



# Media Release

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## **NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Local community care groups and not-for-profit organisations in northern Tasmania are being encouraged to apply for NRM North's latest round of small grants.

NRM North's Community Grants program opens tomorrow and will offer grants from between one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars to assist landcare and natural resource management activities.

NRM North is investing around 115 thousand dollars in total. The funding has been made available through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said NRM North had decided to run another round of community grants following the success of a similar program earlier in the year.

"Our Landcare and Community Grants program in April attracted a lot of interest. We were able to fund 14 projects including field days, natural resource management education programs for schools and the removal of weeds." Mr McKee said.

"We are confident the next round of grants will be just as successful and we encourage local groups in northern Tasmania to submit an application."

Some examples of the eligible activities include:

- Seed collection/propagation
- Weeding/revegetation
- Fencing
- Purchase of tools and equipment
- Contractor/short term project officer hire
- Action planning/review existing plans
- Interpretative signage
- Field days/activities which engage local community and schools
- New group start-up

Mr McKee said the program would ensure local groups were supported in their efforts to look after northern Tasmania's natural resources.

"These groups play a crucial role in managing our natural resources and this program aims to keep them active and vibrant.

"Many of the grass roots activities are done by volunteers so providing them with funding for things like equipment and supplies will go a long way towards helping these groups achieve their goals." Mr McKee said.

Applicants must be incorporated, not-for-profit organisations or volunteer care groups (encompassing landcare, bushcare, rivercare, coastcare and 'friends of' groups) or be supported by an organisation that is incorporated. Individuals are not eligible.

“The projects must deliver on one or a number of objectives which include increasing community participation in natural resource management and maintaining or enhancing the condition of Tasmania’s coast, waterways, rivers and/or wetlands.” Mr McKee said.

An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines is available on the NRM North website at [www.nrmnorth.org.au](http://www.nrmnorth.org.au)

Kits can also be requested by contacting NRM North administration on 6333 7777.

Groups needing assistance with the application process should also call NRM North administration or send an email to: [admin@nrmnorth.org.au](mailto:admin@nrmnorth.org.au)

Applications close Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

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