

MEDIA RELEASE

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COUNCIL REMINDS COMMUNITY TO LOOK AFTER ROAD SIGNS

Norfolk Island Regional Council (Council) is reminding the community of the important role road signs play in keeping island roads safe, following numerous instances recently of signs being damaged or completely removed.

A number of road signs and signposts have recently been found bent, damaged or missing. This creates unnecessary safety risks and additional costs.

Road safety

Road signs provide important information to road users, including visitors who may be less familiar with island roads. Keeping signs visible and in good condition helps everyone safely navigate intersections, directions and potential hazards.

Street name and directional signs also assist emergency services in locating properties and responding to incidents, particularly when time is critical.

The cost to the community

Each damaged sign must be inspected, repaired or replaced, requiring Council materials, labour and equipment, these costs are ultimately borne by the community, and take crews away from other scheduled road maintenance and improvement works.

How the community can help

Council asks the community and visitors to assist by:

- Respecting and preserving road signs by not tampering with, removing or defacing them.
- Contacting Norfolk Island Police on **22222** if they witness deliberate damage to public road signs.
- Reporting damaged or missing signs to Council on local free call **0100** or by emailing customercare@nirc.gov.nf.

Council thanks the majority of the community who continue to do the right thing and look after island infrastructure and keep our roads safe for residents, visitors and emergency services.

For any enquiries, please contact Customer Care by email at customercare@nirc.gov.nf, by local free call on 0100, or by telephone on (+6723) 22001.

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