



Media Release

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NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES NEW GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS

Schools in northern Tasmania are being encouraged to apply for NRM North's latest round of small grants.

NRM North's School Environmental Grants open tomorrow and will offer funding from between one hundred dollars and five thousand dollars to primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities in the NRM North region.

NRM North is investing around 30 thousand dollars in total. The funding has been made available through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said the grants program would enable schools to undertake projects that achieve positive environmental change across northern Tasmania.

"The funding can be used for a variety of on-ground works including vegetable, bush tucker or biodiversity gardens, seed collection and propagation, weed control and revegetation.

"The grants also cover things like workshops and field days, the purchase of tools and equipment and interpretative signage." Mr McKee said.

NRM North's Education Officer, Michael Black, said the grants should prove popular with local school groups.

"Many schools in the NRM North region already have successful programs in place to improve the environment and we hope these grants will help them realise their goals.

"It is crucial we teach younger Tasmanians the importance of managing our natural resources in a sustainable way and offer as much support as we can." Mr Black said.

An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines will be available tomorrow on the NRM North website at www.nrmnorth.org.au.

Kits can also be requested by contacting NRM North administration on 6333 7777.

Groups needing assistance with the application process should also contact NRM North or send an email to: admin@nrmnorth.org.au

Applications close on 26th November.

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