



MEDIA RELEASE

COMMERCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

Electricity

A Request for Quote (RFQ) to engage an Energy Economist to undertake an assessment of the financial implications of implementing the Hydro Tasmania Plan, closed 29 July 2019. Quotes received will be evaluated and the successful vendor notified in August 2019.

A Request for Tender (RFT) to provide and install a replacement generator and batteries, of appropriate size, to address the current issue of solar oversupply and to reduce diesel usage, will be advertised in the Norfolk Island Gazette and Tenderlink, 9 August 2019 and the Sydney Morning Herald, 13 August 2019. The tender will close 10 September 2019.

Norfolk Telecom

Negotiations regarding the new 4G LTE Mobile System and Fixed Network Upgrade Project are continuing, having commenced in accordance with Council Resolution 2019/123. Discussions are being held with Speedcast International Limited (Prime Contractor) and Blue Arcus Technologies Inc. (Partner) and Challenge Networks.

Equipment for the Wi-Fi Hotspot upgrade has been received and configured by Telecom staff. The new hotspot system provides a more reliable user experience and flexibility, giving customers the ability to create and manage their own Wi-Fi Hotspot accounts. Users will be able to purchase and load recharge vouchers of multiple values onto their Hotspot account, or they can top-up online using Paypal as an alternative payment method. The new Hotspot went live 1 August 2019.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) to provide commercial satellite bandwidth and support services for Norfolk Telecom was advertised 18 July 2019 in the Gazette, on Tenderlink 20 July 2019, and the Sydney Morning Herald 23 July 2019. The EOI closes 12 August 2019. The second stage of the process, a selective Request for Tender, is scheduled to commence 20 August 2019.

Airport

The Request for Tender (RFT) to develop a Norfolk Island Airport Master Plan closes 7 August 2019.

Council staff, and the Council's Project Manager Aileron Edge, continue to liaise with Boral Resources on progressing the Airport Pavement Repair and Reconstruct (D&C) Project including, but not limited to, the commencement of preliminary planning of the works program such as site surveys and onsite design activities. The permit to construct the groyne in Ball Bay, was issued 31 July 2019 by the Director of National Parks.

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