

MEDIA RELEASE

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FINDINGS FROM COUNCIL'S BUILDING CONDITION ASSESSMENT

A Building Condition Assessment conducted on all of Council's 61 building assets found an overall building portfolio condition of Fair and an estimated remaining service potential of 47%.

Norfolk Island Regional Council (Council) engaged PP&E Valuations (NSW) Pty Ltd to undertake a visual, non-invasive assessment of nominated Council building assets, to improve Council's understanding of building condition, maintenance needs, renewal priorities, work health and safety (WHS) risk, service continuity risk and future funding requirements.

Inspections were undertaken between 25 and 29 August 2025. The assessment was finalised and certified on 30 November 2025 and issued to Council on 17 December 2025.

The assessment covered 61 building assets and identified observed defects, condition ratings, remaining service potential, indicative repair allowances and suggested repair timeframes.

Separately, Council engaged STS Structural Engineering & Consultancy to undertake a desktop structural assessment of three buildings nominated for potential use as public cyclone or severe storm refuges: Rawson Hall, the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church and the Guides Hall.

That assessment followed site visits in February and August 2025 and was issued to Council on 17 October 2025.

The summary of findings can be found in the tabled report item 14.4 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2026 (<https://norfolk.resolve.red.portal/meeting/641>) and are reported separately given their emergency-management significance.

Council notes the indicative repairs and renewal allowance of approximately \$4.0 million, including approximately \$741,500 in immediate or urgent repairs. There are other estimates of costs for future years.

The findings will inform Council's Asset Management Plans, Long-Term Financial Plan, Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program, Operational Plans and future budget processes.

Noting that expenditure is not approved, and that any future works remain subject to validation, a full business case, WHS risk assessment, procurement and budget approval.

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