



Media Release

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Northern community encouraged to participate in review of Natural Resource Management Strategy

NRM North is encouraging community groups and individuals in northern Tasmania to have input into the review of the regional NRM strategy.

NRM North is reviewing the strategy and is facilitating a series of workshops over the next month to ensure key stakeholders have their say.

NRM North's Community Engagement & Communications Manager, Melissa Lewarn, said it was important to get community input into this process.

"It has been five years since the first version of the strategy was completed so we need to ensure the contents reflect the community's current aspirations for the region and our understanding from science." Mrs Lewarn said.

"While the regional NRM strategy forms the basis for NRM North's core business, it is not NRM North's strategy.

"We are the custodians of the strategy on behalf of the community so it is crucial we get input into this process."

NRM North is facilitating six sub-regional workshops through January and February with the first being held on Monday in the Meander Valley.

Each of these sessions will feature a guest speaker relevant to the region.

"Those who are unable to attend should contact NRM North to find out how they can still have input.

"We will also have a more targeted consultation phase in March/April to provide further opportunities for input from groups and individuals." Mrs Lewarn said.

The review is due to be completed in June and NRM North is expecting to have a five year report on achievements against the existing strategy in September to coincide with the release of the new strategy.

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WORKSHOP DETAILS:

Meander Valley

January 18th, Town Hall supper room, Westbury, 6-8pm. Guest Speaker Margie Jenkin, Tasmanian Landcare Association.

Break O'Day

January 20th, Break O'Day Council Chambers, St Helens, 6-8pm. Guest Speaker Brendan McMahon, Launceston Weather Bureau.

Tamar

February 1st, Tailrace Centre, Riverside, 6-8pm. Guest Speaker Ian Norton, Snake Expert and Launceston City Council Alderman.

Dorset

February 3rd, Dorset Council, Scottsdale, 7-9pm. Guest Speaker Todd Walsh, Giant Crayfish Expert.

Northern Midlands

February 8th, The Grange, Campbell Town, 7-9pm. Guest Speaker, Chris Thompson, Agricultural Resource Management.

Flinders Island

February 10th, Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, 6-8pm. Guest Speaker, Brendan McMahon, Launceston Weather Bureau.