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Minister announces more women's forums

Norfolk Island Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, Vicky Jack, has announced that she will hold more meetings for women of the community in the coming week.

Mrs Jack invited interested women to attend one the meetings to be held at the A & H Hall next Wednesday, 17th October. The first meeting will commence at 1.00 p.m., while there will be another forum at 7.30 p.m. that night.

Mrs Jack said that she had been encouraged by the number of women who had been involved in earlier forums, and the significant issues which they had raised. She believed that real progress had been made on addressing some matters, while others had been incorporated in the Norfolk Island Government's strategic plan.

"Issues raised in recent meetings have included concerns about the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol, the cost of child immunisation, maternity leave and issues related to gender equity", Mrs Jack said. "I encourage women of all ages to come along and raise any matters they wish in these informal meetings, where they can engage in realistic discussion of the things that are important in their lives".

More information on the women's forums is available from Mrs Jack by telephone on 22003 or email at vjack@assembly.gov.nf

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