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Eye in the sky over Home Hill today

The vineyards of Home Hill winery at Ranelagh will be buzzing today with the arrival of a team from the University of Tasmania armed with two micro-helicopters.

Arko Lucieer, a senior lecturer with the School of Geography and Environmental Studies, and his students will spend the day measuring the advance of a 1996 landslide at Home Hill.

The two micro-helicopters - or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) – will be deployed to help produce a 3D model of the landslide.

The UAVs, which have eight rotors and can follow a predefined flight path, are shaping up as a vital tool in mapping terrain ranging from Antarctic moss beds to coastal erosion.

What: Micro-helicopters mapping a landslide

Who: Arko Lucieer and up to 20 students

When: TODAY, Noon (**Tuesday, 19 July**)

Where: Home Hill vineyards at Ranelagh. Thirty minutes south of Hobart. Turn off the highway onto Lollara Road when you see the Home Hill sign.

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