



Land Management Update March 2021

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Centre



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lungtalanana Wharf Refurbishment
local tradesmen have refurbished the lungtalanana wharf, making the island much more accessible by boat.



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Old work shed



lungtalanana work shed rebuild

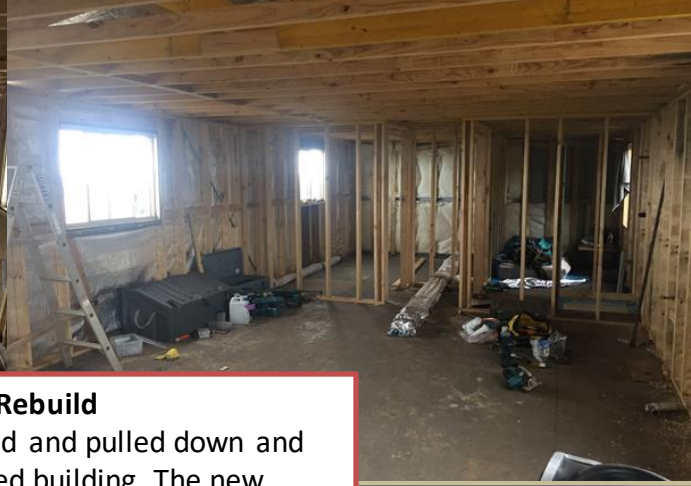
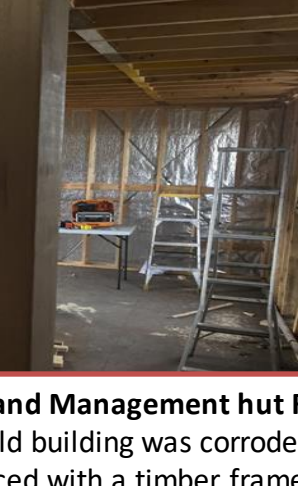
Builders have pulled down the old corroded metal work shed and rebuilt a new timber work shed. The solar has been upgraded to help better accommodate the crew and community's needs.



New work shed

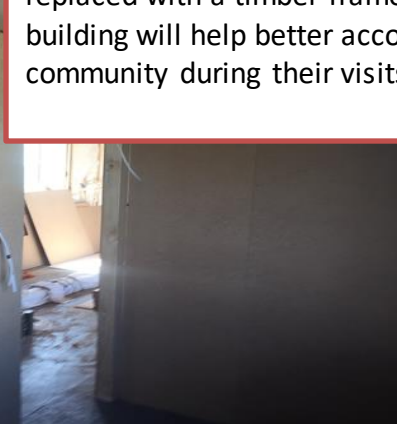


Hummocky/Chappell Is



The land Management hut Rebuild

The old building was corroded and pulled down and replaced with a timber framed building. The new building will help better accommodate crew and community during their visits to the Island.



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Boxthorn heaps being pushed up ready to be burnt.



Areas that have been previously cleared need continuous monitoring, spot spraying and hand pulling to stop the regrowth of new boxthorn plants.

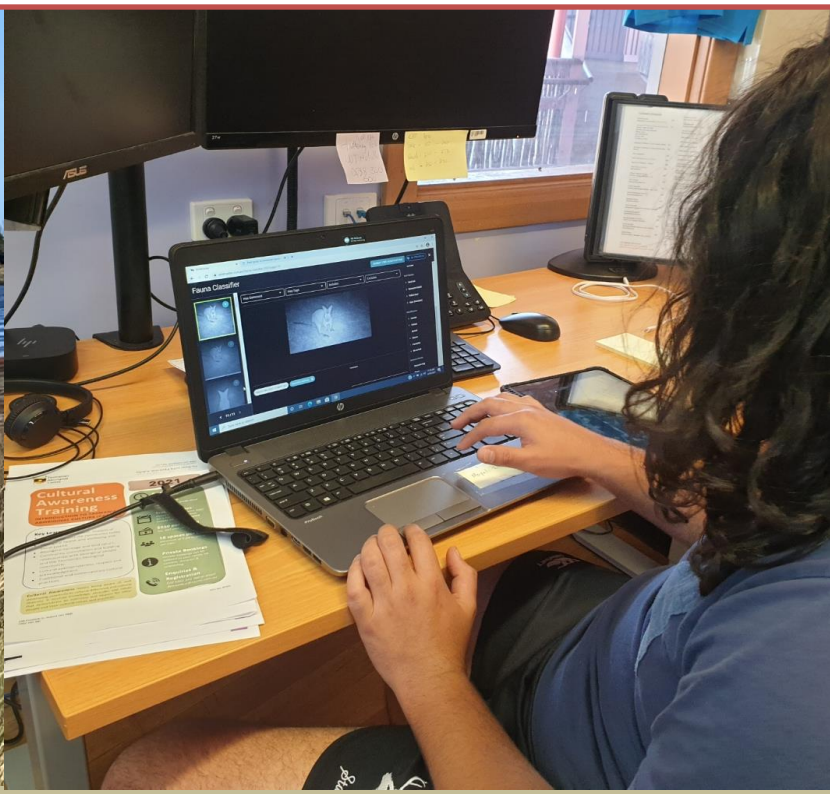


Hummocky crew are hard at it, with their ongoing battle with the African Boxthorn.

Moulting Lagoon project



Moulting Lagoon camera monitoring project. The land management rangers are undertaking a fauna monitoring project with the TLC and NRM south. The project involves camera monitoring of wildlife and training in the use of the *Wild tracker* image database. This fee for service project also allows for young community members to be employed and trained in the procedures during the project.



Yula Monitoring



In the lead up to the 2021 season, community have assisted the Land Management crews in the monitoring of the yula. These included a TAC youth group from Hobart, other community from Burnie, a couple of Shed Bosses and crew.



Ballawinne- Aboriginal Land



Ballawinne is an important cultural place on Aboriginal Land in the TWWHA. The Rangers are improving the capacity for community to access the area. This requires works on the landing site, cultural fire management and knowledge transfer within the community. The removal of Aboriginal people from this landscape has resulted in a decline in the health and biodiversity of this beautiful place. We aim to provide opportunity for more Aboriginal people to experience this Country into the future.



piyura kitina



It's been an amazing year for grass growth this year. Piyura kitina is brimming with Kangaroo grass, Wallaby grass as well as the unwanted Phalaris. Our casual crew are learning to apply the right fire on the property. Since 2014, the TAC has been providing opportunity for cultural fire learning both in Tasmania and interstate. For many people piyura kitina has been the place they learn the first skills of burning country. These learning opportunities for our young people are most possible on Aboriginal owned Land.

BBQ's at piyura kitina have been improved and can be used by community. The plates have been refurbished and are ready for cooking. These BBQs are electric and free to use.



trawtha makuminya



Gas hot water and shower

The preminghana land management crew have fitted a new water pump, gas hot water system and hot showers are now available at trawtha makuminya!



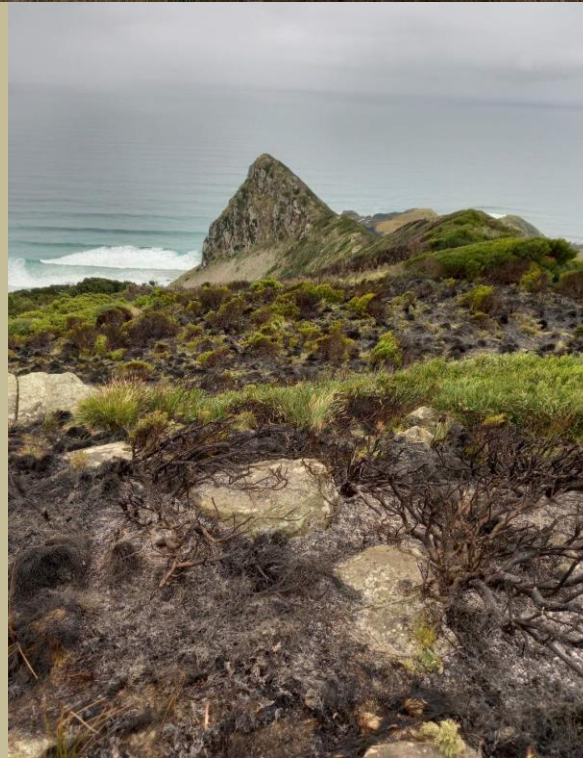
Brendan and Victor, undertaking some traditional burning at trawtha makuminya



preminghana



Traditional burning practices. The preminghana land management crew have been undergoing some burning to burn out the young gorse shoots and to promote healthy growth of our native poa grasses as a part of our healthy country plan.



preminghana



Setting up the projector for a community film night showing films made by the Aboriginal community at the camp. The Preminghana camp is one of the biggest Aboriginal community gatherings in the state.

preminghana camp

The preminghana camp was a great weekend and it had a great turnout with lots of excellent cultural activities. Thanks to all support staff and the Aboriginal Health Service for making these type of community events such a success.



Hobart Airport fire project



Pakana Rangers are undertaking a project with the Hobart Airport to burn rare and threatened grasslands on the Hobart airport grounds. The grasslands are listed under the EPBC Act for being rare examples of their kind. Healthy grasslands need fire, and our ancestors managed these areas for thousands of years. The Rangers will burn the grasslands over a 5-year period and will provide opportunity for further employment of community members to undertake the burns.



Restoring Country - lungtalanana



Did you know?

lungtalanana has many native mammal species recorded as being present on the Island over time that do not exist there now. Including:

Wombats, Wallaby, Dunnarts , Antechinus, Potoroo (pictured). Animals are part of Country just as are people. They also have cultural importance to us and our ancestors.

Healthy Country is dependent on Country being able to function as a living system with animal life being important. There exist opportunity to begin to reintroduce native species back onto lungtalanana to improve the health of country for us and the animals.

There is also opportunity to assist native Tasmanian animals that are under threat of extinction to find a safe haven on lungtalanana.

Extensive monitoring undertaken over recent years has revealed that only pademelons remain on the Island from the original native mammal species.

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Step one of restoring small mammals for healthy Country is eradication of cats. The TAC is hoping to begin an extensive cat control project this year. This will allow for development of a plan to return our native species. We are aiming to provide further opportunity for community involvement in the project and to learn from the experience. For more information please contact: Andry Sculthorpe andry.s@tacinc.com.au