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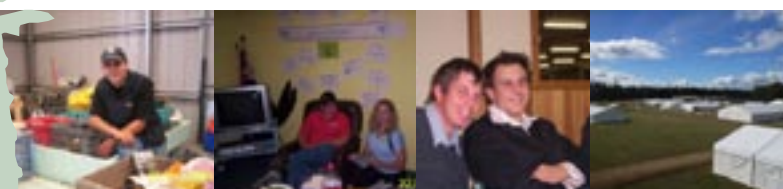


RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION
OF TASMANIA INC.



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ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc. is an autonomous organization for persons between the ages of 15 - 30 years, which aims to provide opportunities for the personal development of members through social, educational, cultural and agricultural activities and is structured as follows:

RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE:

Consisting of State President and chair persons of Agfest and Property Management Committees, three (3) nominated by Advisory, two (2) Rural Youth members elected at AGM and one (1) elected at Agfest AGM. Responsible for managing the assets of the Organisation, advising Council and Agfest Committee, managing the financial relationship between the Organisation and Agfest, the coordination and employment of staff and settlement of disputes.

COUNCIL:

Elected annually. Comprises representatives from the Clubs plus interested individuals outside Rural Youth. Responsible for the Administration of the Organisation.

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Appointed by Rural Youth Council and comprises of a number of individuals inside and outside Rural Youth, plus Life Members of the Organisation. Chiefly responsible for providing advice on Constitutional changes prior to AGM and being called on for general advice where necessary.

REGION COMMITTEES:

The Organisation is divided into three Regions, i.e., North, North-West, and South. Each Region has a Task Force Committee made up of three (3) representatives from each club in the Region.

CLUBS:

The core of the Organisation, they are spread throughout the State and open to any person between 15 and 30 years.



ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW CONTINUED...

AGFEST COMMITTEE:

Committee set up to organise and administer "AGFEST", Tasmania's Agricultural Field Day, staged annually. The Committee consists of past Rural Youth members, some individuals without Rural Youth involvement, but a majority of current Rural Youth members.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

To operate as a sub-committee of Resource Allocation Committee to manage the affairs and expenses at Quercus Rural Youth Park, the Office facilities at 62 York Street, Launceston and any other property the Organisation may purchase. The Property Management Committee is made up of three members of the Agfest Committee, three members of Rural Youth Council, a member of State Advisory Committee and three members of Rural Youth elected by the Annual General Meeting.



2006 RURAL YOUTH POSITIONS

Patron	His Excellency, The Honourable William Cox, Governor of Tasmania
State President	Mr Matthew Young
Vice President	Miss Sarah-Jayne Spillman (Snr) Miss Katrina Bush (Jnr)
Immediate Past President	Miss Laura Richardson
Advisory Chairman	Mr John Dent
RAC Chairman	Mr Rob Dent/Mr David Young
Agfest Committee Chairman	Mr David Dunn
Property Management Chairman	Mr Kyle Robinson
Rural Support Tas Chairman	Mr Bernie Harrington
ARY Vice President	Miss Sally Murfet
Head Office State Administrator Assistant Administrator Financial Data Entry	Mrs Judy McLean Mrs Kristy Springer Ms Linda Perkins



2006 RURAL YOUTH COUNCIL

LIFE MEMBERS:

Mr H.R. Reynolds (dec.)
Mr T.B. Stancombe (dec.)
Mr Don Walker
Mr C.A. Holland (dec.)
Mr Darryl Barker
Mr D. Bennett (dec.)
Mr Henry Burbury
Mr E.C. Mackay (dec.)
Mr Keith Topfer

Mr Graeme Tole (dec.)
Mrs Carol Axton
Mr John Dent
Mr Noel Beven
Mr Wesley Hazell
Mr Chris Williams
Mrs Sharon (Wing) Symons
Mr Peter Gladwell
Mr Dale Badcock

NORTH:

Miss Lisa McKendrick
Mr Clint Brown
Miss Katee Bullman
Mr Matthew Ireland
Mr Troy McKay

Rural Roundup Director
Agriculture Director
Top Teams Director
Membership Director

NORTH-WEST:

Mr Allan Perry
Mr Anthony Riley
Miss Belinda Wood
Miss Emma Singleton
Mr Michael Zeiser

Study Tours Director

SOUTHERN:

Miss Kate Birch
Miss Kylie Burns
Mr Anthony Coad
Miss Trudy Pegg
Miss Teresa Smolcic

Newsletter Director
Competitions Director
Leadership & Training Director
Website Director

Miss Deb McKay
Miss Katrina Bush
Miss Laura Richardson
Miss Katie Crane
Mr Matthew Young & Miss Sarah-Jayne Spillman
Miss Sam Morrall

Finance Director
Library Director
Merchandise Director
Promotions Director
Sponsorship & Grants Director
Young Farmer Director



STATE PRESIDENT REPORT



The year started with the AGM being held in Burnie. It was run over a two-day weekend and it proved that we don't all ways need a long weekend to hold it on.

The next major thing for the year is a pretty big one, that being Agfest. We had around 68,000 patrons go through the gate, which was a very good effort for everyone involved. Things ran fairly smoothly considering the weather in the lead up to the event and on the three days. There were a couple of hiccups that were handled very well and I would like to congratulate David and his committee for their effort, a very good job done by all.

Last year at the Agfest AGM the committee decided to split the Site Manager role in to two positions, the Site Operation and Site Exhibitor positions. From every thing I saw and heard this was a very good decision, with Richard and Johanna working very well together. I'd also like to wish Katie and her committee all the best for the 2007 Agfest. This Agfest we also saw our Patron Peter Brock come down and spend a day looking around Agfest and being the official opener. It certainly made the news of his death later in the year all the sadder; I would like to pass on my sympathies to all of his family

One of the sadder parts of last year was the passing of Graeme Tole, one of our life members. At Agfest we launched a memorial award for Graeme Tole; it has been taken up in a joint role with TFGA in the guise of a scholarship for Agricultural studies.

This year convention was held in Western Australia. With the National Young Farmer Competition being held at a field day. I have received good feed back from all the entrants and people involved. The convention was also a good week from all reports

This year State Ball was run by Southern Region and held at the Bellerive Yacht Club. Everybody had a good night and I would like to congratulate the organizers for a job well done. As per usual the Study Tour selections were held before State Ball. I would like to congratulate Emma Singleton on all the work that she did putting together a good selection day. The list of who won which exchanges will be in the Study Tour report.

The Rural Youth Young Farmer of the Year competition was held in September. I would like to thank Sam Morall and her helpers for the work she put in organizing the Competition. The place getters for Young Farmer were Heath Dobson 1st, Tim Dobson 2nd, and Jamie Burns 3rd. Well done to all of the competitors without you the competition wouldn't be what it is.

Round Up and Top Teams were run on the same day and both were successful competitions. I know the CWA were very impressed with the quality of product that was put forward for Round Up and are looking forward to working with us next year. The Top Teams competition was well attended and was a challenging and fun day. I would like to say well done to Katie Crane, Katee Bullman and Lisa Bowman for their efforts on putting together their respective parts of the day.

This year the shooting competition and Quiz were run a couple of weeks after Young Farmer. These were held at the Bracknell Gun Club. Well done to Kylie Burns with her work on the competitions and congratulations go to all winners.

I would like to that Kristy Springer for all her work over the last ten years. As some of you know she retired at the end of 2006 to have start their family. I would like to wish her and Vaughan all the best in the future

I would like to thank all my State Councilors and Directors for the work they have done over the last twelve months. Without a team effort the year wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did. Thank you also to my two VP's Sarah Spillman as Senior and Katrina Bush as Junior for all the help and work over the year. I would especially like to thank Laura Richardson, the Immediate past president, for all her help and guidance through out the year.

Cheers
Matt Young



AGFEST

It gives me great pleasure to present my report to you on behalf of the 2006 Agfest Organizing Committee. Taking on the role of Chairman – I set some personal goals for our event. These included introducing the much talked about split site manager's role, updating the image of Agfest and bringing the event back to the grass roots members.

The creation of the Operations Manager and Exhibitors Manager roles has allowed people to take on one of these roles with a manageable workload. In turn, I hope that these roles will continue to appeal to people as they are both equally important for the success of our event. The splitting of the Site Managers role certainly raised some eyebrows and caused a couple of headaches, but the professional approach taken by Richard Colman and Johanna Gatehouse certainly ensure a seamless transition for the exhibitors.

One area we spent considerable time on in the past 12 months was making Agfest a more professional organization to the outside world. Our event had grown over the past 24 years but our systems certainly hadn't kept up the pace. We undertook an IT review, Agfest and Rural Youth email addresses were organized and mobile phones were allocated to positions, not people, meaning in years to come, the Chairman will have the same number as I had. This means that as our position holders change, sponsors and exhibitors won't have to chase down new numbers.

We also updated the image of our prospectus and web page - this has been well received with much positive feedback and we introduced folders for the successful exhibitor's kit. This has also meant that an entire mail out to exhibitors has been eliminated saving hundreds of dollars for us and creating less confusion for the exhibitors.

The Agfest meetings have been well attended this year and this has meant that we are all well informed on what is going on. I encourage you all to ask questions at meetings if something is being discussed that you are not aware of, or you want more information. It has been great to see so many new faces coming along to have a say in what direction Agfest will take – new ideas are imperative for our success.

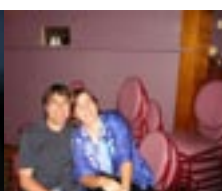
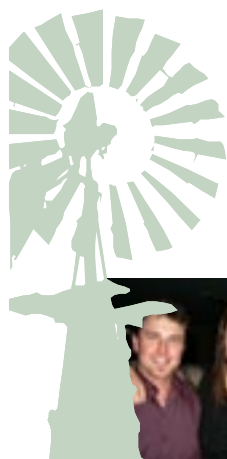
One of the issues that the committee faced at the start of my term was the reducing membership base of Rural Youth could mean a reduction in the number of Rural Youth members volunteering to help out at Agfest. I made the decision that the only way to overcome this was to go and talk to the members face to face, so I started doing club visits. Whilst I didn't get to all clubs and I apologize for this, I did get to the majority. It was great to see so many young enthusiastic members out there and to see so many of them come to Agfest, some for the 1st time, made all the traveling worth it. To have nearly all the accommodation filled at Agfest time meant we had the manpower needed to run our event – thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out.

Before we knew it, Agfest had arrived. If we were ever going to be up against it for numbers, this was the year. Wet weather in the lead up week, a cold miserable wet Thursday, radio reports of rain and wind for Friday (even though the sun was out and it was a great day) and the Beaconsfield Mine disaster. What else could be thrown at us?

But we coped. Over 65,000 people came to our event – something we can be very proud of. When you consider that the reports of knee deep mud were circulating, and that it was meant to rain for all 3 days, we didn't go too badly. We received some excellent feedback from both exhibitors and patrons on the state of the roads on Friday compared to Thursday; this was due to the work done on the Thursday night. Talking to exhibitors, many of them had increased sales this year compared to last, yet our numbers were 15,000 down. Again, it proves that you don't need record crowds each year to have a successful event. I believe that we have found the happy medium and if the exhibitors are happy to support our event, then the patrons will follow and vice versa.

It was an honour to have our Patron, Peter Brock officially open Agfest. Peter was a long term supporter of Rural Youth and Agfest so it was with some disbelief that only a few months later, I attended Peters funeral and not only had we lost a great patron, but Australia had lost a great ambassador and person.

So, now we can sit back, relax and take heart that Agfest 2006 was a success. But why was it such a success? Because of the committee, the contractors, the volunteers and Rural Youth.



AGFEST *Continued...*

To my committee, you were all great. We couldn't have done it without you – each and every one of you took on a role and gave it everything you could. Agfest is a team effort, we need to tell people it is on, how to get there, where to park, how to find things, and make sure that there are exhibitors for them to visit – regardless of your role, you made a difference.

It was great to see so many rural youth volunteers at Agfest. This is your event – be proud of it. Us old people are just there to look after it for you until you become old and are ready to take it on. Thank you for taking ownership of this and being there in force. Thank you also to the past members who come back year after year to help out and support us and to the office staff who do an amazing job year after year.

An enormous thank you must go to my exec. They were the people I could ring up and debrief with, argue with, agree with and bounce ideas off and know that they would be honest with their opinion. You all took that extra step and took on more and more – thank you seems so inadequate. A very special thank you to Katie Crane as Vice Chairman and Brett Mackenzie as Immediate Past Chair – for everything.

And now in closing – this is it. I took on the role of Chairman as I felt I had something to contribute to Agfest and Rural Youth. This organization has given me so much, and this was my way of giving back. As a team, we have achieved more than I could ever have imagined. No one person is responsible for Agfest, we all are and I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to lead the team for 2006 and wish Katie and her team all the best for Agfest 2007 – our 25th Anniversary.

David Dunn

Agfest Chairman 2006



AGRICULTURE

Well what an interesting year it has been for Agriculture. Certainly one with plenty of contrasts. With the start of the year finishing one of the wettest seasons we have had and finishing with one of the driest we have ever had.

As I'm sure you are all aware that the country is in one of the worst drought we have had for a very long time. Which has seen a large area of the mainland being declared exceptional circumstance (E.C.). At this point there isn't any E.C. declared areas within Tasmania, but it has got very close.

There hasn't been very many rivers within the state, that are used for irrigation, that haven't have restricted at some point. The Mersey rive went close to having restriction for the first time ever, with flow going from a regular 250 mega litres a day down to 40 mega litres a day, a major reduction.

With every thing else that was happening with the season the frost that hit most of the state in November was a real blow, with it effecting grain and pea crops all over the state.

After all the issues that have been around agriculture it looks better for the future. In the usual way that usually means at the downfall of other countries. With both the US and Europe having marginal years, it means that there wont be the world oversupply. Which equates to less product to be imported. So there should be more of a demand for Australian product, which will hopefully mean a higher price for what we are going.

We also need to get involved within the industries bodies to help to control the change that is going on within the agricultural industries at the moment. That way we can change now and when we want, not when we are told to do.

So there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we just have to keep going forward and being proactive.

Thanks

Matthew Young



AUSTRALIAN RURAL YOUTH

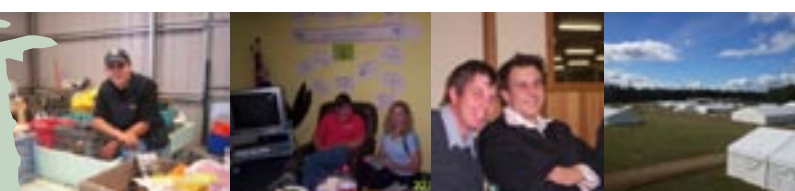
The past twelve months for ARY has seen a lot high and low points. We were disappointed to have the Western Australian Federation of Rural Youth disaffiliate early in the year. This unfortunately meant that there would be no Australian Rural Youth National Convention or National Young Farmer Competition for 2006. Despite this early set back ARY continued with the International Study Tour Programme of which Tasmania continued to send representatives over seas.

Queensland Rural Youth and Victoria Young Farmers after facing some problems in the previous year become inactive in 2006 and no decision about there future has been made. This put ARY into the position of having only one member and thus saw ARY take action at the AGM to move into a partnership with Rural Development Service's and implement setting up a Trust for ARY. All of this is with the hope of maintaining and growing ARY in the future.

Kylie Burns
2006 ARY Vice President



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COMPETITIONS

Competitions started off the year in Burnie at the State AGM 2006. This weekend saw individuals and clubs participate in a range of competitions. Debating and public speaking as usual had tough competition, whilst others let their hair down and had some fun with the more relaxed Mannequin Competition.

Mannequin *Brighton*

Debating *Oatlands*

Public Speaking

Also Awarded at AGM are five other awards that recognize clubs effort in the previous year.

Club Expansion (greatest percentage increase)	<i>North Esk</i>
Club Expansion (greatest increase in numbers)	<i>North Esk</i>
Champion Club in Competitions	<i>Western Tiers</i>
Club Attendance at State Function	<i>Western Tiers</i>
Top Club	<i>Oatlands</i>

The most prestigious Awards that our organization presents are the Outstanding and Best New Members Awards. The 2005 winners were:

Outstanding Member *Matthew Ireland*

Best New Member *Sarah Gatenby*

The final Competitions for the year are Quiz and the Shooting Competition. Both of these are normally held on the same weekend as Rural Roundup. Due to the unavailability of the Bracknell Gun Club the Shooting Competition was held latter this year.

Quiz *Hagley (Tim Dobson, Heath Dobson, Sam Morrall)*

Women

Rifle Shooting	1 st	<i>Sam Morrall</i>
	2 nd	<i>Cindy Coad</i>
	3 rd	<i>Lisa Bowman</i>

Clay Target	1 st	<i>Sam Morrall</i>
	2 nd	<i>Cindy Coad</i>

Men

Rifle Shooting	1 st	<i>James McMahon</i>
	2 nd	<i>Kelly Watt</i>
	3 rd	<i>Ben Coad</i>

Clay Target	1 st	<i>Kelly Watt</i>
	2 nd	<i>Allan Crosswell</i>
	3 rd	<i>Ben Coad</i>

My thanks to all of the clubs and individuals who participated in the competitions and thank you to all the Region Competition Directors for organizing region runoffs, where appropriate. All the best for those who take up the challenge in the future.

Kylie Burns
2006 Competition Director



FINANCE

Being finance director is certainly a great way to obtain an understanding on the operations of the organization and can be a very rewarding portfolio.

Firstly I'd like to congratulate all directors for ensuring that they stuck to their budgets this year. It was a fabulous effort and brings us a surplus over budget of \$32,000.

At a time when sponsorship is hard to come by we managed to secure \$8,000, \$5,000 for the Young Farmer competition which certainly isn't a bad effort. With declining membership in the organization, our membership subscriptions failed to reach the target of \$6,000 for the year. Our entire income received for the year was \$15,170 down slightly from last year.

Our expenditure was well under budget this year, over \$24,000 less than budgeted. This was mainly due to the education, leadership and training budget coming in at \$16,700 below budgeted expenditure; it is disappointing that our members are failing to take up the training opportunities offered. Our major expenditure for the year was on the Young Farmer competition and our contribution of \$5,000 for the Graeme Tole memorial scholarship fund which we presented at Agfest.

During the year I had the experience of setting budgets for the organization, until this point I really had no understanding of the amount of money we need to make the organization the success it is. After the treasurers of the combined committees finished the budgets the organization starts off with a deficit of \$80,000 something I never realized occurred and it certainly makes me understand why setting budgets and in particular ensuring every director sticks to their budget is essential.

I'd like to say a big thanks to the treasurers of the following clubs and regions who have kept their club books up to date and returned all their white sheets to head office during the year; Kingborough/Huon, North Esk, Northern Region, Oatlands and Westmorland's. I will take this opportunity to remind clubs and regions that they have an obligation to ensure they send the white forms into head office every month. There are certainly some clubs and regions that are very disappointing in this regard. If you have any difficulty filling in these forms remember you only have to ask.

I'd like to say a big thanks to the office staff and in particular Linda who have answered any questions I've had along the way and have assisted me when I asked, its been greatly appreciated.

Deb McKay
2006 Finance Director



LEADERSHIP & TRAINING

Well it has been a busy year; although we haven't done a lot of training courses, there has been a lot of research gone into various courses.

I wasn't sure where to start with the training courses, so I asked members at various events what courses they would like to do.

I got some positive feed back from many members; I then researched the cost, the number of people who could attend what members would get out of it and so on.

Some of the courses sounded good, but they weren't viable to our members, other courses sounded good, but the interest wasn't there.

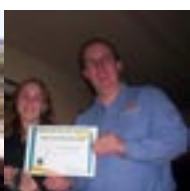
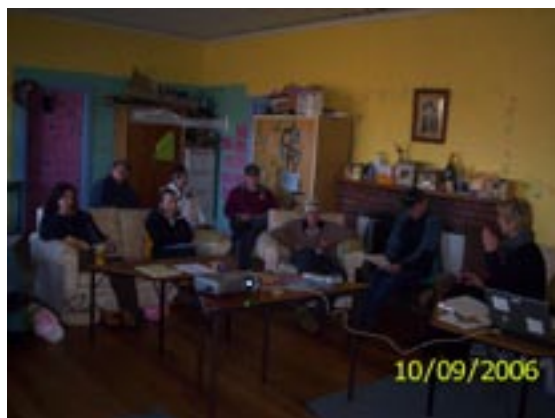
We had a good turn out of members at the R.S.A course held at Oatlands in September this saw members from all over the state attend, I'm glad to say that everyone completed this course successfully.

Hopefully in the New Year we will be doing the Truck licenses, First Aid, Chainsaw operator's licence, tree fallers and ATV's.

Other ideas that are floating about are: A weekend away with "Team Discovery", a training day for those new to "The Chair" – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, etc.

Yours in Rural Youth,

Anthony Coad
Leadership & Training Director 2006



MEMBERSHIP

I started work on my directorship quite late this year as my exchange took up a large chunk of the rural youth year.

Upon my return I set about looking at the numbers of members state wide to determine if their had been a rise or fall in membership over the past few years. The numbers would show around a 100 person drop in numbers over the past five years & that our member base needed to be boosted if the organization is to remain flourishing.

I would like to remind every body that without grass roots members at club level then we have nobody to park cars at Agfest, no one to come to region meetings or club functions & further more a state body with no clubs to give it members to run the directorships. Hence gaining new members and retaining existing one's is a very important and a job at every level of Rural Youth

With that said a number of ideas to boost membership have been put to state council to consider over the coming months.

The weekend of state ball would see a crisis meeting held for Sorell club due to dwindling numbers and a hall to manage, members of Sorell would decide to have a talk to their past members and try to promote the club within their region to try and gain some new members.

Sadly Northern Midlands club would go into recession for a period of twelve months due also to lack of members to keep the club going, to their credit they are giving the members they have the opportunity to join other club close, by paying for their 2007 membership.

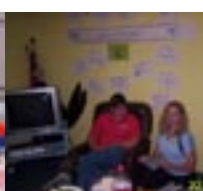
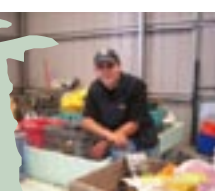
In closing a big thank you to all the members that make Rural Youth such a wonderful organization, because without you there is no organization.

Matthew Ireland
2007 Membership Director

Total Membership for 2006 = 263



Brighton = 24
Circular Head = 8
Devonport = 24
Dorset = 21
Hagley = 25
Isolated = 4
K/H = 20
North Esk = 21
North Motton = 17
Northern Midlands = 7
Oatlands = 22
Sisters Creek = 15
Sorell = 5
Tamar = 16
Western Tiers = 19
Westmorland = 15



MERCHANDISE

Rural Youth has a number of merchandise items available to members for purchase. This merchandise is a great way of providing ongoing promotion for the Organization as well as gifts and souvenirs

These items include:

Badge- RY State
Bottle Openers
Bookmarks
Cards- "Invite You", "Thank You"
Erasers
Champagne Flutes
Hats
Magnets
Mugs
Name Bars

Pens
Polo Tops
Rulers
Sign- "RY Lives Here"
Stress Balls
T- Shirts
Ties
Tea Spoons
Tea Towels
Window Stickers

The Agfest Field days also have a number of merchandise items available:

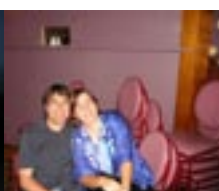
Badges
Beanies
Greg Waddle Prints
Hats
Pens
Rugby Jumpers

Shirts
T Shirts
Stubbie Holders
Teaspoons
Vests

This year merchandise sales were up slightly, which can be accounted for by the number of outgoing exchangees that represented our Organization in 2006.

Much of the merchandise is now either low in number or becoming outdated, so the re-stocking and updating of all merchandise is now needed.

Laura Richardson
Merchandise Director 2006



NEWSLETTER

Firstly, being the Rural Youth newsletter editor has taught me great skill! It has taught me to stretch my existing time management and tolerance skills to an all new level.

I gained a communication link with many clubs and will find this handy when I begin to take on many other roles in the future.

Editing the newsletter- when I first started I thought it would be an easy task, how wrong was I! The newsletter takes so much more than simple editing, the compiling and designing each edition to make it better than the previous one, as well as determining what is published and printable in our Newsletter. As well as reminding everyone of deadlines and keeping to deadline, so everyone gets their newsletter on time!

After 12months of compiling the newsletter and actually “reading” the newsletter I found it a useful tool, before taking on this role I found myself flicking through the newsletter and only reading two or three pages- but not anymore- its a great way for clubs to promote themselves, and gain an understanding of how other clubs operate!

This year saw me introduce a few “alterations” to the publication. I created a new deadline date, which I found easier for members to remember. Changed the design of the front cover and layout. Added pages such as the recipe page, puzzle page, fun page, photos page, I designed many adverts and created a computerize template of the newsletter for ease of creating each edition and for future directors if they wish to use it!

We now have a “Editors” email address, so when the editor changes the address doesn’t- one more step to making submit a report for clubs that bit easier!

Eventually I would like to see the newsletter in a pdf file and available on our website- this is in the process of happening- and I can see this being a great membership attraction!

Overall I would say clubs did a reasonable job at submitting reports, I take this opportunity to thank those clubs/regions/members would submitted anything, report/advert/photos/jokes into our Newsletter as you all contributed in making my job easier and creating each edition that is printed!

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Kristy, Judy, and Linda for the “harder” work in actual producing the hard copy newsletter that everyone receives! Linda for billing everyone that publishes adverts with our newsletter!

Thanks to Matt Young for putting up with me nagging at him, but every time supporting me with each and every decision I made and advising me what to and not to do at times.

Thanks Anthony who allowed me to dedicate a whole weekend each month to compile the Newsletter, without him as my sounding board and his support for the duration of the year.

Also thanks to the newsletter for giving me friendships amongst Rural Youth, I have a vast understanding of what most clubs are about now and that in actual fact although we all live for our Rural Youth functions and Agfest and meetings etc but every club are all quiet different!

As my knowledge and dedication to Rural Youth Tasmania grows I hope to take on many more experiences and friendships with me!

Katie Coad
Newsletter Editor 2006/07



PROMOTIONS

2006 was my second year as Promotions Director and I have to say it is quite a fun directorship as you get to know what is happening across the organisation. We sent out lots of press releases this year, and gained especially good coverage from the East Coast Fire Appeal, thanks to all members who helped organise the event and transport items on the day. We also featured in the TFGA magazine and made the Stock and Land with details of our Young Farmer Competition!

Rural Youth Council has purchased some new display boards which clubs can use, alongside the promotional posters, booklets and stickers we have at Head Office. Hope fully early in the New Year we will have some new designs for promotional material to show off Rural Youth. We also have a PowerPoint presentation available to all clubs, this explains what Rural Youth is, and is a great tool if you are speaking to your local school or college.

Planning for the Rural Youth Feature at AGFEST 2007 is underway, if you have any idea's, or are available to help out over the 3 days please let me know. We are looking into a change of venue this year to make sure Rural Youth gets the best coverage possible at our Field Days.

Clubs have once again done a good job sending press releases and promoting their club, but there is always room for improvement. If your club is holding a function or community event in 2007, contact the Promotions Director, they will be able to help you maximize your exposure and get the most promotion out of all your activities.

Good luck to the 2007 Promotions Director.

Katie Crane
2006 Promotions Director



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

This year has been a good year for both Head office and Quercus Rural Youth Park. With upgrades at both sites.

Head Office received a coat of paint and the guttering replaced. In the next year we hope to upgrade the garden and the outside appearance of the building.

Quercus has received some attention also with Gravel outside U Tas; we have started with the upgrade of crib/party room. The loading ramp and the entrance to south car park also got a face lift. In the next year we are going to finish Crib/party room upgrade also hope to get electric hot water in the function centre and replace the river fence. The biggest thing that is getting done is the upgrade of power to Ag demo which means the whole site will have power.

We have a lot of bookings for 2007 these including The Hub Festival, Carrick Bull Ride, Mud run, plus all the weddings and birthday parties in the Function Centre. It is important that we promote Quercus for the facilities that we have to offer as this is a great income opportunity. These functions I have listed above have given us our normal year income for Quercus in three months which is great to see.

This year is also the 25th AGFEST so good luck to Katie and her committee and let's make it the biggest AGFEST yet!

Looking forward to the coming year.

Kyle Robinson
Property Management Chairman 2006/07



RURAL ROUND UP

Thanks to everyone who participated in the competitions this year the entries were of a high standard and the number of entries in the cookery and photography sections are to be commended.

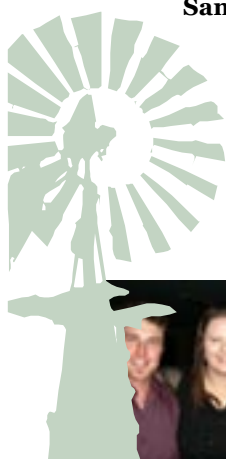
Thank you to Laura Richardson, Sarah Jane Spillman and Matthew Ireland for their help on the day. As well as the judges from CWA Joan and Joy and to David Dunn for judging the photography.

Any entries that were not collected by the exhibitors on the day and any prizes also not collected are at Head Office for you to pick up at your earliest convenience.

Lisa Bowman
Rural Round Up director 2006

WINNERS Cooking and Craft

Aleta Jones	1 st Truffles 2 nd Packed Lunch Box 3 rd Animal made of Fruit and Veg 1 st Packet Mix Cake or Muffins 3 rd Slice 1 st and 2 nd Salad
Clare McFarlane	1 st Hand Knitted Article 1 st Hand Knitted Scarf 1 st Appliqué Wall Hanging 1 st Pottery 2 nd Slice 1 st Jam Rounds
Amanda Bayles	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Scrap booking
Vanessa Acheson	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Home Brew
Heath Dobson	1 st Packed Lunch
Belinda Wood	1 st & 2 nd Animal made of Fruit and Veg
Zara Binns	1 st Orange Cake 1 st Slice
Helen Gill	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Hand Made Card 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Article of Cross Stitch
Samantha Morrall	1 st Article of Long Stitch 2 nd Packet Mix Cake or Muffins 2 nd Orange Cake 2 nd Hand Embroidery



RURAL ROUND UP

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WINNERS

Photography

Helen Gill	1 st Colour Rural Youth 1 st & 3 rd Colour Portrait 1 st B & W Waterscape
Laura Richardson	1 st B & W Rural Scene 1 st B & W Building Study 1 st Enlarged Building Study 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Enlarged Floral 3 rd Colour Building Study =3 rd Colour Rural Scene
James McShane	1 st Colour Floral 1 st Colour Social Scene 1 st Colour Waterscape 2 nd Colour Portrait
Clare McFarlane	1 st Colour Landscape
Deb McKay	1 st Colour Animal Study
Zara Binns	1 st Colour Study Tour 2 nd Colour Landscape 2 nd & 3 rd Colour Floral 1 st Colour Building Study 2 nd Colour Rural Scene
Cassandra Harwood	1 st & 3 rd Colour Rural Scene 3 rd Colour Waterscape
Aleta Jones	1 st Colour Action Shot 1 st Enlarged Landscape 2 nd Colour Building Study 2 nd Colour Social Scene
Claire Cooley	1 st B & W Animal Study
Cindy Coad	1 st Colour Animal Study 3 rd Colour Landscape
Steph Patterson	2 nd Colour Waterscape
Belinda Wood	3 rd Colour Animal Study
Heath Dobson	3 rd Colour Social Scene
Amanda Bayles	2 nd Colour Study Tour



RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE TASMANIA

(formerly RURAL SUPPORT TASMANIA)

The year has been one of change for the service. After review nationally of services, the Federal Government announced a new model for Rural Financial Counseling Services Australia wide. Tas Rural Counseling Inc successfully tendered for the new service in April 2006.

Rural Financial Counseling Service Tasmania commenced operation on 1 September 2006. Clemencia Barnes and Leigh Noye were both re-employed as the Rural Financial Counsellors, with Sue Glancy continuing as Southern Administrative Assistant. We farewelled Helen Holmes in the north after many years of wonderful service and Diane McArthur commenced as the Northern Administrative Assistant. Elizabeth Skirving was employed to the new position of Executive Officer, a requirement of the new model to provide management continuity and ease pressure on voluntary board members. The service provided did not change however, with Counsellors continuing to provide assistance to many clients in the rural community. We must thank the staff for their patience during this challenging change over, and for continuing to provide such a professional and invaluable service.

We have maintained our membership of Victorian Tasmanian Association of Rural Counselling Groups Inc (VTARCG), which has been an invaluable network through the challenges of the changing model. We were also invited to become part of the Drought Taskforce recently established to review Tasmania's position and form strategies to assist with the dry conditions.

Once again we must thank Rural Youth for their support with the provision of office space and administrative support. Judy McLean's continued dedication to the service, particularly during the changeover with grant applications and many additional demands, has been invaluable to the success of the service.

We are appreciative of the support of 2006 sponsors who enable the service to continue:

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
Department of Primary Industries Water and Environment	
Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc	
Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association	
Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania	
Serve-Ag	ANZ Bank
Telstra Countrywide	Break-O-Day Council
Centrelink Staff Community Fund	Mrs Joyce Beckwith



RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE TASMANIA

(formerly RURAL SUPPORT TASMANIA)

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Thanks also go to our member organizations that provide representatives to our Reference Group (Board of Management) and provide invaluable communication of the service to the broader community:

Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc
Telstra Countrywide
Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Centrelink
Country Women's Association Tasmania
Tasmanian Women in Agriculture

With the worsening financial impact of the dry conditions, we encourage everyone to refer primary producers, fishers and small rural business people in rural areas who may be experiencing the pressure of shrinking returns and could use some support to contact RFCS Tasmania, a **statewide, independent, confidential and free service** providing financial assessment, information and support to the farming community.

Bernie Harrington
2006 Chairman

Visit: www.rfcstasmania.com.au



SPONSORSHIP

This year has been a fairly good year for sponsorship. Our combined package with Agfest has worked well with both sections getting good support.

Our study tours were well supported again with all but one interstate exchange being sponsored. The following are what was supported and by who;

United Kingdom
United States
Western Australia
Young Endeavour

National Foods
Country Club Resort
Rabobank
Tasmanian Alkaloids

This year for Young Farmer we had ANZ Bank come on as the naming for the Competition, but we had good support for our minor prizes. The businesses that gave use cash and prizes were Roberts, Casaveen, Serve-Ag, Blundstone, Impact Fertilizers, Tasmanian Farm Equipment and Elders Websters.

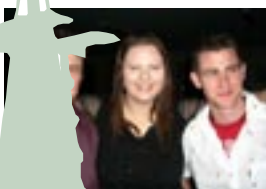
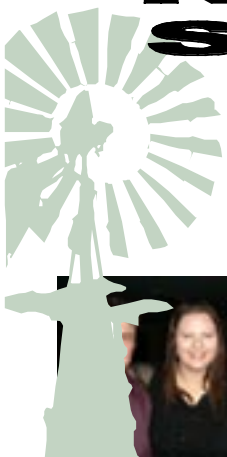
I would like to thank every one who supported the organisation in any way and hope to continue in the year to come

Cheers
Matt Young
Sponsorship Director 2006

NATIONAL FOODS
COUNTRY CLUB RESORT
RABOBANK
TASMANIAN ALKALOIDS
ANZ BANK
ROBERTS LTD
CASAVEEN
SERVE-AG
BLUNDSTONE
IMPACT FERTILIZERS
TASMANIAN FARM EQUIPMENT
ELDERS WEBSTERS

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STUDY TOURS

Being in this directorship for a short period of time, there seems to have been lots of action with the June Newsletter reflecting this.

Having Emily Philips leaving and giving us a wonderful thank you letter to the state for their warm hospitality throughout her exchange and Laura Thomas' introduction and update on her exchange to date shows that our Rural Youth members are very welcoming and willing to show our overseas visits the Tassie way. That is what makes this directorship very rewarding.

The Study Tour selections went very well in Hobart on the 24th June with the winners being:

Anna Sutherland
William McConnon
Trudy Pregnell
Kylie Burns
Nikki Armstrong

Queensland
Western Australia
Sweden
United Kingdom
United States of America

Although only five applicants with six available exchanges. The applicants were certainly put through their paces through out the day. The best part was the tour at Cascade Brewery in South Hobart and having a couple of free beers at the end. Not bad...not bad at all!

I would like to thank Matt Young, Kristy Springer, the Judges and Trudy for helping pull everything together. Organizing things from Circular Head did pose as a small challenge but we passed with flying and bright colours.

Congratulations to the winners for the 2007 Exchange Program I'm sure you will do our Organisation very proud.

Kind Regards

Emma Singleton
Study Tour Director 2006



TASMANIAN ALKALOIDS TOP TEAMS COMPETITION

Once again the 2006 Tasmanian Alkaloids Top Teams competitions proved to be a fantastic day for all competitors and judges.

This year we had 10 teams compete for the title.

Activities included boat building, physical challenge, sewing, general knowledge and Rural Youth knowledge quizzes and a creative challenge that asked teams to decorate a pancake as a tribute to Steve Irwin. Points were awarded to each teams based on their competence and team work. Some challenges proved very amusing for both entrants and the on the day judges.

The final results were close, with North Motton taking out the title, closely followed by Team International in second place and Hagley scoring the bronze.

Well done to all teams who participated, it was a fantastic day and all teams went in with a can do attitude. A special thank you to our sponsor for the event, Tasmanian Alkaloids, your continued support ensures the success of the competition.

Katee Bullman
2006 Top Teams Director



WEBSITE

www.ruralyouth.com.au is the Rural Youth website address many clubs throughout the year have been working hard to keep their pages current, interesting and up-to-date.

Coming up in early 2007 will see a change to the whole of the website including:

- An overall re-design and development of site
- Region Pages with clubs listed under their Region
- Expiry dates of articles on the website
- Rural Youth Newsletter for Downloading
- Membership form for Downloading
- Members Only area, that the general public can not access
- Discussion board
- For Sale/Merchandise – Online shopping with custom built shop

These are just some of the new changes happening in 2007.

A reminder to all members that the website is a great opportunity to promote your club, club activity etc, so let's make the most of that exposure!!!!

Trudy Pregnell
Website Director 2006



ANZ YOUNG FARMER of the YEAR COMPETITION 2006

Another year, another fantastic line up of Tasmanian young farmers. The 2006 Young Farmer's diary started off with the 2005 Young Farmer of the Year, Marcus Crowden and runner-up Tim Dobson, who represented Tassie at the National Young Farmer Competition held in Western Australia in August. With not a dairy cow in sight, both Marcus and Tim represented Tassie well in a farming environment very unlike what either of them had ever experienced before. Congratulations to both Marcus and Tim for 'having a crack'.

Back to Tasmania.....

The region run-offs this year were hotly contested with over 20 competitors around the state showcasing their talents in a variety of modules, ranging from finance, cooking and object identification. The competition was operated under the same guidelines that were trialled in 2005. To recap, due to the high standard of competition in some regions, it was agreed that all region entrants would be judged equally, with the top three region winners automatically qualifying for the state competition, and the remaining six to be decided on a points basis, regardless of region origin. This system was this year proven, and we in fact had 7 entrants qualify from one single region, giving us a state competition that only had the 'cream of the crop'.

The state final, held in September, was a day filled with mental strain and exceeding personal boundaries. Some competitors pushed themselves to a higher level whilst others gave up; giving a day of competition that tested all.

There were many similar modules to previous years including Home Ec and Finance, a few modules that had been in previous competitions including Horse Skills and Sheep Husbandry, and a few new modules including N.L.I.S and Measurements. I would like to thank all the judges and competition module writers for their efforts and hard work. Without your input and support, Rural Youth would not have a Young Farmer of the Year competition.

For the first time in many years, the Young Farmer of Year had a major sponsor, ANZ. It is great to have ANZ on board as a sponsor, and I hope they will continue their involvement in the Young Farmer competition. Their support of rural youth in Tasmania is greatly appreciated, and means that we can have the most prestigious Young Farmer competition in Tasmania.

Along with ANZ, we had enormous support from other businesses within Tasmania. These were Impact Fertilizers Pty Ltd, Ingham's Enterprises Pty Ltd, Blue Horizons Outdoor Clothing, Elders, Blundstone Boots, Jeremy Rockliff, Casaveen Knitwear, Serve-Ag and the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania. These sponsors are highly valued and combined; we managed to offer our competitors over \$10,000 worth of cash and prizes. This year's competition offered the most prize money of all the Rural Youth Competitions, and more than that seen in the last 5 years of Young Farmer competitions (some saying if not ever).



ANZ YOUNG FARMER of the YEAR COMPETITION 2006 CONTINUED...

This further re-iterates the support the Tasmanian community has for the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, and developing the talents of our future farmers and agriculture industry participants. Thank you from all the members of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, and we hope that you continue your support in making the Young Farmer of the Year competition as prestigious as it is.

The results of the ANZ Young Farmer of the Year 2006 were:

- 1st Heath Dobson (Hagley)
- 2nd Tim Dobson (Hagley)
- 3rd Jamie Burns (Oatlands)
- 4th James McShane (Oatlands)
- 5th William McConnon (Oatlands)

Congratulations to all competitors and place getters. The standard of competitors in 2006 was very high and I hope that you continue to enter and support the competition and show case your talents to not only your fellow Rural Youth members, but also to the Tasmanian public.

It is without doubt that this competition is one of the most involved on the Rural Youth calendar. It requires a lot of time and support and I would like to thank all those involved with the running of the competition both behind the scenes and on the day. It is often argued that we all have increasing commitments, however it is imperative for those in the Organisation to continue their support for these competitions to keep them alive. When we first joined Rural Youth there were many people volunteering their time to enable fellow rural youth's to compete, socialize and meet new people, we now need to do the same to encourage younger members, and promote the enthusiasm apparent in the agricultural industry.

Thank you to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania for giving me the opportunity to co-ordinate the Young Farmer of the Year 2006, it is a great honour and I am grateful for the experience.

Samantha Morrall
Young Farmer Director 2006.



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO MEMBERS OF RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TASMANIA INCORPORATED

Scope

We have audited the financial report of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tas Inc. for the financial year ended 31 December 2006 as set out in the accompanying pages. The association is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained within. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tas Inc.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) and other requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tas Inc. financial position and the results of its operations.

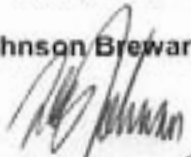
The audit opinion expressed in this report had been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion:

1. The financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tas Inc. at 31 December 2006 and the results of its operations of the period then ended in accordance with Statement of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) and the Corporations Law.
2. The rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.
3. The association has kept proper accounting records and other books during the period covered by this report.

Johnson Breward Brown


Mr L A Johnson
Managing Principal

Dated:



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2006

	2006	2005
NOTE 2: CASH ASSETS		
Cash on hand	300	300
Cash at bank	29,960	44,995
	<u>30,260</u>	<u>45,295</u>
NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	2,051	2,855
Sundry debtors	-	-
	<u>2,051</u>	<u>2,855</u>
NOTE 4: INVENTORIES		
Stock on hand - Rural Youth	4,907	4,337
Stock on hand - Agfest	1,815	2,713
	<u>6,722</u>	<u>7,050</u>
NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Land & buildings		
Quercus property - at independent valuation	450,000	450,000
Land adjoining Quercus property purchased 2001 - at cost	31,500	31,500
York Street Property - at independent valuation	225,000	225,000
Meeting Hall & Sheds - at cost	760,715	760,715
Less: accumulated depreciation	(108,882)	(89,864)
Roads - at costs	66,312	61,615
Less: accumulated depreciation	(5,901)	(4,243)
Water facility upgrade	91,067	91,067
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,554)	(2,277)
Total land & buildings	<u>1,505,257</u>	<u>1,523,512</u>
Plant & equipment		
Furniture & Equipment - at cost	131,061	131,061
Less: accumulated depreciation	(123,244)	(120,262)
Total plant & equipment	<u>7,817</u>	<u>10,799</u>



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2006

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts from members	5,740
Receipts from customers	855,046
Payments to suppliers	(791,479)
Borrowing costs	(20,536)
Net cash provided by operating activities	48,771

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Fixed assets purchased	(4,697)
Net cash used by investing activities	(4,697)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayment of borrowings	(59,106)
Net cash used in financing activities	(59,106)
Increase in cash held	(15,032)
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	45,296
Cash at the end of the reporting period	30,264

Reconciliation of cash

Cash on hand	300
Cash at bank	29,960
Bankcard	4
	30,264

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to surplus

Surplus for year	1,149
Non-cash flows from surplus for the year	
Depreciation	25,935
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in receivables	803
Decrease in inventories	328
Decrease in payables	206
Increase in subscriptions in advance	(722)



**RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2006**

	2006	2005
INCOME		
Rent	16,560	15,196
Service fees	100,000	100,000
Site hire	3,141	3,467
Sundry income	4,884	29,804
TOTAL INCOME	<u>124,585</u>	<u>148,467</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Audit fees	3,428	3,328
Bank charges	856	1,528
Depreciation	24,277	24,781
Electricity	13,252	4,339
Functions & entertainment	107	-
Hire	923	2,819
Honorariums	5,000	5,000
Insurance	21,566	20,943
Interest	20,005	17,366
Miscellaneous	16,974	20,450
Professional fees	6,324	9,435
Pumps & water	-	-
Rates & land tax	9,517	12,285
Rent reversal	-	-
Repairs & maintenance	44,531	33,691
Security	1,568	3,242
Site development	25,339	97,843
Site maintenance	16,741	6,471
Sponsorship - Rural Support	5,000	5,000
Staff training	588	2,226
Stationery	2,329	2,867
Sundry	-	-
Superannuation	10,068	10,624
Telecommunications	12,210	14,798
Toilets	672	878



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
AGFEST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2006

	2006	2005
INCOME		
Entrance fees	426,870	469,379
Merchandise sales	1,517	1,871
Other	4,053	10,560
Site fees	347,567	368,070
Sponsorship	19,825	14,027
Timber sales	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	799,831	863,908
LESS EXPENSES		
Accommodation	101	1,519
Administration	50,000	50,000
Advertising	43,420	51,338
Ag expo	18,900	26,968
Bank charges	4,881	7,113
Catering	32,628	30,523
Depreciation	1,658	1,540
Donations	5,289	12,700
Features	33,127	21,174
Fencing	-	-
Fuel	8,759	7,276
Functions	4,195	5,690
Hire	19,192	8,478
Honorariums	17,600	14,650
Insurance	4,238	9,148
Interest	426	623
Lease of land	1,000	-
Loading & lifting	9,862	6,169
Merchandise	3,769	4,287
Miscellaneous	24,514	35,405
Power & gas	11,187	16,525
President's expenses	354	-
Printing, postage & stationery	13,759	19,183
Public address	12,520	13,206
Pumps & tanks	-	405



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
RURAL YOUTH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2006

	2006	2005
INCOME		
Membership subscriptions	6,462	4,681
Other	1,243	2,782
Sale of merchandise	583	581
Sponsorship	8,000	7,773
TOTAL INCOME	<u>16,288</u>	<u>15,817</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Administration	50,000	50,000
Agriculture	-	50
ARY expenses	1,526	3,542
Competitions	539	578
Club grants	-	1,800
Depreciation	-	-
Education, leadership & training	3,257	23,905
Feature tent	-	-
Honorariums	800	900
Meeting expenses	741	88
Member awards	615	1,000
Merchandise	(570)	999
Miscellaneous	2,748	2,583
National competitors	5,715	2,200
National convnention	-	2,000
Newsletters	2,110	2,550
Postage	2,159	2,606
President's honorarium	7,000	5,500
President's mobile phone	2,766	2,434
President's expenses	912	1,541
Printing & stationery	4,459	6,430
Promotions, publicity & membership	3,097	1,697
Rural roundup	306	240
Sponsorship	5,127	195
State functions	2,400	1,477



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2006

	Note	2006	2005
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	2	30,260	45,295
Receivables	3	2,051	2,855
Inventories	4	<u>6,722</u>	<u>7,050</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,033</u>	<u>55,200</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	5	<u>1,513,074</u>	<u>1,534,312</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,513,074</u>	<u>1,534,312</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,552,107</u>	<u>1,589,512</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	316	(528)
Interest bearing liabilities	7	62,096	62,099
Provisions	8	<u>10,765</u>	<u>9,348</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>73,178</u>	<u>70,919</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest bearing liabilities	7	262,021	321,127
Provisions	8	<u>20,896</u>	<u>22,600</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>282,917</u>	<u>343,727</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>356,095</u>	<u>414,646</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,196,012</u>	<u>1,174,866</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds - Rural Youth	9	25,972	196,112
Accumulated funds - Agfest	10	2,416,398	1,614,279
Accumulated funds - Property Management	11	(1,560,374)	(949,542)
Reserves	12	<u>314,016</u>	<u>314,016</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,196,012</u>	<u>1,174,866</u>



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2006

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a special purpose report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act (Tas)*. The State Council has determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act (Tas)* and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031	Materiality
AASB 110	Events After the Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views of other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) INVENTORIES

Stock on hand is valued at the lower of either cost or net realisable value.

(b) PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Freehold land comprising the Quercus property and 62 York Street, Launceston were independently revalued in November 1999. The basis of the valuation of the land and improvements was market value for mortgage security purposes. The valuation was carried out by Andrew Cubbins F.V.L.E. (Val) Dip. Val., a registered valuer for Harrison Humphreys Pty Ltd.

The market value of the Quercus property of \$450,000 includes only those improvements existing at the time of the valuation.

Subsequent to the abovementioned valuation the Organisation initiated a significant site improvement program which included expenditure, to date, totaling \$758,171 on the construction of a Meeting Hall and several Sheds at Quercus Park. The outlays in respect of these buildings have been capitalised and are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.



RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2006

The carrying amount of all property, plant & equipment is reviewed annually by the Organisation to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount for those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received for the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

No depreciation is recorded in respect of the York Street building. The depreciable amount of the meeting hall and sheds erected on the Quercus property is depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful lives of the buildings to the Organisation. The depreciation rate of 2.5% is used. The depreciated amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful lives of the assets to the Organisation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. The rate of 20% is used for all plant and equipment.

(c) CONSOLIDATION OF ACCOUNTS

Under the Organisation's constitution, individual Rural Youth clubs form part of the structure of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated, and as such the assets and liabilities of these clubs are assets and liabilities of the Organisation. Similarly, club transactions are also those of the incorporated body.

The committee considers the cost of consolidating these amounts into the financial statements of the organisation exceed the benefits of doing so.

(d) INCOME TAX

The net surplus of the Organisation is exempt from income tax under Section 50-40 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997*. Accordingly, no provision for income tax or income tax expense appears in the accounts.

(e) SITE IMPROVEMENTS

All expenditure incurred during the year is reported as an expense in the "property management" statement of financial performance.

(f) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Provision is made in respect of the Organisation's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. All entitlements have been measured at their nominal amount. Long service is accrued in respect of employees with more than 7 years service.

Contributions are made by the Organisation to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.





REGION & CLUB REPORTS



NORTH WEST REGION

I would just like to thank all the people that have helped me this year.

We had one hell of a year with lots of club activities and functions.

Our biggest event was the East Coast Appeal that we ran. What a huge response we had! It was massive! Thanks to Anthony, Derryn, Kara, Kris and Adrian for all you help with picking up things etc and to all the people that brought there utes and trailers! We hope to organise another fundraiser soon.

Clubs in the Region are holding membership which is good to see, better than it falling.

Thanks to the four Region Club Presidents for all there help this year.

We look forward to a great 2007 good luck to this years committee.

Thanks

Kyle Robinson
NW Region President 2006



DEVONPORT

Devonport Club has had a good year this year. We have managed to get some new members who are getting involved in the club which was good to see. Agfest saw some of our members' out and about causing havoc. But they also put the hours in working which was good to see. Even if some of them got more sleep then others on some of the days.

Other things the club has been up to has been a couple of camping trips to brushy lagoon for members' birthdays, wood cuts and a couple of club barbeques. We had members travel to Burnie for the AGM, down to Hobart for state ball and had a good time at both.

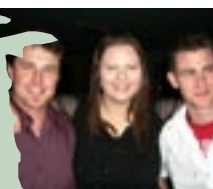
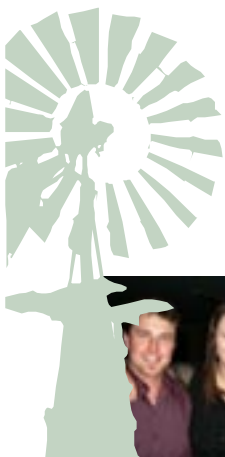
We had a couple of members compete in the ANZ Young Farmer of the Year and had most of the club turn up for the dinner that night. By the look of them the next morning everybody had a good night.

Towards the end of the year we ran a car wash in Latrobe that was fairly successful. Even if in the end most of the car washers ended up wetter than the cars. We finished the day with a Barbeque down at Bells Parade with a good attendance for both.

We have had our AGM and Alan Perry is our new president and the club has had a couple of brainstorming session to really make 2007 a great year.

So look out for us out and about this year and we will see you around

Laurence Acheson
Devonport President 2006



SISTERS CREEK

Well what a great year Sister's Creek had in 2006.

Our first social function for the year was a working bee and camping trip/bonfire at Lauren and Michael's at Sister's Hills on the 4th of February. The working bee was held in the afternoon to build a small animal cage to use for our animal nursery at the Wynyard show. Then we all set our tents up in a paddock where we enjoyed a BBQ tea followed by a night of games, stories and laughter. Eleven members, one partner and three future members attended.

On the 22nd the whole club met in Wynyard and did a letter-drop trying to attract new members to our club. We walked the streets for two hours and met back at Ellen's for a pizza tea. Through this endeavour we attracted three new members to the club.

The Wynyard show was held on the 11th of March and once again our club ran an animal nursery for the event. We sold numerous things including balloon animals and baby chickens. We also had a monster raffle with fifteen prizes donated by businesses within the Burnie/Wynyard area, and a travel voucher for a trip to Melbourne purchased by the club. This was our first public appearance as a whole club with our newly printed club jumpers and they looked fantastic.

On the 1st and 2nd of April nine Sister's Creek members attended a working bee at Quercus and built a new deck and stairs at the end of the accommodation block. The end result was better than anticipated and I think everyone can be pleased about the professional looking workmanship.

We had our third social club function on the 27th May, once again meeting at Michael and Lauren's. A bonfire and fireworks followed our BBQ tea and all members present were awake til early hours playing games and talking. We also had members from North Motton and Tamar attend and it proved a great opportunity to discuss Rural Youth events on a state wide level.

Agfest (run in the 1st weekend in May) was attended by many Sister's Creek members, with one member traveling from Melbourne to be here. We pressure-cleaned toilet blocks, marked lines on site, painted and worked in car park - our President was Traffic Coordinator for the event and managed all incoming and outgoing traffic throughout the weekend as well as acted as liaison between Rural Youth and the Tasmanian Police.

The 3rd of June was the Agfest dinner and six of our members travelled to Quercus to join in the celebrations of another great Agfest.

On the 8th of July we had a woodcutting weekend to raise money for the club. The weather wasn't really on our side, with rain threatening all day, but all attending members worked hard and we managed to split many ute loads of pine.

The Wynyard Blooming Tulip Festival was held this year on the 13th and 14th of October. Once again Sister's Creek Rural Youth had a stall and this was definitely our most profitable fundraiser for the year.



SISTERS CREEK_{CONTINUED}

Our last public event to date was an animal nursery we held at the Table Cape Primary School Fair on the 10th of November. The children's excitement as the cuddled bunnies patted the calves and puppies and talked to all the animals was definitely contagious and a great time was had by all.

This year two exchangees have been hosted by Sister's Creek members, Emily from Canada for a week in early March and Laura from Wales in late July/early June. Both girls attended club meetings and were shown great hospitality during their stay.

Attendance at club meetings, social functions and fundraisers has been great this year. In all we have gained seven new members for 2006 – with another letter drop and new members BBQ planned for early in 2007. We are also preparing our float for the Wynyard Christmas Parade to be held on Christmas Eve and planning a 'dinner date' for all members in early January.

It is safe to say 2006 has been an enjoyable – and very profitable – year for Sister's Creek and we are looking forward to another great one in 2007.



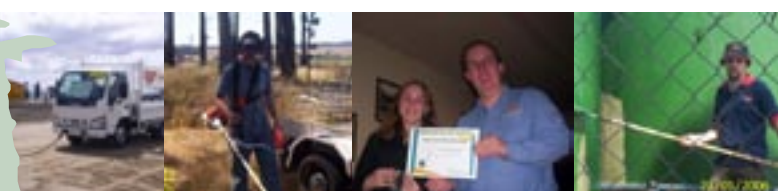
Members at our camping trip on 4th February



Building the Deck – 1st and 2nd April



Our new club jumpers freshly printed at the Wynyard Show



NORTH MOTTON

Well they say time flies when you're having fun and let me tell you, the year has just flown by!

The year started with a couple of sore heads as we saw the New Year in. Next up was AGM which was up our way this year and we had quiet a good turnout.

In one of our first meetings for the year, it was decided to donate our takings from our boxing night dance to "Relay for Life" as we had a member competing in a team. We were assured the weekend went well with only a few blisters to show for it.

Some of us ventured to Brushy Lagoon for a camping weekend which was a blast of a night!

Agfest, what can I say? This year again saw a good turn out for North Motton as we all got stuck in and did what needed to be done and had a good time doing it!

State Ball meant "Road Trip" time. This year we trekked down to Hobart for another top night disguised in our masks. Next up on the agenda was our regions bonfires where we had a cozy turnout and managed to keep pretty warm.

September brought Young Farmers and Top Teams. Although we didn't get anyone in the top, our members put up a fair effort in the young farmer competition. Then to top the night off, we finally managed to steal the top team trophy away from Northern Region.

October/November was a busy time for us as we stuffed our freezers with pies from our pie drive and ran around trying to find enough baby animals for our new pavilion at the Ulverstone show, which we then followed with a camping trip to Gunns Plains (NOTE: Never take a rooster camping!)

A few of our gang got together and organized the North West region fire appeal for those down the east coast who lost so much. The trucks and utes were loaded up for the trip down and rumor has it that they even gave Santa a ride back to town as well.

Ending the year off, we had our boxing night dance and our AGM. Congratulations and good luck to all new office bearers for 2007

Belinda Wood
North Motton President 2006



NORTHERN REGION

Well where do I begin, this year has been an up and down one for Northern Region with quite a lot happening over the course of the year.

January would see Troy MacKay take on the role of president for 2006 and a change of venue for meetings to the Newsted Hotel for dinner meetings; this would make for a much more relaxed environment for our monthly meetings.

The year has run quite smoothly with most meetings well attended by clubs with the exclusion of a couple that needed to be reminded of their need to be part of region. This situation prompted me to do a tour of northern club meetings to let them know about regions, what they do and why they exist, as well as who needs to attend region meetings from each club.

With the unfortunate absence of our elected secretary at most meetings this year a big thank you must go to Amanda Bayles for taking on quite a lot of the work load without being asked, may this serve as a reminder that if you are given a position with our organisation that you should see it through to the best of your ability and not leave others to do the work for you as it makes running an organisation very trying at times.

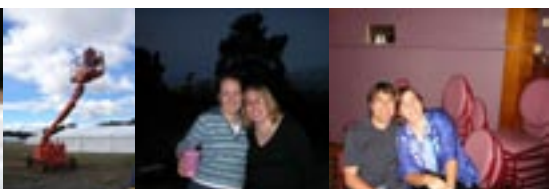
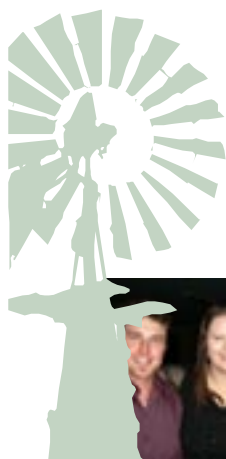
Another thank you must go to Zara Binns for the work she has done as treasurer this year, our books are up to date for the first time in a long while.

The Young Farmer Dinner would see 95 people attend the night at the function center, the evening I'm sure you'll agree was a huge success as have other state functions this year, a big thank you must go to all the members who helped out, whether it was cooking lunch, washing dishes or doing a stint behind the bar.

Our November meeting would see Troy step down from his role due to the move he has made to work in WA in the New Year, Troy took on the position as president with little knowledge of the role in region and is to be thanked for his commitment to the job over 2006. We wish him all the best.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in running Northern Region in 2006 and wish the new committee all the best for coming year

Matthew Ireland
Northern Region Vice President 2006



DORSET

When I took on the position as Dorset's President at the beginning of the year, I didn't know what to expect and what was expected of me, as I have never held a position like this before.

The first few meetings were a little hair-raising, but as the year progressed and with the help of my committee, the job of president became rather enjoyable.

We kicked off the year with Dorset Damnation Hawaiian style, yes with the water slide still in existence, as previous years it still made the night quiet entertaining, a big thank you to the Agfest Working Bee members that turned up and supported our function, it was greatly appreciated.

When tried a few new ideas, one being a BBQ for new members that was well supported, as we gained a few new members Dorset then started to attend state and regional functions.

Dorset started to attend State and Regional functions. State AGM being one which we attended, this saw me elected into the Junior Vice President position.

Agfest was well attended by Dorset this year, seeing seven of our club members attend for the three days and lead up to the three days!

Dorset hosted Laura the exchangee from Wales; everyone in our club did their best to make her feel welcome and enjoyed her company.

We attended some formal functions, Dorset was well-represented, and everyone enjoyed themselves even if it did mean frocking up and getting out of our comfort zone.

Dorset headed off down the East Coast with members from Oatlands, North Motton and Sorell, this was a great weekend had by all, with a few games of beach cricket, and sand boarding we then headed to the local bistro for tea and partied the night on with Gypsy Rose with this, we even got our faces onto their website.

Dorset attempted to give something back to the community, by holding a under age disco and a ten pin bowling night, both were poorly supported by the community.

We started to do some fundraising, with holding a wood raffle, and chocolate drive which boosted our bank balance considerably.

We began organizing our input in the local show by parking horse floats as previous years, this also saw us holding a ride a mower race, which was a lot of fun with hope in doing this next year.

This saw us in the silly season with us participating in the annual Christmas parade.

This draws the conclusion of my time as president in saying this I want to take the opportunity to thank my committee for all their help, with out you I couldn't have done this, so thank you and to all those who helped and supported us through out the year.

Katrina Bush
2006 President



TAMAR

Tamar has had a very slow year with functions and fundraisers. But in saying that we have all had fun at other clubs functions socializing with many of rural youth friends.

This year at the Exeter show we did not hold a ute competition but instead we just held a membership drive and a couple of fundraisers this helped the club a bit. Shop west again held a fashion parade and our members volunteered to model some of the new clothing range on offer.

Agfest well wasn't that a great weekend apart from the weekend and the mud I think the members from our club who helped out had fun and lets not forget Simon and his parking cars four (4) deep plus Ben's jumping the fence for a spit while directing cars in main gate.

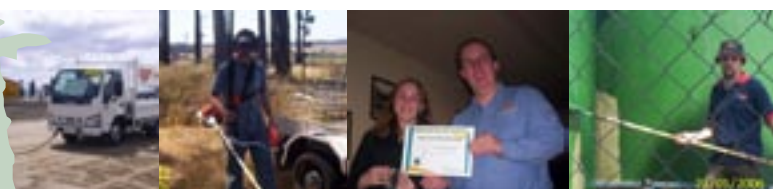
The club decided that when daylight savings started we would hold our meetings outdoors with a bbq to change boredom of sitting inside every fortnight. Tamar entered one team into the top team's competition with the day being a big laugh again and a lot of brain strain we may not have come first but we did had fun.

In October a lot of Tamar's members pack up there swags in the ute's and set sail for the mainland for a week long trip up to Deniliquin ute muster. This was a great event and also the 3rd year for some of our members; I don't really know what draws us back??? (Yes I do, the Bundy and the babe's) this was once again great experience for those that hadn't seen country Victoria and New South Wales before.

So many things have happened it has been a good year. And see you all in 2007.

Thank You

Jade Hall
President 2006



WESTERN TIERS

As usual Western Tiers members have been out and about in 2006. While we won't take you through every event, here is just a taste of what we got up to...

The year began like any other, netting at Bakers Beach. While the weather was cold and the water even colder, there were many fish caught (and probably a cold or two too!).

During April we held a number of working bees to replant our adopted roundabout, as well as lay new bark chip.

Members travelled to Scottsdale to the 'Pub in the Paddock' for our Annual Christmas in Winter Dinner. There are a number of stories to tell from this trip...but perhaps they are better left alone.

Halloween was again held in October, and as usual there were many ghosts and goblins in attendance!

Late November we embarked on a bus trip for our Traditional Christmas Dinner. After some wine tasting and 18 holes of putt-putt golf, we ended up at the Beauty Point Pub for our Christmas Meal. This of course involved a few drinks, lots of laughter and a Christmas present or two!

A big thanks to all position holders in 2006 for your hard work and dedication to our club. Good luck to next year's position holders...no doubt 2007 will be another great year for Western Tiers.



WESTMORLAND

What a year 2006 has been for Westmorland.

Let me start with a thanks to all our club members for helping and turning up to our club functions, fundraisers and meetings and making it the most enjoyable year I have had with Rural Youth, I hope it was just as enjoyable for you.

Well I suppose the first few months of the year there was not a lot going on in Westmorland Club. We gained a few members and lost a few, but boy did it change. It started just before Agfest, with members going to Working Bee's and obtaining their Forklift Licenses. At Agfest we had quite a few members help out in jobs like Fashion Parade, Car Park, Forklifts and I think we all had a good look around too.

After Agfest our meetings started drawing more and more guests, this seemed to be the result of friendships formed with members from other clubs during Agfest. A few of our members went along to other club meetings also.

As means of raising funds, sheep poo wasn't that fun. There were a few people covered in it. We spent a couple of days digging for it, we made a bit of money for the club while in two sheds near Cressy, and we have been and are still selling it for three dollars a bag.

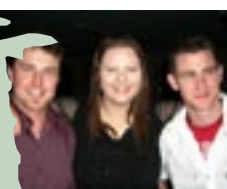
Troutfest was a good day; we made some money on the barbeque and a few of us ended up at Bunnings cooking as well.

The Animal Nursery at the Longford Show was a success again, keeping it fairly similar to last years. There were goats, sheep, chooks, ducks, guinea pigs and more, The Needle in the Haystack was a hit again with the odd mother or father saying 'is there actually a needle in the hay'. We made a bit of money out of the Show with the Guess the Lollies in the Jar and The Needle in the Haystack competitions.

Our big baby for the year was the Christmas Cruise. All reports were that it was heaps of fun, this I can vouch for. Talking to people, walking up the Gorge, watching the Launceston lights on the water *'how romantic'*, waving to the people on the other boats, we had the music going and made a bit of our own fun on the boat too. We are hoping to make it an annual event, if we can get more people to come along for the ride so we can lower the price. So if you are interested tell us please.

So in summery I think our members had plenty to do and in between all this we went Go-carting, Bowling, Miniature Golf and to lots of other little activities. I wish the best to all new position holders for next year and don't be afraid to take on a new role because you will surprise yourself if you give it a go.

Derryn Badcock
2006 President



SOUTHERN REGION

Southern Region AGM has arrived for another year and I have racked my brains as to what to say. We've had many happy fun and sad moments this year. To all of you, too many to mention.

But we must reflect the year regardless of the events that have happened. As a Region/Club we have achieved a great deal.

From cooking those pikelets at the Region Young Farmer Competition, shows who needs more cooking training from burn, half cooked, floury and plenty of sugar from the Oatlands boys, it was fun to watch, taste and the judging experience what a challenge. Then our members tried their luck at the State Level and congratulations on your placements.

To Brighton strutting their stuff in the Region and State Mannequin Parade and what a concept they had put together, shame there was no one to challenge at the State Level and well done to Oatlands for putting up a challenge in the Region.

Oatlands certainly know there General knowledge, Rural Youth and Agriculture by taking out the Region Quiz Competition.

Our Annual Bowling Competition was on again and it was neck to neck with Al and Wayne who could get the most pins down. The first game Al was boosting with Wayne not far behind. The second game Al became quieter and Wayne won the highest overall score.

Agfest Field Days yet another year over and the next year not far away, Brainstorming was held at Bluewaters, Orford with a lot of outcomes, suggestions happening.

Our State Function for the year was State Ball with a masquerade theme, what a fabulous night it was, with four members from our Region, winning an exchange to somewhere in the great out doors.

- William McConnon (Oatlands) WA
- Anna Sutherland (K/H) Queensland
- Kylie Burns (Brighton) UK
- Trudy Pregnell (Brighton) Sweden

The shows were all on again where members were helping out at the Brighton, Huon, Hobart, Hamilton, Bushy Park and the Kempton Festival where either Ute Competitions were conducted, running gates and so on. Big congratulations to Matthew Muir and Bianca Burton for jointly winning the Ambassador Award for the Huon Show.

Oatlands ran their Mothers day breakfast and bagging sheep poo day and participated in the Oatlands Christmas Pageant on Friday night just gone.

Swag Swappers what a function, a band brought over from the mainland including a local support band and until that night one of Brighton's members was still not convinced that a mainland band was not coming over. Music until 3.30am in the morning everyone was well behaved and made it and enjoyable night.



SOUTHERN REGION CONTINUED...

I'm just going to swap hats for a brief second to say that one of the biggest achievements for me this year was to open the letter from the Tasmanian Community Grant and to read the line that said we (Brighton Rural Youth Club) was successful in obtaining \$60,000 to build new club rooms. No more boosting on that note and I'll swap my hat back to Region President.

Throughout the year Kingborough Huon have been busy with the Huon Show, hosting exchanges, Woodstock Rodeo, and attending functions. Congratulations to Sarah Gatenby who won the State Best New Member award at the March State AGM.

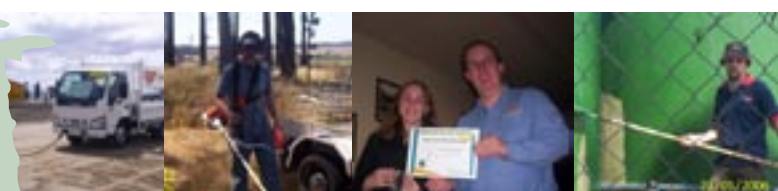
Congratulations to Jo and Dean on their recent wedding and good luck to the weddings coming up in the New Year.

To everyone who has played a role this year, either apart of the committee, club member or friend my appreciation and thank you to everyone.

And finally, I'd like to finish with a thank you to all of those who managed to stay awake during my report and even sneak a yond or two. Remember have fun, learn, stretch and grow, dare to risk and of course, set a goal.

On that note good luck to the new office bearers for 2007.

Trudy Pregnell
Southern Region President 2006



BRIGHTON

Where to start? How do I put 12 months of fun, friendship, sadness and success into just a few short words? I took on the role of President after only being within the Club for 2 short years, with the aim of making the club stronger, bigger and better; but above all of this to maintain having fun. As a club we set out our goals for the year. Our goals ranged from increased membership, increased community activities, increasing our bank balance, getting our new clubrooms and just being more involved in general. With this in mind we headed into 2006 with nothing to loose.

The start of the year seen the club working hard on the mannequin entry and the debating speeches. As well as this we were working with both the Kempton Festival, Bushy Park and Hamilton Show Committee's to be involved with there shows for the first time in a few years. We had great success with these events; running Ute Competitions, Dog High Jump and even a refreshment area at Bushy Park Show. We must have done something right as they invited us back in 2007. Both Mannequin and Debating runoffs were between Oatlands and ourselves and we have got quite a rivalry going on there now. At the end of the day it seems that Oatlands had the brains winning the Debate but we have the ability to strut our stuff on stage that bit better winning the mannequin run off.

State AGM came around and seen us convoy up to Burnie for the weekend. What a weekend it was; we came home with the State Mannequin trophy and a certain club members got the Falling Star Award once again!!!

Agfest come about only too soon. With many club members taking on positions on the committee and other members just giving a hand another successful Agfest was had. This was followed up by Hagley Bull light Bash; with our members out in force and having a good time.

The club was then hit with the worst news possible. Our club member and friend Amanda Browne had suddenly passed away. This was a shock for all as Amanda was one of those people who would have fun no matter what and was always involved. She has been dearly missed and will be remembered forever. Rest in peace.

The year continued with State Ball being held in the South of the State. It is so strange seeing everyone all dressed up, but I don't think we scrubbed up to bad. This was an evening of celebration as Trudy Pregnell won and exchange to Sweden and I won an exchange to the United Kingdom. Our success at a State level didn't stop here, as the State Young Farmer Competition come around. Jamie Burns competed in the State Competition for only the second time and was rewarded for effort with a third place. Well done.

As a club we were also lucky enough to host two international exchangee's; Emily Phillips from Canada and Laura Thomas from the United Kingdom. As well as showing our visitor how to have a good time we had a pretty good time ourselves. Over the 12 months we raided clubs, went on ghost tours, had a few boggy 4X4 trips and many rodeo events to attend. This doesn't even include Ute Competitions, music concerts, pot luck dinners, movie nights and Birthdays. If something was on, we were there; and this was one of our goals that we definitely achieved.



BRIGHTON CONTINUED...

The Brighton Show is one of the two big events that as a club we work towards for the whole year. This year we invited Oatlands to come along and be part of what we do at the show. This year we increased our involvement and certainly knew what hard work was about by the end of the day. We took tickets on the gate run the dog high jump and the State Champion Dog High Jump, the Ute Competition with a record 30 Utes entering on the day and we even helped out with the Pet Parade. As a club this is the biggest part of our community involvement and we represented ourselves and the club very well a big thank you to all that helped.

As the year was coming to an end we reflect on our goals we set out. We increased our membership by 10 members seeing the club with 25 members at the end of the year. We didn't; quite raise the bank account as much as we had anticipated but we sure tried. Our community involvement I believe was fantastic, not only within our direct community but also neighbouring communities; we sure got involved with everything. With the year drawing to a close we still hadn't had any success with receiving money to build new clubrooms. Our wish for new clubrooms was granted when we received a grant to assist in the building of a new Youth/Community Meeting and Storage Facility; that we could call home.

With what we thought were all the big events over Southern Swag Swappers was still to come. With Silver String Outlaws traveling down from Victoria and another local band to support them the entertainment was organized. All we needed was good weather and a good crowd; we got both with a nice night and approximately 110 people coming through the gate we partied on into the early hours seeing the sun set then rise before even making it to bed.

We finished the year off stronger than ever; having overcome the many hurdles that were put before us. All of this would not have been possible without the help of all the club members and life members. As a club we gained so much; but as individuals I believe we gained so much more. I would like to thank both Jamie Burns and Rebecca Williams for their support and commitment to the executive roles that they took on. Thank you to Helen Geard, Trudy Pregnell and Peter Geard for all of their work towards the grant submissions placed during the year for the new clubrooms. Last but not least none of the things I have mentioned would have been possible without all of the members who took on varied roles throughout the year. I have had a great year as President and have learnt so much, I wish the 2007 Executive all the best.

Kylie Burns
2006 Brighton Club President



KINGBOROUGH HUON

What a year it has been for Kingborough/Huon in 2006.

First of all I would like to thank Sarah and Penny for there hard work and support throughout the year and to all the other club members that lent a hand throughout this year and for all there efforts.

This year seen Kingborough/Huon signed a User Agreement with the Huon Valley Council regarding the use and maintenance of our Clubrooms. A part of this agreement was allowing the Soccer Club access to the clubrooms every Saturday during the Soccer season. In the end things worked out well for both Clubs and very few problems were had. The Club even gained an extra couch.

Scott Finlayson was made life member of Kingborough/Huon this year. A dinner was held at the Kingston Hotel to celebrate this special occasion. Members from different Southern Region Clubs joined in the celebration.

Kingborough/Huon participated in Community Events throughout the year these being Clean up Australia Day, providing overnight security for the CWA State Craft Exhibition and of course the Hobart & Huon Shows.

The Club was seen out and about at many social functions & State Events these being Club BBQs, sports day, pot luck teas, Mystery Christmas Day & Dinner, at many State Functions & Events included the Agfest Dinner, State AGM in Burnie, State Ball, Young Farmer Dinner and Competition, Top Teams, Agfest Brian Storming & Agfest working bees & also supporting other Clubs by attending their Functions which included Swag Swappers.

Even though it rained at Agfest for the first time in years all the members that volunteered their time or were on the committee still had a great time. Well done to everyone one that helped out & your efforts where greatly appreciated.

Fundraising was again another success this year. With the selling of Easter Eggs, a raffle & the Wine Drive, which will all help towards the Club to hold future functions and social events and the maintenance of the Animal Nursery. Kingborough/Huon was also lucky enough to receive a donation from Woodstock Rodeo Committee this included a cash donation as well as vouchers, which we used in a club raffle. This donation was greatly appreciated.

Once again Kingborough/Huon ran the Animal Nursery and the Dog High Jump at the Huon Show. Both ran very successful on the day. With all the pens full of animals & the public coming though in droves to pat or look at the animals we where kept on our toes. There were eight dogs in the dog high jump, which proved to be a winner with the crowds. The Club ran a guess the Lolly Jar and colouring in competition to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Show. Congratulations to Bianca and Matthew for jointly winning the Huon Show Ambassador Award and a big thank you goes to all the members that help out on or before the Huon Show.



KINGBOROUGH HUON

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I was lucky enough to be invited to do two radio interviews. One being at ABC for the ABC's Country Hour and the other at the local radio station Huon FM. These interviews were promoting Rural Youth & questions regarding my Study Tour win. Both of these interviews were a great experience and exposure for Rural Youth and Kingborough/Huon. We are lucky enough that Huon Fm offered to promote the Club by playing ads on their radio station. In return the Club decided to offer Hun FM the chance to have "proudly sponsored by Huon FM" on the back of the new Club ruby jumpers which will be here next year. While talking to Huon Fm they seemed very keen to go ahead with this idea.

This year has seen us host three exchanges Emily from Canada & Aleck from Scotland and Laura from the UK.

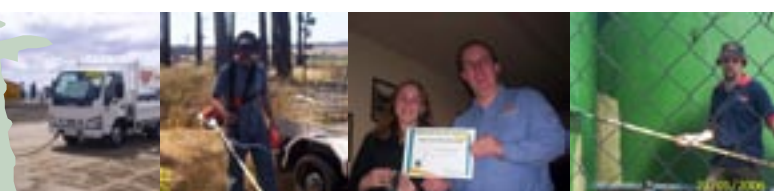
Congratulation goes to Kristy & Brad on the birth of Joshua, hopefully a new club member in the distant future.

Next year will see me travel to Queensland on a Study Tour. I am looking forward to the opportunity to represent Tasmanian Rural Youth and Kingborough/Huon.

I would like to take this chance to wish Laura & Simon and Kate & Anthony all the best for their up coming weddings & also to Laura for her big move to Victoria and all her support though out the year.

All the best for the incoming Committee in 2007.

Anna Sutherland
Kingborough/Huon President 2006



OATLANDS

Well, it this time of year again and what a busy year it has been for Oatlands Rural Youth. We certainly have turned the corner with our membership growing once again and nearly all of our members participating in everything we have done through out the year.

We started off the year with our Mannequin and Debating, We competed in the Mannequin with Brighton Club where we all had a good time but Brighton was the best on the day. James, Martin and I competed in the debating against Brighton and we were the lucky ones to win.

The Bullock Festival came along and we all helped out with car parking and having a Rural Youth tent with information on Rural Youth and we also sold cold drinks. The State AGM was also at this time of year with myself Martin and James traveling to Burnie to compete in the State Debating, we were lucky enough to win therefore we all won a free trip to National Convention in Western Australia. We all had a great time at Burnie AGM when we finally got there after helping James to fight a bush fire!!

We then had our outing to Sarah Falls and up to Table Mountain, our tour guide for the day was James who got us lost several times , but we all had a really good day with a picnic lunch at the falls and the view from Table Mountain was magnificent.

In May our Mothers day breakfast which was held at the community hall in Oatlands where we all pitched in and decorated the hall and it looked fantastic, we ran a raffle and cooked a great breakfast. We had about 20 people attend and all had a great time.

We held a dinner to celebrate the winning of Southern Region and State Top Club awards. The next day we all headed up to St Helens for the weekend for a get together with the Dorset Club. We hired a bus and made a road trip of it. James once again was our tour guide. We played lots of cricket and had a good look around; we went out for tea on the Saturday night and didn't get back to our accommodation till early the next morning due to there being a band at the pub.

We had State Ball next with Rod, Kate, Martin, Isobelle, Jo and Katie attending. We all had a really good night and I was lucky enough to win the exchange to WA next year. We also had the Southern Region Bowling Comp around this time where we competed and came second.

We had a quiet period at this time for about a month. We had a merino marble bagging day at Jo's place and continued with our regular meetings. The Young Farmer run offs and quiz was attended by James, Martin and William. We were all lucky enough to get through to the State run offs. We went along and competed at Quercus Park, it was a great day and we all learnt a lot. Martin and James got into the top 5 with Martin coming 5th and James 4th, we competed in the state Quiz the next day and came second.

I went to National Convention around this time off the year and had a great time. I met lots of new people and learnt lots of new things and saw thing a never thought I would see. I would recommend anyone who gets the chance to go along to something like this, it's a great experience.



OATLANDS CONTINUED...

We held the state RSA course in Oatlands with many people coming along and we all passed our course.

Oatlands Spring Festival was a great success, and we once again held our Animal Nursery. We were donated a tent for the day from where we sold cold drinks, helium balloons and lollies. We all had a reasonable day considering the weather.

On November the 12th. we helped out at the Brighton Show helping on the gate and pet parade.

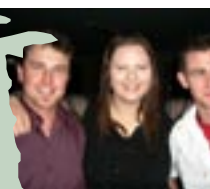
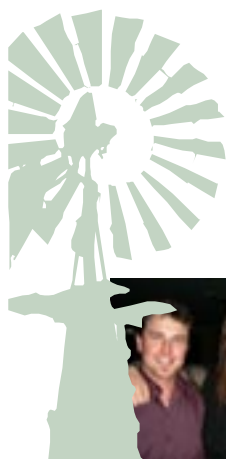
We recently had a working bee at Isobelles place organizing the float for the pageant and a raffle to raise money for our club. We had several people attend Swag Swappers and it was a great night. We have a trip to Swansea for the weekend of the 16th. and 17th. December to celebrate the end of year.

This year we have had meetings at the club rooms and at different clubs round the district, and had quite a few video nights and pot luck dinners.

We had two sheep manure bagging days at Jo's place bagging over 800 bags raising plenty off money for the club.

I would like to thank everyone for helping out and making our club such a strong and successful one, we have a great future here at Oatlands Rural Youth and I hope everyone comes back next year because we are now a thriving club. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great New Year and I hope to see you all back here again next year.

William McConnon
President 2006



SORELL

Sorell have had a quiet year in 2006.

We managed to have at least 1 member attend all state functions; we had 2 members attend AGM in Burnie, well done to North West Region for putting on a fabulous weekend. Agfest in May saw us out in force with 4 of our members on the committee and all of us in attendance over the 3 days, 4 of us also attended the Agfest Dinner.

State Ball and the Young Farmer Dinner were both fabulous nights with at least 1 member in attendance. We had Deb travel to WA for convention which from all reports was great. Kellie and Andrew welcomed their son Xavier into the world in September and Peta partied the night away at the Bronc Riders Ball.

Some of the other club functions we attended during the year included the Dorset/Oatlands trip to St Helens, the Westmorland Christmas Boat Cruise and North Motton's Boxing Night Dance.

Our future is undecided at the time of writing but I'm sure our members will continue to be seen and heard around the state in 2007.

Peta-Maree Davidson
2006 Sorell Rural Youth President



