



Media Release

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations are being encouraged to apply for small grants through NRM North's Community Grants Program.

Grants between \$100 and \$5000 are available for projects that deliver positive environmental change in alignment with NRM priorities in the northern region.

The grants round is supported by NRM North through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

NRM North's Regional Landcare Facilitator, Alison Hugo, said the grants were a great opportunity for local groups to secure a little extra help for key community NRM projects.

"Volunteers play a crucial role in the conservation and rehabilitation of some of our most iconic and special places and NRM North would like to support groups in this endeavour," Mrs Hugo said.

Applications need to contribute to at least one of four identified priorities:

- Activities which promote and/or provide opportunities to enhance awareness of aboriginal culture and knowledge;
- Activities that promote and provide protection for threatened species and their habitats. Target fauna species include; Giant Freshwater Lobster, Spotted Tailed Quoll and Eastern Barred Bandicoot. Target flora species include; Coastal Saltmarsh and South Esk Pine plant communities;
- Activities which promote and provide opportunities of best practice water quality and stream and river health in the following catchments: North Esk, South Esk, Meander, Macquarie, Brumbys-Lake, Brid and Georges; and
- Activities which promote adoption of best practices in soil health, pasture and crop management which lead to increased farm profitability and improved environmental outcomes.

Application forms and guidelines are available on the NRM North website www.nrmnorth.org.au and applicants needing assistance with the submission process should contact NRM North on 03 6333 7777 or admin@nrmnorth.org.au

Submissions close 10th March, 2017.

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