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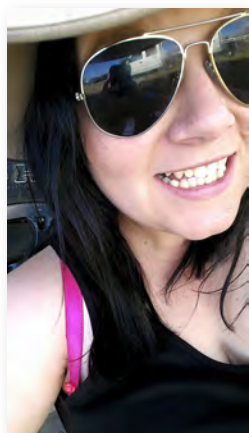
First of all I would like to thank Kate and Ebony for the new wiz bang newsletter, it looks fantastic! Moving forward in the organisation is what I really do believe will tie in with our new focus, "Developing the Rural Youth of Tasmania".

Rural Youth Council held our first meeting at Zepp's in Campbell Town I am really pleased with the result of the meeting engaging members and holding a face to face meeting to me is important for this organisation to work. We need to work together and get to know each other. Some exciting new directorships and a few changes this year losing rural Round Up and Top Teams drama and mannequin and focusing on bringing the "Rural" and the "fun" back into the clubs and regions. By doing this we have added in an Agricultural Industry Director. This is a first and I am excited to get underway and work alongside the Rural Youth Council of 2016. Stay tuned for more information.

I am very pleased to see the amount of attendees at meetings, clubs, regions and Agfest Working Bees. I walked into the Agfest meeting and couldn't believe the amount of people around the room. This is fantastic to see, so let's keep it up! I also encourage other clubs and regions to work together. Brighton held their club meeting half an hour before the Southern Region meeting and hosting the Southern Region meeting was a huge success. That's the most people I have seen at a Brighton/Southern Region meeting in my three years in the organisation and it's exciting. Let's continue this great work.

I was fortunate enough to attend Westmorland's St Paddy's day event with a few new members signing up on the night, it was a fun evening. It's great to see clubs hosting some events. Well done to Western Tiers on a successful fishing competition day. Also a big pat on the back to Kingborough Huon members for raising an outstanding amount for Relay For Life. Welcome to those new members coming on board in the past week. 16 members have been signed up which again is brilliant!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the staff at Head Office, all members, current and past members and sponsors a fantastic Easter. I hope you all enjoy some much needed time with friends and family and I look forward to another successful month ahead. Any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call email or even an inbox.



EMMA RAYNER  
State President

## Inside...



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## A large group of approximately 25 people, mostly wearing black vests, are posing for a group photo outdoors on a grassy field. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a black vest and blue jeans, is kneeling and waving both hands. Behind her, the group is arranged in several rows, with some people standing and others sitting or kneeling. The background features large trees and a grassy area, suggesting a park or sports field setting.

KATE COAD  
**Agfest Chairman**



An aerial photograph showing a vast crowd of people gathered in a field, likely for a festival or event. The crowd is spread across a wide area, with some structures visible in the distance.

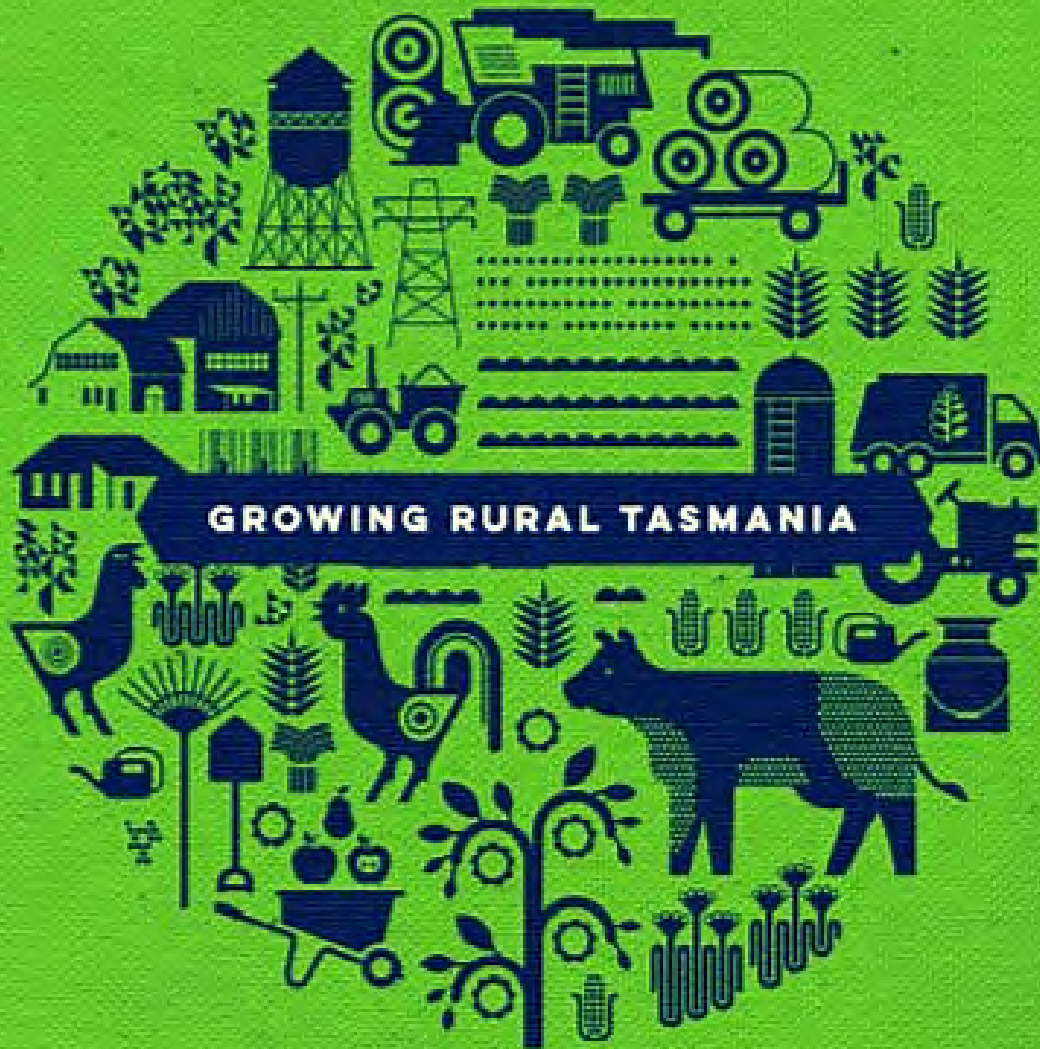
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## RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA

## GENERAL MANAGER

A decision was taken at the first meeting of this year's Council that our Newsletter would become an electronic rather than paper version. I hope you like it and I look forward to hearing how you feel about the change and the format.

We have a great mix on Council this year of new and experienced faces – everyone is keen to make a difference and a contribution – I am looking forward to seeing what happens in the coming months. I am sure Emma will have much more to add in regards to this, so for the time being I wish everyone well and look forward to working with them in the coming weeks and months.

With Agfest fast approaching work is going ahead on both the Equine arena and converting the Ag Demo area into powered sites. Kate and her team are working overtime to ensure the Field days are a great success! Everyone is relying on Kate's weather forecast of 18 degrees and sunny coming true - no pressure!

In closing I would like to congratulate our new members (and Council reps) Mark Griffin and Zoe Brown (pictured below) on their achievements at the 2016 Legendairy Tasmanian Dairy Conference, they were named winner and runner up of the Young Dairy Farmer Encouragement Award respectively. Way to go guys!

Regards Karen



For 2016 we have seven exchangees visiting from April through to December!

If you would like to host one of our guests please contact the Rural Youth Exchange coordinator, Prue Dennis on 0407 207 694

UK **Rachel Branch** 8 weeks arriving 20th April

SCOTLAND **Gemma** 6 weeks arriving 18th April

SWITZERLAND **Christa Zurcher** 12 weeks arriving 16th April

NORTHERN IRELAND **Emma Miller** arriving 5th May

AUSTRIA **Eva-Maria Sallinger** 10 weeks arriving 21st April

AUSTRIA **Lea-Charlotte Kirchweger** 12 weeks arriving 5th September

AUSTRIA **Katharina Hallinger** 5 weeks arriving 22 August

Over the next couple of months we send off Babette McConnon to the UK, Phillipa Green to Canada and Amanda Bayles to USA.

Be sure to read Jake Williams report from his Young Endeavour experience!

## INCOMING EXCHANGEES



The 25th of January couldn't come quick enough with the lead up being so intense- the few days leading up were nerve racking! Even flying out on the 24th was a struggle due to bad weather and delayed flights. I finally made it to Esperance late Sunday night.

After meeting a few people at the local pub that night and a few to many drinks later, the nerves had gone. The next morning rolled around pretty quick, after doing a last minute trip to Coles, I was ready to roll. Finally we were all boarding the Endeavour for the trip of a life time!

After meeting the crew, finding our assigned bunks and meeting our watch leaders, we were weighing anchors and heading for Adelaide! Soon enough we were dropping anchors at Middle Island. We all boarded the RIB's and headed for land! Spending a few hours swimming and touring around the small island we were all keen to cross the Great Australian Bight! Setting sail once again, we were finally under way! Jumping into our watches and starting our night watches. This was the start of a sleepless trip.

Between feeling ill and watching everyone else get rid of the lunches over the side of the ship, the next few days went really slow! With Everyone put their best efforts in, from climbing the masts and setting squares sails, to cleaning the toilets, we were all feeling pretty proud.

The days flew by and next thing we knew we were dropping anchors at Kangaroo Island, not that we saw any kangaroos! After having lunch and a tour around, we were already for a calm and full nights sleep.

The next day saw us, as the Youth Crew take over the ship for the next 24 hours! Making our way out of the channel from Kangaroo Island, we were heading into pretty rough seas! With winds changing and picking up through the night, everyone up on deck at 3 a.m were tackling the ship and setting different sails. 6 a.m the next morning we all woke to an awesome sunrise over looking Port Adelaide. Heading into the main Port Channel, we all climbed the mast and sat out on the square sails to wave to the people who passed by and people welcoming us into Adelaide.

With our last day nearing, we were ready to set sail once again to take a few disadvantaged people for a sail down the Harbour! The last night aboard we all shared our memories and highlights from our adventure. Our final day rolled around and the cleaning had begun. From wiping windows to polishing hand rail, we were ready to dock. We all said our goodbyes, and headed our own ways! Only 6 hours later we all missed each other and ended up at a bar in Adelaide, and well ... I can't remember much from there on. It was an amazing and life changing trip and would recommend it to anyone!!

Jake Williams

Young Endeavour Rural Youth Study Tour Recipient 2015

## RURAL YOUTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCED

Rural Youth Council for 2016 have set some strong goals and visions investing in the year ahead to challenge each other towards a successful year achieving many great accomplishments!

### **The FIVE core focus criteria for Rural Youth Council 2016 are;**

- 1) MEMBERSHIP- the benefit of being a Rural Youth member and the level of engagement we maintain with our membership base.
- 2) RELEVANCE - increasing our relevance in the Tasmanian Community. We are a youth group with rural focus and interest, we are a group of young professionals, generating momentum within our networks and offering development opportunities along the way.
- 3) MARKETING- extensive research and investment in our marketing of Rural Youth Tasmania, who is our market, how do we appeal to them and what are we marketing.
- 4) RECRUITMENT - You are 15 - 30 and not a member... we want you to join... but how? The many initiatives around recruiting new members and retaining these members for years to follow.
- 5) REPUTATION - by capturing each of the core focus criteria as listed, we will in return, enhance our reputation as the youth organisation for young Tasmanians wishing to develop, build friendships, life skills and experience all while enjoying your involvement.

Rural Youth Council Directors of 2016 are;

Agricultural Industry Director: Mark Griffin

Assistant: Will Craigie

Safety Director: Ricky Edson

Young Farmer Director: Ashley Hobbins

Assistant: Stuart Cresswell

Awards & Presentations Director: Jake Williams

Leadership & Training Director: Laura Smith

Marketing Director: (membership promotions and merchandise ) Kat Cenin

Rural Event's (Agfest, Rural Youth Feature Tent, Ag Shows & Clearing Sales etc) Rhys Mills

Communications Director: (Newsletter, Website & Social Media) Ebony McConnon

Sponsorship & Grants Director: Emma Rayner

Rural Youth Exchange Program Director: Prue Dennis (assisting non officially Anthony Franklin)

State Finance Director: Prue Dennis

Rural Youth Council Exec:

Emma Rayner, Prue Dennis, Ricky Edson, Kat Cenin, Jake Williams, Ashley Hobbins, Anthony Franklin and Stuart Cresswell



## WESTMORLAND RURAL YOUTH

G'Day from Westmorland!

We may be few in numbers, but we are big in spirit!

We decided as a club that every second month we would do something fun, so on St Patrick's Day we decked ourselves out in green and headed to The Ringwood for tea. Next month's meeting will be on Thursday the 21st of April, at the club rooms, Cressy Recreation Ground, commencing at 7.30pm. It will be a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to elect a new club Treasurer, as current Treasurer, Amanda, is about to go jet-setting to the USA on Rural Youth Exchange. Rural Youth State President, Emma Rayner, will be attending to act as independent chair.

See you there!

Laura - President.

## DORSET RURAL YOUTH

Next meeting the 12th of April 7:30pm at Jodonnys in Scottsdale.

More information contact Rosie on 0400 301 656





## April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		North Motton Sisters Creek	Western Tiers Brighton Tamar Agfest Exec		Sorell	<b>Quercus Park Working Bee</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Quercus Park Working Bee</b>	Hagley		Kingborough Huon- Zone 3 Oatlands	Northern Region	Agfest Meeting	<b>Quercus Park Working Bee</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Quercus Park Working Bee</b>	Circular Head Devonport Dorset	Central Highlands	Southern Region Westmorland	NorthWest Region Westmorland		<b>Quercus Park Working Bee</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Quercus Park Working Bee</b>			*start volunteering @ Agfest 2016 today!!			Agfest set up
						



## May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Agfest set up	2 Agfest Set up	3 Agfest Set up	4 Agfest Set up Agfest volunteers Breakfast	5 AGFEST 2016 Agfest Official Opening 5:30pm	6 AGFEST 2016 Exhibitor Breakfast	7 AGFEST 2016 Exhibitor Breakfast Volunteer function 6pm onwards
8 Agfest pack up	9 Agfest pack up	10 Agfest pack up	11 Agfest pack up Oatlands	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Agfest Exec	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Agfest Meeting	28 Quercus Park Working Bee  Agfest Dinner 2016
29 Quercus Park Working Bee	30	31				



## SOUTHERN REGION

Southern Region are excited to announce their new team!

President Dave Lucas (Sorell)

Vice Olivia Jones (Sorell)

Secretary Prue Dennis (Sorell)

Treasurer Rhys Mills (Sorell)



18th April there will be an in-house Southern Region training evening on administration positions within clubs/regions.

The next meeting is 18th May 2016 venue to be advised.  
The Region is hosting a 8-ball challenge for this catch up!

## BRIGHTON RURAL YOUTH

Hi guys and girls!

It has been a pretty un-eventful few months for us, we have been quietly organising a few bits and pieces as well as trying to recruit new members.

Our biggest announcement is that we are definitely having Swag Swappers this year! We have been busily and quietly working away to be able to bring this event back! So keep your eyes and ears open for more information! All we can say at this stage is keep the 26th of November free!

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Jordan River School Farm.

If you need to contact us, feel free to do so via [brightonruralityouth@hotmail.com](mailto:brightonruralityouth@hotmail.com)

Thanks, from all of us here, at Brighton  
"Have Fun, Be Wild"

# CENTRAL HIGHLANDS RURAL YOUTH

G'day all!

Central Highlands had a wonderful March!

Starting off with the Hamilton Show on Saturday the 5th.

All members put in a huge effort for the Dog High Jump and Ute Comp and a great success was achieved. A great show and great team work.

We've also been busy welcoming in new members and due to busy schedules and recent achievements of members, made a few changes to our club. Welcoming Zoe Brown as the new secretary, and Jemma Hay as the new treasurer, both recently new members of ours.

The club has had a great month of teamwork and hard work, with a number of Working Bees, bagging up sheep manure and pine bark. We have so far had great results!

We are also proud of our members for the achievements that they make on a daily basis, and also what they work hard at, outside of the club. Your hard work that you put in, is greatly appreciated and recognised.

I am proud of our club and everything we have to bring over the next couple of months to the community, stay tuned for more!

Central Highlands

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Hey All!

Kingborough Huon had their last meeting at a cold Dru Point just last week. We cooked a BBQ and all bought a snack beginning with the initial of our first names! Mariah bought Malteasers, Joss bought Jelly Babies and so on from there!

At the meeting Sophie came along with a really big cheque for us! She was lucky enough to secure a \$500 donation from Bendigo Bank as part of their community grants program. The club decided to fully donate this to our Relay for Life fundraising. This donation then took our funds raised to over \$1500 with still a week to go before Relay! If any Rural Youth member would like to come down and walk with us feel free! It will be a fun night with lots of laughs, all for a great cause-raising money for cancer research in Tasmania.

Since our last report, we had many members attend the Rural Youth AGM and we congratulate Emma and her new State Council Team and wish them all the best for the 2016 year. We are excited to see you guys bring a renewed enthusiasm to Rural Youth.

Kingborough Huon have also just started a footy tipping comp for 2016! If you are interested in joining, contact Dale Hayers on 0438185185 for details on how to join, or visit our Facebook page.

In the coming weeks you will see KH members at Agfest working bees as we prepare for our showcase yearly event and we wish Kate and her organising team all the best in the lead up to the biggest three days of the year!

Our next meeting will be on April 13th at Zone 3 for some fun laser tag. This event is open to all Rural Youth members so feel free to contact President Nicole Elliot or visit our Facebook page for more details.

KHRY





## OATLANDS RURAL YOUTH

On the 2nd of March Oatlands Rural Youth had a social meeting at Putters Adventure Golf, Moonah. We all enjoyed playing one round and we even had a few hole in ones made! We then headed to Maccas for tea. It was a great night had by all.

We are also holding a movie night on Wednesday 13th April at 6pm (at our Rural Youth Clubrooms on the esplanade in Oatlands) with free pizza and soft drink. Would love to see everyone there and look forward to seeing some new faces.

Meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month from June onwards, with a couple being the following Wednesday. Contact club president Eb on 0427 232 669 for confirmation. Or check out our Facebook fan page <https://www.facebook.com/oatlandsruralityouth/>

Oatlands Rural Youth  
"Always in the Middle of it"



## KING ISLAND RURAL YOUTH

King Island Rural Youth is making great traction in the local community with the local Lions club reaching out for assistance at events and we have also been approached by the the Community Youth Group to lend some assistance on National Youth Week in the coming weeks.

We had organised an easter raffle that we were going to run the couple of weeks leading up to Easter but unfortunately due to a fumbly the freight company our easter eggs won't get here until late next week... so talks of a possible belated Easter raffle... never too late for Easter eggs aye!!

Until next time!

King Island Rural Youth

## NORTH MOTTON RURAL YOUTH

Next meeting the 5th of April. Contact President for more information. Ryan 0429 405 164

## DEVONPORT RURAL YOUTH

One of our clubs newest members Emma Van De Winckel kindly organised and hosted an information evening on Tuesday 22nd of March at The Granary function room on her organic farm in Barrington. The guest speaker was Graeme Stevenson who spoke about the role of Dung Beetles and Earth Worms for sustainable soil health.

Emma is hoping that use of the venue will continue and is very open to any suggestions from people as to how to make use of this space. This may be a guest speaker, workshop, watching a documentary or if someone would like to do an information session themselves. Any ideas are welcome.

Hope to see you all there. Bye for now.

Devonport Rural Youth.

March has been a fantastic month for the club, with our first event being held and many local dairy business and club members taking out national awards and recognition.

The Trophy Trout Fishing Competition was held on Sunday the 20th March at local dams near Elizabeth Town.

It was a great day had by all, with several of the competitors catching some decent sized fish and all the prizes being taken home, including a \$75 Tamar Marine voucher and a huge chocolate raffle. The BBQ was a great hit also!

Winners on the day were:

Ricky Edson taking out the prize for the largest fish with 57.5 cm

Jack Longby took home several prizes with a 56 cm, winner for the junior first fish caught, largest junior fish caught and second place over all.

Christian Mulder and Alicia Glatte being tied, both having a fish of 54 cm.

Terry Elmer won the prize for the first caught of the day , seniors with a fish of 52 cm.

There are hopes for this day to become an annual event. Western Tiers would like to congratulate all the winners and thank everyone for coming along and making it a great day. A special thank you goes out to Paul Bennett, whom offered his dam with a freshly stocked supply of fish for the day.

At the Dairy Australia conference held in Burnie in mid March, there was a massive effort by many of the local dairy business in the greater Western Tiers community. A massive congratulation is to be given to Mark Griffin from Western Tiers Rural Youth for taking out the Young Dairy Farmer Encouragement Award a shared prize with Zoe Brown, another Rural Youth member. Congratulations are also given to Jeffery Gijsbers, a Western Tiers member for being a finalist for the award. Rural Youth and Western Tiers are so lucky to have such amazing talent within the organization.

At the state council meeting, the new logo for the club was approved. This logo was designed by member Danielle Whatley, along with much input from the club members.

April is shaping up to be another busy month for the club, with hopes for a members motor bike ride along the North East Coast to happen later in the month, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information as the plans come together.

Next meeting, TUESDAY the 12th April.

Please note that Western Tiers RY club meeting are now to be held on the First Tuesday of the month.



## WESTERN TIERS FISHING DAY







### **'Money for Jam'**

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- Club jumpers to promote your club
- Purchase of patio heaters to use at club & community functions
- Function to promote new memberships

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