



ISLAND ARKS SYMPOSIUM IX

RIDGE TO REEF:

SUSTAINING BIODIVERSITY, CULTURE AND CONNECTION

30 November – 2 December 2026

Norf'k Ailen (Norfolk Island), South Pacific

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Watawieh! Hello!

We are delighted to welcome you to Norfolk Island for the Island Arks Symposium IX, taking place from 30 November to 2 December 2026, beginning with an evening welcome reception on Sunday 29 November.

Island Arks Symposia are held biennially and bring together practitioners, custodians, and researchers dedicated to protecting island ecosystems, cultures, and sustainable development across the Australia-Pacific region and beyond.

These symposia provide a unique platform for building networks and partnerships that address critical issues facing islands, including cultural heritage management, terrestrial and marine biodiversity conservation, and inclusive, collaborative decision-making that advances scientific knowledge and sustainable development in island contexts.

Since the inaugural meeting in 2009 on the Great Barrier Reef, the Island Arks Symposia have grown considerably to include offshore islands from around Australia, and representatives from across Oceania and neighbouring countries.

Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden, together with the **Norfolk Island Flora & Fauna Society** and the **Australian Island Alliance**, is honoured to host the **Island Arks Symposium IX** on Norfolk Island. More information about the hosting entities is provided below.

Norf'k Ailen (Norfolk Island) – welcome to paradise

The Norfolk Island group is a haven for the rare and remarkable. At the intersection of tropical and subtropical latitudes, the island group is home to ancient Norfolk pines, lush subtropical rainforest, iconic bird species, and coral habitats supporting diverse reef communities close to the shore.

The island is also remarkable in its unique culture and history. From early Polynesian navigation and settlement, through to the British penal colony and subsequent British penal settlement, followed by the arrival of the Bounty mutiny descendants from Pitcairn Island, the island's past is a tapestry of resilience, culture, and community.

More information: www.norfolkisland.com.au



2026 THEME

Ridge to Reef: Sustaining Biodiversity, Culture, and Connection

Our theme, *Ridge to Reef: Sustaining Biodiversity, Culture and Connection*, highlights the deep links between nature and culture, and the importance of maintaining these connections through sustainable stewardship of both terrestrial and marine island environments.

Islands have a shared unique context, with their geographic isolation, relatively high species endemism, and strong sense of community connection, cultural identity, and environmental stewardship.

Supporting island land managers to share knowledge and build partnerships will help advance holistic conservation approaches that integrate culture and community.

Island Arks Symposium IX is expected to attract more than 120 delegates from across the Australia-Pacific region and beyond, including policy makers, federal and state government representatives, scientists, and community, business, and tourism representatives.

The symposium will include cutting-edge presentations across diverse themes, with internationally renowned keynote speakers, inclusive discussion and workshops, and field trips to behind-the-scenes locations. There will be a strong focus on practical sustainability and community engagement, and opportunity to demonstrate Norfolk Island's progressive approach to sustainable development, including unique community-driven sustainability and eco-tourism initiatives.

Our united purpose

The Island Arks Symposia are the leading forum enabling networking, discussion, and partnerships specifically focused on Australasian islands. They are uniquely broad in scope, covering topics ranging from land management to cultural heritage and sustainable development, and focused on supporting practical action and innovation.



Sponsorship and Exhibition

Supporting the Island Arks Symposium as a sponsor or exhibitor demonstrates your commitment to shaping the future of island conservation, strengthening your brand while connecting you with influential leaders.

By supporting Island Arks IX, you will:

- Participate in the leading forum focused on Australasian islands
- Promote your brand through symposium marketing and media opportunities, including through our emails to previous attendees and registered delegates, advertising on the symposium website (<http://islandarkssymposiumix.org.au>), social media via Norfolk Island National Park, Parks Australia, and partners including the Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner. National media interest is anticipated
- Be recognised as leaders in supporting long-term sustainability of the world's unique and vulnerable island ecosystems, and the communities and industries they support
- Build networks and partnerships focused on island conservation, land management, policy, cultural heritage management, and sustainable development
- Support aspects of symposium delivery
- Create opportunities for students and remote attendees to participate
- Contribute to long-term sustainability of the symposia and the Australian Island Alliance as the leading network fostering island connections.



Symposium Sponsorship Packages



PUNGA
(Tree fern)
Symposium sponsor
\$5000 (inc GST)
4 packages available

An exclusive opportunity to demonstrate leadership and commitment to island conservation and sustainable development. These packages offer brand/product promotion and engagement with leaders shaping the future of island stewardship.

Sponsor opportunities:

- 3 x full registrations (including catering and symposium dinner)
- Logo displayed on a dedicated sponsorship slide throughout the symposium
- Logo and entity profile on the website and symposium app
- Acknowledgement and logo in welcome address
- Opportunity to give a 15-minute presentation (e.g. entity profile or product demonstration)
- Display your promotional banner and/or material during the symposium.



HIHI
(Periwinkle/sea snail)
Display table
\$2500 (inc GST)
10 packages available

Display tables will be presented in the venue for the duration of the symposium. This will ensure maximum visibility and direct engagement with delegates throughout the event.

Sponsor opportunities:

- 1 x full registration (including catering and symposium dinner)
- Logo displayed on a dedicated sponsorship slide throughout the symposium
- Logo and entity profile on the website and symposium app
- Acknowledgement and logo in welcome address
- Display table and wifi access for entity or product promotion during the symposium.



WUNNA
(Sea urchin) Symposium theme/session sponsor
\$1500 (inc GST)
8 packages available

Symposium sessions will include approximately 6 presentations focused on one of the symposium themes. This provides an opportunity to promote your brand in alignment with a particular topic and engage directly with speakers presenting on this topic.

Sponsor opportunities:

- 1 x full registration (excluding symposium dinner)
- Logo displayed on a dedicated sponsorship slide throughout the symposium
- Logo and entity profile on the website and symposium app
- Session naming rights
- Logo displayed on all session presentations
- Display your promotional banner beside the lectern during the session.



NAFKA

(Sacred kingfisher)
Community participation sponsor
\$1500 (inc GST)
4 packages available

The Norfolk Island community is uniquely engaged as custodians and stewards of their environment and cultural heritage. Supporting this ongoing engagement is vital to successful long-term ecological and cultural sustainability. These sponsorship packages will support direct participation of community representatives in the symposium.

Sponsor opportunities:

- 1 x full registration (excluding symposium dinner)
- Logo displayed on a dedicated sponsorship slide throughout the symposium
- Logo and entity profile on the website and symposium app
- Logo displayed on all session presentations
- Display your promotional banner beside the lectern during the session.



NANWI

(Blue drummer)
Welcome reception sponsor
\$2500 (inc GST)
1 package available

The highly anticipated welcome reception will ignite the energy and inspiration for the symposium. Held at local favourite, Salty Beer Garden, the reception will include relaxed catering and discussion in the garden, and a community market initially open exclusively to symposium delegates followed by open entry. This event is the highlight for public engagement and promotion of sponsor brands.

Sponsor opportunities:

- 1 x full registration (excluding symposium dinner)
- Logo displayed on a dedicated sponsorship slide throughout the symposium
- Logo and entity profile on the website and symposium app
- Acknowledgement in welcome speaker presentation
- Display your promotional banner beside the lectern during the reception
- Deliver a brief (5-minute) welcome address at the reception.



NIAU

(Norfolk Island palm)
Symposium dinner sponsor
\$2500 (inc GST)
1 package available

Experience the magic of a Norfolk Island 'fish fry', a culturally immersive experience at a clifftop venue with panoramic coastal sunset views. The Island Arks symposium IX dinner will showcase the heart of Norfolk Island's food culture, with local entertainment and traditional island dancing. As the Symposium dinner sponsor, your brand will be promoted in an unforgettable format, maximising visibility and engagement with all delegates.

Sponsor opportunities:

- 2 x symposium dinner tickets
- Logo displayed on a dedicated sponsorship slide throughout the symposium
- Logo and entity profile on the website and symposium app
- Acknowledgement in dinner speaker presentation
- Deliver a brief (5-minute) welcome address at the dinner
- Display your promotional banner at the dinner venue and in the symposium room the following day.

About the Symposium Hosts



Australian Island Alliance

The Australian Island Alliance was formed in 2024 with a vision to create and maintain a collective that amplifies the voices of Australia's offshore islands and their communities, and operates for the national benefit of island cultural and nature conservation values. The alliance supports collaboration among island custodians to conserve biodiversity, support traditional customs, and promote sustainable development.



Norfolk Island National Park (NINP) and Norfolk Marine Park (NMP)

A declared Commonwealth reserve since 1986, the park now makes up 18 per cent of the island's land area, including nearby Phillip Island. The park is a sanctuary for endemic and threatened species, globally unique plant communities, and is the ideal place to experience the island's unique flora and fauna. Take in stunning clifftop views and bushwalk through pristine subtropical forests filled with birds found nowhere else on earth. More information, including a short video highlighting the park's work, is available on the Norfolk Island National Park website: <http://norfolkislandnationalpark.gov.au>.

Norfolk Island National Park and Norfolk Marine Park, which extends to the high-tide mark around the island, are managed by the Director of National Parks as part of the Parks Australia estate, which includes 7 iconic terrestrial parks and 60 marine parks.

Rich in history, Norfolk Marine Park supports diverse temperate and tropical marine life. Running through the marine park is the Norfolk Ridge, a long, narrow, steep-sided undersea ridge with seamounts and pinnacles. It acts as a line of oceanic stepping stones, connecting deep water marine species from New Zealand to New Caledonia. The marine park is managed to support conservation and sustainable use and is highly valued by the Norfolk Island community.



Norfolk Island Flora & Fauna Society

The Norfolk Island Flora & Fauna Society was established in 1967 by a group of people with concerns and hopes for the environment of the Norfolk Island group of islands. It provides assistance to the community, to scientists and naturalists and to all levels of government, in environmental works, education, research, public interpretation and other nature craft activities. The society's work brought the unique environment of the island sufficiently to the fore that the Australian Government declared the Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Gardens in 1986. Offshore Phillip Island was added to the National Park in 1996.

Conference Information

Venue

The Island Arks Symposium IX will be held at Paradise Hotel & Resort, a short walk from the vibrant heart of Norfolk Island's central business area.

Program

Guests will experience renowned keynote speakers across diverse fields, engaging and inclusive sessions, behind-the-scenes field trips to globally unique ecosystems, and will be immersed in the unique Norfolk Island culture.

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