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Landcare Action Grants underpinning growth in agriculture

The Tasmanian Government is continuing to work with farmers and landcare groups to sustain the natural resources that underpin our world-class agricultural sector.

Forty projects across the State have been funded under the latest round of the Landcare Action Grants Program, with a total of \$336,804 to be distributed among the successful applicants.

In partnership with the TFGA and Landcare Tasmania, the \$2 million Landcare Action Grants Program was created for farmers and community groups to deliver practical on-ground works for sustainable agriculture and river care activities.

Activities funded in round two include:

- Managing livestock access to protect waterways
- Establishing vegetation on farms to create wildlife habitat and prevent soil erosion
- Protecting Tasmania's unique natural values
- Supporting education through the establishment of a native food garden

Landcare Tasmania will also receive funding of \$75,000 for an integrated project focussed on the Greater Meander Valley Productive Zone. The Project aims to enhance agricultural productivity and profitability and increase landscape connectivity in this highly productive agricultural area. More than 20 local landowners will take part in the project.

Additional grant rounds under the Landcare Action Grants Program will be available through to 2022. Visit <u>www.tfga.com.au/environment/landcare</u> for more information on the program.