

# MAYOR'S UPDATE

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## **ARRIVAL OF THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER MR ANDREW ROACH**

“Council looks forward to welcoming the new General Manager Mr. Andrew Roach who arrives on 4 January 2020 to take up his new role on 6 January 2020. I wish to extend my personal thanks to our Interim General Manager Mr. Bruce Taylor for his professionalism and assistance to me personally in performing this role for the past few months while Council recruited for our new General Manager” Mayor Adams said.

“The issue of water is topical at the moment with discussions taking place with the Commonwealth and the CSIRO on our underground water supply so the following motions that came before Council at our meeting last Wednesday 18 December 2019 were timely” the Mayor said.

## **WAIVER OF WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY ON TANKS IMPORTED INTO THE ISLAND**

“In response to community representation I proposed the following motion which was unanimously supported by Councillors:

“Council requests, as a matter of priority, the Waste Management Regulations 2004 (NI) (the regulations) be amended to exempt tanks imported for storage of water from the requirement to pay the levy imposed under the regulations upon all goods imported into Norfolk Island; and the funding of this initiative be negotiated with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development under the State Service Delivery Agreement.”

## **NORFOLK'S WASTEWATER OPTIONS STUDY**

There have been 3 rounds of community consultation on the DRAFT Business Case for the Upgrade of the Norfolk Island Wastewater Treatment Plant and feedback has been incorporated into the final document that was presented to Council this week.

The business case has outlined a cost benefit analysis of 4 treatment plant and beneficial reuse options. However, Option 1 which is the Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor with water recycled to agriculture and community standpipe is the only treatment plant and reuse option that meets all of Norfolk's economic, social and environmental needs which are –

- High quality effluent treatment with low maintenance requirements.
- Water storage and distribution network to recycle effluent to agricultural areas and the community via a standpipe.
- Inexpensive operating costs to minimise impact on the community
- The ability to reuse the water for a range of activities such as irrigation of edible crops, stock watering, passive aquifer recharge and irrigation of pasture.

“Council on Wednesday adopted the Balmoral Group Australia and NSW Public Works Advisory Report and agreed the General Manager provide the business case to the Department of Infrastructure Transport Cities and Regional Development to seek avenues for external funding. Councillors put Assistant Minister Nola Marino on notice of this intention when we met with her last week” the Mayor said.

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## **USE OF CRUSHED GLASS IN ROAD MAKING**

"The following important initiative brought to Council was also unanimously agreed:

"I Councillor Porter move that Council investigate the funding opportunities to allow us to incorporate our crushed glass into our road making effort both in the base and the seal"

## **BEST WISHES TO THE NORFOLK ISLAND COMMUNITY FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON AND FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

"On behalf of my council colleagues I wish all in the community the very very best for a wonderful festive season spent with family and friends and may 2020 bring us all on Norfolk Island blessings, health and happiness.

*'We acknowledge our Elders, past and present and we acknowledge the Norfolk Island People, the traditional custodians of this Island'*

Cr Robin Adams JP  
Mayor  
20 December 2019