



# RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA

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## Young Farmer 2017

Marty McConnon Tasmania Young Farmer 2016. See inside for more!

### Graeme Tole Memorial Award 2016 Winner

Nominations and the 2016 recipient!



### PLUS

Reports from  
our Clubs &  
Regions

Rural Youth Tasmania is jam packed with photos and stories from the month of September... Including photos from state events such as Young Farmer and information on upcoming events such as The Ploughing Competition and working bees & club meetings



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## State President's Report

It has been another busy month for the organisation. The Young Farmer competition is done and dusted for another year and it went off without a hitch, mostly. Big congratulations to all the competitors who made it through to the final and to Marty McConnon for taking out the Young Farmer title. A great night was put on by northern region, with over 60 people attending the dinner. Also, congratulations to Amanda Bayles on receiving the 2016 Graeme Tole award, which was awarded that evening.

The great work Kate and the Agfest committee did for the 2016 event has been recognised in the Chamber of Commerce awards as a finalist for best event. Karen and myself went along to the interview and fingers crossed on the 22nd October at the awards dinner our name gets called out as winners.

There have been losses and wins this month with the clubs. Unfortunately King Island has voted to put the club into recess after their president, Josh immigrated to the main island. However, fresh blood in Circular Head has reenergised the club and it is now getting back on its feet.

Rural Youth is working with Tasmanian Women in Agriculture on putting together a Young Agriculture Professionals Network aimed at those working in the industry or are just keen to know more. It is focused on the needs and networks of those who have recently entered the industry, and will include opportunities for training, networking, discussions, forums and anything else that the group needs. Keep an eye out over the next couple months for new information!

Over the past few weeks we have had Katharina and Lea from Austria staying with us as part of the exchange program. Katharina has now headed home after a great stay in the state and a stopover in Sydney on the way home. Lea is with us for another 10 weeks. We spent a great week on Flinders Island exploring the agriculture industry over there. Thank-you to all the hosts who help to make their stay great.

There have been some changes to your state executive council with Laura Smith resigning as northern region secretary. Iona

Colville has taken her place. Thank-you to Laura for all the great work you have done with northern council and congratulations to Iona for stepping up. Another change sees Jye Earnshaw taking Mitch Beer's place as a representative for northern region.

Good-luck to Ricky Edson, who is Rural Youth's nomination for the Rural Ambassador Award.

We have some great events coming up so make sure to check out what's out there. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October we have the shooting competition at Bracknell Gun Club and on October 29<sup>th</sup> Westmorland's is hosting a ploughing competition.

Well done to Cassie for a great first newsletter last month.

Ashley Evans

Rural Youth State President

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

After a month in the sun, it is good to be back!

Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending the finals of Young Farmer for 2016. It was a fantastic event and a credit to all involved. Congratulations to Marty McConnon on his win, his heartfelt acceptance speech was a highlight! Debating was reintroduced this year – despite nerves and some misgivings all finalists had a go – special mention must go to Richard Petrie and Peter Damen – their individual 'duel' was particularly entertaining and insightful!!

Ashley did an amazing job organising the event, particularly in light of taking on the role of State President a matter of weeks beforehand and the Northern Region team led by Kat Cenin made sure everyone was fed and entertained. Next year is going to be even bigger and better, with plans to open the event to non-members amongst other things – further details will be announced once they are finalised!

We were also privileged to have Kath Tole attend the dinner to present the Graeme Tole Memorial Award as part of the evening. By explaining their shared history with the organisation, which ultimately led to this award she reminded us all of the fun and sense of satisfaction that was gained by contributing to the organisation and she encouraged all present to continue to do so. Amanda has contributed to Rural Youth in a variety of roles for many years and displays the qualities that Kath spoke of – she is a worthy recipient.

As announced last month Rural Youth are now the proud owners of a new ablution block! Dale Hayers and Jake Williams are currently working feverishly on getting it moved from Point A (Pontville) to Point B (Quercus). In the coming weeks there will be opportunities for clubs and members to contribute by providing labour and skills at working bees, if you can help – please do so (don't leave it to the same few)! Will Craigie has run two very successful working bees to date and many have commented on the improvement – please support this work by ensuring the site is clean and tidy at all times.

Finally, congratulations to Kate Birch and all of the 2016 Agfest team – Agfest 2016 has been named as a finalist in the Outstanding Event category of the 2016 Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards – the winner will be announced on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and we wish them well.

Regards Karen





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Our September meeting was well attended, much discussion and thoughts towards the 2017 Agfest.

Exciting times at present with being mid-budget setting – many directors looking at options and ideas to submit for consideration towards the year ahead.

Vacancies within the committee are;

Treasurer

Assistant Radios

Assistant Catering Director

If interested in any of the above positions, please contact Kate on 0418 391 898 or email [chairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au)

During September we authorised the development of online ticketing. This is an exciting time for the event in that we will be able to gain some really important data and information in the market behind our tickets assisting with our planning and logistics, but also research and supply of information of statistics that haven't easily been able to access prior.

Each of these weekends following Agfest meetings will be scheduled Quercus Park Working Bees.

This month Ethan, Karen, Ebony and myself are heading away to Orange, NSW to represent Agfest Field Days at the Australasian Agricultural Field Day Association Conference and the National Machinery Field Days- stay tuned for our report and photos next month!

Upon return from the Conference will be the presentation dinner for the Launceston Chamber Awards in which Agfest is a finalist – A mix of the 2016/2017 Committee and our Admin Team will be present representing the Field Days.

Kind Regards

Kate Birch

***Chairman***

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## AGFEST meeting dates 2016/2017

OCTOBER	14 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Applications live, volunteer forms live, updating and communication. Decide on merchandise by now
NOVEMBER	18 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Last formal catch up for 2016, figures provided on applications to date, tracking, on going updating within positions on committee and action business as arises.
DECEMBER	NIL	
<b>2017</b> JANU- ARY	6 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Launch into the new year, update on business, decisions as arise. *same weekend as Carrick Rodeo
FEBRUARY	17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Update and communication
MARCH	17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Update and communication, ensure we are on track
APRIL	21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Last meeting prior to event- update from all directors. Tea supplied at this meeting from 7pm onwards
MAY	26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Agfest Dinner weekend
JUNE	Nil	
JULY	7 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8pm – 11:30pm	Annual Meeting







## October 2016

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3 Hagley 8pm	4 Western Tiers 7pm North Motton 8pm	5 Devonport 8pm	6 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY NORTH</b>	7	8	9
10	11 Central Highlands 6.30pm Northern	12	13	14 Agfest Meeting @ Head Office 8pm - 10.30pm	15	16
17 Rural Youth State Council 7pm @ UTAS Immersive room	18	19 Westmorland 8pm	20	21	22	23
24 Southern Region 8pm	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## November 2016

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## SOUTHERN REGION

Hey guys, it's been another quiet month down this end of the state. Congratulations to all those who competed in Rural Youth Young Farmer Competition. It's was a great day watching the finals and celebrating with you all at the dinner afterwards at Quercus park. As always another great day and night thank you to those who made it happen. Down south we have a few events coming up before Christmas so keep an eye out across all the Facebook pages looking forward to some great days and nights ahead.

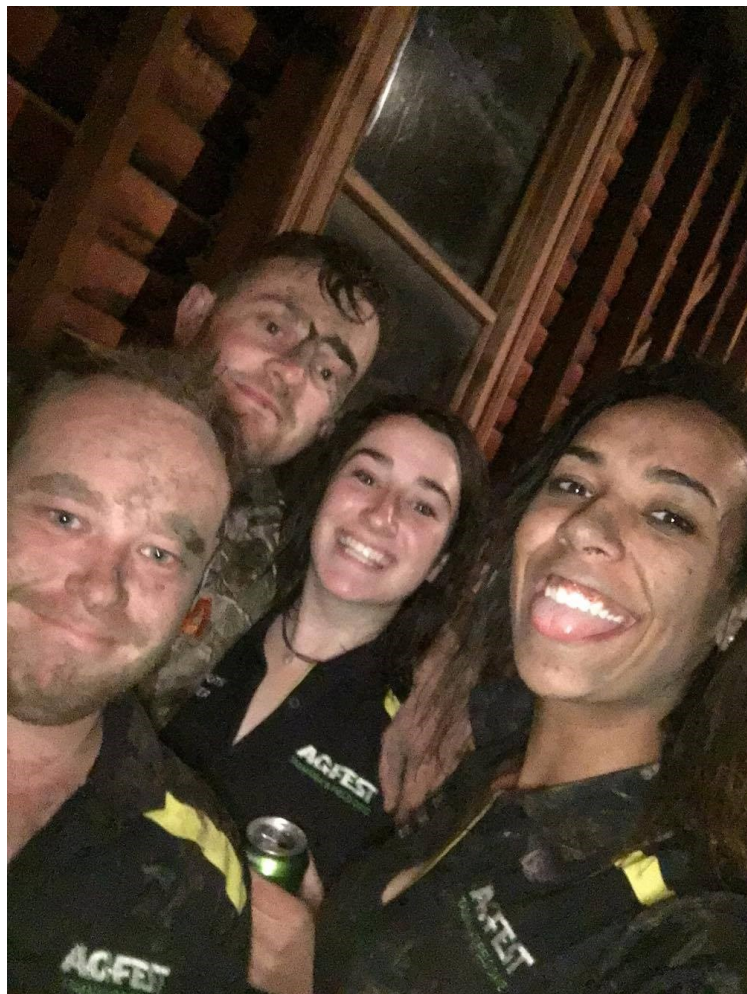
Due to work commitments sadly Olivia Jones Vice President of southern region has resigned for her role. Thank you to Olivia for all your help these last 7 months you will be missed. Our next Southern Region meeting will be held in the coming weeks once We have settled a date we can all attend due to needing a vote to elect our new VP. Date will be posted on our Facebook page.

Thanks everyone

Dave Lucas

Southern Region President

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I SAY THEY THINK  
TOO SMALL

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Hi all

Another month has flown on by. Congratulations to all who competed in young farmer, especially our very own Cassie Bresnehan. Well done to Marty McConnon on finally winning - good on you for sticking by it all these years, a very well deserved win.

Our members have been busy lately with Andrew off to the mainland competing in wood chopping ,our newest member Maddie getting accepted into Ag college in NSW, member Callie who's busy writing papers, essays and studying towards an Ag degree in Wagga and Sam and Phil who recently got engaged - its been a month of celebrations!!

We are again selling pine bark and sheep manure for \$5 a bag or 5 bags for \$20 if anyone's interested, get in quick!

We are pleased to announce we have supported the Lake Leake Revival Tattoo and Bike show held on November 12th at the Lake Leake Pub we have donated money towards a trophy for in return a sponsorship deal on the day and we hope to see you there.

We are again this year volunteering to help set up the Ouse and Highlands Festival held on the 15th of October at the Ouse Hall we will also be having a stall. As well as holding a dog high jump demonstration at the Bothwell Bushfest held on the 20th & 21st of November. And pleased to be helping out at the Bothwell Spin Inn.

**Our next meeting dates are as follows;**

September 27th at Sassafras Springs Ellendale 6.30pm

October 11th at the Wild Fennell Bakery in Hamilton 6.30pm

November 15th 6.30pm venue to be confirmed

December AGM Tuesday the 6th 6.30pm Ouse Bowls Club.

## Looking forward, looking back: Feature focus on Past RY Members

My membership of RY commenced in 1977, after being invited to a Sorell RY dance at Tea Tree Hall where members from across the state attended. I quickly became a very active member, enthused by such a wonderful network of activity, friendship, challenge and excitement. Coming from a family farm, and working on a farm, this new wide world of engagement, completely consumed me, and took me on a journey of a lifetime. I held many offices within club, region, and state level. I was lucky enough to be awarded a 6 week exchange to the Orange Field Days in 1978, and 3 months to New Zealand in 1980, and travelled to most states of our country to meetings, conferences or functions with RY. These experiences changed me forever, and made me realise what a wonderful opportunity the RY network provided for young people, and how it must be kept alive and well at all costs.



Rural Youth underwent a massive challenge to survive in the early eighties, and I'm very proud to have been a small spoke in the wheel at that time of incredible change. I was State President in 1983, and also took over as Agfest Chairman, moving to Launceston for 3 months to our new office to coordinate the incredible expenditure of time and energy by dozens of great members, to bring about the first successful, "Statewide, Geographically Centrally Located, Annual Rural Trade Fair", Agfest! The success of this first event not only set the first foundation stone for Rural Youths ability to self fund, but it stimulated all sorts of activity, including the governments Agriculture Department, running a smaller, similar event at Cressy Research Station called "Agview", which only survived for a short period of time! The ongoing success of Agfest, made it very difficult for other events to succeed.

I held the office of Agfest committee chair for three years, (only equalled by Amanda Bayles recently!) and then site manager and toilet coordinator. It was said I had gone from the "Top Job, to the Bottom Job!!!) I was also honoured with a State Service Award and later, Life Membership, an honour I cherish dearly, and am today involved in anyway I can be useful, and am currently chair of the Advisory Committee.

The benefits provided by this great organisation, whilst not well known to those outside, must never be taken for granted or overlooked, and must be preserved for future members. Meeting procedure, understanding how meetings and committees work, and the opportunity to speak in front of your peers, and travel, are some of the most useful lessons and experiences to be gained from this fantastic organisation. Is there life after RY?? Most definitely! Many of the skills I learnt during my RY time have been put to good use in my working life, and with office bearing involvement with: School P&F, Coal River Products Association (successful local farming group celebrating 50 years 2017) . Director on Board of TFGA for 3 three year terms, and currently a Board Member of Rural Alive and Well.

In summary, I have met my wife, made many life long friends, travelled extensively, had many fantastic experiences, received several honours, been part of the Agfest Success Story, and can still be involved, in the "Most Successful Youth Movement in Australia. All this, simply by being involved and grabbing the challenges with both hands.

Thank You and, long Live Rural Youth!!!

**Noel Beven**

**Sorell club member 1977-1988**

**Current RY Advisory Chair.**



## YOUNG FARMER 2016

The 2016 Young Farmer competition went well, with all equipment and animals arriving on time for the modules and everything going to plan, which was a great relief. The support for the event from judges and sponsors/supporters was fantastic. A lot of comments from businesses were that it was great to see more hands-on agriculture-related modules in the competition and that they were happy to help in any way they could to ensure this kept happening.

Big congratulations to each of the competitors on a great day. The judges were very impressed with the calibre of competitors and even those who may not have known what to do in a module got in and had a go, which worked in their favour.

**Richard Petrie**  
**Rosie Forsyth**  
**Brigid Worlton**  
**Ricky Edson**  
**Ryan Langley**  
**Martin McConnon**  
**Stuart Cresswell**  
**Alex White**  
**John Damen**  
**Peter Damen**  
**Tobias tenBensel**  
**Cassie Bresnehan**  
**Jake Williams**  
**Ethan Williams**  
**Matthew Bayles**



It was a hard decision for the judges but at the end of the day we had to have a top 6.

For 2016, the top 6 were:

**Martin McConnon**  
**Matthew Bayles**  
**Tobias TenBensel**  
**Ryan Langley**  
**Richard Petrie**  
**Stuart Cresswell**

Well done to everyone. Marty will be representing Tasmania in the first Trans-Tasman competition against NZ in NZ. Goodluck!!



Hi all,

Since last month report I moved from Aledo, Western Illinois to Richmond, Northern Illinois about two hours north of Chicago and only five minutes from the Wisconsin border.

My time there was spent doing a lot more work. My host Natasha worked at Main Stay Therapeutic Farm which conducted horse lessons for people with disabilities and ran other programs for people with disabilities with smaller stock like miniature horses, miniature donkeys and sheep.



Natasha is a stable hand and had the responsibilities to feed the animals each morning and clean up all the poop from overnight. So while I was an extra there I couldn't really handle the animals, particularly the horses so I got pretty good at opening and shutting gates to bring them in for their morning feed.

Once they were all fed and sent back to their paddocks I was able to help clean the poop up that they had left in their night paddocks, got pretty good at it after a few days.

The Main Stay operation started 30 years ago and is still running strong today. It is fully funded by private donations and the riding lessons. Only 15% of the operational cost comes from the lessons, it's 85% which comes from private donations. I found this pretty amazing.

They employ about 20 people (mostly in a part time capacity) in the stables, to the office & administration and grounds men. The rest of the help comes from volunteers to assist with the riding lessons from grooming the horses to saddling up and then leading or side walking. In the last year their records show over 10,000 hours of volunteer work.

What started as a dream years ago, planning started 10 years ago and the fundraising and building part over the last four years, they have just moved in to a fantastic new facility upgrading from 10 inside stalls for 13 horses to now 20 stalls, four grooming areas, and a super large indoor all weather sand arena. Also they now have a massive tack room and everything has its own home rather than being piled on top of each other. It's definitely a one of a kind place and they have worked so hard to build it up to what it is today.

I did a couple of touristy things like visit Lake Geneva for a gentle paddle in a kayak, up to Pabst brewery and Great Lakes distillery in Milwaukee. Natasha's favourite place for a little relax time was to head to Etherial Chocolate where they made pretty good hot chocolate.

I am currently on my two weeks break between the two parts of exchange between states and have visited some friends from home and done some of my own touring. Next week I head over to South Dakota to continue with the remaining time of exchange - and it will start to get a tad cooler.

Cheers  
Amanda





## ***BUILD A FENCE***

A rancher hired an architect, an engineer, and a mathematician to design the largest animal fence possible using only a limited number of fence segments.

The architect arranged all the fence pieces in a perfect square. "Making all sides equal in length maximizes the space," he explained to the farmer, who looked on with interest.

Next, the engineer took the fence pieces and arranged them in a large circle. "Eliminating sides and making the fence round produces a shape with even greater area than a square," he told the farmer, who was even more impressed.

Finally, the mathematician took only three fence pieces and arranged them in a triangle with himself in the middle.

"I am outside the fence," he declared.

## NORTHERN REGION

Hi all

Northern region has been going well. We had a great month with the Young Farmer dinner going well with 70 attendees. Northern Region would like to thank all the helpers we had with set up and pack up Jacqui Hodgkinson, Chloe Kemp, Kat Cenin, Richard Petrie, Rosie Forsyth, Cassie Lee, Will Craigie and who ever I forgot.

I have to congratulate the winner of Young Farmer Marty McConnon - well done, it was well deserved.

Any queries don't hesitate to contact me on 0488666365

Thanks  
Stuart Cresswell  
Northern Region President.



## HAGLEY

Hi all,

This month Hagley Rural Youth has been busy shooting one another (with paint balls), and getting ready to run 2 events at Westbury show. We will be running a dog high jump with two categories, small dog - under 30cm at the shoulder- large dogs - over 30 cm at the shoulder. This is a great event that is always heaps of fun to watch and/ or participate in with heaps of great doggy prizes for winners and the runner ups. Our second event is a ute show with 5 categories. -best in show- best feral/ decorated- best 4x4 / working ute- best street ute- best chick ute- again with heaps of great prizes. For more information please contact Jacqui on 0429524243.

Westbury Show will be held on the 5th of November at the Westbury show grounds.

This month we also made a trip to Revolution Paintball in Launceston. This was a great day out with lots of bruises, bad aiming, paint, mud and most importantly, fun. We look forward to bringing more fun days out and events very soon. Hope to see some of you at Westbury Show with your pooch or your ute.

President : Jacqui Hodgkinson

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## WESTERN TIERS

Hi all,

Western Tiers has had a pretty quiet month, ticking along with a few plans in the works.

Western Tiers would like to congratulate its club president, Stuart Cresswell for his great performance at the Young Farmer Comp on the 10th of September.

Western Tiers would also like to congratulate Marty McConnon and all the others who participated in the comp.

We are planning on getting together in the future, so stay tuned to hear more.

Next club meeting: Tuesday 4th October. 7pm Bush Inn Hotel, Deloraine.

Meetings held the first Tuesday of each Month.

Contact club president, Stuart Cresswell on 0488 666 936 for more info.

Regards,

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## WESTMORLAND

Hey guys!

Westmorland has been pretty busy lately organising the Rural Youth Ploughing Competition which is on the 29th of October on The Bayles Bros. farm in Cressy. It will be a good day for all experienced and non experienced!

We have also decided to go and see The Wall up at Derwent Bridge together this month which will be a good day out as a club.

At present we are getting organised to move into the Cressy Cricket Club rooms, a contract has been drawn up and it is almost finalised which is a bit exciting! We are going through the piles of things that have been collected & stored in our clubrooms and sorting it all out finally!

Anyway! That's all from us for this month. Our next meeting will be held on 19th of October at the Ringwood Hotel, Cressy.

Thanks!

**Cassie**

**President**

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**Rural Youth Ploughing Competition**  
**Hosted by Westmorland**

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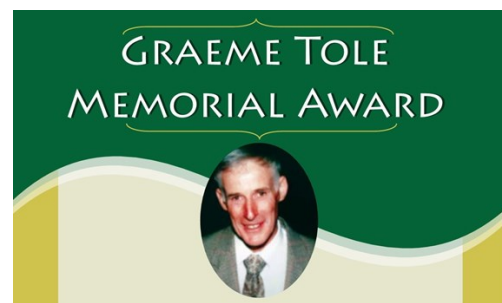
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TIME: 08.30-16.30  
LOCATION: CHANAK - Cressy (BAYLES BROS.)  
CONTACT: Iona Colville 0477 148 101



## GRAEME TOLE MEMORIAL AWARD 2016

Graeme Tole was a wonderful asset to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, he joined Westmorland Rural Youth in 1962 at 16 years of age. He held the Presidency role of the club in 1965.

In 1966, he was declared President of Northern Region. He became involved in Rural Youth Council from 1968 and continued his involvement, ending up as State President of Rural Youth in 1971/72. This saw the starts of his connection with Advisory level.



In 1977, Graeme was presented a Life Membership of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania. He held positions on the Property Management Committee from 1988 until 2004.

Unfortunately, in 2004, he was involved in a farming incident and passed away. During grieving his passing, the idea formed of a Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize, in honour of this great leader, mentor and enthusiast of Rural Youth.

In 2009 this Memorial Award Prize was established, and the first recipient, Anthony Coad was announced.

This prize naturally is of a high standard, given the quality gentleman that it is honouring.

To have been considered for this prize, nominees had to meet the following criteria;

- More than seven years of service to the Organisation.

- A current financial Rural Youth member

- Made continuous and notable contributions to all areas of the Organisation; Club, Region, State, Agfest, Property Management, and the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC).

- Must have taken on roles on at least **four** of the following committees; Rural Youth Council, Agfest, Property Management, RAC, and their Club or Region Executive.

In 2016, there were four nominees for the Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize.

These were:

- Amanda Bayles

- Dale Hayers

- Simone Hayers

- Martin McConnon

Well done to all nominees, over the minimum of seven years of service, you have each bought something unique to the Organisation.

This award was presented at the Young Farmer of the Year Dinner, held at Quercus Park on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

This award will run again for nominations in 2017, to be announced in 2018.

## 2016 RECIPIENT – Amanda Bayles

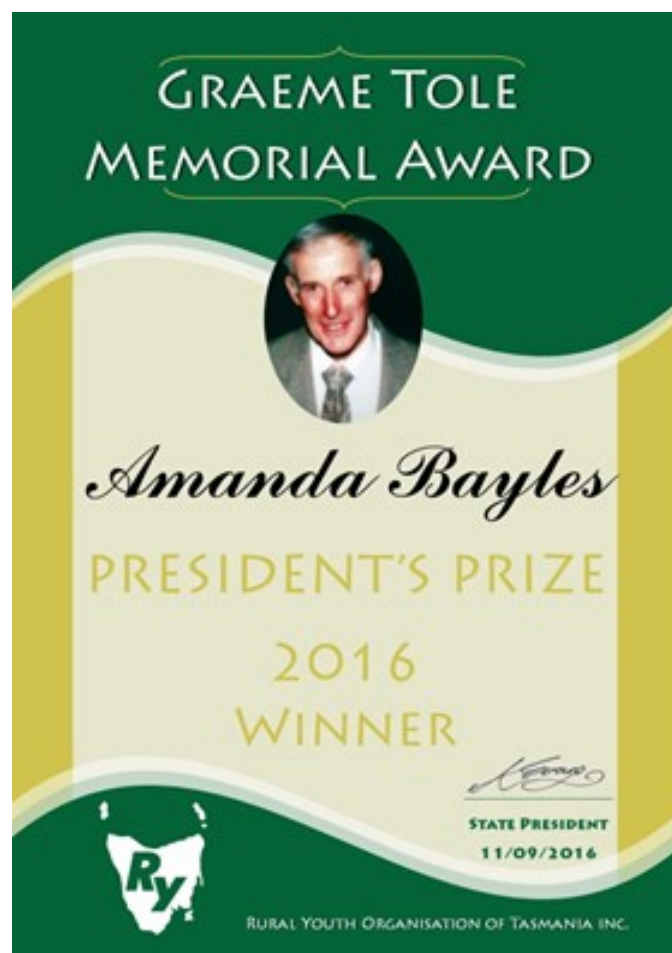
Congratulations to **Amanda Bayles** for being awarded the 2016 Graeme Tole Memorial Award President Prize.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September Amanda's father Rob accepted the award from Kath Tole on Amanda's behalf as she is currently on Rural Youth Exchange in the USA.

Amanda has been an active member in Rural Youth, in all areas of the organisation, not just Rural Youth but Agfest, Property Management and the Resource Allocation Committee. Amanda first joined the Westmorland Rural Youth Club in 2004 and has been active within the club ever since, holding positions such as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. She has also been a delegate to the Longford Show Committee and also held several positions in Northern Region of Rural Youth, State Council and Agfest.



Rob Bayles Accepting Graeme Tole Memorial Award on behalf of Amanda





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## PAST MEMBERS

The Rural Youth Exchange program is a unique opportunity to feel safe and “at home”, even though you’re hundreds or thousands of miles away – because you have a connection with your hosts and people you’ll be associated with at the other end. They are affiliated to a like organisation and so you already have a bond. Add to that, having your own personal local guides and you get to see and experience much more than you would being an ordinary tourist and it’s a lot cheaper because you’re not paying for accommodation, although you will be expected to pitch in and help with the chores like any other member of the family.

Exchangees will also have a lifetime bond to other exchangees. Even though their experiences may be vastly different, in many ways they’re the same and the prestige of being an Exchangee was and still is, a prestigious point in their Rural Youth career. Up until a few years ago, exchangees had their own Tasmanian Association, headed up by the returning UK exchangee and were able to get together for an annual function. Unfortunately, due to the Mad Cow Disease in the UK, this exchange ceased for a period of years and leadership of the Association lapsed.

There is still that primal need for like-minded people to have the means to re-connect and so in 2011 the Rural Youth Past Member’s Association was formed. This is a streamlined version of the Tasmanian Exchangees Association where any past member of Junior Farmer or Rural Youth are eligible to join. It performs the same function of organising an annual function and only one meeting per year – the Annual Meeting. There is a small Executive of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer, so very limited impost on members. There is a once only joining fee which covers you and your partner (at the same address) and no renewal.

If you’re a past Exchangee, you are invited to join the Rural Youth Past Member’s Association. Enrolment form is available on the Rural Youth website (Membership – Past Members Assoc) and if you’re registered, you will receive information on upcoming events and other items of interest.

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## NORTH-WEST REGION

Hey everyone,

This month has been fairly quiet after a hectic last month with region rally! A huge thanks to everyone who made the day one to remember!!

Also a big congratulations goes out to Marty McConnon on his win at the Young Farmer competition!! And all those who entered did an awesome job! The whole day/night was a huge success!

Cheers

Jake Williams

## NORTH MOTTON

G'day everyone !!

We have been pretty quiet this month but we are gearing up for the Ulverstone Show on October 28th.

A massive congratulations goes to Ryan on coming 4th in the Young Farmer of the Year held at Quercus, and a massive well done to Brighid, Peter, Ethan and Jake on competing as well. You guys certainly did the club proud!! We also learnt that Peter Damen is a pretty good debater so keep your eyes on him for future debates :)

Our next meeting will be at Furners Hotel Ulverstone on the 4th of October, 7pm for tea 8pm for the meeting

Hope to see everyone there :)

Ethan Williams

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