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NRM NORTH LAUNCHES NEW GRANTS FOR COASTAL GROUPS

Natural resource management organisation, NRM North, is encouraging coastal community groups to apply for small grants to protect and rehabilitate coastal and estuarine areas.

NRM North's coastal community grants program opened today and offers funding from between one hundred dollars and five thousand dollars to volunteer groups undertaking on-ground works within coastal or estuarine areas.

\$50,000 is available in total and has been made possible through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

NRM North's Healthy Coasts and Seas Program Coordinator, Emma Williams, said conservation of coastal habitat was increasing in importance, with benefits for all users.

"You don't have to belong to an environmental group to make a positive difference to the coast," Ms Williams said.

"Service and recreational groups are encouraged to apply for this assistance, provided the outcome is aimed at protecting the natural values of our iconic coastal areas.

"We can also assist individuals looking for volunteer opportunities."

Applicants must be incorporated, not-for-profit organisations or be supported by an organisation that is incorporated.

Individuals are not eligible for grant funding, but are welcome to contact NRM North to discuss potential assistance.

Submissions close 3rd August 2012, and guidelines and application forms are available from the NRM North website www.nrmnorth.org.au or by contacting the NRM North office on 6333 7777.

Groups needing assistance with the application process should also call NRM North administration.

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