



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Airport runway millings for sale**

The Norfolk Island Airport tarmac upgrade is nearing completion, and the Island now has modern and effective runways to deal with expected growth in air traffic. Earlier investment has reaped huge rewards in tourism and economic activity from the runways, which are the airport's most valuable asset.

Norfolk Island Airport enterprise has advised that runway 11/29 (the main runway) was milled up to 55mm to create a better surface for adhesion of the bitumen and to take high and low points off the surface. The Airport is now selling the millings which formed part of the old surface of that runway. The product has some remnants of bitumen left in it which allows it to bind under heavy rolling.

The millings were originally thought suitable to be used as backfill around the edges (shoulders) of the runway. This idea was discarded because of the risk that rocks might be deposited on the runways during mowing. It was agreed that topsoil would be better suited. Instead of swapping the millings for topsoil as suggested, the Airport kept the millings for use in public works and for resale. It identified large existing stockpiles of the Airport's own topsoil to be used on the shoulders.

Airport Manager Glenn Robinson said that limited quantities of the product are still available for sale to the public at a price of \$60/tonne. Enquiries about purchase of the material should be made to 22445 during business hours.

Sales so far have resulted in a return of over \$30,000 to the Airport Business Enterprise's funds. It is expected these funds will go a long way toward recovering the expense of new apron poles, lights and fuel proof membrane that are required as a result of extending the apron.

Glenn Robinson  
**Airport Manager**

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