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COASTAL COMMUNITY GROUPS URGED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

NRM North's latest small grants program aims to protect and rehabilitate coastal and estuarine areas.

NRM North's coastal community grants program opens tomorrow 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 the coastal environment was something special that everyone could appreciate.

"This time, we are encouraging any groups that use the coast and Tamar estuary for recreation to consider doing something to protect those values with this funding." Ms Williams said

NRM North's Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said in response to feedback, NRM North had revised the application process.

"The feedback showed that community groups wanted a longer timeframe for applications to be prepared and submitted.

"In response, we have decided to open the application period until March 25th next year. Applications can be submitted at any time during now and then but because funds are limited, priority will be given to those received earlier." Mr McKee said.

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 25th March, 2011, 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.

NRM North also has a grants program underway for schools. Funding from between one hundred dollars and five thousand dollars is available for secondary schools, colleges and universities in the NRM North region.

Applications for the School Environmental Grants close on 26th November.

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