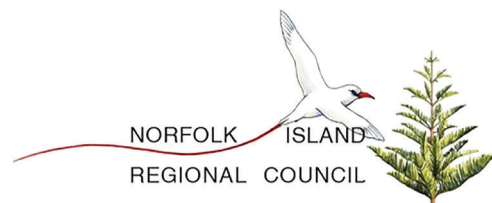


NORF'K FUSS



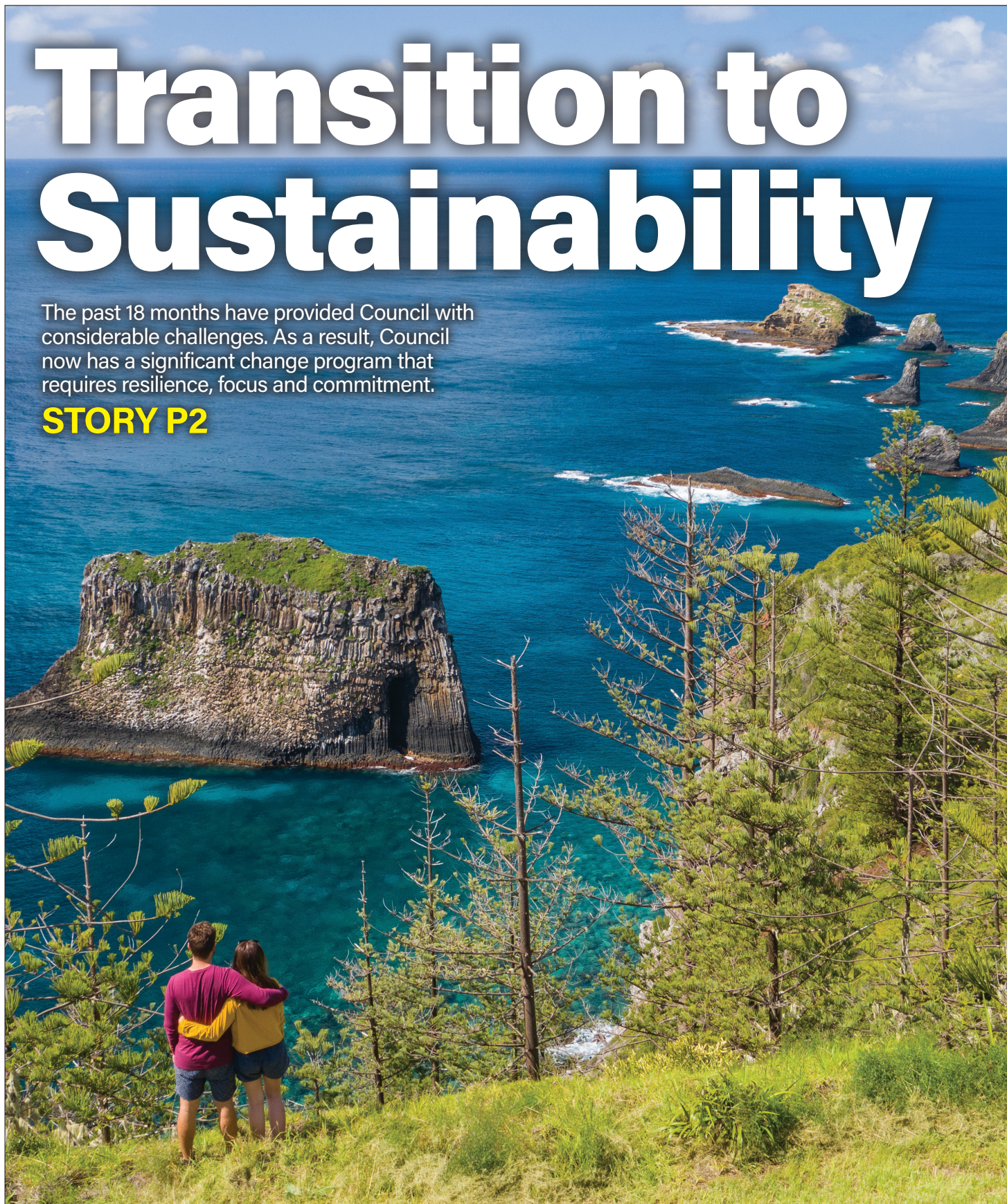
The Norfolk Island Regional Council Newsletter

September 2021

Transition to Sustainability

The past 18 months have provided Council with considerable challenges. As a result, Council now has a significant change program that requires resilience, focus and commitment.

STORY P2



100% renewable energy island

The Norfolk Regional Council remains committed to reaching its policy of 100% renewables by 2024. The Council's aim is to reduce the current tariff regime by at least half, which would benefit all households and businesses.

In December 2020, Council installed the Tesla 2MW Battery, which supplies 4-6 hours of energy to the island per day. In order to increase this output, Council will seek funding from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communications for Capital Expenditure support for additional batteries and generation to hasten the renewable energy program.

To procure this funding for capital grants from the Department, Council allocated \$200K in its capital expenditure for asset improvements in the electricity business unit. Furthermore, Council sought an

expression of interest to build a financial model for staged improvements, to move towards its target of 100% renewable energy sources by 2024.

In response to the expression of interest, Council has been engaging with energy

companies - EPC Technologies, Greencap and Energy Edge. EPC technologies submitted a technical and commercial feasibility roadmap to address the identified risks and place the operations of the Electricity Business Unit on a sustainable

footing. Part of this submission provides a financial assessment in order to build a pathway for the introduction of multiple tariffs, particularly feed in tariffs, and a pathway to reduce current fee, set at \$0.72 per kilowatt by at least half by 2024.



Transitioning from fossil fuel to renewable energy.



For more information, please visit: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf>

Transition to Sustainability

Continued from P1

STEP BY STEP

Council has adopted the following plans and programs to achieve its vision:

Community Plan

Corporate Plan

9 point Action Plan

External Audit Findings

5% Efficiency Target by 31 December 2021

5% Service Reductions by 31 December 2021

For more information, please visit: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf>

After 18 months of significant challenges the Council has a vision to make Norfolk Island the best small island in the world. This will be achieved by adopting a Transition to Sustainability policy that promotes the interests of both the community and business by becoming predominantly self-reliant, and in charge of its own destiny.

Transition to sustainability

The key aspects of the transition to sustainability are empowerment and feedback, innovative group process, partnerships, alliances and creative vision into practical action.

Council's Initiatives to achieve sustainability will focus on steps towards renewable energy, improving Councils ICT platform, improved wastewater outcomes, and better cost management as recommended in the September 2021 Business Paper.

Plans and programs

The change program is extensive and will demand significant resources from not only within Council, but from numerous external resources over the next few years. By aggregating the change programs this will provide an aligned focus for delivery.

By utilising the plans and programs adopted, Council will work with business and community to drive Council operations towards sustainability.

New Service Delivery Agreement

In addition to the adopted plans and programs, Council will need to address the findings of the Public Inquiry that are adopted by the Minister, and any other requirements that may be placed on Council through a new Service Delivery Agreement being negotiated in the next few months.

The Transition to Sustainability will deliver measurable benefits to our community and make Norfolk Island the best small island in the world.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf>

NI waste challenge

Norfolk Island Regional Council recently invited participants in the Norfolk Island Waste Challenge to the Waste Management Centre to take a look behind the scenes. Over 70 participants across four separate tours were keen to understand more about the various waste streams handled at the centre, processing of waste and recyclables and what happens with each stream. NIRC Staff wishes to thank the visitors for their interest in Council waste

operations and commitment to reduce our waste impact on the island. A special thank you to Rebekah Gupte and Sharyn Quintal for organising the NI Waste Challenge and raising awareness of waste generation and avoidance within the community. Well done yorlye! Keep an eye out for information from Council on how to segregate and reduce your waste.

Based on strong interest in the Waste Management Centre tours during the NI Waste Challenge,

NIRC is now looking at the opportunity for future tours to raise awareness and engagement on waste avoidance, segregation and the importance of organic waste. We are working with NI Connect and Banyan Park on tours for young people and will seek engagement with Norfolk Island Central School on future tours for students. Keep an eye out for tour opportunities when they are offered.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf>



PJ Wilson explaining the importance of sorting waste streams properly and how it aids recycling.

Maintenance at Memorial Park on Faye Bataille Drive has been carried out by Council staff member Neville Bigg.

The old concrete wood fired BBQs have been removed as these were falling to pieces and unsafe to use.

The shelter has been repainted and a new table top erected across the old wood fired BBQ. There was a lot of under-story clearing carried out, and the gardens given some much needed TLC, so the Memorial Park is now a perfect setting to enjoy time with families.



NORFOLK ISLAND EVENTS CALENDAR

11-16 September Spring Ukulele Festival

The Spring Ukulele Festival is set for September. Uke players and musicians of all levels of ability are encouraged to join the Norfolk musicians in the "cultural" mix of Aussies, Kiwis & Maori singers and don't forget the added dimension of the "Bounty" Pitcairn descendants with their unique culture, Norfolk language songs and Island Dancers.

26-30 September Theatre Festival

'Theatre in Paradise' is a great week of short plays performed by amateur theatre groups from Australia, Norfolk Island and New Zealand. Every year the Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society Inc. (NATS) host the theatre festival, allowing groups to vie for the Trans-Tasman trophy.

Every Wednesday at 9am, Norfolk Island Conservation Volunteers - Weed Removal

@ Hundred Acre Reserve. Morning Tea provided. Bring gloves and a good spirit!



Powering our parks with solar



Norfolk Electrical and four of Norfolk Island Regional Council's apprentices installing solar panels at Philip Island on Friday 13th August. (Left above) Getting the panels up the mountain using teamwork. (Right above, Left to right) Nicholas Johnson, Kya Snell, Will Buffett, Tae Evans, Zach Singer, Alani Snell, Martin Snell.

Updated status of Stimulus Projects

Roundabout Corner of Taylors and Grassy Roads

The construction of the third roundabout (Grassy/Taylors rd) on the Island has been completed last week with the final touches of paint works to the concrete median strips and traffic lines on the road pavement. All traffic signs were installed, so there shouldn't be any confusion from the public to follow the traffic rules regarding the use of the roundabout.

NIRC would like to thank the public for their patience during the construction stage of this roundabout, especially during the concrete pours/excavation works.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the skills and high degree of leadership from the local contractor (GP-Services) for the outstanding workmanship and efforts that were carried out during construction. GP Services did manage to safely execute this project without any incident and at the same time, maintained the flow of traffic through their work site with no issues.

We would also like to thank the NIRC roads crew for the fantastic work they've done on the re-sealing of car parks adjacent to the roundabout and shop fronts in the area. This work was not only necessary for safe access into/out of the car parks but, it also complete

the new look that freshens up the new roundabout.

Well done to everyone involved.

Footpath Airport to Burnt Pine

The construction of concrete footpath from NI Airport to Burnt Pine/Juddway is progressing well despite delays caused by inclement weather during winter months of this year 2021.

The completed section of the footpath from Mitchell's lane to the Airport has been poured, backfilled and reinstated to date. This section equates to about 70% of the total project that is completed.

The remaining section from Mitchell's lane to

Burnt Pine/Juddway is progressing well and is on target to be completed by early October 2021.

NIRC would also like to commend Richard Cottle and his team for works that they've completed to date. The workmanship and standard of finish on the concrete footpath is also outstanding. Keep up the good work.

The completed section of the concrete footpath has been opened up to the public in the last few weeks, and is refreshing to know that the construction team have received on a daily basis positive feedback from the public.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf>



Airport to Burnt Pine footpath works.



Roundabout works on the corner of Taylors Road and Grassy Road.

Working in partnership for Norfolk Island's environment

Council is working with the Norfolk Island Flora & Fauna Society to facilitate an ecological display, to promote, educate and raise awareness about the importance of protecting Norfolk Island's environment. You will soon find this display in the building (pictured) between the new Library and the Visitors Information Centre.

The display of natural history museum collection items will include significant historical

environmental items, preserved sea birds, a marine mammal skeleton and a small theatrette. The Flora & Fauna Society anticipates opening this in the New Year.

This exciting project will enable residents and visitors of all ages to identify plants, animals, sea life and birds. It will also provide a better understanding of the interconnectedness of all things in the Norfolk Island regional ecosystems.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf>



Contact: **Customer Care**
Address: **9 New Cascade Road NORFOLK ISLAND 2899**
Phone: **+ 6723 22244**
Email: **customer care@nirc.gov.nf**
Opening hours: **Monday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm** (closed on Public Holidays).

Follow us for updates 