

**NORFOLK ISLAND
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.04 am, the Speaker, Hon Geoff Gardner, took the Chair and read Prayers

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Tim Brown recorded the passing of –

**Robert Blackwood Wotherspoon
Mary Carmel Lane
Malcolm Arnold Bains**

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members stood in silence

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Time for questions without notice having expired, the Speaker agreed a further extension of 10 minutes

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

- (1) Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services – Employment Tribunal Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2006
- (2) Mr Christian, Minister for Finance – Financial Indicators for August 2006 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- (3) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister – Report by Executive Member of the Legal Aid Advisory Committee under the Legal Aid Act 1995 for period 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006

5 **STATEMENTS**

- (1) Mr Christian, Minister for Finance –

- a. J E Road - reported on the construction and upgrading of J E Road
- b. Roads Programme for 2006-2007

- (2) Mr Buffett, Chief Minister –

- a. Mr Justice Murray Wilcox – Resigned from Supreme Court of Norfolk Island
- b. Commonwealth of Australia's relationship with Norfolk Island
- c. HMAS Sirius – commissioning of vessel on 16 September 2006
- d. Chief Administrative Officer – initiation of process to employ by March 2007

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker reported the following Message from the Office of the Administrator:

Message No. 43 from the Administrator advising that on 24 August 2006 His Excellency the Governor-General declared his assent to the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Amendment Act 2006 (Act No. 19 of 2006)

7 MUSEUM TRUST ACT 1987

Mr David Buffett (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT this House resolves for the purposes of paragraph 5(2) of the *Museums Trust Act 1987* that the executive member appoint

Owen Edward John Walsh

as a member of the Norfolk Island Museum Trust for the period 21 September 2006 to 20 September 2008

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS ACT 1960

Mr David Buffett (Chief Minister) to move –

THAT for the purposes of section 73 of the Court of Petty Sessions Act 1960, the House resolve to revoke the appointment of –

Jeanette Irene Haviland

and appoint

Ronald James Holdsworth

for the purposes of section 73 of the Act, as a person to whom will be transmitted all information, examinations, depositions, statements, recognisances and other documents sworn, taken or acknowledged in a case

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

9 SUPREME COURT ACT 1960

Mr David Buffett (Chief Minister) to move –

THAT for the purposes of section 23 of the Supreme Court Act 1960, the House resolve to revoke the appointment of –

Peter Hamilton MacSporran

and appoint

**Ronald James Holdsworth; and
Wayne Daniel Richards**

as persons who may file an information for an indictable offence triable before the Supreme Court.

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

10 IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006

Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, presented the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2006 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Brown) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

11 GREENWICH UNIVERSITY (REPEAL) BILL 2006

Mrs Jack, Minister for the Environment, presented the Greenwich University (Repeal) Act 2006 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mrs Jack) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

12 HEALTHCARE (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL 2006

Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services, presented the Healthcare (Amendment No. 2) Bill 2006 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Brown) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

13 BANKRUPTCY BILL 2006

Mr Nobbs, presented the Bankruptcy Bill 2006 and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr Nobbs) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

14 NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU ACT 1980 – METHODOLOGY FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

Debate resumed (Mr Nobbs) from 16 August 2006 on the question – That the motion be agreed to
Debate ensued

Question put - **THAT the motion be agreed to**

The House voted –

AYES, 5

**Mr Gardner
Mr Sheridan
Mr Nobbs
Mrs Jack
Mrs Boudan**

NOES, 4

**Mr Buffett
Mr Christian
Mr Tim Brown
Mr Brown**

Motion agreed to

15 HEALTHCARE LEVY INCREASE

Debate resumed (Mr Brown, Minister for Community Services) from 16 August 2006 on question – That the motion be agreed to

Debate ensued

Mr Brown moved the following amendment:

THAT the word “September” in the last line be removed and replaced with the word “December”

**Question – THAT the amendment be agreed to - put
Agreed to on the voices**

**Question – THAT the motion as amended be agreed to - put
Agreed to on the voices, Mr Sheridan dissenting**

16 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Sheridan, moved -

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn
until Wednesday 18 October 2006 at 10 am**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 ADJOURNMENT

Mr T Brown moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Mr Buffett participating with condolence for the death of the King of Tonga

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 12.56 pm adjourned until Wednesday 18 October 2006 at 10 am

Gaye Evans
Deputy Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present