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Norfolk Island Regional Plan

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RDA Norfolk Island (RDANI) are excited to announce that following our recent consultation on the draft Regional Plan and subsequent feedback received from the Norfolk Island community we are now able to launch the completed Norfolk Island Regional Plan.

RDANI are very appreciative of the engagement and feedback we have received in the development of our first regional plan for Norfolk Island and are looking forward to being able to deliver projects with Norfolk Island that align with this plan. The final copy of the plan can be found on the RDA Norfolk Island [website](#).

“We were very grateful to the community for the time we were given in our consultation on the Draft Norfolk Island Regional Plan. We got to have a number of one-on-one discussions to gather people’s thoughts which supplemented the community consultation event we held at Governors Lodge on the 14th of February. We also received a number of email submissions with feedback.

The feedback in the main was very supportive of the direction of the Regional Plan, emphasising that it does a fair job of representing the needs, challenges and opportunities of Norfolk Island. We have made specific updates to the plan to reflect the following:

- 1. Statistical comparisons with more comparable populations e.g. External Territories rather than the Mid North Coast and NSW alone*
- 2. Inclusion of digital literacy and cyber security as a pressing challenge*
- 3. A recognition of the limits that a small island naturally must adhere to in order to achieve sustainability in development*
- 4. Clarification of the regulation around tourism accommodation*
- 5. A more accurate depiction of the lending conditions for Norfolk Island in the banking sector*
- 6. Emphasising the importance of continuing to advocate for the freight challenges of the Island*
- 7. Clear support for community arts facilities*

Thank you to all people who took the time to participate in the development and refinement of this Regional Plan. Now it is time to get to work!”

Madeleine Lawler RDA MNC CEO

Our Chair, Kieren Dell and Acting CEO, Dianne Wall, will again be visiting Norfolk Island in late April and early May to continue the delivery of current projects with the Norfolk Island community. If you would like to engage with Kieren and Dianne on their next visit, please reach out to Dianne at operations@rdamnc.org.au.

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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