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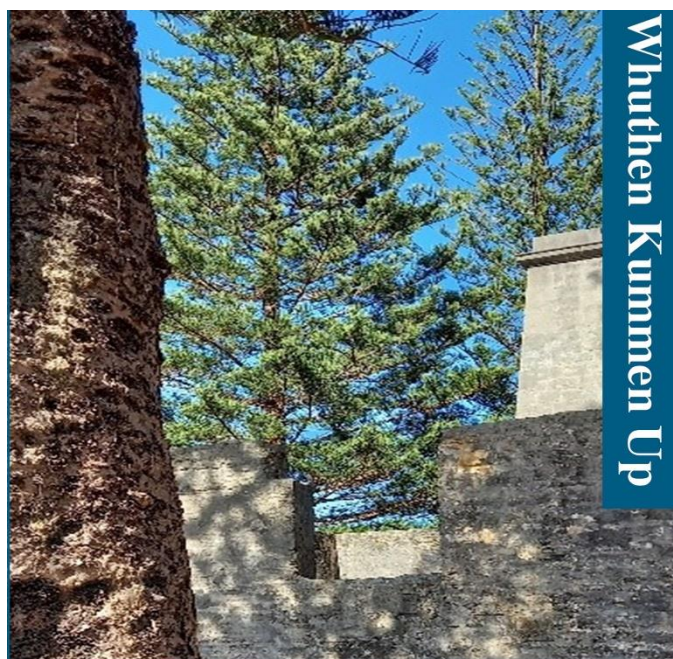
What's coming up?

We recently had arborists visiting KAVHA, assessing the condition of trees across the site and paying special attention to the trees at the Salt House and the white oaks in front of Government House.

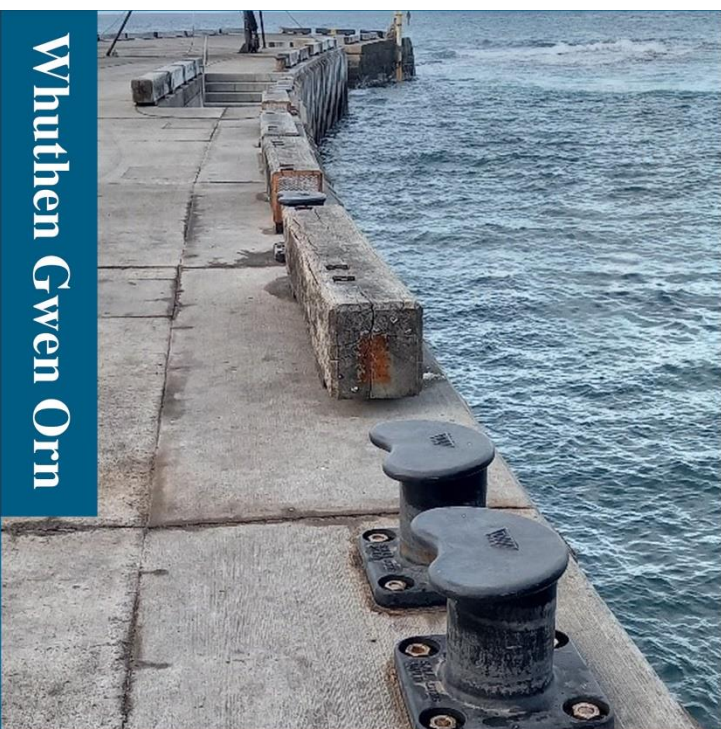
While looking at the old pine immediately east of the Salt House, they found its roots are cracking the walls of the convict-built building.

Thanks to their expert advice, the arborists have come up with a solution to both remedy the issue and ensure the long-term survival of both the tree and the Salt House! These works should be completed by June 2025. Thanks to everyone involved for your commitment to preserving our natural heritage.

The KAVHA Advisory Committee met in February for their first meeting of 2025. Agenda items included site updates, water quality, a review of the KAVHA heritage impact assessment process and the Artist in Residence update. See the Committee's communique for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for July 2025.



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What's been happening?

The consequences of fire-related accidents can be devastating, including catastrophic damage to historical artefacts and assets, and even serious injury or loss of life.

That is why we have been busy renewing the fire safety system across all KAVHA buildings, making sure it is up to date, and up to standards – with the current system (installed between 1998 and 2009) showing its age.

We have also been working hard to install new bollards and fenders on Kingston Pier, improving tie-down of vessels and increasing their stability.

Over at the New Military Barracks and the Cemetery, we have completed improvements to the toilet facilities. The noticeable upgrades are a welcome addition for residents and guests to Norfolk.

We hope you like them!



Spotlight on

Norfolk Island is steeped in history and, over time, items of significance have made their way into the homes of Norfolk Islanders, often passed lovingly from generation to generation.

Caring for these artefacts is important for the preservation of our cultural history with each artefact requiring specialist care. Keeping it out of the elements in an air-tight container is the 101 of historical conservation.

While there are laws in place to prevent the removal of an artefact off island and requirement of a permit to hold artefacts relating to maritime history, there are a number of things you can do to help preserve our heritage. For items that have been in your family for generations, you can keep them, getting assistance from the Museum on its appropriate care or donate it to the NI Museum, so it can be cared for and interpreted.

If you happen to find something in Kingston, please lubbe (leave it), take a photo and inform the Museum – often the most important thing about an artefact is its location and context. For non-KAVHA related artefacts the Norfolk Island Museum Trust can assist.

Feeling the summer heat?

Ice creams and cold drinks are available from:

- **REO** on weekdays
9am-3 pm
- **Pier Store** all week
11am-3pm.

EFTPOS available.



With our Island's drought response level at High, it's important to use our water wisely.

As a reminder, the water from the KAVHA roadside watering station "Rosie Hessies" is non-potable and it should be used for critical needs only.

Other news

A Heritage Management Plan (HMP) is a plan that must be made to meet requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). Such plans must be prepared for all Commonwealth and World Heritage properties. They set out the heritage values and detail the appropriate policies for managing a place of significance, so that its heritage values are preserved for current and future generations.

Community input is vitally important when preparing Heritage Management Plans. Thank you to the community for your valuable contributions to the recent public consultation that will guide decision-making in the management of KAVHA. We received 38 submissions during these consultations. So, what did we hear?

A recurrent theme was focusing on community engagement when considering change to significant sites or strategic development, reflecting the findings from the CSIRO water quality and acid sulphate soil reports, landholder complexities in development processes, traffic management, settlement dates and tourism. The comments in these submissions help finalise the Heritage Management Plan before it is reviewed by the Australian Heritage Council and submitted to the federal Minister for Environment and Water for endorsement.

