



# Media Release

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## **NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES COASTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS**

NRM North is targeting coastal community groups in its latest round of small grants which open on Monday.

NRM North's community grants program will offer grants from between one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars to assist volunteer groups undertaking on-ground works within coastal or estuarine areas.

\$45,000 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 support for community groups was a key focus for achieving natural resource management outcomes in the region.

"Community volunteers provide an enormous contribution to protecting and rehabilitating our coastal and estuarine assets.

"NRM North is seeking to support such efforts with this round of small grants, specifically targeting activities aimed at conserving environmental values along the region's coastal zone and within the Tamar, Georges and other estuaries."

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said this was the third round of community grants to be offered by the organisation since April last year.

"Our feedback from the community shows that these grants play an important role in helping local care groups achieve their goals.

"NRM North remains committed to assisting grass roots efforts to manage our natural resources and we hope to be able to offer another round of small grants in the near future."

Community groups, schools, youth organisations and other volunteer associations are encouraged to apply for the grants.

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.

Submissions close 12<sup>th</sup> March, and guidelines and application forms are available from the NRM North website [www.nrmnorth.org.au](http://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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