



RURAL YOUTH

NEWSLETTER

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State President—Dale Hayers

Hi All,

Well the countdown to Christmas and 2019 is now firmly underway!

Over the last few weeks it has been great to see a wealth of social and hard copy media about all our clubs getting involved at their local shows. Whether it is through Ute Comps, Dog High Jumps, Animal Nurseries, other competitions or by simply parking cars; the contribution that Rural Youth Clubs provide to local communities is second to none.

At the Royal Hobart Show in late October, the state finals were held for the Rural Ambassador competition. Our very own Ashley Evans, representing the Royal Hobart Show committee, was announced as winner of the state finals and will now travel to Western Australia next year to compete in the national finals. Bree House, representing Agfest was announced a close runner up. Bree was granted an exchange to attend the Adelaide Show next year. Congratulations to both of these guys, we are sure you will promote Rural Youth across the country on your travels and look forward to hearing about things learnt as part of your travels.

Our new Board has now held two meetings and are working hard to keep Rural Youth moving in the right direction. It is also exciting seeing clubs come the Board with proposals to run events and training programs. Such events are the heart of RY and so we look forward to approving more proposals soon.

State Ball planning is well underway with more details to be released in the coming weeks.

The Board has also been working hard on a new logo and branding strategy for the Organisation. Lots of discussion has been had and we now think that we have a logo that is not only on-trend, but ties in well with our Agfest brand and is also quite relatable. The brand will be released formally soon.

The wastewater upgrade for Quercus Park is nearing completion. The contractors have started the commissioning process and hopefully full testing will be completed through January.

Some of the senior members of Rural Youth and Agfest will attend the Community Achievement Awards in Hobart on November 23. Rural Youth presented as a Finalist in the Fonterra Agriculture Award category. Other finalists for the award were Lindsay Bourke and the Ringarooma Water User Group. Both Lindsay and the Water Group work hard within their local communities and are deserving finalists. On the evening, Lindsay Bourke was announced as the winner for his work developing the bee keeping industry in Tasmania. Congrats to Rural Youth though for making it to the finals!

As mentioned in my previous report, this will be the last Newsletter in this format and the last one to be sent until March 2019. In March, the new hard-copy style newsletter will be published and this will be a quarterly publication. I am personally very excited for this and look forward to feedback and comments about the new publication. I am sure it will be a good talking point.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and prosperous festive season. Take care when driving on our roads and make the most of the summer break. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Cheers,

Dale





Keep your eyes peeled for
new merchandise launching
2019!



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CEO—Karen Robinson

Just a short, sharp update from me this month!

We are really excited to finally be 'launching' our new logo and merchandise. We hope you like it! If you haven't already, make sure you check out Selena's video on FB – it is pretty spectacular! We will be taking orders for merchandise in January – keep an eye on social media for updates!

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey – we can't represent you and your interests if we don't know what matters to you! Congratulations to Jesse Macdonald who won the \$250 visa card! Caps and stickers with the new logo are on their way to everyone else!

At the AGM many expressed the desire to return to a hard copy Newsletter – after this edition we will be moving to a quarterly publication which will go out at the end of March, June, September & December.

A popular past time in December is to reflect on the past and consider the coming 12 months – celebrating successes and

noting where things didn't go quite to plan so we learn from mistakes.

We are no different and have done our share of both! Thankfully our successes were far greater than our failures and this is due in no small part to the efforts of our dedicated staff and members who continue to go above and beyond for the benefit of all! I particularly want to acknowledge the work of the RY Board, Agfest Committee and our ever-resourceful staff (Selena, Linda, Ellie, Vicki & Max), all of whom make it a pleasure to come to work each day.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope that you enjoy a break of some sort, even if it is only for a couple of days!

That's it from me until March but be sure to keep an eye out on social media for RY & Agfest updates in the meantime.....

Regards Karen



Agfest Chairman—Owen Woolley

Hello All,

Welcome to the first of the new newsletters, hopefully you enjoy the new layout and style.

Since my last report we have been quite busy organising and planning for next year's event, along with attending meetings and functions promoting Agfest.

A few weeks ago, a group of members attended the community achievement awards in Hobart, where Rural Youth was nominated for an award in the agricultural division. Unfortunately, Rural Youth was unsuccessful in their category, but we had a good evening promoting and socialising with like-minded people.

As I write this report site applications will have closed, with the job now of processing and sorting through applications beginning. Exhibitor numbers are looking very good again this year with a touch over 800 applications.

We are working away through the numerous tenders for various jobs and support roles at Agfest that aid our event, it is positive to see the amount of support and interest we have from outside groups that are willing to help and assist our event.

As most of you would know there are quite a few exciting and long-awaited projects happening out at Quercus at the moment and early in the new year. We will all be very happy to know that the waste water upgrade is well underway and with a bit of luck completed by the time you read this. We are also investing in a kitchen upgrade to the function centre and a few smaller jobs to improve the site office and ticket box for everyone's benefit.

Come the new year we will start having more working bees to complete projects as best we can before the onset of the Agfest rush, it is exciting to think of what we can achieve on these coming working bees and the fun that can be had over this time.

I would strongly urge everyone who can make a working bee to come along and see what we get up to and lend a hand to make the task easier for all.

I would like to take this moment to thank all of the Agfest team, volunteers and office staff, for their dedication to this amazing event, if it weren't for you this event would not occur. Thanks again for all your hard work and dedication, I look forward to working more closely with you in the new year and the downhill rush towards Agfest 2019.

I would like to wish everyone a fantastic festive period, with lots of relaxation and fun to be had, memories made and not too many sore heads or full bellies. I hope you all have an amazing, safe and fun break.

Till next year, Merry Christmas.

Owen Woolley

Agfest Chairman 2019



COMMITTEE LIST

Current as at 13/12/2018

Chairman	Owen	Woolley
Vice Chairman	Ethan	Williams
4WD Demo	Brady	Robins
Asst. 4WD Demo	Camden	Turvey
Accommodation	Steph	McManus
Asst Accommodation	Meta	Jones
Beef Expo & Junior Handling	Caine	Evans
Asst Beef Expo & Junior Handling	Steph	McManus
Asst Beef Expo & Junior Handling	Patrick	Rosevear
Car Park Coordinator	Ella	Curtain
Asst. Car Park Coordinator	Vacant	
Committee Catering	Katrina	Bush
Asst. Committee Catering	Vacant	
Community Groups	Ethan	Williams
Central Arena	Vacant	
Asst. Central Arena	Joseph	Armstrong
Craft Pavilions	Vacant	
Asst. Craft Pavilions	Vacant	
Exhibitor Manager	Rhys	Mills
Asst Exhibitor Manager & B&L Expo	Ashleigh	Reynolds
Equine Expo & Equine Entertainment	Karley	Beer
Asst. Equine & Equine Entertainment	Edwina	Johnson
Features incl. Event Attractions	Ashley	Evans
Asst. Features	Ethan	McCarthy
Heritage	Ethan	McCarthy
Asst. Heritage	Adam	Condric
Loading & Lifting	Callum	Forbes
Asst. Loading & Lifting	Vacant	
Merchandise	Simone	Salter
Operations Manager	Jake	Williams
Asst. Operations Manager	Matthew	Wadley
P.A.	Vacant	
Asst. P.A.	Vacant	

Parcel PickUp	Dave	Lucas
Asst. Parcel PickUp	Vacant	
Personnel	Amanda	Bayles
Asst. Personnel	Vacant	
Power	Jeremy	Jacobs
Asst. Power	Dean	Birch
Promotions/ Media	Dylan	Bellchambers
Asst. Promotions/ Media Internal	Vacant	
Asst. Promotions/ Media Social	Liam	King
Asst. Promotions/ Media Advertising	Jackie	Harvey
Purchasing	Jye	Earnshaw
Asst. Purchasing	Joel	Watson
Safety & Compliance	Richard	Rand
Asst. Safety Compliance	Jacqui	Hodgkinson
Security	Mitchell	Beer
Asst. Security	Alex	White
Signs	Mark	Cripps
Asst. Signs	Cameron	Ranson
Rural Youth Feature	Dale	Hayers
RY State President	Dale	Hayers
Ticket Box - Back	Vacant	
Traffic Management	Ben	Cripps
Asst. Traffic	Jesse	McDonald
Treasurer	Sarah	Revell
Asst. Treasurer	Vacant	
Unique Taste Pavilion	Ethan	How
Asst. Unique Taste Pavilion	Vacant	
Waste Management & Fuel	Tobias	tenBensel
Asst. Waste Management & Fuel	Sam	Pogorzelski
Water Carting/Pumps & Tanks	Sam	Tolman
Asst. Water Cart/Pumps & Tanks	Camden	Turvey
Youth Engagement	Vacant	
Asst. Youth Engagement	Vacant	



SELF NOMINATIONS

Many roles still remain on the Agfest Committee As a Rural Youth member you are encouraged to put your hand up for any of the below positions! These roles come with a fully detailed manual and contact numbers of the previous directors for the role. So don't be afraid - it is a great way to challenge yourself and learn lots of new skills.

WE NEED YOU!

AVAILABLE ROLES:

Finance Assistant
Media & Promotions Assistant - Internal Comms



	Coordinator	Assistant
Back Ticket Box	_____	
Central Arena	_____	
Committee Catering		_____
Craft		_____
Loading & Lifting		_____
PA		_____
Parcel Pickup		_____
Personnel		_____
Unique Taste		_____
Youth Engagement	_____	_____

_____ *Denotes availability

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN ON 0418 391 898
EMAIL ADMIN@AGFEST.COM.AU FOR AN APPLICATION FORM



INQUIRE NOW!

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Current as at 14/12/2018

11 JAN 2019	Agfest Meeting	8PM @ Head Office
12 JAN 2019	Working Bee	Quercus AM Before Rodeo
19-20 JAN 2019	UTAS Leadership Training	Quercus
09-10 FEB 2019	Working Bee	Quercus - All Weekend
23 FEB 2019	Agfest Meeting	10AM @ TBC, Hobart
15 MAR 2019	Agfest Meeting	8PM @ Head Office
16-17 MAR 2019	Site Marking/Working Bee	Quercus - All Weekend
23-24 MAR 2019	Site Marking	Quercus - All Weekend
30-31 MAR 2019	Site Marking	Quercus - All Weekend
12 APR 2019	Agfest Meeting	8PM @ Quercus
13-14 APR 2019	Working Bee	Quercus - All Weekend
31 MAY 2019	Wrap Up Meeting	TBC
1 JUN 2019	Agfest Dinner	TBC

PLEASE ENSURE YOU RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS BY THE REQUIRED DATE,
MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE COMMITTEE FACEBOOK
PAGE AND IMPORT UPDATES IN RELATION TO THE EVENTS



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Rural Youth Scholarship

ARE YOU ENROLLED IN THE ASSOC DEGREE IN AGRIBUSINESS AT UTAS IN 2019?

ARE YOU A CURRENT RURAL YOUTH MEMBER?

WOULD \$1000 HELP YOU WITH THE COSTS INVOLVED?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO THE QUESTIONS ABOVE – READ ON:

Rural Youth Tasmania supports the acquisition of knowledge and skills in agriculture and believes in building the capacity of our members to encourage and assist them to achieve their goals and become positive contributors to their communities.

This scholarship, valued at \$1000 has been established to assist with the costs associated with completing the above mentioned course.

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN IN THE NEW YEAR AND WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY APRIL 1st AT 5PM

The application will be available on our website, early 2019.

Applications will be assessed by a panel and the recipient will be announced at the Agfest Official Opening on May 2nd 2019 at Agfest.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Robinson at Head Office on 6331 6154 or 0448 344 381.

Sexual Harassment in the Rural Workplace

TWiA (Tasmanian Women in Agriculture) are running a survey to contribute to the National Enquiry into Sexual Harassment in the Workplace which finalizes its enquiry on 31 January 2019. TWiA believes there is a huge culture of silence around sexual harassment in rural workplaces. We want to understand how prevalent sexual harassment is in the rural workplace and whether employers do address harassment with policies, training and acting on complaints. The survey is anonymous and will help TWiA contribute to the *National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in the Workplace* and ultimately to provide support to our stakeholders in reducing workplace sexual harassment. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The survey link can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/69ZYT33>



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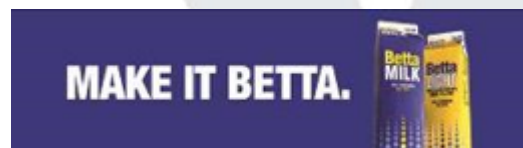
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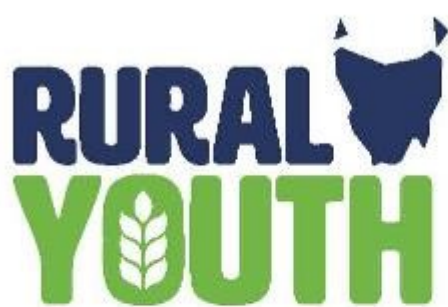
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CLUB REPORTS

Kingborough-Huon Club

We had a busy time leading up to the Huon Show a couple of weeks ago, which is just about the biggest day of the year for our little club.

As we have for the last few years, KH organised the animal nursery, the ute competition, and the absolute showstopper that is the dog high jump. All our events were very popular, and show patrons, pups and club members alike all had a fantastic day. We owe a big thank you to all our sponsors and those who contributed to the animal nursery, and of course the club members who helped out, especially those who put in the hard yards on the show committee. We also got to wear our wonderful new club shirts for the day – as well as being comfy, they're also nice and easy to spot from a distance!

Some of you might have heard Dale on the ABC's Country Hour talking about Rural Youth, which was recorded at the show. I think we can all agree he's got a great face for radio.

Our next scheduled meeting is a social night at the Telegraph Hotel on the 21st of December. We haven't planned anything for 2019 just yet, but it's sure to be bigger and better than ever! In the meantime, we send our best wishes to everyone for a happy and relaxing holiday season, and we look forward to catching up in the new year.



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Brighton Club

Brighton Rural Youth has been nothing short of productive over the past few months, ranging from running the carpark at the Melton Mowbray Rodeo to organising the Brighton Show Ute Comp to getting the members together for a fun day out.

The Melton Mowbray carparking was a success thanks to the dedication of our club members who volunteered, and we look forward to when we can lend a hand next.

After many a phone call and months of organisation, members of the club managed to get the wheels in motion for the Ute Comp at this year's Brighton Show, no pun intended.

With six categories, plus overall, there was a place for every ute, from 4X4 to classic. The turnout for the comp was fantastic with a great selection of utes for all to see!

Keep an ear out for next year's Brighton Show and be sure to fly your Bundy and longhorn flags high for a chance to win.

2018 has been a hard year for farmers, and the Buy-a-Bale charity has been a tremendous success and reflection of Australian values. Rural Youth Brighton donated \$220 to the cause in September, which saw one small and two large bales of hay donated to a drought affected farmer and helping them when they need it the most. We urge other clubs and organisations to do the same and lend a helping hand however they can.

On the social side of things, members of the club had a great day out in September at the Rock it indoor climbing centre in Hobart and will have many more events like this planned for in 2019.

Brighton Rural Youth are keen as mustard to get involved in the community and are constantly on the lookout for events to support in the local area, but the club can only do so much with the members we have, and as the saying goes, 'the more the merrier'. The club is eager to welcome new members so we can continue to grow in the community, so if anyone you know has any questions about membership or upcoming events, please feel free to contact us!

Cheers!

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Sorell Club

Since our last newsletter entry, Sorell Rural Youth has kept busy with tidying up, referencing and removing black berry bushes out at our hall.

We've had a few opportunities to hold some fundraisers such as wood cuts, bagging sheep manure and a Christmas raffle, which all have been quite successful for our club!

Our club had a pleasure of being approached by the Brighton Agriculture Society to run the State Championship Dog High Jump for 2028!

The Brighton Agriculture Society also ask for two of our club members Matt Schofield and Steph McManus to judge the Truck Show for 2018, which was quite the experience for these two to say the least!

To add to the news as well, keep an eye out for our brand new club shirts, which will be arriving in the next few weeks!

Here are a few photos of our club events:



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Tamar Club

The end of 2018 has been positive and busy for Tamar Club.

Club meetings have been held the first Tuesday of each month at Head Office. In November members attended Scottsdale Show, where we ran a guessing competition. It turns out you can fit 176 balloons into the cab of a Deutz-Fahr! A very big thank you to William Adams Cat for the use of their tractor and Moore's Farm Fresh Vegetables for donating a Vegetable Hamper as first prize.



On Thursday 6th December members joined Hagley Club at Laser Tag and had a great time. Not only that, we have decided to revive an old Rural Youth tradition – the toilet seat! Tamar was in possession of a new toilet seat, but on Thursday it was “given” to Hagley. The club in possession attends another clubs meeting or function and the seat must be placed around a members head for their club to take possession. The idea is to promote interconnectedness between clubs, and plenty of laughs along the way. Look out whoever Hagley passes it onto!

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Tamar Cont.



We are now busy planning to attend the Exeter Show in February after successfully running a dog high jump there earlier this year. In 2019 Tamar are again running a dog high jump as well as a ute competition in conjunction with Oatlands Club.

Our meetings for next year are planned for

Tuesday 8th January, 2019

Tuesday 5th February, 2019

Tuesday 5th March, 2019

All starting at 7pm at Head Office, York Street Launceston.

Finally, we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and New Year. Have fun, stay safe and enjoy!

Tamar Club

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North Motton Club

Hi everyone!

North Motton Rural Youth has had a pretty full on last few months with our members organising and running the annual Ulverstone Shows animal nursery. As always we had numerous amounts of families through the gates and it was great to see kids that don't often get a chance to be involved with animals. The children had the opportunity to interact closely with all of them. We had a variety of animals which were all kindly donated, inc ponies, chickens, calves, lambs, ducks, rabbits and goats. A massive thank you to all of our sponsors, Without them the event wouldn't be possible.

We have new and exciting things coming in 2019 with organising a few functions and member drives, so stay tuned!

We are always looking for new members to join our club and if you're interested or know of anyone that is don't hesitate to give our president Renee a call on 0408285205 or contact head office for a membership pack.

North Motton Rural youth would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Jake Williams

Club Vice President



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Young Agricultural Professionals Network

YAPN has had a great last few months, conducting 3 events across the state. Simon Dornauf from Meander Berries spoke to a great crowd in Launceston about hiring and managing staff, access to capital in a high growth business and dealing with agricultural terrorism. In the north West, Kurt de Jonge recently returned from Denmark as part of the Rotary Professional Development Exchange.

The group gained knowledge of the global perspective of agriculture and networked over dinner. In the South Greg Bowers, Managing Director of Shellfish Culture discussed the impact POM's had on their business, and steps they have taken since to recover from a significant challenge.

Next year after feedback from Rural Youth Members YAPN will be organising a finance event on how to finance your first home, start up a small business and manage your personal finances. Keep your eyes peeled for more information!

Are you in the North West? Margot Kelly, our NW YAPN Committee member is organising monthly meetups with guest speakers that provide insights into their international travels and new agricultural technologies.

Follow us on facebook for more info! If you have any suggestions of guest speakers please email us an info@yapn.com.au

IFMA 2019 Launceston <http://www.ifma22.org/> Growing Agriculture @ 40 Degrees South - Make sure you register and have a look at the day tours as well!

HELP!

YAPN is continually looking to improve and develop it's offering. Could you please take the time to take this 3 minute survey to help us gain a better perspective on what the industry wants and needs, Thankyou!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F6T8RC9>



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Pencil it in!

2019 QUERCUS WORKING BEE DATES

January 12th
February 9th
March 16th

Toolbox meetings will be at 8am.
RSVP to Head Office on 6331 6154
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Devonport	Thomas Febey	0400 152 055
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South		
Brighton	Sam Pogorzelski	0428 414 539
Kingborough—Huon	Tobias ten Bensel	0417 666 510
Oatlands	Brady Robins	0437 111 327
Sorell	Sarah Munnings	0437 500 420
YAPN	George Gatenby	0409 196 492

January 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Tamar Meeting	9	10	11 Agfest Meeting	12 Working Bee	13 Working Bee
14	15	16	17	18	19 Emerging Leaders	20 Emerging Leaders
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5 Tamar	6	7	8	9 Working Bee	10 Working Bee
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 State Ball Agfest Meeting— Hobart	24
25	26	27	28			

March 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5 Tamar Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Agfest Meeting	16 Working Bee	17 Working Bee
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Rural Youth Tasmania wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The office will be closed from
12 noon on Friday 21st
December and will reopen at
8.30am Wednesday 2nd
January 2019

