



MEDIA RELEASE

All travellers from NSW and ACT allowed entry but subject to 14-day quarantine.

At the EMT meeting on Thursday 27 August 2020, the current restriction on visitors to the island from the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and New South Wales (NSW) was discussed. It has been decided that visitors, along with returning residents and essential personnel, will be granted Entry Permits to the island. They will be required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantine. The restrictions associated with travellers from Victoria remain.

Travellers from Queensland and the other states and territories can travel to the island and will not be subject to the 14-day quarantine requirement.

Travel from Victoria

The situation in Victoria is improving but the EMT will maintain that an entry pass be denied to all who have been in Victoria in the preceding 14 days. This includes denying an entry pass to returning residents and essential personnel.

Travel from NSW or ACT

People who have spent time in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory in the 14 days prior to travel will be granted an entry pass. However, any person travelling from NSW or the ACT will be required to quarantine for 14 days on arrival into Norfolk Island at their own expense.

Travel from other states and territories

People from Queensland, the Northern Territory, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania may travel to Norfolk Island. An entry pass may be granted to people from these states who have transited through Sydney airport in the same day on the way to Norfolk.

Travel from Norfolk Island

People returning to mainland Australia from the island should confirm with the relevant state and territory governments as to what, if any, restrictions are applicable on their arrival.

National approach to hotspots and travel restrictions

It is understood that following the National Cabinet on Friday 21 August, the states and territories have agreed to develop a clear definition of what makes a COVID-19 hotspot area. This should allow a move towards a more consistent approach to be adopted regarding travel restrictions between jurisdictions. EMT will continue to monitor these developments and work towards aligning the island's travel restrictions to national approaches and the local context.

Physical distancing requirements when queuing and eating out.

The island remains free of COVID-19 however we cannot become complacent when it comes to simple measures to protect ourselves and our community. We all have responsibility for this. The national aviation protocols and local measures introduced associated with screening people travelling to the island are to prevent the spread of the virus to the island. Physical distancing and hygiene requirements are to ensure that should the virus find its way here its spread in the community is minimised.

Large gatherings including eating out and socialising will continue to be an area of vigilance for us all as a community. Ensure you provide your personal contact details if your stay in a venue is greater than 15



minutes and when queuing to place orders for food maintain 1.5m between household groups. In most venues spacing markers have been placed on the floor to ensure that this spacing is maintained.

If seated as a group (such as a family from the same household), you can sit at a normal spacing around a table. If, however, you are from different households, you should maintain the 1.5m spacing between you and the next person at the table.

Venues on the island have adopted COVID safe plans to protect you as a customer, their staff and the community. Please ensure that when you are out and enjoying the comparative freedom that we have on the island, you maintain these physical distancing requirements.

27th August 2020

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Incident Controller