

Rural Youth Newsletter



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A Launch Pad for Life**

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Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.

A quiet word From The Editor... Newsletter Contents ...

Hi All,

Well what a year it has been, Christmas and the new year is just around the corner. I hope everyone is organised for Christmas with Christmas parties and celebrations about to begin!!! And i hope the jolly old man in red finds you all

The last month has seen the rodeo season start off with a cold one at Melton Mowbray, working bees being held with the weather warming up, the show season has started and lots of organising happening for the upcoming Rural Youth functions including the Rural Youth mystery bus tour, hope to see you out and about at these upcoming events.

The DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is the 12TH DECEMBER 2015 at 5PM (This is early due to Christmas)

Please endeavour to have all reports/photos /adverts and anything else to me by this date.

Until next time..

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Presidents Report



Hi All,

The busy season is upon us! It has to be one of my favourite times of the year with all the decorations and excited little kids anticipating the arrival of Santa!

Many Rural Youth Clubs have spent the past month attending their local agricultural shows lending a hand in many different ways – animal nurseries, dog high jump competitions and ute competitions. Well done to all these members that turned out to help out their local communities, the work that you do is greatly appreciated.

North Motton RY attended a suicide awareness event recently held in Sheffield, from the pictures it looks like it was a great day. Thanks to the members that gave up their time to attend such an important event in the community.

Rural Youth Council held their last meeting for the year at the Man O’Ross Hotel in Ross, the night before Tooms Lake Tumbler. We had great fun celebrating Christmas and our last meeting for 2014 and are now looking forward to a relatively quiet month of December where all our delegates can spend time with their family and friends rather than having to worry about their Rural Youth commitments.

If you have any questions regarding Rural Youth, please email/phone/facebook me.

Simone Hayers
Rural Youth State President

**Brothers and sisters I have none but this man's father is my father's son.
Who is the man?**

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

Agfest Report

Hi all,

Well the last month has been busy busy busy!! with lots of clubs out and about at the local shows, it's been great hearing the stories and seeing pictures.

On an Agfest front we were going to have a meeting at the Hobart Showgrounds, but due to lack of numbers it was cancelled and we had it a fortnight later at Quercus. Hopefully we may get the support in early 2015 to try again.

All budgets have been presented to RAC and are awaiting the final tick off in early December and letters will be sent out, one sneak peak is that the **Yamaha super-tank** has been approved and will **showcase at Agfest 2015**.

A few members attended the recent working bee, it would be great to see more faces at the next one on the 20th/21st of December where we will also have the contractors and community group BBQ, all members are welcome to attend, but please RSVP.

Sadly there have been a few resignations from the committee, including Tracey from exec all for varying reasons, but we must move on and at the last meeting nominations were taken, thanks for all the interest, I am pleased to announce that Will McConnon will take up the final position on exec.

Applications are closing soon, so it will be exciting to see the final application numbers, stay tuned!

Please see the attached committee list in the newsletter and positions vacant and contact me on 0418 391 898 if you are interested in taking on a position, these are open to any Rural Youth member, so even if you're not sure or want to know more, give me a call to discuss your options. I would ask that you have contacted me by the 10th of December and a member of exec will contact you in the week after the next meeting to be held on the 12th of December.

The meetings coming up are:

12th December in the crib room at Quercus, 9th January at Quercus & 13th February venue TBA.

Remember committee members are required to attend.

That's all from me for now, I hope you all have a good month getting ready for Christmas!

Cheers Amanda

**Stuck for Christmas
present ideas ??**



What about a Village Cinemas Movie Voucher or two..... or three?



At just \$12.00 each, that's a HUGE savings on the over-the-counter price of \$17.50 and they are valid any time, even on Saturday nights!

Call in, or ring head office on 6331 6154. Payment can be made over the phone if you would prefer, and vouchers can be posted out to you.



Agfest Positions Vacant

Are you keen to get involved with the biggest event in Tassie?

Yes I hear you say, well there are some roles vacant with in the Agfest Committee for Agfest 2015. The following are coordinator positions and have a small explanation of what is involved, a few years' experience volunteering at Agfest is a big advantage for coordinator role but not essential.

The second list below are assistant positions where your main role is to shadow the coordinator in the role to see how it works, then next year your will know what it is all about to step up in to the coordinators role.

To apply for any of the positions you would need to be available from approximately the 3rd May 2015 till the 10th/11th May 2015, and also be able to attend committee meetings held every 4-6 weeks, if not be able to submit a report (coordinator positions). If this can work for you please send an email to Amanda by 10th December, on chairman@agfest.com.au with which positions you would be interested in taking on and that you will be able to work with the times list above. A member of exec will contact you shortly after the 12th December.

Coordinator roles

Car Park – exhibitors – work with the other car park coordinators to set each other's car parks and on the days of Agfest you will be in charge of a group of volunteers to park the exhibitors' cars.

Catering – This person looks after the community caterers on site, liaises with our function centre caterer to cook our meals and purchases snacks & drinks for volunteers. On some days you will be taxi'ing food around site when it's too busy for people to get back to personnel.

Parcel Pick up – Your will be in charge of the parcel pick up crew of 3 other gators collecting goods on request from exhibitors sites to take for collection at the top of each car park in the containers

Ticket box – this role is based at the back ticket box, you will be the leader of 4 volunteers to sell tickets coming through the east entrance. You will have a community group there to collect the pre-paid tickets. You will work closely with the treasurer and asst treasurer.

Trades Expo & asst exhibitor manager – In this role you will organise exhibitors to go in the trades expo tent (24 max), you organise the tent going up and supervise that the stalls are in the correct place and hang the signs for the appropriate sites. You are also the assistant to the exhibitor manager with over 600 exhibitors, being a shadow learning what the role entails. There is also site marking in the weeks prior Agfest to ensure that exhibitors set up in the right area.

Vacant assistant roles

Ag Demo	Equine	Parcel pick up
Car Park – Exhibitors	Functions	Pavilions
Car Park – East	Heritage	Purchasing
Car Park – North	Loading & Lifting	Safety
Car Park - South	Merchandise	Sponsorship
Central Arena	PA	

The details of the coordinator that you would be working with can be found on the committee list in the newsletter.

Property Management Positions Open to all Rural Youth Members

The new property management committee was elected in August and now as the committee has met to get started for the coming 12 months the following positions are now available.

All positions report to the Property Management Chairman Keith Lee. They don't require a person to be an expert in the field just someone that has a general understanding of the topic and can give a report to Keith and the committee. If there are repairs that are required they may be asked to organise quotes to repair.

In any position that you take on you're not alone, Keith as Chairman is there to help guide and also the office can give guidance to help on some issues. The committee just needs you to attend working bees and meetings to keep a handle of what is happening at Quercus. Below is a list of the positions available and a few notes of what you would be expected to complete.

Vegetation management: Checking trees, shrubs, weeds, greening Australia area.

Roads and drains: Checking roads for holes, uneven surfaces, drains for blockages and they are flowing.

Pumps and water: General maintenance checking of water, oil, fuel levels, servicing schedules and tanks are at required levels.

Project management: From time to time the site is hired out to large site hires, you would be the first point of contact and have a good knowledge of the site.

Fences and gates: Checking fences, gates are all in good order and have jobs added to the working bee jobs if members can fix or organise quotes for a contractor to repair.

Building maintenance: Checking aspect including and not limited to cleanliness, gutters, repairs that may need quotes.

Communication: Create any ads like this one for the newsletter, be able to take the minutes at committee meetings.

For more information on any of the above please contact Keith Lee on 0448 572 288.

Expression of interests close 17th of December to be announced at the December meeting on the 19th.

Reminders!!!

- * **Next months newsletter deadline is 12TH DECEMBER 2014 by 5PM**
- * **Annual Reports are due on the 5TH JANUARY 2015**
please email all reports and photos to
editor@ruralyouth.com.au
- * **Office closes for Christmas from lunchtime on the 24th December and will reopen on the 5th January 2015**
- * **Save the date for AGM 20 –22 February 2015**

Spot The Differences



Competitions Report

Chik Chik BOOM!

The shooting competition has been won and run for another year with the boys again having a bit of a show off, lock, stock and barrel... well done to the girls who also competed, so pleased to see girls out there again.

Within this newsletter there are a few hidden competitions, riddles and challenges with a few secret prizes up for grabs. The competitions will not be won by who is the first to get their answers to me as not everyone will receive their newsletters the same day (thanks Australia post) everyone will go into a draw and the winners will be contacted accordingly. Keep an eye out. Who knows what sort of crazy things I may concoct?!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy new year, travel safe and catch you all in the new year.

Cheers

Prue Dennis

Southern Region

Hi Everyone,

Southern Region Clubs have been busy helping out at their local shows – Central Highlands RY helped at the Brighton Show and Kingborough Huon RY helped out at the Huon Show.

Central Highlands also attended the Bothwell Bush Fest held on the 15 – 16 November; they were selling sheep poo and promoting their club. From all accounts this was a great first event for the Central Highlands Region.

There will no doubt be many Southern RY members attending the third Tooms Lake Tumbler, we are sure that all our members will have a great night! We look forward to seeing many pictures.

The next gathering of Southern Region RY will be held in December, a text will be sent out to members soon confirming details so please keep an eye out for this along with keeping an eye on the facebook page.

If you have any questions regarding Southern Region RY please contact President, Dale Hayers on 0438 185 185.

Southern Region



When paying invoices to Head Office, please
DO NOT post cash through the mail. It is not safe and we
take no responsibility for cash that goes missing in the post.



Tas Rodeo Dates 2014 - 2015



● January 10

Carrick



January 17

Ulverstone

January 26

Harveydale

February 14

Ross

March 7

Gowrie Park

March 21

Deep South Event





December 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 HAGLEY CLUB MEETING	2 NORTH MOTTON CLUB MEETING SISTERS CREEK CLUB MEETING	3 BRIGHTON CLUB MEETING TASMAN CLUB MEETING	4 KINGBOROUGH HUON CLUB MEETING	5 MYSTERY BUS TOUR OATLANDS CLUB MEETING	6 MYSTERY BUS TOUR	7 MYSTERY BUS TOUR
8 CIRCULAR HEAD, DORSET & DEVONPORT CLUB MEETING	9	10	11 NORTHERN REGION MEETING	12 AGFEST MTG SORELL CLUB MEETING <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>	13	14
15	16 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS CLUB MEETING	17 WESTMORLAND CLUB MEETING	18 NORTHERN REGION MEETING	19 PM MEETING	20 WORKING BEE CONTRACTORS & COMMUNITY GROUP BBQ	21
22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSING AT 12 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SOUTHERN REGION MEETING	25 OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 OFFICE CLOSED BOXING DAY	27	28
29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS EVE				

*** CLUB MEETINGS ARE ONLY A GUIDE PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB PRESIDENT TO CONFIRM.



January 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
			OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY KINGBOROUGH HUON CLUB MEETING	OFFICE CLOSED OATLANDS CLUB MEETING		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<u>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</u> OFFICE OPENED HAGLEY CLUB MEETING	NORTH MOTTON CLUB MEETING SISTERS CREEK CLUB MEETING	BRIGHTON CLUB MEETING TASMAN CLUB MEETING	NORTHERN REGION MEETING	AGFEST MTG SORELL CLUB MEETING	CARRICK BULLRIDE	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CIRCULAR HEAD, DORSET & DEVONPORT CLUB MEETING			NORTH WEST REGION MEETING		ULVERSTONE RODEO MEDIA TRAINING	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS CLUB MEEITING	WESTMORLAND CLUB MEETING				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
AUSTRALIA DAY HARVEYDALE RODEO						

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Westmorland

G'day everyone!

Hope everyone has been well. The silly season is officially upon us with the start of rodeo season marked by Melton Mowbray, with the up and coming Christmas season and summer set to be a good one. A huge thanks must go out to all of the outgoing office bearers of the Club for 2014. Brad, who again was our illustrious leader, Luke, our 2 IC, Prue for being the troll in the finances department and to Gabby and Maharla for being our joint secretaries. A huge thanks always goes to our members for coming along and making every thing possible.

Since our last report, we have had our annual ute competition at the Longford show with a total of 12 utes shining up to be put on show. Some more then others. We also ran our needle in the haystack in conjunction with the show committee at the entrance to the animal nursery to attract young and old. Congrats to Prue who took out the 'Young Rural Person' a highly fought for competition between the local ladies with a good cash prize up for grabs. Good job Prue for keeping up the Westmorland participation. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Our AGM will be held December 18th, we are hoping to have a Christmas function at the local pub earlier in the month so jump on our fb page to stay in the loop.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to everyone, stay safe and drive carefully over the new year break. If you're going away have a good time and we look forward to your return.

Catch you next time out of the Centre!

Westmorland Rural Youth Club

A New Offer for Members

The hotel Grand Chancellor are offering rural Youth members and their families, a very competitive room rate at any of their establishments in Australia and New Zealand.

You can stay in a Deluxe Room for \$125 per night, with complimentary Wi-Fi. Breakfast and car parking not included and there are some "blackout date" in peak times, so you will need to check. Reservations can be made by calling free phone 1800 SLEEPY (Aus) or 0800 2 SLEEP (NZ) and ask for the Rural youth special rate.

..... Just another benefit of being a Rural Youth Member.

Media Training

Rural Youth Council is providing **free** Media Workshop that runs for 2 – 3 hours to all members that are interested.

Below is an outline of what the workshop will cover:

- Understanding the media – what makes news? Examples of potential news items
- Preparing for a media interview – tips
- Different Media – Different needs – understanding print, radio, television, online, 'no comment', 'off the record', corrections, legal issues – defamation, grooming tips.
- Organising media events – timing, midday radio news, weekend or weekday? Locations, pictures, 'talent', letting the media know.
- Preparing Media Alerts and Media Releases – tips for writing media alerts and releases.

The training will be **held at no cost** to members in 2015, courses are being run on the following dates:

17 January 2015

7 February 2015

21 March 2015

If you are interested in joining a session please contact State President, Simone Hayers who will be compiling a list with names for each session. Each session there will be 6-8 people allocated (no more than 10) as it helps the session flow better.

More sessions will be provided if the demand is warranted.

Office Report

What is happening in the Rural Youth Office?

A couple of reminders:

The Rural Youth office will close on Wednesday 24th December 2014 at 12 noon and reopen on Monday 5th January at 8:30am.

If you require the Administration staff to complete a task please give them at least 48 hours' notice. We will not be accepting any new requests from Friday 19th December. We understand emergencies arise – if you have any issues with the 48 hours' notice please let Selena know.

Administration:

Agfest applications for 2015 are coming in steadily through the new online system, with 503 registered applications, 201 pending and another 148 applications still being worked on by applicants on as at 2nd December.

We are starting to prepare the club and region documents ready for your AGMs and clubs will receive them in the coming weeks. Please try to get all the forms back to us as quickly as you can so that we are able to effectively communicate with your club.

Finance:

With less than 6 weeks to go until the end of the financial year, please remember if you have any reimbursements, or prize claims, they need to be submitted ASAP so they can be paid in this financial year.

The Staff at Head Office – Judy, Linda, Selena and Kadesha would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Festive Season.

Kingborough Huon

Hi Everyone

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth members have been really busy this month with our local show the Huon Show. We were responsible for the animal nursery, ute competition and dog high jump.

We would like to thank Dale for all his hard work that he put into rebuilding and renewing the animal nursery building that we use at Ranelagh. It looks amazing

As a club, a few of us (Kaysie, Caelum, Nicole, Richard, Dale and Simone) got together the weekend before the show and painted the whole place to make it a place that the kids would love now and into the future. We would like to thank Tori for designing and painting some wonderful paintings of animals on the walls for us.

We had over 10 dogs enter the Dog High Jump this year which was a great achievement, and our repaired signage put our club on total display as the dogs jumped higher and higher. Our winner Nelson, jumped 2.4m in height.

We had over 10 utes support the annual ute competition and some fantastic prizes were given away, thanks to some of our amazing sponsors!

This month we had members attend Melton Mowbray Rodeo and will have lots of members at Tooms Lake Tumbler in the coming weekend.

We are looking forward to our December meeting and Christmas celebrations which are going to be held at TBA on 18 December at 7pm for a barbecue and then our AGM. Feel free to come and join us if you are free!

KH RY



Serrated Tussock in Tasmania

Serrated Tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*)

Serrated Tussock is a name that strikes fear into the hearts of farmers and land managers who know it. It is one of the worst agricultural weeds of temperate Australia.

Serrated tussock is of no nutritional value to livestock. Its high fibre and low protein content mean that livestock forced to graze Serrated Tussock can starve to death with a full stomach. A Serrated Tussock infestation left unchecked has the potential to reduce pasture productivity by up to 95% with the cost of controlling a serious infestation often more than the value of the land itself.

A perennial grass to 600mm, to the unfamiliar eye it is almost indistinguishable from Native Tussocks. The plant rapidly colonises any bare ground it finds and is of particular concern on non-arable, pastoral land with poor soil fertility, low rainfall (or in drought) and where over grazing has led to poor ground cover.

It is estimated that Serrated Tussock now covers over a million hectares in NSW, Vic, ACT and Tasmania. The cost of control and lost production to agriculture across Australia is estimated somewhere in the order of \$45M annually.

Serrated Tussock in Tasmania.

In Tasmania the main Serrated Tussock infestations are in the Clarence and Sorell Municipalities in the south, however there are isolated sites on the East Coast, King Island, Northern Midlands and a single known infestation at Mt Direction in the Tamar region.

Serrated Tussock is a prolific seed bearer. In areas with established infestations like Clarence and Sorell, wind is by far the greatest vector for spread. The seed head breaks off the plant as a whole and blows in the wind like little tumbleweeds. Most of the seed will drop within 500m of the parent plant but on occasion the seed heads can pick up in an up draft and have been recorded travelling up to 20km.

For the rest of Tasmania the main vectors for incursion are contaminated vehicles and machinery, contaminated stock feed and the movement of livestock. With livestock the seed remains viable after passing through the gut, which can take up to 10 days. The large Serrated Tussock infestation near Cressy was thought to have been introduced to the site in this way.

For me working as a Facilitator in the Tamar the challenge is making farmers care about a threat that they have never seen or experienced before, battling against that 'out of sight - out of mind' mentality. We know that Serrated Tussock is here in the state and that it is only a matter of time before we find another infestation somewhere. The consequences of it getting away from us are too great to ignore and that's why Tamar NRM have become advocates of 'Farm Biosecurity'.

A Biosecurity Approach

Farm Biosecurity is a set of measures designed to minimise the risk of weeds, pests and disease entering a property. Many aspects of Farm Biosecurity are simple management changes that cost little to no time and money to implement. There is now compelling evidence within the agricultural sciences that simple measures to prevent pest and disease incursion is a much cheaper option compared to dealing with a problem after it has arrived. Examples of Biosecurity measures could include: setting up a quarantine paddock, inspecting a seller's hay paddocks and feed before you buy it and ensuring contractors' vehicles and machinery are cleaned before they arrive on site.

I recommend you all have a look into Farm Biosecurity, it might just stop your property becoming the next Serrated Tussock Case Study

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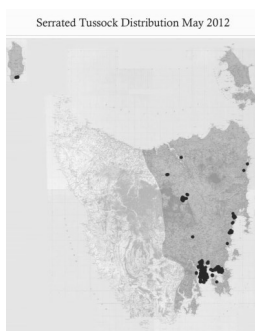
Denis Giasli is a Community Engagement Facilitator for Tamar Natural Resource Management an independent, not-for-profit organisation that is engaged in on-ground community based; sustainability, environmental and agricultural initiatives.

You will find more information on Serrated Tussock here:

<http://www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/serratedtussock/>

If you are interested in Farm Biosecurity go here:

<http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/>



**Who makes it, has no need of it.
Who buys it, has no use for it.
Who uses it can neither see nor feel it.
What is it?**

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

Central Highlands

Hello ,

Our club in the last month has attended the bush fest at Bothwell after enjoying the sun for two days, some of us came out looking like red tomatoes, but we sure did enjoy ourselves, all while still managing to sell some bags of sheep poo.

We were fortunate enough to have been asked to run the Brighton show ute competition. This was a good outing for our club as we earned some new members and we all had fun watching the games to determine the best female and male driver.

What's happening at Central Highlands?

December 5-6 Christmas camping get together

December 16 next meeting @ Lachlan Hotel

December 20 Central Highlands AGM @ country club Ouse

● **Joke:**

● Did you hear about the guy who was in a car accident?

● Yeah! Well he had to have his left arm and leg removed but he is all right now.

Bye for now, hope to see you all soon,

Central Highlands Rural Youth



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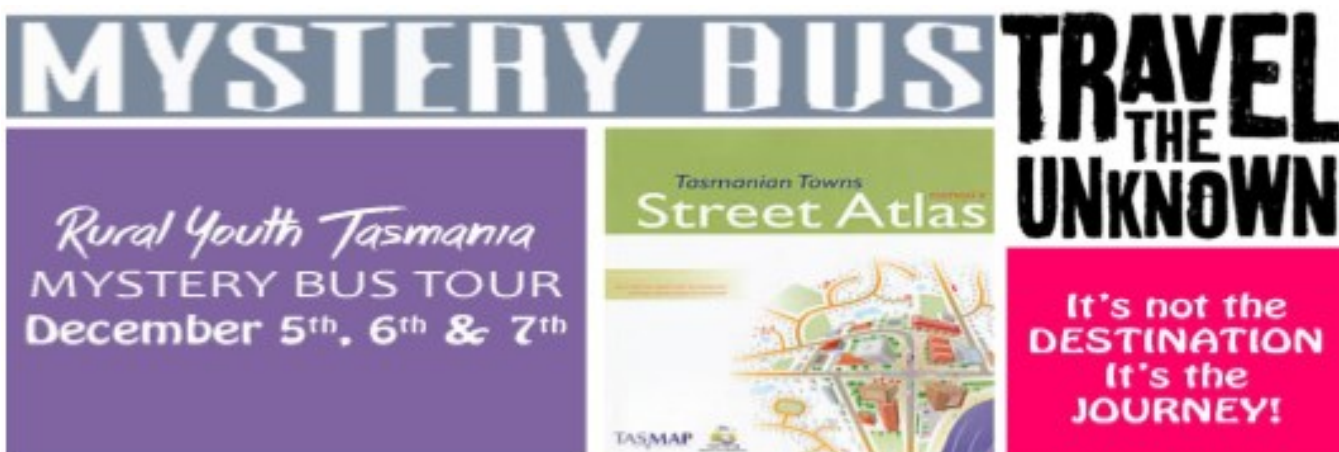
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DO YOU LIKE MYSTERY?

Rural Youth are heading on an adventure... location **UNKNOWN!**

THE PLAN: Assemble at Quercus Park the night of the 5th December, there will be a bus organised from each Region (Northern, Southern & North West) You can hop on the bus, or meet us by 8pm at Quercus that night!

This is where our adventure starts! With only the event organiser, the bus drivers and the State President knowing what is planned for this adventure, we are not open to bribes BUT we will guarantee you a weekend of fun, friendships, memories and travel!

This is a FREE weekend for all members to get involved in!

RSVP by 24th November 2014 to Kate by text/phone 0409 295 158 or emailing Anthony.katiecoad@bigpond.com OR you can join our facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/279594955559588/?fref=ts>

ARE YOU READY FOR THE RY MYSTERY BUS TOUR???

Enquiries: Kate 0409 295 158 or Simone 0409 316 158