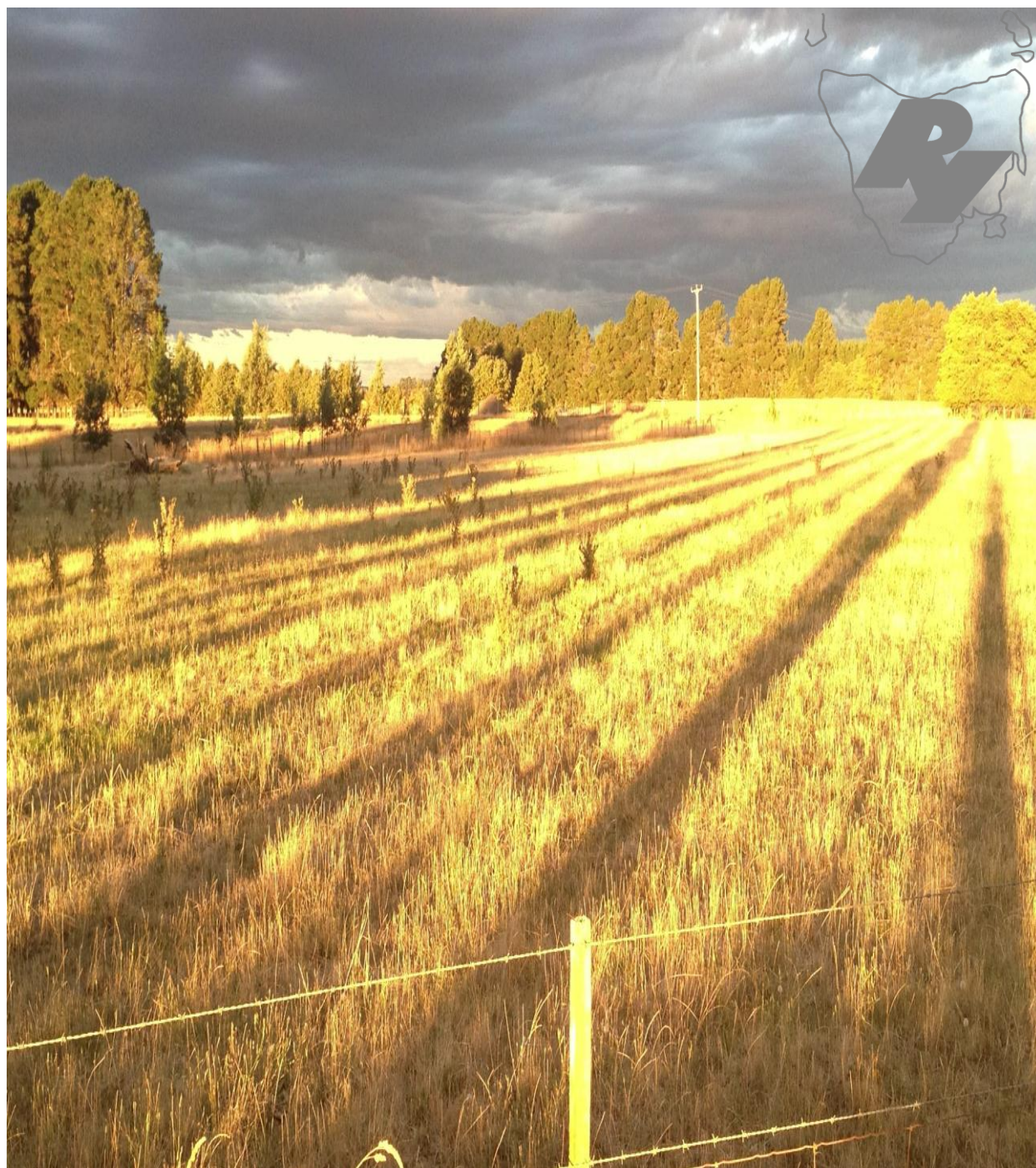




Rural Youth Newsletter



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A Note From The Editor...

Hi All,

Welcome to the February Edition of the Rural Youth Newsletter.

Remember if there is anything you think suitable for the newsletter including photos, news/gossip or any suggestions please forward them to the editor at editor@ruralityouth.com.au

Please remember your club/region reports are a fantastic publicity tool; use the newsletter to promote your upcoming events and social news.

Please forward your March Newsletter edition reports to me by 5pm FRIDAY 21st February... Set the reminder into your smart phone!!

Have you signed up your mates to join Rural Youth? If not what are you waiting for? Hand over this newsletter edition. Share the opportunities and how great our organisation really is!!

See you around this great state!

Cheers Trace ☺

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STATE PRESIDENT REPORT

Welcome to 2014!

I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas/New Year and that you are all back into the swing of 'normal life'.

Rural Youth sadly, had to cancel our meeting set for the 17 January, due to not quite having enough members for our meeting. We will now look to set a new date in the coming week/s. We might even test out some of the newer technology and skype our meeting!

We have and in particular myself as the Rural Youth State President have been driving a project approved through RAC at their previous meeting in October. One of the components was a branding course/exercise day that was held at Rural Youth Head Office on the 30 November. The day resulted in a roadmap being produced for a rebrand of the Organisation to ensure that Rural Youth is the 'brand' that is known rather than Agfest. This will continue being worked on over the coming twelve months.

We had a team building exercise planned for the 18 January but unfortunately this was postponed due to our facilitator becoming ill. This program aims to get the Rural Youth Exec and Agfest Exec teams working through a Moving Mountains program, which is focused on team building, which is really important in this time of change for the Organisation.

You all would have received a questionnaire recently in the mail and for those that have filled it in and returned them to Volunteering Tasmania, thank you. Rural Youth does not see the individual questionnaires however we will receive a report shortly and we expect the results to be received soon; after the results have been received members will be provided with a copy.

A reminder that memberships expired on the 31st December 2013, so please ensure if you haven't done so already that you sign back up as a member and ensure other club members do the same so that they are entitled to things like newsletter, and staying at Quercus.

Coming up on the 14-16th March is the State AGM; it would be great to get as many members as possible to this event to be held at Oatlands this year at Fonthill. As a delegate to Rural Youth Council you are required to attend AGM and if you are unable to attend the meeting planned for Sunday, it would be appreciated if you could find a proxy.

In the mail you would have also received an invite to the Rural Youth Future Vision Brainstorming session to be held at Longford on Saturday 15 February. It would be fantastic to see lots of current members there to have a say in what you would like for the future of our Organisation. The session will go for 4 hours and Rural Youth will be providing snacks and lunch for the session. The rsvp date for this is Friday 31 January, but we can add you to the session if your rsvp is late.

Until next month, enjoy the weather and stay safe!

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Cameron Ranson

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Angus Verhay
Ricky Edson
Jamie Mead

Southern Region

James Amicosante
Dale Hayers
Owen Woolley
Laura Claridge
Dave Shooobridge

Presidents

Simone Hayers
Prue Dennis
Brad Lindsay
Katie Coad

Secondments

Tracey Badcock
Andrea Craigie

Others

Amanda Bayles
Richard Colman

CHECK OUT THE ABOVE DIRECTORSHIPS - AVAILABLE FOR INCOMING RY COUNCILLORS TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE IN 2014... INTERESTED?
Contact the current RY State President – Simone Hayers

AGFEST CHAIRMAN REPORT

Hi all,

Well as I am writing this report phones are ringing, emails are coming in to my inbox thick and fast. Agfest is only 14 weeks or 98 days. It's all getting very exciting again.

The site maps are done for the various areas, and the office is busily getting the final checks and invoices actioned ready to be posted, and there are still enquiry's coming in about applying for a site.

Earlier in the month we celebrated Agfest's 300th committee meeting. What an achievement! Well done to everyone over the years, way back to the 1st meeting over 32 years ago. At the meeting we made it a rather fun one, we had games of celebrity heads, Agfest style – how well do you know the positions. Then to round the evening out we wrote Agfest out in bodies....some funny ways to lie down.

On a business side we have some exciting acts being confirmed to be coming to Agfest 2014. Well known Karen & Stewart Tinney. Stewart is a Gold medal event rider; he is the consummate equestrian professional. In a tough and difficult sport, Stuart continues to produce incredible results, beautifully schooled horses and well-trained pupils.

And also to help with central arena we will welcome the Crack Up Sisters. The Crack Up Sisters will perform a variety of shows, which will include whip cracking, dance, comedy, slapstick acrobatics & energy! So step aside Dave and Rob, let the girls teach you a thing or two! As we get closer to Agfest I hope that I will be able to share some more highlights that you will see at Agfest, so stay tuned.

Our upcoming meetings have been set, so please don't be afraid, come along.

14th February (Valentine's Day special)

21st March

11th April

23rd May

Also the Agfest dinner has been set for the 24th of May, which is always a great night to celebrate everyone's hard work, more details in March.

Cheers

Amanda Bayles

Chairman 2014

Agfest Field Days

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AGFEST 2014 POSITIONS VACANT

Car Park Director - North
Assistant Car Park – South, Exhibitors
Assistant Traffic
Signs Director
Assistant Signs

Please contact Amanda on 0418 391 898
or chairman@agfest.com.au if you are interested in one of these positions

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Hello All from the Property Management Committee

January has been a quiet month with only one site hirer, which was the Carrick Rodeo, and I believe this was a great success. On the day of the rodeo we had a working bee in the compound to tidy it up after the more than expected seasonal growth.

Over the Christmas break there was some modifications done to head office and I would like to thank the members who gave up some time to get this completed ready for the New Year.

On a final note myself and the committee are looking forward to a busy and productive year for everyone, looking forward to seeing all the members throughout the year.

Angus Verhay

Chairman

Property Management Committee

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WORKING BEE DATES

The Property Management Committee is working towards dates for working bees in the coming months, and will advertise ASAP.

TBA FEBRUARY 2014

TBA MARCH 2014

The jobs list include some of the following things, there are jobs for everyone!

- Stocktaking of items in the Function Centre
- Cleaning of toilet blocks
- Cleaning and stocktaking of the green shed
- First aid kits – stocktake and updating
- Cleaning of accommodation
- Restacking tables in the craft
- Food stocktake in the crib room

If you and your mates plan to head along keep an eye on Facebook for details & remember to RSVP for catering purposes!

Don't forget either, that your club or region can organise (in conjunction with the PM Chairman) their own working bee/social weekend at Quercus. To organise, contact the PM Chairman (contact details below) to chat about what you would like to do.

For further information please contact the Chairman Property Management Committee by emailing property@ruralyouth.com.au.

NEW IN 2014

**The inaugural running
Of the newest, coolest, most
Engaging competition is being run
at 2014 State AGM**

**Be there for bumps, jumps, witches
hats, REDD cups and bubbly grape
juice!**

**'An apple a day keeps the hangover
at bay'**

Contact Prue for more details!

0407 207 694

DON'T FORGET YOUR SWAGS!!

NORTHERN REGION

HAGLEY RURAL YOUTH

Hey all,

Hagley needs as many active members as we can get at the moment, it is really important for you to come to the next meeting as it is our AGM please come along

Next Meeting: at the Westbury pub on Monday the 3rd February

Cheers Matthew and Hagley Rural Youth



DORSET RURAL YOUTH

G'day G'day

Dorset Rural Youth has had a pretty slow start to the year with most of our members busy with work commitments but hopefully we can get back to business as usual when the silly season quietens down.

We have no definite plans for our February meeting but a possible road trip to Pyengana for a change of scenery has been suggested.

Richo and Team Dorset

Dorset Rural Youth - "Daring to be different"

WESTMORLAND RURAL YOUTH

Hello All,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year!

Westmorland's AGM was held on the 18th December and here is our 2014 committee:

President: Brad Lindsay

Vice President: Luke Reid

Secretary: Gabrielle Vana and Maharla Farley

Treasurer: Prue Dennis

We are excited to be starting a new year and can't wait to welcome new members and returning members to the club. Also we are looking forward to the upcoming State AGM in March and all the fun that comes with it.

Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7pm.

Until next month, Out Of the Centre Come Westmorland ☺

SOUTHERN REGION

Hi Everyone

Southern Region members held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 8 January, and we are happy to announce our new committee. We would like to give a big thank you to our outgoing committee members – President - James Amicosante, Secretary – Callan Barber, Treasurer – Victoria Percival and Vice President Rob Shoobridge. You have all done a great job in 2013 and you should be proud of yourselves.

We would like to welcome our new committee:

President – Dale Hayers
Vice President – Phillipa Green
Secretary – Simone Hayers
Treasurer – Nicole Elliott

We are looking for one or two interested Southern Region members to fill vacancies for the Southern Representatives to Rural Youth Council; this role commences from the State Rural Youth AGM in March and is a twelve-month position.

If you are interested, let President, Dale Hayers (0438 185 185) know ASAP.

By the time you have read our newsletter report Southern Region would have had a social outing and catch up at Pizza Hut, yes, that's right – all you can eat!! We look forward to telling you all about our catch up in our next newsletter report.

We are proud to be hosting to the 2014 Rural Youth AGM with our venue this year to be held in Oatlands, so keep an eye out in this month's newsletter for the rsvp form. Don't forget to rsvp and get two members from your club along!

Until next month
Southern Region Rural Youth

KINGBOROUGH HUON RURAL YOUTH

January has been a quiet month for KH with members doing their own thing before a couple busy months coming up! We've got a camping trip in planning and we've entered a team for Relay for Life in Huonville in March. So please donate to us for a great cause!!

Next meeting: at Dru Point for fish and chips at 6:30 on the 13th February.

Why did the ant fall off the toilet seat? - Because he was pissed off!

Lots of love, Kingborough Huon RY



SOUTHERN REGION

SORELL RURAL YOUTH

Hey everyone,

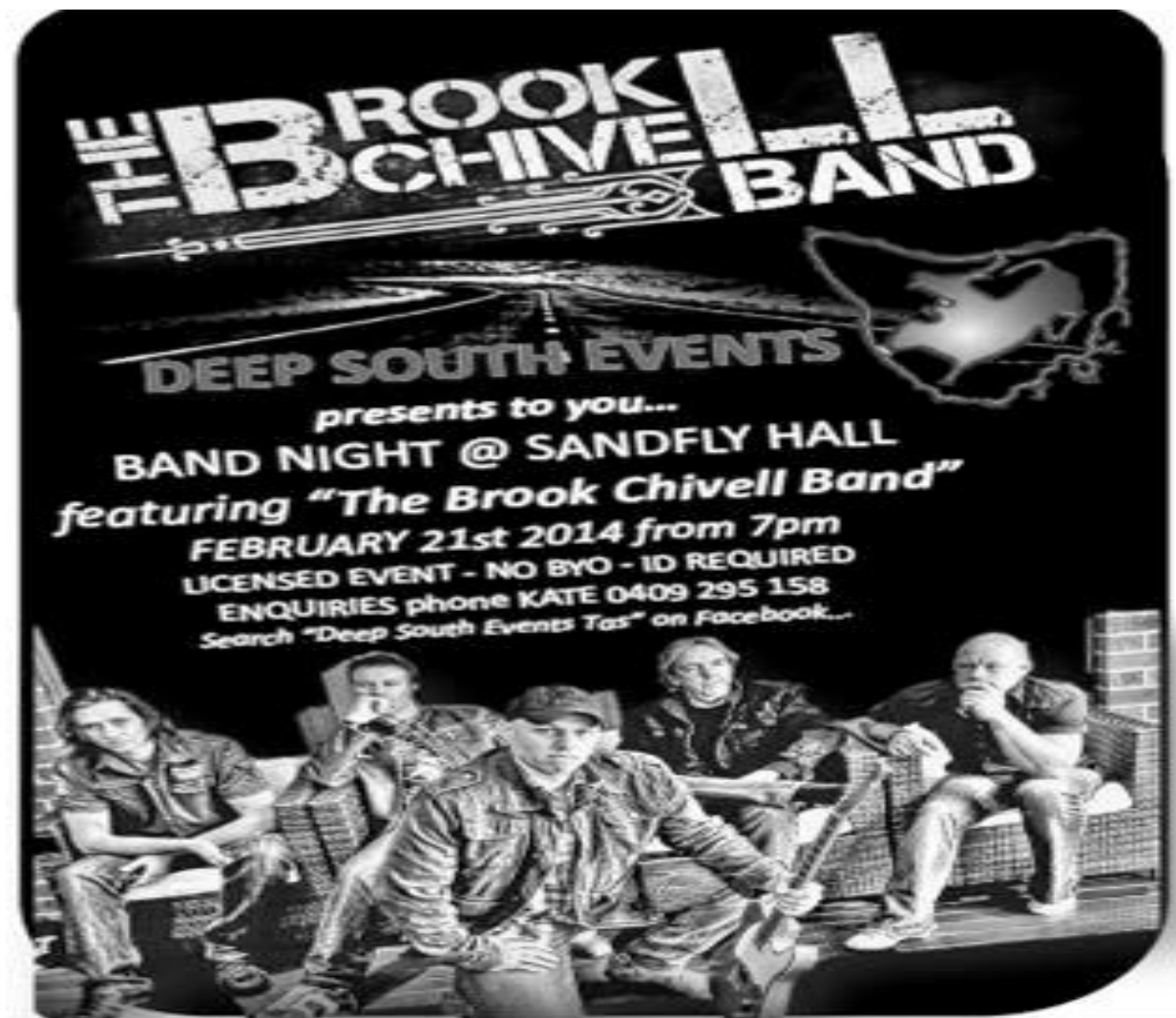
Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

Last month our club had our meeting where we decided that we would continue fundraising for our club by having another day bagging up sheep manure to sell to rural solutions. We will be bagging the manure up on the 9th of February. We have also decided that we would like to hold a fundraiser BBQ on the 8th of February outside Woolworths Sorell. So if anyone is around Sorell that day come grab a sausage.

Our club has decided on a new logo, which will be sent to state for the committees approval. Keep an eye out for it around soon...

Next Meeting: the 21st of February at 7pm at the Rebecca White Meeting Rooms in Sorell.

Sorell Rural Youth club



Young Endeavour - Study Tour Report

Andrea Craigie

Just after the New Year I flew to Melbourne ready to spend 11 days sailing the high seas with 23 other young people from around Australia.

I must admit, I was a bit apprehensive about going; 11 days on the water with complete strangers and no way to escape. 35 people living on 1 small boat. And not to mention that your phones and wallets are locked away to be "kept safe" for the whole trip, or that even coke was considered a luxury beverage that we could only have on the last day.

Despite this it turned out to be an awesome time; I didn't get sea sick, I saw some beautiful parts of the Victorian and Tasmanian coastlines, climbed to the top of the mast while sailing through 2m swell, learnt to sail a really big boat and actually enjoyed living in such close confines with so many people.

From the trip I learnt a lot, made some awesome friends and created some crazy memories. I never thought that sailing would be my thing, but my time on the Young Endeavour was fantastic and something I'll never forget.

I really encourage everyone to consider going on the Young Endeavour, it is something you won't regret.

Andrea Craigie

Young Endeavour

Study Tour Recipient 2013





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EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Welcome to 2014 - the Chinese year of the horse. The horse year is considered a fortunate year and promises to bring good luck, happy and prosperous times. Under the horse's strong influence there is no middle ground and the magical horse has supernatural powers – is heroic, strong and can even fly.

2014 is going to be the year of Rural Youth Tasmania!

We are going to be the heroic, strong, magical horse:

- There will be no middle ground – we will understand what makes us different, how we are all going to make the world a better place and we'll be telling the world about Rural Youth heroes.
- We will sell core messages:
 - Relationships for Life – meet new people that will build a handy network for the future without having to have a specific skill set or background to be welcomed into the club.
 - Learning with Rewards – the chance to learn practical skills at your own pace and win rewards for your efforts.
 - Build a Track Record – gain the experience you need to make your resume look solid with professional roles available such as Media Liaison, Treasurer or Project manager with significant budgets.
 - Travel the World – Study tours that give you the chance to immerse yourself in another culture. Yes, we can even fly!!

Currently we are working with Rick Marton from Effective Naturally on the Rural Youth branding / public image. Rick will be our facilitator for the 'Future Vision Brainstorming Session' that Simone has sent you an invite to. A draft roadmap and summary of the future vision ideas will be presented to members at the March AGM. As a Rural Youth member it is important that we hear your ideas – they are all valuable. RSVP's are to the office by 31st January; if your invite has not arrived please contact Selena on 6331 6154. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute some ideas please e-mail them to me by Friday 7th February, 2014.

The Secret of Power

*When an archer shoots for nothing, he has all his skills
If he shoots for a brass buckle, he is already nervous ...
The prize divides him.
He cares - he thinks more about winning than of shooting,
And the need to win drains him of power.
Chuang Tzu*

What is happening in the Rural Youth office?

Administration – what an exciting start to the New Year! We welcomed Kadesha Bishop to the team on the 15th January. Over the coming months Kadesha will be learning the roles in the office administration and later developing her skills in finance with Linda. Kadesha finished year 12 at Launceston College last year and will be completing a traineeship in business administration. Please take the time to introduce yourself if you are calling or visiting the office.

We have had a very busy month in January with updating the systems for the generating of letters for Agfest site allocations. All exhibitors were notified by post on the 31st January and as February starts we will be collecting payments and fielding phone calls from unsuccessful applicants. Selena will be on personal leave from the 18th February to the 24th February and then working off site for the remainder of February and early March.

Reminder:

We still have several Rural Youth Club AGM forms outstanding please return to the Office ASAP.

Finance – The financial year ending December 2013 has now been closed off, we've had the auditor in the office for a couple of days doing their thing, and Linda is now in the process of finalising all the required paperwork so the audit and financial report can be prepared in readiness for the annual report. The final combined budget was approved at RAC on 11th January and the cash flow budget for each entity has now been entered into MYOB ready for the end of January reports. Updating of existing exhibitors and entering new exhibitors onto MYOB takes a lot of time but this is a necessary step before invoicing commences after the Australia Day weekend - over 600 invoices in 2 days. Linda will be busy!

The ABS director of demography, Bjorn Jarvis, said "A boy born today could expect to live 79.9 years, while a girl could expect to live 84.3 years. How many summers do you have left? Be sure to enjoy this one.

Shona Beswick

Executive Officer

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FARM FINANCE PACKAGE

Rural Business Tasmania can assist you with the Farm Finance Package Concessional Loan Scheme.

Rural Business Tasmania
Supporting Rural Enterprise



In Tasmania \$15 million p.a is available with concessional loans of up to \$650,000 available to eligible farms.

The Federal and State Governments have indicated that the scheme's opening in Tasmania is close to being finalised and we encourage you to register your interest and receive a checklist of requirements for submitting an application.

Rural Business Tasmania has two programs that can assist.

Rural Financial Counselling Service Tasmania
Supporting Rural Enterprise
AN INITIATIVE OF
Rural Business Tasmania



Rural Financial Counselling Service is a free service which can advise *eligible*[#] farmers on the information required to complete and submit applications.

Contact our Rural Financial Counsellors on 1300 88 FARM (3276)

[#] must meet current government guidelines to be eligible

RFCS Tasmania is supported by the Australian and Tasmanian governments

Rural Business Admin Services
Supporting Rural Enterprise
Bookkeeping, secretarial & administration
AN INITIATIVE OF
Rural Business Tasmania



Rural Business Admin Services (RBAS) is a fee based service available to all farmers.

RBAS can help with the preparation of Business Plans and other documentation required as part of your application.

Contact our office located in Launceston 03 63343295.

Being a part of the community you serve is vital to achieving positive outcomes.

STEP UP



Meander Valley Council invites **YOU** to the

“STEPPING STONES” Leadership Camp

Why: Because Meander Valley Council is committed to providing opportunities for young adults and including them in community affairs.

Who: Young adults 18 – 25 years who live or work in the Meander Valley

When: 7pm Friday 7th Feb – 4pm Sunday 9th Feb 2014

Where: Mountainside Golden Valley (Residential accommodation.)

Cost: \$25.00 (This is heavily subsidised by the Meander Valley Council)

RSVP: ASAP 20 spaces available. **First in best dressed!**



If you are interested in:

- Building confidence and acquiring stronger skills and experience
- Working as a team and having fun
- Gaining greater knowledge and understanding of yourself and others.
- Becoming more involved in your community
- Sharing fresh ideas and new perspectives*then this Camp could benefit you.*

There will be a range of challenges which **MAY** include: bush walking, caving, abseiling, outdoor activities, group work, cooking, music, art and the opportunity to have input into the future for youth in the area through group discussion.

Registration forms are available from Vicki Jordan Ph 6393 5300 or 0400 155 690, email vicki.jordan@myc.tas.gov.au or online at www.meander.tas.gov.au under Community Culture & Recreation / Community Development / Stepping Stones / forms



Drug and alcohol free event

AGRICULTURE REPORT

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year's.

Many crops are now well into their harvests and farms are buzzing with activity. I really do love this time of the year; there are always fresh vegies and fruit around, you don't have to eat anything that has been frozen or tinned and jam and sauce making is in full swing.



During the week I came across a new website for agri-education, www.veggycation.com.au is all about the horticultural industry and in particular the vegetable sector. It's pretty informative and I recommend a look, especially if you've got (or know of) young kids – they have designated sections for children/teachers, veggie lovers and for farmers/industry reps.

I am always happy for suggestions to what people would like to see the agriculture reports cover in the monthly newsletters; so if you have something please send me a message or email. In the meantime I hope you are all enjoying the good weather that is currently around and having a good summer.

Cheers,

Andrea Craigie

Agriculture Director

Rural Youth Organisation

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AGFEST

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Friday 14th February 2014

Friday 21st March 2014

Friday 11th April 2014

Friday 23rd May 2014

Any Rural Youth member can attend these meetings! Normally held at Quercus or Head Office starting at 8pm, we encourage you to RSVP to admin@agfest.com.au

Shy? Afraid to attend alone? Bring a mate with you and have input on our major event!

We look forward to seeing you at the next Agfest meeting!

Contact Amanda (Chairman) 0418 391 898

AGFEST EVENTS

Any Rural Youth member or Agfest Official Volunteer can attend these events; it is a great opportunity to get to know members throughout the state!

AGFEST 2014 DINNER

Quercus Rural Youth Park
Saturday 24th May 2014

(Full details released March 2014)

AGFEST BRAINSTORMING 2014

15th-17th or 22nd-24th

AUGUST 2014

A fun weekend full of ideas, suggestions, networking and opportunity!
(Date & venue to be decided at the Feb 14th meeting)
(Full details released March 2014)

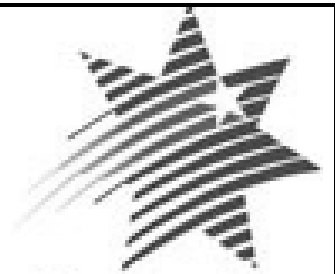
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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The **AGFEST** newspaper



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TELEVISION



AUSTRALIAN WEAVING MILLS PTY LTD



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MILK**

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ENERGY

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Tasweld

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The Powercom Group



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**THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR RURAL YOUTH
AND AGFEST SPONSORS 2014**



Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2014

10th Regatta Day Public Holiday

14th Agfest Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick - 8pm

14th Valentines Day

15th RY Future Vision Brainstorming Session @ Riverlands Centre, Longford - 10am-2pm

21st RAC Meeting, RY Head Office, York Street, Launceston – 7.30pm

26th Launceston Cup Public Holiday (1/2 day NORTH ONLY)

MARCH 2014

14th – 16th State AGM Weekend

21st Agfest Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick - 8pm

APRIL 2014

11th Agfest Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick - 8pm

12th RAC Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick - 11.30am

MAY 2014

1st – 3rd Agfest Field Days

23rd Agfest Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick 8pm

24th Agfest Dinner @TBA

Easy

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COMPETITIONS REPORT

Happy New Year everyone!



After only taking over the role of competitions recently, I seem to have picked up the baton and ran with it at the business end of the year. Congratulations to all the nominated members for best new member and most outstanding member. I have received a few nominations so far, but only from a scarce number of clubs, it is with this opportunity that I want to make you all aware that the deadline for nominations has been extended until February 7th; I hope to see all nominations to me by then. Even if you think that I can't apply because I don't have the time to go to an interview', please don't let that be the case. I will do my best to help you.

I'm also taking this opportunity to remind all clubs of the up and coming AGM in March and the competitions that will be run over the course of the weekend. As per usual there will be the public speaking and debate finals for the state. This year I am throwing a curve ball and bringing back the funny topics. Some of the topics are sure to make you smile and laugh. I cannot wait to see the finals for the debate. The topic is most interesting.

This year, I am also introducing a completely new competition. It will be the inaugural 'rural youth swag rolling rally'. This is not just any competition ladies and gentleman. This is the competition to be in. The winner for the state will receive a cash prize for their club and the members of the team will receive a free night's accommodation in the log cabin at Fonhill.



Ladies and gentleman don't be shy. This competition will be spontaneous, ridiculous but most importantly fun! You need one swag per team of 4. The team can be made up of any members of your club or from another club. This has been designed specifically around the extra-curricular activities that we as rural youth members partake in on a weekend basis. There will be no run offs prior to AGM, you must be there on the day to participate and I encourage everyone to come. There will be witches hats, REDD cups, and bubbly grape juice. If I have you intrigued and curious then that's a sure sign you will enjoy yourself!

I can't wait to see you all at AGM. There might possibly even be some more games to be had but you just don't know.

See you all at AGM!

Prue Dennis
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Simone Hayers – Policy Speech 2014 Rural Youth State President

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce myself, Simone Hayers, to you as your potential 2014 Rural Youth State President. I am 25 years of age and live in Margate. I currently work with the Hobart City Council as an Environmental Health Officer, a position that I have held for six years. Previously I have completed a Bachelor of Health Science (Environmental Health) and I am currently studying to obtain my Masters in Business Administration.

I am currently a member of the Huon Agricultural Society, the Southern Vice President for the Agricultural Show Council of Tasmania and Treasurer and Board Member for Environmental Health Australia (Tasmanian Branch), which is the professional, body representing Environmental Health Officers within the state.

Even with studying, working full time and being involved in other committees and Organisations, I have the flexibility and organisational skills to control my own workload and I have the dedication, time and efficiency to ensure that the State President role will be fulfilled to the best of my ability.

Within Rural Youth I have been involved in all levels of Kingborough Huon Rural Youth, have been an active member of Southern Region by holding three terms as secretary. I have also been involved in Rural Youth Council since being seconded in 2010 holding many positions. I am a current member to the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) and the Advisory Committee.

I believe I am a dedicated mentor for Rural Youth; I am an approachable and trustworthy person, I am happy to lend a hand, simply just to help out, and do not expect to reap benefits in return. The benefit for me is seeing members having fun and the Organisation thriving and people enjoying themselves at functions around the state, or even just at a club level.

In 2013, I was given the opportunity to be the Rural Youth State President. In the second half of 2013, with support from the RAC Chair and our Executive Officer, I began a program to ensure Rural Youth has a long future within Tasmania. In 2014, I hope to continue this program, which will see the Organisation focus on building a strategic plan for the future. This will focus on fulfilling the needs of members and also look at how we best utilise the properties that we own and operate and find ways (e.g. team building days) to ensure our committees are working together and not against each other. I want to look at rebranding the Organisation to ensure that Rural Youth is seen by members of the public in a positive light and that we are seen for all our great achievements, including (but not just) Agfest and the fantastic job that we do with our Field Day.

For me personally Rural Youth has provided so much to be grateful for. It has given me amazing opportunities and a skill set that I would not have been able to get anywhere else. By nominating for a second term as State President, this is my way of saying thank you to the Organisation that has given me so much to be thankful for.

I believe that the best promotional tool that Rural Youth has is us – the members. If the Rural Youth members are happy then they are more likely to talk to others about the Organisation and encourage their friends/partners to come along and enjoy themselves to.

With your support as State President, I will, provide you with my time, patience, diplomacy, help, guidance and assistance but most of all my respect in you as a person, a friend and a valued member of our team working towards the same aspiration.

Simone Hayers - 2014 State President Nominee

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Trade Training Centres
in Schools Program

THE SOUTH EAST TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

will be offering the following courses in new facilities, outfitted with state of the art equipment in 2014

Sorell Campus:

Certificate II in Hospitality
Certificate II Horticulture



Triabunna Campus:

Certificate II in Hospitality



These courses will be open to Years 11 and 12 students as well as mature aged participants wishing to gain a qualification.

For further information or to submit an expression of interest please contact

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South East Trade Training Centre

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NEWSLETTER INSERTS

Please find enclosed in this edition of the newsletter the following...

1. Agfest Volunteer Form
2. State AGM Flyer

Sudoku Solutions

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Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF)

The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) has just opened up an online survey for young people aged 12 to 25 to participate in.

The aim of the survey is to find out what young people (particularly first time voters) think about voting and what some of the key issues for them are in the lead up to the 2014 Tasmanian election. The survey can be found here: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/yyourvotecounts/>

It would be greatly appreciated if you can send this through your networks as we are trying to reach a broad range of young people from across Tasmania.

The survey is being conducted in the lead up to the 'Y Your Vote Counts' forum on Tuesday February 18 which aims to provide first time voters with an opportunity to engage in the political process.

For more details on this event and for young people who want to register, please visit: <http://www.ynot.org.au/news-events/y-your-vote-counts>



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Go to www.allgoods.com.au and
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AGFEST

TASMANIA'S FIELD DAYS

AGFEST MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE

Agfest Merchandise Catalogue and Order Forms are now available, if you have not received a copy please contact the office and request one be mailed to you.

Merchandise Orders are Due Friday 7th March

Goods will be available for collection late April and during Agfest 2014.

If you require any additional information or have any questions please contact:

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Agfest Merchandise Coordinator 2014
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ROSS RODEO



**SATURDAY 1ST
FEBRUARY 2014**

**ROSS RECREATIONAL OVAL
12 NOON ONWARDS**

APRA Rodeo Events - Wood Chopping - Small Engine

Display - Side Show Alley & other features...

Licensed Bar - NO BYO. ENQ: 0417 815 228

ROSS RODEO AFTER PARTY at MAN O ROSS HOTEL

after the event closes for live music until midnight

camping available at Rodeo Grounds!