

MAYORS UPDATE

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED



COUNCIL MEETS WITH MS GAI BRODTMANN, MEMBER FOR CANBERRA

‘Council had a productive hour and a half meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Gai Brodtmann’, Mayor Adams said, ‘Ms Brodtmann, who is accompanied on this visit by Drew Eppelstun from her Electorate Office, briefed Council on outcomes from the on-island meetings she has held. Our discussion was broad ranging and included many of the issues currently under discussion with Senator Nash including –

- Underfunding through the Financial Assistance Grants regime;
- Legislative Framework including -
 - Fees and Charges: for Norfolk Island Regional Council to be able to set its own fees and charges within the legal framework of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (NI).
 - Consumer Protection Laws urgently required on Norfolk Island.
- Regional Development Australia and how it will work on Norfolk.
- Tourism and Council’s application for Tourism Marketing Funding from the Commonwealth to assist with the implementation of the Marketing Plan 2017/18. Council is seeking matching funding, with Council contributing 50%, and 50% (\$400,000/\$400,000) from the Commonwealth in lieu of having a State Government or Tourism Destination body.
- Telecommunications.’

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BOUNDARIES OF NORFOLK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

‘I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank the Director of National Parks along with Mr Craig Doolan, Manager of the Norfolk Island National Park for the sensitive manner in which they have handled the recent proposal to amend the boundaries of the Norfolk Island National Park; and the decision taken by the Director to not proceed with any part of the proposal’, Mayor Adams said, ‘the community will recall that Council at its August meeting passed a resolution which in essence indicated to Parks Australia Council’s willingness to accept management of all reserves on Norfolk Island; and consequently it did not endorse the current proposal to amend the boundaries of the Norfolk Island National Park. As Parks Australia said in last weekend’s press – “we’ve listened” - and for that the Norfolk Island Regional Council says thank you. Parks have also indicated that they have written to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development supporting the transfer to Norfolk Island of the areas of Selwyn Reserve and Nepean Island. Parks support for the transfer aligns with Council’s written request to Senator Nash seeking her agreement to the transfer in due course to the Norfolk Island Regional Council of Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Cascade Reserve, Selwyn Reserve and Nepean Island’, the Mayor said.

A REMINDER ABOUT THE COMMUNITY MEETING ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

‘A reminder that next Monday 16 October at Paradise Hotel at 5:30pm, Cr McCoy and I will update the community on where we are at now and where we are heading with improving how we manage the waste streams we, as a community, have to deal with’, Mayor Adams said, ‘we will show you the new design plans for the waste management centre including the multi-purpose baler which has been ordered; we will talk about the aerated composting system for which tenders are currently being invited – this is the system that will deal with changing our green waste, food scraps, paper, cardboard etc. into high grade compost; we will talk about what can be recycled; and we will be asking you for helpful tips that we might not have thought of.

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We are looking forward to an evening of positive sharing as a community as we work together to deal with our waste in a way that helps us move towards being “The Best Small Island in the World”. See you Monday 16 October at the Paradise Hotel’, the Mayor said.

Robin Adams

MAYOR

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