



# GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Official Website Opens Governance Charter for Public Review

**Website Now Live — Proudly Ours,  
Proudly Bilingual**



The Government of Norfolk Island has officially launched its website — [www.govni.org](http://www.govni.org)

This is a place for the community to connect with government, stay informed, and take part in decisions that affect Norfolk Island. The site brings together the working side of government in one accessible space: from key documents and updates, through to General Assembly materials and the ability to make submissions directly for Government consideration.

Importantly, the site stands proudly bilingual, with Norfolk language alongside English. Norfolk carries the living voice of Norfolk Island across generations, holding our stories, knowledge, and deep connection to this place. Its presence affirms who we are: a people whose language, land, and identity move together, and whose distinct place and governance are grounded in that continuity. By giving Norfolk equal standing, the Government ensures our voice is active and visible in how we live, make decisions, and govern our homeland.

#### **Governance Charter Open for Review**

The Governance Charter and Operational Manual 2026 is now accessible from our website and is open for public review. This document sets out how GNI will operate, how decisions are made, and how accountability is maintained.

Online, the Charter has been broken into its

individual parts, each with a short, recorded summary to make it easier to navigate.

Community feedback is welcomed. Submissions can be made via the website or in person at the GNI Hub in the Norfolk Mall.

Feedback will remain open until the General Assembly meeting on 30 May, when the Charter will be on the Notice Paper for adoption.

#### **Preparing for the First General Assembly**

Our focus now is on preparation for the inaugural General Assembly meeting.

In the coming days, meeting papers will be uploaded to the website, along with proposals for new committees and other motions currently under consideration.

Please check the website regularly, stay informed, and take the time to consider the matters that GNI will bring forward for discussion and collective determination.

#### **Acknowledgment**

We acknowledge that much of this work has taken place behind the scenes over recent months, the reality of building a system from the ground up!

Now that the foundations are in place, the work moves forward with the community.

This is our moment to step back into our role in shaping the future of Norfolk Island.

The Government of Norfolk Island sincerely thanks the many individuals who have given their time, resources, and professional support to help bring us to this point.

Good luck orl ucklun.

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