



# Media Release

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## **NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR LANDCARE AND COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Fourteen community groups and not-for-profit organisations in northern Tasmania have received grants from NRM North to assist in landcare and natural resource management activities.

The Landcare and Community Grants program will provide small grant funding ranging from one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars.

NRM North has invested just over 50 thousand dollars in total.

Examples of some of the successful projects include the removal of weeds, field days, the purchase of equipment and tools and NRM education programs for schools.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said local community groups played a crucial role in the management of our natural resources.

"We are really pleased with the number and high standard of applications received and NRM North is committed to supporting these grass roots efforts any way we can.

"The grants have been so successful, we would hope to be able to offer a similar program in the near future." Mr McKee said.

One of the successful applicants was the Tasmania Central North Local Community Partnership.

The Executive Officer, Jackie Crosswell, said the grant would help fund a three day natural resource management introductory program for students aged between 15 and 18.

"We are pleased to receive this funding as it will ensure students get a good understanding of natural resource management and the career and voluntary opportunities in this field."

The application from Wildcare Inc. Friends of Deal Island was also successful.

The Secretary, Bob Tyson, said the grant would help fund transport costs to Deal Island for volunteers involved in a weed management and rehabilitation program.

"It is an expensive place to get to as it is so remote and receiving this grant means we can continue the work we've been doing to ensure the weeds are kept in check."

The complete list of successful applicants:

- Tasmania Central North Local Community Partnership - \$5000
- Deloraine Apex Club - \$4000
- Friends of Four Mile Creek - \$594
- Understorey Network, North East Branch - \$1506.21
- East Tamar Landcare Group - \$5000
- Greens Beach Landcare Inc. - \$4012
- Deloraine High Landcare Group - \$902
- Tomahawk Community Association Inc. - \$5000
- North East Bio-Regional Network - \$5000
- Brooks High School - \$5000
- Wildcare Inc. Friends of Deal Island - \$5000
- Lower Meander Landcare Group - \$5000
- West Tamar Landcare Inc. - \$2717
- Scotch Oakburn College Environmental Association - \$4950

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Bob Tyson and Jackie Crosswell are also available for interview. Please contact NRM North for contact details.