



Rural Youth Tasmania Newsletter

State President

It's all systems go with the Rural Youth team busy organising events for members. The next few months are going to be full on but lots of fun. Pencil the following dates in your diary:

- Ute Show and Dog High Jump at Campbell Town Show – June 3rd
- Fire Games Challenge at Quercus – June 11th
- Young Farmer Runoff (northern Tas) – June 24th
- Study Tour selections at Quercus – June 25th
- State SGM and celebration at Quercus – July 8th
- Scavenger hunt at Quercus – July 9th
- State Ball at Penny Royal, Launceston – July 22nd

Rural Youth Feature at Agfest was a hit. We had plenty of people walking through the site checking out the animals, talking with current and past members about the organisation and purchasing merchandise. We had over 30 people requesting information packs, new members sign up and quite a few people entering the free membership competition. It was unfortunate that we only had 3 clubs contribute towards the site. Kingborough Huon went above and beyond with their massive timber boots, they were a hit! Central Highlands and Western Tiers had promotional banners in the tent. Well done and thank you to those clubs. State Council moved a motion that sites M88-910 will be the permanent Rural Youth site for the next 3 years, meaning we can develop Rural Youth Feature throughout the year and make a big impact.

On the Thursday of Agfest, Rural Youth's patron Her Excellency Professor the Honorable Kate Warner AC, The Governor of Tasmania presented members Jake Williams and Taylor Montgomery with their Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program Scholarship and announced the \$1,000 Rural Youth Scholarship for those studying the Associate Degree in Agribusiness through UTAS. The \$1,000 scholarship will be opened up in the next couple months for those studying in 2018.

June 2017

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Unfortunately, the Rural Youth auction did not go so well with only 2 packages hitting the reserve. One lucky person won a 2 hour bike ride with Alan Rourke and another won the general maintenance crew for 4 hours. The games in central arena also attracted children, with a line up to lasso Agatha.

Due to a high level of interest from schools, the Discover Agriculture application closing date has been extended to Sunday 28th May. So, if you or anyone you know is in grade 9-12 and keen to be involved contact Head Office for more information. It will be a great week exploring the career opportunities in available in agriculture.



Figure 1 - MORLP Scholarship winners Jake Williams and Taylor Montgomery with Rural Youth Patron Her Excellency Professor the Honorable Kate Warner AC, the Governor of Tasmania, State President Ashley Evans and Mr. Richard Warner



General Manager

Congratulations to Kate and the team on delivering another great Agfest this year – fantastic crowds (62,787), happy exhibitors and patrons, not to mention balmy Autumn weather (with the exception of Saturday afternoon) as promised! Rural Youth Feature looked fantastic (great statement boots KH)! Online ticket sales went through the roof (11,434) exceeding all expectations!! As always the staff were brilliant but I also wanted to mention the volunteers who jumped in regularly to help in the site office when we needed an extra pair of hands or at peak periods. Aleisha, Matt, Owen, Dale, Ethan and Jake – you have an open invitation to join the Admin team anytime – your assistance and humour was greatly appreciated!!

The coming months will see Council and then the Board start to focus on our Strategic Plan and ensure that we are working on strategic priorities for the organisation. Having identified our Vision (To connect, develop and celebrate young Tasmanians) and Values (Friendship & Relationships, Training & Education and Support & Encouragement) we also want to make sure we set the example by ensuring these are not just words – they are how we act. In an age when young people are struggling to connect and find their feet Rural Youth offers a unique opportunity to address some of these issues whilst having a go and a good time. This is something we want to build on.

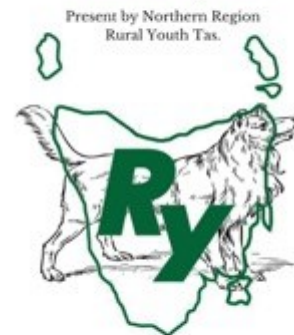
Finally, Rural Business Tasmania has been working with Volunteering Tas, TWiA, and Business & Employment on a collaboration looking to train up rural business people as mentors for the sector. They need more data to support a pilot program, so if you would like to assist and contribute please follow the link below and complete their online survey. <http://www.businessandemployment.biz/rural-mentor-project-survey/>

Regards

Karen



Saturday 3rd June 2017
Campbell Town Show
DOG HIGH JUMP



Small Dog Competition (<30cm) 11 am
Large Dog Competition (>30cm) 12:30 pm

Registration close 20 min prior to event.
\$10 Entry fee per dog



AGFEST

TASMANIA'S FIELD DAYS

It is far easier to run Agfest without the added components of rain, mud and wind — for the first time in five years we had to water the roadways!

THANK YOU to everyone that has contributed towards the success of Agfest 2017! 60,000 patrons was our aim AND we smashed it! 62,787 – just a number for many, but for me it ticks all the boxes of goals set out by our group to achieve – owning it and believing we could achieve this result!

What an event, at 2:30am Thursday morning awaking for Sunrise to arrive on site at 3am – we were set for a massive day ahead! With both my Agfest and personal phone going flat four times the first day and over 50 calls on each for the day I was sure happy to put the feet up after our Official Opening event that evening. Her Excellency Governor Kate Warner and Mr Warner in attendance we had the exciting privilege to show them around our event. Thursday is always that mixed emotion exciting day with all those plans of 10 months being put to the challenge of adding 15-18,000 patrons and seeing how things go. For 2017 opening day was seamless, even with the added public appearances, thumb chopping and the wonderful gesture of our Committee members shave and/or colour for a cure at the Leukaemia Foundation site for World's Greatest Shave! We had raised by close of Agfest approx. \$1700 for this charity with more fundraising to be announced post the May meeting! Thank you to those members that donated their hair/colouring for this venture – great to see you take one for the team in raising awareness of Leukaemia. Friday was a slightly less busy day, increased interactions from State and Federal Politicians – including being recognised for our hard work behind running Agfest during budget announcement by Premier of Tasmania Will Hodgman and Jeremy Rockcliff MP. Saturday was the mixed emotion day of we've done it, achieved the 35th Agfest Field Days, our 10 months of working on various bits and stages throughout the term, delivered upon with that day going fast and the event over in a blink of an eye!

In its introductory year, online ticketing went exceptionally well with ticket sales going from 90 pre-sold at the start of April to 11,400 sold with the final ticket selling at 3:31pm Saturday!

Well done to Site Award recipients;

- **Best Small Site** - Est Aust (M109B)
- **Best Single Site** - Thunderstone (1027)
- **Best Double Site** - Cradle Mountain Fireplaces (539)

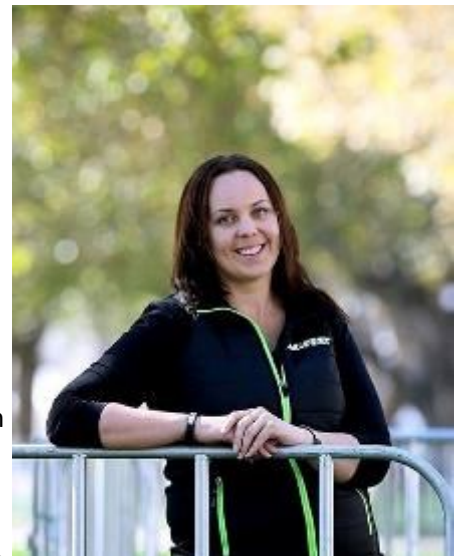


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(The Mercury)



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- **Best Multiple Site** - Glasgow Engineering (622)
- **Best Machinery Site** - Komatsu (M79)
- **Best Craft Pavilion Exhibit** - Soy Escentual (J15)
- **Best Unique Tastes Fine Foods Exhibit** - Little Rivers Brewing Co (S38-29)
- **Best Trades Expo Exhibit** - Tasmanian Canine Association (CWA8-3)
- **Best Heritage Display** - Old Bits and Pieces
- **Best KAAP Learning Trail Site** - St John Ambulance (613)
- **Best Equine Site** - Drovers Saddlery (E03)
- **Best Beef Expo Exhibit** - Yennel Longhorns (514)
- **Most Accessible Site** - Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association (605)
- **Best Use of Central Arena** - Simon Martin Whips



Each of these winning sites automatically get selected to be part of Agfest 2018 as well as receiving branding to promote as the 2017 Best Site Award with their marketing for the 2018 event, as well as the Tasmanian timber site award and framed certificate.

Almost two years ago I commenced my journey as Agfest Chairman, a role I worked towards for many years. To be at almost the completion of my final term I wish to thank everyone that has supported me through this position in whatever capacity that has been. I look forward to supporting the new leadership coming through the ranks and stepping back and seeing the developments and pathways the incoming Committee travel on. It certainly hasn't been a journey of unicorns, fairies and pretty flowers but never once do you believe it will be, however as much as the fun times and easy moments have been great I am equally as grateful for those challenging times as they enabled our team to make decisions, work together and grow. Which is what Rural Youth and Agfest is about, accepting change, develop along the way, learn from what could, would or should be and grow as an



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Organisation, as an Event and as a member. I will forever be grateful to those that allowed me to have opportunity of being Chairman for both years – I certainly complete the term with many lessons learnt, experiences gained, memories created and friendships formed.

Thank you to Karen, Selena, Linda, Paige and Kadesha our dedicated admin team – worth their weight in gold for the work they invest and additional requirements when the crazy period strikes!

Special thanks to Max our caretaker who has done a remarkable job at continuous maintenance to the site - the site looks amazing due to the hard work of Max and our Rural Youth Working Bees.

Thank you to each of the 106 volunteers that assisted throughout the event whether than be an hour, a day, a week or what – many hands make light work – each of you have assisted in creating the history of our success!

Thank you to this years Agfest Organising Committee, the dedication of regular meetings, reporting, budget management, additional workload, taking annual leave or leave without pay for during business hours meetings, making decisions that affects Tasmania's biggest rural event – you are each remarkable in your own way – we are all drawn to Agfest for our own reasons and in return we unite as a group each year get the event to happen and then go back to our normal day-to-day lives.

Thank you to my Exec Team for 2017- the extra meeting each month, the first to receive those emails that needed quick decisions that couldn't wait for meetings – thank you for investing your time to be the leadership group for 2017 – stepping in to assist Directors with advice, opinions and assistance – thank you!

Remember Brainstorming is coming up on August 4th, 5th and 6th – please put forward any topics for discussion to admin@ruralyouth.com.au

Well done team – one more report to come from me with final thank yous etc then it will be time for a fresh face, new direction and exciting times ahead as we commence the countdown for Agfest 2018....

346 days to go (as of 21st May 2017)... careful they go quickly!

Kate Birch



GRAEME TOLE MEMORIAL AWARD



Graeme Tole was a wonderful asset to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, he joined Westmorland Rural Youth in 1962 at 16 years of age. He held the Presidency role of the club in 1965.

In 1966, he was declared President of Northern Region. He became involved in Rural Youth Council from 1968 and continued his involvement, ending up as State President of Rural Youth in 1971/72. This saw the starts of his connection with Advisory level.

In 1977, Graeme was presented a Life Membership of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania. He held positions on the Property Management Committee from 1988 until 2004.

Unfortunately, in 2004, he was involved in a farming incident and passed away. During grieving his passing, the idea formed of a Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize, in honour of this great leader, mentor and enthusiast of Rural Youth.

In 2009, this Memorial Award Prize was established, and the first recipient, Anthony Coad was announced.

This prize, naturally is of high standard, given the quality gentleman that it is honouring.

To have been considered for this prize, nominees had to meet the following criteria;

✎ More than seven years of service to the Organisation.

✎ A current financial Rural Youth member

✎ Made continuous and notable contributions to all areas of the Organisation; Club, Region, State, Agfest, Property Management, and the Resource Allocation Committee, RAC

✎ Must have taken on roles on at least **four** of the following committees; Rural Youth Council, Agfest, Property Management, RAC, and their Club or Region Executive.

Do you know of a member who meets the criteria above, if so, then they are eligible to be nominated for this prestigious award?

Please approach this person you wish to nominate prior to submitting their nomination as part of the prize of this award involves travelling to New Zealand in 2018!

Please contact Ashley Evans for further information or if you would like a nomination package posted or emailed to you 0409 316 158 or statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE 2017



William Craigie United Kingdom Exchange

First two weeks in England

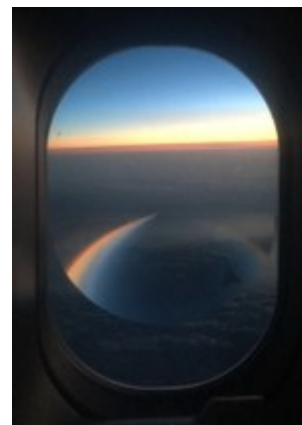
Hey all, I'm having a great time on my exchange. The first day of my trip was the biggest day of my life, I flew out of Launceston at 1:30pm on Friday the plane was late landing in Melbourne which was an issue because I only had 1 hour and 50-minute stop over with the original flight time. With a quick bit of leg work I cleared customs and 2 security checks, I had 5 minutes in the lounge and I was onto the plane to Dubai. The flight took around 14 hours. I hadn't been able to get any sleep yet.

I landed in Dubai midnight their time, it was 28 degrees and very humid. I had another quick trip to the next terminal, once seated on the plane our flight was then delayed and we sat on the runway for 30 minutes. I managed to have a quick sleep but as soon as we took off I woke up.

Dubai to Heathrow was about 8 hours, I landed at 7:30 into Heathrow, very sleep deprived at this point. I was met in the arrival lounge by Jack Hawkins. From there we travelled to the first host family the Dickinson's. I had enough time for a shower then we were off to the point to point horse races, where we bet on the horse races. Returning to the family farm I managed to get an hour sleep before I was shook awake and informed of a trip to the pub for tea. We returned to the house at 1:00am Sunday morning this completed my first day.

Over the following week, I spent my time looking around the farm and sites, such as the Broadbalk Experiment where they have been growing wheat for the last 174 years. One strip has had no assistance and a lot of the seed fails but 3 meters away with fertilisers and assistance it has thrived for years. I also spent some time with a field vet where we did some work with dogs. I even saw an escaped kangaroo from the zoo running around a farm on our travels.

I met with the St Aubans Young Farmers who I travelled to the National Young Farmers Annual Convention in Torquay sponsored by Massey Ferguson. 5500 young farmers descended upon a small sea side town (big town for us) called Torquay, there we had three days and three nights of entertainment. During the day, the main event was a conference with guest speakers, challenges and competitions. Also, there was many pubs and clubs that were open all day and night. Of a night, the main venue was a night club with 6 bars, 2 main rooms with dance floors. One of the rooms had a band and the other with a radio 1 DJ.



Mediterranean Sea from the plane window



On Monday, I left Torquay going past Rachel Branch family's farm, a past English exchangee. Darcy Toholke was also staying at the Branch's and we spent the week sightseeing Stonehenge, The White Horse, Bath, Wells, Chetta Gorge, The SS Great Britain and Bristol. I also got a chance to see some dairy farms, stock and cropping.

Next Monday, it was a public holiday for the Somerset show, it is very much a country show with equestrian events, stock judging, sheep shearing, cattle handling, tractor pull, livestock judging, machinery sales, craft tent and clay target shooting.

From there I continued to Derbyshire, staying on the Adams family farm. After a 2-hour train ride through the English countryside, Richard picked me up and we went out to their dairy farm where I spent the full week. A steady week of farm jobs, hedge building and site seeing. We went to the Chatsworth estate, home to the Duke of Devonshire. The place was more like a palace, it was huge. While there we got to do a tour of part of the house.

Thursday night was an event planning meeting where I got some new ideas for Rural Youth. On Saturday night, we went out for tea in Derby and then out for some drinks. Then Sunday I was on the plane heading to Ireland!





State Ball Accommodation Leisure Inn Penny Royal

- 14X - 2 Bedroom apartments which sleeps 4 \$165.00 per night per room. (\$41.25 pp)
- 1X - 4 Bedroom apartment which sleeps 8 \$235.00 per night per room. (\$29.38 pp)
- 6X - Studio rooms which sleeps 2 \$119.00 per night per room. (\$59.5 pp)
- 5X - 1 Bedroom apartments which sleeps 2 \$125.00 per night per room. (\$62.5 pp)
- 2X - Standard 2 Bedroom apartments which sleeps 4 \$165.00 per night per room. (\$41.25 pp)
- Standard Queen rooms* which sleeps 2 \$119 per night per room. (\$59.5 pp)
- Standard twin rooms* which sleeps 3 per night per room. (\$41.67 pp)

* Located in different area to rest of rooms.

To Book, simply book the room of your choice by 7th July and quote "Rural Youth State Ball" to claim discounted rates.
P: 6335 6601 E: famlpr@leisureinnhotels.com



Kingborough—Huon

Hi All,

A big congratulations to the 2017 Agfest committee on pulling off yet another successful Agfest.

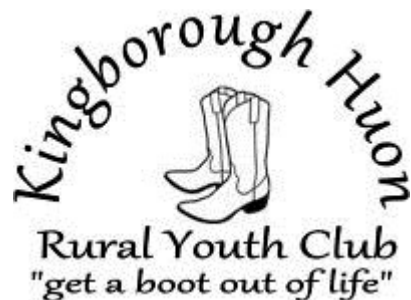
Aside from our members being busy volunteering at Agfest we have had a quiet month.

We are currently hosting the three exchangees, across our club we have a jam packed schedule to keep them entertained and busy.

Our next meeting is on the 22nd to be held at our Clubrooms in Ranelagh with a 6.30pm start. All past, current and new members welcome, for more information contact our Club President Kaysie on 0408 297 021.

Kingborough Huon Club

'Get a boot out of life'



Western Tiers

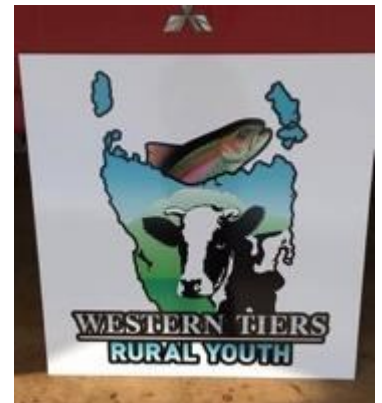
Hi all, this month Western Tiers has been busily getting ready for our BBQ at the Campbell Town Show, to be held on Saturday the 3rd June. We will be doing the usual BBQ fry up and drinks, so come along and say hi to us and grab a feed!

Western Tiers also got our new sign and banner made just in time for AGFEST 2017, and we couldn't be happier with how they turned out! Thanks to Deloraine Signs for all your help with getting these done in time!

Stay tuned for what is coming up next... PAINTBALL! We are working with Van Diemen's Paintball at Latrobe to come up with a date in June, Stay Tuned!

Our Next meeting is set for Monday the 5th June at the British Hotel, Deloraine. 7pm, everyone welcome!

For more info, contact Stuart Cresswell, President. 0488 666 365.



Sorell

Hey Everyone,

With another successful Agfest done and dusted, Sorell members are looking to get back into the full swing of things, we are currently working on plans for our next meeting date so stay tuned to our Facebook page for a date in the neat future.

Matt Tattersall

0457 546 403

North Motton

Well what a month it has been !!

Agfest was on the agenda for a lot of our members with the 12 attending and helping out !

We will also all be heading up to the Agfest Dinner this weekend to celebrate the great week we had!

That's all from us! Cheers from everyone at North Motton.



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The fresh food people

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Village Cinema Movie Tickets

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.



TFGA Cereal and Seeds Committee

I attended TFGA Cereal and Seeds Committee on 11th April 2017

Issues discussed were power poles, firearms, deer for human consumption, exotic animal importations, machinery operation ban, bio-security, moisture standards and pollination issues seed crops.

Power poles with private pole stickers on them will require replacing soon by land owners. Replacement costs for farmers will be around \$10,000 per pole plus wire costs. TFGA will be consulting with Government and Tas Networks to see if this is legal move as no contracts were signed with land owners.

Firearms are being confiscated due to appearance. TFGA is unable to do anything about it as Tasmania Police have written the laws already and do not intend on changing them. Any firearm that replicates/appears like an automatic firearm is being targeted. This includes barrel and magazine shrouds, pistol grip stock and skeleton butt stocks. Several bolt action rifles have already been confiscated around the state.

TFGA is staying neutral on farmers being able to sell deer to butchers for human consumption as some farmers are against this proposal. The reason they are against it is because some farmers can make good money renting their land to hunting groups.

Some new species of predatory animals were imported into the state including different tigers. TFGA objected to this but the animals were imported regardless.

New machinery operations ban was a success during total fire ban days.

Bejo seeds gave a presentation on the costs of pollination for hybrid carrot crops. Costs are rising rapidly and they are paying bee keepers a lot of money per ha for pollination. Insecticides are killing a lot of the natural pollinators and they want to work with farmers to reduce chemical usage.

Accepted grain moisture of 12.5% was discussed and flagged as too low of a standard for Tasmania and TFGA wants to work on raising this to 13-13.5%.

There were other minor details discussed but these were the main topics

Regards ,
Peter Damen
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Rural Youth Study Tours 2018

Rural Youth members of all ages are encouraged to apply for Study Tours leaving in 2018.

From a week, to 10 days, to 3 or 6 months there is something that would suit you!

To apply write a letter addressing your reasons wishing to go on a Rural Youth Study Tour.

For 2018 there will be Study Tours leaving for:

- Self Nominated
- Young Endeavour
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- United States of America

Address letter or email to

Study Tours Director

Amanda Bayles

P.O. Box 322

Launceston 7250

or

admin@ruralyouth.com.au

For any queries please contact Amanda Bayles on 0439 985 166

*****More details regarding selection date and schedule will be in the June Newsletter*****

For more information about Study Tours, contact previous recipients:

Owen Woolley	Canada	2014
Amanda Bayles	USA	2016
Babette McConnon	UK	2016
Prue Dennis	UK	2015
Phillipa Green	Canada	2016





June 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	
					Ute Show & Dog High Jump C'Town	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Fire Games Challenge
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Young Farmer Region Run Offs	Study Tour Selections
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Devonport	Mitchell Grey	0458 658 287
North Motton	Ethan Williams	0448 320 628
Southern Region	Nicole Elliot	0400 580 005
Brighton	Breeanna House	0447 774 077
Central Highlands	Zoe Brown	0474 444 429
Kingborough—Huon	Kaysie Wood	0408 297 021
Oatlands	Patricia Carter	0418 946 666
Sorell	Dave Lucas	0459 467 282



Meander Valley Council Community News

Deloraine & Districts Recreation Precinct Community Meeting & Walk and Talk

Meander Valley Council, supported by a community appointed Working Group, has engaged recreation planning consultants to prepare a feasibility study for the proposed Deloraine & Districts Recreation Precinct at the Deloraine Community Complex site. The consultants will be meeting with a wide range of government agencies, user groups, community interest groups, schools, service clubs and the wider community. The local community are invited to discuss issues and opportunities for the proposed precinct by attending the following:

- Community Meeting from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 1 June at the Deloraine Community Complex.
- Open 'community walk and talk' from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Friday 2 June to walk around the Complex site.

There is no need to book to attend these meetings. For further information contact Council's Recreation Co-ordinator, Daniel Smedley on 6393 5306.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 25th May 2017 10am -12noon Western Tiers Community Club, Parsonage Street, Deloraine, \$7 per person (all proceeds to Cancer Council) Come along, bring your friends and enjoy a fabulous morning tea - an initiative of Deloraine House.

Focus on community safety at Chudleigh

The Meander Valley Community Safety Group meets quarterly to progress safety initiatives on wide range of topics. In attendance are representatives from the Police, the Health Service, the Red Cross, Council and the community. Community members are warmly invited to come along and share thoughts on local safety issues. The next meeting will be held at the Chudleigh Memorial Hall on Thursday 25 May from 7pm- 8.30pm. Residents of Chudleigh and Dairy Plains are particularly welcome. For further information contact patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au or phone 6393 5334.

National Reconciliation Week 27 May — 3 June

Each year, National Reconciliation Week celebrates achievements in our Nation's journey towards reconciliation and invites all Australians to be a part of the next big steps. In 2017, we reflect on two significant milestones: 50 years since the 1967 referendum, and 25 years since the Mabo High Court decision. Local councils have a leadership role in the reconciliation space, working continually for social cohesion and equity in our communities.

Tasmania is currently the only Australian State without a state reconciliation body and planning is now underway for the establishment of a Reconciliation Council of Tasmania (RCT). A key part of this preparatory work is the identification of all Tasmanians with an interest in reconciliation of all Tasmanians, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Councils State-wide have been asked to promote and host an 'Expression of Interest Register' during Reconciliation Week. Meander Valley Council has agreed to assist in this way and the Register will be available for ratepayers and residents to sign at Council Offices, Westbury, from Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June in business hours. Signing the Register will [indicate](#) an interest in [receiving](#) information about the RCT and its upcoming launch. Further details can be obtained from Reconciliation Australia board member, Bill Lawson at wlawson@tas.gov.au.

