



Media Release

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR LANDCARE AND COMMUNITY GRANTS

Grants of up to five thousand dollars are now available to assist landcare and natural resource management activities in northern Tasmania.

NRM North's Landcare and Community Grants program provides small grant funding to local community 'care' groups and not-for-profit organisations.

The grants range from one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars with NRM North looking to invest up to 50 thousand dollars in total.

Eligible activities include:

- Seed collection/propagation
- Weeding/revegetation
- Fencing
- Purchase of tools and equipment
- Contractor/short term project officer hire
- Action planning/review existing plans
- Interpretative signage
- Field days/activities which engage local community and schools
- New group start-up

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said the Landcare and Community Grants program would help local care groups to remain active and vibrant.

"Local community groups play a crucial role in the management of our natural resources.

"NRM North remains committed to supporting grass roots efforts and hopes the grants can help these groups reach their goals." Mr McKee said.

An example of an activity which received funding in the past was a project by the Surfriders Association to remove rubbish and weeds from high use coastal areas in Tasmania's north east.

For this particular project, the funds were used to buy gloves for volunteers.

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.

"The projects must aim to develop the group or community's longer term capacity to address natural resource management issues, increase community participation in natural resource management and encourage partnerships and the sharing of resources." Mr McKee said.



An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines is available 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 call NRM North administration or send an email to: admin@nrmnorth.org.au

Applications close Friday, 15th May.

Ends

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