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The official newsletter of Tamar Natural Resource Management

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Cat Forum - Community leading the debate



Tamar NRM program co-ordinator Gill Basnett speaks at the community forum about the problems posed by feral and stray cats, followed by key note speaker Peter McGlone from Tasmanian Conservation Trust

By Gill Basnett

As many of us know, cats are wreaking havoc across Tasmania. Under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, cats are recognised as a threat to 124 threatened animals. Toxoplasmosis and Sarcocystis are responsible for agricultural losses such as miscarriages in sheep and goats and rejection of high numbers of sheep at abattoirs. There is increasing evidence that Toxoplasmosis is also causing health impacts in humans, for example, increasing the risk of miscarriages, serious issues in people with low immunity and possibly greater risk to mental health illnesses such as Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder.

In response to this, Tamar NRM has taken a leadership role with other community groups and experienced individuals in Northern Tasmania. We are

facilitating a Feral Cat Working group, SCETT (State-wide Community Cat Eradication Taskforce) who believe we need to put pressure on our politicians to be more proactive on both feral and domestic cat management. The first step would be to revise the Cat Management Act (2009) so that it facilitates and encourages the management of cats rather than being ambiguous and unworkable. Tamar NRM and SCCET are also planning on implementing a communication/ education program to raise awareness of the issues of feral cats to biodiversity, agriculture and human health.

As part of this, a well-attended Feral Cat Forum at Windsor Park was hosted by Tamar NRM and Tasmanian Conservation Trust on February 11th 2016. A lively discussion unfolded regarding actions people can take to help with

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Getting Stuff Done

It's been six months since we, as new staff, took up our roles as Program Coordinators (Greg in July and Gill in August).

It's often said that fresh eyes bring new perspectives, and we hope that what we bring to Tamar NRM builds on past successes. While the emphasis of natural resource management may change from region to region, the desire to look after your own patch does not seem to.

We have been particularly impressed with the willingness of management, technical people, council staff, community members and land managers to willingly offer support, advice and point us in the right direction.

As we get settled into our roles at Tamar NRM and life in the Tamar Valley, many early perceptions have to be re assessed. Clearly, we are more than an NRM organisation and many of the things we get involved with are outside of the "normal" NRM brief. It is the flexibility and fit-for-purpose scale of the Tamar NRM organisation we like the most. Working with 3 councils is about the right size for good community engagement and "getting stuff done".

We hope that the content of this issue of "Naturally Yours" demonstrates just that.

Co-Editors Greg & Gill

Cat Forum - Community leading the debate Continued . . .

the issue of cats in Tasmania. Frustration was high regarding the slow response of the State Government to resolving issues with the Cat Management Act (2009), making it difficult for communities and councils to act. Along with better State Regulations, the five main points from the last forum, held by Tamar NRM in June 2015, were still regarded as important to the group.

- 1) Needs to be a community driven approach.
- 2) Vital to have an effective wide-scale coordinated cat trapping program.
- 3) Community education around responsible cat ownership including de-sexing, micro chipping and containment, health issues, damage to agricultural and biodiversity loss is essential.
- 4) Legislation and enforcement for responsible domestic cat ownership necessary.
- 5) Facilities across the state are needed for the holding and dealing with feral cats when they are caught.



Top: Feral cat caught in a cat trap during the Weymouth/Bellingham Community Cat Management project run by Tamar NRM in 2012.

Above: Feral Cat caught on camera.

Photos: Jamie Cooper

Tamar NRM was tasked with writing a letter, on behalf of the 40 people present, to the State Government, Local Government Association and Local Councils to encourage them to become more proactive on cat management both locally and across the State.

Thanks everyone for coming along and sharing your thoughts and experiences, especially the West Tamar and George Town Council Councillors and staff and Peter McGlone from Tasmanian Conservation Trust.

Cat Traps for Hire

Tamar NRM has a small number of cat traps for hire.
Please contact us for details

Cat Traps for Sale

Feral Management Solutions has cat traps for sale, \$50 (price accurate at time of printing, may be subject to change).
Contact Feral Management Solutions on 0429 355 505

Any trapping must be undertaken in a humane manner and in accordance with relevant permits and regulations.
For more information on traps and trapping protocol, contact
Feral Management Solutions.

George Town Coastal Community Action Plan

George Town Coastal Management Group has been active since early December in updating the action sheet for on-ground works in the coastal communities of George Town Council area specifically Low Head; Bellbouy; Beechford; Lulworth/Tam O'Shanter; Weymouth; Bellingham; and Hillwood.

The action sheet is an updated implementation schedule that builds in recent community concerns and observations giving regard to the 2005 community driven George Town Coastal Management Plan and other identified coastal priorities drawn from regional plans and strategies. Stakeholders include coastal groups, progress associations, Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmanian Fire Service and George Town Council.

All the information from community consultation over December and January including two workshops, is now being developed into a user friendly document with further consultation planned.



Above: December workshop break out groups.

There are some issues that are common to all lands covered by the plan, including waste disposal, fire management, encroachment of private yards into public lands, weed management, control of feral animal populations and overall coordination and roll out of the plan. Emerging issues include how local communities can manage fire risk in areas that are not high priorities for the region.

If you would like to get involved or have a particular coastal issue, contact the working group chairman Ian Sauer on 0407 046 346.

To comment on the draft plan contact Greg or Gill at Tamar NRM, phone 6323 3310.

Below: Co-existing with snakes, snake bite first aid talk by Ian Norton & Lachlan McFarlane from Reptile Rescue was part of the community.



Below: "Coastal Stability of the Weymouth Area" Research Project was presented by Lochlan Skinner as part of the community BBQ on 7th February at Lulworth.



2016 Ragwort Raids

by Jayne Shapter



West Tamar Ragwort Raiders: Greg Lundstrom, Nat Tyshing-Baker, Norma Purton, Megan Rodger, Peter Rodger, Jo-Ann Woollacott, Jayne Shapter, Michael Poole, David Armstrong, Maree Taberner, Peter Broad (at rear), Helen Eastburn, Ross Eastburn, Jo Voller, Bruce Jackson, Peter Voller, Martin Price and Roger Tyshing (taking photo).

Ragwort Raids were held throughout the Tamar Valley once again for 2016. For the East Tamar Raid, volunteer numbers were down because fire brigades were helping out in other areas with bushfires. In the West Tamar, numbers were up with 23 there on the day. We had also planned a Raid in Launceston on the following weekend. However bushfires in the Nunamara area caused this to be postponed, as we did not want to interfere with fire fighters by putting extra traffic on the road. This area has since been done by volunteers on weekdays rather than the weekend as originally planned.

The amount of ragwort collected was down again on the previous year. Only ute loads were collected in each area, with only 3 clumps found through Frankford.

2016 Stats

Distances covered were as follows -

East Tamar

- 220 km or 440 km roadsides.

West Tamar

- 208 km or 416 km roadsides.

Launceston

- 189 km or 378 km roadsides.

We really appreciate the sponsorship provided by RACT for the events this year. Thanks also to our local councils who have once again arranged for the disposal of the ragwort. East Tamar and West Tamar Landcare Groups, volunteers from the Tasmania Fire Service and many community members have helped again this year.

It was great to see Councillor Tim Harris from George Town and Councillor Peter Kearney from West Tamar attending their respective Raids and member for

Bass, Sarah Courtney out and about to support the volunteers.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped this year, as well as the Program co-ordinators from Tamar NRM, Greg and Gill, the Chairman, Roger Tyshing and Chairman of the Weeds Working Group, John Thorp for their assistance.



Launceston area Ragwort Raider, Gill Basnett.

2016 Ragwort Raids



Funding received from this year's sponsor Royal Automobile Club Tasmania provided for food, hall hire, weed bags and chemical.



*A little helper spotted during this year's raid - likely to be the ragwort stem and crown boring moth larvae *Cochylis atricapitana*.*





**Jayne Shapter - West
Tamar 2016 Citizen of
the Year!**

Huge congratulations to this year's well deserving local citizen of the year. Jayne is a tireless worker for Landcare in various roles with West Tamar Landcare Group and has been involved with other community activities too numerous to mention.

We would like to thank her for her involvement in Tamar NRM activities for 15 years. As Ragwort Raid co-ordinator all of this time, she has been the driving force in keeping this invasive weed under control in the Tamar Valley.

Jayne's other involvements are as a current member of Tamar NRM's weeds working group and giving presentations to a variety of community groups on our behalf.

Well done Jayne!



Funding Success

20 Million Trees Project

We were advised on the 17th December that Tamar NRM had been successful in our application to the 20 Million Trees funding round. Bringing into the region more than \$100,000 over three years, the "Tamar Valley Rural Biodiversity and Landscape Learning Project" will be working with schools and the community to plant seedlings within council reserves as well as with landholders to produce biodiverse shelter belts through seedling plantings and direct seeding. The project proposes the planting of 28,000 plants (20,000 trees and 8,000 understorey plants) on 65 ha of land. In-kind support for the project to be from Tamar NRM, Launceston City Council, West Tamar Council, George Town Council, landholders and students.

The initial stage will be working with the three councils and landholders to determine exact locations for plantings and liaising with possible school and community groups near the reserves. Plant species will be determined, in consultation with landholders, council and local experts, for both the plantings and the direct seeding to allow us to order stock to be ready for planting/seeding in 2017. We also plan to collect seed and propagate plants with school groups.

Funding Success - Beyond the Trees

In the last quarter, we have also obtained funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund for a much needed upgrade of our works trailer, which is now over 13 years old.

In another funding success, Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT) assisted the 2016 Ragwort Raid with food and drinks for our 50 volunteers, hall hire, ragwort bags and chemical.

Many thanks to the funding bodies that recognise the value of the work of community volunteers and the coordination role of Tamar NRM.



NRM Volunteer Recognition Event

As the end of 2015 drew to a close, Tamar NRM and NRM North teamed up again to hold another joint NRM Volunteer Event to thank the many people involved in NRM in the Tamar. This year's speakers were Carol Bracken, Jayne Shapter and Robyn Barnet who gave three very interesting and diverse talks on the world of growing hazelnuts; West Tamar Landcare's weeds, working bees and wine; and inspiring green art projects. This sparked many discussions and questions within the group about hazelnut markets, the possible value of weeds and sites for art projects in the future.

The event was held at Windsor Community Precinct, which gave us the opportunity to have Tony Roberts, the groundsman, show us around the fantastic example he has created of what can be done in a garden using native Tasmanian plants. If you have not been there and had a wonder around, we highly recommend it, it is exciting to see such variety of Tasmania's home grown species in a garden! A big thankyou must be given to Brendon and Thalia from *All About Catering* for donating the afternoon tea for the event. What could be better for fuelling a turn about the garden than fresh fruit, homemade scones, cheese and biscuits and slice?



Carol Bracken presenting at the volunteer recognition event held in December.

Green Army Graduation

(Kings Bridge to Tailrace)

Initially a Tamar NRM Project on Parks and Recreation managed land, the Launceston Council Green Army Project ran for 6 months concluding on the 29th October 2015 with a graduation at Ritchies Mill, Kings Park. In attendance and presenting certificates was Federal Member for Bass Mr Andrew Nikolic AM, CSC, MP. Tamar NRM was represented by President Roger Tyshing and Program Coordinator Greg Lundstrom.

During the course of the project the 9 participants, managed by supervisor Ian Gleeson, were trained in environmental works, conservation and land management. Trevor Galbraith of Launceston Council, who guided the project, said "The team worked well, removing environmental weeds and upgrading the walking tracks along the West Tamar trail".



Christopher Strong NRM Fellowship

2016 fellowship now open

This sponsorship opportunity is open to any individual/school/community group undertaking a project in a Rural or Urban area within the Tamar Region.

a) Rural - Improvement of sustainable agriculture through research, trials and experiments OR improvement and/or maintenance of local ecosystem(s).

b) Urban - Improvement of sustainable living OR improvement and/or maintenance of local ecosystem(s).

Project funding up to \$1,500 - to be used for associated project costs and expenses only.

Applications will be judged on the following:

- It must be managed in, and related to, the Tamar Region.
- It must emphasise improvement in either a rural or urban area(s).
- It must be completed within twelve months on receipt of funds.

Round Opens: 1st February 2016

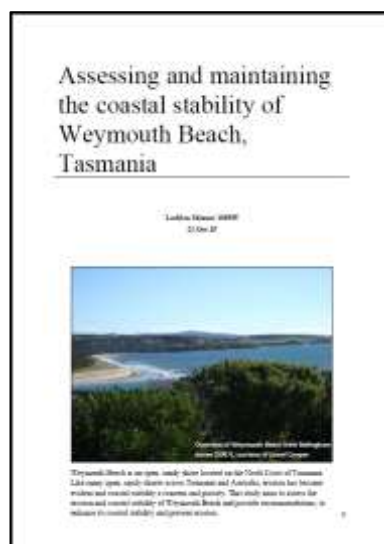
Closes: 31st March 2016

The 2015 round of fellowship funding went to two worthy candidates. Tamar NRM president Roger Tyshing said that "Both Liam and Lochlan have fulfilled their obligations under the fellowship and the final reports and presentations are a testament to their hard work and sound research". "We wish them every success in their future endeavours".

2015 Recipient: Lochlan Skinner

Project: "Coastal Stability of the Weymouth area".

Lochlan Skinner's project built on past research work he had done on the Weymouth/Bellingham coastal region with supervisor Joanne Ellison (coastal geomorphology UTAS).



2015 Recipient: Liam Scanlan

Project: "Assessing vulnerability of salt marshes to impacts of sea level rise in the Tamar Estuary, Tasmania".

Liam Scanlan's project focused on identifying areas for managed retreat of saltmarsh wetlands using sea-level rise and inundation projection maps, and also highlighting increased pressure from invasive species.



Both Lochlan Skinner's and Liam Scanlan's Reports are available on the Tamar NRM website:

<http://www.tamarnrm.com.au/media/reports/>

Below: Lochlan Skinner and Liam Scanlan presenting their findings as part of the fellowships they received in 2015 from Tamar NRM.



Bushfire Fuel Reduction Forum

Pipers Brook on 20th January

Need for Cross Tenure Management

Organised by Landcare Tasmania, in partnership with Tamar NRM and George Town Council, the bushfire fuel reduction forum certainly caught the attention of the local community. It was great to see so many people come along for a lively discussion and sharing of learnings around state and local fire management issues and activities.

Ian Sauer provided a good background on the new tenure blind bushfire risk assessment process and the need for regional fuel reduction programs to be planned and undertaken across management boarders. Louise Mendel presented some interesting information on fire and biodiversity including plant, animal and ecosystem responses to fire.

Lawrence Archer gave a good landholders perspective on how the changes in legislation and processes have altered the way he manages fire on his property, emphasising the need to develop fire management plans.

With fires still burning around Tassie, it is such a topical issue for everyone at the moment! The night also provided insight and added information for the George Town Coastal Community Action Plan update Tamar NRM is facilitating.

Thanks to Louise Mendel (Fuel Reduction Unit, Tasmanian Fire Service), Ian Sauer (Landowner and Chair of the State Fire Management Council) and Lawrence Archer (Landowner, Councillor for Dorset) for their interesting presentations.



Heightened interest in fire mitigation was reflected in questions to presenters including to Tasmanian Fire Service speaker, Louise Mendel (above).

"Know Your Tamar Soils"

To celebrate 2015 as International Year of Soils, Tamar NRM and Tas Farming Futures proudly presented an interactive program for all agriculture industries on soil characteristics and the management practices that will help you get the best productivity outcome. The day included hands-on outside activities such as soil assessment and in-field tests.

Twenty three registrants attended the "Know Your Tamar Soils" workshop at Exeter on 3rd December 2015, run under the Tamar NRM banner of "Backyards to Broadacres". The quality of the speakers was high and many participants exhibited extensive knowledge and were not backward in contributing to the conversation.

Chris Grose (DPIPWE) spoke about online land information sources. Examples from "The LIST" and DPIPWE websites and Land Capability where Chris discussed the region's potential for agricultural production.

Doris Blaessing (RMCG) covered a number of topics including the Soil Wealth project, the effect of

irrigation / nutrition management on soil health and appropriate management strategies and how to interpret soil tests. Donna Lucas (RMCG) spoke about indicators of good and poor soil health including indicator weeds and the effect of different management practices.

Ashley Hobbins (RMCG) covered soil carbon and emissions including nitrogen loss.

Participants were enthusiastic in their praise for the workshop and appreciated being made aware of free resources such as the soils mapping on the DPIPW website.

It is intended that the workshop will be a forerunner to a series of workshops that address farm productivity and opportunity in the Tamar Valley. The information captured through a number of evaluation techniques was undertaken to inform future productivity and



Key note speaker Doris Blaessing very much at home in the paddock.

opportunity in the Tamar Valley. The information captured through a number of evaluation techniques was undertaken to inform future workshops and assist securing funding.

Big thanks to Tas Farming Futures for their assisting in staging the event.



Exeter High Students are shown how to test soil test by RMCG's Donna Lucas.



Environmental Education

Kids4Kids:

The QVMAG (Launceston Museum) was the venue for the 2015 Kids4Kids Conference held on the 12th November. Tamar NRM staff Greg and Gill represented the organisation and evoking plenty of student interest in the "Mini Beasts of the Waterways" session and "Cat Chasies" where students learnt about the impacts of feral cats and habitat loss on native wildlife.

Hundreds of Kids from around the district attended the conference, coordinated by Jenny Dudgeon from the Sustainability Learning Centre. The hands on workshops featured environmental leaders teaching kids on topics such as biodiversity, water, waste and energy.

World Wetlands Day

Wetlands are often depicted as wastelands rather than an important function in any river system. During World Wetland Day at Tamar Wetlands, on the 2nd December, kids and adults alike enjoyed a hands-on experience exploring the life of macro invertebrates with Tamar NRM. Organised by Parks and Wildlife Service, about 300 people saw a range of displays from snakes to birdlife. Tamar NRM was pleased to be involved using our macro invertebrate kit and viewers for the large bugs and the microscopes loaned from QVMAG for the small ones.

Gorgeous Walks and Talks

With the Gorge awash (see photo page 13) from the Trevallyn dam spilling over; it was too dangerous to search for bugs from the lower South Esk, but a walk and talk about what happens when large pulses of water barrel down water courses was a worthwhile exercise. We settled for contrasting of samples taken from the urban site Kings Meadow rivulet and the Tamar Wetlands to look at the aquatic invertebrate assemblages. The wetland sample was much more diverse than the urban stream. The talk by Tamar NRM's Greg Lundstrom drew on his 20 years experience of assessing river health looking at water "bugs". Thanks to Launceston Council's Tammy Goss Edmunds for the organisation and QVMAG for loan microscopes.





Gorge awash from the Trevallyn dam spilling over in January.

Sustainable Living Working Group

The Sustainable Living Working Group (SLWG) ran three movie nights in November/December 2015. While attendance was low, those that attended enjoyed the movie selection and would be interested in coming along to further movie nights should they be continued in 2016. The movies were sourced through the Alternative Technology Association (ATA) with titles Just Eat it, The Future of Energy and the Economics of Happiness. Many thanks to ATA and those who supported the events by attending.

The SLWG are always on the hunt for new members. You can contribute by providing your knowledge on sustainability to help the Tamar Valley become an even better place to live. Please contact the chairman Bruce Jackson on mobile 0407 872 520.

Grab a Coffee Cup and support Tamar NRM Only \$5.00

Most people do not realise that when they are using a disposable coffee cup that it could outlast their time on Earth.

The majority of single use coffee cups are lined in plastic which makes them non-recyclable and they therefore stick around on this planet for a very very long time. These throw away coffee cups are now second only to plastic bottles as the most common litter in Australia.

So if you are a coffee drinker, grab yourself a "Keep Cup" which you can reuse time and time again and help reduce the plastic waste on our planet.

You can purchase your cups from Tamar NRM and collect them at the Launceston Town Hall. Just call Greg or Gill first 6323 3310.



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Showcasing Good Practice in the Tamar Valley

by Greg Lundstrom

Roger and his vegies

I ran into Tamar NRM President, Roger Tyshing, in his vegie garden just before Christmas and was amazed at just what he had growing and what he was doing with the produce.

As some of you might know, Roger used to farm at Liena, out past Mole Creek. Apart from running cattle, he grew seed potatoes for both Simplot and the fresh market. As you see from the photo, he still grows potatoes in his backyard and does it pretty well. In fact he has 33 square metres of potatoes of 4 different varieties. He tells us his latest experiment with potatoes is growing a very old variety that he was told is similar to the original potatoes imported to Spain from South America. "A small amount of seed was given to me to try, by a company who holds a large variety of genetic material," he said. "I'm not sure how they'll go, they're not a particularly vigorous potato but trying something different is part of the fun of growing your own."

Apart from potatoes, Roger grows 3 varieties of raspberry, one summer variety and two autumn bearers as well as youngberries. "The raspberries have been going gang busters this year with the extra warmth, although it's been hard to keep the water up to them. The rain the other week helped though." Roger has been supplying over a dozen families with raspberries on a regular basis this summer.

Roger also grows 4 varieties of tomatoes, as well as capsicums and eggplants, 6 varieties of lettuce, spring onions, leeks, radish, zucchini, peas, beans, asparagus, artichokes, sweetcorn, bok choy, wom bok, kang kong, water cress and herbs. Then there's kale, swedes, carrots, parsnips and even turnips, which he says he used to grow for his cattle when he was farming. Roger was keen to revisit turnip growing, so he went down to the rural supplies store and asked for a handful of seed.



Roger Tyshing in his impressive potato patch.

Roger rotates his crops and rarely lets a bed go empty for long. "If there's a space, I'll find something to grow there, so it's sometimes a bit hard remembering what not to put in to avoid repeating a crop. He says there's still plenty of "lawn" to turn into garden. He does that by covering the grass with cardboard, scrounged from wherever he can and then covering it in mulch. He composts surplus green waste and buys in the occasional bag of horse manure to add to the two wire compost rings he has on the go, especially if it's fresh, to add heat. He also buys in sheep manure from which he makes manure tea.

Most of the vegies he grows he gives away to neighbours and friends and each week he drops off a small bag of vegies that are starting to run to seed, at the RSPCA for their rabbits. He reckons that as an ex-commercial farmer he finds it an odd thing to do. He enjoys the growing and the sharing and there's a bit of bartering with the neighbours going on as well. Ultimately he reckons growing your own vegies is good for your health, good for the soil, good for the local bees and sharing or selling your produce for a reasonable price is good for your community.

Master TreeGrowers Group



A December catch-up dinner for the participants of the successful Master TreeGrowers (MTG) course held last year attracted 21 people. Australian Agro-Forestry Network members Rowan Reid, Marianne Stewart and Mike Robinson-Koss flew over from the Otways, in Victoria, to speak to the attendees and to evaluate MTG activity during and post the course. A "Most Significant Change" evaluation captured just what the value of the nationally recognised MTG course has been locally. The group is interested in establishing a Peer Group Mentoring program and in keeping the networking and communication going. The idea of a Peer Group Mentoring pilot facilitated by Tamar NRM is being considered as well as future workshops and site visits looking at all aspects of trees on farms. Anyone interested in being involved should contact Greg or Gill at Tamar NRM on 03 6323 3310 or tamarnrm@launceston.tas.gov.au.

Restore, Reuse, Recycle ...

Do you have any old tools?

Unwanted office furniture?

Unwanted reference books?

Tamar NRM can make good use of unwanted items. In some cases restoring them, by bringing them back to life, selling them and returning the money to environmental projects.

Unwanted office furniture can be gifted or we will be happy to take it on a long loan arrangement. Furniture will be labelled with an acknowledgement of the owner/donor.

Unwanted Reference books - particularly gardening, environment, agriculture or sustainability can be used to bolster our library.

Trailer for Sale

After 13 years, Tamar NRM is replacing its 6 x 4 covered box trailer, which is now up for sale.

\$1,000 o.n.o.

Phone 6323 3310





On the Hunt for Myrtle Rust

Myrtle rust is continuing to be detected in home gardens in the wider Burnie area since it was first detected in February 2015. Biosecurity Tasmania is continuing with its statewide emergency response program in an attempt to eradicate Myrtle rust, before it becomes established and poses a serious risk to the health of Tasmania's native bushland.

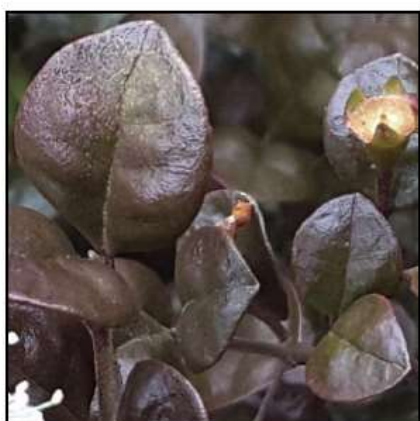
Myrtle rust has distinctive yellow pustules (see DPIPWE Factsheet) that contain spores which can be easily spread by wind, insects, animals and people onto nearby host plants, including native bushland, at particular risk may be species in the Myrtaceae family.

Lophomyrtus plants are the key carriers of Myrtle rust and Biosecurity Tasmania needs to inspect these plants in home gardens (with your permission) for signs of disease.

You can help by simply letting DPIPWE know if you have Lophomyrtus plants on your property. The most common Lophomyrtus varieties found in Tasmanian gardens are: Black Stallion (varying from burgundy to green/brown leaves); Red Dragon (reddish leaves); or Rainbows End (pink and cream variegated leaves).

For more information visit the DPIPWE website at: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/myrtlerust

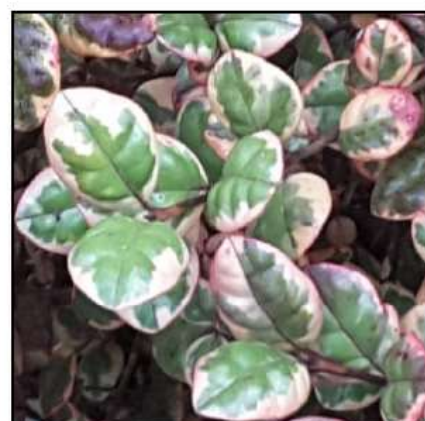
Close-up of the leaves of the three Lophomyrtus varieties



Black Stallion



Red Dragon



Rainbows End

Myrtle Rust Hotline
(03) 6165 3785

Help us to develop and manage on-ground projects delivering benefits to our environment and community.

Donations and Sponsorship Arrangements are always welcome.

Tamar Region Natural Resource Fund

As an environmental organisations we have

Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Status.

Consider making a contribution...ALL donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.



Sponsorship Opportunity

Tamar NRM

Waterwatch Kit

A \$500 sponsorship allows us to buy all the components of the kit.

In return, you will receive acknowledgement on the kit and at school environmental educations sessions . . . and most importantly be helping to educate the next generation to care for our local waterways and critters!

Loan Kits available for schools to use for small fee.



Harvest Launceston Community Farmers' Market.

Bringing the farm gate to town with Tasmania's freshest seasonal produce

Every Saturday from 8:30am to 12:30pm

Cimitiere Street car park opposite Albert Hall

Around the Catchment Coming Events

Penguin Habitat Working Bee - Low Head

Joint Tamar NRM & NRM North Event
Friday, 19th February 10am. Penguin Rookery Walk

Exeter Show

Sunday 27th February 9-4
<http://www.exetershow.com.au/>

Urban Farmers Seed Studio Open Day

Sunday 28th February 10-4
3 Charles Street South, South Launceston, near LGH

Clean up Australia Day (Various locations)

Sunday, 6th March (Schools 4th March)

Lulworth & Tam O'Shanter Clean Up Day

Sunday March 13th @11.30 am (long weekend)
Start at Lulworth Community Shed, followed by a BBQ.
Please bring gloves, hat and wear shoes.
www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/register/?Lulworth

Ahead of the Game - Efficient Farm Management

Tas farming Futures Event:
Thursday, 17th March
Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick
Keynote speaker Prof. Richard Eckard

Christopher Strong Fellowship Open Now

Closes: 31st March 2016

More information view our website closer to the event: www.tamarnrm.com.au

If you have an environmental event to promote, let us know.

email: tamarnrm@launceston.tas.gov.au



New Tamar NRM Facebook Page

Have you found us on Facebook Recently?

Tamar NRM has a new page where we post all the latest news, views and events.

Log onto our new page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TamarNRM15/>

Support our Working Groups:

Weeds Working Group

Chair: John Thorp (0419 323 400)

Sustainable Living Working Group

Chair: Bruce Jackson (0407 872 520)

George Town Coastal Management Group

Chair: Ian Sauer (0407 046 346)

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