



Media Release

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Green Army Participants Graduate with Practical Experience

Graduation events will be held this week at Trevallyn for two Green Army teams that have been working on environmental projects coordinated by NRM North.

The Green Army is an Australian Government program for 17-24 year olds to train and work in the environment.

The projects are delivered in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia. NRM North's role as project host is to coordinate a program of works which provides opportunities for training and skill development for the participants, while supporting the community to protect and improve environmental values in priority areas.

Fifteen participants across two teams have worked for the past five months on activities including revegetation, weed management, fencing and repairing flood damage across northern Tasmania.

NRM North's Biodiversity and Coastal Program Manager, Kate Thorn, said the participants and their supervisors were to be commended for producing excellent results for the northern Tasmanian community and environment in what has been a very challenging year.

"They have worked in some very unpleasant weather and many of their projects had to be rescheduled or altered due to flooding and extremely wet conditions," Ms Thorn said.

"Achievements across the two teams include planting more than 15000 native seedlings in revegetation projects, managing environmental weeds across 35 hectares of public and private land, constructing or repairing two kilometres of fencing and collecting more than three cubic metres of plastic and other debris from our beaches."

In addition to on-the-job experience, participants receive training in Conservation and Land Management topics, Occupational Health and Safety and First Aid.

Through NRM North's partnerships, teams have had the opportunity to work with a range of organisations and potential employers, including agricultural

producers, the Parks & Wildlife Service and Hydro Tasmania, as well as working alongside community groups who are caring for parks and reserves.

The graduation events will take place at the Hoo Hoo Hut at Trevallyn Reserve at 2pm on Thursday 3rd November and 10:30am on Friday 4th November.

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