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RURAL YOUTH COUNCIL

We say it every year but for some reason or another 2016 has just flown by and Christmas is just around the corner. But there is no excuse for Christmas decorations in November! You know who you are...

It has been another great month for Rural Youth with the exciting confirmation of two new initiatives for the organisation. I have hinted and given a quick overview of Discover Agriculture and the Young Agricultural Professionals Network (YAPN) in previous newsletters but I am excited to say that these two initiatives are now locked in and ready to launch under Rural Youth for 2017.

YAPN will be launched in January to provide a support network for young people working or interested in agriculture. It will entail bringing people together from across the state to take part in discussions, presentations, forums, debates and anything else the members need. The sky is the limit. There will also be a mentoring component of the network so if there are any ex-members in the agriculture industry keen to take someone under their wing, please let me know! It's all about keeping young people in the industry and attracting new blood. We are working with Tasmanian Women in Agriculture to broaden the membership and offer the advantages to as many people as we can.

In the last week of August 2017 the inaugural Rural Youth Discover Agriculture program will see up to 25 year 9 to 12 students travelling around northern Tasmania exploring the agriculture industry and all the great careers it offers. This program is very successful and has been running for over 10 years now under the experienced hand of Roger Tyshing. Rural Youth will work with Roger as co-facilitators. We will be offering the first 10 spots exclusively to Rural Youth members before it is opened up to the wider community. So keep an eye out for registrations.

In other exciting news the new ablution block has arrived at Quercus! A big thank-you to Dale, Will and Jake for getting it there. I'm sure the 3am start could not have been easy.

The Agfest and Rural Youth name is getting out there with Karen and myself filming a promotional video for a new UTas course. This is a great chance to show everyone what we are capable of as an organisation and I can't wait to see it.

Clubs have also been doing a great job getting out and about with North Motton running the Ulverstone Show animal nursery, Oatlands running the ute competition and parking cars at Melton Mowbray Rodeo, Hagley running the dog high jump competition at Westbury Show and hats off to Kingborough Huon who not only helped set up the Huon Show but also ran the ute competition, dog high jump competition and the animal nursery. Well done to all members involved! Great job guys!!

We say goodbye to Danielle Williams as northwest representative on state council and welcome Mitchell Grey and Sarah Revell.

Have a great December everyone, I hope you were all good enough for Santa! Keep safe over the holiday season.

Ashley Evans

Rural Youth State President

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

December has arrived and (cue the eye roll) I do find myself asking where has the year gone – or more to the point what happened to the six months after Agfest.

I am writing this on the eve of our strategic planning day – I am looking forward to hearing what direction members believe Rural Youth should take in the next few years and also what our priorities should be.

Speaking of the future, the coming months are looking pretty exciting! Thanks to Jake Williams, Dale Hayers and Will Craigie the ablutions block we purchased is now on site, plans are nearly complete and the location just about ready - these three have been the driving force behind getting this project to this point – job well done boys!

This month we finalised our MOU with Tasmanian Women in Agriculture so January will see a soft launch for our co-branded Young Agricultural Professionals Network (YAPN) ready for the full roll out in early March.

We also finalised plans to deliver Discover Agriculture in August next year to Year 9 -12 students with Roger Tyshing.

I would like to acknowledge another outstanding 12 months from our staff! They are resourceful, creative, resilient and incredibly loyal – I certainly couldn't ask for anything more and on behalf of myself and members present and past I just want to say THANK YOU! Selena, Linda, Max and Paige (in the short time she has been with us) all consistently go above and beyond to support members and get the job done. We have also been lucky to have Kadesha come back on a casual basis to assist when we have needed an extra pair of hands – thank you - I am grateful you could fit us in!

I also want to mention Ash, Kate and Paul and the members of their committees – it hasn't been an easy year by any stretch of the imagination – but you have all hung in there and I think we are starting to see the progress everyone has been working so hard for – again thank you.

Finally, I want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and suggest you rest up because the New Year is going to be amazing for Rural Youth and you won't want to miss a thing!

Cheers Karen

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CHRISTMAS



BRACE YOURSELVES



The Association of Agricultural Field Days of Australasia Conference 2016 Report

By Ebony McConnon.

Day one – Wednesday 19th October:

Flew in to Sydney around lunch time, met Kate, Ethan and Karen at the airport and went to pick up the hire car. Drove the 266kms to Orange. Via Bathurst and the Mount Panorama Track!

Arrived in Orange by tea time – our hotel “Templers Mill” was just amazing, newly renovated hotel and very comfortable – nice and close to everything. Headed to tea at Hotel Canobolas, noticing flags on poles in the nature strip that ran the whole way down the main street! Then back to the hotel for an early night ready for a big day at the Australian National Field Days the next day.

Day two – Thursday 20th October:

We were up and ready to go on the bus at 9am, heading out to the Australian National Field Days for the day. What really stood out to us was the sponsorship signing on the sides of the main road as you drove in to the field days – eye catching and a great idea.

We spent the first 30 minutes in the field days gallery and had a nice morning tea with the rest of the conference delegates, before heading off for a wander around the field days for the rest of the day. There was a lot of industry grouping, round up was used for line marking sites, lots of permanent buildings/sheds/etc including their head office. Their roads were majority bitumen or compact gravel. Demonstration areas were set up around the outside of the site. Car parks were colour coordinated. They had an outdoor bar with a small stage where a young man playing acoustic guitar set up – really lovely atmosphere – I suggested to them to have ANFD stubby holders to sell.

The ANFD have about half as many exhibitors as Agfest, around 400, with about 18,000+ patrons over the 3 days of their event. We were then back on the bus that afternoon to head back to the hotel to get ready to head down to the newly built Orange Regional Gallery for a cocktail event. This was a great networking evening followed by a lovely meal at the Parkview Hotel with some fellow delegates.

Day three – Friday 21st October:

The day of the Conference, we had a meeting at the Orange Ex-Services Club at 9am, with around 40 delegates in the room. With a lot of reports, discussion and ideas from each field days representative, this was a real eye opener and a great morning spent working out how things are ran and working out the best way for field days to stay active in to the future.

A secretariat was assigned to help collate information immediately and to distribute this information to all field days to help keep things up to date and everyone informed of what happened at the Conference plus anything else that may come up between Conferences.

The date for the next AAFDA Conference will be held at the New Zealand Fielddays at Mystery Creek near Hamilton in NZ from Wednesday 13th June until Saturday 16th June 2018 – 20 months away. This will be their 50th Birthday, so huge celebrations to be had. We will hopefully be able to send a group of Agfest Field Days Committee Members along, I myself would love to attend as it sounds like an amazing Field Days!

The Conference wrapped up and we headed out to the Agrestic Grocer for a delicious lunch and more networking. We had a few hours free time so we headed out to Lucknow to the Skin Shop and Boot Barn – great shop where we could have spent a lot of money! Then back to the hotel ready for the bus again to head to tea at Highland Heritage Estate, a beautiful winery just on the outskirts of Orange. A great evening had; networking and socialising with the other conference delegates. Then back to the hotel for an early night ready to be up and at them, leaving the hotel at 6am the next morning to have Kate and Karen back ready for their flight – heading back to Tasmania for the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Awards that evening, where Agfest 2016 was a finalist in the Outstanding Event category. I stayed on in Sydney for a few extra days.

AAFDA Conference - Orange, NSW

This trip was an amazing opportunity, and I thank Rural Youth Tasmania for giving me the chance to attend The Association of Agricultural Field Days of Australasia Conference in Orange, NSW. I gained a lot of knowledge about other field days around Australia and NZ, and am so proud to have represented Rural Youth Tasmania and Agfest Field Days during the conference.

Thanks again for the opportunity. If anyone ever gets the chance to attend then I highly recommend, even if just attending another Field Day!

Yours Sincerely,

Ebony McConnon





December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Hagley 7pm	3	4
5 Western Tiers AGM 7pm	6 Oatlands AGM	7 Devonport 7pm	8	9	10 Northern Region 7pm	11
12 Sorell AGM 6:30pm	13 North Motton	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Central Highlands	21 King Huon 6:30pm	22	23 Head Office Close at 12 noon	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29 North West Region	30	31 New Years Eve	



January 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 New Years Day
2	3 Head Office re open 8:30 Western Tiers Devonport	4	5 Hagley	6 Oatlands	7	8
9	10 Northern Region North Motton	11	12	13 Agfest Meeting	14 Carrick Rodeo	15
16 RYC Meeting	17 Central Highlands	18 King Huon	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 North West Region	27	28	29
30 Southern Region	31					

SOUTHERN REGION

Hey guys,

Southern Region has been going great guns this month with each club doing some fantastic work around the place. Whether it be shows, rodeos or getting donations it's been great to see all the hard work put in by each and every club. Busy times ahead with the planning of state council AGM, Southern Region AGM and the return of Brighton Club all in the early new year. Looking forward to getting everything organised for 2017. Dates for Southern Region AGM will be finalised at this time and will be announced in the coming weeks. Keep eyes peeled for that.

That's all from me this month.

Cheers guys and girls,

Dave Lucas

OATLANDS

Saturday the 5th of November marked the start of the rodeo season and kicked off with Melton Rodeo. Melton Mowbray Rodeo was a blast for all!!

We had members Ashley, Hayley, Brandon, Phil, and Ebony; along with Westmorland member Cassie, potential new member Joel and Rural Youth Exchangee, Lea helping out with car parking - doing shifts from 8:30am until 4:30pm. A nice donation from the Melton Mowbray Rodeo Committee will go towards future social events for the club to help keep the fun and social side to our club! The weather was fairly kind to us considering we had snow last year and a huge frost the year before - about a 5 minute shower hit around 2pm then 15 minute rain just as the Bull ride was starting! The wind played havoc so unfortunately we couldn't set up our stall - we still managed to sell quite a few of our cattle and sheep tags - if you'd like one contact a member of our club!

We all stayed on to watch the Rodeo and then the bands Moose Knuckle and The Wolfe Brothers, with over 1600+ people attending it was one of the biggest rodeos yet in Tasmania! Outstanding credit goes to the committee and we send out a huge thanks to them for giving us the opportunity to help out for the day!

On the 12th of November Trish celebrated her 21st birthday at Fonthill, Lemont.

Thankfully everything we needed was inside so we could keep dry and warm, with it raining non stop all night. We all enjoyed a great night of drinks, dancing and good memories.

Our next meeting (AGM and pizza night!) is **Tuesday December 6th** at our club rooms on the esplanade.

Oatlands Rural Youth, always in the middle of it.

KINGBOROUGH HUON

Wow! What a busy month Kingborough Huon Rural Youth members have had!

Dale, Nicole and Simone headed south to help the Huon Agricultural Society celebrate their 70th Birthday at the end of October by attending their afternoon tea/dinner event held at Huonville.

Nicole and Joss headed north for the Tasmanian Craft Fair in Deloraine as a part of their role as Craft Coordinator and Assistant Craft Coordinator, by all accounts they had a great day chatting to potential new and ongoing craft exhibitors.

From there we rolled in to the Huon Show, thank you to all our amazing club members who turned up and helped out for the day or for a few hours. We greatly appreciate everyone's help, many hands certainly make light work!

We had 24 utes entered in our annual ute competition, and about 10 or so dogs entered in the Huon Show's best event the dog high jump! We also ran the animal nursery and while this year it wasn't completely full due to unforeseen circumstances. All members had a great day celebrating Jocelyn's birthday at the show, even with a spontaneous trip up on the Ferris wheel.

We had some great support from our sponsors, we must thank Tobias, Nicole and Sophie Brouwer for chasing these supporters up to ensure that we continue to run one of the best competitions around.

By the time you read this, you will have seen many of our members at the Agfest meeting at the Rural Youth Office and the Strategic Planning day at Quercus Park. We are sure that all members who attended will have provided some key information to help shape Rural Youth's future!

We postponed our meeting/catch up from the 16th November which was meant to be bowling to a date to be determined as many members were busy catching up after the show or trying to save some dollars.

The date of our next meeting will be advised in the near future once we sort out the minor details of when and where. This meeting will most likely be our AGM so look out for our new office bearers in the next newsletter!

SORELL

Basking in the sun and having lots of fun!

Nothing much to report for Sorell this month. We have our AGM coming up at our December meeting, where we will also be handing out our secret Santa gifts! Our AGM this year will be held 12th December at the Pawleena hall from 6:30pm onwards. We also had a hall working bee on the 26th November.

Don't forget, AGM 12th December. See you there!

NORTH WEST REGION

Hi everyone,

North west region has had a fairly cruisy month with our last meeting being held at Dannebrog's in Devonport! Thanks to Mitch Grey and Sarah Revell for both stepping up and taking on a state council role! Also we have planned to have a Rural Youth tent at the Circular Head show to gain interest down that end of the state! Hopefully we get good results and be able to start a club up that way again!

Until next month,
Jake Williams

DEVONPORT

Hi all,

Devonport has been pretty busy lately, organising club shirts which arrived and look amazing so keep an eye out for our members!

We have also been organising our up and coming Ute Muster to be held at the Devonport Show on Saturday the 26th of November. It will be from 9am, meeting at The Bluff carpark and convoying to the Showgrounds together to take our spots. We hopefully will see a lot of you there! Some great prizes up for grabs due to our generous sponsors!

Otherwise we have been a little quiet.

We have a meeting on the 7th of December back the Moriarty Hall at 7pm, for those wanting to join us!

NORTH MOTTON

G'day everyone,

Well this month has been pretty hectic for us up here on the coast.

We held the animal nursery at the Ulverstone show, with all our members helping out in some way it made sure that the day was a success. Our past members helped us out as well, we were able to bring a variety of different animals to the show including quails, turkeys, pups, piglets just to name a few. We also held a raffle on the day with money raised going towards an end of year function for our club members.

That's it for now and we hope everyone had a great month just like us and we will see you all soon.

Ethan Williams



Another month gone during my exchange. I finished up in Colton, north of Sioux Falls and then my next host was a split hosting between parents and daughters families. First I spent 5 days in Sioux Falls having a look around and doing school things then it was two hours west to her parents place at Kimball.

In Sioux Falls I stayed with Jackie, Chris, Grace, Anna and John. I got to see the falls. The town is named after the Falls and at the moment they are running pretty well due to the couple inches of rain over the past week. There was also a tower that we could go up in to and look over the falls which gave it a great over view. Jackie and I then made a visit out to EROS, Earth Research Observations and Science. EROS have satellites flying around the earth about 400 miles up taking images all around the globe. The satellites do one lap of the earth every 16 days. There are mostly two satellites in orbit at once (for years at a time), so bringing back a new image therefore every eight days.

Of an evening the kids mostly had some kind of sport to go to, either soccer, cross country or horse riding, and of course there was homework which stretched my mind back to grade 8 science. I also went to Anna and John's classes and gave them a presentation of my life. The funniest questions were - can you ride a kangaroo? Do you name your cows? yes one, two, three, four - they got the gist that it was a no.

On Friday we all piled in the car after school and work and headed west to Kimball. We arrived about 7:30pm to meet Jackie's parents, Sheryn and Duane along with some other family. Sheryn had a home cooked meal all ready so we all fitted around the dining table - just, with 17 of us in total.

There were a lot of people at the farm this weekend as it was the opening weekend of pheasant season, which runs from the third Saturday in October until the 1st of January. There were lots of extended family there for the weekend and some other friends who come every year for pheasant season.

The next morning we all congregated in the shed and a couple of families had provided lunch for everyone so we all had something to eat and then headed out to start hunting at noon. A few blockers went to the end of the paddock to stand and shoot any birds that fly up. The rest of us spread out and started walking through the corn rows. A couple of birds would fly up and anyone could take a shot at it. But the catch was they are only allowed to shot roosters so if a hen fly's up 'hen' gets yelled out so that people don't shoot at it. We hunted various paddocks over the weekend and ended up with a total of 29 for the weekend. Mid afternoon Sunday everyone was packing up to go home and it was just back to the three households on the farm. Sheryn & Duane, Duane's brother John and his wife Jill and John's son Clay and family.

At the start of the week they were starting to do their harvest, starting with the soy beans, unfortunately the moisture was a little high so their cousin who owns half of the harvester had soy beans that were under moisture, so he used it for the week to get his out.

With not a lot else going on, Sheryn took the opportunity to take me to see a couple of local sights. We headed in to Mitchell to the worlds only Corn Palace to an Irish music concert. The Corn Palace is pretty amazing, using different varieties of corn and other plants to decorate the building inside and out. It costs \$130,000 to replace

the outside each year, but this year they were trialling to leave it for two years to see if it lasts and so reduce the large cost. We went back on Friday evening for the Corn Palace challenge - a rodeo which was held inside. The basketball court inside was totally transformed into an arena.

My last few days we headed down to Omaha, Nebraska to spend some time with Sheryn's other daughter Julie and family where I went to the library and swimming with her twins Luke and Lily. Jackie and family were also down there playing in a soccer tournament so I got to see the kids in action. Then it was on to the second half of my stay in South Dakota.

Until next month,

Cheers

Amanda

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NORTHERN REGION

Northern Region had another successful meeting, and it was great to hear from our local clubs.

It was great to hear about the success that Hagley had at the Westbury show with Dog High Jump.

There was an enquiry as to the ability of region to assist at running the Ute comp at the Exeter Show in early 2017. Region made the suggestion that this should be an event which is managed by the Tamar club, and that it would be a great opportunity for the club to get up on its feet again.

We have called for our region AGM to be held on 10th of January, to be held at Head Office 7pm. We welcome everyone to come along for the evening.

Thanks to everyone for a great 2016, we wish everyone a great and safe Christmas and New Year.

Thanks,

Stuart Cresswell

Region President 2016.

HAGLEY

Hi all,

So it's been a busy month for everyone all over the state coming into show season and we're happy to say the start of ours was a success. After battling the wind all day at Westbury show and eventually taking the top off the marque, and we harassed every person that walked past with a dog, we ended up with a total of 13 entries. The winner of our big dog categories jumping a massive 6 foot and the dog being shorter than your knee. It's safe to say all those who came along and helped out for the day all had a good time.

We are also really excited to announce that we will be running another dog high jump at Chudleigh show on the 18th of February. We hope to see a few more friendly faces and let's hope Jacqui can't make another kid cry trying to give them a sticker.

For our final meeting of the year we will all be tracking up to the Great Lakes hotel for a meal and a catch up on the 2nd of December at around 7pm. If you would like to come along please RSVP to Jacqui by the 24th of November so as we have enough seats for everyone.

Contact on 0429 524 243 or hagley.ruralyouth@gmail.com

WESTERN TIERS

Hi all,

This month has been pretty quiet. We had a great meeting and now have a plan of what events we want to do over the next few months including; Bonfires', Paintball, Sliders and Bowling.

We have also booked in our AGM for the 5th of December at Kat and Stu's place, at 7pm. We will be following this meeting and election with a general meeting as normal with our new office holders. We welcome everyone to come along; there will be snacks and drinks throughout the evening.

Western Tiers would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year, and hope that everyone has a good Christmas.

Thanks to our members for making 2016 a great year, and we cannot wait till 2017.

Next meeting, 7pm Monday the 5th December.

Kat & Stu's Place, 153C Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine.

Stuart Cresswell

Western Tiers President

WESTMORLAND

Hi Everyone!

Another quiet month for us with most of our club knuckling down and finishing exams.

This month we make the move into Cressy Cricket Clubrooms (Yay!) and our beloved clubrooms will be getting knocked down.

We wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas! Hope Santa comes to you!

Have a great month!

Cassie Lee

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MARKETING & PROMOTIONS -RY

November has been a busy month, with our first Tas Country article being sent out, offers of promotion from media outlets and working with the Office Ladies and State President on the Strategic Planning day.

2016 has been a great year, with the second half of the year being a great success for the directorship. With the submission of the budget for 2017, its almost time to wind up the year and hand on the directorship.

Thanks to all those that have worked with myself in this role, it has been a great experience, and I hope that I am lucky enough to be able to take on the role again in 2017.

I hope that everyone has a great Christmas and New Year.

Thanks,

Kat Cenin

Marketing and Promotions Director, 2016.

RURAL EVENTS

Rural Events this month was looking forward to hosting another Ag Discovery's day with the Ag Industries Directors at Nicholls Poultry, Sassafras.

Unfortunately, this day had to be postponed till a later day.

Thanks for a great year and to the fellow directors in making this a successful directorship in its first year.

I hope that 2017 is bigger and better for this directorship.

Thanks,

Kat Cenin.

Rural Events Director 2016.

MOVIE TICKETS

Village Movie Tickets Sellout!



Are you thinking of going to the movies in the coming weeks, or over the Xmas break?

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

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LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

I remember my first RY meeting with our West Tamar Club at the historic old house “Tresca” at Exeter in 1985. I was quite shy and thought I’d never go back but luckily for me I did! We did so many fun things like our, Northern Region Mannequin Parades, our yearly drama performance at Rural Round-up where we performed plays such as “Jack and his Magic Beans” (alias Jack and the Beanstalk) Footrot Flats our own version, we also enjoyed car rallies, movie nights and woodcutting. One year our debate team won the state comp and we went to the Adelaide Show to compete with the other States. On the serious side I took on active jobs in the Club such as Minutes Secretary, doing the Club Newsletter, Secretary, President and Northern Region Rep. From this experience I learnt how to manage a meeting, organise functions, arrange guest speakers for dinner meetings, things that maybe don’t seem so special now but back then to me they were huge steps to building my confidence and skills that I draw on in my every day life now. One of my favourite years was 1990 when Sharon Symons (Wing) was our State President and Rural Youth owned a van. We travelled so many miles visiting other clubs meetings and functions and had the best fun. One year I spent a week of my work holidays out at Agfest parking cars and checking the toilets! It was so cold, wet and muddy trying to park the cars but it was the best week working with everyone and so rewarding. It still amazes me when I see the reports of Agfest each year and think how incredible it is that it is organised and run by young Rural Youthies who all volunteer their time. The many Rural Youth friends I have made are all life long buddies and even though I don’t see a lot of them, we instantly pick up where we left off when we do catch up.

In April 1988, I went on a Northern Region Exchange with South Gippsland Young Farmers and had an awesome time meeting young rurals such as myself. I then was lucky enough to be chosen to go to Canada in 1989 on a 3 month exchange with the Ontario Junior Farmers. Wow! What an awesome time I will never forget. The Canadians were so friendly and kept us so busy socialising, attending their club meetings, showing our slides of home and touring about. There was also 10 other exchanges from Ireland, Scotland, England and another Aussie from South Gippsland. I came home with lots of new friends from around the world. When I first joined Rural Youth I never even dreamed I would be brave enough to apply for these exchange trips let alone go around the world by myself, but little by little being part of such a fun, enthusiastic and encouraging organisation helps you to venture out and taken on bigger challenges. Even if things don’t go as planned, you always learn something about yourself to make it better next time! I can’t say enough about how being part of the Rural Youth Family has given me so many skills and attributes that I use every day.

I moved to Flinders Island 22 years ago with my husband Martin Walker who was a member of the Pipers River Club and yes another Rural Youth Marriage! We have a sheep and cattle property that we run along with our 4 children. Our 2 eldest girls Kate and Grace are working their way through their Uni courses, our son Tom is off to Newstead College next year and our youngest daughter Lucy will be in grade 9 here on Flinders. I was very involved in our Schools Parents & Friends Group ,the School Association, Netball and Football Clubs and our local Emta Hall Committee. I have helped organise many events which have raised \$1000s of dollars and each time I always think, there’s my Rural Youth training coming to help me yet again! I was looking at the Rural Youth website the other day and saw that Rural Youth will be assisting with the Discover Agriculture Program which we have just had happen here on Flinders in September where Martin and I had the pleasure of meeting Ashley. Such an awesome program for young people and very exciting to hear that Rural Youth will be part of it now.

What would I say to someone thinking of joining Rural Youth! Just jump in and do it...you will have so much fun, make life long friends, achieve things you never thought possible and you will not regret a minute of it!

Once a Rural Youthie...Always a Rural Youthie!

Rosemary Walker (Broomby)
West Tamar Club Member 1985-1993



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Weekdays from 9am - 12noon

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PAST MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Membership is climbing for the Past Member's Association and as current Rural Youth members reach "retirement age" we encourage you to join this growing network. We have members from all eras of Junior Farmer and Rural Youth, so it's not just for the "oldies". (A full list is available on the Rural Youth website under the "Membership" tab.) You only need to join once – it's a Life Membership for you and your partner (at the same address) and then you will be entitled to receive information about upcoming activities and other items of interest.

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Janine and Nathan Richardson
Gwenneth and Elson Cresswell
Gail and Michael Rockliff
Barbara and Alec Loane
Owen Woolley
Sheryl and Bruce Muirhead
Suz Haywood
Veronika and John Maddock

Congratulations to Ruth Paterson and her visionary family who established Pearn's Steam World. It is an historically significant attraction in the Westbury area and took out the "*Fonterra Agricultural Award*" in the 2016 Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards.

Congratulations also to Belinda Hazell who is the Telstra Tasmania Corporate & Private Award Finalist. Another fantastic recognition for the passion and dedication of a past Rural Youth member.

We wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year when we hope to have news of our next annual weekend reunion and industry tours.

Please spread the word because we'd like to see as many people as possible share the camaraderie and good memories.



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