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### Workshop to take the mystery out of grant applications

Why do some Landcare groups, farmers or schools receive grants for environmental projects while others seem to struggle ?

And how do these individuals and groups know where to go to attract funding ?

Speakers at a workshop and information session being held in Wodonga in mid-February will help to unravel the mysteries of natural resource management (NRM) funding for North East residents.

*"NRM Funding Demystified"* will feature an information session about the range of funding options available and an optional workshop where people can improve their application writing skills.

The session is being jointly funded by the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust, the North East CMA and North East Landcare.

According to the North East CMA's Regional NRM Coordinator and the event organiser, Judith Samways, there's a huge range of funding opportunities available for individuals and groups.

"People who come along to our information session can learn about the incredible range of funding programs available. By asking questions of our presenters, potential applicants can match their project ideas to the most appropriate funding source," explained Judith.

The application writing workshop will be presented by Tim Allen, Australian Government NRM Facilitator - Coastal & Marine, and Ian Linley, Victorian State Industry Landcare Coordinator.

Tim and Ian have extensive experience working with the Australian Government's Envirofund and National Landcare Program - two of Australia's most prestigious natural resource management funding sources.

Tim and Ian will use real-life example to provide an insight into the assessment process and identify the ingredients of successful and unsuccessful applications.

*"NRM Funding Demystified"* will be held on **Tuesday February 13th 2007** at the Comfort Inn & Suites, Blazing Stump, Tallangatta Road Wodonga

- 12:30pm - Registration
- 1-3pm - Information Session
- 3pm Afternoon Tea
- 3:30-5pm - Writing Applications Workshop
- 5pm Wrap up and opportunity to ask further questions until 5:30pm.

Ms Samways encouraged people to register for one or both sessions as places are limited. There is no charge to attend.

"People can gather the latest information on funding sources, discover how assessment panels think and also meet others undertaking exciting projects in the North East," concluded Judith.

To register, please contact Judith Samways, Regional NRM Coordinator at the North East CMA by telephoning: (02) 6024 9108 or 0408 251 861 or [judith.samways@necma.vic.gov.au](mailto:judith.samways@necma.vic.gov.au)

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