

**Keeping Out The Silent Killers**

Maria Island is free of *Phytophthora* (root rot), a disease that attacks many native plants. All items that carry soil (bike tyres, tent pegs, boots, gaiters, tent floors, trowels etc) should be cleaned before visiting.



There is a washdown station located near the Darlington Jetty. *Chytrid* frog fungus, which is devastating our frog populations, can be kept out by following the same hygiene procedures.

**Warning:** Please supervise children carefully along this track section. There are no safety fences and the cliffs drop sheer to the sea.

**Please Note:** There is no track between Bishop and Clerk and Mount Maria. Do not attempt to navigate your way between the two summits; the vegetation is impenetrable.

**Boating:** Sea conditions change rapidly. Phone Bureau of Meteorology for boating weather service before boating or fishing (1900 969 940).

**Nesting Birds**

Hooded plovers (pictured) and pied oystercatchers nest on the soft sand, just above high tide, between September and late February on all of Maria's beaches. They are very sensitive to disturbance by beach walkers and bike riders. Do not ride on the beaches. Walk on the wet sand. Move quickly out of their territory to enable them to attend to their eggs or chicks.



**NOTE:** All offshore islands, rocks and reefs are part of Maria Island National Park