



MEDIA RELEASE

OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING

18 OCTOBER 2017

An Ordinary Council Meeting was held on 18 October 2017. Some of the matters discussed are detailed below.

Travis Bates, Mat Goddard and Neville Forman from the Hindle Enterprise Group (HEG) presented to Council further progress on their implementation of economic activities on the island which included: An update on the first workshop held that had a focus around collaboration and 'Transition Town' and was very productive, resulting in a number of new meetings arranged; they are continuing to explore a number of Airline Operators that may be interested in flying to Norfolk Island. A private operator is hoping to commence a 'Twin Island Hop' service flying from Port Macquarie to Lord Howe and Norfolk Island in 2018; and they have also been in touch with the University of Newcastle for innovation opportunities and believe Norfolk has the potential to become a world example for sustainable economy.

A Waste Management Status Report was provided, some of the items included were: The baler and mini-sort line has been ordered, a representative from Waste Initiatives was on island 9 October to confirm the design specifications and equipment layout; The sewer line from the RSL to Tevarua Lane (spanning approximately one kilometer) has now been cleared of dense woody weeds to allow vehicle access; and the pump station located to the rear of Governors Lodge has been reconditioned with replacement control boards, pumps and associated pipework; routine monitoring of the water quality in the KAVHA catchment continues; representatives from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) were on island in September to undertake post-treatment assessments of treated Argentine Ant areas and to trial the efficacy of different types of treatment methods, the team from CSIRO are confident eradication is still achievable.

The Community Grants Committee was finalised and will consist of the Mayor, Councillor Buffett, the General Manager, the Grants Officer and the Program Manager. A reminder that the applications have now closed and the assessment panel will make a recommendation at the 15 November 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.

A quarterly update on Fire Service activities was provided which included training activities (internal and external), CASA Standard 90 day checks and the number of alarm call outs, fire calls, inspections and duty days.

A Bookeasy Commission Report was provided proposing an increase in commission from 11% to 15% which Council approved to go on Public Exhibition for 28 days for community consultation.

An investment report was received and noted, with the interest accrued on investments during the month of September 2017 being \$22,798 and the total deposits held being \$12,830,982.

Two Notices of Motions were addressed, one of these motions are mentioned in detail in the Mayor's Update this week, the second motion resolved 'That the Mayor and General Manager convene a meeting of relevant stakeholders including, Norfolk Island Airlines, Air Nauru, Air New Zealand, Norfolk Island Regional Council and Councilor's, Eric Hutchinson (Administrator), Accommodation and Tourism Association, Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the travel wholesale industry, to discuss present and future air services between Norfolk Island and New Zealand'.

Council approved going to tender for a 3G/4G mobile network to 'fund the anticipated losses for the remaining of the O3b contract'. Council also approved the contracting of JCB Cabinets for the provision of experienced labour for the construction of two new lighters.

Lastly, a Significant Development Status Report, Report from the Public Reserves Committee, the Timezone Survey report and survey results, a Plastic Bags Norfolk Island Policy and the General Manager's Performance Review was provided. For more information on these, please see their detailed releases included in this week's media.

This media release provides a brief overview of some of the matters that were addressed at the Council meeting. For full details visit Council's website www.norfolkisland.gov.nf to view the meeting Agenda, Minutes or to listen to the recording of the meeting. Hardcopies of the Agenda and Minutes are available to view in hardcopy at Customer Care or the Library.

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Lotta Jackson
GENERAL MANAGER

20 October 2017