

TIME ZONE SURVEY RESULTS

There was an excellent response from the community to the recent the time zone survey conducted from 4 – 25 August 2017. Overall, 607 responses were received. Of these, 30 responses were found to be either incomplete as they did not provide sufficient information to be used for analysis or were a duplicate. The balance of 577 responses therefore remained for analysis.

The survey reported an overwhelming (85%) of respondents support a change to the current Norfolk Island time. Of the 85% who indicated a preference for a change, the most common reason was the distribution of daylight hours to enable more hours of daylight in the evening after work for recreation, health and well-being as well as more time for tourist activities.

A breakdown of preferences shows that:

40% supported UTC +11:00 plus daylight savings

28% supported GMT+ 11:30 minutes

17% supported UTC + 12:00

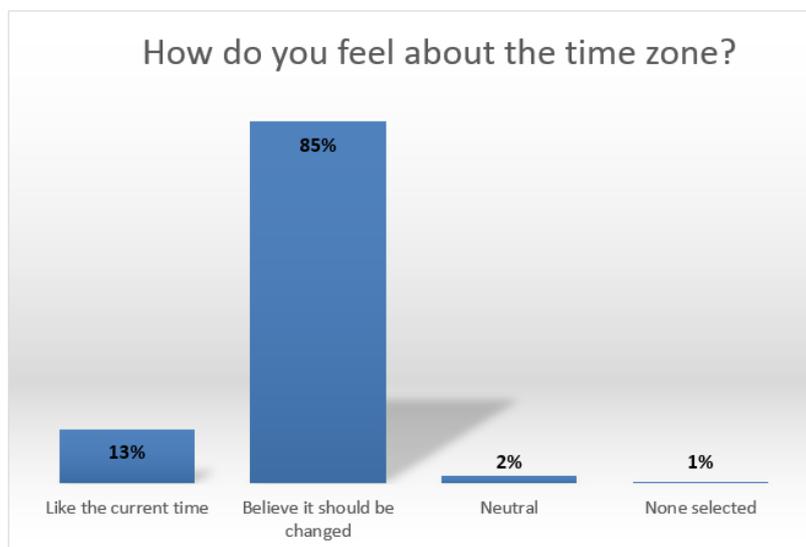
Of these 577 valid survey responses, more females (57%) than males (43%) and a majority of people over the age of 60 (36%) completed the survey. Responses indicate a good match against the age demographic of Norfolk Island residents when compared with the 2016 ABS census results which indicates that 33% of the population over the age of 60 years.

Results of Questions

1. How do you feel about the current time zone?

Of the 577 responses analysed, 85% (489) of respondents indicated that they believe that the current time zone (UTC +11:00) should be changed.

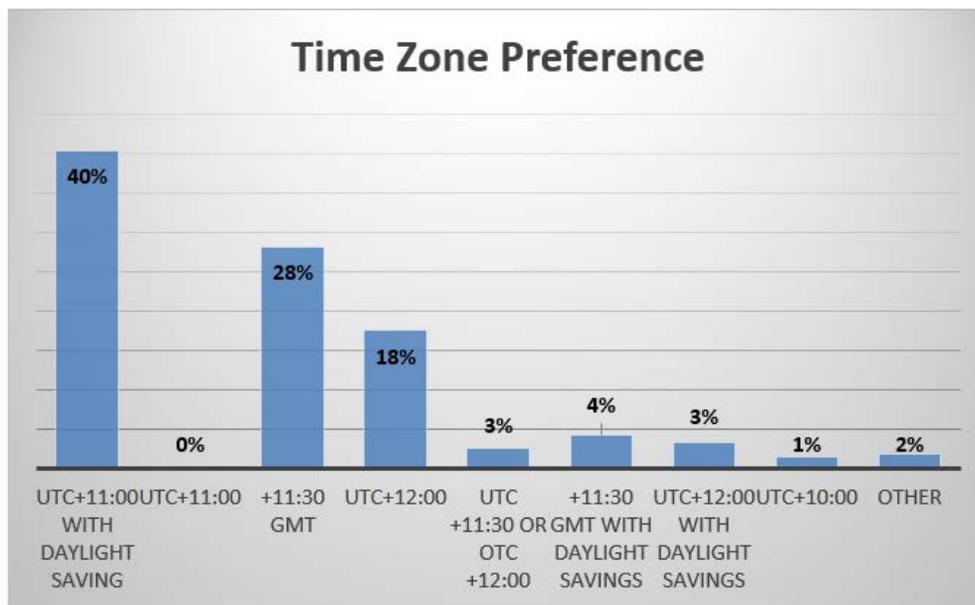
Chart 2. Column Chart - responses to survey question "How do you feel about the time zone?"



2. What time zone do you think should apply to Norfolk Island?

Of the 85% (489) respondents who indicated a preference for the time zone to be changed, the most preferred choice was UTC +11.00 with daylight savings. All results of question 2 are shown in the chart below.

Chart 3. Column Graph – Preferred time zone for the 85% who indicated that they would like a change in time zone



Analysis notes:

1. Where duplicate records were received, the first survey response was used (22).
2. Survey responses that were found incomplete and did not provide sufficient detail to enable analysis were discarded (8).
3. Where a survey response contained conflicting information, but which referenced in writing a return to the previous Norfolk Island time zone as the preferred option then 11:30+GMT – Norfolk Island (previous) was selected.

The above results were provided at the 18 October 2017 Ordinary Council meeting where Council resolved:

RESOLUTION 2017/169 As a result of the community survey on time zones which supported preference for daylight savings time:

That Council requests the Minister to prepare an Ordinance to enable a change to the Norfolk Island Time to UTC +11.00 plus daylight saving time to commence on the first Sunday of October each year and ending first Sunday of April each year. In acknowledgement that the community and key tourism industry representatives would require a period to adjust to any time change, Council endorses the intention highlighted in the 'Social Implications' section of the Report to Council that well planned communication take place with key tourism industry representatives including travel providers and airlines 'to ensure that the change does not negatively impact travel to Norfolk Island.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to extend a large thank you to the community for taking the time to complete the time zone survey. Please also note that subject to the result of the Ordinance the change to daylight savings would commence from 2018 at the earliest.

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