



Successful Sea Spurge Training Day

Sandy Leighton

Southern Tasmanian Weed Strategy

The Southern Tasmanian Weed Strategy, a partnership between the STCA and NRM South, held a sea spurge training day at Denison Beach near Bicheno on Sunday 13th September. The day was a joint effort involving Carol Markby from Parks, Jon Marsden-Smedley from SPLATS and SpRATs (both sea spurge focused community groups) and Sandy Leighton.

Twelve enthusiastic people attended from far and wide including several locals. The day was a great success with sea spurge found, mapped and safely removed from the beach near the mouth of the Denison River. We ended off the session with a BBQ lunch cooked by Parks and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Carol and Jon for your efforts.

Anyone who would like to join SpLATs visit the Wildcare site >groups> SpLATs.

PLEASE report any potential sea spurge sightings to Parks at Freycinet 6256 7000.

Sandy demonstrates safe removal of sea spurge (below).



CONGRATULATIONS...

... to the Little Swanport Catchment Management Plan Implementation Committee for winning the *Toshiba Community Group Award* at the Tasmanian Landcare Awards held at Kelvedon on the 8th November 2009.

The catchment committee has been working on a broad range of Natural Resource Management initiatives over many years in partnership with both the Glamorgan Spring Bay and Southern Midlands Councils.

The development of a Sustainable Grazing on Saline Lands trial in the lower catchment has been a major achievement. They will now be attending the National Landcare Awards to be held later this year along with the winners from all states of Australia.

Review of the Swan Apsley Catchment Management Plan

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and NRM South have been working with a local stakeholder group and technical specialists from State Government and other organisations to review the "Draft Swan Apsley Catchment Management Plan 2002".

The aim is to produce a draft plan ready for public consultation in early 2010.



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Catchments to Coasts

"Working Together to look after Our Rivers & Our Community"



World Wetlands Day in Glamorgan Spring Bay

In line with World Wetlands Day 2010, 'Catchments to Coasts' have worked with local partners to produce a brochure on our internationally recognised Moulting Lagoon.

It will increase local awareness of this and other wetlands in our municipality and encourage visitors to our shores to be informed. Brochures are available from Council offices and Freycinet Parks and Wildlife Service.

What is World Wetlands Day?

2 February each year is World Wetlands Day. It marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

What is its aim? To raise public awareness of wetland values and to promote the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands worldwide.



Glamorgan Spring Bay Natural Resource Management Committee

In 2005 the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council recognised the importance of integrating Natural Resource Management (NRM) into its core business and activities.

The decision was made to establish a "Special Committee of Council" made up of key stakeholders, land managers and community representatives to help develop strategies and policies on Natural Resource Management and to advise Council.

Nominations were sought for representatives and in early 2006 the committee commenced work under the leadership of John Cotton as Chairperson.

The focus is to promote & progress Natural Resource Management throughout the community.

The committee is doing this in a cooperative manner with a strong emphasis on consultation and education, promoting the principles of sustainable development along with conservation of critical natural and cultural values throughout the municipality.

The committee is supported and encouraged by Melanie Kelly through her role as NRM Officer for Council and with her tenacity and dedication Natural Resource Management has a substantial budget made up of significant external funding, and grants along with direct council funds provided by ratepayers.

The current members of the Committee are:

Councillor Jenny Woods (Council Rep), Derek Madsen (Little Swanport – Southern Farmer Rep), John Cotton (Cranbrook – Northern Farmer Rep), Julian Cotton (East Coast Primary Producers Association Rep), Rose Jarvis (Bicheno / Denison Catchment Rep), Diana Nunn (Coles Bay / Freycinet Association Rep), Alain Coulter (Dolphin Sands / Ratepayers Association Rep), Elizabeth Daley (Buckland / Community Group / Prosser Catchment Rep), Dave Frelek (Parks & Wildlife Service Rep), Murray Kirkwood (Forestry Tasmania Rep), Cassandra Melrose (Aquaculture Rep), Darren Davis (Gunns Private Forestry rep), David Tucker (Swansea Rep - Chairperson).

Providing support to the committee are:

Melanie Kelly (Council NRM Officer), Mary Whitaker (Catchments to Coasts, Coordinator), Eloise Woolnough (Catchments to Coasts, Admin and Communications Officer), Murdo Dan Smith and Amanda Brooks (Catchments to Coasts On-Ground Works Officers).

They are the power house behind the committee and their dedication and effort supports all the projects instigated by the NRM Committee.

In future newsletters we will provide feature articles on the members who work behind the scenes to fulfill the roles and functions of the committee.

By David Tucker - Chairperson GSB NRM Committee.



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Glamorgan Spring Bay
Natural Resource Management

Natural Resources are:

- Air
- Water
- Land & Soils
- Plants
- Animals
- Micro-organisms
- And the systems they form.

Natural Resource Management is:
People sustainably managing activities that use, develop or conserve natural resources.

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Natural Resource Committee, is made up of representatives from agriculture, viticulture, aquaculture, forestry, council, urban and rural residential communities and relevant public agencies working together to maintain and improve natural resources.



Catchments to Coasts is a partnership between local Council, NRM South & the Glamorgan Spring Bay NRM Committee to build the capacity of all sectors of the community to work together & share responsibility for sustainable natural resource management.

Catchments to Coasts is:

- Providing support to land managers
- Linking people
- Running workshops
- Sharing communication
- Organising working bees
- Planting & weeding
- Making it happen

Quality of life, economic & social growth, depend upon the maintenance & improvement of natural resources.

