

# GUIDELINES V7 – September, 2016



## 1. Name

Tasmanian Rural Youth Past Members Association (abbreviated form 'TRYPMA')

## 2. Context

The principles and values on which the Tasmania Rural Youth Past Members Association is formed are:

- the Association is affiliated with the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.
- that TRYPMA is accepted within the Rural Youth structure, open and transparent communication processes are established and maintained between TRYPMA and the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated and the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee
- The roles and functions of the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee and the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated are not compromised by the activities and operation of TRYPMA.

## 3. Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the TRYPMA are to:

- (a) provide an opportunity for members to network, socialise and maintain contact
- (b) provide assistance to current Rural Youth and Agfest members, upon request (other than those roles assigned to the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee under clause 40.3 in the Constitution of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated).

## 4. Structure

To minimise time and costs incurred by state-wide meetings, the Association will appoint from its membership a State Leadership Team consisting of:

- State Convenor or Chair
- State Secretary
- State Treasurer
- Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated State President (or their nominee)

to oversee the management and proper running of the Association, to convene meetings and set up any Regional or special project teams.

The Leadership Team shall be determined annually at a State meeting. (Ideally this team would change every 2 years or so and give a cross representation to regions of the State and membership year decades.)

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14 days notice shall be provided to members, of State Meeting as stated in Clause 6.

The State Leadership Team and any sub committees' shall meet as and when required. These meetings may include by phone or other electronic communication.

The State Convenor may be a member of the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee (Rural Youth Constitution Clause 40) and report on the activities of TRYPMA.

### 5. Eligibility for Membership

Membership of TRYPMA shall be available to:

- past members of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated (including all earlier editions of the Organisation including Calf Clubs and Junior Farmer members)
- past members of the Agfest Committee
- past members of the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee
- current and past staff of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated
- Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated Service Award Members
- Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated Life Members
- Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated Patrons
- past members of interstate and overseas Rural Youth Organisations
- past Rural Youth and Young Farmer exchangees to Tasmania
- partners of all of the above who have never been a member of Rural Youth, Junior Farmer or Calf Clubs are referred to as "Associate Members"

### 6. Membership (as determined in Clause 5)

The membership fee shall be determined at the Annual Meeting of the Association each year. (See Clause 7)

- A membership application form should be completed and returned to the Secretary or Rural Youth Head Office, together with a joining fee. Upon acceptance as a membership, they shall be issued with a welcome letter and membership card or similar notice. Updates of changed information will be the responsibility of the member.
- The membership fee shall entitle members to attendance and voting at all TRYPMA meetings; invitation and attendance to the annual gathering at Agfest; and invitations and attendance to other functions from time to time. (Some of the functions will be at a subsidised rate for members and/or refreshments provided at no charge.)
- All members standing for office bearing positions shall be financial members, although may nominate and pay at the AGM.
- TRYPMA will maintain a register of members, including contact details. These details will be for internal use only of the Association and Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc., and not forwarded onto any other body without the consent of the member.) The database will also contain information as to any volunteered skills, resources or membership of other organisations that would be of benefit to the Association or Rural Youth.

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- All members will be informed of meetings and State gatherings and other functions as appropriate. Where possible, this communication will be via email or electronic media.
- A partner, parent, adult son or daughter (at the same address) of the member may be an Associate Member and not required to pay a fee, but shall not be entitled to vote or have any rights to the running of the Association.
- A member may resign from the Association by first giving notice in writing to the Secretary of their intention to resign, whereby the Secretary shall record the date of the resignation on the membership database and advise the Convenor.
- Any member who wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of these Association Guidelines, is guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the Association is unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interest of the Association, may be temporarily suspended until the matter is investigated with the member concerned and a decision is made.
- Should a member become deceased, their partner may continue to attend gatherings as an Associate Member, unless they are already a member in their own right.

### 7. Membership Fees

The Membership fees shall be as follows:

- Once off fee (no renewal required) of \$50 was introduced in 2015. This fee covers partners and adult family members whilst they reside at the same address.
- Couples who have both been members of Rural Youth, Junior Farmers or Calf Clubs are two full memberships.
- A member may join singularly and their partner be included as an Associate Member if desired, at no additional fee.

### 8. Benefits & Activities

The Association will provide a number of activities and benefits as determined at State Meetings and/or by members from time to time, to include:

- Link with current member of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.
- Membership of a respected rural Association
- Opportunities to connect with other past Rural Youth, Junior Farmer or Calf Club members and enjoy social functions.
- Opportunity for links to National Australian Rural Youth Exchangees and Past Member Association Reunions and other information about rural interest topics.
- Invitation to the Past Members Agfest Gathering
- Communication via Facebook, access to Rural Youth website (Past Member's section) and periodic information bulletins.

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- Opportunity to take on leadership roles within the Association
- Opportunity to represent the Association
- Opportunity to support the current Rural Youth Organisation
- Possible opportunity to purchase pre-paid discounted tickets to Agfest (dependant upon financial situation of Association).

### Activities may include:

- A Statewide gathering/reunion at Agfest
- An Annual State Meeting
- Annual major function
- Tours of general or rural interest
- Other activities and assistance to the Rural Youth organisation – to be determined in consultation with Rural Youth Organisation and the Rural Youth State Advisory Committee.

### 9. Level of Rural Youth Support

The Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc. has offered to provide limited secretariat services for mailing (*where email addresses are not available*), meeting facilities and insurance (*on a fee to be determined annually by the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.*) The membership database is being maintained by our volunteer Association Secretary and all correspondence is delivered by electronic means where possible in order to minimise costs for the Association.

Please note, members should not make individual requests to the Rural Youth office to undertake duties for them – all requests should be referred to the Association Leadership Team in the first instance.

### 10. Current Office Bearers (as at July 2016):

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(Amendments may be proposed annually, prior to AGM and decided at that meeting)