



THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND

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The spirit of Christmas

Everyone agrees that majestic Norfolk Island pine trees are one of the great symbols of our Island. At this time of year, the electricity undertaking decorates Norfolk pines at Burnt Pine and Kingston with colourful Christmas lights, making them some of the world's largest living Christmas trees. They are a delightful feature of the festive season, appreciated by almost everyone in the community.

A worrying trend has emerged in recent years where some of the light bulbs and cables have been broken or stolen, sometimes by children climbing in the trees and on other occasions by vandals. The trees are lit up at public expense, so the cost of these losses is borne by the whole community. This Christmas, please respect the Norfolk Island pine Christmas trees and do not damage the lights, so that everyone may share in the enjoyment of these much-loved symbols of the festive season. Anyone seeing suspicious behaviour around the trees is asked to politely intervene or to contact the police on 22222.

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