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A quiet word From The Editor...

The JUNE NEWSLETTER

**DEADLINE is FRIDAY the 19TH JUNE 2015
at 5PM**

Hi there everyone!

I Hope everyone has had a good month. It may be getting cold but that hasn't stopped some of our clubs, with different events and functions to come!

On another note, how GREAT was Agfest? It was awesome!

Also don't forget if you have a club, region, or state council directorship that is doing something, let me know! And then I can let everyone else in on it!

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Thanks,
Phillipa.

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Presidents Report



Diddly de potatoes!

By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox I will be back in Australia, but for now I am on the last leg of my exchange and am currently in Portrush in Northern Ireland, staying with Lou-Ellen this week followed by John Cochrane in my last week. Its been like one big reunion!

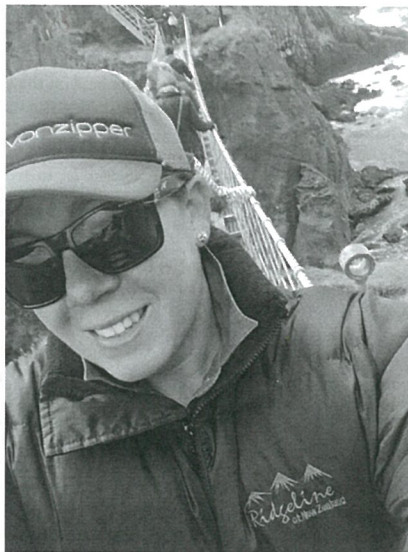
A massive thank you is in order for Simone who looked after my phone and email inbox in my absence and to Ricky who handled the public relations at Agfest. I can't thank you both enough. A massive congratulations must also go to Amanda and the Agfest committee for again putting on a great field day. Even on the other side of the world Callum kept me in the loop of what was going on the days before, of and after the 2015 event which saw 56,741 patrons go through the gates of our Oaks Road property.

I can't wait to be home to start the next chapter of my life with a very big move. This is the first public disclosure of it but I am on the move and moving down south for my work which I am so very excited about.

In closing, I would lastly like to thank every person that is a member of this amazing organisation. Your time that you give is what makes this organisation. Whether it's from parking cars at Agfest, to helping your club at the local show. Every little bit that YOU do counts and I can't thank you enough.

See you all soon!!

Prue



Agfest Report

Hi all,

Well Agfest has come and gone for another year. Unfortunately it fell in the middle week when we had some pretty bad wind in the state, but sticking to our ways Agfest opened on the first Thursday in May at 8am. Thursday saw 14,420 people come through the gates a little down on last year but was great to talk to exhibitors who were really pleased with sales.

Friday, another slightly windy day with the weather saw 18,461 people come through the gates and it could definitely be seen that the streets were fuller than the day before, exhibitors again happy with sales. Our big day Saturday saw us turn to the over flow car park and have 23,860 people come through the gates to see Agfest bringing the total number for the three days to 56,741 people through the gates for the three days.

This year saw a first in that we closed the site early on the Tuesday due to the massive amount of wind and rain coming through the site. An evacuation that we had never done before or even a drill, thanks to all the exhibitors and volunteers for their cooperation in securing and evacuating the site.

A massive thanks to all volunteers that helped out at Agfest and made it happen from the bunch of us out at Quercus each weekend prior, to those who juggled days off from work to be at Agfest for part days, and then importantly the actual days – it is all very much appreciated – you help make Agfest what it is, so THANK YOU once again, a big pat on the back to you all

348 days till Agfest 2016, which sounds scary but planning will soon commence and if you would like to be involved please fill in the self-nomination form in the newsletter and return by AGM time (3rd of July). You will notice that the form has slightly changed this year as the needs of the Agfest committee have also. This will be presented further at the upcoming Agfest meetings.

Coming up is an Agfest meeting on the 5th June at Head Office and the Agfest dinner on the 6th of June at Quercus. The meal for the evening is FREE for all that volunteered at Agfest so come along and have a great night.

Looking further the Annual meeting will be held on the 3rd of July and then brainstorming on the 7th, 8th & 9th of August, again a free weekend to be held at Quercus and will be great to have you there to brainstorm ideas for the future.

If you have something that you would like us to talk about please email chairman@agfest.com.au or admin@agfest.com.au to get it added to the agenda, any back ground information that you can supply is also great too.

Thanks again for your support while I have been chairman, I have had a great few years.

Cheers

Amanda
chairman@agfest.com.au
or 0418 391 898



REMINDER

Don't forget to RSVP to the
AGFEST Dinner – Sat 6th June
If you volunteered your time, dinner is on us!!

AGFEST BRAINSTORMING

SAVE THE DATE

7th, 8th, 9th, August 2015

Agfest needs you and your ideas!!

Come along and enjoy the fun,
Where no idea is a silly idea.



**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

Training Subsidy 75%

Rural Youth is offering subsidies for short courses to any financial member.

Some examples include a first aid course, chainsaw licence course, forklift course, computer courses. Suitability of course is subject to approval, but the Organisation will reimburse 75% of the cost, with a ceiling of \$200 per member for any course undertaken (or booked) before the end of this year.

If you would like to apply for a Training Subsidy, please send your application to head office – once approval is made, you will be notified and then reimbursed on presentation of a receipt.

This is a unique opportunity for you to do something worthwhile – don't delay!



For more information contact the
Rural Youth Office—
reception@ruralyouth.com.au



Southern Region

Hey everyone!

Wow! What a great RY Swag Slumber Party we have just enjoyed! Over 50 people took part and it was a great social night with mates. There were 17 swags in the hall, 4 in the supper room and a few people chose a quieter night, taking camp in their cars!

From what started as a random "wouldn't it be cool if..." idea to see this outcome and talks of when the next one can be - totally awesome!! Communal snacks worked a treat and the late night homemade pumpkin soup snack was just as appreciated as the delicious quiche everyone enjoyed for breakfast!

Thank you everyone who contributed towards RY Swag Slumber 2015! More stories will be in the next newsletter. Stay tuned for the next Swag Slumber!

Thanks,
Southern Region

Oatlands Rural Youth

Hey all!

Oatlands Rural Youth have been flat out during the month of May. The first week and a half we had 5 of our members volunteering at Agfest, what a successful event once again, always happy and proud to be a part of it!

The third weekend three of our members headed up to Ross for the Post Vintage Car Clubs "Picnic at Ross" where we parked vintage cars around the football oval and surrounds. Great morning had. We are getting to be known as "The Car Parking Club!" haha!

The fourth weekend was spent with 3 of our members at the Rural Youth Swag Fun Slumber Party at the Levendale Hall. It was a super fun night with around 50 people attending from all over the state, hopefully getting the knowledge of Rural Youth out there for quite a few people who didn't really know what it was all about. It is amazing what can be achieved when there's no mobile service and great people attending!

Lots of new friendships were made. "what happens at slumber, stays at slumber" By the time this is published we will have had the final weekend in May been and gone, this is the weekend of Oatlands Rural Youth Campbell Town Show Ute Competition. Keep your eyes peeled for next months newsletter with winners, prizes and some photos from the event!

I hope you're all enjoying the chilly days we have had at the moment, even a snow day already for us here in Oatlands!! Cold winter ahead! Stay safe!

Cheers, Ebony McConnon Secretary
Oatlands Rural Youth "Always in the Middle of it!"

Kingborough Huon Report

Hey All,

All of us at Kingborough Huon Rural Youth are in recovery mode from Agfest, but this hasn't stopped us getting out and about since the Field Days ended.

At various stages of the Agfest time, over 10 members were at Quercus helping out in some way or another. A big congratulations to Amanda and her team on another fantastic event. We now all aim to forget about Agfest and so come this time next year we remember why we love it so much!

Since Agfest, the club held a quick meeting at Southern Lights Hotel, where we had a great laugh and shared some stories or times at Quercus and compared rates of the old 'Agfest Flu'. We also made preparations for the Million Paws walk in which we were helping out at.

The Million Paws walk was held at the Huonville Recreation Ground on Sunday May 18th and it was estimated that over 250 dogs turned out to complete a series of walks around Huonville as well as many other dog themed activities. KHRY was there to run a small dog high jump event. It was a pretty informal event that gave dog owners who may normally not take part in our flagship event at the Huon Show, to have a go at seeing how high their dog can jump. Small prizes were donated by the Huon Valley council and our winning dog 'Bear' jumped 1.6 metres.

On Wednesday May 20th, after a nice meal at the Black Buffalo, members of KH met up with members from Sorell and Central Highlands at the Uni Revue. We had many laughs as the actors entertained us with their "Indiana Joe: The Budget of Doom" quest.

By the time this report gets delivered to you guys reading, many of our members will have also enjoyed a fun at the RY Swag Slumber Party. In the lead up to the event, many fun activities and 'consumable' ideas are being shared so the night promises to be a good one.

As you can see, we have been a busy old bunch! We look forward to seeing everyone at Agfest dinner for a catch up and celebratory drink. Hope to see ya there!

And don't forget to "Get a Boot Out of Life!"

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth.



Central Highlands Report

Hi All,

There has been a lot happening here at CHRY,

On behalf of the club we would like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda, the exec team and all who volunteered and or were involved in the making of Agfest 2015, you all deserve a huge pat on the back!

As this was our first year volunteering as a new club we were made right at home. We learnt so many new skills, had a ball, made new friends and experienced the "Agfest flu". Thanks must also go to Kate who directed a man to our secretary on one of the field days who was a former Central Highlands Rural Youth Member. Lyndley Chopping had been a member of the club when it was opened some years ago and had heard the radio interview on The Country Hour, Mr Chopping was so pleased to see the club back up and running he spent a good hour chatting exchanging stories and reminiscing with myself. Mr Chopping was that pleased and thankful for the Rural Youth Organisation and what he had got out of the years that he was a member, he very kindly donated some money to our club which is fantastic! its great to get this feedback and meet people like Lyndley, it just goes to show what people get out of their Rural Youth experience and makes it all worth while, well done team!

The club held a dinner at the Bellerive Yacht club where we met with agribusiness manager Lee Campbell who had contacted us after an article was featured in the newspaper, he is willing to come on board as a sponsor, we are looking forward to this partnership with Lee and the agribusiness team.

As you would have seen in this edition we are hosting a trivia night/auction on Saturday 18th July at the Ouse Country Club. If you are interested in having a table (table of 10) please contact the club secretary (details on flyer), numbers are limited and we have already filled 4 tables without advertising so get in quick before you miss out!

Also we would like to take this opportunity to welcome new member to the club, Callie Barber welcome aboard!

Until next time, on behalf of CHRY cheers, Emma.





JUNE 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Hagley 7pm Tamar 6pm	2 Sorell 6.30pm North Motton 8pm Sisters Creek 7pm	3 Brighton 7pm Tasman 7pm Western Tiers 6:30pm	4	5 Oatlands 7pm Agfest Meeting @ Head Office	6 Agfest Dinner @Quercus	7 RYC meeting @ JJ's Bakery
8 Circular Head 7pm Devonport 7:30pm Dorset 7:30pm	9	10 Kingborough Huon 6:30-7pm	11 Northern Region 7pm	12 Property Management Meeting @ Quercus	13 WORKING BEE	14 WORKING BEE
15 Tamar 6pm	16	17 Devonport AGM Westmorland 7pm	18 North West Region 7pm	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20	21
22	23	24 Southern Region 7pm	25	26	27 State Ball @ Ulverstone Surf Club	28
29	30 Central Highlands 7pm					



JULY 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Brighton 7pm Tasman 7pm Western Tiers 6:30pm	2	3 Agfest AGM Oatlands 7pm	4	5
6 Hagley 7pm Tamar 6pm	7 North Motton 8pm Sisters Creek 7pm	8 Kingborough Huon 6:30-7pm	9 Northern Region 7pm	10	11	12
13 Circular Head 7pm Devonport 7:30pm Dorset 7:30pm	14 Sorell 7pm	15 Westmoreland 7pm	16 North West Region 7pm	17	18 Southern Region Young Farmer Region Run Offs	19 Northern Region Young Farmer Region Run Offs
20 Tamar 6pm	21	22 Southern Region 7pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 Central Highlands 7pm	29	30	31		

Sorell Report

Hey all,

First off, a big congratulations to Amanda and the Agfest committee for another fantastic Agfest!!

We have been reasonably quiet the last few months, but we have gained some new members thanks to Kate Coad!! Thanks so much Kate! Sorell will be hopefully selling fundraising chocolates next month so look out for us at the next function!

Sorell will hold the next meeting at the Orielson Hall, 2nd June at 630pm.

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"working hard to make a difference"



Hagley Rural Youth

Hi,

Its been a little while since you have heard from us so we thought we would just do a quick report.

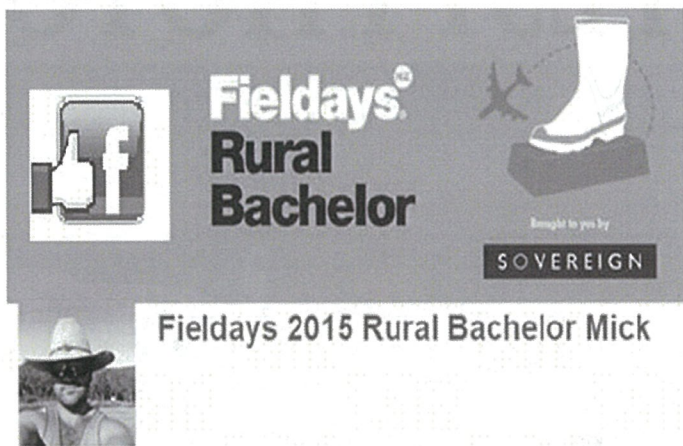
Hagley Rural Youth members Mitch Beer and Will Craigie volunteered their time at Agfest and were also patrons.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th May at the Westbury Pub commencing at 7pm.

If you have any questions regarding Hagley Rural Youth please contact our Club President, Mitch Beer on 0417 312 296.

AGFEST PHOTOS





Kingborough Huon Rural Youth member Mikey Pearson has been selected as one of two Australians and six New Zealanders to compete in the New Zealand Fieldays Rural Bachelor of the Year next month.

It is a similar competition to our Young Farmer Competition but is run over 7 days in conjunction with 'Fieldays', one of the largest agricultural field days in the Southern Hemisphere— with 120,000 visitors last year.

Please like the facebook page to show your support and if he is able to get enough facebook page likes, he may even win the people's choice award.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fieldays-2015-Rural-Bachelor-Mick/636742493091892?fref=ts> or search "Fielddays 2015 Rural Bachelor Mick"

Save the Dates



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

JUNE

27th - State Ball (North West Region)

JULY

3rd - Agfest Annual Meeting

18th & 19th - Region Young Farmer Run Offs

AUGUST

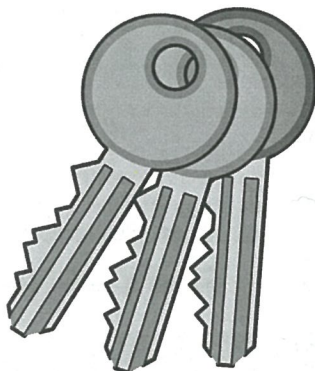
7th-9th Agfest Brainstorming

SEPTEMBER

12th - Young Farmer Competition Final

REMINDER!!!

**Please return room
keys and any other
equipment taken
home to Head
Office ASAP!**



Southern Region Rural Youth
presents to you....

YOUNG FARMER

DINNER 2015

THEME
GRIT AND GRISBY
ATTIRE



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER

12th

Full information published in the June
Rural Youth Newsletter!

Held in celebration of
the



**YOUNG
FARMER
COMPETITION**



Devonport Rural Youth

Hey all,

Devonport club has been offline for the last year or so...

On Tuesday the 19th May we finally had a meeting where we were glad to see some new faces looking to join up as well as Angharad the exchangee from Wales.

We have talked about using some of the surplus money to sponsor kids Football Guernseys for a local Auskick event, as well as ways to attract members.

A couple of members helped out at Agfest this year and had a great time!

Angharad stayed in Kindred for 3 nights where she got to see local farms, wildlife, Gunns Plains caves, the berry patch, reliquaire, harvest moon, shoot a gun, watch a person break a car, drive around in a tractor, and experience slave labour.

Cheers,
Pete

Devonport Rural Youth

Devonport Rural Youth are holding their AGM on
Wednesday 17th June at Moriarty Hall at 7.30pm,
with a normal meeting to follow.

For further details on this meeting please contact
Adam Elson on 0400 843 837.

Westmorland Rural Youth

Westmorland has been relatively quiet over the last couple of months leading into Agfest.

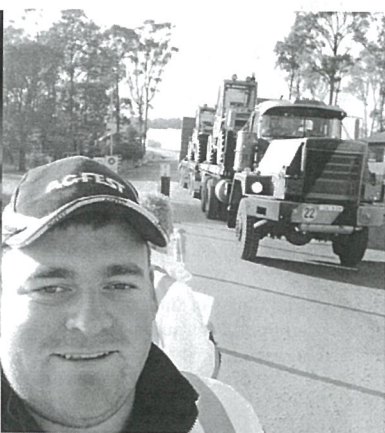
With Prue heading off on exchange we had a tea meeting at 'the shout' bar in Launceston and had a good general catch up.

We had members volunteering at Agfest and giving their time, something that is very precious to most. Our meetings are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, for more information jump on the Facebook page to see where we are also meeting.

Next meeting date: 17th June

See you next time
'Out of the centre'

AGFEST PHOTOS



AGFEST PHOTOS



Above: On stage at the official Agfest opening

Below: The crowd from the stage at the Agfest opening



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