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## Update on Norfolk Island Regional Council matters

Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories, the Hon Nola Marino has now issued an order to extend the temporary suspension of the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) and the appointment of Mr Michael Colreavy, the interim Administrator, for a further three months.

In the meantime, the work of the Public Inquiry into the Norfolk Regional Council is progressing, following the Commissioner, Ms Carolyn McNally and the Inquiry team visiting Norfolk Island from 13 to 15 April, to offer the opportunity for community members to speak informally with the Commissioner, with a number of sessions taking place.

Members of the public who wish to provide formal information relevant to the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry must make a submission by **Friday 7 May**.

Submissions should be made in writing – preferably by email due to delays in post between Norfolk Island and the mainland.

You can make a submission by emailing [NIRCpublicinquiry@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:NIRCpublicinquiry@infrastructure.gov.au)

Further information on making a Public Submission and on the formal inquiry process is available here:

[https://www.regional.gov.au/territories/norfolk\\_island/public-inquiry-nirc/index.aspx](https://www.regional.gov.au/territories/norfolk_island/public-inquiry-nirc/index.aspx)

For any other inquiries please contact the Secretariat:

Email: [NIRCpublicinquiry@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:NIRCpublicinquiry@infrastructure.gov.au)

Mail: NIRC Public Inquiry, Office of the Commissioner, GPO Box 594, Canberra, ACT, 2601

## HMS Sirius site preservation and Kingston works

I am pleased to see two critical heritage management and conservation projects at Kingston progressing, including the engagement of Cosmos Archaeology to develop the draft Heritage Management Plan (HMP) for the HMS Sirius wreck site and the repairs to the Royal Engineer's Office (REO).

The community will have the opportunity to provide input to and feedback on the HMS Sirius HMP through a public consultation process in the coming months.

If you would like more information on either of these projects, please contact Martin Purslow (phone: 23115; email: [martin.purslow@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:martin.purslow@infrastructure.gov.au)).

## A message from the Administrator Eric Hutchinson



ANZAC Day is when two nations stop and reflect on a defining moment in their military histories. Not to glorify war, but to remember the sacrifice made by so many at Gallipoli and in the other battles of WWI in defence of freedom. Similarly, it is an inclusive opportunity for us all to recognise those who have served and those who continue to serve in the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces.

On 25th April at services of remembrance around the world, the New Zealand

and Australian national anthems are played in acknowledgment of those who have served their nations in uniform and to remember the sacrifices made on our behalf.

The very moving commemorative services held here on Norfolk Island may very well have greater resonance by acknowledging those of Pitcairn descent who fought for both Australian and New Zealand, and alongside nationals of both those countries. It would be fitting and absolutely proper to play the national anthems of Australia and New Zealand, not instead of but in addition to the Royal anthem and the Pitcairn anthem, on ANZAC Day.



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# Newsletter

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## COVID economic stimulus update

It's great to see the significant progress being made on works across Norfolk Island's 22 stimulus projects with a number of the initiatives now complete or nearing completion, providing improved amenity for the community and visitors.

The upgrades to Rawson Hall are almost complete, including the exterior paint works:



The toilet upgrades at Puppies Point are near completion, with just some external fixtures remaining:



The back green shade structures of the NI Bows club are now complete, with the front veranda structures to be completed following the upcoming bowls competition:



## Freight and ports update

We are continuing to pursue shorter-term options to increase sea freight capacity - building on the considerable work done by on-island working groups.

Designs are in preparation for a potential temporary landing structure at Cascade Pier, which would allow a wider range of vessels to provide shipping services to Norfolk Island.

Additional freight flights have been scheduled to clear some of the freight backlog.

Discussions are also under way with several interested shipping companies to investigate whether more frequent shipping services are possible in the medium and long term.

We anticipate consultations commencing in coming weeks on the longer term options through the Ports Management Strategy.

The community will be kept informed on the progress of these arrangements.

## Did you know?

You can keep up to date with the latest developments, current status of COVID restrictions, as well as safety advice for individuals and businesses at:

<https://www.australia.gov.au>

The Australia.gov.au website has the latest updates from National Cabinet, including on Australia's COVID-19 vaccination strategy.

The website also links to Departments and Agencies across the Australian Government with the latest information and resources for businesses and employers, including on how to best manage the risks from COVID-19 in the workplace, as well as resources for individuals managing financial hardship, and those most at risk in our communities including domestic violence support services, a helpline for people living with a disability.

