

# National, Statewide and Regional Funding Opportunities for Community Groups, Individuals & Primary Industry



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## National Landcare Programme

### *National Landcare Programme – Sustainable Practices 2008-09*

- The priority for funding through NLP **Sustainable Practices** (*previously known as NLP Community Support*) investment is on-ground activities that will: significantly increase the uptake of sustainable production and other NRM practices; support landcare group and primary industry activities which contribute to NLP outcomes; enhance the knowledge and skills of natural resource managers; promote implementation of best practices; and improve integration of NRM into management practices at the enterprise level. Public benefit outcomes are sought; addressing the cause of NRM issues at source, rather than off-site, is a key objective. Over \$18 million is available nationally.
- **Now Open. Application period open from 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2007 to 25 February 2008.**
- Ph: 63 32 1800; or in NRM Regions: Cradle Coast: 64 31 6285; South 62 26 2668 or North: 63 33 7777 or see [www.daff.gov.au/landcare](http://www.daff.gov.au/landcare) or see [www.tfga.com.au](http://www.tfga.com.au) (then go to Landcare link).

### *National Landcare Programme – Primary Industry Partnerships*

- The NLP Primary Industry Partnerships grants are intended to foster the development of collaborative partnerships between primary industry groups and regional NRM organisations. The grants will support two of the primary aims of the NLP: greater primary industry and community engagement in NRM and a stronger contribution of primary industries to the regional delivery of natural resource management. The funding is intended to be catalytic; projects will be have a maximum timeframe of two years. Up to \$4 million nationally will be available.
- **Applications likely to be called for in June 2008.**
- Ph: 63 32 1800 or see [www.daff.gov.au/landcare](http://www.daff.gov.au/landcare)

### *National Landcare Programme - Natural Resource Innovation Grants*

- \$3 million in funding is available nationally through the NLP Natural Resource Innovation Grants to individuals, incorporated community and other “not-for-profit” groups or businesses with links to natural resource management and/or the agricultural, food, aquaculture or forestry (or related) industries who wish to develop and/or implement, and promote innovative practices, production techniques, technologies or products.
- **Applications likely to be called for in May 2008**
- Ph: 63 32 1800 or see [www.landcare.gov.au/nlpinnovations](http://www.landcare.gov.au/nlpinnovations)

### *Farm Forestry Management for Production and Conservation*

- Funding assistance to landholders in NRM North Region seeking to plan all aspects of trees on their farms including: farm forestry plantations, shelterbelts, riparian vegetation, native forest for timber production and native forest for conservation.
- **Projects now being sought and implemented through Private Forests Tasmania.**
- Ph: 63 36 5309. See also <http://www.privateforests.tas.gov.au/> for more information about PFT.

### ***Managing Remnant Bush: Increasing Production & Biodiversity***

- On-ground assistance to Landholders in the George Town, Launceston and West Tamar municipalities (and adjacent areas) to conserve and manage native vegetation and increase agricultural production through assistance with fencing, off-stream stock facilities, weed control and management advice.
- **New projects are now being sought and implemented through Tamar NRM.**
- Ph: 6323 3310 or see <http://tamar-nrm.org.au/index.html>

### ***TFGA Drought Lot Project (sustainable agricultural practices and drought preparedness for Tasmanian sheep graziers)***

- Incentive grants funded by the NLP of up to \$5000 to assist sheep graziers and farmers to establish drought lots. Properties must be in the NRM South or North regions and be commercial sheep operations. Funding is for infrastructure and may include fencing, water and feeding facilities. Training available (eg planning drought lots, developing drought preparedness plans).
- **Applications are now open and close on 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2007**
- Application forms and information sheets can be downloaded from <http://www.tfga.com.au> or by contacting the TFGA on 63 32 1800.

## **Natural Heritage Trust & Other**

### **Australian Government Funding Opportunities**

#### ***AAA Advancing Agricultural Industries Programme***

- The Advancing Agricultural Industries Programme will provide \$35 million over four years from 2007-08 to help agricultural, fisheries and forestry **industries** operating in the highly competitive domestic and international marketplace to come together with the Australian Government to build stronger, more profitable and sustainable rural and regional industries in Australia. The programme's four components include:
  - **Industry Stocktakes** – helping industry to better understand the factors that are influencing industry change, allowing industry to prioritise its issues of concern and develop plans to address them. **Industry Stocktake proposals accepted on an ongoing basis.**
  - **Action Grants** – supporting priority projects to improve industry's ability to address major challenges and opportunities that will contribute to its long-term success. Action Grants help industries to gain a more profitable, sustainable and competitive position in domestic and international markets. The Australian Government will provide matching funding of up to \$1 million for projects which enable industries to build their structural and organisational capacity; **Action Grant proposals accepted on an ongoing basis however an industry Stocktake or similar strategic assessment must have been undertaken first.**
  - **AgFund** – providing grants to producer groups for local initiatives aimed at managing business risks and ongoing change. **The next AgFund grant round may open in mid 2008.**
  - **Rural Leadership Development** – to help improve leadership skills of young people, women and Indigenous people in rural Australia.
- For more information on the four components above, see <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/aaa/advancingindustries> or phone freecall 1800 686 175.

### ***Community Water Grants***

- Australian Government Community Water Grants of up to \$50,000 available to agricultural, conservation, Indigenous and other community groups, schools, local governments, individuals and the private sector. Grants focus is on-ground activities for improving water efficiency and savings, reusing or recycling water, water treatment, improving surface and groundwater health. Applications and projects that meet special eligibility criteria can apply for a larger grant of between \$100,000 and \$250,000.
- **Round 4 will open in the first half of 2008.** (Round 3 closed on 4 July 2007.)
- Ph 62 33 3401 or Freecall 1800 780 730 or see [www.nrm.gov.au/water-fund/index.html](http://www.nrm.gov.au/water-fund/index.html)

### ***Cradle Coast: Applying the Plan – helping proactive farmers to be sustainable and productive***

- Funding assistance through the National Landcare Programme for landholders in the Cradle Coast NRM region (up to \$5,000) for fencing and other materials to help implement activities identified in an up-to-date Property Management Plan (Whole Farm Plan).
- **Funds are limited and applications will be closing soon.**
- For more information call ARM on Ph: 64 98 6895 or email [dmacdonald@agrm.com.au](mailto:dmacdonald@agrm.com.au)

### ***Cradle Coast Property Management Planning***

- Cradle Coast NRM will contribute \$5,000 per farm to pay for a property management plan (eg whole farm plan) in the Cradle Coast NRM region. The plan includes farm mapping/surveying and on-farm technical advice and action plan.
- **Applications for Property Management Planning are now being accepted.**
- For application information call ARM on 64 98 6890 or email [mlehman@agrm.com.au](mailto:mlehman@agrm.com.au)

### ***Cradle Coast Rivers and Bush Projects***

- The Cradle Coast Rivers and Bush Projects provides funding assistance for North West land managers to protect and enhance high quality native vegetation, threatened species habitats, streamside land and wetland ecosystems. Funding is available for such things as stock fencing to protect native vegetation and riparian zones, provision of off-stream stock watering points, restoring degraded stream channels and enhancing native vegetation.
- **New projects now being sought and implemented in the Cradle Coast NRM region.**
- Ph: 64 32 1405 or 0417 513 070 for more information at Greening Australia, Burnie.

### ***Cradle Coast Weed Control***

- A range of new incentive programs designed to encourage and assist weed control in the Cradle Coast NRM Region have now begun. Funding is now available to land managers who will match the funding either with cash or an in-kind contribution. Further details will be forthcoming on a variety of weed control projects in the region.
- **Applications for weed control assistance now being accepted.**
- For application information call Cradle Coast NRM on 64 31 6285.

### ***Envirofund***

- On-ground funding for projects **up to \$50,000** for up to 18 months is available. The Envirofund provides the opportunity for community groups or individuals to undertake on-ground projects tackling important local environmental problems and natural resource management opportunities.
- **Round 10 closed 20 July 2007: the next round is likely to open in early 2008.**
- Freecall 1800 303863 or [www.nht.gov.au/envirofund](http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund) for application & guidelines.

### ***FarmBis: Training and Extension Assistance***

- The farm business improvement program (FarmBis) provides funding support for primary producers (including commercial fishers) taking part in training activities in the areas of business

management and natural resource management. The FarmBis program operates as joint initiative between the Australian and Tasmanian Governments. Each party has committed \$1.8 million to the program that will operate until June 2008.

- **Funding support available on an on-going basis.**
- Ph 1300 368 550 (local call fee) or see <http://farmbis.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/FarmBis.nsf> for information on eligible training activities, courses and providers.

### ***Forest Conservation Fund***

- The FCF is a new market-based program targeting old growth and under reserved forest communities on private land. The objectives of the FCF are to protect up to 45,600 hectares of forested private land, targeting old growth forest and under-reserved forest communities, of which there will be a minimum of 25,000 hectares of old growth forest and up to 2,400 hectares of forest in the Mole Creek area. The FCF will support private landowners to manage their forest for conservation using mechanisms such as: voluntary stewardship arrangements secured in perpetuity through covenants on the land; development of conservation management plans with the landholder; provision of ongoing advice and assistance to manage protected areas.
- **Round 2 will be announced soon. Round One closed on 6 August 2007.**
- If you are interested contact KPMG (Tasmania) via 1300 854 456 or email [fcf@deh.gov.au](mailto:fcf@deh.gov.au) or go to: <http://www.environment.gov.au/land/forestpolicy/fcf/index.html>

### ***Midlands Biodiversity Hotspot Project***

- The Midlands of Tasmania has been identified nationally as an important region for its rare plants and animals. This project covers the lowland country (below 700 m) extending from just south of Launceston to just north of Hobart.
- **Projects are currently being sought.** Financial assistance will be considered for such things as fencing of bushland or grasslands that is important habitat for threatened species.
- Phone Southern Midlands Council Municipal Offices at Oatlands on 6254 5047 or 0422 936 027; email [ggreen@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:ggreen@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)
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### ***Non-Forest Vegetation Management Program***

- Property-based vegetation management agreements, conservation covenants, and on-ground incentives for landowners to manage and protect threatened non-forest native vegetation, including grasslands, wetlands, heaths and scrubs.
- **On-going assistance available from this major initiative.**
- Ph: 6233 8538 or see <http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/LBUN-5WF6Q9?open>

### ***NRM North: Targeted Protection of High Priority Terrestrial and Riparian Vegetation***

- This NRM North project aims to improve water quality and river health through the protection, maintenance and enhancement of high priority native vegetation on private land in the **Ben Lomond and Flinders Bioregions**. High priority areas include threatened vegetation communities, regional corridors, critical fauna habitat and riparian and/or wetland areas.
- **Targeted funding now available** for vegetation management plans, fencing, water troughs and some weed control and revegetation. The project will deliver \$200,000 in grants to landholders.
- Application Information: Ph: 63 36 5412 at Private Forests Tasmania.

### ***NRM South Incentives Project***

- Incentives for works to improve the quality and sustainability of soil, water and biodiversity in Southern Tasmania. The project is managed by Greening Australia and Agricultural Resource Management. No application forms, just give us a ring to arrange a site visit.
- **Primary areas of focus are** covenanted bush areas, north facing slopes, properties with a property management or whole farm plan, works in the Coal/Jordan and Swan/Apsley catchments and other

significant areas across the Southern Region. Activities funded include the management of water quality, soil issues, threatened species and the protection of threatened vegetation communities.

- For more information call Greening Australia on 6223 6377, or ARM on 6244 3666.

### ***NRM South Property Management Planning***

- Natural Heritage Trust funding is available for farmers and land managers to develop property management plans in prioritised catchments in the NRM South region. Although the project will target prioritised catchments initially, in the long term the intention is to deliver PMP services across the whole Southern Region. One on one visits available if you would like to find out more.
- **Expressions of Interest continue to be sought.**
- Ph: 62 31 9033 or email [jodie.presnell@ruraldevelopmentservices.com](mailto:jodie.presnell@ruraldevelopmentservices.com) or [info@ruraldevelopmentservices.com](mailto:info@ruraldevelopmentservices.com)

### ***Protected Areas on Private Land Program***

- Voluntary Conservation on Private Land in Tasmania (conservation covenants, management agreements and private reserves)
- **On-going assistance available.** Benefits include exemptions from land tax, rate rebates, expert advice, and on-ground assistance.
- Ph: 6233 6210 or 6332 1800. See also: <http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/SSKA-6B56K5?open>

### ***Regional Partnerships: Area Consultative Committee Tasmania***

- Investment will be made in projects that provide greater opportunities for economic and social participation in the community as well as assisting communities to adjust to major economic, social or environmental change.
- **Applications to Regional Partnerships can be submitted at any time.** There are no closing dates or rounds for the lodgement of applications. There is one application process for requests greater than \$25,000 and a simpler process for application less than \$25,000.
- For further information contact the Area Consultative Committee Tasmania on 63 34 9822 or visit [www.acct.org.au](http://www.acct.org.au)

## Smaller Scale Funding Opportunities

### ***Australian Post Community Development Grants***

- Grants up to \$3,300 available to assist Landcare and other community and indigenous groups for projects of their choice. The grants can fulfil a group's "wish list" and directly fund a community project, help buy much needed tools and equipment, or help raise awareness and encourage more community members to get involved. The flexibility in the allocation of funds aims to help groups in their ability to grow within the community.
- **Next rounds TBA. Closing date for last 2007 Round 2 was 14th September 2007.**
- See: [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au) for application information or call 1800 151 105 or email [inquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:inquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au)

### ***Australian Post Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant***

- Grants up to \$550 available to assist schools and youth groups throughout Australia applying for funds in the biodiversity category. Projects that directly meet biodiversity needs (eg improving habitat by planting native vegetation, removing weeds or installing nest boxes). Funds for propagation or purchase of native plants local to the area also available.
- **Next rounds TBA. Applications for last round of funding closed 18 October 2007.**
- See: [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au) for application information or call 03 9662 9977 or email: [rebecca@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:rebecca@landcareaustralia.com.au)

### ***Dilmah Water Quality Grant Funding***

- Grants of up to \$1,650 are available for schools and community groups to apply for such things as: water quality testing kits for community groups and schools, water quality testing training, water quality testing kit consumables and additions. Through the grants, landcare community groups and schools around Australia will now have better ability to monitor and improve the quality of their water in their local area.
- **Next rounds TBA. Applications for last round of funding closed 26 October 2007.**
- See [http://www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=10](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=10) for application information.

### ***Elders Landcare Farming Partnership***

- Landcare Australia and Elders have teamed up to support farmers implementing sustainable agricultural practices and to help them demonstrate their environmental credentials to the community through the Elders Landcare Farming Partnership.
- Other project partners include Australian Landcare Management System Horticulture Australia Australian Wool Innovation Meat and Livestock Australia and the Grains Council of Australia.
- If you would like to find out more about Landcare farming and the programs being supported by the Elders Landcare Farming Partnership contact Kate Fenby on 03 96 62 9977 or via email at [kate@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:kate@landcareaustralia.com.au) see also <http://www.landcareonline.com/page.asp?pID=127&p=Elders> .

### ***Landcare Assistance Program***

- Up to \$400 available **annually** to assist community care groups who are members of the Tasmanian Landcare Association Inc.
- **The next round opens early in 2008.**
- Ph: 6234 7117 or see [www.taslandcare.org.au](http://www.taslandcare.org.au) for application information.

### ***Landcare CarbonSMART***

- New South Wales is currently the only state with a mandatory carbon offsets scheme. However, Landcare Australia anticipates that opportunities will arise for landholders in other states in the future. In the short term, these opportunities are likely to be voluntary offset projects.
- If you have an existing site that meets the eligibility criteria you are encouraged to complete and return an [Expression of Interest \(Other States\)](#).
- See <http://www.landcareonline.com/> or email: [carbonsmart@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:carbonsmart@landcareaustralia.com.au)

### ***Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Program Grants***

- Grants up to \$500 each for schools and youth groups. Funding applications must address an environmental need within the school itself, the immediate school grounds or be an area of community concern in which the school can be involved.
- **Next rounds TBA. Applications for last round of funding closed 18 October.**
- See: [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au) for application information or call 1800 151105 or 6332 1800.

### ***Tasmanian Landcare Fund Grants Program***

- This philanthropic fund supports activities that provide long term benefit to the community and environment of Tasmania by improving the management of Tasmania's water quality, soil, flora and fauna by private landholders and community groups through education and awareness raising. Two application rounds per year. **The next round will open in March 2008.**
- Ph: 6234 7117 or see [www.taslandcare.org.au/](http://www.taslandcare.org.au/) to download application form and guidelines.

### ***Westpac Operation Backyard***

- The project must be supported by the local community and involve Westpac staff as volunteers. On-going application period. The project must be nominated by a Bank staff member or in-store operator and involve Bank staff as volunteers.
- **Ongoing program.** Projects generally receive donations of up to \$5,000.
- See: [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au) for application, email [community@westpac.com.au](mailto:community@westpac.com.au) or [david@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:david@landcareaustralia.com.au) or call 1800 151105 or 02 9412 1040.

## **Other Grants & Project Assistance**

- For more information on any of the above or for details of other funding opportunities contact the **Community Landcare Coordinator in your NRM region: Cradle Coast: 64 31 6285; North: 63 33 7777; or South: 62 26 2668.**
- To contact **local NRM Facilitators** to assist with projects or for **regional NRM support**, contact the Landcare Coordinators noted above or see [www.nrmtas.org](http://www.nrmtas.org). See also [www.daff.gov.au/landcare](http://www.daff.gov.au/landcare) or [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au) for more information. See also [www.tfga.com.au](http://www.tfga.com.au) (then go to Landcare link).
- New and significant **investment opportunities** are now available through the **Natural Heritage Trust NRM Regional Investment process**. See [www.nrmtas.org](http://www.nrmtas.org) for Tasmanian information. See also <http://nrm.gov.au/funding/a-z.html> and <http://www.environment.gov.au/programs/index.html> .
- A very useful link for an overview of Australian Government and associated grants is at <http://www.landcareonline.com/page.asp?pid=88> . Another useful webpage for wider community grants is 'grantsLINK' which is at <http://www.grantslink.gov.au/> . The Tasmanian Government's FarmPoint at <http://www.farmpoint.tas.gov.au/farmpoint.nsf> may also provide useful funding and associated links.

- The Tasmanian Government Office in Canberra issues funding alerts through <http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/tgo/funding.html>
- The *Australian Green Grants Guide 2007* is a one stop guide to over 250 Australian environmental and heritage grants with 50 new grants added since last year. It provides specific information about each grant and has indexes which make it quick and easy for applicants to see which grants they are eligible for. See: [http://www.molinostewart.com.au/Green\\_Grants\\_Guide.htm](http://www.molinostewart.com.au/Green_Grants_Guide.htm)
- Landcare Australia has established a Junior Landcare web site at <http://juniorlandcare.com/> which is useful for information about school based grants and young people interested in Landcare.
- There are currently **National Landcare Programme and other funding sources sub-regional processes** operating in areas such as Bruny Island, Greater Rubicon Catchment, Break O'Day Council, Tamar Region, Derwent Catchment, Elliot/Wynyard/Yolla areas, Pet and Guide Rivers and the Tasman Catchment. Contact your regional Landcare Coordinator for more information.
- A variety of other regional, sub-regional and local scale NLP, NAP and NHT **funding** and other on ground **resources and support** are available (eg. through Landcare / NRM Groups, Coastcare, Waterwatch, Green Corps, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Work for the Dole, Mersey NRM, Greening Australia, industry groups and local government) that may be able to assist you.
- **Volunteers: *extra hands*** is a new volunteer placement program that provides people with an easy and safe way to volunteer on landcare related projects. The program provides volunteers with insurance coverage, on the job training, newsletters and practical skills and a no obligation volunteer experience. For more information see <http://www.taslandcare.org.au/extrahands.html> or email [extrahands@taslandcare.org.au](mailto:extrahands@taslandcare.org.au) or call 62 34 7117. See also [www.taslandcare.org.au/](http://www.taslandcare.org.au/)
- **Also, contact your local council about the many local government funding opportunities that may be available in your area.**

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For corrections or additions to the funding opportunities listed above, please contact:  
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