



Media Release

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COASTAL SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

NRM North is encouraging volunteers to get involved in some science activities at the beach this summer.

'Snails Rock. Pools' activities will be held at a number of coastal spots this January and February to gather data about the ecological health of local intertidal habitats.

NRM North's Coastal Coordinator, Emma Williams, is delighted to be able to engage with participants in the program.

"We've run some very successful rock pool rambles in the past where we shared information about the organisms that live on our rocky shores. This year we're planning to take things further by asking volunteers to help us survey sites."

The information will be collated for comparison with results over coming years to determine what changes are occurring among intertidal ecosystems in northern Tasmania.

The activities are open to all ages and do not require any expertise.

"You may be a proficient marine biologist or you may simply not know your gravy boats (carnivorous snails) from your salad bowls (herbivores)," Miss Williams said.

"We're more than happy to supply the technical information, we just need volunteers to have an interest in having a go and it's a great way to spend a couple of hours."

Registrations can be made through NRM North and transport from Launceston can be arranged upon registration.

For further information on the event dates and locations contact NRM North on (03) 6333 7777 or ewilliams@nrmnorth.org.au or visit the program's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/snailsrockpools>.

Registrations can also be made online at VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/R2C31i>

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