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## A quiet word From The Editor...

### The JUNE NEWSLETTER

**DEADLINE is the 24TH MAY 2015 at 5PM**

Hi there everyone!

My first edition as editor! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Phillipa and I am a proud member of Sorell Rural Youth! I am your current Junior Vice-President at the state level as well!

I am currently studying nursing when I'm not involved with Rural Youth business.

If anyone has any photos or articles for the next edition please don't hesitate to send them my way!

That's it for now , so enjoy this edition!

Thanks.

Phillipa. :)

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# Presidents Report



Hello everyone from the other side of the world!

I hope all is treating you well. By the time you will be reading this newsletter, you will be either at Agfest volunteering, or at home the week after. Regardless, I wish Amanda and her crew all the best for the coming field days.

I hope everyone is well and I look forward to heading back home on the 30th May. I'm having an absolute blast and I definitely believe everyone should do this at least once. Have a good afternoon folks.

Catch up soon.

P.



# Agfest Report

Hi all,

Well as I write this report the 7th of May is fast approaching. With site marking finished last weekend it's been time to turn to the other jobs on site. Including emptying the craft pavilions, UTASTE pavilion marking and setting up, thistles removals, cleaning, whipper snipping just to name a few.

As from about the 29th of April there will be people out on site each and everyday, so if you haven't put your volunteer form in and it now works out that you can come along, please give me a call and we can definitely sort you out with a job and even a feed afterwards!

As well as the work for the week there will be a bit of fun incorporated in for the week. Check out hungry hippos on the Agfest volunteers group to get an idea of what I mean. If your not in this group let me know and I can add you. During Agfest this is a great page to share pictures from the day, please remember to keep it g rated and please no put downs.

During the week all volunteers will receive some Agfest dollars which they will be able to spend at a merchandise pop up store during the week with excess merchandise. You will also be able to redeem them for a hard earned drink! Remember the Agfest dinner is free to all volunteers this year to put the 6th of June in your calendars for a great night!

Please contact me if you have any concerns, otherwise I look forward to seeing you out and about at Agfest.

Cheers Amanda

# SAVE THE DATE

**AGFEST DINNER 6<sup>th</sup> June,  
Function Centre - Quercus Park**

EXCITNG NEWS – If you volunteer at Agfest 2015 you will receive free entry to the Agfest dinner (incl meal and LIVE BAND) More information to come!!

MERCHANDISE POP UP SHOP  
(this enables you to use Agfest dollars you have left over)

# Agfest Pop-Up Shop

Hi Guys,

Some of you may have missed out on ordering Agfest merchandise, but don't be upset, we have some in stock items that we can sell to you at a run out price.

Please see below the items available, as they are in stock items, they will be sold to the first in best dressed.

You can use your Agfest dollars to purchase these items, or you can pay cash, card, DD, etc. to Linda in Head Office, once payment has been made and you have your receipt you can then collect your item/s.

These items will be on display at Agfest and available for you to purchase.

Stock Item	Size (if applicable)	Quantity Available	Cost	Quantity Requested	TOTAL
Soft Shell Jacket	12	1	72.00		
"Winning Spirit" Zip Up Hoodie (Pink Colour)	14	1	33.00		
Soft Shell Vest (Navy Colour)	16	2	52.00		
"Winning Spirit" Shirt (Pink Colour)	16	1	30.00		
"Winning Spirit" Hoodie (Red Colour)	18	1	32.00		
"Winning Spirit" Shirt (Navy Colour)	18	1	30.00		
"Winning Spirit" Tank Top (White Colour)	18	1	16.00		
Striped Rugby Jumper	M	2	38.00		
Canterbury Denim Shirt	L	1	20.00		
"Winning Spirit" Hoodie (Navy Colour)	XL	1	32.00		
Polo Tops (Navy/White)	Various	50 approx. (in various sizes)	18.00		
Beach Towel (Pink)	N/A	7	22.00		
Beach Towel (Navy)	N/A	1	22.00		
Travel Mug	N/A	15	6.50		
Drink Bottles (pink, purple, light blue, dark blue)	N/A		7.00		
Beanies	N/A		7.00		

# General Manager Update

I find myself writing this 3 weeks into my tenure as General Manager – wondering where the time has gone and looking forward to what is to come as I enter the eye of the storm that is 'Agfest'! As it draws closer and the pace goes from relentless to frantic I can only express my admiration for Amanda, her team of volunteers and the staff as they go about the business of "getting the show on the road". You are all amazing!

Due to the timing of my arrival I have only been able to provide limited assistance, however I look forward to Agfest in 2016 when I will be of more use!

Once Agfest is done and dusted I intend to be 'out and about' more – getting to know more about your clubs and looking for opportunities to work with you to grow your membership.

I would like to thank the members for the support I have received to date, it is much appreciated!

Finally I must make special mention of Selena, Linda and Kadesha, who along with Allison and Ellen have helped me immensely over the past couple of weeks, (particularly by making time for me and my questions, when there really hasn't been any to spare – thank you!)

I hope to see you at Agfest or soon after!

Karen

## Graeme Tole Memorial Award



## GRAEME TOLE MEMORIAL AWARD RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA PRESIDENTS PRIZE

NEW ZEALAND  
YOUNG FARMERS  
CONFERENCE WEEK

FARMERS  
Altitude

In 2013 at the Rural Youth AGM, Kate Coad was awarded the **Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize**. In July this year, she will be representing this award with pride at the New Zealand Young Farmers Conference Week, held from July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> at Taupo, located on the North Island. Kate will be seeing parts of the Young Farmer Final contest, experiencing the conference and social events during her time away. A full report of this exciting journey will be published in the August newsletter.

# Southern Region

Southern Region are busy organising the Young Farmer Dinner plans, and various activities within clubs and the region. Like many, May sees us heading to Agfest, and really looking forward to this years event, new friendships, memories and another year under the belt! Good luck and well done to the committee and volunteers of this years event, a lot of hard work, dedication and working together makes this event the success it is!

Just after Agfest, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, is our Swag Slumber basically this is a fun weekend, with minimal cost (bring your own food/drinks) at Levendale Hall (just 30 minutes out of Sorell, or inland from Oatlands). We are planning music, fire pot, bbq, games and general social activities within the grounds of the hall.

We envisage people putting their swags in the hall and camping inside (its cold outside) just like one big slumber party... without the pillow fights! Everyone is welcome, no set time to arrive, we will be there just going with the flow, and see what the night pans out... FUN!

That's all for now,

Southern Region Rural Youth

(Kate, President, 0409 295 158)



## Our International Guest Rural Youth EXchange 2015



UNITED KINGDOM - Angharad Thomas

Age: 24 years old

Occupation: Environmental Health Officer

Find Angharad on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/angharad.thomas3>

Angharad will be arriving on April 29th and staying until 11th June  
If you would like to arrange a club/region activity with Angharad  
please contact the Study Tours Director, Kate on 0409 295 158



# Kingborough Huon Report

Hey All,

So Kingborough Huon have been busy the last month across a wide range of activities.

Since our last report we held a get together to see off club member Alex White as he headed to the Northern Territory seeking employment on some cattle stations. We wish Alex all the best and know we will see him again soon!

Members also attended the Southern Region meeting at the Pontville Pub which was a great fun evening for all those there. Our club get together for the month was at the Kingston Hotel on a Friday night where some "interesting" conversations were held across a wide range of topics! We've welcomed Joel Davey as our newest member to the club and look forward to sharing some more fun nights with him.

Members have also been spotted around the state as Agfest preparations continue and our members will be soon moving to Quercus to help get our amazing field days underway. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Cya Soon!

Kingbrough Huon Rural Youth

## Oatlands Rural Youth

Hey everyone,

Oatlands Rural Youth members are getting keen for Agfest!

Our Campbell Town Show Ute Competition is coming up on the 30th of May. See the event on Facebook for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/348293525367629/>

A few of our members attended the Anzac Centenary Dawn Service in Oatlands. A very moving ceremony.

Keep free Saturday May 23rd for our Rural Youth Slumber Party: event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/690997601009612/> to be held at the Levendale Hall from 6pm As we head in to the colder weather it's getting a bit frosty around so please drive safely.

Cheers,

Oatlands Rural Youth

"always in the middle of it"



# Central Highlands Report

Hey all,

Members had a great day running the ute comp and dog high jump at Hamilton Show. Thanks to Dale and the team at Kingborough Huon club who lent us their dog high jump, we really appreciate it. We also signed up new member Cassandra Bresnehan, welcome aboard!

Some of you may of seen our article that got published in the Tas Country, Mercury and Herald Sun, and as a result we have been in contact with some big names and sponsors keen to come aboard and help us out. Next meeting we have Lee Campbell from Agribusiness coming along as well as Eric Hutchinson. We have also been in contact with David Moore from Volunteering Tasmania, and we are now featured on their website which is just fantastic! These guys are a non profit organization and keen to help promote us and help us if we ever need extra volunteers, if any other clubs are interested in this please contact our club secretary Emma Rayner via email [secretarychry@hotmail.com](mailto:secretarychry@hotmail.com) or by phone 0400 242 477. We are more than happy to pass on David's contact details.

Thanks must also go to Amanda, Rin & Marty for traveling down to Ouse (driving straight passed the Ouse pub mind you haha) the aim of the meeting was to inform new members about volunteering at Agfest and what members can gain from the experience. We all learnt a fair bit and are excited to be coming along to Agfest for the week this year Anthony has put his hand up to take on waste management, Emma has taken on helping with the back ticket box and a bar shift here and there if needed and Amy and Jasmine are parking cars.

Members attended the Anzac day service at Hamilton where they presented a wreath along with mayor of the Central Highlands Council, (will include pictures next addition as the event is after newsletter deadline).

Next meeting is Tuesday 26th May 7pm Lachlan Hotel Ouse.





# MAY 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Oatlands 7pm	2	3
4 Hagley 7pm Tamar 6pm	5 North Motton 8pm Sisters Creek 7pm	6 Brighton 7pm Tasman 7pm Western Tiers 7.30pm	7 <b><u>AGFEST</u></b>	8 <b><u>AGFEST</u></b>	9 <b><u>AGFEST</u></b>	10
11 Circular Head 7pm Devonport 7pm Dorset 7.30pm	12 Sorell 7pm	13 Kingborough Huon 7pm	14 Northern Region 7pm	15	16	17
18 Tamar 6pm	19	20 Westmorland 7pm	21 North West Region 7pm	22	23 RfunY Swag Slumber @ Levendale Hall	24
25	26 Central Highlands 7pm	27 Southern Region 7pm	28	29	30	31



# JUNE 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hagley 7pm Tamar 6pm	North Motton 8pm Sisters Creek 7pm	Brighton 7pm Tasman 7pm Western Tiers 7.30pm		Agfest Meeting Oatlands 7pm	Agfest Dinner	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Dorset 7.30pm Devonport 7pm	Sorell 7pm	Kingborough Huon at 7pm	Northern Region 7pm			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Tamar 6pm		Westmorland 7pm	North West Region 7pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Southern Region 7pm			State Ball	
29	30					
	Central Highlands 7pm					

# Westmorland Rural Youth

Hi Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Not much has been happening in the world of Westmorland, trying to recruit new members, and organising Westmorland activities for the year E.g. Longford show ute comp & possibly a new idea to get the whole family entertained but that's still in the pipe works, but we will get there.

All of us from Westmorland would like to wish Prue Dennis a safe and exciting journey while she visits the big UK, be safe Prue and have fun!

Cheers! Luke "Stacka" Reid

## Sorell Report

Hey Everyone,

Sorell Has been pretty quite this month, with our last meeting being held at the Orielson Hall. We hope to have some fundraising chocolates in the near future so if you see a member with a box of them, please buy some!!

Thanks!

SRY

‘Working hard to make a difference’



# Merchandise

Stock Item	Size (if applicable)	Quantity Available	Cost
RY Printed Navy Scarf	NA	2	13.00
Ladies "Winning Spirit" – RY Polo Top (Red, White/ Navy) Printed on the back – 15 to 30, Get Down & Dirty	12	2	35.00
Ladies RY Polo Top (Pink)	14	1	26.00
RY "Winning Spirit" Hoodie (Navy Colour) Printed on the back – 15 to 30, Get Down & Dirty	16	1	32.00
RY "Winning Spirit" Polo Top (Navy & White) Printed on the back – 15 to 30, Get Down & Dirty	18	1	35.00
T-Shirt (Navy) Yellow Tasmanian Rural Youth Logo on the front	S	1	10.00
T-Shirt (Navy) Yellow Tasmanian Rural Youth Logo on the front	M	1	10.00
RY Polo Top (Navy & Yellow Stripe on sleeve)	L	1	25.00
RY "Winning Spirit" Polo Top (Navy & White) Printed on the back – 15 to 30, Get Down & Dirty	L	1	35.00
T-Shirt (Navy) Yellow Tasmanian Rural Youth Logo on the front	L	1	10.00
RY "Winning Spirit" Hoodie (Navy Colour) Printed on the back – 15 to 30, Get Down & Dirty	L	1	32.00
Men's RY "Winning Spirit" Fleecy Vest (Navy Colour)	L	1	32.00
Blue King Gee Work shirt (Green RY Logo on front)	L	1	25.00
T-Shirt (Navy) Yellow Tasmanian Rural Youth Logo on the front	XL	2	10.00
RY Rugby Top (Black & White)	XL	1	32.00
RY Caps (Navy & Red)	NA	40	5.00
Rural Youth Tie	NA	40	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			

# Agfest Photos



## Traffic Management Course

There is an upcoming traffic management course, on the 2nd May.

Anyone who is interested should contact Morgan Waters (0400906271).

BEST of all this is FREE to all RURAL YOUTH members!

# Save the Dates



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

## JUNE

5th - Agfest Meeting

6th - Agfest Dinner

27th - State Ball (North West Region)

## JULY

3rd - Agfest Annual Meeting

● 18th & 19th - Region Young Farmer Run Offs

## SEPTEMBER

● 12th - Young Farmer Competition Final



## AG TOUR ROAD TRIP 22 AUGUST 2015

Rural Youth Council has decided to organise an AG TOUR ROAD TRIP!  
**EVERYONE is welcome to attend.** Full cost and information will be in the next Rural Youth Newsletter, as well as an event created on Facebook!

This is intended to be just a fun day out, minimal cost, and interesting!

Enquiries: Kate Coad 0409 295 158



Southern Region Rural Youth  
presents to you...

# YOUNG FARMER DINNER 2015

THEME  
**GREAT GATSBY**  
ATTIRE



Held in celebration of  
the



SAVE THE DATE  
**SEPTEMBER  
12<sup>th</sup>**

Full information published in the June  
Rural Youth Newsletter!





**Ever wondered  
what being the  
“delegate”  
on behalf  
of a Committee  
within Rural Youth  
means ???**

**Think of Rural Youth as a skeleton....  
Think of the song you learnt in primary school (as below)**

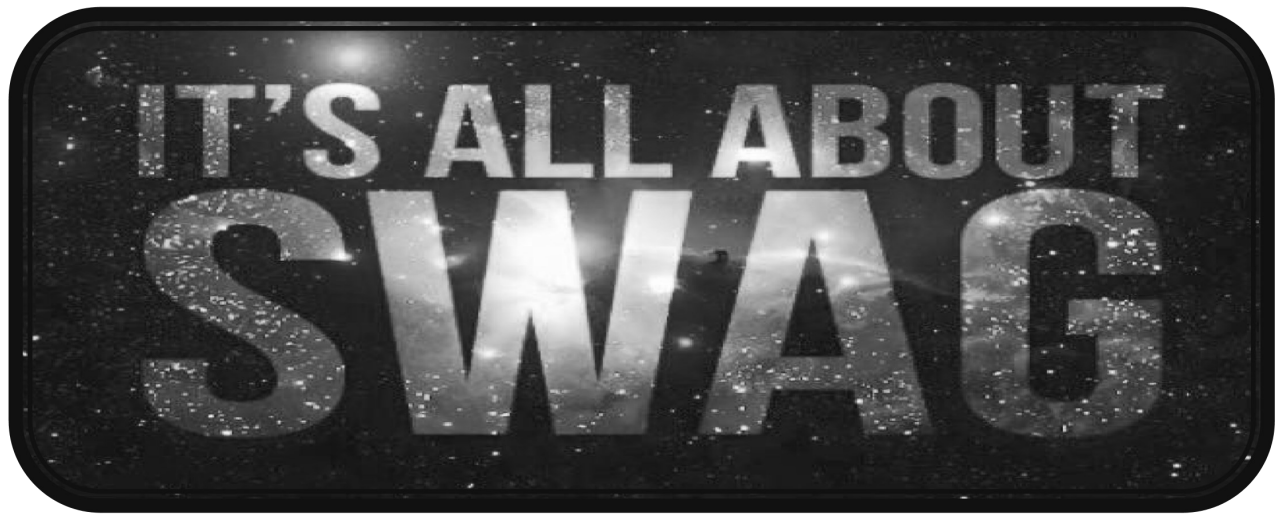
**“The foot bone's connected to the leg bone. The leg bone's connected to  
the knee bone. The knee bone's connected to the thigh bone.  
Doin' the skeleton dance. The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone.  
The hipbone's connected to the backbone.  
The backbone's connected to the neck bone. Doin' the skeleton dance.”**

**Well there you have it...**

**If you are a CLUB delegate to REGION you are required to  
attend region meetings to ferry the information back to the  
CLUB.**

**If you are a REGION delegate to STATE COUNCIL or  
AGFEST FIELD DAYS you are required to attend Rural  
Youth Council and/or Agfest meetings to ferry the  
information back to your REGION, that is then fed back to  
your CLUBS via your CLUB delegates on REGION...**

**What a GREAT Rural Youth “skeleton” we have! ☺**



# Rtun4 Swag Slumber

●  
● Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2015 from 6pm onwards  
●

@ Levendale Hall (Southern Midlands)

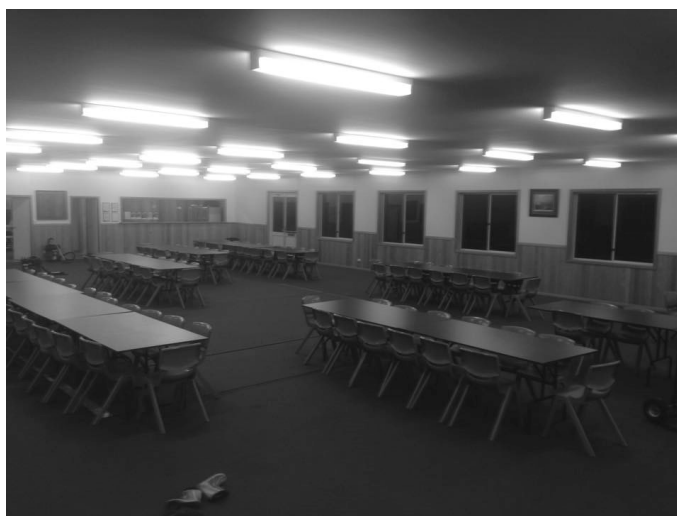
**A fun night of swags, BBQ, fire pot, music,  
games, memories and socialising!**

BYO Alcohol, Swags, and Mates! *This  
event is free to attend*

For updates be sure to follow the event on facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/690997601009612/>

RSVP to Kate on 0409 295 158 or  
Ebony on 0427 232 669

# Agfest set up!



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