

# Rural Youth Newsletter



# Rural Youth

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February

# Annual General Meeting



# Rural Youth: A Launch Pad for Life

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Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.

## A quiet word From The Editor...

Hi All,

Wow, How time flies when you're having fun, I only have two more newsletters to compile .

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By the look of it 2015 has some exciting and fun times ahead.

**The MARCH NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE is the 20TH FEBRAURY  
2015 at 5PM**

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

Until next time..

Deyarna Bowen

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# Presidents Report



Rural Youth memberships are now required to be renewed for the 2015 year. Please remember that payments for membership are required at the time of making application for membership to take the responsibility away from clubs as there are some clubs not paying their invoices for memberships.

The Rural Youth AGM has been set for the weekend of the 21st and 22nd February. The meeting will take up one of these days with the other day being spent doing competitions etc, as we have done in the last couple of years. It would be great to ensure that all clubs are represented at the AGM and to ensure that we have a quorum.

Rural Youth Council has approved the State Government Funding package and look forward to signing this one off in the coming weeks in preparation for a presentation with Minister Rockcliffe. Details of this presentation will be made available to all members when details have been finalised. As part of the State Government Funding we are able to send a member to the Marcus Oldham Leadership College. If you are interested in attending this course we will be sending out a nomination form to all members in the coming months. This course is held in the last week of June and all flights and course costs (including meals and accommodation) will be paid for by Rural Youth.

Rural Youth Council are looking to support other social groups that run competitions and schools that run agricultural programs etc. If you know of any groups that could be considered for donations or support from Rural Youth, please let us know.

We are also looking for nominations for past Rural Youth members who are deserving of a Service Award or a Life Membership. If you have any suggestions please email me ([statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au)) and we will investigate the suggestions.

Don't forget that coming up is the Member & Friends event organised by the Agfest Committee, Agfest meetings, Property Management meetings and working bees.

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

See you at all the upcoming functions and events soon!

**Simone Hayers**  
**Rural Youth State President**

# AGFEST Report

Hi all,

We are now 110 days away from Agfest and the train is getting in full motion.

At last week's Agfest meeting the committee made the tough decision to not have a specific equine feature for 2015. This was not an easy decision made by the committee, and plans are in place to contact current equine applicants and offer to put them in to the static applications.

The committee welcomes any feedback that you may have for brainstorming in August.

One exciting plan that the Agfest committee have made is a 'Members & Friends day/night on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February commencing at lunch and heading in to the evening, please see the flyer in the newsletter.

Promotion is all about to kick off with media and print, so if there is something that you would like promoted let Dayna or I know.

The next meeting will be at Quercus on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, 8pm start.

If you need anything between now and then please contact me on 0418 391 898 or [chairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au)

Cheers

Amanda

Agfest Chairman 2015

## Kingborough Huon Report

Hey All!

Firstly Happy New Year!

So since our last report Kingborough Huon Rural Youth has held its AGM with beers and pizza at the dog beach in Kingston. At the meeting Nicole Elliot was voted in to serve another year as Club President, Kaysie Wood was voted in as Treasurer and Vice President whilst Simone Hayers is the new Secretary. We wish them all the best for another year and a big thanks to Katie Crane for being our Independent Chair for the night.

Whilst the activities have not been directly club related, the KH bunch have all been pretty social together over the Christmas period, with many cocktails and fun times spent together around the place, at Cage Night in Salamanca, Nicole's House, the Longley Hotel and the Taste of Tasmania.

KH also welcomes home Owen Woolley from his Canadian adventure, but its only for a short time as he's secured more work and will head back to Canada in March. So good luck Wool!

That's about all for us!

And don't for "Get a Boot out of Life"!

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth.

# State President Policy Speech

It is with great pride, passion, drive, empathy and enthusiasm I introduce myself Prue Dennis, to you as your potential State President for the 2014/2015 term. I am 23 years of age and reside in Cressy in the north of the State. I currently work at Roberts Ltd in Prospect as an equine sales nutritionist and a rural sales assistant and have done for the last 3 years. I love my job and apply the same passion and love for my job to my every day activities including Rural Youth.

I am currently the President of Westmorland and co-treasurer along with fellow member Luke Reid. In the last 4 years of which I have been a part of the club, I have held many positions within the club. I have been President, Vice, Treasurer and Secretary, in most cases more than one in any given year. I have helped to organise and run our Ute competition for every year that I have been in the club. I am also the Club representative for Longford Show. I take great pride in delivering a fantastic end product every time.

I have also held many other positions and been involved in various other facets of the organisation. I have been on State Council since starting my rural youth journey, I have been Junior VP once, and senior VP for the last two years. I have held many directorships on State Council and have proudly been a pillar of Simone when she needed it most. I have held positions on the Agfest Committee, Property Management and RAC. I am also actively involved in the community, holding a position on the Longford Show Society.

Even though working full time, being involved in community organisations and alike, I believe I have the flexibility, drive, determination and organisational skills to control my own personal workload and to ensure that I fulfil the role of State President to the best of my ability.

I believe I am a dedicated, hardworking mentor for the organisation. I am approachable and trustworthy, More than willing to put my hand up and help out where I can and help out where possible and do not expect anything in return. I get the proverbial 'buzz' from seeing our members thrive and enjoying themselves wherever possible. I believe in the youth of today being our leaders tomorrow.

I believe in nurturing and looking out for the young ones of the organisation because without them there is no 'tomorrow'. Rural Youth has provided me with bountiful opportunities. In the last 12 months alone I have achieved so much that would not have been possible without Rural Youth and I would love for nothing more than to see the young people of the organisation have the same opportunities that I have been so fortunate for. I personally believe that as the Tasmanian Young Farmer of the year for 2014, I can represent the organisation in the best capacity as a Young Rural Person of Tasmania.

Rural Youth has provided me with opportunities that I will be forever grateful for and very proud of and I believe in our great organisation because it is so very unique. I stand for nurturing the youth of today, who are our leaders of tomorrow, I believe in listening to everyone's opinion and voice as no two are ever the same, these unique visions are untapped potential that have every opportunity for our organisation to grow. I hope to tap into these reserves as the president and utilise every one of them.

If given the opportunity to serve as the State President I promise to strive for excellence, to give you my time where possible and provide a listening ear and helping push our organisation onwards and upwards into the future.

Prue Dennis

2015 State President Nominee



# February 2015

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Longford

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North Motton  
Club Meeting

Brighton Club  
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Kingborough Huon  
Club Meeting

Oatlands Club  
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Sisters Creek  
Club Meeting

Tasman Club  
Meeting

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Circular Head Club  
Meeting  
Devonport Club  
Meeting  
Dorset Club  
Meeting

HOBART  
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Northern Region  
Club Meeting

Sorell Club  
Meeting

VALENTINES DAY

Agfest Meeting

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Central Highlands  
Club Meeting

Westmorland Club  
Meeting

North West Region  
Club Meeting

STATE AGM

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**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

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Southern Region  
Club Meeting

Launceston cup

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# AGFEST Personnel Report

## COME TO AGFEST 2015 and VOLUNTEER!

Hello from Agfest Personnel 2015...

We would like to introduce ourselves to the Rural Youth membership as this year's Personnel team...

Kate Coad

&

Sarah Revell



As Personnel, we look after you during your Agfest experience- don't be scared! Within this role we want to ensure you have the best Agfest experience you can, right from the start! We negotiate who does what during the event as far as workload. We communicate with you as volunteers, ensuring you have signed off on induction, work safely and provided the information you need to ensure you are enjoying your time with us!

### What is involved...?

**DECIDE:** enclosed in this newsletter and every newsletter between now and May there will be an Agfest volunteer form. We want you to help us out put on Tasmania's Premier Field Day, and contribute towards the success of our major fundraising event- this enables our organisation to offer you the member benefits throughout the year! So if you have a spare hour, half day, full day, or week submit your volunteer form and *get involved!*

If you're under 18 years old, ask Mum or Dad! If you are employed and volunteering at Agfest will affect this, apply for leave or discuss with your boss! You must be a financial Rural Youth member to volunteer at Agfest, this is for insurance purposes.

Complete the form, email off a recent photo of yourself- this is for ID tags, security do check these! Submit your form to Rural Youth Head Office, or via the online survey form we have introduced for 2015.

Be sure to let us know if your volunteer offer changes, we factor in what you submit on your form for our work allocation, so we need to know if you are arriving a day or two late, or early from what has been submitted on your form.

We will send you an Agfest Volunteer booklet, room allocation (if staying at Quercus) and confirm dates you have submitted to us via our "welcome to Agfest 2015" letter!

### ARRIVE:

So the BIG day has finally come that is the start of your 2015 Agfest adventure! When you arrive, be sure to enter via South Road (closest to Bracknell). Ensure you have your Rural Youth membership card on you, the security at the gate near compound will have a list of what members are expected to arrive that date. You need to come see us at Personnel. We will be located near the Green Shed, opposite the Fuel tanks. We then issue your volunteer pack, you move into your room then the fun begins!



# AGFEST Personnel Report

**AGFEST:** During Agfest you can find yourself doing many various jobs, could be fencing, picking up sticks, cleaning, fixing things, erecting signage, operating machinery (if licensed) and most importantly having fun!

## News...

This year we have introduced the online survey Volunteer Form. We have introduced this in hope to make our volunteers life a little easier, and signing up to volunteer a two minute process, rather than remember to post the form!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AGFEST2015>

We are happy to come talk to your club or region about volunteering at Agfest, if you wish to take us up on this offer, then please contact Kate on 0409 295 158 or Sarah on 0427 088 936 to arrange a date and time.

## Importantly...

We look forward to having you part of our Agfest 2015 family! Creating memories, building friendships and contributing towards the success of our event!

**See you there!**

Kate & Sarah  
*Personnel & Accommodation*  
AGFEST FIELD DAYS 2015

## \$\$ Rural Youth Club Grants \$\$

Does your Rural Youth Club have an idea or project but maybe not all of the funds to undertake the idea/project?

Rural Youth Council offers each year four (4) club grants to a maximum value of \$250.00 each.

For more information or the application form check out the members only section of the Rural Youth website [www.ruralyouth.com.au](http://www.ruralyouth.com.au)

## Village Cinema Movie Tickets

Our supplier has increased the cost of movie tickets in line with the price increase at the cinemas.

Movie tickets are now \$12 each, but still cover all sessions.

For movie tickets contact Linda, Selena or Kadesha in the office



### **FIRE WARDEN TRAINING - Expression of Interest**

Anyone who is interested in Fire Warden Training and being a Fire Warden for this year's Agfest please get in contact with our Safety Coordinator Will McConnon  
[safety@agfest.com.au](mailto:safety@agfest.com.au)

# Central Highlands Report

Hi everyone,

Central Highlands have been busy in the past weeks, we held our AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> of December at the Ouse Country Club, we were fortunate enough to have CEO of Rural Alive And Well Daniel Roachford attend, we were also fortunate enough to have Mayor Deirdre Flint attend and be our Independent Chairman for the evening.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Anthony Franklin for the wonderful job he has done as our president for 2014, Sam Larder for her role as Vice President, Andrea White for her role as secretary and Emma Rayner for taking on treasurer and looking after our finances for 2014.

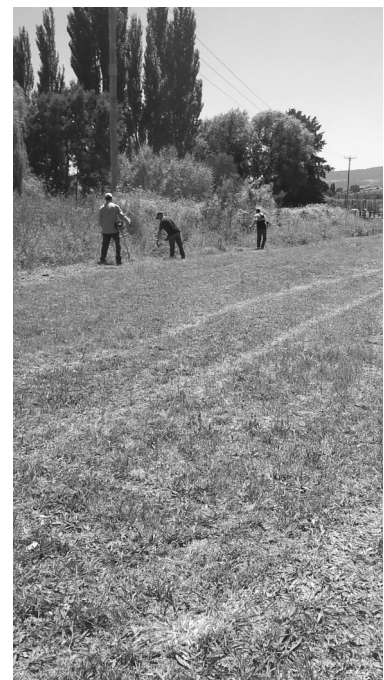
New roles for 2015 are as follows; President – Anthony Franklin, Vice President – Sam Larder, Secretary – Emma Rayner, Treasurer – Emma Rayner.

Best outstanding member for 2014 went to Sam Larder, and Best new member for 2014 went to Emma Rayner. Congratulations to Emma and Sam for these nominations and good luck to members in their new roles for 2015.

We would also like to send a warm welcome to new members Angus Pitt, Steven Jones, Vanessa Cooper and Ashley Britten.

Members attended a working bee on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January at Bushy Park Show Grounds to help the show society get the grounds ready for the agricultural show in February thank you to those members who came along, it was a very hot day for wood cutting, cleaning and cutting grass. A big pat on the back to you all, we are looking forward to volunteering to park cars at the Bushy Park Show in February as well as having a stall of our own, we are also looking forward to running the dog high jump and ute competition in March at the Hamilton Show.

Central Highlands.



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