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More Toon Buffet Environment Trust grants on offer

The Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, the Hon Stephanie Jack MLA, announced today that applications are being invited from the Norfolk Island community for the fourth round of grants to be issued by the trust established to honour the memory of the late Ivens (Toon) Buffett.

Mrs Jack said that the successful operation of the Ivens F (Toon) Buffett Environmental Trust was an outstanding example of cooperation between the Commonwealth and Norfolk Island Governments. She said that all of the grant funding had been made available by the Commonwealth after it decided to donate all the proceeds from the sale or conversion of Commonwealth crown leasehold land to the Toon Trust to pay for environmental works in Norfolk Island.

The Trust has invited members of the community to lodge applications for grants of up to \$20,000. Activities which can be considered for funding include initiatives relating to environmental protection, heritage protection, natural resources management, land management and sustainable farm practices that improve production of food and/or fibre, and also deliver enhanced environmental outcomes.

Mrs Jack said that grants for a wide range of activities would be considered. These might include projects such as native vegetation planting to stabilise soil or control active erosion or initiatives to protect habitats, to manage access to coastal areas, or to improve public reserves.

The Trust has produced detailed funding guidelines and a list of eligible activities. Full details and application forms for grants are available from the Land and Environment section of the Norfolk Island Government information website www.info.gov.nf.

Further information is available from Bruce Taylor, Acting Executive Director, Corporate & Community Services, First Floor, New Military Barracks; telephone on 22001 Extension 137; or email to btaylor@admin.gov.nf.

Applications for funding should be addressed to:
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Toon Buffett Environmental Trust
Administration of Norfolk Island
First Floor – New Military Barracks
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Applications close at 4.30 p.m. on Friday 6 November 2009.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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