Orford Community Group & SCAT – working together for the 10 Minute Track

The Orford Community
Group, with support from the
Catchments To Coast team,
have been working for a
number of years in removing
weeds, undertaking safety and
fire management works and
revegetating along the popular
10 Minute Track next to the
Orford Rivulet

They requested the botanical skills of Oliver Strutt, SCAT Facilitator to assist them in developing a flora list for the area. This list is now one in a series information sheets prepared by the group for the reserve.

Copies are available on council's website: www.gsbc. tas.gov.au under NRM Update.





### **BICHENO BONESEED BLITZ BONANZA**

Recognising the severity of the infestation, Bicheno Community Development Association, Parks & Wildlife and Catchments to Coast have taken action against Boneseed.

They have held three successful Boneseed Blitz" working bees in the last year with three more planned for 2011. The focus site has been the end of Levy Street.

Local residents are well informed about this 'weed of national significance', often pulling out seedlings they sight while walking the coastal tracks, and reporting larger plants to Council.

On-ground works officers and volunteers have also put in several days on the foreshore pulling boneseed out by hand and cutting woodier bushes.



# Little Swanport Catchment Plan Implementation Committee win National Landcare Award



2010 Winner
Toshiba Community Group Award

Tasmania's Little Swanport Catchment Plan Implementation Committee (LSCPIC) were announced winners of the prestigious Toshiba Community Group Award at the 2010 National Landcare Awards in June for their work with a wide range of natural resource management projects in the region.

In November 2009 they received the Toshiba Community Group Award at the Tasmanian Landcare Awards held at 'Kelvedon', Swansea.

Projects have included fencing of riparian land and priority remnant vegetation such as saltmarsh, and engaging the community in water quality monitoring activities.

"We're honoured to receive this Award and are proud to be part of Australia's Landcare movement," said Helen Scott, Chairperson. "This is tremendous for the catchment – a big boost after drought and what we've been through over the last few years."









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# See Change Festival

More than 800 people attended the inaugural east coast See Change Sustainability Festival in September.

The festival included trade fairs, climate change films and sustainable living bus tours.

It aimed to help local communities explore sustainable living options and respond to the challenges of climate change.

NRM North and NRM South joined together to bring Melbourne act 'The Connies" to the festival.

Dressed as endangered Melbourne tram conductors, The Connies raised awareness of Tasmania's endangered flora and fauna by handing out collectable swap-cards featuring important wildlife.

After the success of the inaugural festival, the Break O'Day and Glamorgan Spring Bay councils will seek community input to decide what shape the festival should take in future years.



# 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.qsbc.tas.qov.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-gound 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















### 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.



