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NEW RESOURCE CENTRE TO SUPPORT SMALLHOLDERS IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

For the first time, smallholders in northern Tasmania have a central hub to access up-to-date and relevant information on managing their land.

The web-based Small Farm Living Resource Centre went 'live' today. It is a key initiative under NRM North's new Small Farm Living Program which is funded through the Australian Government's Biodiversity Fund.

NRM North's Biodiversity Coordinator, Kate Thorn, said the resource centre was the first stop for smallholders wanting information about all aspects of managing their land.

"The resource centre has information on a range of topics from identifying and managing weeds to soil health and revegetation," Ms Thorn said.

"Some of the other topics are pest and wildlife management, water, irrigation and dams and livestock and grazing.

"All the information is relevant to smallholders in northern Tasmania and we will be updating the information regularly."

NRM North's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Scott Schilg, said the resource centre was developed in consultation with smallholders from the region.

"We spoke to a number of smallholders who said they had found it hard to access information relevant to their location and operation so that's why we have launched this new resource centre," Mr Schilg said.

"There are around five thousand smallholders in the NRM North region alone and they manage an estimated 100,000 hectares of land.

"They play a significant role in the landscape and need to have access to information which can assist them realise sustainable lifestyle and production outcomes."

The Small Farm Living Program also includes property planning assistance tailored to smallholders, local workshops and field days on relevant topics, and small grants for activities such as protecting native bush and planting native windbreaks.

The resource centre address is: www.nrmnorth.org.au/smallfarmliving

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