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Volunteer Groups Urged To Apply for Grants

The Huon Valley Council is calling for applications for the 2019 Volunteer Care Group Grants Program.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available for proposed projects that have a focus on improving or protecting the natural values of the Huon Valley for training and/or equipment. Grants of up to \$500 are available for continued operations.

Mayor Bec Enders says any group with a nature conservation, rehabilitation, or environmental management project that requires financial assistance is urged to apply.

"We appreciate the work volunteers groups do to make the Huon Valley a better place," she said.

"I'm pleased that we are able to contribute to these important projects protecting our natural and cultural resources.

"I urge any eligible group to apply."

In the past the program has supported projects aimed at recreating swift parrot habitat and nesting boxes on Huon Island, a citizen science based bat monitoring program, creation of native bird sanctuaries and the repair of the riparian area on Agnes Rivulet.

To be eligible, care groups must demonstrate that the proposed works align with Huon Valley Council's NRM strategic Objective: To protect and enhance natural land, coast and waterway systems and the flora and fauna that relies on them and the cultural and natural values within them.

Guidelines, application forms and information on how to apply are available on the council's website or from the NRM coordinator on (03) 6264 0300 or email hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au.

Applications close on the 1st April 2019.

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