



Media Release

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Landholders Invited to Riparian Rehabilitation Workshops

Tasmanian landholders are invited to a series of workshops next week which aim to help strengthen flood resilience.

The workshops are part of the Tasmanian Government's Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme (ALRS) which is supporting recovery efforts following the June 2016 floods.

The scheme is being managed by Tasmania's three NRM bodies – NRM North, Cradle Coast NRM and NRM South.

NRM North's Water Coordinator, Jesse Webster, said the four workshops would focus on the importance of riparian rehabilitation to improve resilience of future flood events.

"This will be a great opportunity for landholders to discuss current or future riparian rehabilitation projects with experts in the field," Mr Webster said.

"While we are targeting those who have received funding under the ALRS, the workshops are expected to attract broader interest due to the topic and the experts that will be presenting on the day."

Attendees will hear from experts on best practice approaches to prevent and mitigate riverbank erosion.

The multiple values of riparian vegetation will be presented by Herbert Staubmann from Habitat Plants and David Bower from Private Forests Tasmania.

Tim Reed from Wenlock Enterprises will be discussing riverbank stock exclusion through riparian fencing.

Construction of hard and soft engineering options for riverbank stabilisation will be the focus for River Engineer and Fluvial Geomorphologist Julian Martin from Water Technology.

"Vegetation establishment is considered the key technique for managing long term channel stability on both major stream networks and tributary streams," Mr Martin said.

“A vegetated riparian zone improves the resilience of a waterway, assisting channel stability during high flow events.

“In addition, vegetation plays a significant role in the ecological function and values of a waterway.”

As well as facilitating the workshops, NRM North staff will be on hand to assist landholders with their ALRS claims. Lunch will also be provided.

As spaces will be limited, landholders are asked to RSVP to the ALRS team at NRM North (alrs@nrmnorth.org.au or 1300 043 116) by Wednesday 28th February.

Workshop Dates and Locations:

All workshops will be held from 10am – 12pm

Tuesday 6th March

“Malahide” 80 Mathinna Road, Fingal

Wednesday 7th March

78-88 Station Road West, Norwood

Thursday 8th March

918 Claude Road, Claude Road

Friday 9th March

242 Robin Hill Road, Flowerdale

Ends

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