LITTER GRANTS TO HELP ENVIRONMENT

The Territory’s great lifestyle will continue to be enhanced with the announcement today of the NT Government’s 2005 Litter and Recycling Grants.

Almost $200 000 has been allocated to Territory community organisations and schools in this year’s round – part of the Territory Government’s $1 million spend this year on grass roots environment projects.

“Territorians love to be outdoors – it is intrinsic to our great lifestyle,” Environment and Heritage Minister Marion Scrymgour said.

“So it is important we keep our environment clean, green and in its natural state.

“The Litter and Recycling Grants are an important part of the NT Government’s commitment to the environment, giving the community an opportunity to play a role in protecting our unique environment.”

Ms Scrymgour said this year’s Litter and Recycling Grants recipients included a large number of can-recycling projects and initiatives.

“The NT Government supports voluntary container deposit projects to encourage recycling of cans, and this year’s grants scheme shows an overwhelming support for can recycling.

“More cans will be recycled with can crushing established at Maningrida, Nyrripi, Yirrkala and Mataranka.

“This year the Grants will also see an extension of the Collect-A-Can Scout Project between Palmerston and Daly Waters.”

Ms Scrymgour said other exciting projects included a ‘Changing Litter Attitudes and Behaviour’ project at Parap Primary School”, and funding to allow students at Alawa Primary School to paint wheelie bins.

The Litter and Recycling Grants, complement the NT Government’s new EnvironmeNT Grants –announced last year – and open to all Territorians.

A full list of the Litter Grant recipients is attached.

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