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BAY OF FIRES COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS STARTS SOON

Residents on Tasmania's east coast will soon get the chance to have input into a new Bay of Fires site planning project.

NRM North, in partnership with Tourism Tasmania and the Parks and Wildlife Service, has secured a Federal Government grant to undertake site planning within the Bay of Fires Conservation Area.

The project will identify necessary infrastructure to protect the natural values of the area and enhance visitor experiences.

It will proceed with the balanced sustainable management approach that is an essential response to the area's continued popularity and future increases in visitation.

The first stage of the project is a community consultation phase which is on track to start by the end of the month.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said it was important the community got involved.

"The inclusion and support of the local community is critical to the project's success. It will provide an inclusive guiding vision for the Conservation Area and surrounds and a set of site-specific plans for on-ground works." Mr McKee said.

"The initial contact some local stakeholders have had with the project will now be expanded to full consultation with the engagement of a service provider in the next few weeks." He said.

The community consultation process will lead to the development of a site plan for priority areas at the Bay of Fires.

Cultural and natural values and other statutory requirements will also be assessed.

Mr McKee said NRM North had been working with the Parks and Wildlife Service and Tourism Tasmania over the past two years to understand the subsequent site needs and develop consensus on sustainable use of the Conservation Area and surrounding values.

"We are delighted this application was successful given the limited funding and competitive nature of the Commonwealth's Caring for our Country program across the nation." Mr McKee said.

The Northern Regional Manager of the Parks and Wildlife Service, Chris Colley, said it was an important and timely project for Tasmania's east coast.

"This funding provides a real opportunity to ensure the use and preservation of the natural resources of the Bay of Fires area is well planned and managed for us and future generations." Mr Colley said.



NRM North is looking forward to the high level of interest and involvement from all of the stakeholders and potential partners in this project and the on-going support of the Break O'Day Council and local community groups.

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