



Big Dog Island



Big Dog Island Wharf Refurbishment

With the assistance of local tradesman, the Flinders Is crew have refurbished the Big Dog Island wharf, making the island much more accessible by water.



Hummocky Island



To meet national standards the electrical system on Hummocky had to be upgraded.



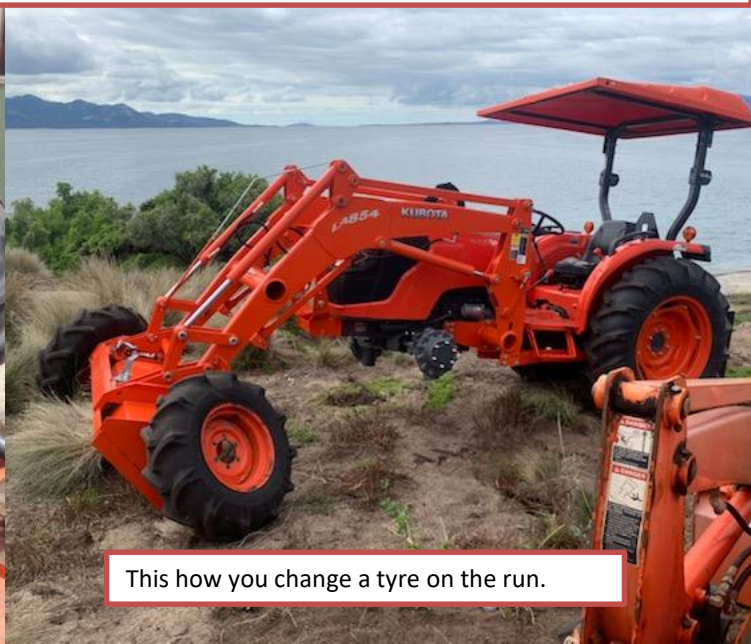
The Hummocky crew have removed and pushed up all this Boxthorn ready to burn after the yola have left in May.

Hummocky Island

The Hummocky Crew have been busy as always. Over the six months they have continued the strategic battle against the African Boxthorn. They never get bored, as equipment failures, system upgrades and changing environmental conditions provide a regular challenge.



Never ending maintenance.



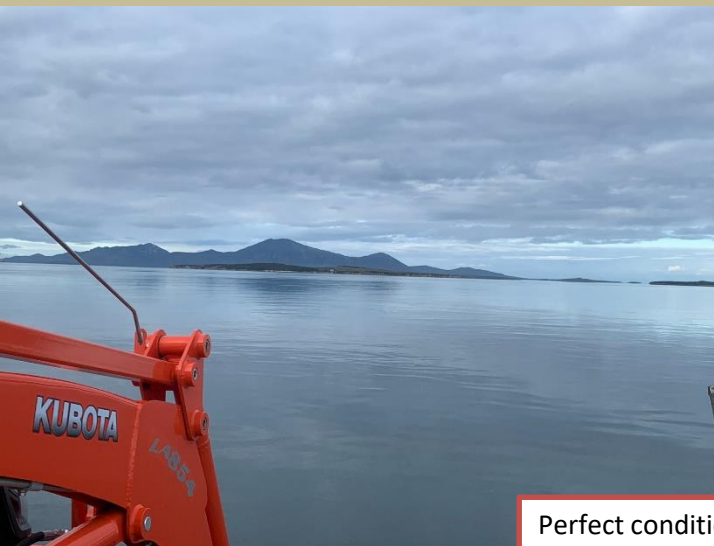
This how you change a tyre on the run.

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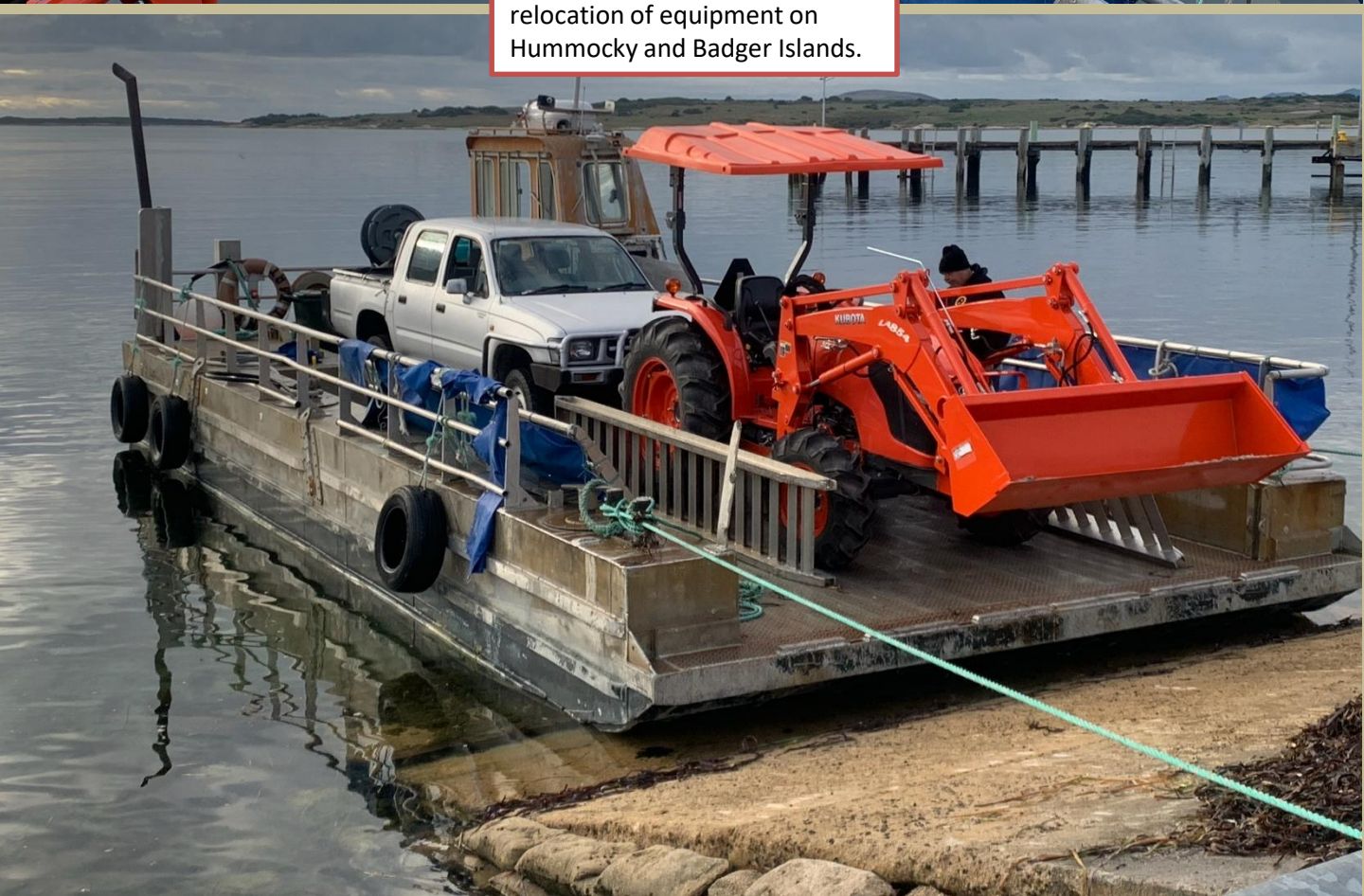


Vessel Maintenance

With the Andra Maynard having provided 10 years of service, the vessel's engines and navigation equipment are being upgraded to ensure the longevity of the vessel.



Perfect conditions allow for the relocation of equipment on Hummocky and Badger Islands.



Weather Conditions

Moving stores and equipment around the tayaritja is always a challenging operation, and timing is often determined by the weather conditions.



A coordinated effort to place a mooring in at Badger Island.

Skills Upgrade



Side by Side and Quad Bike Training

The Flinders and Hummocky Crews recently completed Side by Side and Quad training as appropriate to ensure operators have the skills and knowledge required to operate vehicles in a safe manner.



Yula Monitoring



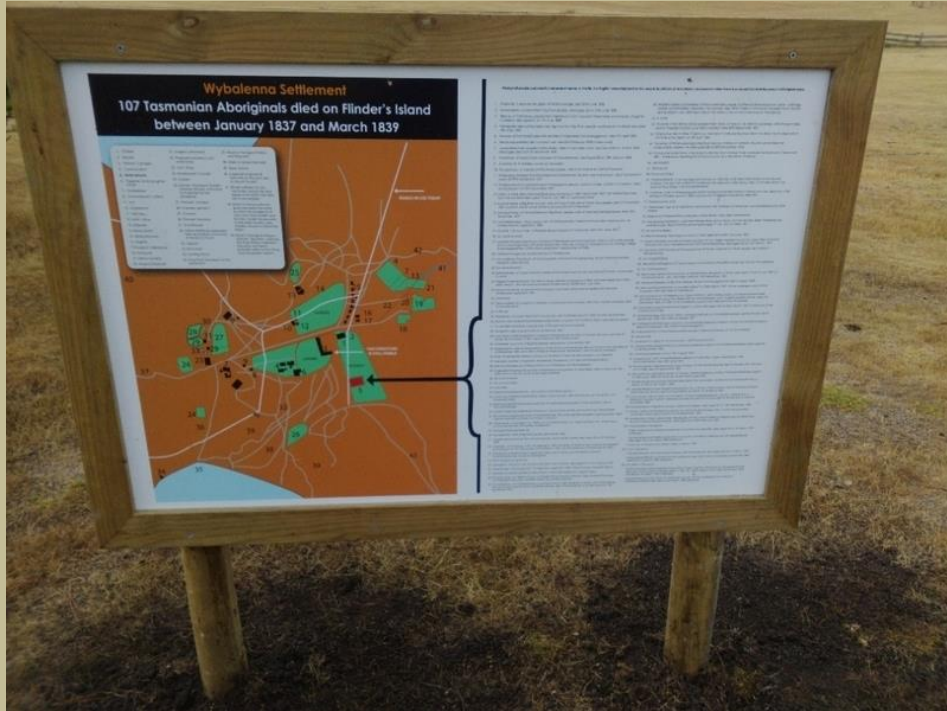
In the lead up to the 2020 season, several groups have assisted the Land Management crews in the monitoring of the yula. These included the Truwana Rangers, a TAC youth group from Launceston, a couple of Shed Bosses and crew.



Wybalenna



The Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania has installed information signs at Wybalenna.



In January, a tour group from a cruise ship visited Wybalenna.



Wybalenna



Overtime, the environmental conditions weather all exterior surfaces. The Flinders crew recently sanded back and varnished the furniture and gate at the Aunty Ida West Healing Garden to restore some life into them.



Fire Workshop



In February this year the TAC partnered with the *Firesticks Alliance Aboriginal Corporation* to undertake training on country to further develop knowledge and skills in the application of cultural fire practice.

The training draws on knowledge from within the community and from reading the country to develop the local knowledge base for holistic fire practice. Aboriginal Rangers and community members gathered to kickstart the first training session at putalina.

For Aboriginal people interested in getting involved in future activities please contact Andry Sculthorpe at the TAC on 62 340 700 or email: andry.s@tacinc.com.au



preminghana



The preminghana crew putting into practice what they learnt at the recent fire workshop to look after country.



VDL boundary track cleaned up and widened.



Kings Run

With the assistance of local tradesman, the preminghana crew have refurbished the Kings Run Cottage.



Cat Control Project lungtalanana



The TAC has recently completed testing of Felixir feral cat control units on lungtalanana, the non-lethal trials were aimed at determining the effectiveness of the units within the islands ecological makeup.

The results showed that the units had a good rate of success for identifying and potentially killing feral cats without targeting the islands native species.

Felixir uses a sensor to detect a cat in proximity and administers a poison squirt that kills the cat.

Removing feral cats from lungtalanana would allow for reintroduction of some of the Islands former small mammal species that are a part of the Islands health, diversity and cultural importance.

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