

MAYORS UPDATE

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED



OUTCOMES FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 20 DECEMBER 2017

‘Council had one of its longest meetings today finishing at 6.02 pm so I will just share the two Mayoral Minutes moved by myself and the outcomes from motions moved by Councillor Buffett and myself, all of which were unanimously agreed’, the Mayor said.

The Mayoral Minutes were –

THANK YOU FROM COUNCIL

‘It is with pleasure that Council acknowledges and thanks the organisers - many of whom are volunteers –of the many activities that have taken place on the Island in the last month; all of which have brought pleasure to locals and visitors alike; and in many cases brought international exposure for our beautiful island as a wonderful destination to visit.

- The 2017 Food Festival;
- The Norfolk Island Jazz Festival;
- The Academic Awards presentation night for the Norfolk Island Central School;
- The community Christmas Pageant; and the wonderful Christmas decorations around the island;
- The Commonwealth Games Baton visit to Norfolk Island and the role of the ‘Norfolk Island Amateur Sports Association and Commonwealth Games Federation’ in achieving this prestigious event for Norfolk; and
- The good work of Tourism Norfolk Island and the Unique Tourism Collection (UTC) in swamping social media and breakfast TV nationally with Ray Martin and the Channel 7 Weekend Sunrise weather man James Tobin and his support team – Jarrod, Mike and Paul.

Council extends its very best wishes for the Christmas season and for 2018 to the Norfolk Island community; to the General Manager and her team of staff at the Norfolk Island Regional Council; to the Administrator and his staff, to all the locals who are wending their way home to spend time with family and friends in the coming weeks; and of course to the many visitors to our island at this time who come to share Christmas with the Norfolk Island people.’

CHANGES TO BIOSECURITY CONDITIONS FOR GOODS IMPORTED INTO NORFOLK ISLAND

‘Council –

- Acknowledges there is concern being expressed in the community following the announcement in the local press on 9 December 2017 of changes to biosecurity conditions for goods imported into Norfolk Island including the development of new biosecurity conditions for importing ‘some fresh produce commodities into Norfolk Island’; conditions stated to have been designed to protect the island’s unique biosecurity status in line with Australia’s Appropriate Level of Protection’; and
- Supports the Mayor continuing discussion with the Commonwealth and local growers about the implementation of the changes to achieve the best outcome for the community.’

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ENGAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

'Cr. Adams moved –

Council requests the Mayor and General Manager to enter into conversation with the Commonwealth re the engagement of the Australian Productivity Commission to carry out research and conduct a public inquiry to determine –

- a. The current financial capacity of the island; and
- b. How to grow Norfolk Island economically, socially, culturally and environmentally, including building a diverse and vibrant business environment.

STAND ALONE BUSINESS UNITS

Cr. Buffett moved –

That Councillors be given access to full financials, details of budget, profit and loss, maintenance etc; 6 monthly review of Stand Alone Business units operated by Council.

Robin Adams

MAYOR

20 December 2017