is how we do it in Bundaberg, or Canberra", well perhaps if life is so good there, that is where you should be!

If you can't decide, your best vote may be 'informal'.

Yours etc.

Really Concerned Resident.

Dear Editor

Norfolk people are not apposed to change, but the stand-over tactics and blatant disregard for Human Rights is appalling.

We need a better model of Governence than what is on offer.

What is on offer sounds all well and good on one hand BUT when you can't take your grandchildren fishing off either piers because of OH&S rules, and you'll need a permit for a gathering of more than 20 persons, most local families are more than that.

RoadTraffic laws will change, are the Commonwealth going to put a Hitching Post up at the school? so our 15 to 18 year olds can ride horses because how else are they going to get there? We have no public transport.

Can you afford to upgrade your car to NSW standards? with the registration requirements?

All the costs of living on Norfolk Island will increase hugely, these are only a few issues.

Truly, I urge everybody to think long and hard about what is being dictacted to us.

It will affect your children and grandchildren.

Vote YES to give us a chance

Lyn Bryant

Dear Norfolk Island

I have just recently spent 10 days in your part of paradise.

Whilst listening to your lovely radio station I was particularly taken by a song which I suspect was written locally.

The last line being "The spirit will stay with you for the rest of your life" I know it will!

I will be back, in 357 days to be precise, knowing that I will be welcomed by an Island of the most gorgeous people I have had the pleasure of knowing.

Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou.

*Tassie Trev
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Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Sir

On 4 March 2015 the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, The Hon Jamie Briggs MP, proposed that the Committee inquire into and report on governance in the Indian Ocean Territories.

Below is Jon Stanhope's submission to the current inquiry.

Yours etc

Brett Sanderson

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/National_Capital_and_External_Territories/Indian_Ocean_Territories/Submissions

The Secretary

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and the External Territories.

Inquiry into the Governance of the IOT's.

An issue of concern to residents in relation to the governance of the Indian Ocean Territories is the practice adopted by the Department of Infrastructure, the administering Department, of not responding to correspondence from either the Administrator or community organisations.

The attached correspondence from the Christmas and Cocos Islands Health Consultative Groups was never responded to by the department despite repeated requests from me and a complain to the Commonwealth Ombudsman by members of the Consultative Group. I have in my possession a raft of other community initiated correspondence which was similarly ignored by the Department. I am happy to provide that to the Committee.

None of the issues raised by residents in the correspondence was addressed while I was Administrator and my understanding is that even now, more than eighteen months after it was sent it has not been answered.

The Department consistently ignores correspondence from residents and community organisations and treats their views and concerns with contempt. I would be happy to expand on this in person if the Committee is inclined to invite me to give evidence.

I believe the practice of the Department of not responding to correspondence is unacceptable and that the Committee should inquire into and make recommendations on the practices of the Commonwealth in relation to consultation with the IOT communities and its obligation to respond to requests from the community for information and to respond in a timely way to correspondence.

I also believe that the Committee should inquire into and make recommendations on all of the issues raised in the attached correspondence from Health Consultative Groups.

It would also be useful, I think, if the Committee made it clear in its report that the extent to which the Commonwealth refuses to either consult with or respond to the concerns of the residents of the IOT's

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should not be applied to the administration of Norfolk Island now that its rights to self determination are to be annulled.

I regret that because of pressure on my time and hence my capacity to make a single submission I will of necessity have to make a number of separate submissions over the next month as time permits.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope

Dear Editor

Important questions need to be addressed leading up to the referendum:

1. Is the Island experiencing a loss of democracy?
2. Was the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly and community consulted on the proposed changes to our governance model?

The first question is easy to answer; there will be no loss of democracy. At a national and state level there will be a shift of responsibility from the local Minister to the Commonwealth Minister.

This shift is necessary because our small population does not have the legislative or funding capacity to mirror vital community services such as healthcare and education; these essential services will be funded by the Australian Government. Norfolk Islanders will be democratically represented by voting in the seat of Canberra as well as for our own Regional Council early next year. As part of the transition process, the Advisory Council will advise the Commonwealth Minister on the needs and aspirations of our community.

The answer to the second question is yes. Opportunity for community consultation on the proposed governance model ran from the day that the relevant JSC report was tabled in the Federal Parliament, 20 October 2014 until the day of the Australian Government announcement on 19 March 2015. Despite the Norfolk Island Government unreservedly rejecting the recommendations on governance MLAs met with the Administrator on a number of occasions. Five (5) months of negotiation, consultation and opportunity to provide feedback passed and the consultation outcome running up to December 2014 is recorded in a report to the Commonwealth Minister and is a public document. The regional department feedback email remained open beyond December as did the ears of the Administrator and his Deputy. The Chief Minister placed a relevant referendum question on the notice paper twice at the end of 2014 and withdrew it both times. As an elected representative I responded to the proposed changes and in Parliament last month I welcomed the fact that the Australian Government had finally agreed to take on their rightful responsibilities and adopt an inclusive policy position. I welcome their ongoing commitment to underwrite the airline service and provide access to grant funding to improve our roads.

That leads us to the referendum question. I appreciate that some in the community disagreed with our Government's decision to go into survival mode and I know that subsequent inaction and uncertainty has damaged personal and public finances. I know

that self-government will not provide a secure future for our aging population or future generations and that the Australian Government considered but did not favour a Territory model for obvious reasons. A decision has been made and although change is not easy I am sure that through the creation of a smaller local government model which includes reform of the GBEs, access to federal funding for infrastructure, implementation of a progressive tax system and the ongoing efforts of our resilient community that we can and will get ourselves back onto a sustainable footing. I do not believe that we need further consultation or another referendum; we need to accept reality and get on with it. On Friday the 8th of May I will express my support for transitioning towards a Regional Council model by voting NO and I encourage you to do the same.

Your representative

Melissa Ward MLA

Dear Jonno,

Dear people who live here on Norfolk Island.

At the present time we are faced with a crisis that could affect all of our lives. But this is only if we let it.

We look back in our past and see the goals and achievements our Norfolk Island community has contributed to building up our Island. The achievements made 'way back brought Norfolk Island to a true standard. We the people of Norfolk Island don't want to lose what we have accomplished. This took time and hard work and it wasn't easy but was a job well done.

Our other great achievement follows. A few years ago Norfolk Island used to have cars and trucks travelling the pre self-government dusty roads, no tar. This used to cover Norfolk all over with dust which goes right through our houses.

Our shopkeepers used to complain about the traffic coating dust to their shops as the dust penetrated right through.

Now we have tarsealed roads all over Norfolk; no dust. The potholes will be fixed later. A marvellous achievement.

Then we look at our airport. Planes can come and go without any fear. Planes can come here to Norfolk Island and feel safe and secure and what a blessing this has been to all living on Norfolk Island and what a marvellous achievement. We wouldn't want to lose all that. I hasn't been easy but everyone took up the challenge with great achievement. I could go on with achievements for Norfolk Island.

As we go further into the future to build Norfolk Island to build Norfolk to a true standard. This of course will be a struggle and a challenge to all who live here. We know it won't be easy but we can do it.

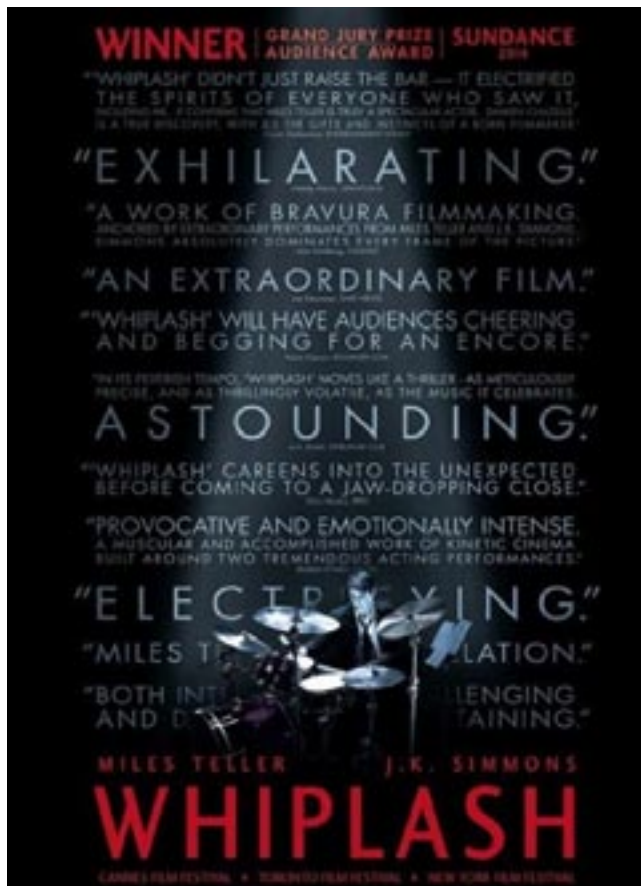
Money is not everything. Money comes and money goes. What truly counts is our goals and achievements outweigh with a job well done.

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What's on at

The Theatre

THIS WEEK



Whiplash

Starring Miles Teller and J.K. Simmons

Andrew Neiman is an ambitious young jazz drummer, in pursuit of rising to the top of his elite music conservatory. Terence Fletcher, an instructor known for his terrifying teaching methods, discovers Andrew and transfers the aspiring drummer into the top jazz ensemble, forever changing this young man's life. But Andrew's passion to achieve perfection quickly spirals into obsession, as his ruthless teacher pushes him to the brink of his ability. Rated MA15+ (Strong coarse language) This incredible movie won the Grand Jury Audience Award at Sundance 2014.

Due to remodelling at the Theatre there will be no movie screening on Friday 8th or Saturday 9th May.

ON SUNDAY, 10 MAY

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Then our Assembly who govern Norfolk Island. We need them to continue governing Norfolk. We thank them for their dedicated efforts.

We don't want to lose our identity. We look at our children, our beautiful children growing up, they grow up with a heart for Norfolk. They too want to hold onto their identity and one day take up the rights of governing Norfolk.

The Australian government has helped Norfolk of which we thank them for that. On the other hand Norfolk has helped Australia.

This is part of our life style to help anyone who has settled on Norfolk. There's always someone to help anyone who are in need. Our lifestyle helps everyone who need help. This is our lifestyle and culture that is very special to all who live on Norfolk. We definitely can't afford to lose our lifestyle.

My hope and prayer is that we hold on to Norfolk Island. Our families and friends and visitors come back home maybe for a visit and stay for good.

This is our home.

Life will continue to be a real challenge, but with God's help we can struggle through and win the victory. Please consider this for Norfolk Island.

Les Shorty Dick Nobbs

Dear Editor

His Honour's Monday radio interview showed a chilling glimpse into life under totalitarian rule from Canberra.

Rude, dismissive, sneering, autocratic, uncaring, haughty, patronising, condescending, supercilious, derisive.

After his sham community consultation process, you think he'd at least pretend to care about Norfolk.

Please vote 'YES'-we can't live under these colonial conditions.

Yours etc

VERY concerned Voter

Dear Sir,

If I ever needed a reason to vote yes in Fridays referendum it was provided to me in meetings with Commonwealth officials. As an example they were unable to state the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Council. It was said that would be discussed with the Advisory Council whose members advisory and selected by the Commonwealth with presumably its role, to support what Canberra wants and responsibilities none. One would have thought such basic and essential facts related to the Regional Council would have been available before any legislation was developed.

My concern is simply that the net benefit to the community has yet to be satisfied. How could it be available without even basic information being available? What is the structures, number of employees required, annual operating costs but more important other costs, including the human element. Voting yes on Friday will indicate you want another referendum on

what is proposed with all information being supplied. Guess it is why the Administrator is so critical of the referendum.

The Commonwealth say they will drop the GST whilst still trying to get answers they want from the ongoing consultancies in relation to the Government Business Enterprises. The question is from where will the Councils operating funds come? Obviously, you and me so we should be interested in the costs! It is known Minister Briggs is keen on land rates and land tax and there are potential increases in registration and other service fees. It's not a free lunch.

On top of the pathetically conducted consultation process the admission that basics have not been considered is frightening. Given there are positive signs that economic activity is at least stirring, makes it even more important to assess the impact of proposed change.

The Commonwealth and some locals have promoted the need for a "safety net" and have been pumping up the Australian welfare system. I dealt last week with the "safety net" and disaster to Aboriginals. Sadly economic philosophy in the Administrators fact sheet inflated values to the economy of that system.

There are issues which have not been openly considered in relation to the economy like something as simple as the cost of running business. There will be additional costs passed on to the consumer. Sure there will be no GST but will that cover additional costs? Import duty, required on goods not for sale at present, will go which is a disincentive to local retail. Details please!

Bit of history. Between 1914 and self-government in 1979 the Commonwealth was responsible for administration of the island, recruiting and funding an Administrator etc, providing 'top up funding' to the Administration and island salaries and wages reflected the equivalent in Australia after tax. As a consequence the Commonwealth received savings in lower wages and cost of island services utilised. After 1979 a local remuneration/arbitration system was started but the difference remained. Savings are also made in the current Commonwealth funding. It's not just Admin wages, the islands base wage is significantly lower than Australia. Believe the Commonwealth proposes salaries and wages will be taxed at their current rate.

First step is to address the island economy. Sure we need help and we need change but the latter must be done gradually. In the past this island has faced real "difficulties" without a vibrant economy. Bludgeoning things through without proper explanation and putting your faith in welfare without an economy has proven disastrous elsewhere. Why will Norfolk not be the same? I bet the Commonwealth cannot guarantee it won't.

Yours etc.,

Ron Nobbs

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Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Sir,

**THREE REASONS WHY A NO VOTE IS
THE RIGHT VOTE ON MAY 8**

While using track record to predict future behaviour is not always reliable, it is often the only measure available. And in NI's case, it shows clearly why a NO VOTE is the right vote at the referendum on May 8. Please read on!

In the last five to ten years while the economies of our two most important trading partners, Australia and NZ, performed well, the NI economy fell off a cliff. It shrank by 35% (*) in the last decade.

Even today the NI economy measured by GST collections has at best stalled despite more visitors. By comparison, the NZ and Australian economies continue to grow.

The track record of self-government in NI suggests it has failed to deliver good economic outcomes. This is the first reason to vote NO.

Let us now look at the track record of making good decisions for the NI community.

Despite a dire economy, the NIG continued to hike fees and charges in NI. A 33% hike in the rate of GST in 2009, and a 50% increase in health insurance and duty in 2014. Compassionate government? Hardly! Fiscally responsible? Possibly, although annual reports show the 33% hike in GST has never been reflected by a similar increase in GST receipts. GST returns have actually fallen 19% for the five years to 2013-14.

In the 2014 Household Survey at least 40% of NI households were found to be going backwards financially each week. Is there any NIG plan to help households out of this ongoing nightmare? No.

It took over a decade for the NIG to remove most of the monopoly on telecommunications. It took over a decade to finally agree to allow strata title in NI. It took over a decade to remove restrictions to immigration. And these changes happened only under pressure.

Many in NI want improvements in the public service, and better governance of GBEs. Those who wish for better do not believe, based on years of rhetoric and inaction, that these will be addressed by a NIG left to its own devices.

If some suggest NI has done a good job at protecting its culture, why is it that only 80 words of Norfolk are in common use today versus the 800 necessary for the language to survive (#)? Why are there so few government funded signs in Norfolk around the island? Why is it that a community organisation does the lion share of cultural promotion and education?

What has the current NIG achieved in its legislative program? At a time when the NI community needed proactive and strong leadership from its elected government, it is hard to recall from the current NIG's legislative program what has been done to help the private sector for example.

So there is a track record that suggests our model of government cannot make timely and good decisions. This is the second reason to vote NO.

But there is a third reason to vote NO. A NO vote will ensure that benefits to families and businesses will be available earlier, and not delayed by years, if not, indefinitely. What kind of benefits?

"More affordable health care and medications for my family", said Eve Semple.

"I will be able to claim capital investment in Endeavour Lodge against tax", said Duncan Evans.

Worthwhile benefits? You bet. And there are many more. Medicare; NI as a domestic tourism destination; no GST; access to grants funding; a smaller more affordable parliament; to list just a few.

But just knowing there are benefits does so much more. It engenders hope that NI will change for the better, and that is priceless.

For these three reasons a NO vote is the right vote on May 8.

Wally Beadman

(*) Centre for International Economics December 2014 / (#) Prof. Peter Mulhausler

Dear Sir,

Norfolk Island is our home. It is home to Norfolk Islanders, descendants of those who arrived here in 1856 as well as those who later joined our community from all over the world. Our community is facing a time of great change. Before any changes are carried

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out they should be understood by the Norfolk Island people but most importantly, consented to by the democratic will of the people. So have your say on 8 May 2015.

- If you would like a say in Your future Vote YES.
- If you would like your children to have a say in their future Vote YES.
- If you would like your community to have a say in what happens to their home Vote YES.
- Ef yu wunta fish orf' stoen Vote YES
- Ef yu like em letl sulun hawen a bike license at 15yrs Vote YES
- Ef yu wunta work aa shep Vote YES
- Ef yu like em sweet iwi rock fish en piken a hihl Vote YES
- If you support democracy Vote YES!

Democracy even today is still fought for in places all over the word. Our community since its origin has been a self-governing people. It is a part of our culture and our traditions and we shall continue to fight for that right.

I urge you all to believe in our ability to decide our own future.

Our Future * Our Voice * Our Choice

Chelsea Evans

Dear Sir,

In reply to "Pro Tax", I just wanted to clarify a few things, firstly; I would like to do the same analysis on a salary of \$35,000 (\$673.08/week) – not a VERY well paid job by any means. Single income and home mortgaged...

Tax paid is:	\$3192.00
Medicare levy:	\$700.00
Low income offset:	- \$445.00
Zone Allowance:	-\$1173.00
Total Tax Paid:	\$2274.00

So you would still pay \$700 towards Healthcare/ Medicare. And I now pay Municipal (Land) Rates.

That equates to a new income of \$32,726.00 (or \$629.35/week). And now comes the kicker, Low Income offset and Zone Allowance doesn't get paid until tax return time, so every week until my tax return, you are actually taking home \$598.23/week – that's \$74.85 less in your pay packet every week!

So how will people be better off?

Because your fuel and the \$200 dollars worth of goods at the supermarket on 30th June 2016 **stays the same** because the fuel supplier and Foodies now have to pay income tax on their profits, (company taxes, payroll taxes, compliance expenses) and have to pay municipal rates, and (at the very least) increase wages by 1% every year for 12 years to pay for the employee super contributions.

And payment s to GP's at the hospital do not automatically become free – Medicare rebate is only \$37.05 for a standard consultation, regardless of whether it's day, night or weekend. You pay the gap. (and as we have seen over the last month in the Australian media there are changes proposed to medicare coverage and pension support).

So taking all this into account, please explain how will people be better off? There is no taxation system in the world designed NOT to earn money for the government?

Signed

Income Tax is not designed to make us more wealthy.....

Co-signed by

Welfare states don't increase GDP

Dear Editor

Jamie Briggs implied in correspondence that the Norfolk Island Hospital was under-utilised and inefficient.

That is rich, when in the Indian Ocean Territories there isn't one single aged care bed.

The waste and inefficiency of the public servants running the Christmas Island Hospital is perhaps best demonstrated by the annual cost of a bed there.

\$1.33 million p.a

The Norfolk Island Hospital runs its beds at \$171, 404 p.a.

Yours etc

Strait Jacket

Dear Sir,

A vote YES at the referendum on May 8th is about ensuring we, as a community have the greatest voice possible, now and into the future.

It's not about not wanting Reform

It's not about whether you want a Local, State or an Independent Government

It's not about stopping progress

It's ALL ABOUT what we as a community, decide is the best way forward

So why don't we, as Norfolk Islanders value ourselves and what we have achieved over the last 36 years. So vote YES on the 8th so we can be the best we can be, and be in the best position to make the best decisions for our community – because it's a damn good one!

Candice Snell

To the editor,

It is clear that the people of Norfolk are not smart enough to run their own lives let alone their own government though luckily some are just smart enough to vote NO. I would recommend everyone should roll over and accept your fate that people smarter than you (pretty much everyone) will be running things from now on. It will be good to see the end of the pathetic 'Norfolk Way' and stop sponging off the Australian Government, then again I expect most of you will be on our welfare system anyway. Good riddens to Norfolk Island, if only I was enrolled to vote no.

Rob Burns

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Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Sir,

I am writing in my professional capacity to weigh in on the self-government debate, particularly the taxation/medicare angle, with regards to the impending referendum. As everyone is aware my wife and I are the optometrists on Norfolk and have been for 11 years. Before that I operated in within the medicare system and recently I have once again as a locum on the mainland to make ends meet.

If taxation and the medicare system are installed on Norfolk we will close the doors and walk away from the practice we purchased and more importantly the home we love. We are, by a long shot the most remote, full time optometrists in Australia which has only been possible outside the medicare and taxation systems. Neither system is conducive to remote paramedical services or medical for that matter. Yes, most drugs will be cheaper under PBS but as far as I can see that is where the advantages end. Wait lists for cataract surgery can stretch out to 5 years in public hospitals. Currently under the much maligned system here, at least you can live to enjoy the outcome of the surgery.

Studies on the profession of Optometry have revealed that a community in Australia requires either 7,000 or 10,000 to support a single optometrist, therefore whilst we are prepared to stay and fight while we have a fighting chance, we know when to strategically retreat as well. Other businesses here may not have the luxury of having studies like that to look to, but logically one would expect that many businesses will find that there are just not the numbers to support profit and taxation together.

Without a full time optometrist on the island some people will suffer some form of permanent irreversible visual impairment/blindness. This is not hyperbole; it has been expressed on more than one occasion by visiting eye specialists. There are acute and chronic eye diseases that require timely specialist intervention with specialised equipment. We have that now. If we are forced to pull out that safety net will disappear.

The last several years has been difficult for us as it has been for all the businesses of Norfolk. We would like to stay on Norfolk forever but when the Federal Government (and to my dismay the Legislative Assembly wishes it as well) in its cold and distant, and completely uncaring wisdom, dumps full taxation upon an economy in full depression, we know the outcome. It's not rocket science, and we would rather avert our eyes. Do you think for a moment that they would dare increase taxation in Australia anywhere near this much in this short a time? Imagine the confusion, the gnashing of teeth, and collapse of the economy? People who say we won't pay anything don't understand business or economics and particularly business in depression. Introducing just the compliance costs and burdens to Norfolk's businesses is like stopping a marathon runner with a kilometre to go and forcing him to carry a full suitcase. It is possible to convince him I suppose but he will probably look at you with a mixed look of defeat and someone who wants to use his last ounces of energy to beat the hell out of you.

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Letters to the Editor - continued

We all need self-government. We all need a low tax environment as our comparative advantage.

We need better self-government. It is possible for both. Vote for Self-government. Vote to keep your optometry service.

Yours sincerely,

John Kelly

Dear Sir,

A direct quote from the Australian governments web site states the following:

“Our National Public Holidays are New Years Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day. All other public holidays such as Queens Birthday and Labour Day etc are individually declared by the STATE and TERRITORY governments”.

If Assistant Minister Briggs and Gary Hardgrave get their way and our self government is reduced to a regional council what does this mean for the public holidays that hold significant traditional and cultural meaning to Norfolk Islanders?? Such as Bounty Day, Show Day Thanksgiving Day etc.

This is just one example of far to many question marks over the proposed governance changes to Norfolk Island (another being what will happen to our representative status at both the Commonwealth and Pacific Games??) and why a YES vote on the 8th of May is the only vote for Norfolk Islanders to demonstrate that the proposed governance changes in their current form are NOT right.

There are those who will try to say a yes vote is a vote to maintain the status quo. RUBBISH, the debate on Norfolk’s future has gone so far past this argument with ALL parties (the NI Gov included) agreeing that some change is necessary. But not just any old change for the sake of it, or change just to try and “normalise” Norfolk’s political status in the eyes of the Australian Parliament. No, Norfolk Island needs the RIGHT change which, if this proposed governance change was, our community would not be so divided.

So vote YES on May 8th not only to try and maintain at least some level of our much loved autonomy but to also keep the decision & policy makers local and accountable!!!!

Yours etc

Wes Quintal

Sir,

I read the Norfolk Islander this morning and look on the letters to the editor, studying the letters that are for the “NO” vote in the coming Referendum and find myself thankful that I am on my toilet to read such dribble...

As a Norfolk Islander born and bred I find it almost insulting that the people who put their name to such utter rubbish have lived in our community as long as they have and are still determined to fool themselves that they know better, lets face it they are not fooling anyone else.

“This Referendum is not about Democracy” What sort of an IDIOT puts that statement out there, This Referendum is the whole community fighting for there RIGHT to Democracy.

Forget about the Australian Commonwealth, and all the crummy things they have done to us over the years. Forget about the Norfolk Island Government and the silly things they have done over the years. We have always existed on this Island as equals, we have always respected our right to vote on the issues and people that guide and lead us.

When you learn to love this Island as much as we do, you will understand that without the people, the culture, and the familiarity then this ceases to become a community of fun loving people who look out for one another and becomes an Island of strangers. Any Norfolk Islander knows that if the Island can’t offer what they want in life then they go and seek it else ware, To try to change what she offers without first asking her people what they want, well, there are a whole lot of acronyms and comparisons we could make and none of them are pleasant or end well.

The decision maker, Norfolk Labor, says vote “no” and in there DRIBBLE, I see they also say; “no this is not about loosing democracy”. Well based on that alone they loose what little credibility they had for mine.

A “YES” vote will ensure that we do not give up fighting for the future generations of Norfolk Islanders what ever there background or connection to the Island be it Pitcairn Decent or not, That’s what our children deserve, a shot at the same happy, safe, care free childhood that we were so privileged to enjoy.

A “YES” vote will help ensure that the status of a Norfolk Island Resident will mean more than just a verbal description, it is something that we are proud of and hold dear to our hearts. They have no right to take it away!!!

If you are over here working for a term and find yourself eligible to vote then you should vote “YES” because like the Australian in me, you are probably embarrassed and disgusted by how the Norfolk Island Community are being treated by the Commonwealth.

Regardless of what we want as individuals for our island in the future, we must never let them take away our identity, please don’t let them take it like this. If you love this place we call home then vote yes !!!

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Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Sir,

To people eligible to vote in the Referendum on 8th May. Whether you vote YES or NO you will be paying Aus tax and will be part of the upcoming safety net for Aus welfare and social benefits. Let's hope they cover the new costs to be applied in Norfolk Island.

That aside, if you vote NO you are welcoming the TWO SETS OF CANBERRA AND NSW BUREAUCRATS who will be dealing with your planning applications, use of common land including Kingston, selling of home grown produce or your fishing catch etc, cost of licences for just about EVERYTHING.

Vote YES to retain the decision making ability in Norfolk Island that will affect long and short term citizens of Norfolk Island by local people who are also affected by their local decisions – unlike decisions made by those living in the ACT and NSW who are not affected by their decisions for US.

Your Choice to live with

Dear Sir

I was amazed to read that one of the first questions on the Expression of Interest form to serve on the Advisory Council is “Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous Australian?” What about the Norfolk Islanders and those of Pitcairn descent?

The Norfolk people, the traditional owners of this island, and those who have identified with them over a long period, are being increasingly marginalised and made to feel like exiles in their own homeland.

That is one of the main reasons I will be voting YES.

Yours sincerely

Mary Christian-Bailey

Dear Sir

June 2014: the Freedom of Information Commissioner ruled the body of the 2006 CIE Norfolk Island Report should be released as:

“These issues are of public interest, especially to the residents of Norfolk Island”.

The Commonwealth immediately took to the courts to fight the report's release, as they claimed it was a Cabinet document.

December 2006: A press release by Minister Jim Lloyd stated:

“Mr Lloyd said change to the governance arrangements of Norfolk Island could impose significant disruption to the fragile economy of the island”. This would no doubt be a reference to the 2006 CIE Report.

December 2014: The 2014 CIE Report is released. Funnily enough, this version paints a positive picture of the changes and is not a Cabinet document. The 2006 version couldn't be released, according to Canberra, as it constituted analysis for Cabinet. Does this mean the 2014 report wasn't used for analysis by federal Cabinet?

January 2015: Mr Paul McInnes declares in sworn testimony, that release of the 2006 CIE Report would be contrary to the public interest. He bases this concern on the increasing fragility of the Norfolk Island economy (which is about to be heavily taxed) and the potential damage to business and public confidence.

April 2015: The Commonwealth tries to prevent the publishing of the letter (to the editor) last week, which showed various tax scenarios.

What exactly is Canberra hiding from us?

Yours etc

Brett Sanderson

Dear Sir,

I listened to the ‘interview’ between the Administrator, Gary Hardgrave and Lucy, the Broadcast Manager last Monday.

What a contrast between the two individuals. The Administrator was intent on getting his messages across and he wasn't going to let little matters like courtesy, or even too close an acquaintance with facts get in the way of being back behind the microphone.

In future, if the Administrator is suffering indigestion or has got out of bed on the wrong side of the bed it would be better not to go on air at all. He is probably frustrated because the Norfolk Island government and community are not the pushovers he thought they were going to be. His address was embarrassing to himself and his office and his mischief is bewildering the community. Lucy, thank you to you. You were courteous as ever and you can hold your head high.

Yours etc.

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Letters to the Editor - continued

Dear Sir,

Shame on you Norfolk Island!

At the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Emily Bay, neither the Australian or the New Zealand National Anthems were played.

Why was there a service at all when Norfolk Island was not prepared to follow protocol and pay respects to ANZACs by playing their Anthems.

A disgraceful display and extremely disappointing and upsetting to those of us who lost family members in the great war.

We will remember them.

Penney Finney.

Labor And Liberal United On Governance Reform And Rejection Of Referendum

Local political parties the Norfolk Liberals and Norfolk Labor confirmed this week that a joint position had been established on Norfolk Island governance reform and the island's upcoming referendum.

President of the Norfolk Liberals Charisse Clarke said that both bodies had agreed that there was no alternative but to proceed down the reform path that had been laid out by the Federal government. "There is far too much history to be confident that our present model of government can offer any other solution to our economic troubles. All that the Norfolk Liberals see if we are to struggle on is more hurt, more financial loss, just more of the same". Norfolk Labor vice-president Yarm Menzies reiterated Norfolk Labor's long-held view that self-government had failed the middle and lower classes of Norfolk society. He said, "Norfolk Labor's position was adopted after extensive examination and analysis of self-government performance over the past 35 years. The final straw has been the distinct lack of leadership within the present government". The Liberal Party sub-branch joined with Labor in calling for no further delay in making proper plans for economic revitalisation, the youth, the elderly and the most vulnerable in our community. Both sides accept that realistic achievable planning cannot occur under present government arrangements.

Neither the Norfolk Liberals nor Norfolk Labor has been able to identify any sound reason to delay the proposed changes and calls on the community to denounce further delay by voting NO at the upcoming referendum.



St. John Ambulance, Australia Norfolk Island Division

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Applied First Class, last Friday 24th. April at the St. John Hall - D'Anne Sharp, Rinnai Cooper, Mandy Gardner, Joel Christian, Miriam Steellens, Matt King, Gary McCoy.

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Division Notes

FIRST AID CLASS

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Subject to be announced.

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She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him. "You OK?" she says.

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"Why's that sweety" says the blonde

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REFERENDUM 8th May

Why would you vote NO???

- The Norfolk Island preferred model clearly includes the same participation in the tax system with the same proposed payments and benefits to the community. Participation in the tax system and receiving benefit from participation is not a reason to abolish self-government.
- To vote NO is to trust your lives, homeland and future to Canberra bureaucrats.
- To vote NO is to hope the reforms designed by the Canberra bureaucrats might work. Evidence shows that their proposed governance model is failing elsewhere in Australia and as such is under review.
- To vote NO is to say you have no confidence in the Norfolk Island community to manage its own affairs.



- ✓ Voting NO will increase bureaucratic red tape and increase cost of living.
- ✓ Voting NO will support diminishing Norfolk Island culture.
- ✓ Voting NO will not assist introduction of medical benefits.
- ✓ In Voting NO the only certainty that will be achieved is that you will not have a say in your future.

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17 April 2015
World Heritage Day

World Heritage Day was celebrated on 17 April 2015 on Norfolk Island with a morning tea at the KAVHA Research and Information Centre. The following talk was given by Lisa Richards, Director/Curator of the Norfolk Island Museum.

“Speaking to the people gathered today to celebrate World Heritage Day should be a little like talking to the converted – presumably your employment in the sector, or personal interest has brought you here to celebrate rather than question or dismiss the concept and value of ‘our heritage’. I’m just going to quote a few people with some definitions to focus us on what this thing called ‘heritage’ is:

UNESCO says about cultural heritage:

“There are things that we regard as important to preserve for future generations. They may be significant due to their present or possible economic value, but also because they create a certain emotion within us, or because they make us feel as though we belong to something – a country, a tradition, a way of life. They might be objects that can be held and buildings that can be explored, or songs that can be sung and stories that can be told. Whatever shape they take, these things form part of a heritage, and this heritage requires active effort on our part in order to safeguard it”.

Susan Tonkin, who has worked in the Australian museum sector for over 30 years including at the National Museum, says in a paper called “What

is Heritage”, written for the Australian Heritage Commission, and linked to on the Commonwealth’s Department of Environment web site, that:

“Humans have understood the concept of heritage ever since they developed artefacts and language”.

Further to this, Associate Professor Don Garden President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies quotes the 2006 Australian State of the Environment Report (you can also find the link to this report on the Dept’s site), which includes in its definition of Australia’s heritage:

“Heritage includes places with natural, Indigenous and historic values. It also includes objects, collections and intangible aspects such as community values, customs, languages, beliefs, traditions and festivals. Heritage forms part of Australia’s cultural identity”.

On Norfolk Island the first thing that comes to mind when we think of heritage is the physical site of KAVHA – and this is obviously as it has World Heritage listing and a visual dominance of extensive buildings and structures from the penal settlement that ran to 1855. And it is a unique and stunning landscape that we have in Kingston. But we are spoilt on this little rock as our history runs literally from coast to coast. With no pun intended the fact that COAST Australia chose to dedicate an entire episode to Norfolk Island, with one of the stories based in KAVHA and the rest from across the island tells of the richness and quality of our island-wide history.

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World Heritage Day - continued

The absolute pleasure of working in the Norfolk Island Museum is that our daily work is the collection of the objects and intangible cultural heritage from across ALL of the island's histories and telling those stories. We get to – handle the cannon from HMS Bounty and an anchor from HMS Sirius; record oral histories of the experiences of locals in World War II; study the intricate woven baskets made by the Melanesian's here with the Mission; tell the story of the indomitable spirit of Norfolk Islanders through the wheel and bell of MV Resolution; care for samples of the important cable that was the sole communications link between Norfolk, New Zealand, Australia and New Caledonia; look for and record the evidence of remaining structures from the Longridge and Cascade Agricultural Stations; collect samples of early Norfolk plaiting and language recordings; research stone implements found across the island that may have come from the Polynesian settlement; handle the fine china left behind from the Officers of the 2nd Settlement; convey the unbroken value that Islanders have placed on educating their children through objects such as the Bounty kettle that John Adam's had his conversion around and the original Norfolk Island school Queen Victoria Scholarship Board.

Importantly, in the lead up to ANZAC day celebrations we can also present the stories of the impact of World War I on this little island, not only to the men and women who enlisted (the highest enlistment per capita of the Empire) but also on those left to keep the island running. Understanding and respecting our heritage here on Norfolk Island, requires appreciating all of our island's history.

Our special feature here on Norfolk is the heritage of today's Norfolk Islanders descended from the Pitcairn Islanders and formed over the past nearly 160 years, providing a specific and unique cultural identity that is historically separate and different from the mainstream Australian cultural identity.

Susan Tonkin says that we discriminate between things which are worth inheriting and passing on and things that we prefer to forget, so that there is a constant process of selection under way, both conscious and unconscious, as each generation decides which elements of its inheritance to keep and which to throw away.

The difficulty for us today here on Norfolk Island is as it has been for every generation – determining what things that are present with us right here and now will be of value to future generations. What do we hang on to and what do we discard and, very importantly for us right now, who will make the decisions about what stays and what goes and what impact will the decisions being made today have - especially on our intangible or cultural heritage?

As far as our built heritage is concerned, in 1856 when the Pitcairn Islanders arrived we could not have expected them to have predicted that 160 years later the convict buildings of their new home would have heritage value; as also the Crown did not foresee, selling off the stone blocks to the Islanders for their houses to be built up-town.

We have come full circle from that time to Norfolk Islanders led by Puss Anderson and the KAVHA restoration team restoring and maintaining these buildings over the past fifty plus years. Not only do they intimately know the story of each structure through their handling of almost literally every piece of stone and earth, but the story of that work is now in itself part of the heritage of this site, which brings an additional layer of meaning to us. Our pride in preserving and caring for this important site is rightfully held high, as the KAVHA team's care over all those years leaves this heritage intact for future generations.

On the mainland there are many examples of built heritage that once was considered ugly or vulgar and so not necessary to keep, then 100 years later being recognised for a newly appreciated beauty and heritage. Professor Peter Spearritt, Professor of History at Queensland University and the author of 'What is Heritage' says:

"Few in Sydney regretted getting rid of convict structures, even though the convict 'stain' in Sydney was much less redolent than in Hobart, where a stagnated local economy ensured that convict structures remained an obvious presence in Hobart, as they did in Fremantle and Brisbane, where there were few redevelopment pressures until the 1960s. Just 80 years later, not only are convict-built structures revered by heritage professionals and celebrated in tourist brochures, they are embraced by governments: both the federal government and the state governments supported a serial nomination of convict places to the World Heritage List".

For other parts of the island, questions concerning our built heritage will arise –

- How will the future community of Norfolk Island value Burnt Pine's architecture and the activities that occurred in the buildings? How will they respond to a planning application that has objections raised on heritage grounds to a proposed demolition of one of the 1970's style buildings?

What heritage means to individuals can also change dramatically over time – it was not so long ago that it was a family shame to have convict origins, be of Aboriginal or immigrant descent. Policies and attitudes by a dominant culture that attack a minority or section of the community make those populations feel shameful of their inheritance. As early 'immigrants' on Norfolk Island the Pitcairners lived through policies that attacked their cultural heritage by for example: banning the use of their language at school; forbidding the continuance of communal farming practices; and while not stopping the practice outright, ridiculing their insistence on all in the community including women having the right to vote. While a return to a valuing of those things that have been attacked can result in some repair to a community's culture and confidence, there is an inevitable nett loss. The reality is that Norfolk language even though now taught at the school will never be as widely spoken as it was prior to the bans on it being spoken in the school.

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World Heritage Day - continued

The UN states that:

“Many expressions and manifestations of intangible cultural heritage are under threat, endangered by globalization and cultural homogenisation, and also by a lack of support, appreciation and understanding. If intangible cultural heritage is not nurtured, it risks becoming lost forever”.

The seriousness of this was expressed in 2003 when the UN passed the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural History and ratified by 61 member countries – that did not sadly include Australia.

Susan Tonkin reports that on the mainland there is a distinct lack of telling of non-British heritage such as Indigenous and immigrant history. She cites evidence of this through analysis of Heritage Week events that occurred around the country in 2011 where only 2 celebrated Indigenous and immigrant heritage. She says

“Based on the evidence of Heritage Week it seems that Australians do understand heritage to mean many things: they are happy to include steam engines, ghost stories, church architecture, landscape conservation and costumed dance. But in the popular imagination, it seems not to include the stories and cultures of Indigenous people or immigrant communities. Cultural limitations lead to the misunderstanding that heritage value adheres only to the culture of “people like us””.

These findings are to be incredibly important for Norfolk Island in the midst of the changes this community is undergoing. The risks of cultural homogenisation occurring are real and, the Pitcairner/Norfolk culture will need to be very consciously protected. Tonkin quotes the Commonwealth’s Sustainable Population Strategy which says “Heritage and culture are at the heart of community identity. They define how we as a people view ourselves and our place in the world and how we define and respect each other”. It is no wonder that emotions will be high in this period – there is potentially a lot at stake if dominant and more powerful decision makers are not conscious of their own heritage values and biases.

The Norfolk Island people have a proud history of preserving and conserving this island’s heritage – be that by Historical Society members, the KAVHA restoration team and local KAVHA Board members, the museum workers who over the past 30 years have cared for objects from all periods of our history, and over the same period other Islanders who have volunteered on the Norfolk Island Museum Trust; and over that same time the Norfolk Island Government who have solely funded the museums to care for both Commonwealth and locally owned collections. Across this island there are many individuals and families who care for objects found on their properties that cover all aspects of this islands history and heritage.

The theme of the National Trust’s Heritage

Week for 2015 is Conflict + Compassion, and they say this can be interpreted to cover everything from the centenary of ANZACs to Australia’s Indigenous past. It is a fitting title for us on this island whose history has seen much conflict as well as compassion – and both features are now part of our story and heritage.

To finish, another quote from Susan Tonkin! She says:

“the celebration of a diverse heritage contributes to national identity and social cohesion. The engagement with heritage places, stories and cultural activities enables Australians to feel confident about their national and local identity, better understand the different cultures, races and ethnicities that have shaped communities, and face a changing future with hope and optimism”.

Lisa Richards




New Zealand /Norfolk Island

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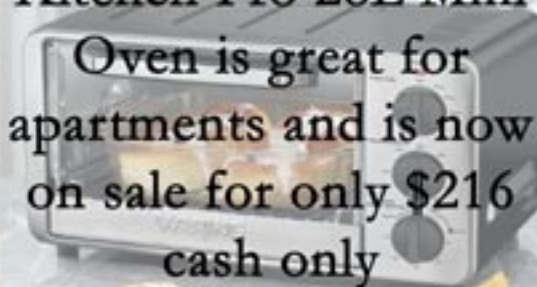
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The school term has well and truly started, and that means that the 30km/hr school zone is back in operation on school days. Please remember that it only takes some inattentive driving from one person for a tragedy to occur so please be vigilant when driving around the school.

It takes 59 seconds to travel 500 metres at 30kph. It takes 45 seconds to travel the same distance at 40kph. So your carelessness in speeding through the school zone at 40kph saves you a massive 14 seconds. Not really worth the risk is it?

The 30km school zone operates between 8.00am and 3.30pm on school days. Please stick to it.

Traffic Awareness sessions for students

In the coming weeks, the NIPF will visit the school to speak with the students in years 10, 11 and 12 about possible changes to the traffic legislation, their responsibilities as young drivers and the behaviours we expect as we share the roads with them.

It is quite disheartening to see P Platers driving around without seatbelts, taking corners too fast, using their mobile phone, or just disregarding road rules. They have only just received their licence!!!

If we can instil good driving behaviours at a young age, we can encourage safer roads for all of us.

Care when driving near horses

Please remember that when you drive past people riding horses, slow down and give them some room. Those huge animals can be quite skittish when startled, and it's often kids who are riding. Please be patient, and share the roads to keep us all safe.

Introducing... the inaugural Police Charity Barefoot Bowls Day.

After the ongoing success of the Police Charity Golf Day, we thought we would try a new event. On Sunday 23 August, the NIPF will be hosting a great day of barefoot bowls in order to raise money to extend the footpath from Queen Elizabeth Drive into Burnt Pine.

For those of you who have never barefoot bowled, it's a great day. Take off your shoes, sink your toes into the grass, and roll some balls around a big square green. Skill is not a prerequisite. There will be plenty of novelty rounds, plus entertainment, food and drink.

More details to come...

Emergency numbers

Police – 22222 for routine enquiries. In an emergency Police can be contacted on 977.

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

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Norfolk Island 2899

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.

It's Invasive Species Month again!

The Norfolk Island Flora & Fauna Society will again be displaying information about the island's invasive species during May.

What is an Invasive Species? How do I identify them? Why are they a problem? and What can be done about them?

These are the questions people ask about those uninvited guests that can have such a big effect on our lives.

A high level of interest was shown during May last year when information boards were erected in the Foodland foyer, so we are providing updated information on a number of the programs that have been ongoing since then.

Look for the boards in Foodies, and if there are still questions about particular invasive species that you would like more information about, you could ask your questions at the **Monthly Meeting at the A&H Hall, at 6.00pm on Monday 4 May.**

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Contact 22800 or 50901 for further information.

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**DON'T BE FOOLED ANY
LONGER**

VOTE (✓) "NO"

GST AUDITS

Callida Consulting have been engaged to carry out a Review of GST Internal Control Framework and to audit businesses on Norfolk Island. The Internal Control Framework Review has been completed, and Callida staff are returning on Monday 4th May, 2015, for a period of two weeks, to carry out onsite audits of NBN Holders; and identify non-NBN holders that should be registered. The GST Office will telephone businesses that are to be audited to organise a time for the Callida staff to attend their business. Callida staff will produce their ID card on arrival at each business.

Under the *Goods and Services Tax Act 2007 S 9*:

- (1) A registered person must keep and maintain records of the acquisition and sale or disposal of all goods and services which must —
- (a) be available for inspection by the Chief Revenue Officer or a person appointed by the Chief Revenue Officer in accordance with subsection 15(4) at all normal business hours and outside such hours (but not before 7:00 am or after 6:00 pm on any week day or after 1:00 pm on a Saturday or on Sunday or a public holiday) on not less than 1 hour's notice;
 - (b) be legible and in the English language;
 - (c) state truthfully and accurately the actual price paid, payable and received in respect of—
 - (i) all goods and services; and
 - (ii) all GST-free supplies; and
 - (iii) input tax credit claimed;
 - (d) include, where the sale has been made on behalf of the registered person by another person, whether that person is in Norfolk Island or elsewhere, a record of that sale and of the price that the registered person or an associated person has received or expects to receive whether in Norfolk Island or elsewhere in respect of that sale.
 - (e) where goods are disposed of otherwise than by way of sale state how they were so disposed of including whether by way of gift, exchange, personal use by the registered person or an associated person, or destruction or otherwise.

Note: If a person receives income into a bank account maintained outside Norfolk Island and that income is in respect of goods or services that will be provided in Norfolk Island by that person, or by another person who is a registered person, that income is taxable and a record of its receipt must be maintained by the registered person.

(3) A registered person must retain for a period of 5 years the records kept under subsection (1).

(4) Regulations may prescribe the manner and form of record retention for the preceding paragraph and may prescribe penalties not exceeding 20 penalty units for breach thereof.

Under the *Goods and Services Tax Regulations 2007 (Reg 4 of 2007)*:

5. For the purposes of subsection 9(4) a registered person must ensure that a copy of the records maintained under subsection 9(1) of the Act are maintained in a written form and with respect to such records that are kept primarily in an electronic form must ensure that a copy of the electronic form is made at least once every month and retained as required by subsection 9(3) and every electronic copy of the records so made forms part of the records of the business that must be available for inspection as provided by paragraph 9(1)(a).

NBN holders have been chosen on a random basis by Callida Consulting. NBN holders selected for audit will be advised by telephone. Please ensure all records are available for the Auditors.

Shelly Le Cren
Chief Revenue Officer

WWI

We Are Here For the Long Haul

2 to 8 May, 1915

2 May 1915 at Anzac the 4th Australian Brigade attack and attempt to capture Baby 700 in a joint attack with the New Zealand Infantry Brigade with eight British warships giving artillery support. The Kiwis were two hours late attacking, ran into an alerted defence and were slaughtered. The operation ended in disaster at cost of 1,000 casualties. On a small strip of sand to be known as Anzac Cove 27,182 men landed from 25 April to 1 May. The total included 1st Australian Division 13,233 troops and NZ and Australian Division 8,543 troops. At Anzac Cove the beach head was secure but capture of heights such as Mal Tepe had failed whilst at Cape Helles the British had established only a toehold. Force OIC General Hamilton decreed that any proposed advance at Anzac would be "on hold" but tunnelling to protect the front line would commence immediately but the first operational goals at Helles of taking Krithia and Achi Baba would be progressed. In Egypt the first casualties from Gallipoli arrive at No1 Australian General Hospital, Heliopoles.

At Cape Helles on 3 May, General Hamilton contacted head of Anzac General Birdwood requesting he send two Brigades. General Birdwood agreed and prepared his first report since the landing to Lord Kitchener stating he had hoped the landing would be a surprise, which occurred until the first boats landed when "heavy fusillade broke out against them" and "some of the troops, I am sorry to say, suffered severely in this". He explained the intermixing of troops and the ability shown by mixed regiments, some progressing further than was expected and that "some of these detachments were cut off and unable to re-join". To date "not all are accounted for". Birdwood stated "On the day of the landing my casualties were 500 killed, 2,500 wounded and 2,000 missing" but he was hopeful some would be among the wounded. He advised "it will take us a long time to fight our way through" and considered "the Khalid Bahr Plateau in front of us is a regular Gibraltar". Birdwood claimed there were initially two Turkish Divisions, subsequently increased to three whilst his number have been reduced by casualties plus the proposed loan of two Brigades and five batteries to Cape Helles. At Anzac, troops from the previous days disaster continued to trickle back to their lines. In Europe on the Western Front the second Battle of Ypres continued, Canadian troops were withdrawn after their first stint "at the front" having lost 5,975 troops killed or wounded and second Battle of Artois commenced with French bombardment lasting 4 days near Vimy Ridge.

At Liverpool near Sydney Willie Stoker on May 4 was transferred to the Australian Light Horse Depot, the same day 11th Australian Battalion attacked but failed to take its objective at Anzac. A fresh British 42nd Division arrived at Helles where Hamilton finally fixed the date for the attack as the 6th. On the western front the Battle of St Julian, where kite balloons were used for the first time observing artillery, ground to a halt. During the next three days the Germans were highly encouraged by the British withdrawal, and

moved their artillery forward and grouped three Army Corps opposite the weakened British holding the Frezenberg Ridge in readiness for a further attack.

On 5 May at Gallipoli the Turks were ordered to "stand on the defensive" and not attack. The New Zealand Infantry Brigade and 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade (5 to 8th Battalions) with five Artillery Brigades were dispatched to Cape Helles. Embarkation was delayed and did not commence until midnight. Islander John Evans suffering from pneumonia was admitted to hospital at Gallipoli.

Anzac troops arrive at 5am on 6 May at Helles and march out to the front and told to dig in. The second Battle of Krithia commenced at 11am with a daylight assault on Turk trenches by British troops. The French also attacked but were 40 minutes late, things did not improve and the line was only advanced by 400 yards when darkness saw fighting cease. The allies had some 25,000 troops available against estimated 20,000 Turks.

At 10am on May 7, the attack at Cape Helles was renewed by the allies but no ground was gained and by noon the attack stalled. Back in Egypt the New Zealand Mounted and Australian Light Horse received orders to proceed without their horses to Gallipoli. It was felt the size of the beach head and rugged terrain only officer's horses and some draughts would be taken, however, none were unloaded. The first units commenced to depart Zeitoun by train for Alexandria that evening. In the second Battle of Artois poor weather saw postponement of first infantry attack but bombardment continued.

8 May saw the first island casualty Bull-John Quintal (2 Battalion) join the Hospital ship "Dongola" for England. In Australia the first newspaper reports of the April 25 landings appeared. At Helles the attack was resumed at 10am by the allies. The Anzac troops previously in reserve were utilised. NZ Brigade received orders at 8.30am to attack at a point 500 yards from their position which required a harrowing exercise to actually reach. They attacked at 10.16am making 200 metres before being pinned down. At 11 am the Australians were ordered to move to a point some 500 metres away which they reached at 3.45pm. At 5.30pm the whole line was ordered to attack and the Anzacs moved through heavy rifle and machine gun fire for 1,000 metres in an hour. They were ordered to establish a line for the night at 7pm. During the evening Hamilton called off any further attack. Allied losses were 6,500 men with a gain of only 500metres. The Anzac contingent lost a third of its men. In Egypt the Canterbury (508 all ranks) and Auckland (506 all ranks) Mounted Rifles embark on transports "Grantully Castle" and "Kingstonian". Jack Robinson, Boy Nobbs and his brother-in-law Arthur White in 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment (497 all ranks, 76 horses), leaving 50 men to care for the remaining horses, entrain from Cairo for Alexandria. Off Anzac General Bridges and senior officers aboard a destroyer reconnoitred a possible Anzac attack route. On the Western Front at 5.30am a violent bombardment and attack by Germans saw commencement of the Battle of Freezenberg. French continued the bombardment in the second Battle of Artois.

Referendums in Australia

Referendums in Australia are polls held in Australia to approve Parliament-proposed changes to the Australian Constitution or a state or territory. Non-binding polls are usually referred to as plebiscites.

Voting in a referendum is compulsory for those on the electoral roll, in the same way that it is compulsory to vote in an Australian general election. As of 2012, 44 referendums have been held, of which only 8 have been carried.

Federal referendums

Constitutional provisions -

Main article: Chapter VIII of the Constitution of Australia

Section 127 and section 51 of the Constitution specifies that alterations to itself cannot be made without a referendum. A bill containing the amendment must first be passed by both houses of parliament or, in certain limited circumstances, by only one house of parliament. If the bill has only been passed in one house, the Governor-General must, under the 'deadlock provision' of section 128, then decide whether or not to submit the referendum to the people. By convention, this is done on the advice of the Prime Minister. Since the Prime Minister normally controls the House of Representatives, the effect of this convention is to make it virtually impossible for a referendum to be put to the people if approved by the Senate, but not the House. In 1974, four proposals were put to the people by the Whitlam government without the support of the Senate. Two of the four proposals had been twice rejected by the Senate, a third had been rejected once and failed to pass a second time, the fourth had been twice amended by the Senate.

If the bill to alter the Constitution is approved by both houses or satisfies the deadlock provision, the bill is submitted to the electors for approval. If the bill is approved by an absolute majority of both houses, the Constitution provides that it must be submitted to the electors no less than two months but no later than six months after passage. Despite this, the Hawke government in 1984 failed to submit a proposed referendum that had been passed by both houses, claiming that they had a legal opinion supporting their action. There is no similar time limitation if the bill is approved by one House of the Commonwealth Parliament only.

To pass a referendum, the bill must ordinarily achieve a double majority: a majority of those voting nation wide, as well as separate majorities in a majority of states (i.e., 4 out of 6 states). In circumstances where a state is affected by a referendum then a majority of voters in that state must also agree to the change. This is often referred to as a "triple majority".

When a referendum question is carried, the amending bill is presented for royal assent, given in the monarch's name by the Governor-General.

Territories

Prior to the 1977 referendum, only electors in the six states could vote at a referendum. Since the 1977 amendment was carried, voters of the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have been eligible to vote in referendums. Territory votes

are now counted towards the national total but the Territories do not count as states for the purpose of the requirement for a majority of states.

Since voting at referendums in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory has been allowed in 1977, compulsory voting has also applied there.

Residents of Australia's external territories do not vote in referendums. See details of the Norfolk Island Referendum Act 1964 elsewhere in this article

Other aspects

Voting has been compulsory in Australia since 1924.

Similar to a referendum is a plebiscite, which is conducted by the government to decide a matter relating to ordinary statute law, an advisory question of policy, or as a prelude to the submission of a formal referendum question, rather than a binding and entrenched alteration (amendment) to the Constitution. Plebiscites can offer a variety of options, rather than a simple yes/no question. Three plebiscites have occurred as of 2010. Unlike in referendums, voting in a plebiscite has traditionally been optional.

In 1998 the Howard government amended the Flags Act 1953 to require a referendum to change the Flag of Australia. There is some debate over the constitutional validity of this legislation, since it involves Parliament acting to bind its own legislative power.[citation needed]

The No vote

Australians have rejected most proposals for constitutional amendments, approving only 8 out of 44 referendums submitted to them since federation.

Many attribute this to the double majority requirement for a referendum to be carried. There have been five instances - in 1937, twice in 1946, 1977 and 1984 - where a national Yes vote has been achieved but failed to win a majority of states. In three of these instances, the referendum received a majority in three states. The converse situation, where there is a majority of states but not an overall majority, has not yet occurred.

Apart from 1937, in which Victoria and Queensland were the only two states in favour, only these cases have followed a consistent pattern: a Yes vote in the two most populous states, New South Wales and Victoria, and a No vote in most or all of the other states. The rejection of these referendums was due to the less populous states voting contrary to the most populous states.

The primary cause of No votes has been committed opposition, which has been successful if the Commonwealth opposition has opposed it. Opposition by state political parties, or by powerful interest groups, has also contributed to referendum failure. In 1937, opposition by the states played an important role in the failure of the Aviation referendum. Similarly, many commentators pointed to the strong opposition of church groups as a reason for the failure of the 1988 Rights and Freedoms referendum.

(continued overleaf)

Referendums in Australia - continued

A contributing factor to the predominance of the No vote comes from the unwillingness of the Australian voters to extend the powers of the Federal government. None of the votes was over additional powers over commerce and industry granted to the government, however, at least two successful referendums can be characterised as giving the Commonwealth more powers: in 1946, the Commonwealth was given power to make laws with respect to a range of health and welfare services; and in 1967, the Commonwealth was given a power to make laws with respect to Aboriginal Australians. However, in this case the aboriginal law was seen as a "bait" for the second referendum submitted at the same time, which would have abolished the nexus between the numbers of members in each House. This second law was not approved by the electors.

The impact of the compulsory vote has not been analysed.

Norfolk Island Referendum Act 1964

An Act to provide for ascertaining by referendum the opinion of the electors on any question relating to a matter affecting the peace, order and good government of Norfolk Island.

The Act is divided into 4 Parts - Part 1 Preliminary; Part 2 Initiation of a Referendum; Part 3 - Conduct of Referendum and Part 4 - Regulations.

Part 2 - Initiation of a Referendum - seems to be the most pertinent one in the present situation and we publish and we print it hereunder.

PART 2 INITIATION OF REFERENDUM

Referendum as directed by the Commonwealth Minister

4. (1) Where the Commonwealth Minister considers it desirable to obtain an expression of the opinion of the electors on a matter affecting the peace, order and good government of Norfolk Island with a view to the introduction into the Parliament of a proposed law with respect to that matter, he may instruct the Administrator to direct a referendum to ascertain the opinion of the electors on any question relating to that matter.
- (2) In directing a referendum under this section, the Administrator shall, subject to this Act, comply with any requirement with respect to the referendum specified by the Commonwealth Minister in his direction.

Referendum as directed by the Speaker

5. Subject to section 7, where the Assembly resolves to ascertain the opinion of the electors on a specified question relating to the peace, order and good government of Norfolk Island, the Speaker shall, in accordance with the resolution, direct a referendum on the question.

Referendum as requested by electors

6. Subject to section 7, the Administrator shall, if

so requested by a number of electors, not being less than one third of the total number of persons whose names are entered on the electoral roll, direct a referendum to ascertain the opinion of the electors on any question relating to a matter affecting the peace, order and good government of Norfolk Island, not being a question relating to the constitution of the Assembly.

Referenda on same question not to be held within 2 years

7. A referendum shall not be directed under section 5 or 6 if the question on which the opinion of the electors is to be ascertained is the same, or substantially the same, as a question on which that opinion was ascertained by a referendum directed under this Act within the preceding 2 years.

NOTICES

NORFOLK ISLAND GROWERS' CO-OPERATIVE Advice has been received that our order of Seed Potatoes has departed Melbourne on the 'ER Wilhelmshaven' V927 and is will arrive here on the 'Southern Tiare' V133 ETA 22nd May 2015. Enquiries to 22214 or pussbarnaby@ni.net.nf

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Wednesday	6th	9.42am	1.6	3.47pm	0.3
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The Golf Report

Saturday 25th was an Invitational 2 Person Ambrose combined with our annual "Port for Mort" Day. Weather conditions were fine but with testing wind conditions.

It would see a combination of youth and fearlessness (and a touch of sibling rivalry) take top honours with brothers Beau & Jarred Magri undisputed winners on the day with their 60 Nett. Hot on their heels with 61 Nett was the "Bold & the Beautiful" combo of Belinda and Shano (nice outfit Shano!) 3rd place saw another mixed pairing with Hayley Evans and Umi rounding out the winners with their 61.25. Great to see one of our newer golfers step up to the podium and I'm sure in future rounds Hayley should see more prizes come her way. Congratulations yorlye.

N.T.P's - Pro Pin 4th - Shano All in 9th/18th - Errol/again Ladies 6th/15th - Bel Mens 2nd/10th - Shano. Island Plumbing & Gas Putt Off Not Struck - Jackpots to a whopping \$120 this week. Reminder - you gotta be there to have a go at pouncing on the \$Cash\$

Welcome to visitors Ted & Don who are over for the Vets tennis and welcome home Garry & Ruth.

Monday night was the golf clubs AGM and it should go down in history as the shortest AGM ever. It took only 30 minutes to be done and dusted however this correspondent still didn't get home till 11.30pm prompting a coronial enquiry from the cheese & kisses and no dear it wasn't a BHP Billiton board meeting!

Your new Golf Club Office Bearers, for those who did not attend- tsk tsk - are President- Errol Wilson Treasurer - Ian Kiernan (11th year running) Mens Captain - Mighty Mal Tarrant Ladies Captain - Miss Pat McCoy Course & Greens Director - Danny Nobbs House & Social Director - Naomi Thompson and our much loved patrons are Marie Bailey, Jim Olsson, Joan Kenny, Dan Cuthbertson and Geoff Bennett. Our sincere thanks go to the incoming and outgoing members for their volunteer efforts. The club looks in great hands for another year!

Can't have a golf report without mentioning Aidan Bruce now can we. Golf Club Manager Aidan started the day at 3am preparing breakfast for our returned and serving servicemen and women following dawn service and it was an honour to host them this being the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. Big effort Aidan! Dawn service at Emily Bay was a cracker with an enormous turn out and it has been mooted that this could be the future venue?

Today's golf is our ever popular Olive Cafe Monthly Medal and Lisner Trophy round 5 - a stroke event, courtesy of valued sponsors Naomi and Johanna. Visitors with an official handicap are encouraged to join us down at Kingston for a round (golf also) Tee off times are 8.30am and 1pm. Please present yourselves at the Pro Shop at least 15 minutes prior to tee off.

"ShortnSweet"

Norfolk Community Co-Op Update

Although the Co-Operative is gaining a greater level of interest by the day and has advanced to the stage where twelve people have accepted a position as the Co-Op's Steering Committee it is out of respect for the upcoming Norfolk Island referendum and the attention it must attract that no further advertising will be issued until the referendum has been concluded. The Norfolk Island Community Co-Operative is an initiative designed to give a community a commercial reason to work together. A majority Yes vote in this referendum will confirm the community is working together and expects to be treated with a little more respect than has been the case to date.

The Co-Op will be ready to react upon finalisation of the referendum and intends to display what working together can achieve! Good Luck Norfolk as this is your future in your hands!

Gab, Glen and the Kids

Norfolk Island Golf Club



The Olive

Monthly Medal Competition ROUND 5 TODAY!

Tee off 8.30am or 1.00pm.

Visitors with a current handicap are very welcome!

Don't miss your chance to record a score towards
The Olive Cafe Cumulative Monthly Medal
Competition (best 7 out of 11) for your chance to
win a return airfare!

**GREAT COMPETITION –
GREAT PRIZES - GREAT ATMOSPHERE**

Norfolk Island Golf Club - No 1 Quality Row

Ph: 22354 / 23603 (Pro Shop) www.norfolkislandgolf.com
Open for social play 7 days a week – golfers and non-golfers
always welcome

Lunch available Mon / Tues / Thurs / Fri - with spectacular
views from our verandah

Full bar service & tea and coffee available daily

Cheryl Tennis News

Back to 'normal' after a hectic three weeks since the last tennis report! In that time the Juniors and travel squad had a fantastic time in NZ, returning on the plane bringing the Vets coming in to play in the 25th Veterans' Games Tournament. And the next batch of 4 Juniors plus coach Danny are counting down to their departure on Saturday for Fiji. Special thanks to Jason Ellem for last week's NZ news, and for a preview on Fiji elsewhere in the paper.

Wow, what a week it was at Cheryl Tennis Club and through the hedge at Governor's Resort, where players could sneak away to refuel and cool off or ease the aching muscles in the spa. A huge thank you to the team at Governor's, led by Kerri-Ann, who as our major sponsors, helped prepare the grounds, trimmed hedges, loaned chairs and put up the shelters behind Cts 5 & 6, as well as donating vouchers for the daily raffles and an accommodation draw for 2016 on the very busy Presentation Night.

Special appreciation to the huge team of helpers led by President Chris to prepare courts and grounds in the weeks leading up to the event. The complex was looking very spick and span after all the sweeping and scrubbing and painting and mending, and we welcomed the extra hours put in by Jeff and Ann & Glenys who all came early to help get everything ready. The kitchen team with Karenne at the sink/bench/fridge/ did an incredible job feeding the multitudes, boosted by terrific supplies of food donated by members and friends; and Gae morphed to do any job needed, including taking some great photos. These can be accessed from the Gas Centre. The Fish Fry team served their usual superb fish nibbles/salad- supervised of course by Bas. Thanks to our Committee members who manned the Bar and helped in many different ways. There's much more to share but will resume next week!

Weather was fantastic with only a couple of well-timed showers to smooth the sand on Friday between medal final matches. Some of the Gold/ Silver medal finalists are in the photos on separate page.

Incredible tennis talent on display by some of Australia's finest vintage veterans in a very strong Aussie team ensured that they took the Tri- Nations Challenge Shield, definitively won by 9 sets to 3 sets for NZ, and 3 sets to NI. Congratulations to Wayne Firms on his selection and welcome to Julie Pratt and Max Bates as two of the star performers as Australian international reps.

Final Results & Countries Vets 2015



40s/50's LADIES GOLD Vicky Wutzler & Jenny Christie NZ, **SILVER** Barbara Johnston & Carol Smith NSW, **BRONZE** Amanda Cribb & Gae Christian NI. **PLATE** Dell Madsen & Maryanne Winter QLD. **CONSOLATION** Lynda Briggs & Sandy Patel QLD/NI

60'S LADIES GOLD Sandy Birnie & Loretta Beekhuizen QLD, **SILVER** Peggy Sack & Barbara Ball QLD, **BRONZE** Jan O'Calloghan & Jenny Mc Niece VIC. **PLATE** Marilyn Simpson & Julie Wright NZ. **CONSOLATION** Carolyn Mc Manus & Bev Wallace NZ



70'S LADIES GOLD Julie Pratt & Denise Martin NSW, **SILVER** Jan Robins & Sue Dennis NZ, **BRONZE** Jenny Teakle & Ann Marshal WA/ NZ. **PLATE** Ngaire O'Brien & Merrilynn Bartram NZ. **CONSOLATION** Pauline Ward & Margaret Kirkwood SA

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V8 Supercar Driver Tony D'Alberto

A blind corner like this can be deadly!

Slow down and approach the corner at a safe speed. Your life may depend on it.

Tony D'Alberto
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Arrive Alive!



40's/50's MEN GOLD Warren Arnell & Max Bates QLD; **SILVER** Alan Carmody & John Lane SA, **BRONZE** Richard Poole & Harry Tawhai NZ. **PLATE** Mike Grimshaw & Murray Wright NZ. **CONSOLATION** Gavin Murphy & Trevor Small QLD/TAS

60'S MEN GOLD Wayne Firms & Ian Delbridge WA/SA. **SILVER** Ken Mc Grath & Ralph Amitrana QLD. **BRONZE** Alex Gramse & Charlie Devine NZ. **PLATE** Graeme Hissey & Kim Wagstaff NSW. **CONSOLATION** Chris Gatehouse & Rob Nichols NI/QLD

70'S MEN GOLD Peter Mc Neice & Jim Jackson NZ. **SILVER** Fred Sparks & Allan Chapman SA. **BRONZE** Graeme Peterson & Richard Tyrwhitt [Singe] QLD

40'S MIXED GOLD Kev Randall & Gae Christian NI, **SILVER** Jonno Snell & Gill Brown NI. **BRONZE** Jason & Mandy Ellem NI.

50'S MIXED GOLD Warren Arnell & Colleen Derby QLD/NI. **SILVER** Alan & Julie Carmody SA, **BRONZE** John Lane & Jenny Christie SA/NZ. **PLATE** Guy & Carol Smith QLD. **CONSOLATION** Mike Grimshaw & Sue Randall NZ/NI

60's MIXED GOLD Max Bates & Denise Martin QLD/NSW. **SILVER** Richard Poole & Marilyn Simpson NZ. **BRONZE** Murray & Julie Wright NZ. **PLATE** Dave & Barb Johnston NSW. **CONSOLATION** Rob Nichols & Barbara Harrop QLD/ACT

65'S MIXED GOLD Ian Delbridge & Julie Pratt SA/NSW. **SILVER** Richard Tyrwhitt & Viv Matthews QLD. **BRONZE** Ralph Amitrano & Barbara Ball QLD. **PLATE** Alex Gramse & Jan Robins NZ. **CONSOLATION** Peter McNeice & Bev Wallace NZ

70'S MIXED GOLD Allan & June Chapman SA, **SILVER** Don Veitch & Margaret Kirkwood SA, **BRONZE** Ted Dickinson Pauline Ward SA. **PLATE** Len Hook & Sue Dennis NZ. **CONSOLATION** Fred Sparks & Yvonne O'Dea SA

TRI-NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE for VETERANS GAMES' SHIELD

AUSTRALIA 9 sets; NZ 3 sets; NI 3 sets

The Unna Monday Night Comp kicked off again with Round 7 being played and six points went to Campbell's and Mandy's teams; three points to Gill's, Sarah's and Kyla's, with two points went to Heather's team. Round 8 this Monday - can all players make an effort to be there as the comp reaches the interesting stage!

Wednesday Night Greenways Press competition is in recess while Danny is away but a new comp will resume later in May. Meanwhile a Fast Four Format will be used for anyone keen to keep their skills up next Wednesday.

Please note that there will be NO COACHING in the coming week.

Tuesday & Thursday Night Social Visitors and casual players are invited to join a regular group who always enjoy their tennis. Ladies, we are trying to get a Doubles Comp underway and need 12 names so let Julie or Jess know if you are available Tuesday or Thursday nights.

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.

Ball Machine Hire Should you wish to hire the Ball Machine to help develop 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 make arrangements.

VENUE FOR HIRE Our facilities are ideal for many social occasions with beautiful courts, bar and kitchen so phone the Gas Centre and leave a message if you would like to arrange a function, or call up to the courts during a comp night.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

YES – NORFOLK Has a Current Deficit Per Capita BUT IT IS LESS Than The Resource Rich Australian Government, whose Deficit Is set to rise in the May Federal Budget due to Commodity Price Collapse.

YES – The Australian Govt is already trying to push Tough Welfare Reforms through their Government -this will affect the same benefits Australia is promising as Sweeteners to Norfolk Island

YES – There is a Question: is the Australian Govt being truthful about it Intentions for Norfolk Island??

YES – The Australian Govt has promised a Financial Stimulus to Norfolk, BUT will this be spent for the benefit of Norfolk Residents OR mostly on a Bureaucratic process that will Little benefit to the Island and ONLY serve the hidden Agenda of the Australian Government.

YES – Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said that *no Country should bully a smaller country because it can * - although this is what is happening to Norfolk & its people!

VOTE YES

Cheryl Tennis Club Junior Development Mangawhai Tournament

16/17 April 2015

On the 7th July 2014 a meeting was held at the Cheryl Tennis club to decide future events for the Junior Development Program. Due to the great foresight and organisation of Mr Jason Ellem and the support of the CTC committee the wheels were set in motion for a tournament in the second week of the Easter Holidays running from 12 to 19 April 2015. In the September holidays a squad was formed for anyone interested and the training commitment every Saturday morning mixed with fitness training as well as fundraising activities commenced.

The tournament was run as match play between Norfolk Island and New Zealand players that co-coordinator coach/Manager Mr Grant Van Dalsum gathered from a total of six different Northern District clubs that he is contracted to provide coaching at.

Grant started his professional career delivering a program called Hotshots (under 10 tennis) He is now qualified as a Junior Development Coach (through Tennis Aust) and covers a total of 9 clubs as well as assisting Tennis Northland as a travelling coach for development players. He has 3 assistant coaches one of which is his son Connor who delivered some hotshot coaching to the Norfolk Island younger players on the coaching day earlier in the week. Connor really started playing tennis at age 9 and has represented the Northern region at the National Teams events. He is currently the no 1 ranked 18 and under junior in Northland and competes regularly at the Regional and National tournaments. At the recent Albany tournament he was the under 18's doubles champion.

On Thursday 16th April the Norfolk contingent arrived at the Mangawhai Tennis Centre for the two day tournament eager to meet their opponents and to get on one of the four synthetic grass courts at the complex as were the New Zealanders who as they arrived were all bringing plates of food for morning and afternoon tea's.

Grant called all players to order and set out the two day tournament rules and explained that as this tournament was all about Junior Development that all players would be playing for their country and all points would be added up at the end and announced at the presentation evening being held on Saturday at the Sail Rock Cafe. He divided the players into 4 groups according to age and skill level.

Seniors Mason Wilkinson; James Bigg; Grace Kelly; Ella Languash

This group played combinations of singles, boy's doubles, girl's doubles and mixed combinations of Mason & Grace and James & Ella. They played best of three t/b sets to 6 with a super T/B to 10 pts @ one set all.

12 Girls Tiana Randall and Hannah Wright

These players had two singles matches each and combined together in the girls doubles. They were assisted by a couple New Zealanders to make up numbers. The matches were best of two t/b sets to 4 with a super t/b to 10 pts @ one set all.

12 Boys Croyden Snell; Peter Haymes; Jedd Gardner; Jonny Sheridan; Kyran Randall; Kurt Bender Christian

This group also played two singles matches each and boy's doubles paired in combinations of Croyden & Jedd, Kyran & Jonny S, Peter & Kurt. The matches were best of two t/b sets to 4 with a super t/b to 10 pts @ one set all.

Juniors Lucy Ellem; Ash Christian; Ben Elliott; Douglas Snell; Jonny Kelly; Cam Christian

This group were paired up in combinations of Lucy & Ashleigh, Jonny K & Douglas, Ben & Cam. They played best of two t/b sets to 4 with a super t/b to 10 pts @ one set all.

All players had good close matches and played well as was proven in the results. They all conducted themselves well both on and off the courts and many comments were made on this as well as how well they all looked in their uniforms. Some comments and emails received include; "both the children & adults thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with you all in Mangawhai"; "you really were such great visitors, great young sportsmen & women and fun bunch to have here". "We would really love to travel up to you in the future to play more Tennis".

Many contacts and friendships were made during the visit to the point where some of the parents would like to come to Norfolk with their families along with Coach Grant to have a tournament here and run a coaching clinic in the future.

The presentation was held at the Sail Rock Cafe where Grant gave out the final outcome. A total of 66 matches were played over the 2 days.

The totals for the two days were;

	New Zealand	v	Norfolk Island
Senior	7		3
12 girls	1		17
12 boys	15		11
Junior	4		8
Totals	27		39

Thanks must go to all the parent helpers and supporters being Mandy, Jo, Sarah, Teresa, Gill, Jess, Patricia, Jonno, Shane, Jason Q, Martin, Brendon (Hose) during the two days from transport to and from the complex each day, making lunches at the venue and ensuring everyone had enough sustenance, assisting with scoring in some matches and being there for the kids if anyone needed anything and giving them all encouragement not only at the tournament but the tireless work behind the scenes during the whole trip. Thanks and appreciation also goes to Emma Wright and Richard Cribb who were unable to travel with the group but assisted with the Saturday morning sessions in preparing the players with scoring, match play, fitness tests, beach training and fundraising.

This trip would not have been possible without the drive and tireless efforts of Jas Ellem. Our appreciation from the entire team for the copious amount of time and energy spent to get this program off the ground and to co-ordinate a total of 29 players, 17 adults & 6 mini Tennis kids over two tournaments.

*Kev Randall
Manager Mangawhai Tournament.*

Bowls

Saturday Bowls



FINAL Mens Triples: Peter Glass Trevor Gow Dave Smith def John Deadman Peter Walkinshaw Phil Jones 23-20. Social Ted and Liz Walkinshaw def Kate Smith and Allan 17-16 Norm Trickey Brent Pauling def Steve and Marg O'Brien 18-11.

Wednesday Bowls

Kitha Eric and Petal Jones def Hazel Jackie Ryan and Marg O'Brien 26-15 Jilly Doidge Marie Hodgetts and Tess Evans def Nancy Griffith Kate Smith and Joy Bishop 20-16 Jackie M Ann Snell and Alan def Taina Hall Wendy Nagy and Daryll 16-15

A big thank you to all those volunteers for our working bee last Sunday you all did a great job. Thanks to Jackie for supplying the lovely morning tea for the hard workers.

What's happening?

BOUNTY BOWLS: Members please bring a plate for our welcome to our visiting bowlers on Sunday. Bowls start on Monday with 144 bowlers participating.

BOWLING CLUB BISTRO NOW OPEN. Come along and enjoy the meals prepared by our new chef Sam.

Unbiased

Squash News

The Ni Squash Association Annual General Meeting was finally held last Tuesday night with a great attendance of members. Your new committee for 2015 is: President Lance Miller, Vice President Rob Rowston, Secretary Jac Grundy, Treasurer Deb Adams, General committee Kym Adams. Ginny Walker, Riki Christian, Lexi Tavener, Deb Johnston and Aidan Rowston. Congratulations on all who were elected and it is great to see two of our junior members willing to be on the committee. With all the new ideas being discussed during the meeting it should be a great year for the members and the club. Watch this space!

After the trip to NZ the juniors are primed to take on the senior players. Last Wednesday, Mark, Aidan, Beau, Eammon, Curtis, Lenny, Kyle, Liam, Tejai, Lexi and Mya gave the adults a run for their money, with varying degrees of success. Most of the adults are being very surprised with the quality of squash being played and the level of development that has occurred through the junior program. It will be interesting to see how the top juniors go in the Gary Raper tournament, which starts on Monday.

Gary Raper Tournament

The tournament starts on Monday 4th May. The tournament is only open to members. The tournament is contested in the Men's, Women's, Junior Boys and Junior Girls divisions, and with the interest from many of the members we know it will be another great week of squash and socialising. Entry will be \$15 and you are guaranteed 3 matches.

Entry to the tournament is still open and contact Lance 56832 for further information.

The draw for the tournament will be completed on the weekend and will be posted on the notice board ready for the start on Monday.

Events Schedule

Doubles Tournament:	6th-10th July
Club Championships:	17th-21st August
Masters tournament:	9th-15th November

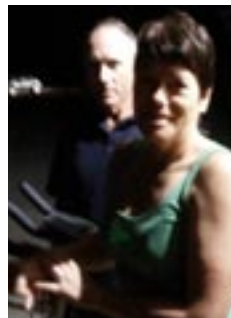
NORFOLK ISLAND FITNESS AND HEALTH NEWS

A few "Congratulations" in order this week!

Firstly to all our

"Fight Back February" Winners

who achieved some amazing results.



Our photo shows the winning Team "Im 'n Er".... Jasmine and Ian Kiernan. Ian also achieved the most outstanding individual of the challenge. Second Team was "K1W1" ... Sue Buffett and Deb Steven. "Fishy" also received an Encouragement Award for an exceptional performance.

Congratulations to our "lucky client" for April who wins a 1 month Membership.... Levi Singer.

KAY and KELVIN AWAY IN MAY!!

Brandt McRithie will be managing the Gym in our absence.

Classes and Gym hours as per normal.

For all Gym enquiries during that time please phone Brandt on 50862.

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functional + rehabilitation exercise studio
The Village, Norfolk Island Ph 52809 -
www.norfolkislandfitnessandhealth.com

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale, Positions Vacant, Wanted to Buy, Notices, For Rent etc

FOR SALE

PRIVATE SALE (RENOVATORS DELIGHT)
2 bdrm cottage on private 1/2 acre, absolutely prime position, a really sweet spot down long palm tree lined easement, 1st time placed on the market, lots of bearing fruit trees a gardeners delight, directly opposite post office & liquor bond & one minute's wander to the Golden Orb Cafe then another minute's walk to Foodlands—very reluctant sale \$177,777 ph Patrick 24068

FIREWOOD. Olive. 1.2 cube \$150. Phone Guppy on 54279

1997 MITSUBISHI PAJERO. In great condition. \$6000 ono. Call 50680.

ASSORTED GOLDFISH. \$8 each of 3 for \$20. Phone Heidi on 51796 after 5pm Moday - Friday or all day on weekends.

BEAUTIFUL LARGE RECEPTION DESK made from Norfolk Pine \$450; **STURDY WOODEN FRAMED MASSAGE TABLE** \$100; Multi-position **MASSAGE CHAIR** \$100; 3 Drawer **LOCKABLE FILING CABINET** in excellent condition \$100. 53401

HALF PRICE PRINCE SHOES AND PROKENNEX RACKETS at Smudgies Pro Shop. Ph 50568

BOAT FOR SALE 5M CENTRE CONSOLE, gps, fish finder, 60hp etc. \$5500ono . Ph 50198

1995 MAZDA 626 4 CYL AUTO STATION WAGON. 6 months rego, good tyres, ABS brakes, regularly services. Drives very well. \$3,500. Phone Tom on 57371

GARAGE SALE—

Curious collectors clearance, call around to the cottage at the back of Aunt Em's to have a look today after mid day, or call Patrick 24068 anytime during the week to view

WANTED TO BUY

PUSH MOWER in good condition. Phone 50113

FOR RENT

TWO BEDROOM TWO BATHROOM HOME. Foxtel, lawns etc, Carport, solar power. \$125 per week. For more info call 55455

New Listings wanted by our new sales team
Lillian & Ian – Ask about our benefits of doing
An EXCLUSIVE listing – phone 52801

RETAIL -REFLECTIONS OF NORFOLK ISLAND \$125,000

Such a delightful store looking for a new owner. Enjoy providing exclusive lines, crafts, gifts and fabric to locals as well as the many tourists. Too good to close!!!!

TWO FLATS ON TWO ACRES \$320,000

What a great investment! Rental \$270.00 per week or live in one and rent the other.

1 X 1 BEDROOM & 1 X 2 BEDROOM

Double garage, Palms & fruit trees and fully furnished.

THREE BEDROOM TWO BATHROOM AS NEW \$449,000

This beautiful Lockwood Home is less than 5 years old and is ready for someone to just finish off landscaping.

On 2.5 acres overlooking a beautiful valley there is room to add chickens and orchardor just enjoy the maintenance free home with a glass of wine on the deck or views from your master bedroom.

EXCLUSIVE LISTING

PERFECT HOLIDAY HOME \$255,000 LOCK UP AND GO!

This 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home in quiet cul de sac with lock up garage and carport makes it the ideal Holiday Home. Could easily be tourist accommodation when not used or just come and go. Easy to maintain grounds and the third bedroom and ensuite is downstairs so ideal for guests.

Keep and then retire here.

Best buy - STUDIO COTTAGE \$155,000

On 800 sq metres of beautiful land close to town. Add on other rooms later....Hidden behind a hedge this is private and exceptional value.

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This beautiful home is fantastic for entertaining. The views are amazing and yet there are hidden nooks to read a book, enjoy the sun or watch the sunrise and Sunset! The master bedroom has its own relaxing retreat and huge ensuite. There is room for family to visit and 3 decks to enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Australian and New Zealand Citizens can now live and buy real estate and businesses on Norfolk Island – talk to us now.

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Phone 50701 after hours 22852 david@islandrealty.nf

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Ph 50701 or 22852 a/h: david@islandrealty.nf

4 BEDROOM, 3 BATHROOM HOUSE, Selwyn Pine \$160 per week Ph Joy Steven 56564 After hours.

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM FLAT: Self-contained & recently renovated flat. JE Road, 5 mins to town, carport, shed & large yard. \$130.00 per week, lawns included, Foxtel available.

Phone: 58317 between 9.00am-5.00pm

2 BEDROOM FLAT Fully furnished with garage, lawn included. Phone 50992 or 22990.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY COMMERCIAL COFFEE MACHINE in good condition. Please phone Tony 52852 or Castaway 22625

SERVICES AVAILABLE

PROPERTY VALUER ALLEN ENNEW will be on Island from 25th April to the 28th . Contact him on 50719.

BEVERLY HILLS BUSINESS MACHINES. Repairs to iPhones, Docket Printers, Printers and Faxes, Free Advice. Contact Peter at norfolk@bhbm.com or 51990

LIBBYS ISLAND BOOKKEEPING SERVICES - Have all your accounts brought up to date Promptly and Affordably. Contact Libby Churchyard for an appointment on 22410 or 56755

POSITION VACANT

GROUNDKEEPER / HANDYMAN required for Cumberland Resort & Spa & White House. We are seeking an experienced person who can work independently for this position, or be part of management couple (office administration and groundskeeping). Full time 6 days/week. Weekend work required. Experience desirable. Email resume to rael.donde@gmail.com NBN 280013038

GARDENER/MOWER man needed for 1 to 2 days per week. Need to be flexible. Must be able to operate all equipment. Phone 50682. NBN: 2800 36070

Norfolk Island Leagues Club Inc. Is looking for casual **BAR STAFF** to join our team. The successful applicant must be able to work night shifts and some weekends, have great people skills, be trust worthy and reliable, and are able to work in a team, have a current RSA or be willing to obtain one soon after employment.

For more information please contact Tahnle on 22440 or 52164 or email: nileaguesclub@ni.net.nf

NBN # 280013699

BUBBLY PERSON REQUIRED Retail sales, cleaning and office. Computer skills a must. Current drivers licence. Insurance experience would be handy
Email: manager@rossonnorfolk.nf

PART TIME CLEANER required for office. Please send details to Cleaner. P.O.Box 144. Norfolk Island

We are currently looking for a **COOK/CHEF** and **WAIT/KITCHEN STAFF** for cafe breakfast/lunch shifts t over a 5 - 7 day opening period. Interested persons please email norfolk catering@ninet.nf. or phone 53200. Pa Yeas NBN 280041328.

POSITION VACANT at Care Norfolk Inc. CARE SUPPORT WORKER

Care Norfolk Inc. is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation providing In Home & Community Care services to the aged and vulnerable on Norfolk Island.

Care Norfolk Inc. is looking for the right people to join our team of dedicated workers.

If you are compassionate, practical and able to communicate with older people from different backgrounds this could be the job for you. If you have a sound work ethic and can work independently in a variety of settings completing domestic tasks and social support we want to hear from you.

Selection criteria: Past experience in Home & Community Care whether paid or voluntary is preferred but not essential. A current Drivers Licence and car are essential. A St John's First Aid Certificate and a Federal Police clearance check or a willingness to complete same is required. A willingness to undertake training opportunities as provided or arranged by Care Norfolk Inc. is essential.

We offer a competitive salary, supervision and support to our staff.

For more information, please contact Liat Baddock on 52696.

Little Singapore Cafe and Takeaway requires a **QUALIFIED COOK** for Japanese and Asian Cuisine. The applicant must have at least 10 years of experienced in the food industry and able to work long hours. NBN280042193. Please email little singapore orfolkisland@gmail.com

GOVERNOR'S LODGE RESORT HOTEL (NBN: 280015496) is looking for a casual kitchen all-rounder. Must be flexible and be able to work on call and various shifts. Please email kbrooks@governorslodge.nf or call Kerri-Ann 24400.

Paradise Hotel & Resort (NBN: 280036765) are seeking to employ a **FOOD & BEVERAGE ATTENDANT** on a casual basis. Hours may cover 7 days across all shifts. Applicants must be able to work within a bar environment. To find out more please phone 22177, email: admin@paradisehotelnorfolk.com or post your CV to PO Box 70, Norfolk Island 2899.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR (RECEPTIONIST, MANAGER) or Management Couple (includes groundskeeping) for Cumberland Resort & Spa and White House, full time 6 days/week; Essential Attributes: excellent oral and written communication skills; Driver's License for minibus airport transfers; Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel skills; Training provided for booking software. Immediate Start. Email resume to rael.donde@gmail.com or call Rael at 22721 NBN 280013038

CARPENTER WANTED. Immediate start. Phone Peter on 50320. NBN280023896

NOTICE

THE FLU VACCINATIONS have arrived at the hospital and will be available from Monday 13th at Outpatients Department. You will need to phone 22091 and make an appointment.

*****SPECIAL EVENT*** Sweet Pea Cakery is holding a MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA.** Treat yourself and that special lady in your life on Sunday 10th May, 1pm - 4:30pm, Palm Court, Norfolk Island Gold Club. Join us in a celebration of mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, and friends, with sweet and savoury treats and our 14 specialty teas to be enjoyed with a wonderful view. Prices are \$30 per person, and bookings are essential, so please phone 51476 to secure your place. We can't wait to see you there!

'CAT BOARDING, Going away? need somewhere your cat/s can stay? Cat Boarding Kennels where there is plenty of room to move, scratch and play. Call Cassie 55191.'

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

Norfolk Blue Restaurant (next to the old fig trees at 100 Acre Farm) is open for **dinner every evening** (except Tuesday & Sunday) from **6pm** and for **lunch on Wednesday** with our **Farm Tours** by arrangement - Tel **22068**. **The Blue Bull Café** is open **Monday to Friday** (except Wednesday) from **9.30am** for **lunches & dinner; Saturday & Sunday** from **11.30am**. **Home Meals** available from **The Blue Bull** Tel **23456**.

PA YEA'S RESTAURANT - 120 Taylors Road - New Opening Hours Open every Tuesday through to Saturday from 5.30 pm onwards. "Live" music every Wednesday and Saturday night. Great menu selection at reasonable prices. Bookings recommended either in booking pad inside door or by phoning 22557. Group bookings or special events catered for.

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

MARIAHS OCEAN-VIEW RESTAURANT Dine on the Hill with lunch Thursday to Sunday (from 12 noon) and dinner Wednesday to Sunday (from 5.30pm). Groups by arrangement. Bookings ph 23155, 22255 or reservations@heritagehill.nf. *Specialists in local produce and quality cuisine.*

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)

GOVERNOR'S LODGE RESORT HOTEL has it all covered - Breakfast daily 7.30-9.30 continental buffet \$12.50!+ hot menu from as little as \$8.50. Lunch daily 12.00 - 2.00 \$10 - \$15!! Dinner at Bailey's Restaurant in beautiful surrounds each night from 6.00 except Wed and Thur. **LOUNGE BAR** now open in Reception 8.00am-6.00pm **DAILY:** toasties, soup, muffins, sweets, coffees, wine, beer and more. What are you waiting for?

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

DINO'S RESTAURANT at Bumboras is open **Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunch.** Phone **24225** to reserve your table.

MEETINGS AGMS

The AGM for Norfolk Assists Those in Need (NATIN) will be held at the Olive Café Tues 12th May 2015 at 5pm. Can all members and interested persons please attend. Enquiries to Naomi Thompson at the Olive.

THE LANDCARE AGM will be on Sun 17 May 2015 8am at the Olive. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Enquiries to Lou (secretary) 50777

NORFOLK ISLAND FLORA AND FAUNA SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING 6pm Monday 4th May at the A & H Hall

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NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 22

Friday 1 May 2015

IMMIGRATION ACT 1980

DECLARATION OF GRANT OF RESIDENCY

I, Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, under subsection 34(1) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, give notice of the grant of a declaration sought by —

Rogosau Nasa

under section 29 of *the Act*, to be declared to be a resident of Norfolk Island.

Dated 25 April 2015

ROBIN ADAMS

MINISTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

IMMIGRATION ACT 1980

DECLARATION OF GRANT OF RESIDENCY

I, Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, under subsection 34(1) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, give notice of the grant of a declaration sought by —

Kritsada Meemahjam

under section 29 of *the Act*, to be declared to be a resident of Norfolk Island.

Dated 25 April 2015

ROBIN ADAMS

MINISTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

IMMIGRATION ACT 1980

DECLARATION OF GRANT OF RESIDENCY

I, Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, under subsection 34(1) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, give notice of the grant of a declaration sought by —

Edison Salvatiera

under section 29 of *the Act*, to be declared to be a resident of Norfolk Island.

Dated 25 April 2015

ROBIN ADAMS

MINISTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

IMMIGRATION ACT 1980

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF RESIDENCY

I, Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, under section 34(1) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, advise that —

Charlene David Abria

has applied under section 29 of the Act to be declared to be a resident of Norfolk Island.

Dated 25 April 2015

ROBIN ADAMS

MINISTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

IMMIGRATION ACT 1980
APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF RESIDENCY

I, Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, under section 34(1) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, advise that —

Esi Liliponi Saumia

has applied under section 29 of the Act to be declared to be a resident of Norfolk Island.

Dated 25 April 2015

ROBIN ADAMS
MINISTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

IMMIGRATION ACT 1980
APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF RESIDENCY

I, Robin Adams, Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services, under section 34(1) of the *Immigration Act 1980*, advise that —

Neha Natasha Vandana

has applied under section 29 of the Act to be declared to be a resident of Norfolk Island.

Dated 25 April 2015

ROBIN ADAMS
MINISTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NO 17/15
STOCK AGISTMENT

The Administration of Norfolk Island invites Expressions of Interest to agist stock in one or more of the following areas —

1. Portion 26w, New Cascade Road ('Poppa's paddock')
 2. Portion 183 (an area in DCA Circle known as DC4 and DC5)
 3. Portion 183 (airport Areas A, B and C)
- for more information regarding areas 1 & 2 contact Doug Creek, Manager Public Works on 50452
 - for more information regarding areas on the airport contact Mandy Gardner, Acting Airport Manager on 50357.

The term of the proposed leases will be up to three (3) years, renewable annually provided the lease conditions have been fully complied with. The agistment fee is to be paid six (6) monthly in advance.

The lessee will be required to:

- provide and maintain all fencing so that it will contain the agisted animals at all times;
- if the area is not already fenced with barbed wire and posts, erect electric fencing comprising at least three strands of plain wire;
- in the airport Area, erect and maintain fencing as specified by the Airport Manager (Note: airport airside primary boundary fencing will be erected and maintained by NI Airport);
- slash the area at least once a year;
- provide and maintain a water supply;
- ensure stock enclosed on the leased area have sufficient feed: providing feed if necessary;
- maintain the area in a clean and tidy condition which is to be free of any noxious weeds; and
- provide \$10M public liability insurance.

Tenderers should make their own enquiries as to the suitability of the land for the Tenderer's intended purpose.

Expressions of interest should provide the annual fee proposed to be paid for each area required for stock agistment and be sealed in an envelope marked "Expressions of Interest No. 17/15 Agistment of Stock" and placed in the Tender Box located in the Registry, ground floor, Administration Building, Kingston, no later than 9.00 am on Friday 22 May 2015.

The highest or indeed any tender need not necessarily be accepted.

Any further information may be obtained by emailing Doug Creek dcreek@admin.gov.nf or by telephone 22006 extension 4 or mobile 50452.

JON GIBBONS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LAND TITLES ACT 1996
INTENTION TO REGISTER TITLE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 141 of the *Land Titles Act 1996* that it is my intention to register title in respect of the land specified below:

APPLICANT	LOT	SECTION	PORTION	LOCATION
A.G.R. Walpole	99	9	14e1	Holman Christian Lane

A person may apply to the Administrative Review Tribunal for a review of my decision during the period of 30 days after the publication of this notice.

The proposed certificate of title in respect of the above land may be inspected at the Office of Registrar of Titles during normal working hours.

On registration of title in respect of the above land, the interests in the land described in the Register are indefeasible as against any unregistered interests (other than interests recorded in a Registrar's minute in relation to the land).

ALLEN BATAILLE
REGISTRAR OF TITLES

Come Worship With Us.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Reverend David Fell.

Rectory: Headstone Road Telephone: 22293 / 53040
<https://norfolkislandchurchofengland.wordpress.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. **9.45am** 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. **7:15 pm** Bible Study and Prayer fellowship

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.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY / SHARING - 10.30am Wednesdays at Community Church

SCHOOL SCRIPTURE -1pm Wednesdays

NORFOLK ISLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christian Outreach

Pastors Matt and Gail Nola
 Telephone 22606

Visitors most welcome

SUNDAY NIGHT Service 6pm - 46 New Cascade Road

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible Study 6:30pm Ph: 22606

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

Rev. Les Hewitt Telephone: 22179

*The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him
 my heart trusts.*

SUNDAY 3rd May at 10am: Communion Service. All very welcome.

TUESDAYS at 4 pm: Radio Programme on VL2NI in the AM Band

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The Opportunity Shop sells

Good clean clothes, Small household items,

Bibles, "Hymns of Norfolk Island" books

Uniting Church Souvenir Magnets

Norfolk Island CDs

HOURS- Monday to Friday: 9 am to 12 Noon

Wednesday: 3 pm to 6 pm

Friday: 2 pm to 4pm; Saturday: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed Public Holidays

MEETINGS WITH JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

SUNDAY 26tg April - 3.30pm. Public Talk; **4.00pm** Bible Study.

All Welcome No Collection Kingdom Hall, 22 Grassy Rd

Free home Bible study offered to people of all ages.

Answers to Bible questions available on www.jw.org

METEOROLOGICAL DATA APRIL 2015

DAY	DATE	M.S.L.Press (hpa) 9am	TEMP.		WIND			RAIN	SUNSHINE
			MAX.	MIN	Dir'n	KNOTS	TIME		
Thursday	23rd	1020.0	23.2	18.7	E	29	0332	0.4	2.6
Friday	24th	1018.7	22.5	19.6	ENE	27	1650	Trace	1.4
Saturday	25th	1018.0	23.5	19.6	NE	26	1103	2.6	6.4
Sunday	26th	1014.2	22.9	20.5	N	38	2307	0.2	0.0
Monday	27th	1009.8	23.8	20.5	NNE	25	0020	17.0	10.0
Tuesday	28th	1016.3	22.7	19.7	SW	21	0005	Trace	9.2
Wednesday	29th	1022.0	22.0	17.4	S	19	1324	0.0	9.6

MONTHLY MEANS FOR APR. (All Years)

MEAN MAX TEMP (°c) : 22.7

MEAN MIN TEMP (°c) : 17.8

DAILY SUNSHINE (Hours) : 6.5

RAINFALL SO FAR FOR APRIL

: 63.2mm

RAINFALL FOR 2015 TO DATE : 357.4mm

MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL : 1293.4mm

AVERAGE APRIL RAINFALL : 123.8mm