



GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

Inaugural General Assembly Papers Released

Community Invited to Review Business and Participate in the First General Assembly

The formal papers for the inaugural General Assembly, to be held on Saturday, 30 May 2026 at Rawson Hall commencing at 1.00pm, have now been released.

The papers available on www.govni.org include:

- Gazette Notice convening the General Assembly
- General Assembly Notice Paper
- Motion Papers for consideration by the General Assembly

This marks an important transition from preparation to participation, with the work of Government now moving formally into the General Assembly.

Matters Before the General Assembly

The Notice Paper sets out the proposed business for the inaugural meeting, including:

Motion 1 – Adoption of General Assembly Procedural Orders: to establish the procedural framework for meetings, participation, direct democratic decision-making, and continuity arrangements for The House.

Motion 2 – Adoption of Governance Charter & Operational Manual 2026: to consider adoption of the Governance Charter following public exhibition and community review.

Motion 3 – Adoption of Government of Norfolk Island Official Emblems, Seal & Insignia: to formally recognise the official emblems, seal, and insignia of the GNI.

Motion 4 – Establishment of Select Committee – Constitutional Modernisation: to commence the process of reviewing and modernising the 1838 Constitution through structured community consultation and future constitutional development.

Motion 5 – Establishment of Select Committee – Norfolk Island Asset & Resource Base: to begin work identifying Norfolk Island's assets, resources, and economic foundations to support long-term sustainability, opportunity, and resilience.

Motion 6 – Concept Paper – Norfolk Island Land Trust: to open dialogue on land stewardship, community benefit, and long-term protection of Norfolk Island's land and resources.

Motion 7 – Concept Paper – Norfolk Island Referendum Law: to open dialogue on future referendum arrangements to support direct democratic decision-making.

General business will provide an opportunity for matters raised by the General Assembly..

Electoral Roll Still Open

To participate in voting at the upcoming General Assembly, eligible persons must be enrolled on the GNI Electoral Roll, which remains open. Electoral Roll forms and information are available online at www.govni.org, at the GNI Hub in the Norfolk Mall, or by contacting the Returning Officer, Terence Grube JP, directly.

The Work Now Moves to the Community

The foundations have been laid. The Charter remains before the community for review. The papers are now released, and the work moves into the General Assembly.

This General Assembly is an opportunity for the Norfolk Island community to step directly into shaping the next stage of our future through participation, discussion, and collective decision-making. We encourage everyone to review the papers, make submissions where they wish, enrol where eligible, and join in this important first Assembly.

22 May 2026