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Powering a bright, sustainable future

Six community groups will receive funding for sustainability projects across Tasmania.

The not-for-profit groups will each receive a boost of up to \$10,000 under TasNetworks' Sustainable Future Grants Program.

TasNetworks CEO, Seán Mc Goldrick, said the program's a positive way to tackle complex social and environmental issues in our community.

"We recognise the increased urgency to act on climate change, produce clean energy and reduce emissions and waste," Dr Mc Goldrick said.

"Not-for-profits are leading the way in creating a sustainable future in Tasmania - often working directly with the community on solutions to some of these critical issues," he said.

The 2021 TasNetworks Sustainable Future Grants Program recipients are:

With the help of student leaders from New Town Primary and Ogilvie High Schools, **Sustainable Living Tasmania** will use their grant of \$10,000 to implement WasteWatcher Wormfarm Systems at early learning centres in greater Hobart, enabling them to process their organic waste and divert it from landfill.

Surf Life Saving Tasmania are taking steps to eliminate plastic waste. With their grant of \$3,000, they'll be implementing an EcoSafe Policy and purchasing re-useable sunscreen containers for their lifeguards and volunteers.

Friends of Bonorong will use their grant of \$10,000 to improve raptor rehabilitation outcomes in the north of the state by constructing round 'doughnut' aviaries, enabling Tasmanian raptors in their care, such as Wedge-tailed Eagles, to test fly at high speeds before release.

Eat Well Tasmania will put their \$10,000 grant towards the development of a new digital campaign called 'Love Your Leftovers', aimed at promoting responsible food waste practices in the home and encouraging people to get creative with their leftovers.

The Derwent Catchment Project has a healthy Miena Cider Gum conservation program at Miena in the Central Highlands. Over-browsing by possums is currently being experienced at the site due to wombats digging under the existing fence. With the help of a \$5,240 grant, wombat gates will be installed, allowing passage of wombats whilst excluding access to other wildlife.

Tamar NRM has been awarded a \$10,000 grant in support of their Source to Sea Project – an education framework which aims to engage and educate local school students and the broader community about the importance of the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary Catchment, the traditional owners and land management techniques, pollution sources and impacts and native flora, fauna, and marine and birdlife habitats.

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