



GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

MEDIA RELEASE

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION DRIVES SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Government of Norfolk Island (GNI) has welcomed the successful conclusion of the inaugural General Assembly held on 30 May 2026, marking an important step in strengthening community participation and direct democratic decision-making on Norfolk Island.

Community members gathered at Rawson Hall to consider a series of foundational matters necessary to establish the governance framework and forward work program of the Government of Norfolk Island.

Following discussion and community participation, the General Assembly affirmed all motions presented before it and adopted the:

- General Assembly Procedural Orders;
- Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026;
- Official Emblems, Seal & Insignia of the GNI;
- establishment of a Select Committee on Constitutional Modernisation; and
- establishment of a Select Committee on Norfolk Island's Asset and Resource Base.

The Assembly also received and endorsed the release of two community consultation initiatives:

- Norfolk Island Land Trust; and
- Norfolk Island Referendum Law

Chief Magistrate Peter Christian Bailey said the Assembly demonstrated the community's commitment to constructive participation and collective decision-making.

"The most important outcome from the inaugural General Assembly is that the community now has clear opportunities to become directly involved in shaping Norfolk Island's future."

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for membership of the two Select Committee's seeking members with skills, experience, local knowledge, lived experience, and a commitment to Norfolk Island's future.

Community consultation will also commence on two important discussion papers: a Norfolk Island Land Trust, and the development of a modern Referendum Law. Feedback received through these consultations will be reported back through the General Assembly.

The Government thanks all community members who attended, participated in discussions, voted, asked questions, and contributed to the success of the inaugural Assembly. The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Sat 11 July 2026.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Apply to join the Select Committee on Constitutional Modernisation or Norfolk Island Asset & Resource Base
- ✓ Complete the Consultation form for the Norfolk Island Land Trust &/ or Norfolk Island Referendum Law Consultation

Applications for Select Committee membership close on 19 June 2026.

Further information, application forms and consultation papers are available at the GNI Hub in the Norfolk Mall, or at www.govni.org.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DAY NORFOLK ISLAND

It is an extra special occasion this year as we celebrate the 170th anniversary of the arrival of our forebears to Norfolk Island and come together as family and community to honour our heritage, culture, and continuity.

Special thanks to all who work so hard to make Bounty Day the success it always is, and to everyone who continues to participate in the many activities that keep our traditions alive. A warm welcome home to yorle who have travelled to join your families for Bounty Day, and to our visitors sharing this special occasion with us on Norfolk Island.

Enjoy plenty sweet wettles, singing, laughter, and dance, and eff yoo oowhy nuff fe roel douwn dar big hill, good a tun — go furret en fars es wae yoo e!

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