



GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

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Community Participation Continues as General Assembly Work Progresses.

The Government of Norfolk Island has welcomed the positive outcomes of the second General Assembly held on Saturday 11 July 2026, with community discussion continuing to shape the Government's work program and future priorities. The meeting provided updates on several initiatives endorsed at the inaugural General Assembly including formation of the two Select Committees. Thank you to David McCowan who will Chair the Asset & Resource Base committee. More details will follow as the committees determine their approach to the work ahead of them.

Chief Magistrate Peter Christian Bailey thanked everyone who attended and contributed.

"The General Assembly continues to demonstrate the value of bringing the community together to discuss important issues openly and respectfully. Every meeting helps strengthen the foundations of community participation to ensure the Government's work continues to be informed by the people it serves."

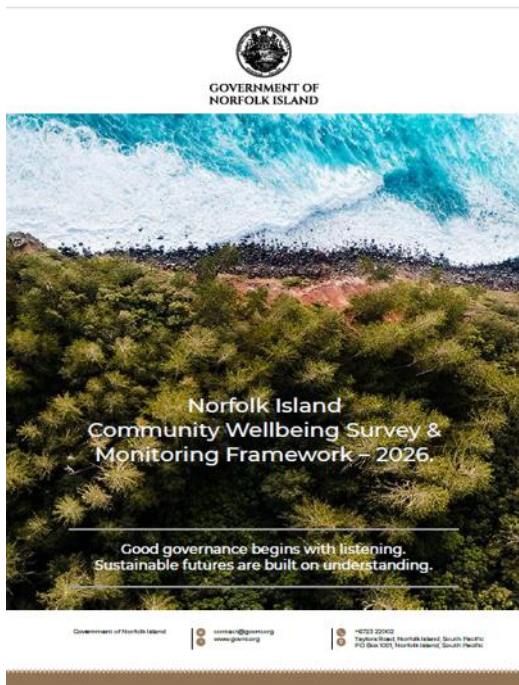
GNI Strengthens Norfolk's Pacific Voice at Nouméa Masterclass



Chief Magistrate Peter Christian Bailey attended the Pacific Political Science Masterclass 2026 on behalf of the Government of Norfolk Island, providing an important opportunity to place Norfolk Island's governance transition within a wider Pacific context. Held at the University of New Caledonia in Nouméa from 22–27 June, the Masterclass brought together Pacific scholars, practitioners and emerging leaders to discuss decolonisation, governance, diplomacy, regional cooperation and the political futures of Pacific communities.

For GNI, Chief Magistrate Bailey's attendance offered practical insight into New Caledonia's political and institutional arrangements, including visits to the Customary Senate, High Commission, Government, Congress, Armed Forces Base, Pacific Community and other regional bodies. These engagements provided useful comparisons for Norfolk Island's own pathway, particularly in relation to Charter implementation, institutional legitimacy, legislative process, cultural authority and relationships between distinct governing authorities.

Chief Magistrate Bailey's participation also strengthened Norfolk Island's visibility in Pacific regional discussions and created opportunities for future engagement with academic, diplomatic and regional institutions. The Masterclass produced practical lessons and valuable contacts that can support GNI's ongoing work on governance reform, regional engagement and long-term strategic planning.



The Norfolk Island Community Wellbeing Survey & Monitoring Framework 2026 was released for community consultation, with residents invited to review the proposed survey questions and identify any gaps before the Framework is finalised.

The initiative establishes a structured approach to measuring community wellbeing over time, providing an evidence-based foundation for future planning and decision-making.

Rather than relying on assumptions, the Framework is designed to help future decisions be informed by reliable community information and meaningful public participation, including preparation of annual State of Norfolk Island Reports as an independent, evidence-based picture of the Islands wellbeing, resilience and long-term sustainability.

Community feedback will help ensure the Framework reflects Norfolk's unique circumstances and becomes a practical, long-term tool for measuring what matters most to the community and informing future governance.



What does the Framework measure?

- Economic Sustainability
- Social Wellbeing
- Economic Resilience
- Cultural Continuity
- Governance & Constitutional Integrity

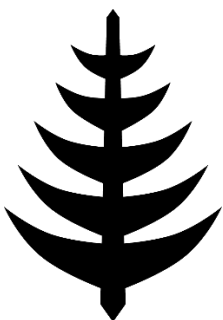
In addition to the Five Pillars, the Survey also explores:

- Population & Future Sustainability
- Community Priorities
- Future Aspirations
- Community Experiences

Before the survey is launched, the Government is asking the community to review the Consultation Draft. We welcome feedback on:

- The survey questions
- The Community Wellbeing indicators
- Whether anything important has been overlooked
- Whether the Framework reflects Norfolk Island's circumstances and priorities

Our objective is to make sure we are asking the right questions before establishing Norfolk Island's first Community Wellbeing Baseline under the Governance Charter.



Can you help please?

The GNI Hub in the Foodland Mall provides a friendly space to connect with GNI activities. For some of us, we prefer human contact than online. Our generous volunteers cover many hours but there are times they aren't available. We would be very grateful for more volunteers to be available to help support our community. Please call Robyn on 50109 or 22002. Thank you.

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