



Rural Youth Tasmania Newsletter

March 2017

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2017 State AGM

The 2017 State AGM will be held on Saturday the 4th March at Bellerive Yacht Club, 10am to 3pm.

Free entry. Lunch and snacks provided. Come along and have your say.

Please RSVP to reception@ruralyouth.com.au



Rural Youth Tasmania would like to thank the following businesses

Earley Spreading

for generously donating their time to spread fertilizer on Quercus Park.

Contact details:

210 Weetah Road, Deloraine, TAS, 7304

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Incitec Pivot

Ian Townsend for generously providing the fertilizer to be spread on Quercus Park.

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General Manager



Welcome to March!

Agfest preparations are in overdrive as we countdown to the event! It will seem like standing room only at Quercus on March 18 as line marking, committee photos, contractors debriefing to name a few are all happening that day.

Working bees are also coming up – if you find yourself with some time to spare, don't be shy – give Kate a call and come along and join the team.



Talking of Quercus, we are very fortunate to have Ian Townsend from Incitec Pivot Fertilizer and the guys from Earley Spreading in Deloraine donate their product and labour respectively to improve the grass coverage on the static site. Thank you for this support! A note of appreciation is included in this newsletter, but we would also encourage members to support those who support us, if and when appropriate.



AGM is on the 4th of March at the Bellerive Yacht Club starting at 10am. In addition to elections, topics for discussion and decision will include the draft strategic plan and also the proposed new structure for the organisation. Everyone is welcome – come along and have your say.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Q & A session on February 9 – there was some great discussion and quite a few laughs and a bit of fun! More importantly we got to hear about how you, as members would like to see Rural Youth work in the future. It will be good to hear what others think at AGM.



Initiations are out for the official launch of the Young Agricultural Professionals Network (YAPN) on March 24. This joint initiative with Tasmanian Women in Agriculture is aimed at those currently working and/or studying in the sector who want to develop networks within the industry and increase their knowledge and skill base through the activities and opportunities this group will offer. Positions within the Committee are being filled and YAPN, like our other Clubs will become a regular feature in the newsletter in coming months.



Finally, a quick note of thanks to Paul Bennett, who has completed his term and chaired his last RAC meeting on February 21! To say he has gone above and beyond during his term would be an understatement and personally I am extremely grateful for the support he has given me during this time. Your honesty, support, grumpiness and words of wisdom will be missed! Thank you seems really inadequate Paul – “just sayin”!!

Karen

Southern Region

Southern Region had their AGM at the Jordan River School, thank you to those who came along.

Well Done to the previous committee! Dave you have done a great job.

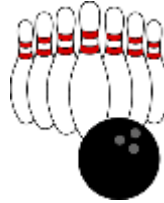
Congratulations to :

Nicole Elliott – President

Matt Tattersall – Vice President

Dave Lucas - Treasurer

Bree House - Secretary



We had a small catch up at bowling on Wednesday 22nd, few strikes in there and no flying bowling balls always which is always good! It was great to see some new faces there; Paddy, Eliza and Harry. Hope to see you at more Rural Youth things.

Hope to see everyone at State AGM.

Nicole Elliott

Club Grants 2017

The Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania has in place a grants program for which Tasmanian Rural Youth Clubs and Regions may apply for funding.

This year there are two grants available to the total of \$250.

The aim of the grants program is to provide financial assistance to Rural Youth clubs and regions in Tasmania to undertake projects that benefit the club or region and the Organisation.

An application has been sent to all active club and region secretaries. If you have not received these and would like an emailed copy please contact reception@ruralyouth.com.au

Sorell

It's been a quiet month here at Sorell, we had a pizza night on the 6th February and a small brainstorming session to work out what we would like to achieve at the hall and potential fundraising ideas.

Our next meeting will be held on the 13th March 2017 at the Pawleena Hall at 7pm.

Matt Tattersall



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Northern Region

There will be a meeting held at Head Office on the 27th of February, 7pm, to conduct planning for the 2017 State Ball. Hope to see everyone there!

For more information please contact Stuart on 0488 666 365

Jacqui Hodgkinson

North Motton

The next North Motton club meeting will be on Thursday the 2nd of March at Furners Hotel. Meeting will start at 8pm, Dinner at 7pm.

Hope to see you there.

Ethan Williams



Hagley

A busy month at Hagley Rural Youth this month!

On the 18th of February, we were pleased to run the dog high jump at Chudleigh show. We are excited to say that it was a success! With great local business sponsoring our prizes; MG Deloraine, David Grace Lawn Care, Roberts Deloraine and Art Food Tasmania at Chudleigh, donating us some great prizes. We had some great entries in both categories, everything from sausage dogs to greyhounds! But the exciting first place winner was an ex HRY member and his pooch, Clinton Cameron and his pal Badger jumping a massive 1.7 meters (5'6")! We Had a great day with great weather, for a change, and found it to again be a great addition to the local show. We would like to thank the Chudleigh show society for allowing us to run this great event and for all the support that was offered.

Our next meeting will be held on the 9th of March at Hagley Farm School at 7pm. For any information or questions please contact Jacqui Hodgkinson, HRY president on 0429 524 243 or at hagley.ruralityouth@gmail.com

Jacqui Hodgkinson





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		1 Brighton	2 North Motton	3	4 State AGM	5
6	7 Western Tiers	8	9 Hagley	10	11	12
13 Sorell	14 Northern	15 Southern	16 North West	17 Agfest Meeting	18 Working Bee	19
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Village Cinema Movie Tickets

Thinking of going to the movies in the coming weeks?

We have adult movie tickets available from Head Office at a price of \$13.50.

Payments are able to be made over the phone and we can post them out to you or collect at Head Office and pay with cash or card.



Brighton

Brighton RY held a successful AGM and social dinner at the Brighton Pub in February where we welcomed 10 new Rural Youth members to the club. Thank you to the outgoing committee who attended and for your work over the last 12 months! Massive thanks also to Nicole Elliot and Matt Tattersall for all your support in the lead up and on the night.

Our new office Bearers for 2017 are:

President: Breeanna House

Vice President: Tameika Holland

Secretary: Tameika Holland

Treasurer: Nick Bisset



We are looking forward to growing the club over the next 12 months and have some exciting plans in the pipeline. Our first task will be running the Ute comp and parking cars at the Jordan River School Farm Fete on the 8th of April. We will also be running a stall there to talk to new potential members, if you know anyone who might benefit from being a part of RY give them a nudge to swing past and say hello!

Erin Hansson



Exciting times ahead as we are on the countdown towards Agfest 2017!

68 days to go and who's counting...ME!

Over this next couple of months, we have working bees scheduled, developments to site, preparation for the event we all dedicate time, passion and ourselves to over each year to achieve the great outcome that a team working together maintains.

As I head towards my final year as Chairman, I encourage all that are interested in taking on the position of leadership either this year, next year or in ten years to ask questions, monitor my actions during the event and get a grasp of what the demand of being Chairman of Agfest Field Days is! The Organisation prides itself on being a developmental ground, learning from our predecessors, finding our feet each year and having a go! So please send me a message, give me a call or approach me if you have the passion behind becoming a leader within Agfest Field Days and one day become Chairman of a great team working towards our goal of "growing rural Tasmania"

There is a working bee on site every weekend from the second weekend in March right through to the fortnight after Agfest 2017 – please help us out!

Working with Vulnerable People cards are a must for any volunteer that wishes to partake in Agfest 2017 over the age of 16 years – these must be submitted to Service Tas, receipted with photo taken for card no later than March 10th 2017 to be processed in time to provide to administration.

Keep an eye on our official Agfest Field Days Facebook page for competitions, updates and exciting plans unravel for this year's event - <https://www.facebook.com/AgfestFieldDaysTasmania/>

Also, if you plan to volunteer – make sure you request to be on our Agfest Volunteer Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139725146064964/>

Lastly, make sure you complete your volunteer form for 2017 via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7V7239W> or contact Head Office for a copy of the form ASAP!

Our next meeting is March 17th at Head Office – please feel free to pop along if you'd like to meet the team prior to volunteering at this year's event.

Kate Birch

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