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First-hand look at Native Veg

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The Native Vegetation Management Local Advisory Board (LAB) set up to advise the Commissioner Wendy Campana, went on a field trip recently, to learn first-hand about the application of native vegetation policies at a local island level.

This LAB comprises representatives from the KI Council, AgKI, community members, PIRSA, DEWNR, the Native Vegetation Council and EcoAction, and also attending were Wendy Campana, and Cate Stanford from the Commissioner's office. The group visited a number of sites, the first being Rodney Bell's farm to look at farm machinery and the challenges faced in manoeuvring vehicles around scattered tress and on narrower roads.

They then visited areas of farmland that had been fenced and revegetated as part of a regeneration project.

DEWNR and KI Council took the group to Ropers Gums, Bomb Alley and Willson's Road (MacGillivray) to look at roadside vegetation management, and the issues faced by Council in maintaining the areas and the protection of endemic threatened species.

"This field exercise was invaluable in understanding the various perspectives regarding native vegetation management," Wendy Campana said.

"With new regulations coming into force from July 1, 2017, it will be vital that relevant information is made readily available to residents," she said.

The LAB will be advising the Commissioner on various methods to improve access to information about native vegetation management.

Captions:

1409 – A significant tree in roadside vegetation at Ropers Gums. This tree is a nesting place for Glossy Black Cockatoos.

1211 - Board members look at a single tree in a paddock used for livestock grazing and broad acre farming.