



Media Release

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New Awards Program Recognises Dedicated Landcarers

Landcarers in northern Tasmania have been recognised through a new community awards program.

The inaugural NRM Community Awards were presented at a function at the QVMAG in Launceston last night.

NRM North's Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said NRM North was pleased to be able to partner with Landcare Tasmania for the awards.

"The program aimed to celebrate 25 years of landcare by recognising those individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to landcare in the NRM North region," Mr McKee said.

"There are hundreds of passionate people in our region who are dedicated to improving their local patch. 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."

The award categories are aligned with the biannual Tasmanian Landcare Awards to enable applicants to easily adapt their submissions for the state awards in 2015.

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

The award winners were:

- **Individual Landcarer Award** –Jillian Weston;
- **Community Group Award** –Friends of Deal Island Wildcard Inc;
- **Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award** – Bruce Cox;
- **Junior Landcare Team Award** – Lilydale District School; and
- **Indigenous Landcare Award** – The St Helens District High School.

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