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## Still time for feedback on draft Plan and Budget

Norfolk Island Regional Council would like to remind the community there is still time to provide feedback on the draft 2023-24 Operational Plan and Budget.

The draft Plan and Budget is on public exhibition until Thursday 1 June 2023, with the community having the opportunity to make written submissions until 4:00pm of that day.

Norfolk Island Regional Council Administrator, Michael Colreavy, described the draft 2023-24 Plan and Budget as an important step on the transition to sustainability.

“The Plan and Budget we’ve put forward contains important investments in Council’s operations and services, that ultimately benefit our community,” Mr Colreavy said.

“We’re increasing efficiency and sustainability at the Waste Management Centre, we’re making it easier for the community to enjoy the island by investing in roads, parks, and reserves, this is a Budget for the community.

“Our proposed Plan and Budget seeks to grow the local economy with investments in tourism and economic development as well as airport improvement works.”

Council’s investment in improved sustainability and increased efficiency across operations will help put Council in the best financial position possible.

“When Council is in a strong financial position it allows to not only properly fund essential services like the fire service, but it also gives us the resources to invest in projects for the community to enjoy like public barbeques and the library,” Mr Colreavy said.

Rates aren’t popular, but they play an important role in improving services and facilities, the draft 2023-24 Plan and Budget will see \$45.20 of every \$100 raised from rates spent on roads maintenance.

The Commonwealth will continue to provide \$200,000 in subsidies for ordinary rates, easing the pressure on our community.

“There is still time for the community to provide feedback on the draft Plan and Budget with written submissions still open through email and by mail,” Mr Colreavy said.

“I encourage the community to read through our April Special Edition Newsletter, it provides a good overview of the draft Plan and Budget.

The draft 2023-24 Operational Plan and Budget can be read in full on our website under the ‘Documents on Public Exhibition’ tab or in person at Customer Care and the Library where hard copies are available.

The Special Edition Newsletter can be read here -

[http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/sites/default/files/docs/NIRC/Newsetters/NIRC%20Special%20Edition%20Newsletter%20April%202023\\_0.pdf](http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/sites/default/files/docs/NIRC/Newsetters/NIRC%20Special%20Edition%20Newsletter%20April%202023_0.pdf)

The Draft 2023-24 Operational Plan and Budget can be read here -

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