

October 2018

# Newsletter

## CONGRATULATIONS

To all who have taken on a role on the Rural Youth Board or Agfest committee for 2018-19



Pictured above are some members of the incoming Rural Youth Board:  
Dylan Bellchambers, Jake Williams, Dale Hayers, Ashleigh Reynolds, Ashley Evans and Owen Woolley

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### Upcoming events:

2/10/18	Tamar Club Meeting 7pm @ Head Office
4/10/18	Hagley Club Meeting 7pm @ Westbury Fire Station
7-12/10/18	Discover Ag 2018
25-26/10/18	Quercus Working Bee



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## Rural Youth—State President

Hi All,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first report as the newly elected State President of Rural Youth Tasmania.

Over the 11 years as a Rural Youth member this organisation has provided me with so much. I have had the chance to meet new people, travel across Australia and the world and have learnt hands on practical skills that no other organisation could teach.

It is with this passion that I take on the role as State President. The 2017-18 Board achieved so much in its first 12 months and I want to see continued stability brought to this organisation. On Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, our new Board was voted in and I look forward to working with Jake Williams as Vice Chairman and the rest of the Board team to continue to improvement the Rural Youth brand.

Having been a member for quite a while it is evident that everybody takes something different from their memberships to RY. Our new Board team is committed to making every single members time in RY a positive one.

A big congratulations to outgoing State President Ashley Evans; you took over the role in a time when the organisation needed a driven individual to steer the ship and you have completed this to the highest degree.

The next few months in the Rural Youth calendar sees most of us becoming busy with our local shows. Our Discover Ag program will again be run in October, providing students in grades 9-12 valuable hands-on agricultural experiences and showing them the vast range of employment opportunities that the agricultural industry has to offer.

Keep your ears posted for other upcoming training opportunities as we finalise these for 2018.

Anyone visiting Quercus Park in the coming months is likely to see many tradies on the site. Works are soon starting on our \$600,000 wastewater upgrade as well as improvements to the Function Centre, Site Office and Ticket Booths. This expenditure will cost over \$800,000 but unlocks further development opportunities on the site.

On a personal note, I was lucky enough to visit the Royal Adelaide Show a few weeks back representing Tasmania in the National Rural Ambassador final. I made this final after representing Agfest in the State Finals. Whilst I did not win, the trip provided an invaluable networking opportunity and the chance to look at the attractions and manners in which other events conduct their business. The Adelaide Showgrounds themselves are extraordinary; the site is registered as a power plant on the South Australian Grid due to the bank of solar panels installed across the roofs of all buildings. They also have plans to build a hotel in the future to house the vast number of people that travel for the show. All investments made at the grounds must have a revenue stream for the remainder of the year when the show is not on. It was a great example of strategic expenditure and one that both Rural Youth and Agfest can learn a lot from.

I look forward to working hard for Rural Youth in the coming 12 months, feel free to give me a buzz to discuss anything that you would like to see improved within our organisation. Always remember that with Rural Youth, you only get out what you put in!!

Cheers,

Dale





## CEO UPDATE

September 15 was a big day! Three meetings followed by a dinner didn't leave time for much else! Congratulations to Dale Hayers, our newly appointed State President and his team, I look forward to working with them and seeing what can be achieved for our members and the organisation in the coming twelve months!

The 2018 AGM dinner will definitely be remembered as a success!

There was much and many to celebrate, and even though we lost our DJ at short notice and couldn't find a replacement (definitely a business opportunity in that for someone!) everyone had a great time! The "great debate" – *Rural Youth are the Best Years of your Life* featured past members, Paul & Bernadette Bennett, David Dunn, Belinda Lehner, Nikki Atkins and our own Vice President Jake Williams was highly entertaining and something everyone enjoyed!! The judging panel couldn't split the teams and diplomatically decided it was a tie.

Simone Salter was presented with the Graeme Tole Memorial Award by his son Robbie and Ashley Evans. Simone certainly met the criteria of "made continuous and notable contributions to all areas of the Organisation" I think you would be hard pressed to find a position in Rural Youth that Simone has not held at some point, she is a worthy winner!



Will Craigie stepped up and did a stellar job with Study Tours this year. Recipients Alex White (UK), Karley Beer (Switzerland) and Olivia Lawson (Self nominated – Shark Conservation – Fiji) will have an adventure of a lifetime and be great ambassadors for Rural Youth.

Past members Paul Bennett, Jayne Clark (nee Badcock) and Laura Richardson were awarded with Honorary Life Memberships and a Service Award respectively for their outstanding contributions to our Organisation.

In a night of highlights, it was wonderful to hear the three of them speak with such pride and emotion about what being a member of Rural Youth meant to them and how much it had benefitted them personally and professionally in their lives.

In addition to all of the above we also managed to raise \$1122 for Rural Aid – Buy a Bale, thanks to Ash Reynolds and Jake Williams persuading many businesses to donate some great raffle prizes and the generosity of those present.

After feedback from members the Newsletter will be changing! The next edition will come out in December and will be in the current format, it will then move to a quarterly publication and return to a hard copy. The first edition will come out in March!

In closing I would like to repeat Dale's message, we are committed to making every single member's time in Rural Youth a positive one, so if you have an idea or opinion, let us know – we may be able to make it happen.

Regards Karen





As many of you would be aware, our recent dinner after the Rural Youth SGM/AGM and Agfest Annual Meeting, was both an occasion to celebrate Rural Youth, our members and their achievements, as well as an opportunity to raise funds for Rural Aid, in support of the Buy a Bale initiative. This came about when one of our members, Ashleigh Reynolds, wanted to help the farmers in drought and was keen to find a way for the organisation to be involved.

Funds were raised via several methods – \$5 from every dinner ticket purchased was allocated to the cause, as well as 10% of total bar takings on the night, and all raffle proceeds. There was also a Boot Parade on the night, with some interesting entries. In total, the night raised the grand sum of.....

# \$1,122.00

These funds have now been passed on to Rural Aid. A big thank you to all who were involved, including the generous donors of all the raffle prizes.

# AGFEST 2019

TASMANIA'S PREMIER FIELD DAYS



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## SELF NOMINATIONS ROUND 2

Following appointment of roles in Round 1 the Leadership Team are seeking nominations for Round 2. As a Rural Youth member you are encouraged to put your hand up for any of the below positions! These roles come with a fully detailed manual and contact numbers of the previous directors for the role. So don't be afraid - it is a great way to challenge yourself and learn lots of new skills.

# WE NEED YOU!



### AVAILABLE ROLES:

Vice Chairman

Finance Assistant

Media & Promotions Assistant - Internal Comms

	Coordinator	Assistant
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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**  
**5PM Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**





SAVE THE DATE  
UPCOMING WORKING BEE

A poster for a 'Working Bee' event. The background is a rustic wooden surface. In the foreground, there is a brown leather tool bag filled with various tools, including a hammer with a yellow handle, pliers, and several screwdrivers. The text is written in a white, cursive font.

*Working Bee*  
*Quercus Park - October 25/26*

- *Chainsaw*
- *Tree clean up*
- *Plumbing jobs*

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lend a helping hand!*

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## Club Reports

### KINGBOROUGH - HUON CLUB

Hi All,

We have had a rather quiet month, with a bit of a gap between club meetings.

However, several of our members attended the AGM, with a few of our members elected to state roles. Especially huge congratulations to our new State President Dale and Agfest Chairman Owen, as well as Agfest Media and Promotions Manager Dylan!

We'll be spending the next couple of months gearing up for the Huon Show, where we're hoping to have a great day out!

No details yet on our next meeting, but there is something fun in the pipeline.

Cheers, Lucy

### HAGLEY CLUB

Hagley Rural Youth held our monthly meeting over a pot luck night at the Westbury Fire Station.

Lots of exciting events are currently being discussed and are in the works at meetings.

We are excited to announce that again we're running the Westbury Show dog jump, more details to come.

We are also currently organising to get more Hagley shirts created for members. Please feel free to approach Matthew Wadley for more information.

All are welcome to attend Hagley's next meeting, which will be held at the Westbury Fire Station 4th of October, 7pm start.

### TAMAR CLUB

Hi Everyone,

We hope you had a great time at the AGM weekend and Dinner. Congratulations to all new office bearers, and a big thank you for all outgoing position holders for your hard work over the past 12 months. Tamar was represented at AGM by Cam, Josh, Liam, Jye and Patrick.

We have recently welcomed some new members to our Club which is fantastic. Our current focus is on working to increase our image across the Tamar Valley and into the Northeast area to increase membership. Our long term goal is to support the Dorset Club to get back up and running as well.

Our club is busy working towards involvement at the Scottsdale Show on the 16th and 17th of November.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm, usually at Head Office or somewhere in Launceston. Contact Club President Cam for more information. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd October, 7pm at head office.

Have a great month!

### DEVONPORT CLUB

Due to the majority of members being unable to make it to our September meeting due to work commitments etc, three of our Devonport Rural Youth girls decided to take one for the team and have a catch up on behalf of the club. It was a great night full of Maccas food, laughs and playgrounds. We're all looking forward to getting things rolling in October.

Our next meeting date and time is to be confirmed.



## EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE

Good morning everyone,

Last time I wrote to you I was just at my final host family in Laramie, Wyoming. When I arrived at house the kids greeted me with a welcome sign, they had made it themselves!



Kym and her husband had just moved to Laramie from California which was a big change, but they were loving it and in the process of buying a house with some land so they could get some animals in the future. Kym is a social worker as well as a teacher in social work at the college.

On the first day the kids took me to the college and showed me around, we went to the dinosaur museum and had lunch with Kym on her break.

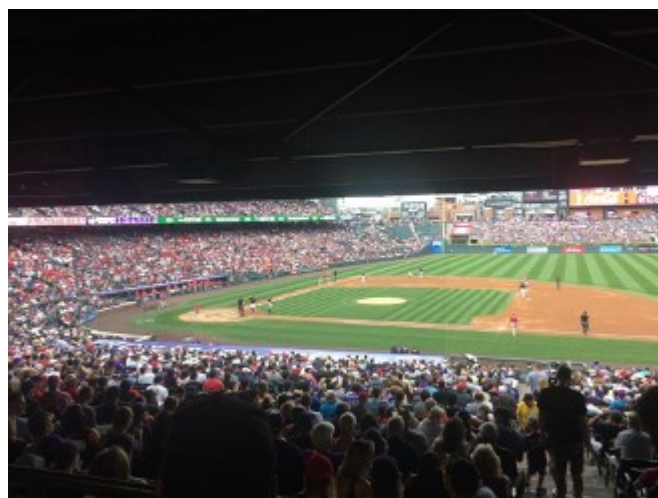
The University of Wyoming (UW) was established in 1886, with some of the original stone buildings still in use. The campus is really beautiful with stone buildings that are set in a circle with huge grass lawns in the middle. The college is quite active with their sports programs and has many fields, tracks and faculties to accommodate it.

On the Saturday we went to Medicine Bow National forest to watch the rock dancers. It is thought the UW dance program, a group of students and teaches dance and perform on rock faces, rock and lines hanging between to rocks, while they are attached to rock climbing ropes. It was something I had never seen before and they did an amazing job while hanging in the air!

After the dancing we went to a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch at the local park with a free lunch, kids activities and free line dancing lessons but the rain came in and dancing was cancelled. That evening we went to watch a college volleyball game.

It was a well attended match that had a small marching band and cheerleaders too! UW won and the kids got to go down and meet the players and get a signed poster! Sunday we jumped the border and drove 2 hours to Denver, Colorado to watch a professional baseball game, the Colorado Rockies vs St Louis Cardinals. The stadium was huge, with so much food, drink, cars, raffles, roof top bars and merchandise for sale around I think some people come for the atmosphere and not the game. The Rockies unfortunately did not win but was so glad to get the chance to go, it was on my wish list.

On Monday all the kids went back to work/school for the year, it was funny they start their school year in September but they get summer break like we do. So we were all up early Monday and walked to school, they live about a 3 minute walk to school. I had my days free during the week and filled it in with walking, going to the REC centre and would catch up with Kym for lunch a couple of times and meet up with Miles and Mikayla, my hosts from before. Laramie is a college town, so most people study, and work or have a business associated with the college.





## EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE

The following weekend was a big one for the town, first home football game of the season! It started with the kick off concert, Brothers Osbourne playing, which was a great night, so good live. Then Saturday morning I got ready in my UW color's and went to a tailgate party! From there we went to the game which started at 1.30pm. The stadium was close to full 20,000 people; all most the crowd was in yellow bar a very small section in red.

It was a crazy, fun, loud day and would love to go to another one. I did not understand all the rules but cheerleaders were there and the marching band came out at half time and did a great show. The game was close till half time but for then it went down hill for UW and they did not win. We did not leave till about 5 pm, so the games go for quite a few hours and all standing bar half time.

We drove back to Denver, Colorado to go the Denver Botanical Gardens. It was a lovely place almost in the heart of the city, with some beautiful buildings, flowers, different areas such as a Japanese garden and 'The Corpse Flower'! It only blooms every few years and when they bloom it's been quoted they smell 'like a corpse' which opened the day before I was there but not sure if I was glad or sad I missed it!

My time in beautiful Wyoming was almost over; just trying to pack everything and not be over weight with my luggage was tough but managed it! I might have spent up on M & M's which did not help my cause..

-I got to stay with 5 lovely families that made me feel like part of there family.

-Visited 6 of the 52 States; Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado, Idaho, Montana & Hawaii

-Traveling between host families I did 1610miles (2591 km)

The people I meet, experiences I had and memories I made, I will not be for getting! (I have been in touch with some of my families since I have been home and will endeavor to keep the contact going)

If you're thinking about applying for a Rural Youth Study Tour, I would highly recommend that you do, it's a once in a life time opportunity! I was a little worried about being away for so long but it's a great way to

push yourself, learn a bit more about yourself and enjoy some international networking!

A big thank you to Rural Youth Tasmania and Betta Milk for this great opportunity.

I had someone away say to me – “why did you pick Wyoming out of all the states?” however it was a beautiful state and I am so grateful I got to explore it.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading my journey and if you get the chance to go to Wyoming, USA pop it on your list, I would happily talk your ear off about places to go and things to see.

Over and out ya'll ;)  
Nicole Elliott



## EXCHANGE REPORT: ETHAN WILLIAMS - CANADIAN EXCHANGE

G'day everyone!

I'm finally back on home soil after a very long 22 hour flight! Definitely glad to be back!

Well, the final last few days of my exchange was amazing and hard to process as we knew we would be saying goodbye very soon to each other. Saturday afternoon we said our goodbyes to Severin from Switzerland who was off starting a 12 month adventure, it certainly wasn't the same feeling when 7 became 6.

That night our host Celie put on a pig roast for us and invited family and friends we had met along the way to join us for our final night. Plenty of laughs, memories and beers were shared 'til early hours of the morning! Sunday was pretty relaxed, just helped pack up and started the hard job of packing bags to move on.

Monday saw us head to Toronto to drop Hazel (Scotland), Julia (Germany), Adam (England), Simone (Austria) and Laura (Northern Ireland) so they could spend the last few days of their trip in the big city! This was my final goodbye to the girls before heading back up to Renfrew county for the next 3 weeks.

Here I stayed with Steve and Nancy Shultz. Their 2 boys are heavily part of Junior Farmers and they had hosted

Sev and Adam when we was in Renfrew county earlier. I was also lucky enough to be able to help out on another members farm where they have 1200 acres of cropping and a hay business. They kept me busy doing hay, cultivating, discing, stone picking, and also some maintenance on one of their properties. I also managed to get to see another 2 local fairs- Renfrew and Shawville. In the last week I got to help the club out at the local ploughing match on the gate and also promoting Junior Farmers in their tent and talking about my experience! This pretty much brought my trip to an end.

My trip would never have been possible without my sponsor Kennedy's Welding - I can't thank them enough. Thank you to the Junior Farmers of Ontario for hosting and touring me around for 3 months and most of all Rural Youth Tasmania. It was an amazing opportunity and I will be forever grateful! I encourage everyone to have a go and put in to go on exchange. I was always scared to have a go but now I wouldn't think twice about going again!

Well that's it from me and my Canadian adventure!!

Cheers Ewilly !





## October 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 Tamar club meeting 7 pm	3	4 Hagley club Meeting 7pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 RY Board meeting 6.30pm	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

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