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## Rural Youth—State President



**Our values are represented in our volunteer community: a community that believes in teamwork, humour, loyalty, trust and honesty**

The past two years as State President have been amazing. For anyone thinking about putting up their hand for the role, I highly recommend it. The skills and knowledge that I have obtained have and will benefit me in both my personal and professional life. This will be my last newsletter report in the role and although I will miss being State President, I am looking forward to seeing what the next one will achieve, whoever he or she may be.

I am very proud of what we have achieved in the last couple of years. Our strategic plan has helped guide us to do amazing things. We took on an ambitious task of restructuring the organisation to bring it into the modern world and not only have we achieved this, we continue to kick goals each day. Clubs are once again building numbers through getting out and about in the community, and providing members with fun activities. This renewed sense of confidence in the organisation is encouraging members to take on strategic and operational roles, and members are coming up with great ideas. In the past 18 months, Rural Youth has seen the establishment of the Young Agricultural Professionals Network and the inclusion of the Discover Agriculture program as one of the many benefits of the organisation. We have also seen on the ground works forging ahead, with the new wastewater system at Quercus approved, the Function Centre getting upgraded and an agreement with the newly formed Quercus Kennel Club has resulted in a dog arena being built on site.

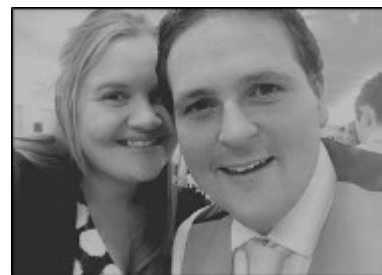
Members are doing amazing things. Rural Youth has sent three brilliant members across the world on study tours and two to the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program to enhance their leadership capability. We have also awarded the inaugural Rural Youth Scholarship to study the Associate Degree in Agribusiness at UTas. Skills have been improved through industry recognised certificates/licences and through the Young Farmer Competition. Not to mention we pulled off an incredibly successful Agfest 2018, with over 65,000 patrons through the gates and the inclusion of the Beef Cattle Handlers

Competition as a new feature.

Our accomplishment of the Building Communities Award at the 2017 Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Awards has been the icing on the cake as it has shown that we are being recognised in the community for the great work we are doing.

The past month has been no exception to the fantastic things being achieved. A very successful Young Farmer Competition was held, where we saw Will Baxter take out first prize. The support for the competition was phenomenal, with over \$40,000 of prizes donated. We also have study tour selections coming up on September 8<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in applying and applications are also open for Discover Agriculture, which will be happening from October 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank-you to everyone who supported me in the role of Rural Youth's State President. The biggest thank-you has to go to my husband Caine, who has endured many hours of time devoted to the organisation. The tip-off that it would be taking some time out of my life was probably the fact that the email congratulating me on the appointment came during our honeymoon. I look forward to being involved in the organisation for the next few years and seeing where we head but most of all I look forward to raising our little man, Morgan.



**State President - Ashley Evans**

## CEO UPDATE:

Congratulations to all who competed in the T.P Jones & Co Tasmanian Young Farmer of the Year, the spirit and camaraderie you showed throughout the event was great to see. Will Baxter was a worthy and popular winner for 2018. All of the finalists enjoyed the entire competition, with the two welding modules being clear favourites. Andrea O'Halloran did an outstanding job organising both the competition and dinner – she deserves recognition and thanks for all her efforts, as does her husband Ren, who ably assisted her throughout the event.

As we approach the SGM/AGM now is a good time to look back on what has been achieved since July 2017 and also thank the many people who have worked hard, often behind the scenes, to get the organisation to this point. Change is never easy, particularly when so many changes happen at once. It is fair to say we haven't always got it right, and there are still adjustments to be made as theory becomes practice, however on balance I believe we have achieved what we set out to do. Committees/meetings have been streamlined and have clear purpose, the level of expectation around roles has risen, accountability has increased, outcomes have improved, the Board have taken responsibility for the overall health and direction of the organisation, focusing on the big picture and working to ensure Rural Youth Tasmania remains relevant and has a bright, sustainable future.

Courage is needed to drive and implement change, when Ashley assumed the role of State President she accepted the challenge and worked hard to make sure that discussion and ideas became action. Without her commitment and drive it would have been difficult to get all of this off the ground, reflecting on her term, I believe this will be one of her biggest achievements, and one she should be justifiably proud. In addition to wishing her well for the future I also want to acknowledge the work of Peter Gladwell and Andrew Skirving and thank them for their support over a three years – their experience and advice has contributed in no small part to the current success we are enjoying as an organisation. We will miss them on the Board.

I will particularly miss Gladdie's tales, which were all designed to make my hair curl as he spoke of past pranks – all of which happened before we had to worry about WHS!!! Dale Hayers, Will Craigie and Josh Taylor are also coming to the end of their current terms and Bree House is stepping down due to work commitments, they too have been great contributors and I look forward to working with all of them again in whatever capacity they chose.

The members are not the only ones who have gone through a period of great change, so too have the staff and they continue to step up regardless of where I, or the organisation, move the goal posts to, as I have said on many occasions previously they are a special bunch and I am very grateful for their continued hard work.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at SGM/AGM on September 15, remember ALL financial members get a vote and will get the opportunity to have their say. We are going to have a session on what members want from Rural Youth and we are keen to hear from all of you, please make the effort to come, we can't act on your ideas if we haven't heard them. Speaking of your ideas, club visits will recommence soon, once the weather improves and we will also start contacting Club Presidents by phone regularly to touch base, offer assistance and refresh memories on what is happening within the organisation. This is part of our strategy to stay connected with clubs and members outside of state events and meetings, it is about building connections and relationships.

Finally, I want to invite each and every one of you to the after SGM/AGM/Agfest dinner on September 15 at Quercus, it is going to be a great night, with lots of entertainment, surprises, laughs, dancing and fun. Thanks to a suggestion from Ash Reynolds this will be a fundraiser for Rural Aid – Buy a Bale - \$5 from EVERY ticket sold, 10% of bar takings, proceeds from raffles and best boot parade will be donated. So dust off your best boots and come along – it really will be a great night!

Until next month

Regards Karen





## 2018 - 2019 RURAL YOUTH BOARD NOMINATIONS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the nominations received for positions by the due date. For all to have confidence moving forward under the Constitution single nominations must be ratified by those present at the meeting, if not, then position will be declared vacant and further nominations called for. Positions which have more than one nomination will go to a vote.

***Candidates will be invited to speak to their nomination on the day and expand on the brief summary below. Questions will also be taken from the floor.***

### RURAL YOUTH BOARD

STATE PRESIDENT (2-year term)	DALE HAYERS
<b>Positions to Date:</b> Current Board Member, current member of the Property Management Working Group, former RAC member x 2, RY Council member x 5, Southern Region President x 3 & Kingborough Huon Club President x 1 & various Agfest roles, including Vice Chairman for 2018	
<b>Why &amp; Goals for the Organisation:</b> I have decided to run for the role of State President as I feel this is the ultimate way to give back to an Organisation that has given me so much.  When I joined RY in 2007, I didn't at the time think this Organisation would help me in the way it has. Being a member of RY has provided me with a platform to develop skills in a range of areas including time management, public speaking, project management, finances and conflict resolution. These skills made the challenge of returning to University seem more achievable and I also believe these were the main reasons that I was awarded the Cadetship at Gandy and Roberts Engineers, where I now work.  More importantly, through Rural Youth, I have made lifelong friendships with people all around the world and met some great people along the way. Travelling to Canada in 2012 on a RY Exchange was a truly life changing experience and, in this time, I learned a lot about myself.  I was 18 once and so I understand that our younger members can sometimes make mistakes. I strongly believe that we should always find the best of every situation and always focus on the positives. Rural Youth is a really forgiving organisation and so every member deserves a second chance.	

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## STATE PRESIDENT (2-year term)

**DALE HAYERS**

I believe I am an approachable person who is happy to lend an ear to anybody with an issue to discuss. Everybody that knows me, knows I speak my mind. This sometimes offends people, but I always have the best interest of RY in mind.

So a quick brief of my Rural Youth background (I think the details are all correct!!!):

- I joined Kingborough Huon Rural Youth in 2007, as a 17 year old;
- I became President of KH in 2009;
- I was voted as Southern Region President in 2010 and have completed this role 4 times;
- I sat on State Council from 2010-15;
- Joined RAC in 2017 after having a year away from most Rural Youth involvement;
- Joined the inaugural RY Board in 2017.

Over the last few years Rural Youth has undergone some massive changes. Through my time as a member, we have gone from having a large membership base in excess of 600, before dropping off to under 200. This happened through many older members turning 30 and moving on. For a long period of time, few members were prepared to stand up to be counted and to take the organisation forward. I firmly believe that based on the hard work of few, we have now moved past this point and the future of Rural Youth excites me!

Our membership base is now full of passionate young people and so is there a better time to take over as President?

2017 -2018 was the first year of the RY Boards existence. The group has achieved so much in a short period of time and I am keen to continue working to achieve our strategic aims.

My goals for 2018-19 year include:

- See the Wastewater Upgrade for Quercus Park built and commissioned. For as long as I have been a members, upgrading our wastewater system has been the one thing stopping further development at Quercus Park. Having the upgrade completed unlocks the key to Rural Youth's future and allows for members to dream big in developing Quercus Park, Agfest and Rural Youth in whatever way they wish;
- Increase exposure of Rural Youth. Our current branding and advertising materials are basic and old. I am keen to see the delivery of new items in this space;
- I believe Clubs need further support to achieve their goals. Further funding to help them with hosting exchanges as par to the study tour program and better information regarding hosting events is essential.

With a strong Board around me, I think we can achieve all of these goals as well as many others!

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## STATE PRESIDENT (2-year term)

DALE HAYERS

**Experience & Skills:** Professionally: Graduate Civil/Hydraulic Engineer @ Gandy and Roberts Consulting Engineers.

I have sat on Committees at every level of RY and held many different positions in the Organisation, including State Council and Agfest. I'd like to think I have really good knowledge of the organisation, our stakeholder and the way we conduct business.

I have seen a wide range of issues discussed during meetings and the effect that those decisions have had on the organisation. I'd like to think I have had a level head and think of all the potential implications of any issue prior to a decision being made on it.

My experience in the construction industry has led to dealings with a vast range of people on a daily basis and the need to think about issues in a non-biased and ethical manner. These skills are widely transferable and well suited to sitting on the Board of Rural Youth.

## VICE PRESIDENT (1-year term)

JAKE WILLIAMS

### Positions to Date:

Current RY Vice President, current member of the Property Management Working Group, former RAC & RY Council representative, Club & Region President & various Agfest roles, including Operations Manager for 2018 event.

### Why & Goals for the Organisation:

Holding previous position on the Board, including that of Vice President, I feel I have the knowledge and confidence to assist the State President within their role. I feel I would gain much enjoyment and skill from continuing in the role of Vice President.

My main goal for the organisation is to boost membership and maintain the reputation we have gained from the achievements of our existing membership base.

### Experience & Skills:

Professionally: Auto Electrician.

Good organisation skills. Ability to communicate with all sorts of people.



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**We have received 5 nominations for 3 Board Positions. \*Voting will take place at the Meeting. Below is a summary of applications received in alphabetical order.**

**BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)**

**MITCHELL BEER**

**Positions to Date:** Previous member of RAC & RY Council, Club VP, Agfest Power Director, Traffic Asst x 2 & Security Asst x 2.

**Why & Goals for the Organisation:** I have been a RY member for a long time now and I like the direction that it is going. That is something I want to be a part of.

**Experience & Skills:** Professionally: Diesel Mechanic – Field Service Technician.  
A good knowledge of RY (7 years)/Good communication skills/Friendly & Approachable/ Extensive work in OH & S while working at Metro.

**BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)**

**DYLAN BELLCHAMBERS**

**Positions to Date:** Asst Personnel @ Agfest 2018, Current Secretary Kingborough-Huon Club

**Why & Goals for the Organisation:** Since joining RY 5 months ago I have met and befriended countless young Tasmanians, all of who share passions for primary industries, youth in agriculture & rural communities. The organisation has willingly accepted and welcomed me as part of the extended family. This has been a unique experience and is a credit to the members and something I want to see continued. In line with our current strategic plan and my own personal values I want to work towards removing barriers and creating new opportunities for people aged under 18 to access the organisation. I feel this engagement will assist more young Tasmanians to become resilient, responsible and productive members of rural communities, just like RY is assisting me. I particularly want to increase our engagement with secondary schools, colleges and UTAS to attract new members into the organisation. Having just left College & starting University I feel I can offer first hand insight, knowledge & connections into the best way to achieve and implement engagement.

RY already facilitates great opportunities for members to upskill and engage with the sector, I want this to grow and continue by ensuring Discover Agriculture & YAPN continue to grow. On top of the fantastic work the Board has achieved I want to continue to strengthen RY's business model and identify new opportunities where applicable, and ensure safety & compliance continues review and improvement, extending beyond the organisation to members everyday lives. I also want to ensure this is part of the 5-year plan for Agfest being developed and the capital expenditure carried out by the Organisation fits these requirements. Along with capital expenditure meeting safety and compliance I wish to see it ensure our organisation to be more efficient and meet the needs of our members enabling them to have the resources and support they need to carry out operations and enact the strategic plan.

During my term I also wish to ensure we capitalise on our assets, particularly Quercus Park by growing the client base for the site, including identifying and acting on market opportunities.



**BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)****DYLAN BELLCHAMBERS**

**Experience & Skills:** Professionally: Full time UTAS student – Bachelor of Applied Science (Ag & Business).

Strong background in business & marketing. Organisational operation skills – previous Secretary of Ulverstone Rowing Club. Received numerous awards @ Rowing Club including Best Club Member & Dedication & Support Award. 2015 Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award for Youth Teamwork & Leadership. Proactive student actively promoting agriculture & primary in-

**BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)****ASHLEY EVANS**

**Positions to Date:** Current State President, Young Farmer Coordinator x 2, Discover Agriculture Coordinator x 2, various roles on the Agfest Committee.

**Why & Goals for the Organisation:** The incredible confidence and excitement within Rural Youth at the moment is something we should all be proud of and as a Board Member it would be my goal to continue this momentum. My focus would be to encourage more members to join the organisation and take advantage of the amazing opportunities that are on offer. We have so many other organisations and activities to compete against when it comes to engaging with youth in Tasmania. That's why it's so important to stick to our strategic priority of increasing our engagement with secondary schools to create greater pathways for involvement for people under the age of 18.

Involving people under the age of 18 doesn't mean we have to change our events and activities that are more suited to those 18 and older, it means creating more opportunities for younger people to be involved. The inclusion of the Discover Agriculture program as a RY initiative and the Junior Beef Cattle Handlers Competition at Agfest are perfect examples of how we can do it all.

There is no denying that RY members are brilliant at coming up with amazing ideas. My goal would be to make it easier for these ideas to become reality. The organisation is all about increasing the skillset of members and there is no better way to do this than to see a project through from start to finish. In many cases it's the smaller projects that make the biggest impact. It would be great to see more events like the Fire Games and the Rural Rally. I want to create more fun for RY members. We've reduced the meetings to make room for more social events and I would love the opportunity to drive that and encourage more people to join Rural Youth.

Being a part of the RY Board has been an amazing experience and it would be great to continue to be involved. I would bring my experience of governance, communication and understanding of how it all works to ensure that goals of members are met. RY is a member driven organisation and the Board need to provide members with the opportunity to develop. That's what it is all about. This includes more leadership and training opportunities, scholarships, study tours, competitions, activities and any other idea that members develop. Most importantly, encouraging members to step up in to the big roles and have the confidence and skills to do so.





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## BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)

**ASHLEY EVANS**

**Experience & Skills:** Professionally: Science & Maths Teacher.

Strategic Plan development & implementation, both through RY, as an Agriculture consultant & a teacher. People management & conflict resolution. Governance. Verbal & written communication.

Co facilitator & Facilitator of Discover Agriculture prior to RY delivering the program. Established the Young Agricultural Professionals Network, Member of Royal Hobart Show Beef Committee, Brighton Show Committee, JRLF & Tasman Livestock handling team facilitator & Agriculture Consultant.

## BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)

**ASHLEIGH REYNOLDS**

**Positions to Date:** KAAP Coordinator

**Why & Goals for the Organisation:** Having only been welcomed into RY in the past year. I have learnt so much about myself, Rural Youth and the definition of teamwork. RY have encouraged me to be involved in varying RY activities and invested in me through Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program scholarship. Being a Board member is an opportunity for me to grow further and contribute new ideas.

**Experience & Skills:** Professionally: Emergency Relief Manager.

Good communication skills, willingness to learn, be challenged & make changes.

Management qualities – leadership & adaptability.

## BOARD MEMBER (2-year term)

**TOBIAS tenBENSEL**

**Positions to Date:** Current Kingborough Huon President & VP, Agfest Waste Coordinator, Lifting & Loading x 2, Asst Power & Asst Heritage

**Why & Goals for the Organisation:** This year marks my fifth year of being a member of Rural Youth, during this time I have learnt a lot about our organisation.

To make an effective decision I believe that we need to see the facts first and think forward into the future, not only to keep our organisation alive but to build it up so we can be prominent within our local and national community.

Our organisation "Rural Youth Tasmania" is comprised of a variety of members, the days have past where everyone lives and works on a farm, but we don't dwell on that, we show great diversity within our community.

Members are spread across many sectors of business, we can use this connection by communicating with members to find the appropriate information or contacts to build our organisation.

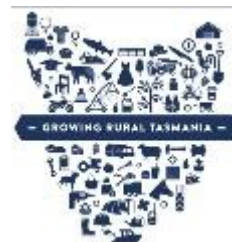
I look forward to the opportunity to help build Rural Youth and to work towards member benefits as well as building the public profile of the organisation.

**Experience & Skills:** Professionally: Fish farm attendant at Huon Aquaculture.

Industry knowledge in aquaculture – a rising primary industry. Networking and a wide range of contacts in multiple industries. An 'outside the box' approach to problems. Past occupations/ qualifications include, precast concrete, wharf building, residential building, tourism industry and removalist.

Member of local Men's Shed – Channel & local volunteer fire brigade member.





Agfest Brainstorming was held on the first weekend in August, we had 27 members attend with some new faces amongst the attendees.

During Saturdays meeting we covered all the items put forward for discussion and we had some great debates on the topics covered.

We will have a new look Business and Lifestyle Expo and we look forward to seeing Sheep handling as part of the Junior Handling Showcase for 2019.

The incoming committee will also be developing guidelines for volunteering which will hopefully streamline the process for all.

Our Community Groups remuneration was increased by 10% and we will now be moving to professional cleaners to clean our rest room facilities for the future, this will go to tender as per the Rural Youth Tasmania purchasing policy in the coming months.

The 2019 event will see the introduction of a 3day pass for patrons and these will be only available online through early bird purchases.

The incoming committee will also be reviewing the Park & Ride service and reviewing our Waste Management for Car Parks and event recycling.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who attended brainstorming and look forward to seeing you all at the Agfest Annual Meeting on September, 15 commencing at 1pm.

Kind Regards,  
Owen Woolley  
Agfest Chairman 2018



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## AGFEST



### 2019 AGFEST COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS SUMMARY

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CHAIRMAN	Owen Woolley
<b>Positions to Date:</b> Chairman 2018/ Assistant Safety/ Safety/ Assistant Operations.	
<b>Why:</b> I would like to fulfil my second term and continue the success and development of the committee for the future success of the event.	
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> Self employed carpenter, managing building sites and multiple contractors to budget and time. I also hold multiple operational licences. Good knowledge of event & Quercus site.	
<b>Goals for the Event:</b> Further implementation of the success plan, drive enthusiasm of the younger members to take on roles and have ideas bringing them to fruition.	
VICE CHAIRMAN	Ethan Williams
<b>Positions to Date:</b> 2017 & 2018 Exhibitor Manager/ East Car Park x 3 years/ Purchasing	
<b>Why:</b> After 2 years of being the Exhibitor Manager and learning key parts of the event. I now see myself in a position to be able to confidently work through the role for 2019 and there for following on the Chairman the year after.	
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> I have good management skills and also hoping this role will give me more experience behind the scenes of the event.	
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<b>OPERATIONS MANAGER</b>	<b>Jake Williams</b>
<b>Positions to Date:</b> Assistant Power 2013, Power 2017, Operations 2018	
<b>Why:</b> I would like to take on a second year as Operations Manager as I learnt so much during my first year and would like to better myself and gain more knowledge from taking this role on again.	
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> Site knowledge, Ability to think outside the square and to problem solve.	
<b>Goals for Organisation:</b> Continue to develop disability access improvements and to gain more member involvement at working bees.	
<b>EXHIBITOR MANAGER</b>	<b>Rhys Mills</b>
<b>Positions to Date:</b> Asst Exhibitor Manager 2017 & 2018, Asst Treasurer	
<b>Why:</b> After two years of being Asst Exhibitor Manager with Ethan as my mentor I have learnt the roll and many other skills that would help me take on the position.	
<b>Experiences &amp; Skills:</b> Assistant for the last two years, great people skills to deal with Exhibitors in a professional manner.	
<b>Goals for the Event:</b> To attract new exhibitors to keep Agfest new and exciting every year.	
<b>FINANCE MANAGER</b>	<b>Sarah Revell</b>
<b>Positions to Date:</b> 2017 & 2018 Treasurer/ Catering Manager/Personnel and general volunteer.	
<b>Why:</b> I have a passion for the finance role through Agfest this will be my 2 <sup>nd</sup> full year and would like to see this organisation grow and develop so we can do all the projects at Quercus.	
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> Customer service, money counting, cash flow and cash register experience.	
<b>Goals for the Event:</b> Making the lines and customer service better in the ticket box, better ATMs for the event and increasing online ticket sales again in 2019.	



<b>SAFETY &amp; COMPLIANCE MANAGER</b>	<b>POSITION VACANT – NOMINATIONS TAKEN ON THE DAY</b>
<b>MEDIA &amp; PROMOTIONS MANAGER</b>	<b>Dylan Bellchambers</b>

**Positions to Date:** 2018 Personnel Assistant

## **Why:**

I feel I have strong leadership and management skills developed from taking on volunteering throughout high school, college, university and other organisations. I wish to apply and further develop these skills directly to Agfest. Agfest has for long before I volunteered been one of my favourite events of which I have always been inspired how an incredibly talented bunch of volunteers put together Tasmania's Premier Field Day's event which ranks highly across Australia and New Zealand. This as result has inspired me to step up to the challenge and give my all to help put on another amazing event alongside a group of inspiring young Tasmanians which is Rural Youth Tasmania. Through the duration of the position I hope to grow my skill base through implementation of my current skills, which will further develop those as well as learning new ones through the position. I also believe I will become a stronger leader as result of the position which is invaluable for my personal development but also hopefully an asset for future Agfest and through Rural Youth. Following a highly successful 2018 Agfest I gained valuable insight into how the marketing and promotion role functions along with my previous experience in marketing, graphic design and promotion and skills I am developing and have developed at University I believe I can continue to build on existing strategies and create new ones working collaboratively with the whole team but also very effectively those who I would manage.

## **Experience & Skills:**

- Strong skills in Marketing, Business and Economics due to experience and having studied units directly related at University
- In 2015 attended the F1 in Schools Technology Challenge World Finals held in Singapore in which under my management as Marketing Director our team placed first in Portfolio Judging and our Business and Sponsorship Plan placing 13<sup>th</sup> Overall.
- I have also rebranded and setup website for the Ulverstone Rowing Club as well as other businesses.
- Although we have in house graphic design team I have strong skills in this area enabling me to understand the process.
- 2016-2018 Marketing, Graphic Design & Promotions manager for the North West Motorcycle Show

## **Goals for the Event:**

I want to continue to grow the Tasmania's leading and largest agricultural field days by increasing attendance and increase patron, exhibitor and volunteer satisfaction through continued capital investment, improved planning and through smarter and stronger marketing and engagement; utilising data from previous events and future projections.



## AGFEST

<b>FEATURES MANAGER (Inc Event Attractions)</b>	<b>Kara Crosswell</b>	<b><i>*Vote to take place</i></b>
<b>Positions to Date:</b> Features Manager 2018, Equine, Heritage, Promotions Assistant, Traffic, Car Park, plus others		
<b>Why:</b> I took features on in 2018 as a new position to the committee with the restructure. It has been a year of trial and error with the position, with a few more changes with the position for 2019 and an assistant to take the job on in 2020, I will be able to get the job and all the kinks worked out for the coming management team.		
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> 17 years of Agfest, and many positions within the years. Experience within a lot of the Directorships under Features.		
<b>Goals for the Event:</b> Features was a hot topic at brainstorming, so it will be good to work on some of the ideas that were brought up by committee members.		
<b>FEATURES MANAGER (Inc Event Attractions)</b>	<b>Ashley Evans</b>	<b><i>*Vote to take place</i></b>
<b>Positions to Date:</b> KAAP (2 Years), Rural Youth Feature (1 year), Ag Artwear (1 year) School Liaison (1 year), Personnel (1 year), Leadership Team (2 years).		
<b>Why:</b> The position of Features Coordinator offers an opportunity to promote Agfest to a diverse audience of patrons and potential patrons. Many people see the event as simply a shopping experience and I believe that we can increase the social capital surrounding Agfest through creating an atmosphere that extends beyond shops in a paddock. We have the bones already in place. For years we have had staple features, such as the bullocks, heritage and equine but I believe they have become static. We need to re-vamp these features and create main attractions out of them. There are many patrons who do not understand the value Agfest provides because features are tucked away. By promoting these features and adding new ones we can make Agfest bigger and better.  As the name of the event states, we are an agriculture event; however, we have somewhat strayed from this principal. People want to know more about agriculture and we have the perfect platform to provide this knowledge. By bringing back features such as shearing and enhancing the beef expo we can make a start. Patrons love animals and by simply creating a feature out of all the animal displays we have on site we can create a buzz. People want efficiency and at the moment the event is so big that the features get lost so we need to highlight them in an easy to digest way. Pictures, maps and key details outlining what we offer. In the past, the cost of different features has put a stop to many ideas, however there are many community groups and local entertainment that can provide a good show for much less. We just need to do our research.  The main reason I am applying for the position of Features Coordinator is that I want to improve the social capital of Agfest and Rural Youth. We have the capacity and resources to do so but I believe we have been so narrowly focussed on the dollars that we have forgotten how much else we can offer to bring more patrons through the gate and improve the experience for everyone.		

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## AGFEST

<b>FEATURES MANAGER</b> (Inc Event Attractions)	<b>Ashley Evans</b>	<b>*Vote to take place</b>
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with youth through my career as a teacher and in the Youth Engagement position</li> <li>Organising Agriculture – related fetes &amp; Livestock shows</li> <li>Royal Hobart Show Beef Committee</li> <li>Brighton Show Committee</li> <li>Running schools livestock handling teams</li> <li>Developing and facilitating Discover Agriculture</li> <li>Organising features for fundraising events including equine, bullocks, &amp; heritage</li> <li>Managing volunteers and tasks</li> </ul>		
<b>Goals for the Event:</b> To create an atmosphere beyond a shopping experience. Current features have made a start to this, but people are looking for more and I believe Agfest can provide it. I want to create a fun day out that exceeds patron expectations and provides great value for money. By utilising community groups and local entertainment, I believe this can be achieved quite cheaply.		
<b>FEATURES MANAGER</b> (Inc Event Attractions)	<b>Patrick Rosevear</b>	<b>*Vote to take place</b>
<b>Positions to Date:</b> Nil		
<b>Why:</b> Gain more experience in a variety of areas to gain experience for future jobs. I am great with Cattle as I have a school farm in Exeter. New face that brings new vision to the committee.		
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b> Student representative council in grade 7, Sheep/Cattle handling at Exeter High School, Exeter Hardware work experience.		
<b>Goals for the Event:</b> Make sure Agfest runs smoothly and comfortably for everyone from the past, present and the future.		
<b>RY MEMBER</b> (No direct reports for experience)	<b>POSITION VACANT – NOMINATIONS TAKEN ON THE DAY</b>	



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# Show & Shine

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## Club Reports

### KINGBOROUGH-HUON CLUB

It's been a fairly eventful few weeks for Kingborough-Huon!

Our laser tag night at Zone 3 last month was a huge success. It was great to see so many members from other clubs there, and everyone having a fantastic time. We'd like to look at having more inter-club events like this in the future.

We would also like to congratulate our Club President Tobias for coming third at the Young Farmer final! He did a great job with all the challenges on the day and is very deserving of a place on the podium.

Nicole is off in the USA having an awesome time on her study tour, which I'm sure you're all looking forward to reading about in her report.

We held our August meeting at the Oyster Cove Inn at Kettering, where we enjoyed a parma for a farmer to support the drought relief appeal.

We're now looking forward to planning for the Huon Show on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Hopefully we'll see a few familiar faces there!

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Longley International Hotel, where we're planning to take their quiz night by storm!



## CLUB REPORTS

### NORTH MOTTON

Lots of planning happening for North Motton, getting club shirts made up, fundraising for NSW drought relief, organising hampers to be made up for us to deliver to farmers when we go to Deni, and the Ulverstone show that isn't too far away.

Our last meeting was held a few weeks ago at the China Gardens in Devonport which was nice for a change, and then went to Antidote Desserts afterwards! Our next meeting will be on the 6th September at Furners, 7 for tea 8 for meeting.

### BRIGHTON CLUB

It's been a quiet month at Brighton Rural Youth, with lots of planning for upcoming events in September, October and November. We are particularly excited about Fiesta International, coming up on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at UTAS, where we have organised a stall to sell Australian desserts and sweets. All money raised will be going towards helping farmers suffering drought on the mainland.

We hope to get involved in car parking at the Melton Mowbray Rodeo and look forward to running the dog high jump and ute comp at the Brighton Show this November.

We would like to welcome our two new members, Molly Pogorzelski and Aynsley Graham-daft.

**Our next meeting is a social gathering at Rock It indoor rock climbing – date to be confirmed so keep an eye on our Facebook page for the details.**

### WESTERN TIERS CLUB

August has been a quiet month for Western Tiers, with things quietly ticking away in preparation for the Deloraine Show in November. We ask, that if you or any one you know has any animals interested in being a part of the animal nursery display at this years Deloraine show, please contact the club or Stuart Cresswell (President). The help from the community is what makes such things possible.

We are supporting our local, The British Hotel, Deloraine, as they donate all the taking from their weekly Friday night meat tray raffle to Buy a Bale. This is a great thing for the Pub, and we are proud to support them in this by having a few and buying a ticket (or a dozen) for a great cause.

Stay tuned for more to come next month, we hope to get a few things happening as the weather warms up.



## CLUB REPORTS

### DEVONPORT CLUB

Since our last newsletter entry Devonport Rural Youth has held a night of catching up and getting ready for the rest of the year with just a simple tea at the Sheffield pub. It was great to see most people there and was awesome to just sit and talk about things to do with the industry & hobbies.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September at (Venue TBC).



Some of our Devonport club members off to represent Tasmania at the 2018 SA Heifer Show during the month of July.



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## Agriculture and Competitions Report

### August 2018

Earlier in the month, the annual rifle range and clay targets comp, was held at the Bracknell SSAA range. It was a great day, even after the big event the day before (Young Farmer State Finals), with a great day and some pretty sharp shooters.

### Winners were as follows:

#### **Men's Rifle Range:**

Alex White and Tobias ten Bensel (Tie)

#### **Men's Clay Target:**

Tobias ten Bensel

#### **Overall:**

Tobias en Bensel

#### **Women's Rifle Range**

Amanda Bayles

#### **Women's Clay Target:**

Renee Latham & Kat Cresswell (Tie)

Thank you to the Sports Hut in Launceston for their generous support and donations of prizes, We also received a great deal on the overall prize; a 12 gun Spika safe.

Thanks,

Kat and Stuart Cresswell

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## REMINDER

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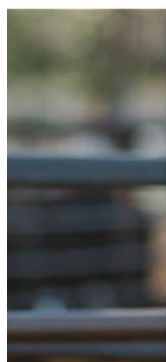


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## YOUNG FARMER COMPETITION





## EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE Report 2

Still makes me laugh that as I write this on Thursday afternoon its Friday early hours in the morning for you all .

Where we last left off I was in Cora, Wyoming with the Vrska Family. After we went to Yellowstone National Park we had a quiet day to get caught up and next day when we were rested we went on a lake hike, was really nice. At the end the kids could swim in the lake and had snacks before hiking back. Thursday we crossed the border to Idaho to shop in the city and pick up their camper van. Also had one of the best cookies I have ever had that was bigger than my hand spread wide! As a member of 4H the kids work for the year to get ready for the fair, with all different things - animals, leather work, fashion, wood work etc. We spent the day packing for the local fair. As they live out of town it is easier to camp there than travel every day, as the fair runs for 3 days. That night we got to go to the famous Bar J Wrangler chuck wagon dinner and cowboy show. You reserve your ticket but for seating it is a first in best seat so we waited in line almost 2 hours before the show! They have around 100 people or more, every night for dinner and the show goes for the 3 months of summer, 7 days a week. They feed you a traditional chuck wagon dinner of beans, meat, sweets and lemonade. Once you eat the cowboys come and sing traditional songs and tell jokes. The sons are now running it but we were lucky to get dad, the man that started it all, that night to come on stage to sing. Sadly the next day was a long traveling day when Tess and Liberty took me to meet Kim. We drove West to East across the state, so after 5 hours of driving we met Shannon and Kevin Zimmerman, my 3<sup>rd</sup> host family. Then another hour drive to their home in Hillsdale.

The Zimmermans have two kids, Mikayla and Brad, who are both in College. Mikayla is back at home for summer holidays as she studies at University of Wyoming (UW) and Brad is at Cheyenne Community college. They have 3 dogs, cats (over 10 cats) cows, pigs and goats, which is Brad's 4H/FFA project. FFA is the next step after 4H. He also allows people with no land to keep their goats at their house and works with them to get them ready for fair and showing.

I was lucky enough to be in Hillsdale while the Cheyenne Frontier days were going on, 10 days of rodeo's and concerts! I suggest you Google it to see the full program but it is huge and a city of 30,000 easily doubles for the 10 days. We were lucky to get free tickets to a rodeo for two days, which ran from 1pm until around 4pm. Most of the events are the same as what we have - bulls, broncs, lie down roping, team roping but they do some crazy ones too, such as the wild horse race. Teams of 3 get given a brumby and have to keep hold of it, saddle it, hop on and get once around the track to win.. they had stretchers and paramedics on stand by as it does not have a great history, but luckily no one was hurt this year. They also have an Indian village, vintage machines, carnival, arts and craft all going on to. The weather put on a good show for us too. We left the rodeo as a storm was coming and went home, about a 45 minute drive, had rain and a little hail but we had an Eric Church concert that night, so we headed in for that in the evening. Driving back in I thought there was snow but it was hail left from the storm all over the road side, it broke car windscreens and dented the cars, houses were damaged as well. I never thought I would be happy to wear gum boots to a concert but it was the best decision! We were down on the track and it was a mud sludge (like Agfest on a bad year) and seeing people in flip flops and white sneakers was pretty funny.

We were lucky to get free tickets to a Toby Keith concert too, and we also got to see the Thunderbird air show, after a 2 hour delay due to the weather (seeing a trend yet, lol). The show was great and the sound of the jets was amazing!

A tradition they do is the pancake breakfast, 3 mornings during the Frontier Days they put on a free pancake breakfast from 7am until they run out and they mix the batter in a concrete truck! We got there at 6.15am to line up and I can stay it was worth it, 3 huge pancakes and a drink was very yummy!

On Saturday I was asked to help out and be in the Frontier Day parade in town as someone had to pull out. We got to dress up in old fashioned dresses and go in an original Yellowstone National Park horse drawn carriage. It was a nice morning and I have my queen wave down to an art!

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## EXCHANGE REPORT: NICOLE ELLIOTT - USA EXCHANGE

Shannon and Mikayla help with 4H still and this year they helped with the fashion section. During the morning the kids came and entered their clothes that they had made or redesigned, and then they had to sit down and talk to the judge about it and some people model. Then that night we came back for a fashion parade open to the public and they award the winners. This was the start of the fair. Shannon is also the goat chief so we spent a few days at the fair grounds to check the stalls and move Brad's goats in. As part of her job she has to be there to check all is well with other people, that they have found their stalls, and check their animals had been vet checked.

It was almost time to head to my 4<sup>th</sup> family but I got to see one night of goat showing, it was a learning experience but Brad and his kids did well. It was so nice to see how everyone helped and supported each other for the day of prep, eg washing and clipping goats, to getting into the show ring.

Mikayla took me to Douglas the next day to meet Bobbie and Kevin Geis. They have 4 kids - Miles, Wyatt, Dagen and Mariah. They live in Gillette, one of the bigger cities in the state. About half hour out of town they have a 7000 acre Angus and Hereford beef ranch and have just started with some sheep about a year ago. They live in the main ranch house with grandparents on the same property, and Gerry and Gwen Geis live about 700m up the road. Being summer holidays Mile and Wyatt are at home on college break, Dagen and Mariah are in high school in Gillette and with everyone home they will have dinner together most nights so there is a lot of people and conversations around the dinner table! Really enjoyable though.

While at the ranch we moved cows and sheep - they use bikes and quads, moved them to greener pastures and also moved the heifers into the yard as the vet was coming to preg test them. They were not happy about this year's rate and neither was the vet, but they marked them according to days pregnant and sex of foetus. This was something I had not seen before and I bugged them with questions, and they answered all my annoying questions! The Geis' also took me to Devils Tower monument; it was declared the USA's first national monument in 1906. It is a large laccolithic butte made up of igneous rock that stands out across the flat plains on the area. You walk around the base of the tower; you can climb it but need a special license.

It was really busy that day due to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, an event about an hour away, that gets over 500 000 thousand bikers to the event each year from all over the world (I did find some Australian flags on bikes). It is a 10 day event with rallies, races and concerts, so much like Cheyenne Frontier Days is for rodeo fans, this is the bikers equivalent. On another day we did go for a look which was an eye opener, ended up at Deadwood, South Dakota where we did a little gambling and Miles won our lunch money back .

Mariah won at her local fair so she was off to the State Fair in Douglas to compete with her sheep. We took 9 sheep, 12 fleeces and the camper to State Fair and camped there for the week. This year was the first time the State Fair was a four day event as it normally went for 8 days. All people that had placed first at their local fair went to State Fair to show their animals and home made products.

In the evenings they have rodeos, concerts and demolition derbies and at one of the rodeos we got to see the crowning of the 2019 Miss Wyoming Rodeo who goes on to compete for Miss Rodeo America next year.

We got back on Sunday afternoon and that night we had more cousins, nieces and nephews over for dinner, so lots of people, food and laughter at the table. On Monday Gwen was cooking wedding cakes and over 130 muffins for an upcoming wedding so we went to her house to help bake, and then that night pack because on Tuesday Miles and Bobbie took me to Laramie, where I met the Codallos Family, my last family in Wyoming.

Kym and Juan Codallos have four kids - Mia, the twins Max and Zoey, and Jeremiah. They have just moved to Laramie from California due to Kym getting a job at the University. Juan is still working in California and flies in and out to Laramie. His mother lives with them also, who is from Mexico, where he grew up. All the kids speak both English and Spanish. The youngest, Jeremiah has his morning classes all in Spanish and the afternoon classes in Spanish which is very common now in schools. I have only just arrived to these guys but they handmade me a welcome sign and already call me big sister so I will update you on my time here next report .

Over and out from Wyoming USA.

Cheers Nicole Elliott



## PETER DAMEN - UK STUDY TOUR REPORT 2 - SCOTLAND

### Lanarkshire

Scotland was incredibly beautiful and after taking a detour with directions we finally got to the hostel where we were spending the next few nights. We went out for dinner and met the other 14 exchangees from around the world.

We began the next day with a guided tour of the city and its rich history followed by a bus journey. The bus driver also decided to do some delayed detours and dropped us off at Craigie's farm, who are a pick your own fruit and vegetable producer just outside Edinburgh where we got a large lunch and a farm tour. That evening we were made feel very important and dressed accordingly as we got an invitation to Parliament House where we were invited guests. There were many politicians and handpicked speakers from the agriculture community. After some nibbles and networking one of the politicians decided to give us a full guided tour of Scottish Parliament.

The next day was a change of scenery with a day of tourist activities. We went to the Kelpies which are some big metal horse constructions which represent mythological creatures. The Kelpies guard a canal which leads to the millennium wheel which we also visited. This huge concrete and metal wheel construction is used to lift canal boats 20m up in the air to link to another canal. We then had another nice 3 course dinner where we met with our next hosts.

I was placed with Michael who is often referred to as the "hill farmer. He was a good laugh. He lived in a secluded part of Scotland surrounded by rolling hills, stone hedges and crazy, crazy cattle.

On Monday we went to a local farm machinery clearing sale followed by a trip to the Museum of Rural Life followed by a trip to a dairy farm, dinner and visit to a wind farm. Three of us regional exchangees then went to the local pub and I got my first experience and after effects of vodka iron brew.

The Scots took us for more drinks the next morning at the Tenants factory which is one of the most popular beers in the UK. Feeling recovered and refreshed after this we went to the Glasgow Botanical Gardens. That evening everyone went to Michael's hill farm for stock judging. This led to an after party and another very late night for me.

This second late night in a row was fantastic and the next day when we had to get up very early and stand on a float for the local Biggar Show and get drenched in water on a cold cold windy day. That evening we were also going to a nightclub for another Young Farmer party.

The next day the YFC had organized a day to Loch Lomond which sounded boring. Michael had a much more exciting day planned for me. First, we went to move back some of the cows used for cattle judging back on the hill. These cows did not want to co-operate and decided to use all the stone hedges and electric wires as an athletics course. This took us hours of cowboying around. After that Michael knew an interesting organic farm on the coast who grew intensive organic veggies and grain. Through this interesting farm we also got in touch with another organic grain grower who lived down the road.

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## PETER DAMEN - UK STUDY TOUR REPORT 2 - SCOTLAND

He grew organic wheat and had a "Swiss army truck" which was an ex-army truck which contained a full flour mill. He also had his own malting plant on site.

The next day I joined the YFC tour again where we went to the Lanark market and checked out the local sheep auction. Followed by a tour of Roadhead farm which is a large sheep and beef stud operation. Followed by Dalquahandy CHP PowerStation that ran off cheap woodchips.

These woodchips were wet and cheap when they are brought in and are first dried by the excess heat generated by the plant. They are then turned into syngas with heat and a lack of oxygen. These gasses were then fed through a special engine which then converted the energy into electricity.

That evening Michael's mates came around to prep caravans for the Highland Show which involved replacing tires, angle grinders and many tubes of silicon. Despite our best effort of tidying the cheap caravans the Highland Show security guards were not impressed with the state of the caravan when we dropped it off to the show society members area.

Millport Island was next, where we did a tour around an island on bicycle followed by a few beers while we waited on stragglers. Myself and Matt the exchangee from Switzerland, also decided to go for a dip in the Scottish sea to test if the water was warm. It was a negative, but still decided to swim out until the jellyfish made me do a U turn. After drying off and getting back to the mainland we travelled to Habro Feed Mill. They produced milled and palletised stock feed blends as well as large lick buckets and blocks. These buckets contain molasses and a range of trace minerals essential to animal health. They also

produced huge 20kg lick blocks designed for hill farms that don't move sheep often. We finished our Lanarkshire district stay by visiting St Andrews Cathedral., which was just a heap of rubble in a nice town. We still entertained ourselves with ice-cream and a tour to an aquarium. The next 4 days were spent at the Royal Highland Show.

### Royal Highland Show

The Royal Highland Show was a large agricultural show similar to the Balmoral Show.

Lots and lots of livestock. It was also much much bigger than Balmoral Show in Northern Ireland. There are over 7 bars at the event which are scattered evenly all over the site. Most bars stay open till around 7 and most exhibitors leave around 5pm. Everything was nicely divided up into sections: Machinery, cars, crafts, clubs and associations, sheep with sheep demonstrations/competitions, forge, food hall, draught horses, livestock, forestry, rural lifestyle, equine, assorted stalls. All security staff are from a private security firm that does other large shows including the royal Welsh show. But being such a large drinking event, I can understand why such a large number are necessary. The site is nicely located next to Edinburgh airport which makes getting to and from the event very easy with an abundance of good parking space and the many bus and tram services going to and from Edinburgh.

There were many impressive events and demos including mountain biking, chainsaw carving, tree climbing, blacksmithing, young farmer competition (similar but more condensed than in Tasmania), sheep shearing, birds of prey demo.

One of the highlights of the show was the parade from cattle sheds to main arena with all prize winning livestock from each breed paraded around main arena in one big zig zag. The commentator was also great as he gave some interesting fun facts/history about each breed as they came around.

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## PETER DAMEN - UK STUDY TOUR REPORT 2 - SCOTLAND

There is also a member's area for Royal Highland Show membership holders which gave access to exclusive bar/tent. International guests could also go to an international guest lounge which gave you a members tag and access to a balcony lounge area overlooking the main arena with free water, coffee, tea and small snacks. This was very handy/comfortable break while I was there. There was also a horse and cart demo in the main arena with very fancy dressed up work horses and carts while I was up there. There are 3 main caravan sites where people can stay the night outside Highland Show grounds. There is a YFC camp site only open to YFC members, a members site only open to Highland Show society members, and general site.

These caravan sites were fantastic for people attending for more than one day and those wanting to drink. Costs varied depending on site quality. Each evening YFC had a party next door separated from the main show area after 8pm. I thoroughly researched all 4 nights. It consisted of a large bar, a DJ in a tent and 2 show rides outside. The show is very pretty overall and is well presented. A large pond and small water feature as well as nice trees everywhere really add to the shows character and atmosphere and really helps divide up sections. Gate and fence setups around site really help keep public away from moving animals as they parade from main sheds onto the main show grounds.





## ETHAN WILLIAMS - CANADIAN EXCHANGEEE 2018, REPORT 3

G'day everyone !!

Well, while the weather has been pretty average back home I have been enjoying some good 30 degree heat and plenty of tanning happening for once!!

2 weeks in Renfrew county saw us take part in plenty of activities and farm tours including dairy farms, bees, blueberries, hemp and beef cattle as well as hiking to High Falls, cow patty golf, also a day trip to Ottawa to tour Parliament House and the Canadian Mint.

The next week saw us head down to Peterborough county staying with Chris McFarlane. Here we got to see the lift locks, we even canoed over the locks and had a behind-the-scenes tour of how they worked. We also got to see some sheep farms, hunting and fishing conservatory, caves, a local hockey game, a prelim final lacrosse game and also tried a hand at axe throwing!

Duram West was my next county to go visit, staying with Brian Wetheral and his family. Here we saw a duck farm, mushroom farm and more dairy, beef and cash crop farms. We also had a challenge this week to cook something from our own country for an international pot luck dinner!

Being the master chef that I am, I managed to make lamingtons and chocolate ripple cake!

On the Saturday we headed back up to Renfrew county for the banquet which is a dinner to celebrate our trip and past members that had been on exchange. What a great night catching up with a lot of people we had met along the trip!

Sunday saw us have a 6 hour drive down to Wellington county. Here we got to see a sheep dairy, the University of Guelph dairy research barn (25 million set up) a compost business and also a rainbow trout farm.

Finally our final week on exchange and we started it off at a donkey farm, then laser tag, fish farm,

plus a horse riding tour of the University of Guelph. Toronto site seeing included the CN Tower and a river cruise along the harbour front seeing the city from the lake. Now with only a few days left of my exchange we have a few tours left plus a spit roast planned for our going away party on Saturday. That's it for now guys. See you all in 27 days

Cheers Ewilly







## 2019 RURAL YOUTH STUDY TOUR SELECTIONS

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

These are the options on offer for travel in 2019: Self Nominated

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Study Tour selections will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Bejo Seeds, 1389 Cressy Road, Cressy. There will be a walkthrough tour of the plant in the morning, and then on to Quercus Park in the afternoon for some homework and interviews. Lunch will be provided on the day.

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

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

Contact Head Office to arrange for an Application Package to be emailed or posted to you.

[Applications close at 5pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.](#)

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



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## September 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 Resilience Day Smithton	2
3	4 Western Tiers - 7pm @ British Hotel Deloraine	5	6 North Motton - 7pm for tea, 8pm meeting	7	8 Study Tour Selections	9
10	11 Devonport Venue & time time to be confirmed	12	13	14	15 AGM/Dinner Quercus Park	16 Club Training Quercus Park
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	24 Kingborough- Huon—7pm Longley Hotel	26	27	28	29	30

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