$1 MILLION BOOST TO COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

The Territory’s great lifestyle will continue to be enhanced as the NT Government today announced a $1 million spend in 2005/06 on grass roots environment and heritage projects.

This includes $460,000 on EnvironmeNT Grants - launched last year by Environment and Heritage Minister Marion Scrymgour, $250,000 towards Litter and Recycling Grants, and funds for heritage community grants and Cool Communities.

“The NT Government is spending $1 million on community environment and heritage projects this year,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Government made a record investment last year when it announced the first-ever million dollar spend on community grants projects - an unprecedented spend by any Territory Government on community-based environment initiatives.

“We are doing this because we are proud of our great lifestyle – it’s unique and the best in Australia.”

Ms Scrymgour said EnvironmeNT Grants is an environment grant scheme which is open to all Territorians – a first for the Territory.

After a successful first round, the NT Government is again calling for Territorians interested in improving the environment to apply for these grants.

“The response and quality of the first round of grants was fantastic – with more than 70 applications received,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“I urge all who missed out to resubmit their applications again.”

The first round of EnvironmeNT Grants saw a large cross section of applications received funding right across the Territory, including schools, indigenous organisations and landcare groups.

Grants are available for projects that reduce environmental impacts, improve environment, promote conservation, and increase environmental awareness. Further information can be found at www.environmentgrants.nt.gov.au.

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