

EAST COAST NATURE NEWS

Local voices for a living landscape

Our little round-up of what's happening in natural resource management across Glamorgan Spring Bay.

Consultation on an updated Draft Dog Management Policy delayed

At the Council meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2026, the motion to approve the Draft Dog Management Policy 2026–2031 for public consultation was not supported. Instead, Councillors resolved to refer the draft policy to a Council workshop for further discussion.

Once the draft Policy is approved for Public Consultation by Council, the consultation period will be widely advertised in all the usual places. Any comments or representations need to be submitted during this advertised consultation period, so keep an eye out if you want to have your say.

A lot goes into drafting a dog management policy. Council must consider public safety, wildlife protection and recreation, among many other things!

Glamorgan Spring Bay is home to some remarkable birds and animals. Many of these species are already under pressure from climate change and habitat loss and, as our human and dog populations increase, so to do the pressures on our unique birds and animals.

To keep pace with these increasing pressures, Council needs to adapt approaches to dog management so that people, dogs and wildlife are kept safe.

This means some areas where people currently walk their dogs off-lead may become on-lead areas, or in some cases no-go zones for dogs.

Community feedback is an important part of the process so please have your say when the public consultation period opens!



Triabunna Native Plant Nursery



 **Triabunna Village, Melbourne St, Triabunna**
 **Every Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm**
 **Bring gardening gloves, sun screen and a hat**



It's full steam ahead at the Triabunna Native Plant Nursery. The nursery is growing local native plants for biodiversity, habitat restoration, climate resilience and community education. Volunteers are meeting every Wednesday to get some plants ready for spring. They have been busy mixing soil, pricking out seedlings, and tweaking the watering system.

Have you got native plants in your backyard? Do you know what their seeds look like or how to grow them? Learn more about the diverse range of plants growing in Glamorgan Spring Bay.

Everyone is welcome. Come along and share your skills and stories.

IN BRIEF

30 Years of National Tree Day - Sunday 26 July

Planet Ark's National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event. [Join the Friends of Rocky Hills](#) on National Tree Day or find your [nearest planting event](#).

For the many dedicated community groups in Glamorgan Spring Bay every day is a potential tree day. [Find your local landcare group](#) and help them out.



NAIDOC WEEK

50 YEARS DEADLY

5-12 JULY 2026

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Held in the first week of July each year, this is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

Scan the QR code below to find out more about the history of NAIDOC Week.



Weed management plan gets a makeover

In June 2024, the Landscape Recovery Foundation commenced development of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Weed Biosecurity Program.

This new program builds upon past weed management plans and aligns with the Biosecurity Act 2019 which is the principal source of legislation for weed management in Tasmania. The new program applies a risk-based approach to weed management - weeds posing the highest risk and areas most at risk are prioritised.

The program highlights 14 priority weeds and 8 priority control zones. These have been based on agricultural and horticultural considerations, protection of conservation values (e.g. Ramsar wetlands, National Parks, threatened vegetation communities, public and private reserves) and alignment with existing strategies and work being done by local community groups.

The program initially focuses on roadside weeds as a means to guide investment into collaborative, cross-tenure weed management initiatives. It aims to ensure all stakeholders are investing in strategic, coordinated on-ground actions to address priority weeds and protect high-value areas throughout Glamorgan Spring Bay, with the aim of eradicating declared weeds within the priority control zones.

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Funding Opportunities

[2026 Healthy Cities Landcare Grants](#) | [Landcare Australia](#) - closing 13th July

H5 bird flu – avoid, record, report

H5 bird flu has been confirmed in several migratory birds on mainland Australia but to date has not been detected in Tasmania. The Department of Natural Resources & Environment is asking people to report suspected cases [More information about H5 bird flu](#)

Reporting suspect cases of H5 bird flu

If you notice sick or dead birds or other animals do should not touch them or get too close.

AVOID contact with the sick/dead animal and their environment

RECORD what you see - note location (GPS coordinates are best), number and species of animal, take photos and video if safe to do so

REPORT via the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888 or the online reporting form for sick/dead wildlife, accessed by the QR code below or the following link.

<https://forms.biosecurity.tas.gov.au/forms/v1-wild-bird-reporting-form>

