

August 2018

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Rural Youth

Annual General Meeting

15th September

@ Quercus Park

All past and present members welcome.



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Rural Youth—State President

With positions being filled on a club level we are offering training to members to make sure everyone is up to speed on the knowledge and skills needed to do a great job. All office bearers are encouraged to come along to Quercus on Sunday 16 September. This is the day after our state AGMs, so come along for the weekend and enjoy a great night of entertainment on Saturday as well.

Clubs have been busy with social and training events. Hagley ran a car rally, Kingborough-Huon have laser tag on the calendar and Sorell are running a chainsaw course just to name a few. It's great to see members active in organising these events. Members don't need to be a member of a particular club hosting an event to head along. Get involved.

On a state level we also have events happening. Young Farmer runoffs have come and gone, and 12 competitors are through to the state finals on 11 August. Come along and support the competitors and enjoy the dinner that evening. There's also the shooting competition, which is open to all members the following day at Bracknell Gun Club.

Rural Youth is going great. There is a very positive atmosphere among members. The organisation is also attracting new members and interest from other organisations in Tassie and from the mainland. Keep up the good work! We also have some big new investments happening out at Quercus with the board approving the new wastewater management system and currently investigating upgrades to the Function Centre.

Ashley Evans
Rural Youth
State President



SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming events:

- 30/7/18 KH Club at Zone 3 Lazer Tag
- 2/8/18 Hagley Meeting
- 3/8/18 RSVPs for Young Farmer Dinner Due
- 7/8/18 Tamar Club Meeting
- 9/8/18 Devonport Club Meeting
- 11/8/18 Young Farmer Finals starting 8am @ Quercus
- 11/8/18 Young Farmer Dinner starting 6:30pm @ Quercus
- 12/8/18 RY Shooting Competition 9am @ Bracknell Shooting Range
- 24/8/18 Applications for Board Roles close
- 15/9/18 Rural Youth AGM & Agfest Annual Meeting

Have you renewed your 2018 / 19 Memberships?

Please remember all memberships ceased on June 30, 2018 and all new and existing members are welcome to join online via the RY website:

www.ruralyouth.com.au/member-renewal-sign-up



CEO UPDATE:

Thank you to the Admin team for holding the fort and submitting my report for this newsletter while I was away – as always, they did a great job.

The Rural Youth Board have been busy for the past couple of months. They established a working group to look to the future and develop a plan to improve and maintain our Quercus and York St properties, with a particular focus on how these changes could improve our business and assist with meeting the goals identified in our strategic plan. This work is continuing; however, they have come up with some excellent recommendations which the Board approved at their July meeting.

In the near future work will commence on an onsite waste water treatment system at Quercus. Many members old and new would be aware this issue has held up various plans and developments on site in the past due to Council regulations. Several solutions have been put to Council during this time however none have met requirements, or we have not been in a position financially to deliver the project. After many months of consultation and investigation Dale Hayers has developed a plan which has Council approval, with this hurdle overcome we will then be able to continue onsite improvements, such as completing work on the ablutions block purchased several years ago. Thank you, Dale, for your persistence and perseverance in seeing this project through. As plans are finalised we will provide further detail in the coming weeks to other developments on site.

This leads me to the AGM and Agfest Annual Meeting which are scheduled for Saturday September 15 at Quercus. Both the Rural Youth

Board and Agfest Committee have a variety of positions for members, and I would encourage all of you to consider submitting an application for something that interests you. By taking on one of these positions you are building your own skill set and contributing to the organisation. To give you an example, Board members signed off on a project in July in excess of \$500K, Agfest has annual turnover in excess of \$750K – what other organisation offers that sort of opportunity to young people? Don't get me wrong, there is hard work involved, these things don't just happen, but the rewards and fun that are had along the way makes it worthwhile. If you don't believe me, ask one of the sitting Board or Agfest Committee members about their experiences.

Before AGM we have Agfest Brainstorming and Young Farmer Finals to enjoy. Following on from the success of our Resilience Day at Campbell Town earlier in the year we will also be facilitating a similar day in Smithton on September 1.

In closing, thank you to the members of the property management working group I mentioned earlier in this update, (Dale Hayers, Owen Woolley, Jake Williams, Kara Crosswell, Caine Evans and Matthew Wadley), you have done a stellar job in a very short space of time. Congratulations also to Ashley and Caine on the birth of Morgan, I am told he attended his first Rural Youth meeting on the day he left hospital – that's dedication.

Until next month

Regards Karen

Rural Youth of Tasmania Board Elections

The below positions will come up for election at the 2018 AGM on September 15th
At Quercus Park

- State President
- Vice President
- 3 x General Board Members

Applications open Monday July 30 and close 5pm Friday August 24

Email support@ruralyouth.com.au for an application form, alternatively contact the CEO on 0448 344 381 if you have any questions



AAFDA Conference and NZ Fielddays trip - June 2018

On the 9th June a small group of delegates headed off to New Zealand for the 2018 AAFDA (Association of Agricultural Field Days of Australasia) Conference, this year hosted by NZ Fielddays, at Mystery Creek Events Centre.

As well as participating in the conference itself, attendees (Owen Woolley, Jake Williams, Bree House, Selena Flanagan and Linda Perkins) were treated to a VIP experience, attending the Fielddays event for 2 days, as well as various networking opportunities over the course of the week. We were also treated to a day out to visit a local robotic dairy farm in the morning, as well as a tourist side visit, to the Hobbiton Movie Set in the afternoon. Aside from the valuable insights gained from discussions during the conference day itself, it was also a great opportunity to mix with delegates from other field day events around Australia, compare notes and discuss issues that they have. Many familiar faces were there from previous conferences, and as always, was good to catch up with these people.

It was fantastic to have the opportunity to check out the Fielddays event itself, and how it is run, in comparison to Agfest. The Mystery Creek site is absolutely huge, and quite spread out, so a lot of walking was done each day, but I think we managed to cover the entire site. Having a break and watching the Tractor Pull kept us all entertained for a good long while. It was very impressive to see the magnitude of some of the exhibitor displays, with a lot of money spent by some of the exhibitors to set their site up. One site had a beautiful fountain installed, and another had an entire mini-golf set up as part of a 'creche corner' to keep children entertained while their parents looked at the new cars, not to mention miniature cars for the children to drive around a purpose built track. I think I speak on behalf of all 5 of us to say that we were all very grateful to Rural Youth Tasmania to have been given the opportunity to attend both the AAFDA Conference, as well as the Fielddays, it was an amazing experience, as well as learning opportunity.

Over the page are highlights from two of the delegates that attended - Owen Woolley, and Jake Williams. Several points of note that have been taken away from the NZ event have already been added to the Brainstorming agenda for further discussion by our committee.



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Owen Woolley, Agfest Chairman 2018

Attending the Mystery Creek Field Day has been an ambition of mine for quite some time, being able to attend this event in a formal capacity and being able to get a glimpse from behind the scenes was a bonus.

We first arrived at Mystery Creek to a warm welcome by committee members, ensuring we were settled and comfortable on our arrival, preparing us and informing us of the plans for the coming few days.

Our first day was spent with a brief induction and history of their event before we proceeded into the conference where we discussed issues that affect multiple field days and organisations in Australia and New Zealand alike. The conference gave us an opportunity to show case how special and individual we actually are in organising our event, given our age and committee structure compared to the other events, which resounded to me how proud we should be for what we achieve compared to other events.

After the conference matters were dealt with, we were provided with multiple opportunities to socialise and interact with the other delegates attending the conference, providing chances to see how the other field days operate and gather ideas.

We were able to be tourists for the day, heading off to visit a robotic organic dairy, which had recently swapped over to robots. The owners explained and showed how the machine worked and also explained the difficulties swapping to this machinery after the cows being used to a standard parlor and the education required to utilise such technology. After visiting the dairy, we continued on being tourists and attended Hobbiton, the film set of so many movies and went on the tour around the numerous houses in the hills, being informed of all their uses and appearances in different movies.

The following two days were actual field days, which we spent exploring and seeing the site in all its glory. I must remark, their site is massive! It would be almost double the static size compared to ours and nearly double the amount of exhibitors, to walk the entire site was a staggering 24 kilometres give or take a few hundred metres.

The few things that I noticed most were:

Mystery Creek field day site is operated every day as an event centre, providing numerous different ways and possibilities to hire or use their site, including function centres with capacities of 100, 200, 500 and ten thousand people. The area to accommodate a function of ten thousand was in a massive grand shed worth 50 million dollars with removable and relocatable walls to suit hire sizes.

The exhibitors attending were generally there as a national presence, rather than attending as a state level entity, the money and effort companies went to for the four days of the event was massive, in the hundreds of thousands for their site and site setup fees.

Safety and compliance were not as strict or thorough compared to what we have to comply to, enabling more time, effort and money to be spent on other items around their site and event.

Mystery Creek employ a lot of staff to operate and undertake their various events, 48 full time employees.

Businesses worldwide come to the event to undertake dealings and new product releases, drawing in exhibitors who would on sell and promote their products in coming months and years due to the huge amount of publicity and attraction the event draws nationally and internationally.

All in all it was rather impressive to see the event and the site it is held at and bring home ideas on what we could possibly aspire to and set goals to hopefully achieve in coming years. Seeing as Mystery Creek Field Days is 15 years more senior than Agfest, who knows what the future might have in store for us if we keep planning and staying at the fore front of what our exhibitors want and need from us.



Jake Williams, Agfest Operations Manager 2018

Heading over to the Mystery Creek Fieldays has been an ambition of mine for a few years now and to have my application approved was overwhelming.

Fieldays has always seemed to be the biggest, most regarded field day within the southern hemisphere and to have finally been able to see what it's all about was insane. As soon as you step into the reception area and overlook the whole event you can see why they have the regard they do.

From an OHS point of view, I think we are ahead in some areas and which we should be really proud of! There are also areas within our field days that we can further improve. Fieldays run buses to and from locations around the district to decrease the amount of traffic coming into the event. Also, for patrons using their own transport, they have numerous amounts of courtesy buses running, to aid the walk to the ticket box. I think we could really use this idea to further our courtesy bus feature.

It's hard to write about every little thing that I have taken away from the event as there were so many, most have gone into the brainstorming minutes to see if we could improve our event by a few small but beneficial changes.

I'd like to personally thank Rural Youth and AGFEST on selecting myself to head over and represent our event.



SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST

This years Shooting Competition is to be held the day after the Young Farmer Finals and Dinner.

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Cows, ploughs and literacy? Have a go!

As rural youth growing up in Tassie, you may find you want to help run the family farm or build a successful agri-business. Having the skills you need to work out feed and stocking densities, use software, run reports and fill in forms will help you to run a productive business into the future. The skills expected by society are changing all the time. Even if you left school feeling confident, changes at work and everyday life, place pressures on us to learn new skills like learning to drive computerised tractors or use digital devices.

This is where 26TEN comes in. Have you heard of 26TEN? The name 26TEN comes from the 26 letters of the alphabet and the ten digits we use for counting. It is Tasmania's way of talking about literacy – which just means having the skills you need for everyday life - to be able to read and write, and numeracy, being able to count and use numbers.

26TEN works with people, communities and businesses across Tasmania presenting training, running workshops and providing resources and grants, to help us build our skills. Rural businesses like Blue Hills Honey, Treloar & Son, Statewide Independent Wholesalers and Houston's Farm have all received 26TEN grants to provide training and simplify processes so that people feel more confident and can have more opportunities to succeed. This is also great for business because it can really improve safety, productivity and the bottom line.

Updating our everyday literacy skills does not have to be hard or boring, and should not be embarrassing either. Tutors are nice people, often with similar experiences that will be patient and make learning fun in a way that works for you.

One employee who works as a rock crusher spoke recently of how he thought, "I don't need it. I just crush rock. I'm just a hobby farmer. As times are changing, workplaces changing. Once you get through the basics, the rest falls into place. Once I started doing it, it was easy, and quicker than paper! The learning was actually fun and enjoyable. Helped me in personal life. I can buy and sell machinery off gumtree now and do things with my son on the computer."

Around half of us living in Tasmania didn't get the level of skills we need for things like reading bank statements, safety signs, adding up at the supermarket and reading instructions on things like machinery or medications. Not surprisingly, it makes applying for jobs, getting a driver's licence, or using a computer to access services feel out of reach.

There are many reasons why some of us experience life this way and living in rural and remote regions is one of them. Quite often, it means it may be more difficult to access education, health or transport services. It can also be hard to find time away from the farm to brush up on skills that don't seem as important, when you have animals to feed, land to prepare and bills to pay.

26TEN is proud to be one of the sponsors for the 2018 TP Jones & Co, Young Farmer of the Year competition. 26TEN congratulates the work of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc. in their continued work building stronger communities by helping to support and encourage young people with authentic social, cultural and learning opportunities.

If you would like to find out more about 26TEN or find out where you can update your literacy skills please call 1300 0026 10 or email@26ten.tas.gov.au





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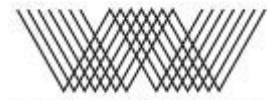
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Club Reports

OATLANDS CLUB

We at the Oatlands club have had a somewhat quiet month events-wise but had the pleasure of having Natasha, one of the exchangees stay with Ebony and Phil McConnon! During Natasha's time with Ebony and Phil, she had the opportunity to explore around the area of Oatlands with a couple of trips further afield with other members to the lakes, and even a chance for a snowball fight at the Great Lake! A huge thanks must also go to Tiarna Porter for giving Natasha the chance to tick something off her bucket list by going horse riding!

Natasha also got a taste of farming in the Midlands by spending a day with Phil's father on the family farm and helped with spud digging!

We wish Natasha all the best in her further travels and hope that one day she comes back to visit us!
Brady Robins



DEVONPORT CLUB

Recently, we held a movie night for our club which coincided with our AGM, it was an awesome night full of food, laughter and new beginnings. It was a really nice night to catch up and reflect on the last half of this year and to begin looking forward to the rest of 2018. To add to the excitement we also had many new people step up and take on roles and we wish those people the best of luck.

We would like to say a massive congratulations to one of our members, Georgia Pearce for being given the opportunity to go all the way to France to compete in Horse showjumping! Congrats Georgia, we were all cheering for you!

Overall Devonport has had a great few months and can't wait for what the future holds.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th August at the China Gardens in Devonport, 7pm for tea 8 for meeting, hope to see all members there!

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Kingborough-Huon Club

Kingborough-Huon have been pretty busy over July!

Tobias and Lucy each hosted Natasha from Switzerland for a few days. We got to see some gorgeous parts of Tassie, including hikes to Cathedral Rock and Snug Falls and a day trip to see the natural wonders of the Tasman Peninsula. Some of our members also went to the Huon Valley Midwinter Festival which was a fantastic event. We reckon everyone should try and go next year for a good night out (and maybe to find some inspiration for Agfest!).

Tobias also attended the Young Farmer runoffs at the start of the month. He made it through to the finals! Congratulations and good luck!

Our next meeting is a social night at Zone 3 in Hobart on Monday 30th July. We'll be meeting at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. It'll cost \$10pp for an hour and a half of play – All RY members are welcome! Please RSVP to Dylan on 0497 564 952 if you'd like to come along.



Zone 3 Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2038426113086368/>



Club Reports

HAGLEY CLUB

It was a fantastic turn out to Hagley's monthly meeting which was held as a car rally.

Members were separated into teams and were given a checklist of hints, tasks and riddles to find within their teams without using any type of technology, just their own knowledge and cars as transport around the town of Westbury.

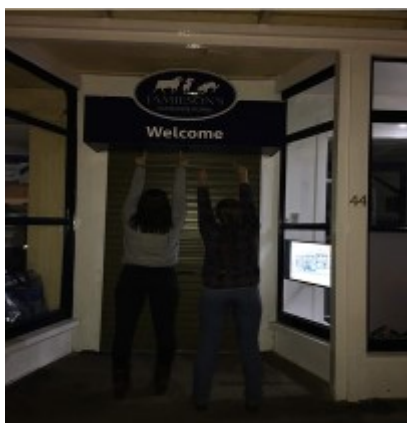
A very successful night of fun and laughs with a big thanks to Ash Reynolds for being the primary organiser of the event.

The next Hagley meeting will be held at the Bush Inn Hotel Deloraine, Thursday August 2nd @ 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

All are welcome.

Cheers,

Jackie Harvey



TAMAR CLUB

Tamar Club held their AGM in June and wish to congratulate our new office bearers.

Cam Willis—President

Harri Chug—Vice President

Emily Nixon—Secretary

Josh Taylor—Treasurer

We went to Lazer Tag in June and everyone had a fantastic time.

Our meeting for July was at the Newstead Hotel and we were making plans for the next few months.

Cam Willis competed in the Young Farmer Semi-finals on 1/7/18 and has secured a place in the finals to be held on 11/8/18.

We have welcomed new members Patrick Rosevear and Hunter Tobin into our club this month too.

Our next meeting is 7/8/18 at 7pm at head office.



Club Reports

WESTERN TIERS CLUB

Western Tiers has had a quite month since our AGM in late June 2018, when we voted in our new executive team for 2018/19. We would like to welcome the following in to their new roles for the club:

President: Stuart Cresswell

Vice President: Will Hurst

Treasurer: Kat Cresswell

Secretary: Lucy Bugg

Western Tiers also voted in a range of other roles, including bring back a Fines Master for 2018, so well done to all the members who took on new roles.

Massive thanks goes to the exec of the pervious term, you guys did a great job and have left the club in a great position for the next term.

Western Tiers has welcomed the offer of running the animal nursery at the 2018 Deloraine show in November, it's really great to be invited back for a second year in a row! If anyone has any animals they would like to show off, please let us know! No animal is too big or to small!

Western Tiers member and president Stuart Cresswell completed in the Young Farmer Competition semi-finals recently, and we are very proud of his result, and making it through to the State Finals on the 11th August! Congratulations also goes to all whom competed and made it through to the next round also. WT will be at the Dinner on the 11th, and we hope to see you all there!

Have a brilliant August, stay safe out there in our wet and wild winter weather.

Kat Cresswell

Treasurer and Newsletter

Coordinator



YOUNG FARMER COMPETITION

Sunday 1st July saw a chilly start as competitors arrived at the Hagley School Farm for the semi finals of the 2018 TP Jones and Co Young Farmer Competition.

Competitors were put through their paces with 8 modules to work through on the day. These were: Sheep yard work, Tractor operation, Fencing, Public speaking, Tool ID, Weed, Seed and Wool ID, Soil Analysis , and General Knowledge.

Congratulations to our 12 finalists who have made it through to compete in the final competition at Quercus on Saturday 11th August.

We hope to see all of you at the Young Farmer dinner that night to support all of our finalists and enjoy a state event. Tickets are a bargain at only \$20!

Congratulations to the 2018 TP Jones & Co Young Farmer Competition Finalists!

Will Baxter

Amanda Bayles

Matthew Bayles

Stuart Cresswell

Ella Curtain

Ashley Evans

Jacqi Hodgkinson

Matthew Horswell

Rhys Mills

Damien Rouse

Tobias tenBensel

Cam Willis



EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE

Howdy All,

It's been a month since I flew out of our great State and landed in the USA for my exchange!

It all started at 4.00am on Thursday 14th of June, by leaving my charger at home, almost forgot my wallet at the airport and then only had an hour in Sydney to get from domestic to International but the plane was delayed so it made it all ok!

I left Hobart at 6.30am on the 14th and got into Washington DC at 6.30pm the 14th June. I was met by IFYE member Jan and taken to our hotel where I met the U.S.A. outbound IFYE's going to all different countries like Norway, Thailand, India and Taiwan to name a few.

The USA outbounds spent four days together doing different workshops such as photography, report writing and communication and by that night all the inbound IFYE's to the USA were there from countries such as Germany, Austria and Thailand. We spent the next day getting to know each other and hearing about each country.

On Sunday we arrived in Washington DC, to Capitol Hill. We did a day of walking and sightseeing starting at The White House, Lincoln Memorial, Korea War Memorial and got to pick one of 7 of there Smithsonian Museums to visit which are free! (Think of the movie 'Night at the Museum' where that was filmed). I headed to the Air and Space Museum, it was huge with so much interesting stuff!



On Monday the 18th, all the outbound and inbound IFYE's started leaving for their countries and USA States, I flew into Laramie with Anette from Norway. We were greeted by Kim, the IFYE Program Coordinator for Wyoming and were dropped off at Cath's, who was nice enough to put us up for 2 nights and took us riding! We also went on a tour of the Wyoming College, it was beautiful, just like you see in the movies!

On Wednesday the 28th Kim picked us up and we both were then dropped off at our separate families, I headed to Melissa and Jason Cantu in Wright, Wyoming.

Melissa runs a business with her mum, elderly in home care and Jason is a Safety Officer at Bighorn tyres, who services most of the coal mines in Wyoming. They have 3 young kids Cole, Kaden and Ava who are involved in the 4H Program, which is for 8 to 18 year olds. Cole has been raising sheep for the fair which is in a few weeks, where they show their sheep (can be horses, pigs and cows etc) and at the end of fair they sell their sheep to the public and get to keep any money they make.

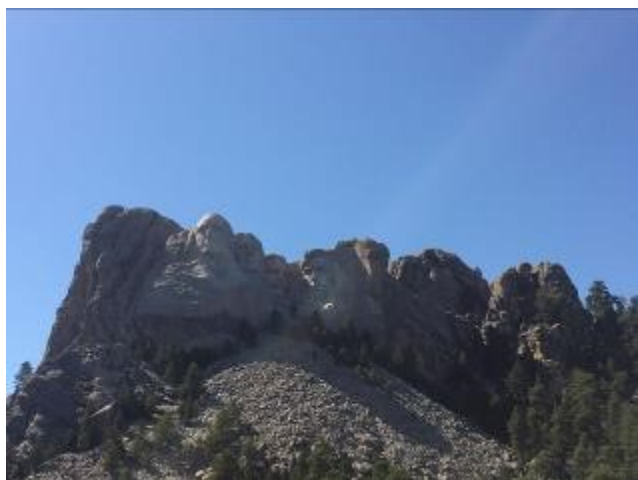
EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE

We went to an Indian reserve to watch a rodeo and re-enactment of the Battle of Little Bighorn but due to the weather all was cancelled :(So we did a nice 3 hour drive each way for lunch!

However, we did have a great sunny day for Wright Day on the Saturday. We started with a 5km run at the golf course, a parade through town where they decorate floats throw candy, have free fairy floss all day, mud trucks, mud volleyball and a rodeo spread across the town which is free to watch and join in!

While I was with the Cantu's we also went to Mt Rushmore, which I was really excited for! It was a great day out and so glad I got to see it. It was huge and to think how it was made in its time was amazing!

Melissa's dad is a blaster at one of the many coal



mines in Wyoming and gave us a tour, very interesting and all the machines are huge! Wyoming produces the most coal for the USA and has the largest coal mine, Black Thunder which is a few miles out of Wright.

We also went camping in the Bighorn Mountains for 5 days. They had a huge camper with bedrooms, a bathroom and kitchen and we also took up the quad bikes and kayaks. We had a reading day the first day due to the weather but the other 4 days were great. We went on a days quad bike ride, fishing, kayaking on the lake, cooking smores and popcorn on the campfire, whilst having deer grazing just a few feet away, squirrels all around us and I even got to see a moose family with a calf in tow!

On the 4th of July we left and headed home for a night of hot dogs and fireworks. The whole town of Wright was lit up from 6pm till 11pm with a colourful sky and the popping of fireworks and crackers! I had a great time with my first family but my two weeks was up and on Friday the 6th July I met back up with Kim and Anette and headed to the other side of Wyoming. Again we dropped Anette to her family and then met up half way with my second family Tess and Tim half way.

Tess and Tim have 3 young kids, Diesel, Liberty and Shakara with Diesel also being involved in the 4H program. They have a lovely home located 40km outside the town of Pinedale in a place called Cora and are a busy little family. Tess is a preschool teacher and is on summer holidays and Tim works as a construction manager but also builds houses outside of work, we helped tidy up a house he had just finished and was handing over on the Saturday to the owners.

EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE

It has been very busy here, we have been quad bike riding, collecting firewood, attending church, hiking, practicing my roping, paddle boarding, kayaking, white water rafting and horse riding. I was also lucky enough to be around for Rendezvous Parade weekend which started Thursday night. Tess was asking to be a flag bearer at the rodeo which was on for three nights. So Thursday and Friday nights were spent at the rodeo and Saturday was the Rendezvous Parade in town. The day started with a pancake breakfast in town, followed by a parade through the main street, walking through the trade stalls in the afternoon and back for the final night of the rodeo. They have a very similar rodeo program to us but they also have mini bronc riding for the kids (they were great riders) and did bull poker and ring of fear. In a nutshell people volunteer to go in the ring with a bull and the last one standing wins some prize money.

Sunday was the Rendezvous re-enactment it is the story between the Indians, the mountain men and fur trappers; how they all got on, traded goods and 'had a huge party' for the weekend, so hence the whole weekend is to remember how this town was started.

My report is almost over I promise...

On Monday we were up early and went to Yellowstone National Park for the day! We were lucky enough to have Diesel with us and in the USA, all 4th graders get a pass for the year and get in free to all National Parks :) When we got in to the park there was a bear cub that was hiding in the grass however, I was unable take a photo due to all the people, whenever they see an animal the

traffic stops and everyone has to stop in the worst place and look! But we did get to see buffalo, deer and elk fairly close. As well as Old Faithful Geyser and the Old Faithful Inn, which is still the original wood Inn built in 1904, all wood and no elevators to date.

So I am with the Vrska family for another a week and then heading to Hillsdale again, the other side of the great state of Wyoming!

Few facts about the state of Wyoming:

- It was the first State to give women the right to vote.
- Yellowstone was the first official National Park in 1872.
- Wyoming is know for being the Cowboy State and the State symbol is a man on a bucking horse which is featured on all number plates (and everywhere else lol).
- The state has the lowest population of all 50 States.

Until next report hope you're all well and staying rugged up ;)

Nicole Elliott



MAKE IT BETTA.



EXCHANGE REPORT: ETHAN WILLIAMS - CANADIAN EXCHANGE

Gday everyone !!

Well the past few weeks have been really hot mostly reaching between 35-45 degrees.

We headed off to Middlesex County for the week getting to see plenty of amazing sites including an old castle from when London Canada was formed. It was originally an old court house with secret passages from the judges room so they didn't have to walk out through the crowd. The prison was down stairs with part of it still being there so you could see how small it was and you could see the wear in the concrete from where the ball and chains dragged from the prisoners legs. It is now just the council chambers for the city of London.

We also got to see a curling stone factory, 1 of only 2 in the world with the other one being located in Scotland. We got to see how they machine the rock down to make the perfect size and weight stone, how they glue the handles and what makes the stones a different colour. After this we headed off to see an aircraft museum which had WW2 aircrafts that were still able to fly. Through the week we also got to see different farming operations and helped out hay carting on one of the evenings.

The next week we headed down to Essex Kent where we got to see Canada's lowest point. Point Pelee on this day was the hottest getting to 45 degrees, needless to say we spent a lot of this week by the pool and getting to see prides corn seeds, carrot factory operations, sweet potato farm and the best part was getting to go to a range and have a play with guns that are illegal in Australia. We ended the week with a party at our hosts place then the following day we started our break week where I headed back up to Nic Weber's. (Tas Exchange 2017) before heading out to Calgary on Thursday to meet up with the rest of the delegates!

Once I arrived in Calgary we all caught up at the hotel and planned what we were going to do for the following 2 days at the stampede. We set off early Friday and joined the massive line of people, we started off seeing a dog show, doing obstacles and courses, frisbee catching and dog long jump! We toured a lot of local agricultural stands and also getting let into the International Agricultural Bar. Here we got to talk with like

minded people from all around the world, the first people I bumped into were Aussie's from south Australia. That afternoon we had booked tickets to see the rodeo with all the normal events with professional bull riders and local riders. That evening we had a few beers at the Budweiser Bar while watching people on the mechanical bulls.

Saturday saw us have a well deserved sleep in after the night before, we had booked to see the grandstand show which had chuck wagon racing 9 heats in total, then an organisation called Young Canadians do a few performances along with comedians, singers, a magician and plenty of fire works. For the last few hours we ventured into a bar called Cowboys which would have had at least 2000 people jammed into one marque.

Sunday morning was a pretty slow day for motivation with us only seeing the Calgary Tower then jumping on the plane to restart our exchange in Renfrew County.

That's all from me. Cheers Ewilly !





2019 RURAL YOUTH STUDY TOUR SELECTIONS

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Are you interested in travelling overseas and making lifelong friends, or maybe sailing the high seas on a Young Endeavour voyage? Or perhaps you are interested in doing a Leadership Course, or attending Jackaroo/Jillaroo school? If any of these appeal to you, keep the above date free!

These are the options on offer for travel in 2019:

Self Nominated

Young Endeavour

United Kingdom

Norway, Sweden, Austria or Switzerland
(1 only available)

TRAVEL IN 2019

All financial Rural Youth members are encouraged to apply ** Further information is available on request, and is detailed in the application package.

Study Tour selections will be held on Saturday 8th September 2018 at a northern processing plant, details of which are yet to be confirmed, but will be advised ASAP. There will be a walkthrough tour of the plant in the morning, and then on to Quercus Park in the afternoon for some homework and interviews. Lunch will be provided on the day.

The lucky winners will be announced at the AGM evening function, on Saturday 15th September 2018.

For more information and any questions please contact either Will Craigie on 0458 556 889, or Head Office on 6331 6154.

Contact Head Office to arrange for an application package to be emailed or posted to you.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 3rd September 2018.

** Members will need to be aged over 18, and under 30 at the time of travel, with the exception of Young Endeavour voyages, where you must be aged under 23 for the voyage.



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- *Hear personal stories*
- *Tips to build resilience & flexibility*
- *Identifying signs that someone might need a friend*
- *Info on how & who to go to*

The important bits :

When: Saturday September 1 2018, 9am - 3.30pm

Where: AgriTas Trade College

12 Nelson Street

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If you would like to attend this FREE event, let us know by Tuesday August 28 2018 so we have enough food!) Email: admin@ruralyouth.com.au or phone 03 6331 6154.

Rural Youth Tasmania would like to acknowledge the assistance of all partner organisations and the support of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment.

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Hobart and Launceston books are available for sale, and also books for all other states, plus Bali. Follow the online link above, and browse all the available books.





Have your voice heard – Help shape Tasmania’s agrifood future

You are invited to participate in an important state-wide survey as part of a Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) project called TasAgFuture.

Your contribution is extremely valuable and we encourage you to spend 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.

All Tasmanian farmers, and food and beverage manufacturers, and their employees, are invited to participate in the TasAgFuture survey.

Your input will help TIA better support Tasmania’s diverse agrifood businesses. TIA is keen to hear from everyone in the sector, including those voices that sometimes get missed.

By participating, you’ll get a personalised report that compares your responses with those of your peers, and you’ll have the **chance to win** one of three iPads.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Use this special survey link for Rural Youth Tasmania members:

sgiz.mobi/s3/TasAgFuture-Survey-RYT

More information about the project, including contact details, are available at utas.edu.au/tia/tasagfuture.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2 Hagley club Meeting, Bush Inn Deloraine 7pm for 7.30 start	3	4	5
6	7 Tamar club meeting, 7pm @ Head Office	8	9 Devonport Club meeting, 8pm @ China Gardens	10	11 Young Farmer Finals & Dinner	12 Shooting Comp-Bracknell
13	14 RY Board Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7	28	29	30			

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