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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ENVIRONMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

The Huon Valley Council is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2022 Natural Resource Management (NRM) Environment Grants program to volunteer care groups in the Huon Valley.

Mayor Bec Enders said the Environment Grants program has helped many environmental groups make a real difference in protecting natural values within the valley.

“Any group with a nature conservation, rehabilitation, or environmental management project that requires financial assistance is encouraged to apply,” she said.

“We are looking for projects that will make a significant contribution to protecting and enhancing natural land, coast and waterway systems and the flora and fauna that relies on them and the cultural and natural values within them.”

The grants program includes two categories:

- Proposed projects that have a focus on improving or protecting the natural values within the Huon Valley (maximum value \$4,000)
- Training and/or equipment to support a group’s continued operations (maximum value \$500).



In the past, the program has supported projects aimed at recreating swift parrot habitat and nesting boxes on Huon Island, the implementation of a regenerative grazing trial, creation of native bird sanctuaries and installation of interpretive signage on birds of the Far South region.

Michael Foley of Friends of Huon Island said the grants program has helped the group engage in long-term restoration of the island and secure habitat for endangered and threatened species.

“Over my working life, I have written hundreds of grant applications. It is refreshing if the people allocating the precious monies share a commitment to the goals that drive us, are genuinely there to help and most importantly, are always willing to answer even the most seemingly obvious questions. The Council’s NRM team is always available and friendly.”

Mayor Enders said she’s excited to see how the 2022 grants can further protect the natural values in the Huon Valley.

Applications for the NRM Environment Grant are open until 17 January 2022, with successful applicants announced in February 2022.

For more information visit our website or contact our NRM Coordinator Michelle Joy on (03) 6264 0300 or via nrm@huonvalley.tas.gov.au.

Council’s NRM unit can help with project development and application preparation. Landcare, coastcare and ‘Friends of’ groups are all encouraged to apply.

Completed applications can be lodged at the Customer Service Centre at 40 Main Street in Huonville, by post at PO Box 210, Huonville Tasmania 7109, or via email at hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

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