

Administrator's update



It will be late in the evening on Saturday Norfolk Island time when the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will commence. I am confident there will be many locals who will happily be staying awake well into the wee hours of Sunday morning to witness this significant and historic event.

Here on Norfolk Island, there is planning under way to establish a permanent acknowledgment of this important event and I commend the efforts of the local people involved in organising this tribute.

In an Australian context, regardless of whether one is a monarchist or a republican, it is undeniable that our institutions and systems of government and, therefore, our citizens have been well served by the constitutional monarchy.

Indeed, long live the King!

New school shelter ready to cast shade

It's fantastic to see the completed new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) for the Norfolk Island Central School, with the facility providing vital shade and protection from the weather for students and teachers to use.

It's been a big project which has been delivered around school operations and weather, so well done to all involved. The final electrical works will also be finished shortly. It is great the school community can now benefit from the COLA into the future.





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Kingston Sewerage Scheme no longer a pipe dream

The first stage of the important Kingston Sewerage Scheme project commenced construction at the end of last month, with works continuing through until August.

The works largely involve the installation of pipework and pump stations in and around properties in Quality Row and the Government House precinct.

Tenants of the affected properties have been notified directly, while traffic disruptions on roads where the pipelines are being installed – Quality Row and Rooty Hill Road – will be announced prior to and during the works.

To assist in ensuring the safety of workers and the public, please follow signage and directions from traffic controllers when travelling in the area.

This key project is aimed at reducing human waste pollution and improving water quality in KAVHA and the surrounding Norfolk Marine Park.



Clarence Valley Orchestra visit hits all the right notes

After eight years of successful performances in their hometown of Grafton, NSW, the 40-piece Clarence Valley Orchestra travelled almost 1500 km to Norfolk Island from 13 - 18 April this year.

To welcome them to Norfolk Island, a surprise reception was held at Government House, much to the joy and appreciation of the travelling musicians, with their concert held on 15 April to celebrate the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island's 50th anniversary.

The concert was a huge success, with nearly \$5000 raised, with 50 per cent of proceeds and all bar sales going to Rotary to support their continued and important work for the Norfolk community.







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Museum update

The successful travelling exhibition *Dancing in Fetters: culture of convict dance* will be opening at the Royal Engineer's Office on 21 May.

The exhibition draws on the doctoral research of historian Dr Heather Blasdale Clarke, exploring the music and the dance that was a part of everyday convict life.

When we think of convicts, we don't tend to think of music and dance, yet it was an integral part of daily life and one of the most popular forms of recreation and entertainment.

The exhibition will be free to enter and showcases Norfolk Island related stories and artefacts including the 1840s infamous Queen's Birthday celebrations.

In conjunction with this unique exhibition, a Convict Culture Week will take place on island from 21-28 May with an action-packed itinerary of talks, dancing and singing workshops.

For more information on these events, get in touch with the Norfolk Island Museums or the Travel Centre.

