

April 2018

# Newsletter

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## Working Bees:

- 7th April
- 14th April

*All Working bees will be for the whole weekend*

MARCUS OLDHAM RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## MORLP Scholarship Applications are open!

Two lucky Rural Youth members aged 21 and over will have the opportunity of a lifetime attending one of Australia's best leadership courses on Rural Youth's dime!

Participants will put themselves to the test navigating their way through activities designed to improve:

- Communication skills
- Self awareness
- People management
- Conflict resolution
- Goal setting
- Team building
- And many more leadership qualities!

Closing date is 6 April 2018

Contact HO for more information or the forms!



# AG-FEST

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## State President

With Agfest just around the corner, I think it's time to remind everyone to look after themselves. Yes, if you hold a directorship you have a responsibility to make sure it's completed but you also have a responsibility to make sure you're okay. Keep on top of things so the list doesn't become a mile long, take some time for yourself and ask for help when you need it. Don't forget to enjoy it!

Rural Youth members are out and about, with Sorell Club attending Bream Creek Show, Kingborough-Huon Club involved with Relay for Life and Western Tiers Club holding a family BBQ. It's great to see clubs engaging with their members and the community.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers we've had to cancel two state events (berry farm tour and shooting competition). It's important for members to get behind these initiatives to support those running them, to be involved with members from around the state and to keep these events happening.

Work Health and Safety is a massive issue for Rural Youth. We need to be up to date with our processes and make sure our members are properly trained. We're not implementing these processes to be sticks in the mud, we want to keep everyone safe! A group of members took the next step and went along to a WHS session with Chris Hogarth at Devonport TAFE. They had a great day not only improving their knowledge and skills but benefiting the organisation and all members. Thanks guys!!

As always, we have some amazing opportunities coming up. The applications are open for the inaugural scholarship for those studying the Associate Degree in Agribusiness at U Tas and for two members to attend the MORLP in Geelong, an amazing leadership course. Also, if you know someone who is worthy of the Graeme Tole Award, don't forget to nominate them.

Until next time...

Cheers

**Ash Evans**

**State President**

**Betta  
MILK**



**Vermeer**



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## CEO—General Manager

Easter is here and line marking it well underway – I don't know exactly how many days are left until we open the gates, but I do know it is fast approaching! Thank you to everyone who has helped out at working bees, without you the event literally wouldn't happen. Whilst on the subject of working bees, ONLY licenced operators can use equipment such as tractors and forklifts, this is for everyone's safety. If you are onsite participating in a working bee, please make sure you follow all instructions from the Coordinator or Operations Manager and attend the toolbox meeting BEFORE you commence work. The aim of the game is to send everyone home in one piece!

This year we are trialling an online personnel and safety induction. We are working with UTAS on this project and it will be ready mid-April, we hope this will make the induction process easier and save you time when you actually get to site.

If you hear a strange voice at the end of the line when you ring Head Office it will be because you are speaking to someone new! Vicki O'Grady joined us recently, she is assisting us over the Agfest 'season' and is already proving to be an asset. Make sure you say Hi next time you are in HO.

It is great to see our Clubs getting out and about – KH has a team participating in the Huon Valley Relay for Life, Sorell have been to Bream Creek Show, Western Tiers recently held a BBQ at Meander Dam and Hagley had a working bee at Quercus to name a few.

Our AGM will be held in September this year. We are planning to have a dinner to celebrate what has been achieved for the past 12 months – as soon as the date has been finalised we will let you know so you keep the day free. Remember that ALL financial members are now eligible to vote at AGM so please come along and have your say on who want to represent you on the Rural Youth Board. We will also be calling for nominations for Board Members in the coming months, if you are interested and would like some more information, please give me a call or better still come along to a Board Meeting and see what it is all about!

Until next month.....

**Karen**  
CEO



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## St.LukesHealth will be at Agfest

**We will be at site 808 on Eighth Avenue**

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**A combined discount of 10% for Rural Youth Members<sup>A</sup>**

Rural youth will match the St.LukesHealth discount of 5% giving you a combined discount of 10%.

**Gap free preventative dental\***  
for the whole family with your choice of dentist.

**Switching** from another fund is easy.  
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**Brandine Campbell**  
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<sup>A</sup>The discount cannot be combined with other discounts available under other arrangements between St.LukesHealth and other alliance partners. <sup>#</sup>For some preventative dental items on selected products. Annual limits, fund rules and waiting periods apply. Under Gap Free Preventative Dental we pay 100% of your dentists regular fee up to a maximum benefit for each service. <sup>\*</sup>No waiting periods when switching to equivalent level of cover, provided all waiting periods have been served with the previous fund. ABN 81 009 479 618

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## AGFEST

Howdy,

It is hard to believe this is my last report before the field days, the reality is starting to set in and the nerves and anxiety are starting to get real!

We have our last committee meeting before the field days on Friday, April 13th (Hopefully the day doesn't live up to its reputation) at Quercus starting at 8 pm. I look forward to seeing everyone present at this meeting as it's our last chance to share and discuss important topics before the event.

As some would know, in recent weeks we have come under scrutiny from a few certain groups and members of the public in relation to our charity of choice for this year. I would like to thank everyone who helped and had input into this situation, those who provide concise support for the organisation, to our beliefs and our efforts within the community. I hope that everyone can rest assured that we as an organisation investigated and assessed all situations and scenarios relating to this matter, which hopefully won't cause us any more concern.

Site marking and working bees are now in full swing, preparation and progress towards having the site as well organised and presented as it can possibly be, ready for our grand event. Thank you to all who have helped out site marking and attending working bees so far to date. Without your time, effort and dedication to this event we as an organisation and an event wouldn't be where we are today, so thank you and keep up the good work.

I look forward to spending the coming weekend's onsite helping out at working bees, completing jobs on the list and having a grand time with everyone, building on the friendships that this event is so great at making.

So bye for now and I look forward to catching up with everyone at the coming meeting, working bees and the field days.  
Till then, Cheers!

**Owen Woolley**  
**Agfest Chairman 2018**

## Positions still vacant on the Agfest Committee

Power Asst  
Personnel Asst  
Community Groups Asst  
Ag Show Council

### **RY Feature**

RY Feature Asst  
Waste Management Asst  
*Assistant Features*

### **Youth Development**

Central Arena Asst



**AutoRent**

**Hertz**





## Club Reports

### North Motton

Everyone in the North Motton club have been busy in the last month, our secretary Georgia has been busy getting quotes for some new club tops!

We are also planning on laying some wreaths at the Ulverstone Anzac day service and the North Motton service as well.

And to raise some money for our club we are planning on having a BBQ at the new Bunnings store in Devonport.

Our next meeting is at Ten Pin Bowling in Devonport at 7:30 on the 5th of April, we are having tea at KFC across the road before.

Cheers  
**Korey**

### Devonport

Lately we have been discussing inter club relations and activities. We are focusing on becoming a more social club and to engaging in club and inter club activities which we have been brainstorming as a club.

We are currently selling Easter raffle tickets which will be drawn on the 29th of March and have multiple chocolate baskets up for grabs.

On Wednesday the 11th of April at 7pm we are holding our next meeting followed by bowling at Devonport Ten Pin Bowling. If anyone is interested in joining please contact our club president Chelsea.

Cheers  
**Sarah Rayner**

### Hagley

It's been another few ripper months over at Hagley. We recently ran the dog high jump, ute competition and 'Chudleigh Cup' at the Chudleigh Show on February 17th, which were all a huge success and a lot of fun!

Our last meeting and social night was held at Quercus Park where we had a mini-working bee. We are currently organising a Club signed Marquee which we are excited about and will be great for our upcoming events as well as some Hagley work shirts.

We have recently welcomed some new members to our club which we always love as well as saying a temporary farewell to one of our members Emily Hirst who has headed to the Kimberly to work on a station for the next 9 months.

Exciting things ahead and the count down to Agfest is on with quite a few of our members on the committee and volunteering over the field days and we are again selling Agfest tickets leading up to the event.

Next meeting: April 9th

Cheers  
**Liv Lawson- Hagley Secretary**



Above:Hagley @ Chudleigh Show

### Tamar

March hasn't quite been as busy as February but the club has two new members to add to the growing list. On behalf of the club I would like to officially welcome Larissa Godfrey and Cam Willis, who are from the Dorset area. We look forward to having them in the club and working alongside them.

We are still looking at running our Laser tag evening. The invite will be extended out to our fellow Northern Clubs to create a bigger and better game of laser tag. I look forward to seeing the clubs go head to head.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th of April, 7:00pm @ Head Office.

Until Next Month  
**Emily Nixon**  
**Tamar Club Secretary**



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## Club Reports Cont.

### Western Tiers

March has been a month of quite achievement for our little club, and we are excited for what we have coming up in the following months.

This month we have been busy working on our first main community event, an evening BBQ at the Meander Day on Friday the 23rd March from 5:30PM.

The aim of this event is to have a casual evening out, and to welcome anyone interested in learning more about Rural Youth to come along, as well as community supporters alike. All of us at WT hope that this will be a great little event, and things warm up and the rains stay away!

During March, we have also been busy running our Facebook page Easter Give away prize! This a massive hamper filled with \$85 worth of goodies!



All you have to do to win is: 1) like the post 2) share the post 3) tag two friends! EASY AS! No departing with hard earned cash required! The winner will be drawn on Thursday the 29th March and will be able to be collected in time for Easter Sunday itself.

Western Tiers thought this was a great way to up the profile of our little club in the community, and we are so happy with the response we have gotten so far. If you are able to help us out, just by sharing the post and tagging a few mates, it's not only a chance for you to win, but helps out our little club.

Over the coming months we are looking towards the Campbell Town show, where once again we will be holding the Dog High Jump Competition and a BBQ. The Campbell Town Show is set for the last weekend of May 2018. Stay Tuned for more details on what we are doing there!

It was with regret that in the middle of March; our President Wendy McGlashan handed in her resignation for our club and all her roles, so that she can pursue other aspirations. Wendy had only been in the role for a few months, and did so much to help out the club. Wendy will be a great loss from the club, and we wish Wendy the very best in what is next for her.

Thanks everyone,  
From all of us at Western Tiers Rural Youth,  
Have a safe and happy Easter period.

**Kat Cresswell**  
**Secretary 2018**

### Brighton

We have had a quiet month here at Brighton Rural Youth however we caught up for a exciting laser tag night and enjoyed it thoroughly.

And a meeting has been held recently at Jordan River School Farm, discussing details for the upcoming fundraising and new member recruitment promotion. The support from some local businesses is greatly appreciated and helps us a lot to continue our fundraising.

Also, we'd like to welcome our new member, Emma Jones.

Our next meeting hasn't been set yet, but please keep an eye on the Brighton Rural Youth page on Facebook for notice once it has been set.

**Mei**  
**Secretary**

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MOVING!**

**NEW LOCATION FROM  
JANUARY 2018**

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# WE WANT YOU

## Volunteers needed for AGFEST 2018, 3-5 May

Calling all Rural Youth members who want to be a part of the great team who put together Tasmania's premier agriculture field days.

There are only 120 AGFEST volunteer spots available and you could be filling one of them! If you're passionate, hard-working and want to have loads of fun register as a volunteer from 1 February 2018 through clubs or head office, or complete the online registration through the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AGFESTvolunteer2018>

\*All volunteers must have a current Working with Vulnerable People check.

\*All volunteers must also complete a safety induction before going on site. This can be completed online.



### REMINDER

Working with Vulnerable People cards are a **compulsory requirement** for any volunteer that wishes to partake in Agfest 2018 over the age of 16 years.

# GRAEME TOLE MEMORIAL AWARD



Graeme Tole was a wonderful asset to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, he joined Westmorland Rural Youth in 1962 at 16 years of age. He held the Presidency role of the club in 1965.

In 1966, he was declared President of Northern Region. He became involved in Rural Youth Council from 1968 and continued his involvement, ending up as State President of Rural Youth in 1971/72. This saw the start of his connection with Advisory level.

In 1977, Graeme was presented a Life Membership of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania. He held positions on the Property Management Committee from 1988 until 2004.

Unfortunately, in 2004, he was involved in a farming incident and passed away. Whilst grieving his passing, the idea formed for a Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize, in honour of this great leader, mentor and enthusiast of Rural Youth.

In 2009, this Memorial Award Prize was established, and the first recipient, Anthony Coad was announced.

This prize naturally is of high standard, given the quality gentleman that it is honouring.

To be considered for this prize, nominees have to meet the following criteria;

☛ Been a member of the Organisation for at least 2 years.

☛ A current financial Rural Youth member

☛ Made continuous and notable contributions, leading to positive outcomes for the Organisation.

☛ This will have included having taken on roles in at least one of the following\*\*:

Rural Youth Board

Agfest Committee Leadership Team

Club Executive

\*\* Or the equivalent under the previous structure.

Do you know of a member who meets the criteria above? If so, then they are eligible to be nominated for this prestigious award.

Please approach the member you wish to nominate prior to submitting their nomination, as part of the Award prize involves travelling to New Zealand in 2019!

Please contact Ashley Evans for further information or if you would like a nomination package posted or emailed to you 0409 316 158 or [statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**







## Rural Youth Tasmania Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program 2018



In 2018 Rural Youth Tasmania are going to support two members of the Organisation to attend the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program in Geelong, Victoria. The course will run from 17 June to 22 June 2018.

The Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program commenced in 1992 and is recognised as one of the best and longest running rural leadership programs in the nation. It has developed a strong reputation in the agricultural and agribusiness sector, attracting support from a wide range of industry and rural community groups from a diverse regional background.

The industries represented include livestock grazing for meat and wool, broad acre summer and winter cropping, dairy production, poppy production, cotton production, horticulture, apiarists and agribusiness support agencies.

With an average of approximately 30 participants per course, there are in excess of 450 graduates from the Program across Australia. A number of these graduates are now representing their industries or rural communities at the decision making level in the board rooms of both community and industry groups.

### Objectives:

- To seek to develop the skills and knowledge of participants to enable them:
- To undertake a leadership role in their industry or community
- To competently represent their industry or community in decision making forums
- To understand and address the issues facing rural industries and rural communities

### Aims:

- To develop the leadership, communication and planning skills of individuals in the Program, through their participation in a process of self-discovery, skills training, knowledge building and team development
- To provide opportunities for participants to network with keynote speakers from industry and the community

### The Program

The Program is an intense five day workshop conducted on the Marcus Oldham College campus at Geelong, in June each year. The five-day workshop involves facilitators who have both the training skills and empathy to understand the issues facing rural industry and rural communities, and industry background to assist in the development of solutions.

### Training sessions include:

Goal Setting	Community leadership	Negotiation
Developing action plans	Learning and Communication	Rural health
Leadership and team building	Understanding self and others	

Formal dinners during the week provide the opportunity for the participants to hear and debate the views of keynote speakers on a range of issues, which have relevance for rural and regional Australia

A feature is the Leadership Program Industry Dinner. This Dinner, which involves the participants, our industry supporters and a number of invited industry guests to hear a keynote industry speaker, is a highlight of the Program.

**If you are interested in being selected to attend this course, please contact the Rural Youth Office for a nomination form, [reception@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:reception@ruralyouth.com.au) or 03 63316154**

**Nomination forms are to be returned to the Rural Youth Office by Friday 6th April 2018.**





## RURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP



**ARE YOU ENROLLED IN THE ASSOC DEGREE IN AGRIBUSINESS AT UTAS IN 2018?**

**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 ARE NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> AT 5PM**

To apply, follow the link <https://www.ruralyouth.com.au/training> and download an application today.

Applications will be assessed by a panel and the recipient will be announced at the Networking & Presentation Evening on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Agfest.

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

### **Rural Youth History Book**

We are planning to launch the Rural Youth history book *"From Calf Clubs to Field Days – A History of Junior Farmers & Rural Youth in Tasmania"* at Agfest this year.

The book will sell for \$35 and will be available at Agfest and also through Head Office after the event.

### **Coastal Weed Spraying**

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## April 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3 Sorell Meeting	4	5 North Motton Meeting	6	7 Working Bee	8 Working Bee
9 Hagley Meeting	10 Tamar Club Meeting	11 Devonport Meeting	12	13 Agfest Meeting	14 Working Bee	15 Working Bee
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Anzac Day	26 Board Meeting	27	28	29

### Club Contacts

#### Northern Region

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Western Tiers	Kat Cresswell	0488 666 365
Westmorland	Jono Iles	0488 303 517

#### North West Region

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North Motton	Korey Stratton	0427 050 404

#### Southern Region

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Kingborough—Huon	Kaysie Wood	0408 297 021
Oatlands	Phil McConnon	0400 561 540
Sorell	Sarah Birch	0437 500 420

