

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

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Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

In the recent estimates hearing, Mr Costello said that Tasmanian regional NRM bodies used 'some other funding' to 'run workshops and other things on rehabilitation.' Can you provide further detail on the dates, locations, content and funding sources for each of these projects?

Answer:

NRM Cradle Coast and NRM North assisted with/facilitated meetings and workshops following the June 2016 flood event that were funded from other sources, and have provided support to the Tasmanian Government Flood Recovery Taskforce.

NRM Cradle Coast advised the Department that to date, they have developed one partnership project, and supported 8 events and 5 meetings attended by a total of 279 participants. These were:

Event: Rural Sector Support Forum

Date: 22 June

Location: Ulverstone

Number of participants: 120

Content: The event focused on emotional health and farm business health, highlighting primary producer industry support services, with Cradle Coast NRM providing advice on flood recovery support for the community.

Funding source: Rural Business Tasmania

Event: Flood Recovery Workshop Meander Valley

Date: 7 July

Location: Meander Valley

Number of participants: 8

Content: Presentation on local flood damage with open discussion on river stabilisation techniques.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Event: Flood Recovery Workshop Gunns Plains

Date: 18 July

Location: Gunns Plains

Number of participants: 12

Content: Presentation on local flood damage with open discussion on river stabilisation techniques.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Event: Flood Recovery Workshop Mersey Irrigators

Date: 21 July

Location: Kimberley Fire Station

Number of participants: 24

Content: Presentation on flood damage and discussion on river stabilisation techniques.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Event: Flood Recovery Workshop Mt Roland Rivercare Group

Date: 25 July

Location: Claude Rd, Sheffield

Number of participants: 15

Content: Presentation on flood damage with open discussion on river stabilisation techniques.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Event: Flood Recovery Workshop Flowerdale

Date: 8 August

Location: Burnie

Number of participants: 5

Content: Meeting to present information about flood damage with open discussion on river stabilisation techniques as well as an overview of grants available to assist landholders.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Event: Flood Recovery Workshop Gunns Plains

Date: 11 August

Location: Burnie

Number of participants: 5

Content: Meeting to present overview of flood impacts and grants available to assist landholders.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Event: Mersey Irrigators Flood Assistance Presentation

Date: 18 August

Location: Kimberley Fire Station

Number of participants: 20

Content: Overview of flood impacts and grants available to assist flood-affected landholders.

Funding source: Community meeting (n/a)

Partnership: Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), Mt Roland Rivercare Group and Cradle Coast NRM Partnership

Date: 30 August

Location: Dasher River

Number of participants: 14

Content: Cradle Coast NRM secured funding from CVA for a works crew for 10 days for flood recovery work.

Funding source: Conservation Volunteers Australia

Meeting: Cradle Coast Regional GIS Group special meeting

Date: 2 August

Location: Burnie

Number of participants: 5

Content: Discussion of flood recovery GIS field mapping, use of spatial tools and GIS processes/procedures in support of impact assessment with the State Government.

Funding source: Host organisation

Meeting: Latrobe Council meeting

Date: 29 Aug

Location: Latrobe

Number of participants: 12

Content: Cradle Coast NRM flood recovery presentation on flood impact extent and areas of support required.

Funding source: Host organisation

Meeting: North West Flood Recovery Taskforce meeting

Date: 30 Aug

Location: Spreyton

Number of participants: 14

Content: Cradle Coast NRM flood recovery presentation and overview of land manager issues (including primary producers). Overview of spatial tools and remote assessment techniques.

Funding source: Tasmanian Government

Meeting: Central Coast Council Meeting

Date: 14 Oct

Location: Ulverstone

Number of participants: 3

Content: Discussion regarding issues along the Leven River and Gunns Plains.

Funding source: Host organisation

Meeting: Social Recovery Committee meeting

Date: 17 Oct

Location: Burnie

Number of participants: 22

Content: Cradle Coast NRM flood recovery presentation on flood impact extent and areas of support required.

Funding source: Community meeting (n/a)

NRM North advised the Department that NRM North officers and NRM local government facilitators (all NLP funded) worked with the Tasmanian Government Flood Recovery Taskforce to provide support that has included:

- Nine referrals from the Taskforce over July and August that resulted in desktop and/or site assessments. NRM North staff assessed riverbank erosion on four properties. They also facilitated the involvement of Conservation Volunteers Australia and a Green Army crew to assist with debris clean up and site restoration.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia also engaged NRM North in October to advise on riverbank erosion stabilisation on the North Esk River. NRM North subsequently provided 500 plants for riparian revegetation works (NLP funded through the 20 Million Trees initiative).