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\$460 000 ENVIRONMENT GRANTS AWARDED

The NT Government's unique EnvironmeNT Grants – which give all Territorians the opportunity to play a role in protecting our environment – have been awarded for 2005-06.

The second round will see \$460 000 awarded to Territorians for various community environment projects.

EnvironmeNT Grants is a grant scheme introduced by the NT Government last year, and is open to all Territorians – a first for the Territory.

“The NT Government is spending more money than ever on community environment and heritage projects – over \$1 million again this year,” Ms Scrymgour said.

Ms Scrymgour said this year \$190 000 will be provided to support the operations of Territory environment groups including Keep Australia Beautiful, Environment Centre, Arid Lands Environment Centre and the Environment Defenders Office NT.

“These are groups that work hard to raise community awareness of environmental issues and encourage community action to fix problems,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Through EnvironmeNT Grants, most of these groups received funding for the first time from a Territory Government, because this Government believes in a strong voice for the environment.”

Ms Scrymgour said funding is also being provided for 25 environmental projects this year.

Some of the projects include (full list attached):

- \$10 000 to the Local Government Association to conduct a gamba grass publicity campaign;
- \$26 000 to Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association to eradicate feral goats on West Island;
- \$20 000 to the Motor Traders Association to assist their GreenStamp program which will help mechanic workshops to put in place better environmental practices and recognise their achievements.

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