





## Three new chicks hanging out on Spring Beach

Under the watchful eyes of Priscilla Park, shorebird expert from Birds Tasmania and local Councillor Mick Fama, the resident pair of Hooded Plovers at Spring Beach have successfully hatched three beautiful chicks this December.

This is the second batch of eggs the birds have laid, hidden amongst the debris washed down the river or in from the tide, at the mouth of the creek that enters the beach.

Catchments To Coast team, along with the Council crew, fenced off the first clutch of eggs from unsuspecting beach walkers and curious dogs, but nature took its course and the big floods and tides washed them away.

The second clutch has been protected by the fence and information signs, making a more aware community who are giving the birds plenty of space, keeping dogs on the lead or on the wet sand. And the weather has been much more favourable this time around.

To learn about Hoodies and how you can look out for them visit <http://www.cv.vic.gov.au/stories/the-wing-thing-beach-birds/>

To do your bit to protect 'Hoodies' please follow the rules for dogs on beaches and give the birds lots of room.

For maps showing dog zones and the dog management policy go to [www.gsbc.tas.gov.au](http://www.gsbc.tas.gov.au)

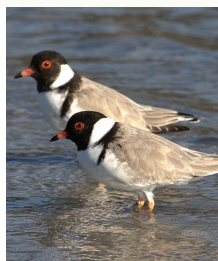
Glamorgan Spring Bay beaches are well known by bird lovers to be havens for Hoodies!



Hooded Plover Eggs from Wikipedia by Benjamint444



Hooded Plover adult & juvenile by Alan Fletcher



Hooded Plovers by Alan Fletcher



## Welcome New Team Members

With the departing of Murdo Dan Smith, this year we have had Amanda Brooks and Jarrod MacLaine join the team as on-ground works officers. The people that physically make things happen!

Amanda has worked locally on the land for many decades and has skills, experience and a 'no fuss' approach. Based in Triabunna, Amanda mostly covers the southern part of the municipality.

Jarrod has been working in Swansea also for some time now and has recently become a father. His covers the northern part of the municipality, but quite frequently the team works together on the myriad of tasks that come under Natural Resource Management (NRM).

Amanda and Jarrod have focused on weeds for a great part of the year, supporting land managers in controlling gorse, serrated tussock, cape weed, boneseed, bridal creeper, pampas grass and paterson's curse (to name just a few), on private and public land.



Amanda Brooks



Jarrod MacLaine



Spraying Gorse



Serrated Tussock



Cape Weed



Boneseed



Bridal Creeper



Pampas Grass



Paterson's Curse

## Serrated Tussock on the East Coast

Land holders with serrated tussock on their properties have been extremely busy reigning in serrated tussock this season, providing man hours and funds to keep on top of the weed. Some financial assistance was received from the Australian Government *Caring for Our Country* Community Action Grants in 2010.

Funding has recently been secured from the Tasmanian Landcare Association to continue the momentum in 2011 – 'Contributing to the 2011 community efforts in strategic control of serrated tussock in Glamorgan Spring Bay' – This application was submitted by the Little Swanport Catchment Plan Implementation Committee.

Work with the weed will be long term with eradication starting on the outside and working to the middle, and follow up required for years to come.

A working group has been established and Bronwen Wicks, National Serrated Tussock Co-ordinator, has visited infested sites and met with the group to assist with progress.

Amanda and Jarrod will work with landholders to provide additional manpower.



Before



After