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A quiet word From The Editor...

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Hi there everyone!

Half way through the year already! That means a busy few months coming up for some of the clubs!

Also at a state level we have Young Farmer, Top Teams and Rural Round Up that will be upon us soon!

Remember to send in what your club is up to! We all like reading about what other clubs are doing! Doesn't matter how big or small it may be, send it in! If someone in your club is having a birthday, getting married or any other life event let us know and we can wish them well!

If anyone has a photo they would like on the front page of the newsletter let me know !

See you next month!

Phillipa :)

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Presidents Report



Blink, and its gone.

Six months has flown and we are half way through the year. With the month of June behind us at the publishing of this report, we look back at the study tours weekend where we had 5 members apply for study tours all of which applied for at least one international exchange! I wish all these members the best of luck and for those successful applicants, I wish you all the best on your exchange in the coming year.

With the month passed, so has the State Ball, this year hosted by North West Region. Coming up on the first Friday in July we have the Agfest Annual Meeting, best of luck to all of those going for positions, to the new

incoming Chairman, and to Amanda, well done on a great 3 years as chair. I look forward to working with a new and exciting committee.

Run in conjunction with the Study Tours weekend, was the member prize selection day, best of luck to all the applicants. A massive thank you as always to our judges on the day, Melinda Hyland, Tracey Badcock and Christine Mann, without you guys these days are never possible. We had a fantastic day touring Glendale Olives and I learnt so much from owner and past Member Christine.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months as I have some very exciting things planned.

Prue Dennis



Agfest Report

Hi all,

Well this month brings us to the end of another Agfest year. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped out to make Agfest 2015 a success, with 56,741 people coming through the gates.

We experienced some fairly woolly days during the whole week but we came through it at the end of the week relatively unscathed. You may remember back at Agfest time the university were doing a bunch of surveys on volunteers, patrons and exhibitors – well the results are nearly in and will be presented at the next meeting.

Recently I have just returned back from Fieldays in New Zealand where I went on behalf of Agfest to see what ideas I could bring back that may work for us. I will have a full report at the next meeting.

Moving in to the start of the next Agfest year the new executive will be voted in at the annual meeting on July 3rd. Then from recent discussions there will be some slight changes to the running of the committee for the coming year to see if we can make it less of a burden for members, but a more enjoyable experience. If you have any ideas for this please get them to me ASAP.

Still please get in your self-nomination forms to the office if you are keen to be on the 2015/16 Agfest Committee, it's open to all Rural Youth members (and those a couple years past)

Brainstorming will be held at Quercus on the 7-9th of August, please rsvp to Head Office – everyone's ideas will be great. Any big suggestions that need research done prior please do and send to the office by August 1st. (this helps the flow at brainstorming)

Thanks again for your help, see you on the 3rd of July.

Cheers

Amanda

General Manager

Just a quick note to let you all know what is happening and what we are working on in the office.

Although the Agfest 'clean up' has taken up most of our time in the last few weeks I am pleased to be able to report that the new Rural Youth Website has now gone live – if you haven't checked it out yet please take the time to do so – it looks really great and is a testament to the hard work that Simone, Selena and Kadesha have put into it.

Prue is back from overseas with lots of great ideas to grow the organisation and you as individuals. Work is going on 'behind the scenes' but watch this space we should be in a position soon to let you in on some of those plans.

I know several clubs have been actively trying to lift their membership recently – well done – I would love to hear from you as to what does and doesn't work. In the coming weeks I intend to touch base with the leadership groups of each club to see where you are at and see how we, as the Admin team can support you, as well as look at other strategies which can raise our profile and make membership of Rural Youth a 'must'.

Please remember if you have any thoughts/concerns let me know – I can't 'fix' or 'change' things if I don't know about them!

Cheers !

Karen

Past Members



**TASMANIAN RURAL YOUTH
PAST MEMBERS ASSOCIATION**

The Tasmanian Rural Youth Past Members Association is now in its fifth year, enabling many members from past years to catch up and renew acquaintances and make new friends. It is achieving its aims.

Our administration has had a little "tweaking" to streamline things and cut down travel to meetings and seems to be working well. With this set-up, we just need volunteers at each event.

In 2014/15 we had our annual gathering at Agfest and most recently a farm day and gathering at "Glendale Olive Grove", White Hills. Our new "*pay it and forget it*" membership fee of \$50 (per couple at the same address) is working well and has attracted quite a few new members. We need to continue to spread the word and encourage more past members to join. This is your Association, so please let us know if you have any bright ideas and come along when you can. Meanwhile, keep in touch through emails, Facebook, the Past Members page of the Rural Youth website, or a phone call to any one of the Executive. We are also keeping in touch with current day Rural Youth and its great to know what they are up to. We hope you can come to our Annual Meeting on 4th July and we will have more news for you after then.

The Association currently has 101 Life Members and a full membership list is available on the Past Member's page of the Rural Youth website. We would like to welcome the following brand new recruits who were not previously members:

Ross & Glenda Jones (1960's)

Mike & Robyn Buckby (1990's)

Ian and Shevaun Mackenzie (1990's & 2000)

Dale Badcock (1990's)

Leigh and Emma (Singleton) Pinner (1990's)

Christine Mann (2000+)

Derryn & Tracey Badcock (2010+)

Annette (Atkinson) Pickett (1980's)

Jenny (Costillo) Davie (1980's & 1990's)

Anthony Coad (2010+)

Chris & Zara (Binns) Walkden (1990's & 2000)

Member John Charleston has been unwell - we are thinking of you John, get well soon. John is a past member of Forth Club, a Rural Youth Service Award recipient and P&O exchange.



RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA GRAEME TOLE MEMORIAL AWARD PRESIDENTS PRIZE 2013

Kate Coad

My Journey....

At State AGM 2013 I was awarded the prestigious honour of this award, speechless I made my way to the front of the AGM group and accepted this award... Fast forward two years and I have just been on the adventure of a lifetime, representing an Organisation I am proud to be a part of, and experiencing a slice of the world... Thank you.

Firstly I would like to thank Brad Lindsay for nominating me for this award, without you taking the time to do this wonderful gesture, while I met all the criteria of the award, I would not have been eligible as I wasn't nominated, so Brad, I appreciate this immensely and will never forget while I ticked the boxes, it was in fact your nomination that provided opportunity for this adventure!

Having been through the process of selecting the recipient of the President's Prize from my term as State President, I know just how complicated this process is! So a huge thank you to Simone Hayers and those that assisted you with this decision.

Finally, before I get into my adventure, thank you to Graeme Tole for all his contributions within Rural Youth that enabled such award to be created in his honour.

The Adventure...

So before Agfest you would have read I was heading to the Young Farmers National Conference in Taupo... in July... Surprise! Well it was to me... part of that trip sold out very quickly, so it was go to part of this and experience a section of New Zealand Young Farmers OR bring this trip forward three weeks and attend the Fieldays in Hamilton... So there it was, in a matter of one week passport was sorted, flights were booked, accommodation was found (that was fun considering the FiFa world cup is also in Hamilton at the exact same time!) Fieldays tickets purchased and annual leave at work swapped to earlier date... wow!



Passport & tickets were promptly secured!

The first day in New Zealand was spent catching up on the lost sleep from the day before, touring around Hamilton to find our bearings and working out our plans for the Fieldays for the next three days! We discovered the best restaurant ever, Lone Star, and have since learnt "before our time" there was one in Tassie...! We spent the two of our nights here for main meals, invested in a branded tee shirt and even took a napkin as a memento... yep we had it pretty bad! Hopefully the photo of my meal on the second night explains this a little.... Yum!



**Honkey Tonk
Steak with
Buffalo Fries
and 'slaw...
YUM!**

This was where L&P was discovered also... yum!

The next morning we headed into Fieldays, via public transport, which was a free service for those heading to Fieldays, This was great way to meet the locals and others attending the event in whatever capacity, and great to experience this side of the event! The bus trip took 25-35 minutes and it was waiting for the bus on the first morning we experienced "chocolate fish" with our coffee... not too bad! Our first glimpse of Fieldays were the street signs, these were an exciting taster for what their "branding" was really like... ☺



We were in, our tickets worked! Sun was shining, and that brings me to another point, the weather compared to Tasmania at this week was WARM, the thick down coat I invested in to go to NZ was not worn once....!

Fieldays...

O.M.G. I thought the branding was great around Hamilton and the website/facebook page... this was nothing compared to in the flesh! WOW!



1002 exhibitors, 125,000 patrons over the four days... and the above photo doesn't even capture the full site and carparks at its best! The lake you see pictured in the lead up weeks had 2000 trees planted around it, in the horizon the bottom two avenues near the trees was a lake in February! And the shed you see pictured in the middle of site is HUGE! I was in Fieldays awe, literally. I was fortunate enough to meet Jon Calder, CEO of Fieldays, at Agfest AAFDA Conference when catching up with Frank from Elmore Field Days. He welcomed me to site, introduced me to many contacts, ensured I left with at a guess 50+ business cards of various networks, and even sent us up in the helicopter, complimentary! We were shown behind the scenes of ticketing, volunteer hub, and the break up Saturday night "we did it" close function. This added to our experience even greater!

Fieldays really look out for their international guests, whether they be from other Field days, rural/industry company representatives, the only criteria is you need to be visiting from external New Zealand! There is a map you place your name and details on, you are issued a lanyard and have full access to the international guest lounge at all times of Fieldays, utilising the meeting rooms, refreshments and catering services, complimentary! And meet other guests in the lounge, gathering more valuable networks! We were thrilled to bump into Rob & Jayne

Dent again, after seeing them at the Wellington airport on our flight over.

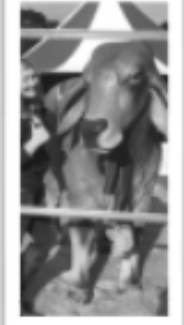


Tassie wasn't big enough for us all to fit

We monitored and supported Mikey (KH Rural Youth) and Craig (2009 NZ Exchange) in the Rural Bachelor Competition! Interesting challenges and was great to see the planning behind this contest, a major comp in NZ!



Some cool initiatives of exhibitors were the cow ear cattle tags for kids (and adults!) and the Friends in the fridge magnets- we loved these! The other site I found great was the Westpac rescue helicopter, their marquee had a full size real helicopter inside for patrons to look through and a climbing tower for kids to "release" their own helicopter that was like a straw with wings type object! There was a selfie with a fibreglass bull and the innovation trail as well – absolutely loved these ideas!



One of the main goals from this trip was to make a connection with the New Zealand Young Farmers in hope to re-establish the NZ exchange program (Study Tour)! I am thrilled to say this will be returning between Tasmania and New Zealand and keep an eye on the newsletter once all the formalities are signed off with both Organisations! How exciting!

I have also put the groundwork in for if some of our members would like to do a group trip to next years event and volunteer/experience their event, this would be great development opportunity and something I would like to explore once I have invested more time into thinking about the concept.

On the Friday night, Kaysie and I stumbled across a Young Farmers party! This was at the back of a local venue, and great networking night. We learnt that NZ Young Farmers do not know the words to Wagon Wheel, Darius Rucker, and they are bred very very tall...!

The last day of Fielddays, Saturday, was a little sad as it meant my journey was almost at its end, we dined with the volunteers that day, and spoke to some great people including past chairman's, presidents, and current chairman and president, the catering staff, the volunteer management personnel, the police, the marketing manager, many people vital in making their Fielddays the success story it is! We saw Ag Artwear, discovered the seminar centre, had a squiz in the media hub and had a great day! At the end of the night we were treated to the post event wrap up tea with thank you speeches, and it was here I learnt tearing up at the Saturday night thank you speeches of Agfest isn't just emotions running thin, tiredness kicking in and your body slowing down, it is in fact the pride running through your body of being present in such moment of display of true team work, dedication and many people working towards the same goal desiring a similar outcome. Such a special moment of my trip to experience, a memory I will forever keep.

I managed to bring 8kgs of paperwork, business cards, printed collateral, programs, flyers etc home with me, if anyone would like to see these exciting treasures let me know! If you would like to see all the photos from our journey check out facebook (K&Ks Roadtrip by Air), by time this newsletter is released I would have updated explanations for each photo, I really tried to capture many areas of interest not just for me, but for those back home that I knew would take away something valuable from the image being shared.

Thank you Rural Youth, I will be forever grateful... Kate ☺



Young Farmer 2015



The dates are set for the young farmer of the year competition, the modules are being prepared **Have you got it saved in your diary??**

The weekend of the **18th & 19th of July** will see the rural youth members start their challenge to be crowned the 2015 Young Farmer of the Year.

See the flyer in the newsletter for further details, I hope to see you at the run offs.

The top three from each region will automatically go through to the state final and then the next top six will also go through. This may be you, so save the date **12th of September** for the competition.

If entering the competition isn't your thing, still come along and support your fellow members.

For more information please contact me on youngfarmer@ruralyouth.com.au or 0439 985 166

Cheers

Amanda



Central Highlands Rural Youth Club Present; "A NIGHT OF TRIVIA IN THE HIGHLANDS"

When? Saturday 18th July

Where? Ouse Country Club

Time? 6Pm for a 6.30pm start

Cost? \$25 p/p \$5 deposit (10 per team per table) (NO EFTPOS)

Food & Drink? Nibbles and a roast dinner is included in the \$25 p/h

There is also a fully licensed bar at the venue.

Club is also holding an auction on the night to raise funds for a new club house.

Prizes given for first place only, Prize for best dressed team on the night,

MC and Auctioneer for the evening is Mr Craig Farrell.

For further information or to place a booking please contact

Club Secretary/Treasurer Emma Rayner on 0400242477

Or emailing the club, secretarychry@hotmail.com

North West Region

Hey everyone,

We have all been flat out up here just of late, organising the State Ball and Young Farmer Region Runoffs!

The state ball is being held at the Ulverstone surf club and accommodation is right across the road at the caravan park!

Were also planning to have the Young Farmer Runoffs on the 18th of July then some of us are heading up to the trivia night at Ouse!

Our next meeting will be on the 30th of July! Hope to see new people there!

Cheers!

North West Region.

Southern Region

Hello from the South!

By the time this newsletter is printed we would have held our June meeting, in which we have been fortunate enough to have Karen attend!

At this meeting we are setting in concrete our final details for the Young Farmer dinner which means we will have a price for you very soon! We are excited to share that Jerome Hillier will be performing for us- he is great! Check him out on YouTube if you've never heard of him! We are just about to start planning the Young Farmer runoffs, please keep the date in mind as per advertisement in this newsletter if you wish to have a go in the 2015 competition!

Region members have been fairly busy within their clubs and other social activities, the one major success we've organised is the Swag Slumber back in May! What a night!! With over 80 people following the event on Facebook, our expectations of "20 or so" attending, which blew out to 50! Who would have thought 50 people would rock up to a random night in a local community hall just to socialise with mates, no phone service, no set plan and no "definite" party! BUT it happened and those that attended are biting at the bit waiting for the next one to be announced!! So hey I guess this will be on the agenda also for the next region meeting!! We are hoping other regions take up this concept to so we can do some club/region raids and mingle with the rest of the state!! A HUGE thank you to the North West and Northern members that travelled to attend this night, we will return the favour!! Road trip alert!!

Another social activity that is always fun is our Annual Bowling Competition that is going to be discussed at our next meeting also, keep an eye out for the Facebook event for this! We welcome a club raid from North and North West to challenge your skill for our Region comp if you wish!

Stay tuned for next month,

Kate Coad

PRESIDENT

Oatlands Rural Youth

Hey all,

Oatlands have been flat out this past month. We had our Beaut Ute competition at the Campbell Town show, with Andrew 'Gus' Dean and Ian Fisher as our judges, winners below:

Oatlands Rural Youth Campbell Town Show Beaut Ute Competition 2015:

Best 4x4 - Ryan Langley. Donated by ARB, Launceston

Best Rural/Yard - Alexander Wade. Donated by TJM, Launceston

Best Chicks - Kirsten Whiteley. Donated by Repco, Freshair Hair & Beauty Salon and Ebony McConnon, Beauty Therapist

Loudest 6 - Phil McConnon. Donated by Mitre 10

Best Feral/Decorated - Graeme Headlam. Donated by Oatlands Pancake Parlour

Loudest 8 - Shane Davies. Donated by Oatlands Newsagency

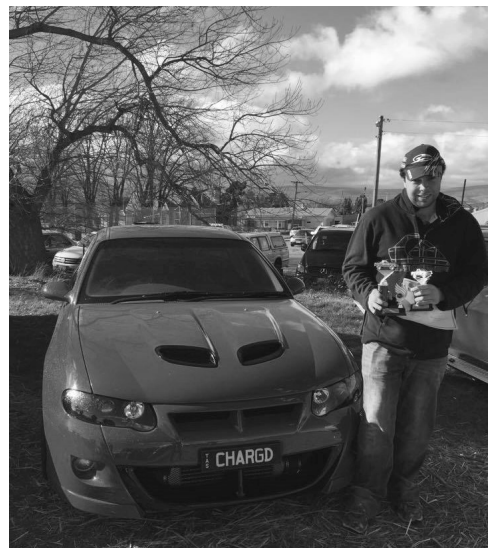
Judges Choice (sponsored by the Campbell Town Show Committee) and Best Street Winner - Corey Blazely. Donated by Van Diemen Irrigation and Crystal Car Cleaning

We also had a few of our members attend the Agfest dinner to help celebrate Agfest 2015. It was a load of fun with some great mates and a band we all know well from the rodeo circuit! We have young farmer run offs coming up! Good luck to everyone participating, and if you want to know more then get in touch with your region delegates! All in all it has been a great fun month and we hope you've enjoyed the start to this chilly winter!

Next meeting is Friday the 10th of July, with venue TBA... possibly a social night out playing some ten pin bowling in Hobart! Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/oatlandsruralyouth for details which will be posted over the next week or so!

Cheers,

Oatlands Rural Youth
"Always in the middle of it"



Kingborough Huon Rural Youth

Hey All,

As usual Kingborough Huon Rural Youth members have been and seen all over the place over the last month.

We've had members attend the Rural Youth Slumber Party at Levendale, Agfest Dinner at Quercus and Tory Percival even toured around England! The traveling theme continues in the coming months as Dale and Joss head to NZ and Nicole heads to Europe.

With money made available from the State, our club held its monthly meeting at our clubrooms, a place we haven't been for quite a while! But with the wood heater roaring and some yummy greasy items for dinner we had a great catch up! We also welcomed Sophie Brouwer back to our club after a bit of time away!

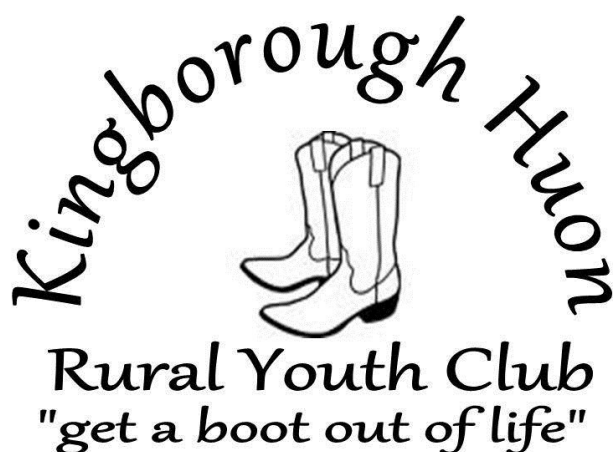
Angharad the exchangee spent her last week with us in the south and her leaving was a bit emotional for a few of our members as "A", "Cheesecake", "Welshie" and whatever else she was known as had become very close to us and we will miss her lots but still enjoy her daily snapchats.

In the coming weeks we look forward to seeing you all at State Ball in your fancy get-up! Best of luck to all those who have applied for and will receive study tours on the night. We know you will deserve it and represent our organisation to the best of your ability.

That's about it for now, but remember

"Get a Boot out of Life!!!"

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth



Central Highlands Rural Youth

Hi All,

As most of you would have seen on Facebook our club celebrated being re-opened and surviving our first year, sadly not all members could be there to celebrate due to work commitments. We enjoyed a meal at the Lachlan Hotel to celebrate, our club had 7 members this time twelve months ago, and to date we now have 17 active and financial members which is so exciting for us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in getting Central Highlands back up and running thanks to everyone who supports us other clubs head office sponsors etc. We really do appreciate it and thank you for the opportunities this has created not only for members but for the community of the Central Highlands area.

Members attended Agfest dinner and had a ball was a bit different to see everyone out of hi-viz and good to see everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves well done everyone who organised a fantastic night smile emoticon

The club is busy preparing for hosting our trivia night, we are also having an auction on the night to raise money so we can have our own club house, were excited to run this event as it's the first big event the club has ran. We have a news reporter and have local MP Mr Craig Farrell coming to be an auctioneer and MC for the evening which again is a big achievement for us, as the newsletter will be out before the event please keep an eye on our face book page where we will endeavour to update everyone on our events and photos etc.

Members are looking forward to road tripping up to state ball, well done to north west region for hosting this event we look forward to catching up with everyone and dressing up for the evening. Also looking forward to helping with Southern region with hosting young farmer run offs and a few of our members competing this year! yee haw!

Also we would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members to the club welcome, Nathan Hastie, Jake Lovell & Andrew Slater.

Next meeting will be held at the Lachlan Hotel in Ouse in the coffee shop from 7pm on Tuesday 28th July.

Until next time cheers from all at C.H.R.Y "you get out what you put in"





JULY 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Brighton 7pm Tasman 7pm Western Tiers 6:30pm	2	3 Oatlands 7pm Agfest AM Exhibitors meeting	4 Judy's Farewell RYC Meeting Advisory Meeting	5
6 Hagley 7pm Tamar 6pm	7 North Motton 8pm Sisters Creek 7pm	8 Kingborough Huon 6:30pm	9 Northern Region 7pm	10 PM Meeting	11 Working Bee	12 Working Bee
13 Circular Head 7pm Devonport 7:30pm Dorset 7:30pm	14 Sorell 7pm	15 Westmorland 7pm	16 North West Region 7pm	17	18 Young Farmer Region Runoffs	19 Young Farmer Region Runoffs
20 Tamar 6pm	21	22 Southern Region 7pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 Central Highlands 7pm	29	30	31		



August 2015

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Central Highlands 7pm	Southern Region 7pm				

Sorell Rural Youth

Hey all,

On June 3rd Sorell hosted a very promising meeting, which included a lot of the newer members from Sorell School.

One of the many topics to be discussed in this meeting was that Sorell Rural Youth members should host a 'get together' so everyone can mingle, make new contacts and friendships. This event is being held as a barbeque on the 11th of July, at the Sorell train park, 2:00pm. Everyone welcome!

On another matter, Sarah Birch had to step down as secretary, with her move to the NW coast, she will be missed dearly by members new and old. Elected to fill her shoes is Millie Lansky, a grade 10 student at Sorell School, with a lot of support behind her, and motivation she will make a great secretary.

Chocolate boxes are flooding out, bringing in fundraising for SRY.

There are also whispers of a long held tradition returning to the famed Pawleena Hall... RUMFEST!!! Stay tuned for future details!

SRY

'Working hard to make a difference'



Devonport Rural Youth

Devonport Rural Youth have recently held their Annual Meeting for 2015. Adam Elson was successful in obtaining Presidency of the club this year with Darcy Baldock taking on the role of Vice President.

A new member, Chelsea Rayner, was elected as Secretary and Darcy Baldock won another role as Treasurer for 2015.

At the last two meetings, we have also welcomed six new, young members, Jack Hanlon, Thomas Febey, Alex Mitchell, Mitchell Grey, Chelsea Rayner and Dayna Grey, however we say goodbye to Peter Damen, who is transferring to the North Motton Club.

Thanks,
Devonport Rural Youth.



Westmorland Rural Youth

Hey Guys and girls,

Not much has been happening over the last few months as a few of us have been extremely busy, Our President Prue Dennis is back with us after her big trip over to the United Kingdom, we hope she had a wonderful time. She'll have a lot of great stories to tell of her journey.

Agfest is done and dusted for another year and it was a good time for all of us. Hopefully more volunteers get there next year.

Get around Rural Youth Kiddos.

Cheers Luke "Stacka" Reid



The Tasmanian Rodeo season start is almost here... SAVE THESE DATES!!

2015

October

Hobart Show Bulls & Barrels event- Wednesday 21st October - evening

November

Melton Mowbray Rodeo – Saturday 7th November - full event

Margate Rodeo – Saturday 21st November – full event

2016

January

Carrick Bullride & Rodeo Spectacular – Saturday 9th January – full event

Ulverstone Rodeo – Saturday 16th January – full event

Harveydale Rodeo – Tuesday 26th January- full event

February

Ross Rodeo – Saturday 13th February – full event

Lillico Rodeo – Saturday 20th February – full event

Powranna Bull Ride & Rodeo – Saturday 27th – full event

March

Gowrie Park Rodeo – Saturday 5th March – full event

June/July

Annual Presentation Dinner 2015/16 Season

**Keep updated on Tasmanian Rodeos via the
Island Rodeo Circuit or Rodeo in Tasmania facebook page!**

**Get your club involved or promoted at your local rodeo,
for more information contact Kate on 0409 295 158!**



Private Health Insurance Rebate for Members

All registered Rural Youth Members may claim a rebate on the cost of your private Health Insurance. All you need to do is send in a copy of the form your fund send you at the end of the financial year to show what your contributions are and we will send you a 5% rebate. If you have not been a registered member for the full 12 months, then your rebate will be pro-rata.

As well as that, St. Lukes Health have advised they will provide Rural Youth members with a 2-1/2% discount* on the cost of your health cover, on presentation of a current membership card. Visit www.stlukes.com.au or contact them for more information.

Just one of the many benefits of being a member of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.

*discount does not apply to the lowest ancillary cover.

Rural Youth would like to wish Thomas Crawford a Happy 18th Birthday for the 15th of June! There are rumours going around that it was a wild night!!!

Save the Dates

Don't forget to mark your 2015 diaries for the following dates:

JULY

3rd - Agfest Annual Meeting

18th & 19th - Region Young Farmer Run Offs

SEPTEMBER

12th - Young Farmer Competition Final



Southern Region Rural Youth
presents to you...



YOUNG FARMER DINNER 2015

THEME
GREAT GATSBY
ATTIRE



Held in celebration of
the



SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER
12th



AGFEST BRAINSTORMING

SAVE THE DATE

7th, 8th, 9th August 2015

Function Centre – Quercus Park

Agfest needs you and your ideas!!

Come along and enjoy the fun,

Where no idea is a silly idea

Please RSVP to Head Office for catering purposes.



RURAL YOUTH STUDY TOURS 2015

The Process...

In the April/May editions of the Newsletter the application period was promoted for all financial Rural Youth members to apply for a Rural Youth Study Tour, this year the allocation being; Rotary Youth Leadership Camp (Ulverstone), self-nominated up to \$550 each (two opportunities), Young Endeavour, United States of America, United Kingdom and Canada. Applications closed on May 29th, and applications were well supported this year with nine people originally submitting application!

What applicants had to do...

To apply for Study Tour, applicants must complete application form, submit a letter explaining their desire to apply and provide background in personal endeavours as well as Rural Youth history/involvement/aspirations. From here applicants are contacted and this is where this year changed slightly compared to previous years in offering two options for Selection Day dates. This was implemented to provide opportunity for flexibility in this process, which proved to work well and definitely something to continue into the future, should Rural Youth Council wish for this to do so.

Selection Day...

Huge thank you to each of the three judges, Christine Mann (*Past member, past State President, past Site Manager for Agfest – before the Exhibitor/Operations role split, and exchangee to Switzerland*), Tracey Badcock (*Past member, past member of Resource Allocation Committee, Past Agfest Treasurer, Past exchangee to Beef Expo via the Self Nomination process*), and Melinda Hyland (*past member, past Agfest Schools Kit coordinator, and last years UK Exchangee!*)

The Selection Day, one and two, took place at Glendale Olives, Evandale. Applicants were treated to an Olive Farm Tour, in which they had to provide a written report on within 30 hours after the selection day closed. They were quizzed on general knowledge, Rural Youth knowledge and agricultural knowledge within Australia. Each person had to present a demonstration to their audience, for no longer than 10 minutes, then a 15 minute interview with the judge panel was held.

The Announcement...

Stay tuned on facebook, in the media and in your next Rural Youth Newsletter for the BIG announcement of Study Tour recipients for 2015! How exciting!!

Thinking of applying...

Now is the time to plan your submission for next year, if you are considering your options in applying for Study Tours gather your facts now... can you get time off work?, financial plans to afford your adventure.. Talk to past applicants/study tour recipients... Explore your options!

The Study Tours available for 2016 application period are;

- Rotary Youth Leadership Camp, Ulverstone (7 days)
- Self Nominated x two opportunities (\$550 each)
- Young Endeavour (must be under 23 years old)
- United Kingdom (April – June)
- Norway (up to three months)
- Sweden (up to three months)
- Switzerland (up to three months)
- New Zealand (subject to confirmation) June – July (3-8 weeks) focusing on Fieldays & Young Farmers Conference.

OR you can talk to your Study Tours Directors about applying!

Kate Coad 0409 295 158 or Kaysie Wood 0408 297 021 or email studytours@ruralyouth.com.au

The Applicants...

The applicants for 2015 confirmed were; Jake Williams, Babette McConnon, Amanda Bayles, Phillipa Green and Andrea White.



JAKE WILLIAMS

Club North Motton
Age 21
Applied: Young Endeavour & Canada

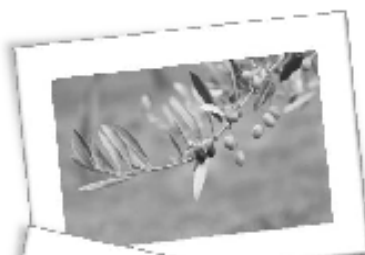
Demonstration:
The procedure and safety behind connecting a trailer to vehicle.



BABETTE MCCONNON

Club Oatlands
Age 26
Applied: UK, Canada or USA
Demonstration:

The art and technique behind your cup of coffee and Napkin folding!



AMANDA BAYLES

Club Westmorland
Age 27
Applied: UK, Canada, USA
Demonstration:

The technique and insight to the art of milking dairy cows, life as a dairy farm manager- with guest mascot & demonstrator "Bessie the Udder!"



ANDREA WHITE

Club Westmorland
Age 17
Applied: Self Nominated, RYLA, Canada, UK, USA
Demonstration:

Explanation of the breed and characteristics of the Australian Kelpie Sheep dog.



PHILLIPA GREEN

Club Sorell
Age 27
Applied: UK, Canada or USA
Demonstration:

A medical demonstration using a Sphygmomanometer (blood pressure monitor – manual process)!

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