

# Norfolk Island Regional Council

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### 21 SEPTEMBER 2016 – ORDINARY MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 at 2:00pm at the Council Chambers in the Bicentennial Complex.

At the meeting, the Norfolk Island Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026 was adopted by Council as was the Norfolk Island Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice. Both documents had been on public exhibition and submissions were received and reviewed by Council. Amendments were incorporated into the final approved documents from public submissions.

Council adopted the Terms of References for the Tourism Advisory Committee, the Waste Management Advisory Committee, the Public Reserves Advisory Committee and the Rock Feed Source Advisory Committee. Council also approved that the General Manager can advertise for expressions of interest for these Committees in line with the Terms of Reference.

'The call for expressions of interest for these Advisory Committees have been placed in this week's Government Gazette. Advisory Committees, whilst not a decision making body, provide the community with a structure to provide advice and make recommendations to Council, so they play an important role in the local government framework,' Ms Lotta Jackson said.

A motion, provided by notice by Councillor Buffett, was approved by Council and a Sustainable Energy Advisory Committee will be established. This Advisory Committee will consider past reports on Norfolk Island Electricity, assess the oversupply of photovoltaic electricity, assess present and future demand, determine access to supply and make recommendations to Council. Full Terms of Reference for this Committee will be presented to Council for adoption at a subsequent Council meeting.

The Mayor used her Mayoral Minute, and Councillor McCoy moved a motion, relating to a proposal for fibre optic internet connectivity through the Hawaiki Submarine Cable System. Please see the Mayor's media release dated 23 September 2016 for further information.

'I thank Trina and the staff at Norfolk Island Tourism for their continuous hard work in all aspects of Tourism. A Norfolk Island Tourism Marketing Update was provided to Council detailing the extensive marketing program, with budgets from Council, for the period July to December 2016. The update will be provided to the local media for the community to view,' Ms Lotta Jackson said.

### **28 SEPTEMBER 2016 – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

An Extraordinary Meeting of Council has been called for 2:00pm on 28 September 2016 at the Council Chambers. An Extraordinary Meeting only deals with the matters stated in the notice of the meeting. Those matters are: the adoption of the Norfolk Island Regional Council Operational Plan 2016/17 which includes the activities for the year, revenue policy, land rating structure, fees and charges and the 2016/17 budget; Norfolk Island Regional Council Senior Staff Structure; and provide information requested through a resolution of Council on the Hawaiki submarine fibre optic cable (to be dealt with in confidential).

For details on all matters at the 21 September 2016 meeting and for the Agenda for the meeting on 28 September please visit [www.norfolkisland.gov.nf](http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf).

**Lotta Jackson**  
**General Manager**

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