



# Media Release

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## **NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS**

Nine schools in northern Tasmania will receive grants from NRM North to assist in landcare and natural resource management activities.

The School Environmental Grants program provides funding from between one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars to primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities in the NRM North region.

NRM North is investing around 30 thousand dollars in total. The funding has been made available through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

Examples of some of the successful projects include the removal of weeds, revegetation, frog pond rehabilitation and the development of school/community gardens and bush tucker gardens.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said the grants program had generated a lot of interest.

"It is the first time NRM North has run a small grants program specifically targeting schools and we are pleased with the response.

"We were able to fund nine projects which will achieve positive environmental change across northern Tasmania." Mr McKee said.

NRM North's Education Officer, Michael Black, said many schools in the NRM North region already had successful environmental programs in place and these grants would help them realise their goals.

"A growing number of students and teachers are becoming involved in natural resource management activities on school grounds, and at the moment, there seems to be a big focus on the development of community gardens.

"Apart from providing funding support, NRM North can also assist students and teachers by offering professional advice and expertise." Mr Black said.

NRM North hopes to run another school environmental grants program later in the year.

The successful grant applicants:

- Queechy High School
- Invermay Primary School
- Norwood Primary School
- Exeter Primary School
- South George Town Primary School
- Youngtown Primary School
- Fingal Primary School
- Port Dalrymple School
- Trevallyn Primary School

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