



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Social Awareness Advisory Committee kicks off for 2009**

The Social Awareness Advisory Committee, which is made up of members of the public who are concerned with social issues, meets each month to make recommendations and to monitor the progress of matters of interest and concern to the community.

Issues considered at the January meeting included:

- Following representations by the Committee, the Administration has now formulated a policy for the provision of accommodation for those persons coming to the Island to conduct research. This will be beneficial for those persons or groups who are on island for an extended period.
- The recruitment process for the appointment of a replacement generalist counsellor has commenced with the position being advertised within Australia. The closing date for applications is 2 February 2009.
- The Hospital Director has recently held discussions with representatives for the provision of home care services. These are still ongoing.
- Update of the Dangerous Drugs Act is in progress. Prescription only drugs that were previously available have been removed so that they are now only available from a pharmacy.

The above are just some of the issues that were dealt with at a recent meeting. Any members of the community who would like to be part of this committee or who would like to know more information are encouraged to contact Allen Bataille on ph: 23691 in the first instance.

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