



Media Release

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New Bioretention System to be installed in Bridport Village Green

Bridport is the lucky recipient of a new bioretention system which will clean stormwater, reduce flooding and improve waterway health as well as increase habitat and biodiversity.

NRM North, in partnership with the Dorset Council, identified a suitable site for a demonstration Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) project to be implemented in the Village Green Park off Main Street, Bridport.

The objectives of the project are to provide treatment of stormwater runoff from the CWA Hall and its adjacent carpark as well as expand community awareness around the implementation of green infrastructure.

Syrinx Environmental has been commissioned by NRM North to design and implement a small scale bioretention system.

NRM North's Stormwater and Catchment Officer, Jesse Webster, said it was a fantastic instalment.

"Stormwater from the roof of the hall and carpark will be directed into the system where it is used by the plants. Beneath the surface of the bioretention system are a series of different sand and soil layers which capture the remaining pollutants before the clean water infiltrates into the subsurface," Mr Webster said.

"This is a great opportunity for Bridport and the Dorset Council to have such a fantastic system right in the Village Green Park. I hope to see more systems like this one installed across the northern region."

The Dorset Mayor, Barry Jarvis, said it was an exciting project for the council.

"Dorset Council is keen to improve stormwater infrastructure throughout the municipality and we believe green infrastructure is the best way to clean stormwater and improve waterway health."

Construction works will begin today and will run for two days with an information session to be held onsite at 3:30pm on 21nd April.

Mr Webster, members of the Northern Tasmanian Stormwater Working Group (NTSWG) and Andrew Shipp from Syrinx Environmental will be available for interviews/photos.

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