

MAYOR'S UPDATE

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NORFOLK ISLAND
REGIONAL COUNCIL



SE MUSSA KRESMES AND THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS TO SHARE ...

‘Council met on Wednesday the 19th for the last time in 2018 and I thought the community would welcome the following good news, which transpired at the Meeting starting with two mayoral minutes that were unanimously agreed in the following terms,’ Mayor Adams said.

‘FUNDING FOR NORFOLK ISLAND AIRPORT RE-SEAL

‘Council acknowledges the Mayor has received advice from the Hon Sussan Ley MP, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories that funds for the Norfolk Island Airport runway re-seal have been agreed; and requests the Mayor write to the Minister on behalf of Council and the Norfolk Island community thanking the Commonwealth for its generosity.

‘ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING

‘Council –

- 1) Acknowledges the Mayor has received advice from the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and from the Hon Scott Buchholz MP, Assistant Minister for Roads and Transport, that the Australian Government will be including the Norfolk Island Regional Council in the new five-year funding period for the Roads to Recovery Program from 2019–20 onwards;
- 2) Notes that the Roads to Recovery life of program allocation to Norfolk Island for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 will be \$331,715; and
- 3) Requests the Mayor write to the Commonwealth on behalf of Council acknowledging Council’s eligibility for the new funding.”

‘NORF’K KAUNSL FE YANG SALAN AND NORF’K JUUNYA KAUNSL TERMS OF REFERENCE

‘(TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NORFOLK ISLAND YOUTH COUNCIL AGREED)

‘It gives me great pleasure,’ Mayor Adams said, ‘to advise that the terms of reference for the Norfolk Island Youth Council have now been agreed with the following motion endorsed –

‘That Council –

1. adopts the draft Norfolk Island Youth Council and Junior Youth Council Terms of Reference;
2. approves the Community Development Officer to advertise for expressions of interest for membership of the Norfolk Island Youth Council as per the Terms of Reference;
3. agrees the Mayor and Deputy Mayor shall provide guidance and mentoring to the Youth Council when requested;
4. Notwithstanding the Youth Council will be able to apply for funding through the Council’s Community Grants program, Council will provide funding up to \$1000 on a one-time basis to the Norfolk Island Youth Council for Youth Week activities in April 2019.’

‘On behalf of Council I extend sincere thanks to Council’s Community Development Officer Ms Kym Buffett who has assisted me to bring planning for this project, which commenced in early 2017, to a most satisfactory conclusion. I also extend thanks to the Principal Mr Brett Carr and his staff at the Norfolk Island Central School

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(NICS) for their support in the establishment of the “Junior Youth Council – Norf’k Juunya Kaunsl”,’ the Mayor said.

‘The following was also unanimously agreed:

‘HOSTING OF 12TH PACIFIC MINI GAMES IN 2025 ON NORFOLK ISLAND

‘Council agreed a letter of support be provided by the Mayor to the Norfolk Island Amateur Sports and Commonwealth Games Association for the 12th Pacific Mini Games to be hosted on Norfolk Island in 2025. Council noted the compliance bond of \$25,000 will be paid at the close of bids by the Association; and that the deadline for the bid application to be lodged is 14 January 2019.

‘PORTION 44A – REQUEST FOR “IN PRINCIPLE” AGREEMENT TO SITE AN ATHLETICS EQUIPMENT STORAGE SHED

‘Council gave in principle support to the application from Athletics Norfolk Island for the construction on part of Portion 44a of a storage shed for their athletics equipment on the understanding that the construction of the storage facility would be fully funded by Athletics Norfolk Island.

‘PROPOSED EXTRACTION OF ROCK AT HEADSTONE

‘Council encouraged the General Manager to bring to Council as soon as possible a Significant Development Application to extract rock at Headstone.

‘THE WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST

‘I was invited to say a few words at a dinner hosted Wednesday evening by representatives of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust – Ms Alex Sloan (Director) and Ms Sally Campbell (Senior Executive Officer) – who were on-island with their partners to welcome the 2018 Churchill Fellows and to meet with other Fellows living on Norfolk,’ Mayor Adams said. ‘It gave me great pleasure on behalf of Norfolk’s Churchill Fellows – past, present and emerging – and on behalf of the Norfolk Island community – to offer a huge thank you to The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for the generosity of the Trust to the Norfolk Island People over many years. In the words of the great Winston Churchill

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET;
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE!**

‘SE MUSSA KRESMES ...

‘This is the final Mayor’s Update for 2018 and I wrap up the year by sincerely wishing all who live on this beautiful Island that I and my family are blessed to call home – a wonderful Christmas shared with family and friends; and may 2019 bring all the Norfolk Island people – both here and away – peace, joy, good health and all that your hearts’ desire.’

Cr Robin Adams JP

MAYOR