



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Boost for Norfolk Island business activity**

Some special visitors to Norfolk Island in the later part of March have give a shot in the arm to business activity and have raised hopes of future assistance to business and community projects.

Picture 1: John Pullinger, pictured here with Nuffka Holiday Apartments proprietor Jim Garland, has held a very successful series of consultations with individual local businesses. John is a business consultant from Yamba, and has shared his expertise with a range of private sector commercial operators on a variety of matters. These include business and financial planning, marketing, staff training, budgeting and record keeping. John also met with members of the Legislative Assembly to explore the possibility of an ongoing programme to provide advice and assistance to businesses on the Island. His visit was sponsored by the Colonial of Norfolk Island, the Chamber of Commerce and Norfolk Island Government.

Picture 2: Our picture shows two representatives of the Northern Rivers Area Consultative Committee (NSW), Chairman Ernie Bennett and Executive Officer Ann Carkery, who have been here for the past few days. Norfolk Island was recently included in the Northern Rivers region and Ann and Ernie were here on a preliminary visit to meet local representative Terence Grube and community representatives. The Committee is primarily responsible for the Commonwealth Government Regional Assistance Program, which provides support and funding for community and business projects. Ernie and Ann have met with a range of representatives of community groups and businesses to discuss proposed initiatives and procedures for lodging and assessing projects. More information on the Committee's activities can be found on their website at [www.northernriversacc.com.au](http://www.northernriversacc.com.au) and on the Rural Assistance Program site [www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au](http://www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au). Printed materials and further information are also available from Secretary to Government, Peter Maywald, on 22003.

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