

November 2017

Newsletter

Kingborough / Huon & Brighton Paint Ball Day

On Saturday 21st October, Kingborough / Huon joined forces with Brighton Rural Youth Club and had a Paint Ball day at Redbanks.

A lot of fun was had by the nine members from each club.



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CHRISTMAS BBQ

Rural Youth and AGFEST are hosting a Christmas BBQ. All financial members are welcome to attend along with AGFEST committee members.

Date: 25th November 2017

Time: Midday

Location: Quercus RY Park Function centre

RSVP: Head Office (03) 6331 6154

COB Friday 17th November for Catering Purposes



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State President

The past month has seen an exciting achievement for Rural Youth, we are proud to add Discover Agriculture to the portfolio of fantastic opportunities the organisation offers to young people in Tasmania. The program has been running for 10 years, with this year's program being the 18th. After chatting with the program founder, Roger Tyshing we all agreed that the program is a great fit for Rural Youth, in particular aligning with the organisation's strategic goal of engaging with young people in Tasmania. It is now known as the 'Rural Youth Discover Agriculture' program and this year was a huge success. I am excited that I am able to continue as co-facilitator after being involved with the program for 6 years.

The Rural Youth Discover Agriculture program for 2017 saw 18 young people in grades 9-12 spend 6 days travelling around the north of the state exploring the great opportunities in agriculture. We based ourselves out of Quercus and visited a plethora of businesses/industries, including dairy, olives, sheep, retail, agroforestry, natural resource management, bees, berries and much more! There was also plenty of activities of a night time for students to enjoy and a networking dinner for them to make some great connections. Thank-you to all the students for being a fantastic group and thank-you to Josh Taylor, for cooking for us during the week.

Sticking to the theme of supporting young people in Tasmania, we will be sponsoring the 2018 National Association of Agricultural Educators Conference. This allows us the opportunity to present directly to agriculture educators in Tasmania the benefits of Rural Youth and with any luck entice people to join the organisation. It also promotes us to those who may not have considered the organisation previously.

Clubs are doing well, with our treasurer taking a lead on ensuring white forms are understood and completed by visiting clubs around the state during their meetings. We now have Oatlands and Tamar functioning as clubs again and clubs all around the state are getting their names out there by attending events with dog high jumps, animal nurseries, Ute shows and parking cars. Well done everyone! Kingborough Huon and Brighton have

also joined forces to put on a paintball and BBQ event, which sounds like a lot of fun.

A group of motivated members tackled the compound during a working bee and the place looks fantastic! The original plan was to watch some of the AFL grand final during the day but everyone was so stoked with the progress being made that everyone continued on with the job list. Rooms and bathrooms were cleaned spotless, gutters cleaned out, trees trimmed, rubbish cleaned up, lawns mowed.... It was a fantastic effort by everyone.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Erin to the Rural Youth team as the new Administration Assistant. Erin has been involved with the organisation previously through Ag Art Wear, coming second last year! Please make her feel welcome.

Let's all see what we can accomplish this next month!

Ashley Evans
State President



WESTERN TIERS RURAL YOUTH PRESENT

*Dog highjump
at the Deloraine show!*

Saturday 25th November | 10am Small dogs & 12:30pm Large Dogs
Register before or on the day! \$5 per entry

Visit Western Tiers RY on Facebook or call 0488 666 365



CEO—General Manager

Hi all,

As I write this report, Karen is currently on the Sunshine Coast enjoying a much deserved break in the sun, and we will see her back here, tanned and rested, on the 7th November.

We have welcomed a new employee, Erin Cox, to the organisation on Monday 16th October. Erin will be filling the Administrative Assistant role, following on from Paige's departure earlier in the month. Paige has left us to commence a career in real estate, and whilst we will miss her greatly, we wish her all the very best in her new position. If you are in Launceston, come in and say hello to Erin.

Well done and congratulations to all those who competed in the Young Farmer finals, and in particular Peter Damen, who took home the title of 2017 Young Farmer of the Year.

The Discover Ag programme was held last week, with 20 young participants staying at Quercus, and travelling each day to visit different venues within the Tasmanian agricultural industry.

As this newsletter is hitting your inboxes we will be preparing for the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards dinner on Saturday 28th October, where both Rural Youth and Agfest are finalists – Rural Youth for the Building Communities category, and Agfest for the Outstanding Event category. We will keep our fingers crossed for a win, and hope that all those who attend have a great night. Just to be selected as finalists is an amazing achievement for the organisation, and recognition of what we have to offer.

Things are busy here in the office with the aforementioned staff changes, as well as Agfest applications coming in steadily, and we have been lucky to have Kadesha come back to us to do some casual hours to help out. We are also currently undertaking the travelling roadshow to club meetings, to offer assistance in meeting procedure, finance reporting, and answer any questions regarding the new organisational

structure, and Constitution changes. It has been great to get out and meet members of the clubs we have visited so far, we are really very lucky to have so many enthusiastic young people involved in the organisation. If we haven't come to your club meeting yet, we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Regards,

Linda and Selena

On behalf of Karen CEO





Hello All,

All in all, things are still pretty quiet on the Agfest front. Planning is starting to commence now with our first full committee meeting taking place on Wednesday 11th of October at the uTas immersive rooms.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the meeting, all the directors and assistants who provided reports for inclusion in the meeting, I would like to remind all directors and assistants that written reports are required for their role.

Our next meeting is to be held at head office on Friday the 24th of November commencing at 8 pm, then the following day, Saturday 25th November we will be holding a Christmas barbeque commencing at 12 pm at the function centre until late. I encourage everyone to come along and join in the fun and social activities with everyone before the festive season is upon us.

Next weekend a group of Agfest and Rural Youth representatives will be attending the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards. Hopefully, Agfest will be lucky enough to win the award for the "Most Outstanding Event". I look forward to my next report to inform you of how we went on the night.

I would like to take this time to let everyone know that we have set the date for the next meetings till March, the meeting dates are:

- Wednesday 17th January, 7pm via immersive rooms
- Friday 2nd February, 8 pm at head office
- Friday 16 March, 8 pm at head office
- Friday 13th April, 8 pm at Quercus

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and Christmas barbeque.
Till then, take care.

Owen Woolley
Agfest Chairman 2018

Positions still vacant on the Agfest Committee

Committee Catering Asst.

Community Groups Asst.

Ag Show Council

RY Feature

RY Feature Asst.

Waste Management Asst.

Parcel Pick Up Asst.

Assistant Finance

Assistant Features

Back Ticket Box Asst.

Youth Development

Central Arena Asst.



Club Reports

Kingborough Huon

Hi All,

The past months have been fairly quiet for us but things are ramping up with show preparation well underway. The club is again running the Ute competition, dog high jump and the animal nursery at the Huon Show on Saturday 18th November. The sponsorship and support from our fellow community is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue running these events.

By the time this is published we would have joined forces with Brighton club to face a fun but scary afternoon at paintball. We will tell you all about it next Report.

We have a few catch ups coming up:

- Meeting/clean up of clubrooms, Wednesday 1st November at the Showgrounds.
- Final Clubroom clean up/ move out, Saturday 11th November at the Showgrounds.

Cheers,

Kaysie Wood
0408 297 021

Sorell

Hi All,

Another month has passed by and things are moving along nicely, club members are busy sourcing donations for prizes for our raffle that we will be selling tickets for very soon as a major fundraising for our club, Sorell. We will be at the Sorell School Fair on Friday 3rd November, running various activities for the event.

No date has been set for our next meeting at this time but keep an eye out on our Facebook page for notice once it has been set.

Till next month,

Matt
0457 546 403

Western Tiers

Western Tiers RY has had a busy month with our club running the dog high jump and animal

nursery at this years Deloraine Show, Saturday 25th November.

We hope that this day will be a fantastic event for all, and we encourage everyone to come along and have a great day with us.

Western Tiers would like to thank the Jordan River Farm School for bringing up their wonderful collection of animals to the show for us, and to JK Whitley Builders for their on going support and donation of the Club's dog high jump for the day. Western Tiers is accepting offers of donation for their dog high jump competition for prizes. There will be two competitions, small and large dogs, each hopefully will be thrilling!

Western Tiers invites you along to their next meeting also: WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER, location TBA.

If you want to know more, please feel free to give our president, Stuart Cresswell a call on 0488 666 365.

Hope to see you all at the show soon!

Kat Cenin,
Western Tiers Secretary.



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DEVELOPMENT AT QUERCUS PARK

The following is an extract from our strategic plan developed in November 2016.

"The long term goal is to develop Quercus Park into a preferred location for community groups and events by providing first class facilities for long and short term hire.....We want to be valued in the community and be seen as a positive influence".

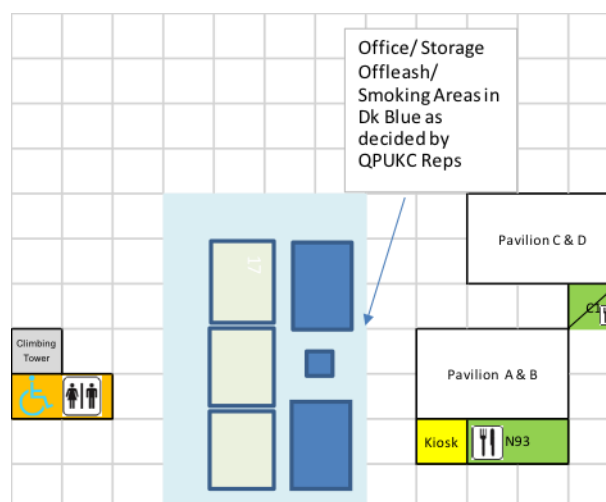
In November 2015 we were approached by a working group representing Dogs Tasmania as they needed to relocate their activities (again) due to changes at their location. Fast forward to September 2017, and final agreement has been reached after many conversations, emails and meetings (on and off site). In the interim the Quercus Park United Kennel Clubs Inc (QPUKC, logo above) has been formed and Rural Youth has entered into an agreement directly with them, independent of Dogs Tasmania.

The diagram below shows the area between the Scouts Tower and Craft Sheds which will be developed in the coming months and years. It will include 3 rings, an office, storage and a kiosk at the corner of Craft Shed AB. Craft Sheds AB & CD will also be used for indoor activities.

We welcome John Connell (President QPUKC), the committee and their stakeholders to Quercus Park and we look forward to working with them and watching the development of the site into the future.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the many Rural Youth Council, and now Board members, who gave so freely of their time to meet on site with representatives from both Dogs Tasmania and QPUKC over the past two years – thank you, finalising and formalising this agreement has taken patience and persistence from all involved. It is a credit to you and has ensure we have achieved one of our major organisational goals.

Karen Robinson
CEO



Agtech Tasmania

Agtech Tasmania – Are inviting in anyone who wants to connect with others and learn about agtech, disruptive tech in farming and how we can help entrepreneurs and start-ups grow their agribusinesses. A community passionate about the future of food and fibre production all the while empowering our talent to gain traction. Let's ignite our competitive advantages as an awesome state in a country full of opportunity!

Launceston: <https://www.meetup.com/Agtech-Tasmania/events/244265871/>
Hobart: <https://www.meetup.com/Agtech-Tasmania/events/244265769/>



The new safety induction video and hand book has been launched.

http://worksafe.tas.gov.au/safety/projects/safe_farming_tasmania/safe-farming-induction-videos

If you would like a USB's, hand book, and the new promotional sticker sent to you, please contact Selena at HO.



November 2017

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20	21	22	23	24 AGFEST Meeting Head Office 8pm	25 Christmas Party Quercus Park Midday	26
27	28	29	30			

Club Contacts

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Southern Region

Brighton	Breeanna House	0447 774 077
Central Highlands	Oliver Haigh	0487 928 844
Kingborough—Huon	Kaysie Wood	0408 297 021
Oatlands	Phil McConnon	0400 561 540
Sorell	Dave Lucas	0459 467 282



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Westbury Maypole Festival • Village Green • 21 October

Live music, jumping castle, games, school history display, cake stall, sausage sizzle and more! Presented by the Westbury Primary School. 9am - 2pm, entry is free.

Rotary Club of Westbury - New and Old Car Show - • Village Green • 22 October from 10.00am

anything on wheels, trade stalls welcome, refreshments available. Entry is by donation, and all funds raised are supporting Headspace for mental illness in young people.

For more information phone David - 0408 747 374

Áine Tyrrell in concert • 26 October from 7.30pm

Little Theatre, Deloraine, \$20, Arts Deloraine Members \$15, Children U12 free

Like many Irish troubadours before her, there's a great storytelling tradition at the heart of Áine Tyrrell's music. Perhaps that's one of the things, apart from her musicianship and an equally deft touch with a killer hook or a heartrending lament, which attracted the attention of celebrated Irish craftsman Glen Hansard.

"Soul, intelligence, wit and wisdom, history and mystery and a voice that brings it all together.

Don't miss her, for fear that you might miss the very thing you need." - Shane Howard

Library Volunteer wanted

Deloraine Library is looking for a volunteer courier to work with the Home Library Service. Volunteers must have a working with vulnerable people card to fill this position. All enquiries to Anne on 0417 120 671 or by email marie.loader@education.tas.gov.au or directly to Zara and Kim at the Deloraine Library.

Story Time at Westbury and Deloraine Libraries:

A Grand Story Time – part of the Festival of Creative Ageing.

Everyone of all ages is welcome to attend.

Westbury Library: Wednesday 18 October 11am to 11:45am.

The library is opening especially for this event!

Library Story Time:

Join us for singing, dancing and stories

Deloraine: Mondays 10am to 10:30am during school term.

Westbury: Mondays 1pm to 1:30pm during school term.

Westbury Community Health Centre Story Time:

Join us for singing, dancing, stories and craft 10am to 10:45am

Wednesday 11 October

Wednesday 8 November

Wednesday 13 December



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Rural Youth Office Hours:

Our office will close at 12 noon Friday

22 December 2017 and will reopen at

8:30 am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

