





PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GUIDELINES

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A PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR SMALLHOLDERS

The productive landscapes within commuting distance to Hobart are home to a significant number of smallholdings, hobby farms and lifestyle properties. These properties bring with them a variety of opportunities and diversity of landholder needs.

Smaller farms have different needs to larger properties and in late 2024, NRM South received funding to deliver an a Property Management Planning Program designed for small properties typically ranging in size from 5 to 100 hectares.

The program will be delivered annually over the next four years in the Huon Valley, Coal Valley and Channel region, and will support smallholders in managing their properties in a sustainable way, connect them to local networks and build their knowledge in a range of land management topics.

The first program will be delivered between March and June 2025 in the Huon Valley and Channel region. This program builds on NRM South's popular and successful Small Farm Planning Program delivered in the Huon Valley between 2012-2018.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM



Property Management Planning (PMP) is a process for developing and documenting your visions and goals for your property, recording natural resources and planning the management of your property with a focus on protecting and improving the health of those resources. The process includes:

- 1 Identifying your property's natural assets, capability and management needs
- 2 Identifying your property vision and goals relating to your lifestyle, family, environmental and financial aspirations
- 3 Assessing your resource and management risks
- 4 Using maps to plan management options
- **5** Preparing an action plan
- 6 Implementing your plan







Five workshops will be held during weekends at participant properties. The workshops will take a practical, hands-on approach, and will include topics including soil health, grazing management, and managing native vegetation, browsing mammals, weeds and water.

Participants will be guided through the development of a Property Management Plan, with support from the project team, which can be used to guide management decisions as well as demonstrating their commitment to the environment and natural resources.

Participants will also receive personalised property maps, fact sheets and other information resources. The program can accommodate up to 15 properties and will provide opportunities for networking with other landowners and learning from technical experts.

Participants may need to allow time to continue working on their property plans outside of scheduled workshops.

By the end of the program, participants will have developed their skills and knowledge in a range of topics from property planning to grazing and soil management.

WORKSHOP DATES AND DETAILS

Workshop	Topics covered	Date
1	Property planning and mapping; farm biosecurity	29.03.25
2	Water 101; Soil 101	12.04.25
3	Managing pastures & the impact of native browsers	10.05.25
4	Managing weeds; native vegetation and catchment health	24.05.25
5	Regenerative farming principles; Action planning; Planning with maps revisited; Local Networks	14.06.25

COST

Participants are required to make a contribution towards the cost of the program of \$350 per property (maximum of two individuals).

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for a spot in our workshops, please complete an Expression of Interest form. NRM South will assess applications, with priority given to applicants with properties in the Huon Valley and Kingborough municipalities. Places are limited and some applications may be unsuccessful. Successful applicants will be notified in writing by the end of February, alongside additional information about the program (venues and timings). Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing by the end of March and NRM South will advise them of any other opportunities to participate in field days or access relevant information.

Key dates:

Applications open: January 21 2025

<u>Applications close: 5pm, February 18 2025</u>

Successful applicant notification: By February 28 2025

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