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## NORFOLK ISLAND

# Media release

## An update on RDA Norfolk Island activities

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The team at RDA Norfolk Island would like to wish everyone on island a very happy New Year and we are very excited about what lies ahead for us all in 2024.

Following on from the extended stay last year by our CEO, Madeleine Lawler, we have several projects and activities in the pipeline that we are keen to share with you.

### Regional Plan

Firstly, Madeleine has collated your feedback from her consultations on Norfolk and is in the process of finalising the draft of the Norfolk Island Regional Plan. We are planning to launch this Plan when Madeleine and our Chief Operations Officer (COO), Dianne Wall, are on Norfolk Island in February – more details to come soon – keep an eye out. A few of the items in the pipeline include:

- Food System Mapping with QUT
- Herd Genetics Program
- Improving access to Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme
- Local produce branding with Saturate

### Country Universities Centre (CUC) Grant application

We are very pleased to advise that the funding application for a CUC on Norfolk Island was submitted just before Christmas. Any progress will be shared when it is available.

### Reminder.....Graeme Sait visit

A reminder that Graeme Sait will be visiting Norfolk Island in February and running his Soil Health and Your Wealth course on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. If you haven't already registered and would like to attend, please contact Dianne Wall at [operations@rdamnc.org.au](mailto:operations@rdamnc.org.au).

## RDA Norfolk Island website

RDA Norfolk Island would like to formally launch our new website specifically for Norfolk Island – the website includes information about all of the projects that we are working on as well as links to useful resources that you can use. Check it out at [www.rdanorfolkisland.org.au](http://www.rdanorfolkisland.org.au).

We are always on the lookout for beautiful images that can be included on our home page carousel so if you have any that you would like to see included, please send them through to Dianne at [operations@rdamnc.org.au](mailto:operations@rdamnc.org.au).

## February Visit

Madeleine and Dianne will both be visiting Norfolk Island from 12-16 February 2024 and we would like to catch up with as many people as possible. If you would like to organise a time to meet with Madeleine and Dianne, please contact [operations@rdamnc.org.au](mailto:operations@rdamnc.org.au).

*"I want to extend a massive thanks to the Norfolk Island community for the support and welcome we received during my family's stay last year. I am very keen to get back to you to continue progressing the work we've identified. We'll come with our Norfolk Island Regional Plan and provide the chance to make any further contributions to the direction the RDA will be working on. Rest assured the work on key issues is not waiting around for the finalisation of the plan. The projects are progressing nicely as we get the plan completed."*  
Madeleine Lawler RDA MNC CEO

For further updates and information on what the RDA Norfolk Island team are up to, be sure to like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RDANorfolkIsland>).

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