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THERE'S A LOT HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD!

In the lead up to World Environment Day on Sunday, Tasmania's three natural resource management (NRM) organisations are recognising the community's efforts in caring for our valuable natural resources.

NRM North, Cradle Coast NRM and NRM South thank all of the volunteers, community and school groups, local industries and government bodies who work with us to protect and rehabilitate our special places.

NRM North's Community Engagement & Communications Manager, Melissa Lewarn, said Tasmania's NRM organisations remained committed to supporting these groups.

"The community plays a crucial role in managing our natural resources and we can assist them, whether that is through grants, technical advice, free training, information services and connecting them with partners." Mrs Lewarn said.

The organisations also assist with sustainable land management, tree plantings, weed control works, coastal conservation and threatened plant and animal monitoring throughout the state.

"Over the past year, the three regions have supported more than 2,700 volunteers, worked with 110 Landcare and Coastcare groups and other community groups, and assisted 775 landholders.

"We have also awarded more than \$1.2 million in community and landholder grants."

NRM North, Cradle Coast NRM and NRM South are part of a network of 56 regional bodies across Australia that care for our environment.

"There's a lot happening in our backyard and we encourage anyone who is interested in getting involved in natural resource management to contact their nearest NRM organisation.

"Natural resource management is everybody's business and we are fortunate to have a rich and diverse environment and an active and enthusiastic community working to protect it."

To find out more or to get involved go to www.nrmnorth.org.au

Interview/Picture Opportunity: NRM North staff and local school children will be planting trees to improve Tasmanian devil habitat **TOMORROW** 10.30am-2pm at Tasmania Zoo, 1166 Ecclestone Road, Riverside. This event is part of World Environment Day celebrations and NRM North's Devil Naming Competition.

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