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## **Toon Buffett Environment Trust Projects underway - more grants on offer**

Acting Minister for the Environment Hon Geoff Gardner said today that work had begun on all of the environmental projects funded in the first round of grants issued by the trust established to honour the memory of the late Ivens (Toon) Buffett.

“The Ivens F (Toon) Buffett Environmental Trust has provided funding for four very practical projects which will both help to protect the environment and to provide an improved quality of life for the whole community”, Mr Gardner said.

Projects already underway are:

- Norfolk Island Boardriders and the Youth Assembly are working to upgrade the Bumboras track, including a safe crossing of the creek, erosion mitigation and stepped pathways.
- Installation of an environmental management system by Norfolk Island Golf Club and purchase of equipment to assist in delivering more effective and safe chemical application in all weather conditions.
- A project to plant and promote the growth of native grasses, pines and hardwood trees and control of woody weeds at Anson Bay, adjacent to a public reserve.
- Ongoing monitoring of coral reefs, protection of indigenous marine life and education/awareness programmes in Norfolk Island and on the internet.

Mr Gardner reminded interested groups and individuals that applications for the second round of grants of up to \$25,000 from the Trust can still be made until late September. Activities which will be considered include initiatives relating to environmental protection, heritage protection, natural resources management and land management. Existing projects are not eligible.

The Trust has produced detailed funding guidelines and a list of eligible activities. Full details and application forms for grants are available from the Conservator, Fred Howe, at the Land Use and Environment Office, 11 Quality Row. Mr Howe can also be contacted by telephone on 23588 or by email on [fhowe@admin.gov.nf](mailto:fhowe@admin.gov.nf). Applications for funding close at 4.30 p.m. on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

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