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#### **Norfolk to get street addresses**

Following a successful trial of a rural addressing scheme on Middlegate Road and consultation with the community, the Road Safety Committee has recommended that the scheme should extend to all roads in Norfolk Island. This will mean that properties with houses or other substantial buildings will be numbered with street addresses. The Chief Executive Officer of the Administration is writing to all property owners to advise them of details of the scheme and how it will be implemented.

Rural addressing is a method of identifying and locating driveways to houses and work sheds, based on their distance measured along a rural road. It is used in many parts of rural New Zealand, USA and Australia to enable ready identification of properties for emergency services and the convenience of visitors. The visible aspects of the system comprise reflectorised numbers on a post at each residential driveway, similar to regular house numbering systems in many parts of the world.

Rural addressing depends on the use of a uniform measurement system, commencing at zero at the start of a named road. Administration staff use a Global Positioning System to measure distances from the start of a road to each access, which is the basis of the Rural Addressing system. The distance (from the start of the road to the access) is measured and then divided by 10 to arrive at the whole number to be allocated. By convention, odd numbers are on the left and even numbers on the right. For example, number 38 would be about 380m along a road from its start and would be on the right hand side, because 38 is an even number.

The Road Safety Committee believes that beneficiaries of the system potentially include emergency services such as police and ambulance, utility companies, tradespeople, visitors and all community members, especially young, old, frail or disabled residents. The system is simple to use and understand because it is logical, accurate, visible and uniform.

It is expected that Administration staff will begin installing street numbers within two weeks. Any questions about the scheme should be directed to the Road Safety Committee through Allen Bataille on 23691 or email at [ikey@admin.gov.nf](mailto:ikey@admin.gov.nf)

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