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Welcome to Norfolk Island Tourism's e-newsletter.

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Norfolk is a place like no other and we invite you to visit our island paradise.

TOURISM UPDATE:

The local Bowling Club has successfully hosted their 48th Bounty Bowls Tournament, although the number of teams participating were down compared to last year, the weather was perfect and the competition standard still very high. It is only 18 months away that Norfolk will host the World Bowls in December 2010. This month the annual Country Music festival kicks off with Australian singer Adam Harvey as the headliner and the Trans Tasman Award will be highly sought after by both Australian and New Zealand country music talent.

New Zealand news

Good print coverage from recent New Zealand publications; Scott Cushman from *NZ Fishing World* magazine wrote "Fintastic Norfolk" about catching huge tuna, Food and Wine critic Dennis Knill from *Business to Business* magazine focused on the local food and top market accommodation and the latest edition of the *New Zealand Dental Association* features a great travel story by Melanie Pohl. Look out for the Norfolk feature soon in Air New Zealand's in-flight magazine "Kia Ora".

Charter flights from New Caledonia

Great excitement as the first of seven planned airline charters for May/June arrived on the 19th May. It has been quite a few years since the last charter and with a flying time of less than 2 hours, it is an attractive holiday option to New Caledonians. Out door activities and shopping seem to be high on the list for our French visitors. Gregoire Lopez who is our French speaking exchange student has been a great help; conducting a welcome speech on board the aircraft and assisting with Customs paperwork as well as interpreting for our Visitors Information Centre staff! We look forward to welcoming more of these flights to Norfolk.

New market for Norfolk Island; fruit and vegetables!

A group of local farmers have initiated the idea of a weekly produce market. Growers with surplus fruit and vegetables can take produce to the markets to sell. It is also a great opportunity for visitors to pick up seasonal produce that they may need during their holiday. Norfolk Island grows all of its own produce, importing only potatoes, garlic and ginger. The Sunday markets will still operate focusing mostly on local arts, crafts and home made cooking.

Website – Press releases and articles

Now you can log onto our website www.norfolkisland.nf and read all the news by clicking onto "News and Media". This section features the latest press releases, magazine and newspaper articles and also there are archive copies of this tourism newsletter.

Jazz in the Pines festival – artists announced!

The Jazz in the Pines festival will be held 7-11 December and Norfolk Island Tourism is very excited to announce the line up. Australian jazz legend **Don Burrows** will be returning to Norfolk for the third time and bringing over with him, his own photographic exhibition. Also performing are Melbourne's **Syncopators**, Sydney based Norfolk Islander

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Jazz in the Pines Festival

Don Burrows



Rick Robertson



If you would like to contact Norfolk Tourism

Rick Robertson with his band **Eon Beats**, featuring singer **Evelyn Duprai**, and to complete the line up **The Kevin Hunt Trio** and **Johnny Nicol**. Contact Rhonda Griffiths (Norfolk Island Tourism Events Co-Coordinator) for bookings and enquiries rgriffiths@nigtb.gov.nf

Check out www.norfolkisland.nf for further information.

EVENTS: Golf - Veterans Tournament 16th, 18th & 19th February 2010

This tournament started very successfully in 1991. The Veterans Tournament is almost always booked out so don't delay. Participants must be 40 years or over and there are three age divisions. There are Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to be won for the best gross in each section as well as a huge prize table of locally orientated prizes. Book early to avoid disappointment. Entry fee includes a ticket to the presentation BBQ or fish fry, weekly green fees and tournament entry.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES: Garden Tours

Norfolk, Nepean and Phillip Islands are all that remains after a series of massive volcanic explosions, millions of years ago. The mountains and valleys are clothed in lush vegetation thanks to the rich soils that lie beneath. It was hoped that Norfolk Island would be the 'bread basket' of the new penal settlement in Port Jackson, back in the late eighteenth century, and despite some very poor seasons in the first settlement, it did become extremely productive. Today, Norfolk gardens produce all our local fruit and vegetable needs, as apart from onions and potatoes, no other fruit or vegetable is imported to the island. Apart from the need to survive, since the first convict settlement in 1788, settlers on Norfolk Island have had a fascination with gardening and this continues to today.

A visit to some of the island's gardens is a real treat, not just because of the glorious garden designs, but because each tour provides another glimpse of distinctive island life. There are a number of tours to choose from, including:

- Pinetree Tours - Behind the Hedges and the Greenfingers Tours (Ph 22424)
- Norfolk Touring Co - Gardener's Delight Tour (Ph 22232)
- BAUNTI ESCAPES - Cynthia's Garden Tour and Sustainable Gardens Tour (Ph 23693)

VISITORS COMMENTS:

'The people were so nice to you, & the staff, they made you feel welcome, & also made you feel like a local. It's a lovely safe & peaceful country.'

"NI should be marketed more to families. Has an undeserved reputation as a destination only suited to 'newly weds & nearly deads'. My nieces in their 20/30's found plenty of activities to do."

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Golf Veterans Tournament



Garden Tours



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