

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CEREMONIAL SITTING  
TO MARK THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2009**

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TWELWTH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE  
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F'MAAK D' 30<sup>TH</sup> AEN'WERSRE  
WENSDI 19 ORGAS 2009**

- 1 PRECEDED BY THE DEPUTY CLERK, MR DAVID BUFFETT AM AND REV ROD OLDFIELD WERE SEATED IN THE CHAMBER**
- 2 THE SPEAKER TOOK THE CHAIR AT 1.30 PM**
- 3 HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVED IN CHAMBER**  
Preceded by the Clerk, His Honour the Administrator Hon Owen Walsh was received in the Chamber by Members standing in their places
- 4 PRAYERS**  
Prayers were read by Reverend Rod Oldfield
- 5 WELCOME BY SPEAKER**  
The Speaker welcomed the dignitaries, guests and Members and on behalf of the House expressed regret that Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AM Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia and His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce AM AE were unable to be present at the sitting due to inclement weather preventing their aircraft from landing this afternoon. The Speaker read messages of congratulations received from the Hon Bob Ellicott QC and the Federal Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Brendon O'Conner MP
- 6 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL CONVEYED TO THE HOUSE BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR**  
The Administrator read the Message of congratulation for 30 years of self-government that Her Excellency the Governor-General had planned to deliver at the sitting. Her Excellency's message noted that Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly Members were very close to their community, which presented both challenges and opportunities for direct democratic policy formulation. Her Excellency said that the consensus model of parliamentary decision-making in Norfolk Island had been very successful and she hoped that it would continue into the future.
- 7 ADDRESS BY CHIEF MINISTER**  
The Hon Andre Nobbs gave an overview of the Assembly's achievements since its inauguration on 10 August 1979 and paid tribute to councils, governments and Assemblies that have charted Norfolk Island's course through tumultuous and diverse times; and have risen to those challenges, with the result that the Norfolk Island we share today is testament to the fact that we are a positive anomaly, the jewel in the crown when it comes to self governing territories that are challenged by remoteness and scale of population, yet still provide 21<sup>st</sup> Century social services and programmes for health, education and welfare
- 8 ADDRESS BY MR DAVID BUFFETT AM**  
Mr David Buffett AM delivered an address which encapsulated the heritage of the original Pitcairn Island settlers; and outlined achievements over the 30 years since commencement of self-government

**9 ADDRESS BY MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE**

The Hon. Vicky Jack paid tribute to women who have made a meaningful contribution to the community through their active participation in the political arena from the early 90s to the present day; also acknowledging the work of the Women's Forum, which she founded in 2007, and the work of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Group in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, which plays a role globally in enhancing recognition of women and the meaningful role they can play in the evolution of parliamentary democracy

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

The Speaker adjourned the House at 2.25 pm until 10 am on Wednesday 26 August 2009

Robin-Eleanor Adams  
**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present except Mr Gardner.