



## KAVHA update

We are pleased to announce Maree Evans commenced her role as the new temporary Interpretation Coordinator/Researcher on 18 January.

Maree brings a passionate local knowledge and advocacy for Norfolk culture to the role. From her post graduate research into artist George Raper, whose 1790s water colours of Norfolk Island enable our understanding of the early colony, to her on-island heritage work, including coordinating research and delivery of the Norfolk Island Museum exhibition 'Paddock to Plate', Maree will be a real asset to unlocking some of the rich stories here for interpretation.

The next meeting of the KAVHA Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 2021. It is hoped that the meeting will be able to held on island, but this will, of course, be subject to restrictions on travel due to COVID-19 that are applicable at the time.

Work on reviewing and updating the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area Heritage Management Plan (HMP) is under way. Because of the site's heritage status, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) requires that a management plan is in place for the site and this is reviewed every five years. As the current HMP was completed in 2016, it is now up for review. There will be opportunities for the community to contribute to the review process in 2021.

## Preserving Norfolk Island's incredible marine environment

Norfolk Island was the big winner out of Round Two of the Australian Government's Marine Parks Grants Program.

More than 10 per cent of the entire round – covering all 58 Australian Marine Parks – went to Norfolk Island, to support on-island users and industries to deliver projects that will support our extraordinary natural environment into the future.

The recipients of Round Two of the program included:

- Norfolk Island Regional Council, who received **\$236,580** to educate and empower responsible care and use of the Norfolk Island Marine Park through the development of two short films
- Pendoley Environmental Habitat Mapping, who received **\$61,940** for nearshore marine habitat of mapping of the marine park.
- iXblue Pty Ltd who received **\$399,000** for a seafloor mapping initiative to understand the water habitats and environmental history of the shoreline and adjacent waters nearshore of Norfolk Island.

Congratulations to the three grants recipients for their efforts to conserve and protect Norfolk Island's astounding wildlife for generations to come.

## A message from the Administrator Eric Hutchinson



Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. The intent of this publication is to be a factual and useful update of the work of the Australian Government on behalf of the Norfolk Island community and a reliable source of truth. I welcome feedback on what sort of information you would like included in the future or improvements to the way it can be delivered.

If you would prefer to have the information provided in an email format this also can be arranged by contacting either Barb or Kelly in this office.

There is more work to be done this year and new challenges and opportunities will undoubtedly present as well. The enablement of a regular, reliable and cost effective sea-freight service remains the first priority for this office and good progress is being made, for which I'm grateful for the work of the on-island departmental team.

I welcome the JSCNET enquiry into data connectivity, good things are happening in KAVHA, economic development and easier access for visitors via air services remain priorities for me and my office.



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# Newsletter

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## Economic stimulus package update

### Tennis Courts

The Norfolk Island Cheryl Tennis Club is enjoying new court surfacing, this project is halfway completed, with two more courts to lay.



### Lions Park

The refurbishment of the existing playground is under way and the new addition of a gas BBQ and shelter has been completed. The community will notice the construction of a learner bike track has commenced and a building of a second BBQ shelter will begin in the coming weeks. New play equipment has been purchased to further enhance the play experience at the Lions Park.



### Netball Courts

The Norfolk Island Netball Association are excited to see the installation of two new netball court surfaces. The Laykold masters Advantage high quality playing surface is an acrylic cushioned surface, increasing player safety and reducing the impact on joints.

The court surfaces are now complete.



## Current consultations

Senversa will be returning to Norfolk Island in mid-February to recommence the detailed environmental investigation.

Senversa will be finalising and releasing the Preliminary Site Investigation Report and undertaking field works (including sample collection) for the Detailed Site Investigation.

With assistance from several Australian Government departments, they will undertake community information sessions to explain their findings and the next steps in the per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation and management process.

A number of further community consultations have been scheduled for the first half of 2021, including on the Norfolk Island strategic plan and ports management.

More information will be provided to the community about these consultations – including dates, engagement opportunities and locations – in the near future.

## Grant rounds open

The Building Better Regions Fund and the Stronger Communities Programme will soon be open for applications. For more information on the programs, including guidelines on eligibility and the application process, go to [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au)



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