



# Media Release

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## Dedicated Landcarers Celebrated Through NRM Awards

Dedicated landcarers in northern Tasmania were recognised last night at the NRM Community Awards presentation in Launceston.

The NRM Community Awards program was organised by NRM North in partnership with Landcare Tasmania and funding through the Australian and State Governments.

The awards recognise individuals, community groups, primary producers and school/youth groups who have made an outstanding contribution to landcare in the NRM North region.

NRM North's Chief Executive Officer, Rosanna Coombes, said the awards were a fantastic way to celebrate the achievements of passionate landcarers in the community.

"We are fortunate to have such a large number of people eager to improve their natural resource assets in northern Tasmania, whether that be individually or through community groups," Mrs Coombes said.

"These people are crucial in the management of our natural resources and this was our chance to formally recognise them and say thank you for all their hard work."

Landcare Tasmania Executive Officer, Rod Knight, said the awards also aimed to encourage more volunteers to get involved in landcare.

"Community Landcare has delivered significant agricultural, environmental and social outcomes over the past 27 years. These awards are a good opportunity to celebrate the effort and success of those who continue to deliver the Landcare ethic in Tasmania."

The award categories are aligned with the biannual Tasmanian Landcare Awards to enable applicants to easily adapt their submissions for these awards in 2017.

Winners received a unique handmade Tasmanian glass award and a voucher to assist with their landcare efforts.

Award Winners:

- **Individual Landcarer Award – Peter Broad.**  
This award recognises the efforts of an individual volunteer in promoting Landcare in the NRM North region through on-ground work or community awareness activities. Peter Broad has been an active member of the West Tamar Landcare Group for the past 25 years.
- **Community Group Award – Quamby Bend Landcare Group.**  
This award will be made to an outstanding community group in the NRM North region that is working towards sustainable land use and/or is undertaking capacity building activities or on-ground action to protect, enhance or restore an area on behalf of the community. The Quamby Bend Landcare Group has worked tirelessly over the past 21 years to improve the health of the Meander River and its tributaries.
- **Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award – Bowood Pastoral.**  
This award recognises a primary producer or enterprise in the NRM North region which has implemented innovative practices or activities to improve natural resource management and productivity outcomes. Farm Manager at Bowood Pastoral, James Brown, has been implementing best practice NRM for the past 10 years.
- **Junior Landcare Team Award – Offshoots Partnership with Hagley Farm School.**  
This award will be presented to a school or youth group in the NRM North region which has implemented landcare practices on school grounds or within the local community. This award is open to primary and secondary schools and youth groups such as scouts. The Offshoots Partnership with Hagley Farm School provides hands-on learning opportunities for young people with a disability.
- **Indigenous Landcare Award – Aunty Gloria Andrews.**  
This award will be presented to an outstanding community group or individual that is working to promote indigenous culture in the landscape. Aunty Gloria Andrews has supported and contributed to landcare and NRM in the Break O’Day municipality and the northern region for many years. She has worked hard to raise awareness of Aboriginal traditions of caring for the land materially and spiritually.

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