

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### COUNCIL EXTENDS WARM WISHES TO THE NORFOLK ISLAND COMMUNITY ON BOUNTY DAY (ANNIVERSARY DAY)

The Norfolk Island Regional Council (Council) extends its warm wishes to the Norfolk Island community this Bounty Day (Anniversary Day), which celebrates the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of Pitcairn Islanders.

Bounty Day, held on 8 June each year, is one of Norfolk Island's most significant and meaningful community events.

It commemorates the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders in 1856 and reflects the Island's unique history, identity, and enduring community spirit.

On behalf of the Lead Administrator and the Financial Administrator, Council acknowledges the deep cultural importance of this day to the Norfolk Island community and recognises the generations of families who continue to uphold and share these traditions.

**Quotes attributed to Lead Administrator, Scott Mason:**

"On this Bounty Day, the Financial Administrator and I extend our warm wishes to the Norfolk Island community as you come together to reflect on your cultural heritage and continuity of your traditions."

"I know how rightfully proud you all are of your cultural heritage and ancestry, and I wish I could be there to witness the re-enactment and procession. I hope it is a beautiful day of celebration, from the procession through to time spent with family."

**Quotes attributed to Financial Administrator, Gary Mottau:**

"We recognise the strength and resilience in the Norfolk Island community, Bounty Day provides an opportunity to honour your heritage, celebrate your traditions and connect with one another."

"At the closing of every Council meeting, I read the final line of the John Adams prayer: '*That I may be fitter to dwell in heaven where thy worship and service be everlasting. Amen.*' I share this wish with you all on this day."

**Quotes attributed to Acting General Manager, Norfolk Island Regional Council, Scott Hackney:**

"I look forward to once again being present at the Bounty Day celebrations and witnessing the cultural pride and traditions of the Norfolk Island community. I am always deeply moved at the cemetery when hymns are sung, and wreaths are laid on the graves of ancestors."

Council thanks all those involved in organising and supporting Bounty Day events, whose efforts ensure this important tradition continues to be honoured in a respectful and meaningful way.

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