



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### *Travel restrictions to Norfolk Island.*

With the removal of the requirement for travellers from the last remaining Sydney LGA's to undertake self-isolation on the island there are currently no travel or self-isolation requirement associated with travel to the island. Normal self-isolation requirements (for example whilst awaiting test results) associated with directions from NIHRACS remain.

EMT reviewed the current information associated with the recent cases of the South African variant in New Zealand. The New Zealand authorities have all the casual contacts of the known case along with all the people who have departed the managed isolation facility in isolation and have tested them. Anybody who has departed New Zealand since January 14<sup>th</sup> has also been contacted and tested. The New Zealand and Australian Government's are monitoring the situation closely.

Based on this information it was decided that we will follow our current policy with respect to travellers from New Zealand. When the quarantine-free travel bubble is reinstated by the Australian Government travellers from New Zealand will be allowed to travel to the island without having to undergo local self-isolation.

### *New Community representative on EMT*

EMT is pleased to have Sally-Ann Thompson as the new community representative on the Emergency Management Team. Sally takes over from Elise McCaskie who has recently resigned from the role.

### *Appointment of Senior Constable James McGregor as Incident Controller*

Whilst Detective Sergeant Glenn Elder is on leave Senior Constable James McGregor has been appointed to the role of Incident Controller.

For any questions about the COVID-19 response on Norfolk Island, please visit the Norfolk Island Regional Council website: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/covid-19-advice-norfolk-island> in the first instance or contact Detective Sergeant Glenn Elder, IMT Incident Controller at IO-Norfolk-Island@afp.gov.au or +6723 22222.

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