



**THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARCH 2013 NORFOLK ISLAND GENERAL ELECTION**

Chief Minister, David Buffett this week announced that he had advised the Administrator in writing to issue writs for a Norfolk Island General Election to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

“The important dates associated with the General Election are – **CLOSURE OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL** at 5pm on WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY; **LODGEMENT OF NOMINATIONS TO CONTEST THE ELECTION** will close with the Returning Officer Ms Yvon French at NOON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February,” the Chief Minister advised.

“General Elections form an important community component of the democratic process and voting is compulsory. Many countries around the world are still fighting for the ‘right to vote’. Along with voting rights come responsibilities one of which is to exercise your vote in secret in order to make sure that it counts towards the good governance of your local community. I urge all those eligible to vote to cast it wisely to ensure the future long term sustainability of Norfolk Island,” Mr Buffett said.

Voting will take place between 8am and 5pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Should anyone eligible to vote be absent or ill in the lead up to or on polling day they must apply to the Returning Officer for an absentee ballot paper. The application must be made following nomination day on 13 February, but not later than 5pm on Tuesday 12 March 2013.

Should any member of the community have questions regarding their enrolment or the nomination process please contact the Returning Officer, Ms Yvon French by email at [yvonfrench@admin.gov.nf](mailto:yvonfrench@admin.gov.nf) or telephone 22140 extension 2.

David E. Buffett  
**Chief Minister**  
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