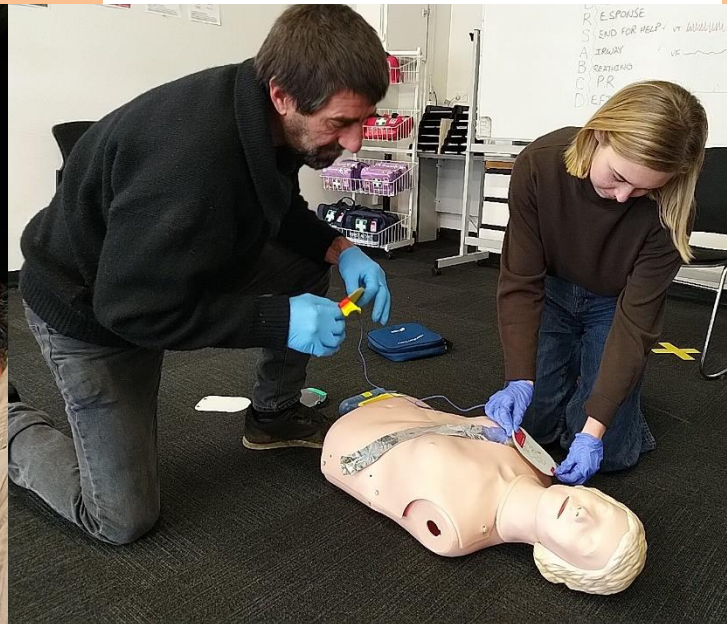


# Land Management Update September 2020



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## Hummocky



I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to spend last week on Hummocky and Lungtalanana. This experience was rewarding as it allowed me to work and connect with country. Alongside the land management crew, we were able to visit heritage sites and hear stories about the experiences of growing up, birding and working on these islands. We were fortunate enough to have blue skies and sun most of the trip which allowed us to explore the islands and see the wildlife, particularly the Cape Barren Geese. As a young Aboriginal woman, I would encourage everyone to take this opportunity, regardless of skill level. Naturally, I felt nervous about going on the trip but everyone on the trip was considerate, welcoming and generous to me during the whole week. This allowed me to thoroughly enjoy my trip and engage holistically with the experience.

Thanks to the TAC, particularly Ambrose, Grahame and Mark for providing this opportunity! Maggie Blanden



# Big Dog Island



## Cool Burns

Flinders Land Management crew worked with Rookery Leaseholder Charles Willis to conduct cool burns to promote access to the rookery, and care for country.







Slashing, clearing rubbish and cool burns are all tasks in a days work for Land Management Crews.





# Babel Island



Land management have made a concentrated effort at controlling the boxthorn in the South East Beach area.



Re-instating a track with a custom made culvert, so access to North Point is re-established over a wash out



## West Beach Shed Stabilisation

Through years of exposure to the elements, the footings and structure have deteriorated over time. A concentrated effort from the Land Management Crew has stabilised the shed and ensured our history is preserved for the future.

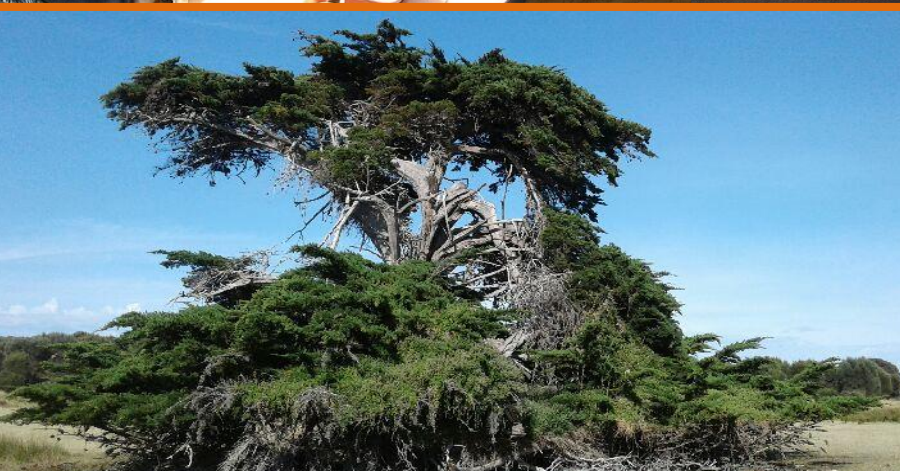




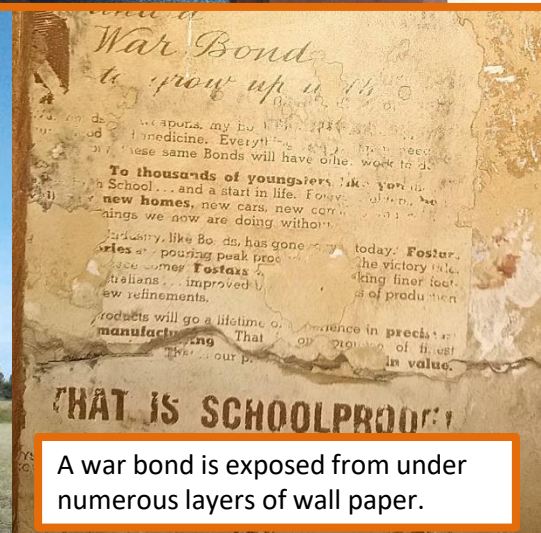
# Badger Island



Claire and Lilly completing some repairs to the homestead during a recent visit before heading off to visit some of the heritage sites.



Underneath this tree, it is believed the first school (tent) was setup.



A war bond is exposed from under numerous layers of wall paper.



The land management crew replacing a deteriorated fresh water tank stand





# putalina



The Top Hut at putalina is an important part of the history and the memories of our elders who built it and the community who established their presence on the property. In recent years the building has suffered from leakages and deterioration of the internal fabric. The hut has been repaired and some revamping inside has ensured that the hut remains stable, dry, and ready for more use in years to come.



Pakana Ranger, Luke Press setting up camera traps at putalina.

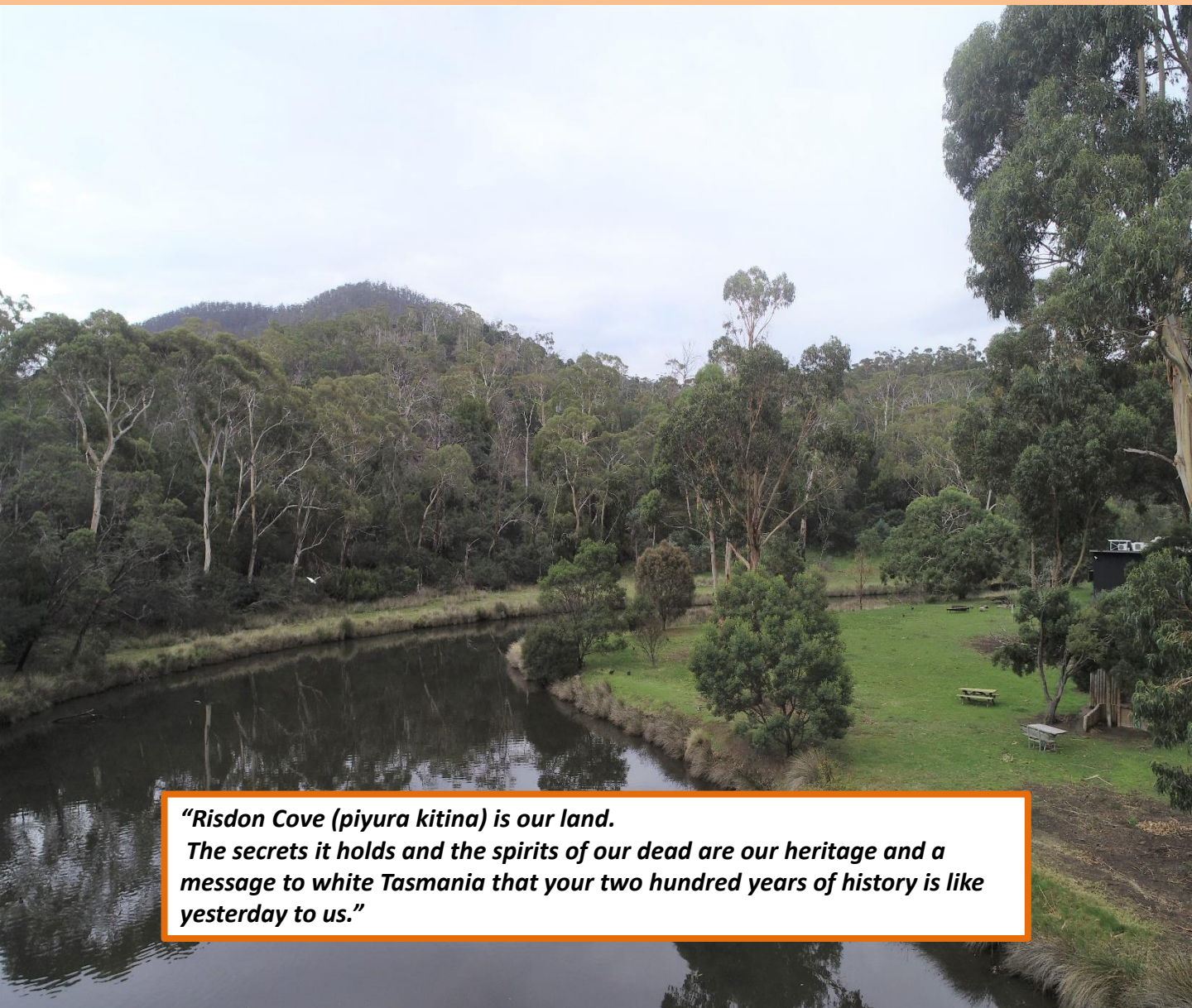


***“In recent years Oyster Cove has been a focus for our community no matter where we live in Tasmania. From the days when Trukanini’s tribe, the Nunana, visited here on their trips away from Bruny Island, to when the Oyster Cove Aboriginal Reserve was operating and up to now, the Cove has been a meeting place for us. Today the Festival continues to unite Palawa people. Oyster Cove has always been a special place... putalina-mana-mapali – Our Oyster Cove”***

Pugganna News Number 46, November 1998, p.58 .



# piyura kitina



***"Risdon Cove (piyura kitina) is our land.  
The secrets it holds and the spirits of our dead are our heritage and a  
message to white Tasmania that your two hundred years of history is like  
yesterday to us."***



**piyura      kitina**

(pee yu rah) (kee tee nah)

Meaning: "little native hen", which are numerous there.

Name chosen at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Annual General Meeting, 2015.



# preminghana



Preminghana Rangers, Brendan Lowry and Victor Ralph, engaging with the Hutchins Schools Students on Country.





# preminghana



Gorse works: Gorse works at preminghana has seen an amazing transformation of what was once a Gorse filled landscape into native grasslands. The big and small mountains have had Gorse removed and are looking fantastic. It has been noted by a local government organisation that Preminghana is the benchmark for Gorse removal in the district.





# Brendan Lowery



Brendan Lowery is a local North West coast man that grew up in the Burnie area. He loves spending time with his wife and two kids fishing, gardening, and regenerating his block of land with native Tasmanian flora in his spare time.

Brendan has worked in a few different industries, but has always passionate about being on country and working outside. His latest job was working in the forestry industry, which was good, but he wanted to learn more and reconnect with his culture and land. The position of supervisor at Preminghana is the perfect opportunity for him to for fill his passion for working on country and preserving Aboriginal heritage and culture.

The role at Preminghana interests Brendan because he feels a sense of connection to the land and it's a beautiful place to work. Into the future, Brendan aims to continue the work on the native bushland for the wildlife, and conservation of country for Tasmanian Aboriginal generations to come.



# Traditional Hut



When a prominent Elder put out the call to revitalise traditional hut building on the West Coast, preminghana workers Victor Ralph, Brenton Brown and Tim Lowery took up the challenge. This may be the first traditional hut built on the West Coast for 200 years and the process brought a lot of pride to those involved in its construction. These huts and the building of them is part of connecting to the west coast landscape and our culture and heritage. The TAC aims to bring more community to preminghana to continue the process of revitalising this cultural practice.





# Fauna Monitoring



Fauna monitoring post and prior to fire application has shown interesting results with putalina being home to threatened species such as the Tasmanian Devil and Eastern barred bandicoot. These species rely on putalina as habitat and refuge from the surrounding threats of cats, dogs and roads. Ensuring the management of putalina using fire or otherwise protects and encourages these species is important.



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