

BITE-SIZED GRANTS

Increasing awareness and positive action in
NRM and environmental sustainability



Newtown Primary School garden



Tasmanian Filipino community commemorative tree planting

2017

The aim of NRM South's Naturally Inspired Bite-sized Grants program is to support community groups and not-for-profit organisations with small amounts (up to \$500) of funding for activities that increase engagement, participation and capacity building in NRM, or include on-ground works to protect national and state listed species, communities and places.

Launched in January 2014, the Naturally Inspired Bite-sized grants program provides support for small, short-term projects ranging from \$200 – \$500.

They are designed to give community groups and not-for-profit organisations the opportunity to apply for small amounts of funding when needed. A range of activities may be funded, including garden development, weed control, revegetation, development of educational materials, and running community awareness or training events.

The flexibility of these grants allows groups to achieve small projects that are important to them, in short timeframes, and at the time they want to do it.

Naturally Inspired Bite-Sized Grant projects align with the NRM Strategy for Southern Tasmania, which outlines the key goals to sustainably manage Tasmania's natural resources, and includes activities which;

- a) Increase engagement, participation and capacity building in NRM and,
- b) Include on-ground works to protect national and state listed species, communities and places.

They also align with targets set out as part of National Landcare

THE BITE-SIZED GRANTS INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS HAS REALISED A RATIO OF \$7 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS BY COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED BY NRM SOUTH.

Programme funding including; communities involved in caring for their environment and communities protecting species and natural assets.

OVER FOUR YEARS

58
PROJECTS
FUNDED

29

PROJECTS WITH
LANDCARE/WILDCARE/
COASTCARE
BUSHCARE GROUPS

16
PROJECTS
with SCHOOLS

Eight projects with not for profit organisations
Five projects with other groups
Planted approximately 1700 plants to date
\$26,267 invested by NRM South
3,925 volunteer hours (with a value of \$151,200)
Cash or other in-kind contributions totalling \$29,788

TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS **\$180,988**



Bush tucker garden
Channel Christian School



Interpretation sign
Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve Landcare Group

The Bite-Sized grants program receives consistently positive feedback from groups who can make a small amount of funding go a long way.

A few hundred dollars might mean years' worth of herbicide to support a landcare group's weeding working bees, tools for a bushcare group's revegetation project, contractor costs for a coastcare group's marine debris removal or a garden plot for a school group.

These grants help the community in Tasmania's south-east to engage with our natural resources. The grants also relieve the burden on volunteers to fund environmental work out of their own pockets, which can be a struggle for volunteers who are often retirees and who already donate a lot of their time.



Pied Oystercatcher chick on the Clarence Plains Rivulet salt marsh

2013-14

13 PROJECTS FUNDED

\$5,611 devolved by NRM South
395 volunteer hours (value \$13,825)
In-kind cash/other contributions \$5,925
TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
\$19,750

2014-15

11 PROJECTS FUNDED

\$5,028 devolved by NRM South
445 volunteer hours (value \$29,400)
In-kind cash/other contributions \$8,445
TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
\$37,845

2015-16

16 PROJECTS FUNDED

\$7,383 devolved by NRM South
1,228 volunteer hours (value \$42,980)
In-kind cash/other contributions \$3,410
TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
\$46,390

2016-17

18 PROJECTS FUNDED

\$8,244 devolved by NRM South
1,857 volunteer hours (value \$64,995)
In-kind cash/other contributions \$12,008
TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
\$77,003

GRANT PROJECT EXAMPLES

Bridgewater/Gagebrook Clean Up Group (\$452): Clean up tools and equipment

Friends of Maria Island (\$320): Ongoing weed control on coastal foreshore

Friends of Mount Field (\$450): Junee Cave carpark revegetation project

Huon Valley Roamers (\$500): National Tree Day – awareness and tree planting

Philippine Australian Community in Tasmania (\$500): PACT 40th Anniversary Commemorative Tree Planting

Tasmanian Land Conservancy (\$500): Five Rivers Sphagnum Bog Restoration Project

Birdlife Tasmania (\$500): Enabling community-supported shorebird education year round

Friends of Mt Field Wildcare (\$500): Tyenna River Revegetation

Friends of Peter Murrell Reserve (\$474): Purchasing equipment and herbicide to support monthly working bees

Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet (\$500): Reed Planting along the Sandy Bay Rivulet and Community Newsletter

Lansdowne Crescent Primary School (\$359): Native animal monitoring in school grounds

Tasmanian Land Conservancy (\$500): Maintaining the natural values of Lutregala Marsh Reserve, Bruny Island

Tranmere Clarence Plains Land & Coastcare (\$308): Supporting our NI grant project – Buffering the Clarence Plains Saltmarsh