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**Norfolk community spirit “alive and well”: Minister**

“This has been a fantastic effort by all concerned – Island reserves and roadsides look great and I congratulate everyone who took part. The Landcare Roadside Woody Weed Cleanup for 2007 demonstrates beyond all doubt that Norfolk’s community spirit is alive and well”.

These were the words of the Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, the Hon Vicky Jack MLA, in response to the recent cleanup campaign. Mrs Jack said that many people from all walks of life had shown pride in Norfolk Island and had willingly given of their energy and time to organise and carry out a comprehensive programme to eliminate woody weeds and present the island in the best possible shape for its people and its visitors.

The Minister said that many people had contributed to the outstanding result, and that she joined the Landcare organisers in sincerely thanking each and every one. She said that the Island environment had benefited greatly from this year’s campaign and that she hoped that the community would continue to respond by eliminating exotic woody weeds and taking personal responsibility for the protection of the Island’s unique and precious ecosystems.

Stephanie V Jack

**Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare**

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