



NORF'K CIRCA INC

*A community/government partnership for
the betterment of all in Norfolk Island*

**MEDIA RELEASE: Community Information Centre and Information
Resource to open soon**

On behalf of Norf'k CIRCA Inc., founder member Andre Nobbs is pleased to advise that the opening of the new facility for community information and resources will be within two weeks. The owners of the premises formerly known as 'Sidewalk Café' have generously made available part of their premises rent-free so that the centre can commence operation. Mr Nobbs said that "it is very encouraging that there are generous members of the public who support the concept of a community information centre and this offer, together with the in-kind support of the Government in the provision of human resources will make a great start to the provision of that service".

Formal notice of the opening will be given next week, with CIRCA members, information network members and interested people from the community all warmly welcome to attend.

Mr Nobbs reaffirmed that the purpose of this joint community and government collaboration, is to provide assistance for both local community members and those persons who visit the island to obtain updated information on services available and where and how to access information. The centre will also provide assistance concerning applications for funding, training or resources with both government and non-government organisations for eligible programmes within Norfolk Island.

The Association itself has been a recipient of such funding through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal in the sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of software to provide a terminal so that persons can access appropriate websites.

Members of the public are invited to join the Association (for which membership is free) and to provide data updates so that the information available both to our visitors and residents is current. It is not necessary to be a member of the Association to be able to use these facilities and it is intended that this will be a free community service. As part of its support for the new community information centre, the Norfolk Island Government has supplied the contact facilities and administrative support to signify its commitment to the ideals of the Association as outlined in its constitution.

Please email circa@admin.gov.nf or phone Pat Anderson on 22003 for information on CIRCA or for community information resources assistance.

29 May 2009