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Regions

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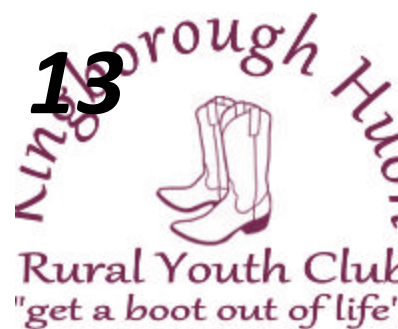
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- **Cassie**
Newsletter
Editor

RURAL YOUTH COUNCIL

2017 is set to be a big year for Rural Youth. During our strategic planning day members came together to develop a great direction for the organisation, which has been put into a draft strategic plan ready for comment. Our priorities include things like focusing on increasing our presence in schools to bump up our 15-16-year-old membership, developing Quercus to attract more site hires, and ensuring that all our safety and compliance requirements are met by all members.

One of the biggest issues in terms of compliance for us now is making sure that all our members aged 16 and over have their 'Working with Vulnerable People' cards. This has caused a lot of discussion amongst current and past members about the legitimacy of the registration but at the end of the day Rural Youth is not above the law and having the registration is the law.

Over the show season clubs have been out and about spreading the Rural Youth word. Since my last report Devonport Club ran the ute competition at Devonport Show and North West Region had a stand at Circular Head Show to let everyone know of the opportunities the organisation offers. One of the biggest benefits of getting our name out there is being recognised by others in the agriculture industry. We have been approached by numerous organisations looking to partner with us, which is fantastic.

Many people offered up their homes for our overseas exchangees. Thank-you to everyone who took the time to show them around the state and show them a good time.

Well done to everyone who has been elected to an office bearer position within their clubs. Good luck for the coming year. Have fun with it and don't be afraid to think outside the box!

Ashley Evans

Rural Youth State President

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to 2017!

Our strategic planning weekend went extremely well – thank you to all who attended. With the help of our facilitator, Bryce Ives we have been able to collate all of the information and come up with a draft for members to consider. This was emailed to all members on December the 19th – please take the time to read it and let us know what you think. Subject to member support at AGM this will be our blueprint to work off for the next couple of years.

Talking of the strategic planning day - two things stood out for me very strongly – the consensus of why we want to be involved with Rural Youth – for the friendships and fun – this was recognised as our most valued asset and something that is reflected in our draft strategic plan. The other key finding was the unanimous desire for organisational restructure to better reflect what our organisation and members need to continue to grow and enjoy our organisation. To this end Ashley and I have been working with Bryce to come up with a new structure and recommendations which will address these concerns and make everyone's life easier. This draft document will be sent to members at the end of January for their consideration, which will be followed several weeks later with a Q & A session for those who wish to attend, (through videoconferencing at UTAS at all three campuses – this will be confirmed closer to the date). The future of the plan and the recommendations will be decided at the AGM in February. Again I urge you all to be involved in this process – we are keen to know what you think!

The above combined with the developments at Quercus will keep us busy in the coming weeks – 2017 is shaping to be an exciting year for Rural Youth! The changes and progress members have been asking for are starting to happen – come to AGM and have your say!

Til next month,

Regards Karen

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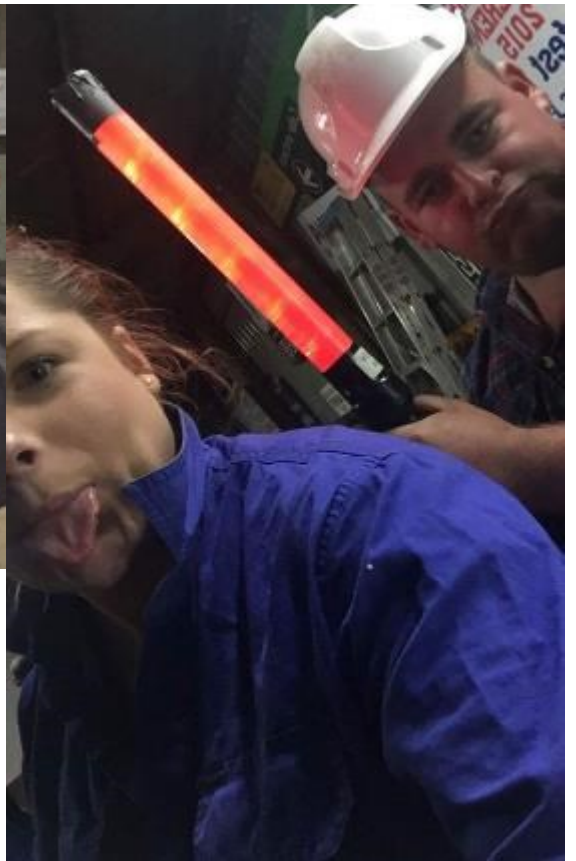


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AGFEST - CHAIRMAN REPORT

Nothing to report... ha ha as if!

With 140 days to go until gates open of Agfest 2017 – we are officially on count down as the New Year launches and we get busier.

Over the past month, applications for exhibitors have closed, sponsorship deals are being finalised, planning for the design of site are being considered and dreams become reality as we head towards finalisation of budgets and implementation of plans once these are approved.

Recently coordinated for members was the excavator and front wheel loader course held at Copping, what a great turn out! Thank you to those that participated, whilst you gained your qualification it is great to also be able to host training opportunities such as these and have them well supported.

Plans to launch our ticketing sales for 2017 are underway with the exciting launch of ONLINE TICKETING!

In partnership with Roberts Rural Supplies Stores, we launched the Roberts Building the Future Award, generated from the ticket sales initiative in 2016 via all Roberts Stores. This has enabled us to offer three awards at \$1500 x 2 and \$500 x 1. With six applicants received and interviews on Friday it is exciting to see this response to such a great opportunity for our future rural industry.

A huge welcome to Sarah Revell to the Agfest team – Sarah has been appointed the role of Treasurer voted in at the last meeting – Sarah joins exec within her role and so far has hit the ground running! Great to have you on board Sarah!

Also welcome to Matt Tattersall as our Assistant Radios and Assistant Committee Catering Director – fabulous to have you on board!

AGFEST - CHAIRMAN REPORT cont.

Vacancies include Assistant Schools Skit, Kids Ag Awareness Director, Functions Director and Assistant Safety. Please email me on chairman@agfest.com.au if you are interested in submitting an expression of interest for any of these roles.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a joyful and exciting launch in 2017!

Kind regards

Kate Birch

Chairman

AGFEST FIELD DAYS, TASMANIA





January 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 New Years Day
2	3 Head Office re Opens Devonport	4	5 Hagley	6 Oatlands	7	8 Dorset
9 Sorell	10 Northern Re- gion AGM 7pm North Motton	11	12	13 Agfest Meeting	14 Working Bee Carrick Rodeo Advisory Meeting	15
16 RYC Meeting	17 Central High- lands	18 Kingborough- huon 6:30pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 North West Region	27	28	29
30 Southern Re- gion	31 Western Tiers 7pm					

February 2017



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2 Hagley	3 Oatlands	4	5
6	7 Western Tiers Devonport	8	9	10	11	12 Dorset
13 Sorell	14 North Motton	15 Kingborough- huon	16	17 Agfest Meeting	18	19
20	21 Central High- lands	22	23 North West Re- gion	24	25	26
27 Southern Re- gion	28					

SOUTHERN REGION

Hello Everyone,

Been quiet down south again this month with everyone getting themselves ready for Christmas. Most clubs have now had their AGMs and a big congratulations to all those who have taken on new roles within clubs. Also a massive thank you to all past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and last but not least every Rural Youth member for all your hard work this year. Bring on 2017!! State AGM is almost finalised and will be communicated out once done.

Thanks again everyone!!

Dave Lucas

Southern Region President

SORELL

It's been a quiet month here at Sorell, we recently celebrated three of our members (Ethan, Ella & Rhys) birthdays after our working bee on the 26th of November, it was an amazing night, fun was had by all, and plenty of lifelong memories were made.

On the 12th of December we held our AGM and a bright fresh committee was elected with a collected drive and passion for continuing taking Sorell onwards and upwards. After the completion of the boring meeting stuff, we began to hand around our secret Santa gifts. There were smiles aplenty and lots of laughter with one member, in particular, Brayden who opted for a pocket knife to unwrap his present, due to it being so nicely wrapped in duct tape. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed giving and receiving their gifts, including our outgoing President Prue who received quite an interesting present.

Our new committee for 2017:

President – Dave Lucas

Vice President – Madeleine Bainivalu Banks

Secretary – Matt Tattersall

Treasurer – Ella Curtain

Newsletter Reporter – Matt Tattersall

Southern Region Delegates – Dave Lucas, Madeleine Bainivalu Banks, & Alex White

Our next meeting will be held on the 9th of January 2017 at the Pawleena Hall.

On behalf of Sorell Rural Youth, I Wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Matt Tattersall

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KINGBOROUGH HUON

Howdy All,

A fairly quiet month for Kingborough Huon as we all gear up for silly season. All members are flat out with Christmas celebrations and preparations for the big day.

On Friday the 2nd Nicole, Simone, Caelum and Kaysie ventured down to the Huonville Oval to support the Lions club of Huon with the Huon Christmas Parade. We kept the kids busy with multiple candy canes and a game of 'puck a duck' it was an entertaining night for all.

A big congratulations to the Committee and members of Kingborough Huon 2016 it has been a fantastic year. We now welcome in our team of Kingborough Huon 2017 selected at our AGM held on the 9th of December.

President - Kaysie Wood

Vice President - Tobias TenBensel

Secretary - Simone Hayers

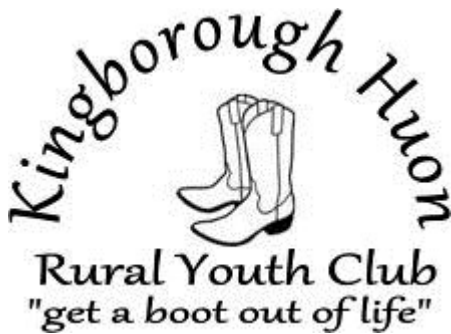
Treasurer - Nicole Elliott

With multiple of in club position/delegations also being filled.

Congratulations and good luck to Nicole Elliott on being selected for our Most Outstanding Member and Jonathon Ayton as our Best New Member, your effort throughout the year didn't go unnoticed.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

Kingborough Huon's next outing will be held at Dru Point (Margate) with a 6.30 start for our meeting.



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NORTH WEST REGION

Hey all!

I hope everyone has had a wicked December leading up to Christmas!! North west region had a pretty cruisy month winding down for the holidays! Although we had 4 members attend the annual Circular Head show to promote Rural Youth within the area! Thank you to Ashley & Caine Evans and Will Craigie for the help during the day!!

Our AGM is set for January with the date to be advised!!

A big thank you to everyone who has helped us out during the year with our events, it is very much appreciated!!
I hope everyone has a safe and happy New Year!!

Regards Jake Williams

NORTH MOTTON

Hey everyone,

We recently held our AGM and congratulations to Peter Damon as Vice President, Renee Latham as Secretary, Jake Williams as Treasurer and Ethan Williams as President again.

We welcome Courtney Hardstaff to the club and hope you enjoy Rural Youth as much as we all do. We hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and New Year and stays safe.

See you all in 2017!

Cheers from everyone at North Motton.



THOUGH NO ONE
CAN GO BACK AND
MAKE A BRAND NEW
START
ANYONE
CAN START FROM NOW
AND MAKE A BRAND NEW
ENDING

CARL BARD

This Year:

Break a bad habit
Learn a new skill
Do a good deed
Visit a new place
Read a difficult book
Write something
important
Try a new food
Do something good
for someone who
can not thank you
Take an important risk



**GET MOTIVATED,
STAY MOTIVATED**

Another 3 weeks has gone past so quickly. My host for these few weeks was about 20 minutes south of Sioux Falls at Lennox with Gordon, Sarah and daughter Hannah, their other daughter Karisa was in studying in Sioux Falls.

Gordon and his brother Gailen share a farm together on the land where they grew up and some more that they lease. They grow soy beans and corn like most of the farmers in the area, but they don't have any cattle.

When I arrived they had harvested all their soy beans and were just waiting for the corn to be dry enough, though they couldn't wait too long as the winter weather and snow would soon arrive. Corn that was still too high in moisture was put in to a silo and then dried through a grain dryer which could do 600 bushel an hour. This was all working fine until there was a slight mishap with a sensor that fills the dryer and there was a nice pile beside the dryer to clean up.

I was driving the chaser bin to collect the corn from the harvester and then out in to the wagons and truck to take to the silos at the yard or in to the ethanol plant just the other side of Lennox.

Gordon is a red follower and prefers the case brand and considering I arrived at the house with a John Deere jumper and photos of John Deere in my album that was his mission for the few weeks to try and convert me from a green girl to a red girl. But no he didn't succeed.

Just prior to me arriving a close friend and neighbour of theirs had died suddenly. He was only part way through his harvest so on a Friday I was apart of the group of farmers in the area to join forces and harvest the last of his corn. There was approximately 8 harvesters, 10 chaser bins, 15+ trucks and 10+ others who came and help unload some corn in to silos at the house and serve us all lunch. It was wonderful to be apart of something so special in the community. Just like at home when the going gets tough everyone bands together.

This same day we finished Gordon's corn harvest and then it was in to getting the discs ready to get as much ground work done as possible as there was a snow storm due on Thursday night and Friday the following week. In amongst two funerals that Sarah had to do as pastor of their church Gordon was able to keep the four tractors going to fertilise and disc the paddocks that needed to be done. We got all the fertiliser on the paddocks, the corn stubbles disched and then most of the bean paddocks which wasn't so urgent.

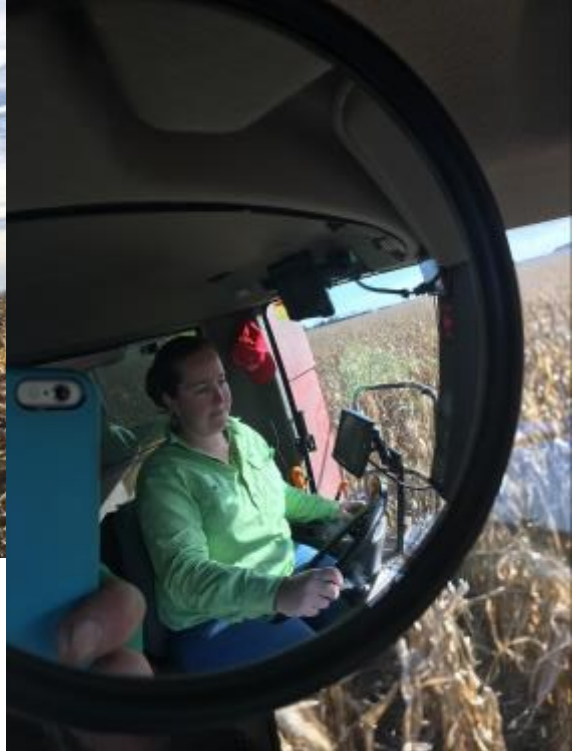
On the Thursday evening the rain started and it was getting cold. Then Friday morning as promised I woke up to snow all over, about 4-6 inches had fallen and it was still windy and snowing outside. We waited for the wind to ease off a little then put some snow suits (like overalls - but thicker) on and went outside for a look. We had a play in the snow building a little snow man and walking way down the driveway where we had to walk backwards so you could breathe as the wind was so strong. The wind was blowing snow and we could only just see the road less than 50 meters away. Pretty fun day, even if we were held up inside all day because it was so dangerous to go anywhere.

USA

There was also a couple of day trips around the area to Pipestone National Monument where family tribes still harvest for pipestone today and a little gorge near Dell Rapids which was pretty at sunset. We were then able to catch up for dinner with Karisa in Sioux Falls.

To round out the end of my three weeks with the Hagen's they were having an early thanksgiving with part of the family who was traveling up from Texas (snow & cold was a shock for them), we celebrated with them and then it was on to my last host in Sioux Falls.

Cheers,
Amanda



NORTHERN REGION

Hi all,

Not much has happened this month at Northern Region.

We postponed our meeting to next months AGM, which will be held on Tuesday the 10th of January, 7pm at Rural Youth head office in Launceston.

We welcome and encourage everyone to come along, we hope it will be a great night.

Next meeting AGM 10th January 2017 – 7 pm Head office.

Have a safe New Year and a wonderful Christmas to all.

Thanks,

Stuart Cresswell

President Northern Region

0488 666 365

DORSET

Not much has been happening at our end of the state , we have all been so busy with silage and hay!

Our next meeting and AGM is:

When : Sunday 8th January

Where: Jodonnys , Scottsdale

Time: TBA

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year !

Any questions please contact **Rosie on 0400301656**

Dorset Rural Youth

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WESTERN TIERS

Hi All,

Western Tiers held our AGM earlier in the month, where we had a great turn out of members. We would like to welcome in the club exec for 2017 as following:

President – Stuart Cresswell
Vice President – Josh Taylor
Treasurer – Wendy McGlashan
Secretary – Kat Cenin

A huge thanks is to go to Will Cragie, who came along and was our independent chair for the evening. Western Tiers has great plans for 2017, and the coming few years also, and we cannot wait to get started.

Next meeting – 31st January, 7pm, location to be determined.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas, and a safe and fun New Years.

Thanks,
Stuart Cresswell
President, Western Tiers
0488 666 365

WESTMORLAND

Hi Everyone!

This month we cleared out our clubrooms! If anyone is after some couches or chairs please give me a call!

Not much news from us at the moment.

Meta has gone overseas for a few weeks and we hope she enjoys her time and safe travels!

Have a great New Year everyone!

We are planning to have our AGM in January. Date TBA.

Cassie Lee
0413 936 636



Pictured: Cassie Lee, Meta Jones and Past Westmorland member Ted Jones



Working Bee

Quercus needs your help!

Paint's peeling, fences are failing and holes need to be dug.

Come along and lend a hand on **7 January 2017.**

Lunch and dinner provided.

On the to do list is:

Bob cat & excavator work

Fencing

Site repairs

Painting

RSVP to head office on reception@ruralyouth.com.au

All working group supervisors must have their 'Working with Children' card.

Only over 18s are permitted to stay overnight on site.

Let's do this!!



LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

Rural Youth were certainly memorable years. I recently read an article by Seth Godin called *'The memories we rehearse are the ones we live with.'* I think that explains why our Rural Years are so memorable – we created lots of stories! We tell those stories over and over, and those stories become our memories. Some of those stories are for 'another day' and not for this article!

I joined Kingborough-Huon club in about 1986 and was a member for about nine years. I was Club President twice, Region Treasurer and on the State Executive and Agfest Committees. I worked in accounting and therefore often got the Treasurer's job; but I enjoyed it.

I volunteered at one Agfest at Symmons Plains before Rural Youth purchased the Quercus site.

While I was a member, the organisation had lots of decisions to make. The purchase of the Rural Youth offices in York Street, the purchase of the Quercus site and then there were lots of capital expenses at Quercus like buildings and the underground power. These decisions were not taken lightly and there was much debate about them. Looking back now - we were so young - but somehow we made those big decisions.

I always enjoyed the weekends away and the farm tours. Wesley Hazell (Kingborough-Huon) would sometimes drive a mini-bus to state weekends in the North or North-West. We'd often collect the Oatlands boys on our way.

I came from a farming background and I enjoyed learning from farmers and Rural Youthies. I recall Liz Mann (Brighton Club), one evening at the accommodation block at Quercus, catching moths for her Ag Science insect collection. I found this intriguing; and it was one of those moments when I thought *'that is what I should have done... an Ag Science degree'*.

I married Anthony, also a Rural Youthie, in 1990. We have three children Amy, Jess and Jono. When Jono was almost ready for school I decided to go to Uni and study Ag Science as a mature age student. I had left school after year ten and so I had not even been to college let alone Uni. I completed my degree and have not looked back since. I have worked as an Agricultural Consultant for the past eight years. There is no way that I would have had the confidence to go to Uni if it hadn't been for Rural Youth.

We made friendships that will last a lifetime and created lots of great memories.

A piece of advice: Always be willing to learn.

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't - you're right". Henry Ford.

Donna Lucas (Vincent)




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- Monthly online newsletter.
 - Exciting events and activities, such as State Ball and Young Farmer Dinner, sports challenges, road trips, or anything else club members are interested in doing – Rural Youth is run *by* its members *for* its members!
 - Opportunity to apply for interstate and international study tours, where fares and accommodation are provided.
 - Opportunity to apply to attend other field days where the cost is subsidised by the Organisation.
 - 75% subsidy on any approved short course or training you wish to organise for yourself - e.g. computer course, first aid, ATV ticket, adult education courses, etc. (*maximum benefit of \$200 per year*).
 - Free entry into Agfest – Tasmania's premier Field Days.
 - Free entry to compete in the annual Young Farmer Competition
 - Opportunity to compete in individual and team competitions, which build your confidence and personal development.
 - Opportunity to receive recognition through awards system, i.e. New Member Award, Outstanding Member Award.
- Free accommodation and meals on site if you are there for a working bee or helping at Agfest.

Plus

- 5% discount off the regular price of goods purchased at Allgoods on presentation of your current membership card.
- Discount Village movie tickets purchased through Head Office.
- Purchase the Entertainment Discount Book to access a wide range of discounts from takeaways to fine dining, tourist attractions around the State (ideal when hosting exchanges). Discounts on intra & interstate accommodation, theme parks etc., lots of restaurants, cafe's and tourist activities, 5% discount on Woolworths Vouchers to save on your regular grocery shop.
- Free Member Insurance – which safeguards you against loss of income in case of an accident at a function - also includes death cover (*medical Insurance not included*).

Up to 7.5% reduction on the cost of your private Hospital Insurance – 5% rebate from Rural Youth payable on presentation of your statement from the fund (payable pro rata for length of membership) and 2.5% discount from St Lukes on presentation of your current membership card when signing up.

The biggest benefit?

Opportunity to belong to the best social network for young people in Tasmania.

Annual membership price is \$33 Inc. GST

All members aged 16 and over must also complete the Working with Vulnerable People registration as per current legislation. Once this process is completed you can apply for reimbursement.

To create a new membership or renew an existing membership please either visit <http://www.ruralyouth.com.au/member-renewal-sign-up> and fill out the form,

Contact Head Office on 6331 6154 or visit your next club meeting.

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