



# MEDIA RELEASE

## OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING

19 DECEMBER 2018

An Ordinary Council Meeting was held on 19 December 2018. Some of the matters discussed are detailed below.

Mayoral Minutes were submitted on the topics of Funding for Norfolk Island Airport Reseal and the Roads to Recovery Program.

Council had previously asked the General Manager to investigate the following:

- Funding Opportunities for Scientific Studies – specifically to provide background evidence to facilitate discussions on long-term population targets for the island. Council will need to scope this project and put a business case together and cost the project before the Commonwealth is able to assess if any funding is available. The General Manager will explore other avenues for funding this.
- Dredging the Kingston Jetty – Council was informed by the General Manager that the waters around the jetty are part of a Marine Park, and that the Commonwealth is responsible for this.
- The University of Newcastle Project – this project, with the title Norfolk Island Food and Bioeconomy Program has now been scoped by the University Project Lead Dr Cristelle Maurin. The aim now is to find funding for the work.

Further Status Reports that were put to Council included the Rates Report and a report on the third round of applications for the Building Better Regions Fund.

Two Reports from Committees were presented:

- Minutes of the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee held on 23 November 2018.
- Minutes of the Public Reserves Advisory Committee held on 4 December 2018.

The General Manager delivered reports on Waste to Energy at a Local Scale Feasibility Study Project and the Terms of Reference for the new Norfolk Island Youth Council.

The Investment Report submitted to Council showed that, as at 30 November 2018, the total investment portfolio was \$16,156,534. The interest accrued on investments for the month of November was \$30,380, and for the year to date this was \$159,483.

Reports were also tabled on the Tourist Accommodation Legislation Survey Report and the Initial Recommendations Arising from the Hydro Tasmania Plan Addressing Norfolk Island Energy Challenges.

Mayor Robin Adams placed three Notices of Motion before Council:

- Support for the South Pacific Mini Games 2025
- Athletics Norfolk Island and Storage Shed on Portion 44A
- Proposed Quarrying for rock at Headstone.

Finally, the Group Manager Services Bruce Taylor's renewal of his Contract for a further three years until 30 June 2022, was noted.

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](http://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 at Customer Care or the Library.

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Lotta Jackson

**GENERAL MANAGER**

21 December 2018