



GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

MOTION PAPER

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: 30 May 2026

**MOTION # 3: Adoption of Government of Norfolk Island Official Emblems,
Seal and Insignia**

Purpose:

To formally adopt the official emblems, seal, insignia, flag, and associated visual identifiers of the Government of Norfolk Island for use across government proceedings, communications, publications, records, representations, and official functions.

Motion:

That the General Assembly adopts the official emblems, seal, insignia, flag, associated visual identifiers, and Schedule A – Official Identifiers Adopted Under Motion 3, including the authorised use of:

1. historic Norfolk Island Seal imagery associated with the 1856 Royal Warrant and Seal of Norfolk Island;
2. the Norfolk Island Flag; and
3. approved Government representations and derivative devices governed by the Government of Norfolk Island – Seal Usage & Visual Standards Manual (February 2026).

Official Seal of the Government of Norfolk Island

Contemporary rendering derived from the historic Norfolk Island Seal authorised under the 1856 Royal Warrant.

The image reproduced in this motion represents the contemporary authorised rendering of the historic Norfolk Island Seal imagery and is adopted for official Government use.

Rationale:

The adoption of official emblems, seal, insignia, and associated identifiers provides the Government of Norfolk Island with a clear and consistent civic identity for use across its communications, proceedings, records, representations, and official functions.

Throughout Norfolk Island’s history, official symbols have carried constitutional, civic, and cultural significance. They express continuity of public authority, institutional identity, and the enduring relationship between the Norfolk Island people and their homeland.

Particular significance attaches to the Norfolk Island Seal authorised under the 1856 Royal Warrant following establishment of Norfolk Island as a “distinct and separate settlement.” The historic seal imagery, originally drawn by Benjamin Wyon and long associated with Norfolk Island’s civic identity, remains a recognised and valued symbol within the community.

This motion affirms continued use of that historic seal imagery and recognises the Norfolk Island Flag as an official symbol for Government proceedings, publications, representations, and ceremonial functions.

Adoption of approved emblems and insignia supports consistency across Government communications, media, records, digital platforms, notices, and future ceremonial activities while protecting the integrity and recognition of official Government materials.

Branding & Visual Standards

The official use, reproduction, formatting, and application of adopted emblems, seal representations, insignia, typography, colour standards, imagery, layouts, and derivative devices shall be governed by the Government of Norfolk Island – Seal Usage & Visual Standards Manual (February 2026).

That document establishes approved representations, colour palettes, typography, reproduction standards, digital use requirements, media standards, and restrictions relating to the Great Seal and associated visual identity systems.

Future amendments to branding and operational visual standards may be approved administratively provided they remain consistent with the official identifiers adopted under this Motion.

Outcome Sought:

Formal adoption and authorisation for use of the official emblems, seal, insignia, flag, associated visual identifiers, and Schedule A adopted under Motion 3.

Impact Assessment:

Adoption of official emblems, seal, insignia, and the Norfolk Island Flag supports institutional continuity, cultural recognition, public identification, administrative consistency, and the orderly presentation of Government materials and proceedings.

This motion recognises and affirms historic and civic symbols associated with Norfolk Island and does not diminish or restrict broader community, cultural, or historical use of Norfolk Island symbols external to Government operations.

Resolution:

The General Assembly adopts the official emblems, seal, insignia, flag, associated visual identifiers, and Schedule A – Official Identifiers Adopted Under Motion 3, including the authorised use of the Norfolk Island Flag, the historic Norfolk Island Seal imagery derived from the 1856 Royal Warrant, and the Government of Norfolk Island – Seal Usage & Visual Standards Manual (February 2026), and authorises their use across Government proceedings, records, publications, communications, representations, and official functions.

Moved: Councillor, Timothy Brown

Voting: Adjudicated by Returning Officer

SCHEDULE A

Official Identifiers Adopted Under Motion 3

The following official identifiers are adopted for authorised use by the Government of Norfolk Island:

1. Great Seal of Norfolk Island



2. Norfolk Island Flag



3. Government Identifiers & Derivative Devices

Approved Government identifiers and derivative devices authorised under the Government of Norfolk Island – Seal Usage & Visual Standards Manual (February 2026).

