



Media Release

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NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Five schools in northern Tasmania have received grants from NRM North to assist in landcare and natural resource management activities.

NRM North's School Environmental Grants program provides funding from between one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars to primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities in the northern region.

The funding has been made available through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

NRM North's Education Officer, Michael Black, said the grants program continued to generate a lot of interest.

"This is the third small grants program specifically targeting schools that NRM North has run since 2011," Mr Black said.

"In total, 20 schools have received small grant funding to achieve positive environmental change across northern Tasmania.

"NRM North can also assist students and teachers with their projects by offering professional advice and expertise." Mr Black said.

NRM North hopes to run another school environmental grants program later in the year.

The successful schools and their projects are:

- Bracknell Primary School – Outdoor Environmental Trail. Bracknell Primary School plans to revegetate part of the school grounds and turn a weed infested area into an outdoor environmental classroom.
- Bridport Primary School – Bridport Coastal Vegetation. The school plans to complete an identification, classification, collection and preservation program at the Bridport Wildflower Reserve and foreshore.
- Flinders Island District School – Orchard Enclosure. Flinders Island District School plans to build an enclosure around the second stage of the school orchard.
- Larmenier Catholic Primary School – Aboriginal Native Plant Garden. This Project will see the school rejuvenate an existing garden area within the campus by creating a native Tasmanian garden with a particular focus on Aboriginal plants.
- Scotch Oakburn College – Capacity to Recycle. This project will see the school expand its capacity to recycle plastics, glass, metals, batteries and printer cartridges at their Elphin and Penquite campuses. It also plans to collect compost at the Elphin campus.

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