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A quiet word From The

Editor...

Hi All,

Welcome to a new year for the newsletter, I am really looking forward to the months ahead and have plenty of ideas for your newsletter. I say 'your newsletter' because it really is yours, so please send me any idea that you have and I will do my best to include it in the next edition.

I would also like to congratulate Tracey on the past year of newsletters, she did a wonderful job, as you can see there are a few changes already made with more to come.

This month many of us will be gearing up and experiencing Agfest. Best of Luck to Amanda and her team, lets hope the sun is shining.

Please remember that the newsletter deadline is the **THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!!!**

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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From the President ...

Hi Everyone,

Rural Youth Council had their first meeting on the evening of Friday 4th of April with the new committee. I am pleased to announce that the following roles have been filled by the people below.

ROLE	PERSON
Agriculture	
Competitions	Prue Dennis
Events	Tiffany Morley, Kate Coad
Finance	Deyarna Bowen
Junior VP	Tiffany Morley
Leadership & Training	
Membership	Richard Allwright
Merchandise	
Newsletter/Annual Report	Deyarna Bowen
Promotions	Dale Hayers
Rural Round up	Phillipa Green
Rural Youth Feature	
Safety	
Senior VP	Prue Dennis
Sponsorship	
Study Tours	Kate Coad
Top Teams	Nicole Elliott
Website	Simone Hayers
Young Farmer Competition	

As you can see there are a few vacancies, but these will be filled as Northern Region fills their remaining two delegate positions. There are also two secondment positions available on Council so if anyone is interested in joining the committee then please feel free to contact me.

At the time of my report, we have currently had six of our seven exchangees arrive – Lou Ellen from Northern Ireland, Katie from the UK, Robert from Scotland, Mirjam from Switzerland, Sannah from Sweden and Ingrid from Austria. I look forward to meeting all of them over the next few weeks, but have certainly enjoyed hosting Lou Ellen and Mirjam to date. If anyone is interested in hosting, please contact Study Tours Director – Kate Coad by phone/facebook or email.

The next event for Rural Youth will be State Ball with the presentation of the study tour recipients, please keep your eyes peeled for information on how to apply in the coming newsletters.

Finally, I wish Amanda, the committee and all our wonderful volunteers and helpers all the very best for a great Agfest and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Simone Hayers

Rural Youth State President 2014



AGFEST Chairman Report

Hi all,

Well there's no more it's getting close, it's on our door step now, by the time you are reading this chances are you are packing your bags to head to Agfest or for those who took a little longer off work, are just getting home from Agfest and looking at that great pile of washing waiting to be done.

Either way I hope that you enjoy Agfest in whatever capacity you come, whether it be volunteering or coming for a browse.

At time of writing we had 758 exhibitors, this is a record number. A contributing factor is that a lot of the larger site holders are downgrading, making more room.

Post Agfest we have set the meetings for 23rd May at Head office and 11th July venue TBA, both starting at 8pm. The Agfest dinner has been set for the 24th of May, which is always a great night to celebrate everyone's hard work.

Thank you to every single one of you for your hard work over the past 10 months, this is now the time to shine and show off what we have all been working towards.

Remember to be positive, the glass is half full not half empty!

Cheers

Amanda

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Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"
— Helen Keller

Executive Officer Report

The Marquees are now starting to fill the Quercus Park site and, as the new kid on the block, it is exciting to be involved in one of Tassie's largest events. This year we have a record number of exhibitors - 760 (see charts below). I have now stopped trying to work on other projects and accepted the inevitable - April is ONLY about Agfest and non urgent tasks must be sent to the "after Agfest" list. A large event, which takes a lot of work from our tireless members, needs a complete focus on the end game - a safe, successful Agfest, with some sun☺ None of us are naive enough to think there will not be some problems along the way but with a dedicated team working together we hope the problems will be small and easily ratified.

The staff have warned me that the Agfest food variety/ quality is exceptional and that eating too much and drinking too much coffee may be a problem. The function center catering this year will be provided by Devonfield Enterprises Incorporated from Devonport. Devonfield, an Australian Disability Employer, are experienced caterers who provide this service to promote independence and acceptance of people with disabilities.

Official Agfest Charity

I would like to commend the 2014 Committee for their decision to support a charity by offering a free site at Agfest to enable them to promote their service to a concentrated audience. Expressions of interest were advertised and "Life Without Barriers" was selected from twelve outstanding applications.

"Life Without Barriers" started as a small service which now has over 100 offices in Australia and New Zealand, where people with disability are assisted to build their lives and confidence. Life Without Barriers operates from offices in Launceston, Hobart and Burnie but draws on a wealth of experience across the country to ensure communities - from city suburbs to remote communities - all receive the best quality of care, solving problems and working with people to tackle even the most difficult and challenging situations. In Tasmania, they offer foster and residential care, disability services, mental health, education and refugee/asylum seeker support. Please show your support for the Official Agfest Charity "Life Without Barriers" at Site M09 on the corner of First Avenue & Main Street.

Administration is busy, busy, busy and only urgent non Agfest requests will be actioned prior to Agfest. Selena and Kadesha will be moving the office out to the Quercus Rural Youth Park site office on Monday 28th April and the office telephone will be diverted to the site office on that day, Linda will be there on the Tuesday and Judy on the Wednesday. With an extra staff member this year we will have the opportunity to rotate the staff around some of the Agfest positions. Our new receptionist Kadesha, as an Agfest induction, will be trailing some of the executive staff each morning and Linda will be assisting the Agfest Treasurer, Tracey, each morning.

Finance - the number of invoices and statements flowing in to the office is increasing daily, a timely reminder that orders need to be used, and forwarded to the office as soon as possible after the purchase, along with the invoice if received at the time of purchase.

We have ordered sunshine for the Agfest week☺☺ and for those attending - Members, Past Members, VIP's, Community Volunteers, Exhibitors or Patrons - I hope you enjoy your time at Agfest 2014.

Cheers, Shona Beswick

Executive Officer

Study Tours Report

We currently have seven visitors from overseas being hosted by our Organisation.

Enclosed in this newsletter are bios on each of our guests!

A huge thank you to everyone that has been contacted seeking availability to host. Thank you to everyone that has committed to hosting!

Within this newsletter is the hostee timetable, those spaces that are blank are either vacant for hosting or yet to be confirmed, if you can help out please let me know asap!

Applications are about to open for the 2014 selection of Study Tours, see your next newsletter for more information or express interest early and have an application form sent to you!

For any enquiries, wish to host or ideas surrounding Study Tours please contact me on 0409 295 158 or email studytours@ruralyouth.com.au

Thank you,

Kate Coad

Study Tours Director

ATTENTION: Study Tours 2014 Applicants

This year we are changing the Study Tour selection a little...

There will be the selection day on JUNE 28th 2014
held in Launceston, this will include
interviews, a tour and the Study Tours test.

Afterwards you will need to write a report of the day, using the
template provided to submit to the interview panel.

Application forms will be in the next Rural Youth Newsletter,
you can express your interest early by emailing
studytours@ruralyouth.com.au

Study Tour recipients will be announced at the 2014 State Ball.

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Region Delegates

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Katie Coad

Phillipa Green

Prue Dennis

Deyarna Bowen

Laura Smith

Tiffany Morley

Richard Allwright

Dale Hayers

SOUTHERN

Dale Hayers

Phillipa Green

Nicole Elliott

Victoria Percival

Richard Allwright

NORTHERN

Brad Lindsay

Laura Smith

Luke Reid

Vacant

Vacant

NORTH-WEST

Jake Williams

Ethan Williams

Ryan Langley

Danielle Williams

Korey Stratton

Secondments

Deyarna Bowen

VACANT

VACANT



May 2014

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Sorell Report

Hey Everyone,

The last month has been reasonably quiet for Sorell Rural Youth. Our club had a members stall at the Sorell Council Colour Run. We had 4 of our members help out at this .

We had our last meeting at the Pawleena hall, where we also held some activities after the meeting. Once we get some more bags, we will be once again, bagging up more manure.

Our April meeting was cancelled but we are hoping to have a date set soon for the next one.

Sorell Rural Youth



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Our International Guests

Rural Youth EXchangees 2014



SWITZERLAND - Mirjam Pelehams

Age: 21 years old

Occupation: Student

Find Mirjam on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/mirjam.peterhans>



NORWAY - Ingrid Jacobsen

Age: 21 years old

Occupation: Student

Find Ingrid on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>



SWEDEN - Sannah Vast

Age: 21 years old

Occupation: Child Care/Teacher

Find Sannah on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sannah.vast>



IRELAND - Lou-Ellen Warnock

Age: 22 years old

Occupation: National Trust/Events

Find Lou-Ellen on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/louellen.warnock>



UNITED KINGDOM - Katie Pollock

Age: 23 years old

Occupation: Equine Industry

Find Katie on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/katie.pollock.359>



AUSTRIA - Ingrid Schrall

Age: 24 years old

Occupation: Student

Find Ingrid on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ingrid.schrall>



SCOTLAND - Robert McKechnie

Age: 22 years old

Occupation: Agricultural Engineer

Find Robert on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/boab.mckechnie>

2014 Calender of Events

MAY

- 1st—3rd Agfest Field Days
- 23rd Agfest meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick 8pm
- 24th Agfest Dinner @ Quercus Park
- State Council Meeting @

JUNE

- 21st State Council Meeting @ Head Office

JULY

- 11th Agfest AGM @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick 8pm
- 19th –20th Region Young Farmer Run Offs

AUGUST

- 22nd– 24th Agfest Brainstorming

SEPTEMBER

- 13th Young Farmer of the Year Competition Finals
- Young Farmer Dinner and Presentation
- Top Teams
- Rural Round Up

Rural Youth Classifieds

WANTED

Border Collie Pup

6-8 weeks old

Blonde, Female Preferred

Call Wayne on **0438 255 119**

Save the Dates

Rural Youth at the AGM made some changes to the way we set dates for our events, so into the future people will always know what weekend things are on!

State Ball - In 2015 and onwards State Ball will always be held on the **4th Saturday in June**.

Young Farmer Competition Runoffs - In 2014 and onwards the Young Farmer run offs will be held on the **3rd weekend in July**

Young Farmer Competition State Finals - In 2014 and onwards the Young Farmer competition state finals will be held on the **2nd weekend in September**

Rural Youth AGM - In 2015 and onwards the Rural Youth Annual General Meeting will be held on the **3rd weekend in February**

Agfest 2014 Dinner

Saturday 24th May 2014

6pm for 6:30pm seated

"The Function Centre"

Attire: "Red Carpet Formal"

Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick

Live Music

\$25 per person

Prizes awarded for best dressed!

RSVP to Head Office by 14th May 2014

03) 6331 6154 or email admin@agfest.com.au

The month that was ...

