



# Media Release

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## Outstanding Landcarers Celebrated Through Awards Program

Dedicated landcarers in northern Tasmania are being recognised through a community awards program jointly organised by NRM North and Landcare Tasmania.

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

The awards are supported by funding from the Australian and State governments.

NRM North's Chief Executive Officer, Rosanna Coombes, said the awards followed on from a successful inaugural program in 2014.

"NRM North is pleased to be able to again partner with Landcare Tasmania for the awards this year," Mrs Coombes said.

"It is a fantastic way to celebrate the achievements and raise awareness of those passionate people in the NRM North region who are dedicated to improving their local landscapes.

"These volunteers are crucial in the management of our natural resources and we want to thank them for 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 the state awards in 2017.

Winners will receive an award and a voucher to assist with their landcare efforts.

Entries close on August 29<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be presented with their awards at a function in Launceston on September 28<sup>th</sup>, following the NRM North AGM.

#### Award Categories:

- Individual Landcarer Award – 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.
- Community Group Award – 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.
- Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award – 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.
- Junior Landcare Team Award – 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.
- Indigenous Landcare Award – This award will be presented to an outstanding community group or individual that is working to promote indigenous culture in the landscape.

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