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NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 14

Monday 23 March 2015

NORFOLK ISLAND ACT 1979
NOTICE CONVENING A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT —

I, The Hon Gary Hardgrave, Administrator of Norfolk Island, under subsection 40(2) of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, pursuant to the request of four members of the Legislative Assembly and noting section 50 of the *Legislative Assembly Act 1979* (Norfolk Island) do by this notice convene a meeting of the Legislative Assembly, to be held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Kingston, at 10.00 am on Tuesday 24 March 2015.

Dated 23 March 2015

THE HON GARY HARDGRAVE
ADMINISTRATOR

SITTING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORFOLK ISLAND

At the sitting of the House on 18 March 2015 it was resolved to adjourn until Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 10.00 am.

Dated 20 March 2015

GAYE EVANS
CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP
STATUTORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

The Norfolk Island Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons within the community who would wish to be considered for appointment as a voluntary member of the following Statutory Board/Committee —

Employment Conciliation Board
Legal Aid Advisory Committee

Information about the membership, role and functions of the above Board/Committee may be obtained by contacting Alma Davidson, Senior Policy Advisor, telephone 22003 or email alma@assembly.gov.nf.

Applications should nominate which Board and/or Committee applicants wish to be appointed to and be addressed to Mr David Price, Chief of Staff, Government of Norfolk Island, Kingston; or email chiefofstaff@assembly.gov.nf.

DAVID PRICE
CHIEF OF STAFF

BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2015

The following Bill was introduced —

**STANDARD TIME BILL 2015
STAENDAD TAIM BIL 2015**

This Bill proposes to change the Standard Time for Norfolk Island. At present Norfolk Standard Time is 11.5 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, a time zone that is not recognised in any other place. This has become inconvenient in recent years with the growth of the internet and use of computers that do not allow for a change to Norfolk Time.

The Bill proposes to repeal the existing legislation and establish Norfolk standard time as that at the 165⁰ meridian of longitude which is GMT + 11 hours (or UTC +11 hours). This will make Norfolk standard time the same as New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands. It is noted that UTC (or Universal Time Coordinated) has been adopted in Australia and worldwide as standard time although it is substantially the same as GMT.

It is proposed that, if the Bill is approved in time, the change will take place at 0300 hours on Sunday 5 April next which will mean that Norfolk Island will then be 1 hour ahead of all the Eastern States of Australia.

However during the period when daylight saving commences in the Eastern States (other than Queensland that does not at present use daylight saving), Norfolk time will be the same. In case the Bill does not receive assent in time, the Bill provides that the Administrator may give notice of a different commencement by notice in the Gazette.

The following Bills were passed —

**COMMUNITY TITLE BILL 2015
KOMYUUNETI TAITL BIL 2015**

The purpose of this Bill is to introduce an additional system for property holding for Norfolk Island. The Bill follows on from the White Paper "*Strata Title on Norfolk Island*" commissioned by the Administration and issued in March 2012 and the Norfolk Island Government Position Paper issued in response in October 2013.

Overview

The *Community Title Bill 2015* provides for the establishment, registration and administration of community title schemes. There are two different types of community title schemes possible under the Bill —

- (1) Community Schemes (dealing with vertical division of land); and
- (2) Community Strata Schemes (dealing with horizontal division of a multi-storey structure).

Both types of schemes divide land to create lots and common property.

Community Schemes

A community scheme allows for the vertical division of land while allowing for shared facilities, management structures and dispute resolution processes. In a community scheme lot boundaries are determined by surveyed land measurements and are unlimited in height and depth, unless otherwise specified on the plan. In contrast to a strata scheme the owner of a lot is responsible for the maintenance and insurance of any structures on that lot, and has no obligation for maintenance of other lot owner's buildings.

Community Strata Schemes

In a community strata scheme lots are defined by upper and lower boundaries as well as lateral boundaries within a building erected on the community parcel. A lot must be defined by reference to parts of the building. There must be at least one lot that exists above another.

The structure itself is common property and it is therefore the responsibility of the body corporate to maintain and insure it.

**COMMUNITY TITLE (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2015
KOMYUUNETI TAITL (KONSEKWENCHL CHIENJ) BIL 2015**

The Bill makes some consequential amendments to the *Absentee Landowners Levy Act 1976*, the *Land Titles Act 1996* and the *Planning Act 2002* arising from the introduction of the proposed *Community Title Act 2015*.

Copies of the Bill, free of charge, may be obtained from Mrs Jan Keeping, Legal Services, Norfolk Island Administration, Kingston. These Bills may also be accessed at the following link <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/la/BillspesentedStage1>

18 March 2015

**GAYE EVANS
CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**
