

Annual Report 2011



Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.

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Organisational Overview

The Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania is for young people between the ages of 15 – 30 with the objectives of the Organisation to promote the development of agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, viticultural manufacturing or industrial resources of Australia by organising activities to stimulate the establishment of satisfactory inter personal and community relationships which engender cooperative action as in structured as follows:

RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (RAC):

The Resource Allocation Committee consists of the Rural Youth State President and chairpersons of Agfest and Property Management Committees, three (3) nominated representatives by Rural Youth Advisory Committee, two (2) Rural Youth members elected at AGM and one (1) elected at the Agfest AGM and one industry representative or business professional appointed by the Committee. This Committee is responsible for managing the assets of the Organisations, advising State Council and the Agfest Committee. It is responsible for managing the financial relationship between the Organisation and Agfest, the coordination and employment of staff and settlement of disputes.

RURAL YOUTH STATE COUNCIL:

Rural Youth State Council is elected annually. It comprises representatives from the Clubs plus interested individuals outside of Rural Youth. It is responsible for the administration of the Organisation.

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ADVISORY):

The State Advisory Committee is appointed by the Rural Youth State Council and comprises of a number of individuals inside and outside of the Rural Youth along with Life Members, Service Award Members, Past State Presidents and Past Agfest Chairmen. This Committee is chiefly responsible for providing advice on Constitutional changes prior to the State AGM and being called on for general advice where necessary.

Organisational Overview Continued

AGFEST COMMITTEE:

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

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PM):

The Property Management Committee operates as a sub Committee of the Resource Allocation Committee to manage the affairs and expenses at Quercus Rural Youth Park, Rural Youth Head Office located at 62 York Street Launceston and any other property that the Organisation may purchase. The Property Management Committee is made up of the Immediate Past Chairman, two members of the Agfest Committee, two members of Rural Youth Council, two member of the State Advisory Committee and five members of Rural Youth elected by the Annual General Meeting and up to three non-voting industry representatives seconded at the Chairman's discretion.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES:

The Organisation is divided into three Regions – North West Region, Northern Region and Southern Region. Each Region has a task force Committee made up of three representatives from each club in the Region.

CLUBS:

Clubs are the core of the Organisation; they are spread throughout the State and are open to any person between 15 and 30 years of age from farming and non farming backgrounds.

Rural Youth Positions 2011

Patron

State President

Senior Vice President

Junior Vice President

Immediate Past President

Rural Youth Advisory

Resource Allocation Committee

The Honourable Peter Underwood

Mrs Katie Coad

Miss Nerinda Lade

Miss Simone Hayers

Miss Katie Crane

Agfest Organising Committee

Property Management Committee

Mr Anthony Coad

Mr Matthew Ireland (2010/2011)

Mr Kyle Robinson (2011/2012)

Rural Youth Head Office Staff

State Administrator

Assistant Administrator

Assistant Administrator

Finance Officer

Mrs Judy McLean

Mrs Elizabeth Triffitt

Ms Selena Flanagan

Ms Linda Perkins

Life Members:

Mr D Bennett (dec)

Mr T.B Stancombe (dec)

Mr H.R Reynolds (dec)

Mr K Topfer (dec)

Mr D Barker

Mr H Burbury

Mr P Gladwell

Mrs S Symons

Mr C Williams

Mr R Colman

Mr E.C Macka (dec)

Mr C.A Holland (dec)

Mr G Tole (dec)

Mrs C Axton

Mr N Beven

Mr J Dent

Mr W Hazell

Mr D Badcock

Miss E Skirving

Rural Youth Council 2011

North West Region:

Miss Sarah Revell
Miss Ebony Crawford
Mr Zachary McCarthy
Mr Allan Perry
Mr Chayce Bourke

Northern Region:

Miss Amanda Bayles
Miss Anna Lee
Miss Natalie McIndoe
Miss Deyarna Bowen
Miss Prue Dennis

Southern Region:

Mr Dale Hayers
Miss Victoria Percival
Miss Teresa Smolcic
Mr Brett Joseph
Mr Derek Hollander

Others

Mrs Alana Slater

Mrs Zara Walkden

Miss Kaysie Lade

Agfest Chairman

Agriculture Director

Competitions Director

Immediate Past President

Junior Vice President

Leadership & Training Director

Library Director

Membership Director

Merchandise Director

Newsletter Director

Promotions Director

Property Management Chairman 2010/2011

Property Management Chairman 2011/2012

Rural RoundUp

Rural Youth Feature Tent

Senior Vice President

Sponsorship Director

State Finance Director

State President

Study Tours Director

Top Teams Director

Young Farmer Competition Coordinators

Website Director

Mr Anthony Coad

Mr Brett Joseph

Miss Simone Hayers

Miss Katie Crane

Miss Simone Hayers

Mr Zachary McCarthy

Mrs Zara Walkden

Mr Allan Perry

Miss Victoria Percival

Miss Simone Hayers

Miss Katie Crane

Mr Matthew Ireland

Mr Kyle Robinson

Miss Sarah Revell

Mr Dale Hayers

Miss Nerinda Lade

Mrs Katie Coad

Miss Anna Lee

Mrs Katie Coad

Miss Amanda Bayles

Miss Nerinda Lade

Mrs Alana Slater

Mrs Katie Coad

Miss Simone Hayers

Miss Natalie McIndoe

State President Report

THE BEGINNING

Back in the early days of my membership I decided that taking on the role of State President was one of my ambitions in my Rural Youth world. This is when I started to work towards that goal, gaining an understanding of each level of Rural Youth and taking on positions to climb the Rural Youth Ladder. In 2011 I was absolutely delighted to be declared State President of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania.



Heading into the role, I wasn't quite sure what to expect, there were many mixed feelings/opinions as to my capability to do this role as well as juggle my family and personal life, I am happy to say after almost 12 months in this role I think I have demonstrated my ability to be able to have a good Rural Youth and family life balance and neither have suffered in any way from my commitment to both.

My focus as State President was to ensure Rural Youth is a good place for everyone, anyone willing to have a go was given a chance and to have fun. I wanted to be someone people could trust, someone people felt they could approach as a friend, a leader and for help.

We started off by setting many goals and ambitions for not only the year ahead but the following year when setting budgets and every step we took in 2011 was taken to contribute to a huge leap in 2012. I soon learnt a goal wasn't some huge life changing achievement, something as simple as not worrying about gaining quorum for a meeting was a goal achieved for me!

My first task as State President was to allocate Directorships within the committee. I did this with the assistance of my two Vice Presidents, Nerinda and Simone. This way it was an impartial decision as some positions I had quite a few people putting their hands up for them.



State President Report Continued

Thank you to the people of State Council 2011/12; Katie Crane, Nerinda Lade, Simone Hayers, Anna Lee, Allan Perry, Amanda Bayles, Derek Hollander, Brett Joseph, Zac McCarthy, Zara Walkden, Deyarna Bowen, Dale Hayers, Tori Percival, Sarah Revell, Ebony Crawford, Prue Dennis, Teresa Smolcic, Natalie McIndoe, Alana Slater, Kaysie Lade and Agfest Chairman- Anthony Coad, Property Management Chairman, Kyle Robinson. These people offered continuous support and contributed to the success of Rural Youth Council 2011. A special thanks to Alisha Duggan, who as reserve delegate from Northern Region, still supported Rural Youth Council and attended meetings throughout the year, also to Aleta Jones, who often attended council as a travel buddy for Deyarna but contributed to the ideas and discussion on the table, it was great to see members just attending Rural Youth Council because they wanted to, not because they were meant to.

Out of the above committee there were Katie, Nerinda, Simone, Anna, Allan, Amanda, Derek and Brett appointed as Executive Members who were always there when I needed some opinions on topics.

My Committee Allocation was as follows;

Agriculture; Brett Joseph was appointed this Directorship; the report he submitted on Agriculture was fabulous, he attended many agricultural shows in Tasmania as well as the mainland. Helping link Rural Youth to agriculture in any way he could- thank you Brett.

Competitions; Simone Hayers was appointed this role; she had been involved at Region level in competitions and formed interest in the State level. She has done an excellent job in this field and introduced many new initiatives and ideas to the directorship and competitions we host in Rural Youth. Thanks Simone!

Leadership & Training; Zac McCarthy expressed interest in this role, along with many ideas if he became the Director. Zac was fortunate enough to have Simone's help along the way when his internet decided to take an unplanned holiday! In 2011, members were able to obtain their Firearms Licence, a RSA course was organised but postponed til 2012, members took advantage of the training subsidies provided as a Rural Youth Member. Thanks to Zac & Simone with their hard work and efforts in this role.



State President Report Continued

Library; this directorship was split between Zara Walkden and Deyarna Bowen; they were tying up loose ends from the years gone past with this role. Now that everything has almost gone electronic, the library is more about updating the forms and information for the website. Thanks girls, this role was a hard one until figured out what it actually meant with today's technology.

Membership; Allan Perry was appointed membership; he is a wonderful mentor to those in Rural Youth and is looked up to by many. He offered support to many clubs and regions, and channelled the information back to State when help was needed. Many big ideas come from the past year regarding membership and in 2012 these ideas will start to progress into happenings. Thanks Perry, you have always had my respect and support.

Promotions; This directorship, I need to thank Nerinda for initially taking on the role, and giving it her very best, it is a big role and being the contact between our Organisation and the media is a daunting position to be in, unfortunately due to work commitments Rin had to stand down from the role- thanks Rin for every effort you put in to this directorship, it was much appreciated.

For a couple weeks I found myself juggling an extra role, this was until I approached Katie Crane to lend me a hand, this is when she took over the role, writing wonderful articles, particularly one that saw her rise to fame on facebook with many "well done" and "you tell 'em Katie" message regarding The Falls Festival wanting government funding. I have always admired Katie for her ability to make a few words into a full on must read story. Katie also introduced the idea of purchasing some giveaways when signing up new members - purchased were Stress Cows and Keyring Flash Lights, these will be offered when someone who hasn't been a member in the past signs up to Rural Youth at a promotional booth. Thanks Rin and Katie for your work in the Promotions Directorship.



State President Report Continued

Rural Youth Feature; Dale Hayers took on the role of Rural Youth Feature at Agfest, he has done a fantastic job in the Feature Tent the past two years at Agfest and this year the role was formed into its own directorship rather than under the Membership/Promotions banner. Dale is yet to complete this role, as plans have just started for Agfest 2012 but I have heard some of the ideas he is working on and just know that Agfest 2012 will have one awesome Rural Youth Feature display- thanks Dale for your dedication to the promotion of Rural Youth at our event.

Newsletter; this role started out as a great idea for myself, Nerinda and Simone to do as the President and Senior & Junior VP, this was so we could catch up once a month and read all reports chatting on what was going on in the organisation, this worked well for the first couple editions, then as our schedules got busier and newsletters bigger it wasn't manageable as a three person job, so in October Simone put her hand up to do take on the whole directorship. She brought in the introduction of a new front cover design for the newsletter, giving us a uniformed appearance with the publication. Under the newsletter is the Annual Report, I am excited to see the outcome of what Simone is working on with this years report, I am sure it will be of her usual high standard. Thank you to all involved in getting the newsletter out each month, after all, without Clubs and Region submitting reports, members being active in social life to have things to report on, and the office in the actual printing of the newsletter and Simone for compiling and editing the Newsletter it is a job that everyone is involved in and contributes to- so thank you.

Merchandise; thanks to Tori Percival for stepping up to take this role on, Tori has been going through catalogues and waiting on that minimum of 10 items to be orders to place order, she now has this and can finally place that much wanted merchandise order. Thanks Tori for your work put into this role.



State President Report Continued

Rural Round Up; Sarah Revell took on this role and boy did she do a wonderful job! So many wonderful displays of photography, cooking and craft! I was pleased to be given the opportunity to choose one of the cooking modules recipes (the chocolate cake!). Sarah put a lot of work into the prizes allocated this year and I have only heard positive response from it. This year saw the introduction of “decorated cupcakes” and a couple new photography classes to the competition that was well supported. Thanks Rev, you have excelled in this directorship and also in making me smile throughout the year 😊

Sponsorship & Grants; I took this role on, not because I couldn't fill it but because this field is important to me. I had seen the amount of work Anthony had put into the Agfest Sponsorship and wanted to see where Rural Youth sponsorship could go. 2012 will be the year you see the outcomes from the work put into sponsorship in 2011 and I hope they are as good as anticipated. The Grants part of this role came easy, I signed up to an email list that sent me updates on all grants on offer throughout Tasmania/Australia. When I receive notifications of grants that may be of interest to clubs or regions I forwarded them on.

Study Tours; Amanda Bayles came in at the right time to the room at AGM, Alisha had just handed me a huge pile of folders and was telling me plans for Gretchen who was in the State at the time and organised for the fortnight post AGM but would need the rest of her stay sorted! I quickly pounced at the opportunity and asked Amanda if she was keen on becoming Study Tours and thank god she was! Amanda stepped up and took on the role and has done an absolutely fantastic job at it, this was also displayed at State Ball when there were many applications for Study Tours and each tour filled for 2012! Thank you Amanda!

Top Teams; Nerinda Lade took on this role and did a wonderful job at it! Whilst I didn't get a chance to go around and see the tasks set as I was flat out with Young Farmer stuff, I heard fantastic comments about how fun the competition was and saw the great outfits that teams had come up with to enter. Thanks Rinny for your support to myself and fantastic work in this directorship!



State President Report Continued

Treasurer; This again was a quick decision, I hadn't actually spoken to people prior to AGM as I wasn't 100% convinced it was going to me as President and didn't like to jinx myself. I had in mind who I would like to see do these roles and was planning on approaching them the week after AGM, BUT Treasurer was voted on and I had overlooked that fact! This is where Anna Lee stepped up with a minute's notice of my intentions for her and was declared Treasurer! Also came hand in hand with this role was RAC delegate, the treasurer doesn't have to be on RAC but its "good" for them to be on there. Anna put in a lot of work throughout the year with channelling information through to clubs/regions and helping when called upon with the treasury work. She has many fabulous ideas for 2012 and has expressed interest in doing a second term of this role. Anna was very hands-on during budget setting and we both went to RAC knowing that we both understood what each other was fighting for in the budget application process. In 2012, when you are enjoying the benefits of this fantastic budget, think of thanking Anna and RAC as this is where the hard work started, then thank Rural Youth Council for carrying out the goals.

Website; Natalie McIndoe took on this role with the anticipation of making great changes to the website, budget didn't permit this but she was diligent in ensuring the website was up-to-date, asking if there was anything needing to be done and ensuring people understood how the website worked. We have since had funding approved for 2012 to make some changes to the website.

Young Farmer; This ended up being a team effort, with Simone, Alana and myself working towards what was a fabulous Young Farmer Competition/Day. There was a lot of effort and hard work in organising this event, from the run offs to the State level competition. I sure underestimated the workload involved with a Young Farmer Competition as before this event I had only organised the Region Runoff or the Dinner. I can now appreciate the efforts behind Young Farmer and was absolutely thrilled with how the day turned out! With Young Farmer there isn't just the organisers to thank, but the many competitors, the regions who organise run offs, the judges and people that lend us gear for the modules. Also our valued sponsors, as without them we wouldn't be able to run the event.



State President Report Continued

Other councillors; On State Council, there were a few other councillors that in 2011 didn't wish to take on a role, these were members who, while they didn't hold a position, they still attended meetings, supported the Committee and generated ideas and discussion with us, also taking information back to the Region or Committee they represented. These Committee members are just as appreciated as the members who held positions. Thank you to Prue Dennis, Ebony Crawford, Derek Hollander, Teresa Smolicic, Kaysie Lade, Kyle Robinson & Matthew Ireland as Property Management Chairmen, and Anthony Coad as the 2010/11 Agfest Chairman.

THE MIDDLE (major events and other committees)

State Ball: I have always looked forward to State Ball, it reminds me of a school year 10 leavers dinner, where we all get glammed up, get a shock with how gorgeous we scrub up and have a wonderful night with the announcement of Study Tour recipients. Well done to all those people who were awarded Study Tours, I look forward to hearing your reports from your travels in 2012. This year saw us travel to St Helens Tidal Waters Resort, thank you to Northern Region for organising this function, it was a fabulous night and everyone that attended had a fantastic night!

Young Farmer: North West Region was at the helm with organising Young Farmer Dinner this year and what a wonderful job they did! Everything was perfect, especially the stunning table decorations. Everyone had an enjoyable night, especially those who placed in the top six of the competition! Thank you to Sarah and her team of North West Region members who contributed to making the dinner and lunch of Young Farmer the success it was. Congratulations to the Top 6 of the competition, Michael Nichols, Martin McConnon, Victoria Percival, Will McConnon, Owen Woolley and Malcolm Campbell.



State President Report Continued

AGM: 2011 "It's all about Ewe!" The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the South. The meeting was held at The Lea Scout Camp, Kingston with the dinner being held at Pear Ridge, Margate. This was a gorgeous evening and the many that attended had a wonderful weekend. AGM Saturday was a day of discussion around the Organisation and where members saw us heading and what we wanted as members as well as the many other topics discussed. AGM Sunday was the actual voting part of the meeting; this is when my dream of being State President came to life! Thank you to Southern Region Rural Youth for putting on AGM 2011, and to Simone for helping me melt down old candles to make sheep shaped ones! Well done to all clubs and people that were awarded prizes at the AGM.

Agfest: congratulations to the Agfest Committee on a wonderful event for 2011. Agfest once again came and went, the bumps along the way were smoothed out and everyone who volunteered had a fantastic time. Well done to Anthony for chairing the committee for a second, and last, year- even though I am biased, he is a truly great leader and we are very lucky to have had him at the helm of Agfest for the time we did. He was one of those leaders that you could approach over anything and know that it would be given 100% priority until it was solved or sorted, if discretion was needed it was given, and support was always available. It takes many hands to make Agfest the success it is, and has become, these people behind these hands are to be commended, many give up annual leave, payment and a lot of personal time to dedicate it to the successful running of our event. WELL DONE AGFEST 2011- bring on 2012!

Property Management: The Property Team is often a forgotten Committee to Rural Youth due to the structure of how delegate positions can be filled. It is though, one of the more enjoyable Committees as they have Working Bees! Yes I hear you ask how Working Bees can be fun? Working Bees for me, are fun, as they are a networking a venue to meeting other Rural Youth Members and a link to the rest of the Rural Youth world outside of your own Club/Region. You have the opportunity to learn new skills and brush up on general every day skills, but every bit of work contributes towards the property of Quercus Park, home of the Agfest Field Days. Thank you to Matthew Ireland 2010/11 Property Management Chair and Kyle Robinson 2011/12 Property Management Chair for their support and contribution towards Rural Youth Council. I know that I have Matthew and Kyle's full support and are always at the end of a phone or email when some advice or opinion is needed. Thanks guys!



State President Report Continued

Other Committees: By taking on State President, you also take on many other delegate roles; in 2011 I was a delegate/contact on behalf of Rural Youth to; Rural Financial Counselling Service, Past Members Association, the Resource Allocation Committee, and Rural Youth Advisory. In 2012 there will be the first meeting of the Human Resources Committee. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of all these committees, it is educational to see the variety in how meetings are run and business is handled.

THE FUTURE (NOT THE END!)

In 2012 the exciting plans are set, money allocated and once AGM is completed, we can make a start at bringing to you the new initiatives from State Council!

2012 is a big celebration being “Year of the Farmer” Agfest has been looking at ways to focus on this and make link to this theme.

At the State Annual General Meeting Dinner I will be honoured to announce the recipient of the Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize, I have kept this secret for far too long already, and bursting at the seams to be able to tell the Rural Youth world of the wonderful applicants we had and the fabulous ambassador we will be sending off with Anthony (the 2009 winner) to New Zealand. I have been in contact with Mrs Kath Tole, who has been involved in the application process in determining the successful candidate. Well done in advance to this person, each nominee made the job of choosing one person quite difficult.

In 2012 we have been awarded substantial funding towards boosting Rural Youth Membership, I hope to start discussion in February on ways to utilise this money and get the most for our investment. It is exciting to have such opportunity and can't wait to start planning and actioning these ideas.

Meetings of Rural Youth Council have been well supported throughout 2011 with only one meeting being postponed, not due to no quorum but because there wasn't a spare should someone have had to pull out of meeting at short notice. This has contributed to making to role of State President easier not having to stress about meeting quorums. Towards the end of 2011 we had the idea of offering some sort of ‘treat’ for attending the meeting, we started off with McDonalds ice-cream sundaes, then drinks at the Ross Dinner Meeting, doesn't necessarily have to be food/beverage it may be something else – we just have to boot the thinking cap into gear.



State President Report Continued

Membership will be a focus in 2012, linking ourselves and promoting at local shows, and rodeos. Showing our support to local Cattle Clubs, Pony Clubs and any social club like those that we can offer membership packages as prizes in hope to gain members!

Finally I have a long list of people to thank;

Nerinda Lade- thank you for taking on the role of Senior Vice President, 2011 saw you faced with many hurdles and you have been incredibly supportive to myself as President and always had Rural Youth in mind with a good idea/opportunity. You are a motivational person and it has been an honour to work closely with you in the Rural Youth world. Thank you, Rinny.

Simone Hayers- words cannot describe how valuable your assistance has been, I am lucky enough to have you as a cousin but more lucky to have you at my side as Junior Vice President. You have never let me see you roll your eyes when I have a new brainwave, even though you secretly want to run a mile! You have been a friend, a helper and one of my rocks with my year as State President. The amount of support and respect you have given to me is invaluable and even though at times I am sure you want to tell me to go jump you never have. You are truly an amazing person.

Katie Crane- you have always been that happy voice at the other end of a phone call or text or replying to an email, I would have to be one of the luckiest State Presidents of Rural Youth, to of had you as my Immediate Past President. Thank you for your support, respect and contributions towards the success of Rural Youth 2011.

Anna Lee- over the past year, Anna & I have formed such friendship at times it can be scary as we are alike in so many ways it isn't funny! Hence why we now call each other "twin". Anna has always been there the minute I need her to listen and offer advice when needed... She has even been the one to tell me when to pull my head in and have a break, or early night. It's when friendships like ours develop that make me honoured to have joined Rural Youth and got to know this wonderful friend in my life. Thanks "twin".



State President Report Continued

Thank you to the Committee of RY Council 2011; without you guys Rural Youth Council wouldn't exist. It is difficult to commit to 12 months of monthly meetings and the workload that comes with that. I thank each and every one of you for contributing to Rural Youth. I hope you have had as enjoyable year as I have.

Thank you to the office ladies, Judy, Linda, Libby & Selena - ladies you deserve a medal at times to put up with what you do. I have tried to be hands on with the Office in 2011 by travelling north to spend time in the office and get to know why things happen and how etc.

A special thanks to Judy, she is like the "mum" of Rural Youth, she has been at the receiving end of some dramatic phone calls and always guided me to "settle pettle" and not overact. Sure enough when I've calmed downed and looked at the big picture nothing was as bad as it seemed. Judy has a knack of keeping you grounded and it has been wonderful to work at such level with her. To have over 1100 emails in just over 12 months shows the level of support Judy has given me, and I thank her for leaving thank you messages for Victoria on my answering machine just because you know she loves it! Thanks Linda for shooting through all the finance information asap when requested, and my silly questions when trying to understand the Rural Youth budgets.

Thank you to my many mentors I have gained along the way of my Rural Youth membership, given my report is already quite long I will simply list your name, but you know the level of support given and why I am thanking you, I really appreciate the calls and emails being answered. Thanks to; Ian & Shevaun Mackenzie, Brett Mackenzie, Sharon Symmons, Elizabeth Skirving, Maryann & David Smink, David Dunn, Wesley Hazell, Caro Brown, Scott Finlayson, Richard & Ruth Colman, and Judy McLean. A special thanks to those past members that are only just out of Rural Youth who has provided much support and advice; Jade Hall, Aleta Jones, Belinda Wood, Lisa Ireland and Matthew Ireland- you guys reaching 30 makes me sad that Rural Youth is limited to this age, thank goodness there is Past Members Association!

Thanks to Steph Paterson and Cassie Harwood- you ladies have always been in background to help me out or offer an ear when needed.

Thank you to Rural Youth for providing the friendships, opportunities and outcomes it has over the years. I am always first to say I owe Rural Youth more than it owes me! I can only hope that people keep enjoying Rural Youth for years to come!



State President Report Continued

Finally the hardest people to thank are my family. Anthony you are my world and I love you and everything about you, even the bad. Your unconditional love and support is much appreciated, the many late nights you have sat up helping me do last minute things, the services on my car and upkeep so I can drive safely to Launceston, the calls of me in blind fury over some trivial issue while you're working, and the support to allow me to do such role and dedicate time and effort towards it. You are my rock, my soul mate, best mate and best of all my husband - I am so lucky to have you, without you I am nothing.

My children, Victoria and Claire; girls you have made me the luckiest mum alive to have such two wonderful little girls. Whilst I leave majority of Rural Youth work until you are in bed or playing, there has been times that I have had to spend a day on the phone or computer in between meals/play/reading. Victoria I love that you enjoy the people from Rural Youth in your world and allow mummy and daddy to be involved, and Claire we have had many ups and downs with you since coming into our world, but every minute has been worth it. I don't feel by being in Rural Youth it has taken anything from your childhood, only given towards it, the many friendships and Aunties and Uncles you have gained from the Organisation, by the time you are 15, you will already be leaders from the experience gained already! When pregnant with Victoria & Claire it was joked I would name "the baby" Quercus, and that he/she would be born with a Rural Youth membership card, I can only hope that one day you do join and enjoy the organisation to the extent that we have/do, after all, our children, are the motivators behind our actions in the Rural Youth of today, it is all building towards a future of Rural Youth for them.

I need to thank the remainder of my family here, for being at our side when babysitters are needed for formal functions, or if Victoria prefers to stay with you for the weekend rather than head to Launceston. Our family and friends have enabled our involvement in Rural Youth at the level we are, and I am grateful for that.

In closing, thank you to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania's members for joining! Without members our organisation would be nothing! Each member is just as important as the next one, regardless of what position they are, what work they've put in and who they are. As an Organisation we rely on membership to be successful, and at membership of 360 I would say we are pretty successful.

Katie Coad

2011 Rural Youth State President



Property Management Report

Hi all

What a busy year for the Property Management team, from hall hires nearly every weekend to the 15th Scout Venture that went for three weeks. We have had a lot of working bees at Quercus which has taught members a wide range of new skills along with upgrading the site.



Quercus site upgrades this year included a one (1) km stretch of the fire main extension, along North Street and North North Street. The fire main now covers the entire static site since this last installation.

We now have power and water entering the equine area, making the area more attractive to hire. We also relocated grey water and site water around the Unique Taste building, this relocation will stop the marquee pegs finding there way in to pipes and will save a lot of work for members later down the track!

2012 will see the Tasmanian Truck Show, equine hires and hall hires most weekends and 2013 will see the Girl Guides holding their Australia wide gathering at Quercus.

I would like to thank Matthew Ireland for his two years as Property Management Chairman, also everyone that has been out there with me every weekend rain hail or shine. You guys are true legends and you know who you are, all I can say is thank you.

Kyle Robinson

Property Management Chairman 2011-2012



Agfest Report

Shortly after the Agfest Annual Meeting, our annual Brainstorming was held at Waddamana Power Station, where ideas gathered from experience at the last event, plus Patron and exhibitor feedback were all examined. This is a really important step in the growth and development of our field days, and valuable experience for the Committee. Thank you to all those who attended, we had a great time and there were a lot of worthwhile discussion.



I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated to ensure that Agfest 2011 was a great success. We had 59,550 people through the gates over the three days, and although this was nowhere near our record, exhibitors and patrons were happy with three fine days (weather wise) and the amount of sales generated during and after the event.

To try to accommodate more exhibitors we extended First Avenue which utilised an area that would otherwise have been unused. Even though we filled all of the sites in that area, we still had a large number of exhibitors on the waiting list. Unfortunately we couldn't squeeze anymore in, but with a couple of last minute cancellations enabled us to offer a couple of exhibitors the opportunity to showcase their products.

The Equine attraction introduced in 2010 with a purpose built 20m x 60m demonstration arena. Its rolling timetable of continual activity over the three days, was again a drawcard due to the high standard of guest attractions. Double Dan in particular was a great favourite with the audiences and they were very impressed with the standard of our event.

A new feature this year was the Marine Section – organised and subsidised by Coastal Marine who canvassed interest from marine dealers and service providers. They are really keen to expand on this area, so this looks like being a regular feature of Agfest.



Agfest Report Continued

Another “first” for Agfest was Lee Kernighan who performed in the Central Arena. Rural Youth had been trying to lure Lee to our event for quite some time – he was also very impressed with our event and vowed to return in the future.

During my time as Chairman I was invited to be a special guest at the Huon Agricultural Show. This was a very enjoyable experience for me and good exposure for Agfest. While at the Show, I presented some site awards and trophies to the winners of the wood chopping.

I also received an invitation to attend the ABC Forum and Awards evening, which was a great evening to attend with representatives from all across Australia. The host was Richard Fidler with commentary by Peter Gee and performances from Felicity Urquhart and Ryk Goddard.

I found my second year as Agfest Chairman, to be a very rewarding role as I had learnt a lot in my first year and felt a bit more relaxed a second time around. I brushed up on a few things, initiated some others and really enjoyed the whole experience. I must thank the committee, volunteers and office staff for all the support that I received, during my time.

As well as Chairman, I was also Sponsorship Director for Agfest. To stage a quality event and keep our prices to a minimum for exhibitors and patrons, we rely heavily on the generosity and support of corporate sponsors. I would like to thank each and every sponsor – from the supporters right up to the major naming rights sponsors because you are vitally important to the success of Agfest.

A big thank you to the following Agfest 2011 sponsors: *(in alphabetical order and continued overpage)*

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| ARB 4x4 Accessories | Supporter |
| Aurora | Platinum Plus |
| Australian Defence Forces | Platinum Plus |
| Australian Weaving Mills | Silver |
| J. Blackwood & Son | Silver |



Agfest Report Continued

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| BLH Engineering & Construction | Platinum |
| Coates Hire | Platinum |
| Coles Supermarket | Silver |
| Equissage Therapy | Supporter |
| Europcar | Gold |
| Gallagher Animal Management | Silver |
| Greening Australia | Supporter |
| Habitat Plants | Supporter |
| Highfield Industries | Silver |
| K & D Warehouse | Supporter |
| Mitavite | Bronze Plus |
| National Foods | Platinum |
| Neil Buckby Motors | Supporter |
| Origin Energy | Bronze |
| PFD | Bronze |
| Powercom | Bronze |
| Roberts Limited | Platinum |
| Robson's Toolking | Bronze |
| Sig Signs | Supporter |
| State Emergency Services | Platinum |
| Tasmanian Country | Platinum |
| Tasmanian Horse Transport | Bronze Plus |
| Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees | Gold |
| Tas Radio (LAFM) | Platinum |
| Tasmanian Skills Institute | Gold |
| Tassie Instant Marquees | Bronze |
| Top Crop Cubes | Supporter |
| Totally Workwear | Bronze |
| TPI Enterprises | Platinum |
| Tupperware | Bronze |
| WIN TV | Platinum |

2012 is shaping up to be another great year with an excellent committee, new faces and new ideas. I would like to wish Kylie and her new team all the very best for the coming year, confident that Agfest is in good hands.

In closing thank you to Kate, Victoria and Claire for all your support over the last two years, I could not have done it without you.

Anthony Coad
Agfest Chairman 2011

Competitions Report

It has been yet another fantastic year for competitions with members from throughout the State getting involved and having a go. Congratulations to everyone who has entered any competition throughout the year.

The first awards presented in 2011 were at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March. These awards were from results of 2010 and included the Best New Member and Outstanding Member for 2010 and Club Achievements.



At the AGM the debating final was held between Kingborough Huon Rural Youth's team of Dale Hayers, Derek Hollander and Victoria Percival and the Westmorland Rural Youth team of Amanda Bayles, Ellen Freeman and Prue Dennis. The drama final was held even though there was only one team in the final well done to Westmorland Rural Youth.

2010 Award Winners

| | |
|--|--|
| Outstanding Member: | Alisha Duggan (Hagley Rural Youth) |
| Runner Up Outstanding Member: | Martin McConnon (Oatlands Rural Youth) |
| Best New Member: | Derek Hollander (Kingborough Huon Rural Youth) |
| Runner Up Best New Member: | Zachary McCarthy (Devonport Rural Youth) |
| Top Club Award (Overall): | Oatlands Rural Youth |
| North West Region Winner: | No entries |
| Northern Region Winner: | North Esk Rural Youth |
| Southern Region Winner: | Oatlands Rural Youth |
| Champion Club in Competitions: | Dorset Rural Youth |
| Club Attendance at State Functions: | Oatlands Rural Youth |
| Club Expansion Award: (Greatest increase in numbers) | Oatlands Rural Youth |
| Club Expansion Award : (Greatest percentage increase in numbers) | Oatlands Rural Youth |

2011 Award Winners

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Debating: | Kingborough Huon Rural Youth |
| Debating Runner Up: | Westmorland Rural Youth |
| Drama: | Westmorland Rural Youth |

Competitions Report Continued

The shooting competition this year had an amazing turnout with 15 competitors in the rifle shoot and 20 in the clay targets. There was also great support from those that attended as spectators. It was great to see so many people jumping in and having a go or just supporting the entrants.

Rifle - Sporting Silhouette

Men's:

1st – Alan Crosswell (Western Tiers RY)

2nd – Zac McCarthy (Devonport RY)

3rd – Malcolm Campbell (Sorell RY)

Women's

1st – Ellen Freeman (Westmorland RY)

2nd – Amanda Bayles (Westmorland RY)

3rd – Victoria Percival (Kingborough Huon RY)

Rifle (out of 40)

| Entrant | Score | Entrant | Score | Entrant | Score |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Tim Cresswell | 26 | Luke Edson | 25 | Dale Hayers | 16 |
| Owen Woolley | 23 | Derek Hollander | 27 | Ricky Edson | 24 |
| Ellen Freeman | 28 | Shane Bugeja | 17 | Amanda Bayles | 25 |
| Malcolm Campbell | 27 | Josh Baldock | 26 | Alan Crosswell | 32 |
| Jade Hall | 20 | Zac McCarthy | 31 | Victoria Percival | 11 |



Competitions Report Continued

Shotgun - Clay Target

Men's:

1st – Luke Edson (Tamar RY)

2nd – Alan Crosswell (Western Tiers RY)

3rd – Malcolm Campbell (Sorell RY) & Derek Hollander (Kingborough Huon RY)

Women's:

1st – Ellen Freeman (Westmorland RY)

2nd – Amanda Bayles (Westmorland RY)

Shotgun (out of 20)

| Entrant | Score | Entrant | Score | Entrant | Score |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Tim Cresswell | 12 | Luke Edson | 19 | Dale Hayers | 11 |
| Owen Woolley | 3 | Derek Hollander | 4 | Ricky Edson | 5 |
| Ellen Freeman | 9 | Shane Bugeja | 10 | Amanda Bayles | 3 |
| Malcolm Campbell | 13 | Josh Baldock | 9 | Alan Crosswell | 15 |
| Jade Hall | 9 | Zac McCarthy | 3 | | |

With the introduction of the 2012 year there will be new prize money allocations to all competitions including individual competitions and team competitions. The recommendation for this to happen was to increase entries and club interest in participating.

I would like to congratulate all participants in all competitions throughout the year you have made my directorship thoroughly enjoyable. Finally, I wish the best of luck to the Competitions Director for 2012 and hope that you get out of this directorship as much as I have.

Simone Hayers

Competitions Director 2011



Leadership & Training Report

2011 was a relatively quiet year for the Leadership and Training Directorship with lots of idea's thrown around by when push came to shove not many members were really intersted in participating.

Before Agfest there was an Elevated Work Platform (EWP) Licence course offered to members which saw a lot of members take up this offer and learn new skills that have paid off for working bee's since then.



Towards the end of 2011 we had an unsuccusful attempt at running a Responsible Service of Alcohol course for our members at no cost to them. Here is hoping that in early 2012 we will be able to run the course for members.

Simone Hayers took on organising a Firearm's Licence Course for interested members after the running of the annual shooting competition. Which saw around six members obtain their Licence with a few more members still to finish the theory/practical side of the course.

We had a public speaking training course run by our member Katie Crane. Thanks Katie for taking the time to do this for members.

The Leadership and Training Directorship also looks after the training subsidy which allows members to claim \$200 each year back for training that they have undertaken from an organisation other than Rural Youth.

Zachary McCarthy

Leadership & Training Director 2011



Membership Report

For our members Rural Youth has many membership benefits that are not limited to just “friends, fun and travel”. As a member you experience so much more by being in Rural Youth. You can purchase discounted movie tickets, experience Agfest, there is the private health rebate, the member training subsidy and the Tas Country being delivered straight to your door.



The membership base for 2011 was 260 with 93 of those new members to the Organisation. Membership numbers are up on previous years which is fantastic to see. The coming pages show a break down of where all those 260 members can be found.

Sadly though 2011 was the end of road for some hard working members including Matthew Ireland, Carlee Lee and Jade Hall. We would like to sincerely thank all those members for all their effort and dedication to the Organisation, but we still look forward to seeing you out and about at events.

The Feature Tent saw lots of merchandise and information available to potential new members and a competition to win a free membership. After Agfest we sent out 30 applications for free memberships with lots of those members taking the offer up.

2011 saw the updating of the New Members Booklet that is posted out to all of our new members telling them everything that the Organisation has to offer. We have also created and updated a lot of our promotional material that is used when approaching new members.

A big congratulations to the following clubs that increased their membership numbers in 2011:

- Brighton Rural Youth
- Devonport Rural Youth
- Hagley Rural Youth
- Tamar Rural Youth
- Westmorland Rural Youth



Membership Report Continued

2011 was quite an eventful year for one club, Sorell Rural Youth, on the brink of closing down we were lucky enough to have two members step in and take control of the club. In October, Sorell had enough members to hold an AGM and with some enthusiastic new members (from the Agfest Competition) the club is on the up and we look forward to a bright 2012 for them.

One a final note it's interesting to look at the break down of our members, which is based from information from the membership cards that you fill in. As you can see on the coming pages, about half our members live on a farm and half don't. We have 18 members who are married and a whooping 242 members single, with more male members single then females so look out, in 2012 there is no reason to be single!

Remember, you will get out from Rural Youth as much as you want to put in and more!

Allan Perry

Membership Director 2011



Membership Statistics

| Club | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Brighton | 15 | 15 | 13 | 24 |
| Circular Head | 11 | 8 | 12 | 14 |
| Devonport | 16 | 16 | 24 | 27 |
| Dorset | 13 | 16 | 23 | 19 |
| Hagley | 25 | 24 | 23 | 28 |
| Isolated Members | 7 | 8 | 5 | 11 |
| Kingborough Huon | 27 | 29 | 30 | 28 |
| North Esk | 11 | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| North Motton | 22 | 17 | 13 | 13 |
| Oatlands | 24 | 11 | 20 | 21 |
| Sisters Creek | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Sorell | 15 | 17 | 6 | 5 |
| Tamar | 17 | 22 | 8 | 11 |
| Tasman | 12 | 7 | 10 | 6 |
| Western Tiers | 12 | 15 | 19 | 12 |
| Westmorland | 11 | 4 | 6 | 20 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | 247 | 231 | 233 | 260 |

Summary of Member Survey Data

For year to 31st December 2011

| Live on a farm and... | Female | Male | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Work on a farm | 7 | 38 | 45 |
| Work in associated rural occupations | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Have other occupations | 21 | 24 | 45 |
| Are unemployed | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Are students | 21 | 15 | 36 |
| TOTAL | 51 | 78 | 129 |

| Do not live on a farm but/and... | Female | Male | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Work on a farm | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Work in associated rural occupations | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Have other occupations | 34 | 40 | 74 |
| Are unemployed | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Are students | 29 | 9 | 38 |
| TOTAL | 72 | 59 | 131 |

| Marital Status | Female | Male | Total |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Married | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Single | 114 | 128 | 242 |
| TOTAL | 123 | 137 | 260 |

| Age Groups | Female | Male | Total |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 15/16 years | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 17/18 years | 14 | 14 | 28 |
| 19/20 years | 36 | 35 | 71 |
| 21/22 years | 13 | 21 | 34 |
| 23/24 years | 9 | 17 | 26 |
| 25/26 years | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| 27/28 years | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| 29/30 years + | 19 | 13 | 32 |
| TOTAL | 123 | 137 | 260 |

Merchandise Report

What is a Club or Organisation without a logo?!

And more importantly, what's the point in a logo that you can't show off to the entire world?

Merchandise is the key!

The Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania has members that are proud to be involved each and every day. Merchandise is a way for members to display their pride and involvement associated with Rural Youth!

2011 has offered those the merchandise they wish to present to the world!

Merchandise has also provided a big leg up for the Organisation this year in regards to promotion. New products and promotional packs consisting of merchandise have been used to promote the Organisation at events such as local agricultural shows.

At these events, merchandise is a way to draw in spectators from the crowd and spark their interest in our Organisation – because at the end of the day we are a materialistic society that likes tangible objects! But once reeled in by merchandise and *freebies* people come to see the true benefits and rewards of being part of a club like Rural Youth, which is one of the many ways we increase our number of members.

All of a sudden the drink bottle they bought seems like nothing compared to the people they get to meet!

Hopefully the beginning of the New Year will bring clothing orders, so that 2012 is full of the Rural Youth logo, worn by its good looking members!

Victoria Percival

Merchandise Director 2011



Newsletter Editor Report

2011 for the newsletter started with Katie Coad, Nerinda Lade and myself looking after the newsletter and using the time to catch up on other Rural Youth issues. After a couple of issues it was soon decided that the format was not working very well and that the directorship should be solely handled by one member.



The newsletter is one directorship of many that doesn't stop throughout the year. My task each month for the past twelve months has been to produce and compile a document on behalf of the Rural Youth, which promotes us in a positive way to the public.

What some of you may not know either is that this directorship not only encompasses the monthly newsletter that you receive in the mail at the beginning of every month, but also includes the annual report which you are currently reading now.

Compiling the annual report is a big job, one that requires a lot of time and an eye for detail. Starting the annual report can be very daunting but once the reports start to come in and you have an idea for a cover design then the creative flair comes out. I have thoroughly enjoyed compiling this annual report, as it has given me the chance to reflect on what and how much that Rural Youth achieved in 2011 and I hope it gives you a snap shot at the year that was 2011. 2011 saw many events and a whole heap of fun for members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the 2011 newsletter writers for their support in having their reports into me in a timely manner it has certainly made my life a lot easier and made the newsletters more interesting for members to read.



Newsletter Editor Report Continued

2011 also saw the introduction of the newsletter cover, which has brought a uniformed look to the cover and has taken away some of the stress that goes with the newsletter.

I also would like to thank the office staff – Judy, Libby, Selena and Linda for all their help, I know at times getting the newsletter through to the office can be difficult and at times it is time consuming.

Remember, if you ever have any suggestions or things to include then please contact the editor by emailing editor@ruralityouth.com.au, the newsletters are for members so keeping it relevant is highly important to us.

I wish the incoming newsletter director the best of luck, it is a challenging directorship but it is certainly worth all the effort that you put in.

Simone Hayers

Newsletter Director 2011



Promotions Report

STOP PRESS!!

**Rural Youth the fantabulous organisation for
young people aged 15 – 30**



Rural Youth is a fantastic Organisation and it is a shame that not more people in Tasmania know how wonderful it is! Promotion may be the key to your club or region gaining new members and making you many new friends.

Use the Region Promotional Boxes – give out flyers, spread the word and ALWAYS be positive about what your club can achieve in the community! Inside the Promotions box there is also a guide on how to woo new members by always being positive and attentive...And bragging about the benefits of Rural Youth.

The State Promotions Director is here to help you promote your club / region and get the word out there about Rural Youth. Let them know when your club is participating in community events, or running a fundraiser, press releases and articles in the Tas Country are just the start of the promotion your club can receive – and all for **FREE!!!**

It's the same for all State Directors, call the Promotions Director and in exchange for a few simple details, we can have your event promoted to increase exposure and participants!

2012 is the Year of the Farmer, let's also make it the Year that Rural Youth gets out there and spreads the word about how fantabulous we are – we really shouldn't be keeping it a secret!

Katie Crane

Promotions Director 2011



Tasmanian Rural Counselling Inc

(Rural Financial Counselling Service Tasmania)



Sometimes it seems to take forever for change to occur, and then the pivotal moment is reached and it just happens.

It's hard to imagine that just a few years ago we were in the grip of drought and now we have experienced a number of seasons of above average rainfall and some significant flood events ... such is the variability in the rural sector. The impact of international prices affected the dairy industry, the closure of McCain's vegetable processing plant affected the vegetable growers and the high Australian dollar eventually affects everyone in the rural sector. These impacts meant that in 2010/2011 we counselled 279 clients. Although the demand for our services has declined since the peak of the drought, the current client load continues to be around twice the historical average of the RFCS service.

In October 2010, just after the AGM, the Board became concerned about ongoing funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Service. This is just one of the activities that Tasmanian Rural Counselling Inc. undertakes, but it is the cornerstone program and our key source of funding. I wish to thank everyone who provided the letters of support, lobbying and the demonstration of the need for this service. With this support, a rising tide of doubt was turned into a commitment from both Federal and State Governments to provide core funding for four years. The Board is grateful for this commitment.

An important part of this Tasmanian Rural Counselling (TRC) Inc. support is the valuable relationships that we hold with the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry [Federal Government], Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment [State Government], Tasmanian Rural Youth Organisation of Tas Inc, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, Elders Rural, Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania. We acknowledge the contribution, through grant funding, subsidised rental premises, vehicle and administrative support which enable the service to meet the demands of the rural community whilst operating on limited funds. I also express thanks to Tasmanian Rural Youth for their \$5,000 cash donation to TRC Inc.



Tasmanian Rural Counselling Inc

Now that core funding is in place, the focus of the Board has begun to shift. We have moved on to plan the delivery of RFCS Tasmania program. The Rural Financial Counselling Service is the same service under a new deed of contract and the rural community can expect that we will continue to deliver the same services. However, we have not operated on core funds alone, since 2007 and in effect, this means a staffing reduction for this service of around 30% in an environment of significant client demand for this service. This will affect service delivery and may impact on your ability to get an appointment with a rural financial counsellor at short notice.

This has also led the Board to agree to explore other funding and growth opportunities under Tasmanian Rural Counselling Inc. The Board, the reference group and stakeholders recently attended a strategic planning session with WHK Business Growth and this resulted in the development of some new strategic directions. We are interested in exploring other activities to provide services to the rural community. However, these activities must support the Tasmanian Rural Counselling Inc. mission, and complement our core skills and experience. One outcome of this is forging closer relationships with the Tasmanian Rock Lobster Fisherman's Association, Rural Alive and Well and the O Group. Another outcome is that we will review our Gifting Fund and promote this more widely.

All of this activity means that the Board has been busier than in previous years and that expectation will continue. The energy, skills and experience required to create and grow a small not for profit organisation is significant. I thank the Board, the staff and the stakeholders for their contributions. I look forward to even greater efforts over the coming year as we consolidate and grow TRC Inc.

Bruce Williams –

2011 Chair Tasmanian Rural Counselling Inc.



Rural RoundUp

This was my first year of doing Rural Round Up and I did not know what to expect from it all. I was given the big purple box and thought oh my goodness, I opened the box and saw all the 1000 pins and paper and thought wow what have I got myself in to?

However it was as easy as 1, 2, 3. I had so many helpers, thank you to Belinda Wood, Emily Wood, Amanda Bayles, Georgia Strickland, Robin Tait, Anna Lee, Ebony Crawford and Mrs Young. I could not have got the thousands of photos up without you and the judging.

Well done to everyone who entered the photos and cooking, we had a few new sections in the cooking and they went very well. Deyarna Bowen was the overall winner, with the runner up being Alisha Duggan. Without these girls I would have been quite bored I am sure.

Mrs Young agreed with me that the cooking was to die for and she loved tasting all the yummy things the aspiring chefs cooked. The photos were amazing to look, at some people made you feel like you were in the moment with them amazing.

I would like to thank all the people who helped me achieve the day without a hick up

2011 Rural Round Up winners:

Cooking

| | First | Second | Third |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Chocolate Cake | Deyarna Bowen | Nicole Elliott | Deyarna Bowen |
| Packet Cake | Alisha Duggan | Nerinda Lade | Amanda Bayles |
| Cup Cakes - Girls | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Cup Cakes - Boys | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Cup Cakes - Unisex | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Truffles | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen |
| Kiss Biscuits | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Mars Bar Slice | Alisha Duggan | Nicole Elliott | Deyarna Bowen |
| Slice – Own Recipe | Deyarna Bowen | Alisha Duggan | Nicole Elliott |

Rural Round Up Continued

Crafts

| | First | Second | Third |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cross Stitch | Anna Lee | Anna Lee | Deyarna Bowen |
| Long Stitch | Anna Lee | Deyarna Bowen | - |
| Cushion | Deyarna Bowen | - | - |
| Christmas Ornament | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen |
| Handmade Card | Andrea Porte | Deyarna Bowen | - |
| Scrapbooking | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | - |
| Handmade Toy | Cassie Harwood | Cassie Harwood | Cassie Harwood |
| Hand Knitted Scarf | Deyarna Bowen | - | - |
| Hand Knitting | Deyarna Bowen | - | - |
| Flower Arrangement (artificial) | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | - |
| Woodwork | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | - |
| Metalwork | Deyarna Bowen | - | - |
| Just For Fun | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | - |
| Thrift | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | - |

Photography

Colour Prints

| | First | Second | Third |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Rural Youth | Alisha Duggan | Derek Hollander | Cassie Harwood |
| Study Tour | Babette Millar | Alisha Duggan | - |
| Waterscape | Emily Cooke | Nicole Elliott | Nerinda Lade |
| Rural scene | Grace Mitchelson | Deyarna Bowen | Derek Hollander |
| Landscape | Nicole Elliott | Ebony Crawford | Ebony Crawford |
| Portrait | Emily Cooke | Babette Millar | Alisha Duggan |
| Social scene | Emily Cooke | Alisha Duggan | Ebony Crawford |
| Action shot | Emily Cooke | Ebony Crawford | Grace Mitchelson |
| Animal study | Deyarna Bowen | Deyarna Bowen | Babette Millar |
| Building study | Emily Cooke | Deyarna Bowen | Simone Hayers |
| Floral/garden study | Ebony Crawford | Emily Cooke | Nerinda Lade |

Rural Round Up Continued

Black and White Prints

| | First | Second | Third |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Rural Youth | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Study Tours | - | - | - |
| Waterscape | Emily Cooke | Alisha Duggan | - |
| Rural scene | Emily Cooke | Alisha Duggan | - |
| Landscape | Nicole Elliott | Alisha Duggan | Zac McCarthy |
| Portrait | Grace Mitchelson | Ebony Crawford | Alisha Duggan |
| Social scene | Alisha Duggan | Ebony Crawford | - |
| Action shot | Emily Cooke | Ebony Crawford | Alisha Duggan |
| Animal study | Alisha Duggan | Ebony Crawford | Alisha Duggan |
| Building study | Emily Cooke | Alisha Duggan | - |
| Floral/garden study | Emily Cooke | Nerinda Lade | Alisha Duggan |

Enlargements

| | First | Second | Third |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Rural Youth | - | - | - |
| Study Tours | - | - | - |
| Waterscape | Alisha Duggan | Nerinda Lade | - |
| Rural scene | Ebony Crawford | Alisha Duggan | Ebony Crawford |
| Landscape | - | - | - |
| Portrait | - | - | - |
| Social scene | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Action shot | Alisha Duggan | - | - |
| Animal study | Grace Mitchelson | Alisha Duggan | Alisha Duggan |
| Building study | - | - | Alisha Duggan |
| Floral/garden study | - | - | - |

CWA Handcrafts: Deyarna Bowen

Sarah Revell
Rural RoundUp Director 2011

Rural Youth Sponsorship

Well sponsorship for Rural Youth was definitely an eye opener as I went in with no folder and was flying blind; luckily Anthony was there to help me out with his experience from Agfest sponsorship.



We had the following sponsors in 2011:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Irrigation Tasmania – | Young Farmer Naming Rights |
| TFGA – | Young Farmer Bronze level |
| Allgoods – | Gift Vouchers |
| Livestock Consulting Tasmania – | Supporter |
| Nungar Trading – | Shirts for Young Farmer |
| Tasmanian Alkaloids – | Top Teams |
| Tas Farm Equipment – | Supporter |
| Tasweld – | Prize sponsor |

Without the support of these sponsors we wouldn't have been able to run such prestigious events to reward our members, so thank you to our sponsors.

As I had not negotiated the deals with the sponsors I was unsure as to who was giving us a good deal and who was giving us a great deal, this became to my attention in the lead up to the Young Farmer Competition.

One other item that raised its head was the fact that we take the sites, passes, etc. off Agfest and don't give them anything in return, this caused the Agfest income to be down in 2011 for sites. Linda has since installed a line to journal across to Agfest when a Property Management or Rural Youth sponsor comes to Agfest.

It was at the same time we realised that young Farmer sponsors receive a lot more than we first thought, not only do they get recognition, media releases, etc at young farmer, they also receive exposure at Agfest.

During 2011 the Agfest sponsorship package had a facelift with a few new levels offered and a lot of changes to the old to keep up with the modern times. To ensure we keep our sponsorship (Rural Youth, Agfest & Property Management) all on the same level Rural Youth are going to copy, cut and paste the Agfest sponsorship package.

Katie Coad

Sponsorship Director 2011

State Finance Director

The year of 2011 was my first year into the role of State Finance Director. This was very nerve racking and I was very unsure of what I had just undertaken.

I started out the year by sending out letters to the new Directors informing them of their budgets for the year. Very happy to report that through the majority, we have stayed under budget. Thanks to those that have, it has certainly made my job much easier. Well done to all.



In late July I was informed that I would need to start thinking about budget setting, which to start with was frightening! Letters were sent out to Directors, but only a small handful were returned. With this I had no idea what an earth I had to do. Thanks to Kate, who took the reins and guided me through and we came up with a great budget. It was taken to Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) and all was approved, plus some.

I would like to thank those clubs that did actually send in some of or all of the white forms (monthly financial statements). It is important for State Council to have some idea of how you are travelling financially, as we can always offer assistance if needed.

The role this year was an eye opener into how the Organisation runs and gives you a much better understanding of how all systems works. Thanks again to Kate for her support and help and past State Finance Director Alisha Duggan for all her input.

For the year of 2012 I have lots of ambitions and goals for the State Finance Director role and looking forward to it if I get the chance to do it all again.

Anna Lee

State Finance Director 2011



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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 2011 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 2011 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 R B Brown
Auditor

Dated:

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | Note | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash assets | 2 | 145,480 | 112,912 |
| Receivables | 3 | 32,406 | 18,125 |
| Inventories | 4 | 11,670 | 8,076 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>189,556</u> | <u>139,113</u> |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 5 | 1,681,637 | 1,621,050 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>1,681,637</u> | <u>1,621,050</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>1,871,193</u> | <u>1,760,163</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Payables | 6 | 42,171 | 28,821 |
| Interest bearing liabilities | 7 | 5,111 | 19,577 |
| Provisions | 8 | 6,139 | 9,405 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>53,421</u> | <u>57,803</u> |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Interest bearing liabilities | 7 | - | - |
| Provisions | 8 | 29,528 | 24,746 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>29,528</u> | <u>24,746</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>82,949</u> | <u>82,549</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>1,788,244</u> | <u>1,677,614</u> |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Accumulated Funds | 12 | 1,474,228 | 1,363,598 |
| Reserves | 13 | 314,016 | 314,016 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | <u>1,788,244</u> | <u>1,677,614</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
RURAL YOUTH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 5,199 | 4,405 |
| Other | 22,095 | 9,494 |
| Sale of merchandise | 518 | 4,844 |
| Sponsorship | 16,025 | 22,050 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>43,837</u> | <u>40,793</u> |
| LESS EXPENSES | | |
| 60th Anniversary Costs | - | 1,434 |
| Administration | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Advertising | 2,506 | 4,223 |
| Bad Debts | 385 | - |
| Bank Fees | 388 | 444 |
| Competitions | 754 | 800 |
| Club grants | 1,000 | 760 |
| Donations | 109 | 509 |
| Education, leadership & training | 5,508 | 4,099 |
| Feature tent | 4,036 | 2,534 |
| Flowers & Wreaths | 74 | 252 |
| Health Insurance Rebate | 548 | 670 |
| History Project | - | 5,673 |
| Honorariums | 2,388 | 1,100 |
| Judges' Gifts & Prizes | 295 | 344 |
| Library | - | - |
| Meeting expenses | 755 | 215 |
| Member awards | 1,999 | 3,200 |
| Member Subsidies | 436 | |
| Merchandise | 610 | 3,470 |
| Merchandise - Cookbook | - | 2,709 |
| Minutes Secretary | 602 | 583 |
| Movie Tickets & Entertainment Books | 2,864 | |
| Newsletters | 5,374 | 1,194 |
| Postage | 1,677 | 2,304 |
| President's honorarium | 6,500 | 5,500 |
| President's mobile phone | 1,100 | 1,250 |
| President's expenses | 819 | 409 |
| Printing & stationery | 4,007 | 5,216 |
| Professional Fees | 25 | 315 |
| Promotions, publicity & membership | 2,174 | 4,014 |
| Rural roundup | 339 | 10 |
| State functions | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Study tours | 10,321 | 5,236 |
| Sundry Expenses | 19 | 123 |
| Top Club Award | 560 | 1,051 |
| Top Teams | 654 | 819 |
| Website | 380 | 342 |
| Young farmer | 10,513 | 13,234 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>122,119</u> | <u>126,436</u> |
| SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | <u>(78,282)</u> | <u>(85,643)</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
AGFEST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Entrance fees | 566,762 | 564,081 |
| Merchandise sales | 4,832 | 3,570 |
| Parcel Pickup Income | 527 | 302 |
| Site fees | 418,460 | 406,023 |
| Sponsorship | 75,150 | 75,455 |
| Sundry | 9,590 | 8,590 |
| Telstra Cable Connection Fees | 6,873 | 7,364 |
| Brainstorming Contributions | 800 | 1,010 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>1,082,994</u> | <u>1,066,395</u> |
| LESS EXPENSES | | |
| Accommodation | 668 | 409 |
| Administration | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Advertising | 31,882 | 43,249 |
| Agfest Official Opening | - | 488 |
| Ag Artwear Competitions | 650 | 545 |
| Ag Demonstrations | 2,273 | - |
| Alcohol | 7,913 | 7,228 |
| Bad Debts | 262 | 550 |
| Bank charges | 7,058 | 6,711 |
| Catering | 43,220 | 32,673 |
| Central Arena | 5,011 | 4,693 |
| Crafts | 2,236 | 2,160 |
| Depreciation | 4,561 | 4,561 |
| Donations | 7,936 | 6,350 |
| Equine Extravaganza | 16,319 | 2,631 |
| Equipment Upgrades | 355 | |
| Fashion Parade | 805 | 760 |
| Features | 9,049 | 8,367 |
| Fuel | 6,741 | 9,768 |
| Functions | 8,369 | 7,402 |
| 4WD Demo | 181 | 319 |
| Heritage Area | 5,173 | 3,640 |
| Hire of Equipment | - | 21,010 |
| Honorariums | 20,000 | 17,800 |
| Insurance | 21,431 | 17,511 |
| Interest | 692 | 418 |
| Leadership Training | 2,990 | 3,331 |
| Lease of land | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Loading & lifting | 12,722 | 6,480 |
| Marquee Hire | 1,089 | 1,135 |
| Meeting Expenses | 81 | 489 |
| Merchandise | 5,326 | 4,385 |
| Parcel Pickup | 4,698 | 1,336 |
| Personnel | 1,209 | 986 |
| Power & gas | 11,815 | 9,308 |

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RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
AGFEST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| President's expenses | 342 | 571 |
| Postage & Freight | 3,654 | 3,937 |
| Printing & stationery | 11,586 | 14,117 |
| Professional Fees | 651 | 370 |
| Public address | 22,722 | 19,172 |
| Radios & communication | 7,801 | 6,199 |
| Rubbish & litter control | 42,167 | 34,031 |
| Safety | 1,253 | 1,492 |
| School Kits | 408 | 225 |
| Security | 34,687 | 32,345 |
| Signs | 8,461 | 6,245 |
| Site expenses | 33,377 | 7,695 |
| Sponsorship | 19,539 | 5,619 |
| Sundry Expenses | 4,282 | 4,062 |
| Telephone | 7,558 | 15,751 |
| Ticket Box | 13,408 | 7,600 |
| Toilets | - | - |
| Traffic Management | 9,215 | 2,391 |
| Trophies & prizes | 1,760 | 2,015 |
| Uniquely Tasmanian Feature | 4,819 | 4,470 |
| Trade Expo Expenses | 22,641 | 22,872 |
| Travel & Accommodation | - | 1,202 |
| Vehicle Hire | 12,519 | 8,409 |
| Volunteer Expenses | 608 | 900 |
| Water | 3,475 | 3,121 |
| Website | 389 | 180 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 581,037 | 502,684 |
| SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | 501,957 | 563,711 |

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RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Rent | 20,136 | 20,367 |
| Lease Income | 10,957 | 3,957 |
| Bonds Not Returned | 80 | 650 |
| Service fees | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| Site hire | 30,178 | 30,649 |
| Sponsorship | - | - |
| Sundry income | 4,550 | 22,241 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>185,901</u> | <u>197,864</u> |
| LESS EXPENSES | | |
| Accommodation R&M | 2,212 | 1,061 |
| Accounting Fees | 8,829 | 10,195 |
| Advertising | - | 314 |
| Bad Debts | 11,192 | - |
| Bank charges | 1,564 | 1,615 |
| Borrowing Costs | - | 82 |
| Building Inspection | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Cleaning | 141 | 549 |
| Depreciation | 34,481 | 32,205 |
| Donations | - | 40 |
| Drainage | 5,812 | 660 |
| Electricity | 29,135 | 23,020 |
| Equine Expo Maintenance | 7,417 | 16,525 |
| Fencing | 835 | 106 |
| Fire Truck | 332 | 64 |
| Fire Brigade Shed | - | - |
| Fuel | 10,745 | 4,919 |
| Fuel - Chairman | 1,423 | 2,605 |
| Functions & entertainment | 164 | - |
| Furniture - Site | 1,300 | |
| Gas - York Street | 1,719 | 1,034 |
| General Expenses | 3,173 | 1,203 |
| Hall/Function Centre R&M | 4,920 | 4,958 |
| Hire | 4,872 | 2,213 |
| Honorariums | 6,464 | 8,936 |
| Insurance | 23,937 | 22,945 |
| Interest | 1,092 | 3,071 |

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RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Meeting Expenses | 4 | 14 |
| MYOB Support Costs | 1,237 | 1,701 |
| Office Expenses | 392 | 347 |
| Office Computer Equipment | 5,054 | 3,083 |
| Office Equipment | 2,785 | 2,735 |
| Photocopier Maintenance | 5,360 | 12,924 |
| Chairman's Expenses | 685 | 394 |
| Postage & Freight | 14 | 123 |
| Power R&M | 1,484 | 7,833 |
| Rates & land tax | 22,544 | 13,406 |
| Repairs & maintenance | 1,447 | 5,037 |
| Security | 2,424 | 2,277 |
| Shelter Belt & Garden Maintenance | - | - |
| Site maintenance | 17,977 | 21,065 |
| Sponsorship - Rural Support | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Staff training | 3,837 | 3,549 |
| Stationery | 5,537 | 4,491 |
| Subscriptions | 3,369 | 1,110 |
| Superannuation | 17,206 | 15,407 |
| Telecommunications | 9,548 | 9,457 |
| Ticket Box Maintenance | - | - |
| Toilets | 2,006 | 175 |
| Tools & Equipment | 645 | 2,391 |
| Vehicles - Rego & Exp | 2,505 | 946 |
| Wages | 194,764 | 175,737 |
| Waste Management | 3,109 | 2,240 |
| Water - R&M | 21,816 | 2,367 |
| Water - Quercus | 1,446 | 540 |
| Working bees | 3,492 | 2,820 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>498,946</u> | <u>436,989</u> |
| SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | <u>(313,045)</u> | <u>(239,125)</u> |

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RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Receipts from members | 5,246 |
| Receipts from customers | 1,175,546 |
| Payments to suppliers | (1,029,966) |
| Borrowing costs | <u>(1,869)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>148,957</u> |

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fixed assets purchased | <u>(99,631)</u> |
| Net cash used by investing activities | <u>(99,631)</u> |

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Loans | - |
| Repayment of borrowings | <u>(17,946)</u> |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(17,946)</u> |
| Increase in cash held | 31,380 |
| Cash at the beginning of the reporting period | <u>111,848</u> |
| Cash at the end of the reporting period | <u><u>143,228</u></u> |

Reconciliation of cash

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Cash on hand | 300 |
| Cash at bank | 145,180 |
| Bankcard | <u>(2,252)</u> |
| | <u><u>143,228</u></u> |

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to surplus

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Surplus for year | 110,630 |
| Non-cash flows from surplus for the year | |
| Depreciation | 39,042 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | |
| Increase in receivables | (11,988) |
| Increase in inventories | (3,594) |
| Increase in payables | 13,388 |
| Increase in subscriptions in advance | 47 |
| Decrease in site fees in advance | - |
| Increase in provisions | 1,516 |
| Increase in transfers | - |
| Decrease in accrued expenses | <u>(85)</u> |
| | <u><u>148,957</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2011

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 \$792,078 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 2011

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.

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| NOTE 2: CASH ASSETS | | |
| Cash on hand | 300 | 300 |
| Cash at bank | 145,180 | 112,612 |
| | <u>145,480</u> | <u>112,912</u> |
| NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES | | |
| Trade debtors | 32,406 | 18,125 |
| Sundry debtors | - | - |
| | <u>32,406</u> | <u>18,125</u> |
| NOTE 4: INVENTORIES | | |
| Stock on hand - Rural Youth | 4,925 | 3,837 |
| Stock on hand - Agfest | 3,297 | 1,435 |
| Stock on Hand - Postal Supplies | 3,448 | 2,805 |
| | <u>11,670</u> | <u>8,077</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 | 792,078 | 783,153 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (205,817) | (166,745) |
| Roads - at costs | 167,256 | 152,130 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (22,899) | (14,915) |
| Water facility upgrade | 161,153 | 105,653 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (19,846) | (12,479) |
| Power Upgrade | 87,997 | 41,853 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (4,740) | (1,515) |
| Total land & buildings | <u>1,661,682</u> | <u>1,593,635</u> |
| Plant & equipment | | |
| Furniture & Equipment - at cost | 176,461 | 147,115 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (156,506) | (138,346) |
| Total plant & equipment | <u>19,955</u> | <u>8,769</u> |
| Total property, plant & equipment | <u>1,681,637</u> | <u>1,602,404</u> |

(a) Movement in carrying amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for plant & equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year;

| | Furniture & equipment |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance at the beginning of year | 29,034 |
| Additions | - |
| Depreciation expense | (9,079) |
| Carrying amount at the end of year | <u>19,955</u> |

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| NOTE 6: PAYABLES | | |
| Trade creditors | 31,594 | 10,907 |
| Subscriptions in advance | 864 | 551 |
| Site fees in advance | - | - |
| Accrued expenses | - | 642 |
| Goods & services tax | (2,256) | (176) |
| Bonds Held | 5,550 | 1,650 |
| Superannuation Payable | 6,419 | 3,973 |
| | <u>42,171</u> | <u>17,547</u> |
| NOTE 7: INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES | | |
| Current | | |
| Bank overdraft | - | - |
| Bank card | 2,252 | 4,170 |
| Commonwealth Bank loan | 2,860 | 58,050 |
| | <u>5,111</u> | <u>62,220</u> |
| Non-current | | |
| Commonwealth Bank loan | - | 167,852 |
| NOTE 8: PROVISIONS | | |
| Current | | |
| Provision for annual leave entitlements | 6,139 | 9,558 |
| Non-current | | |
| Provision for long services leave entitlements | 29,528 | 21,218 |
| NOTE 9: ACCUMULATED FUNDS - RURAL YOUTH | | |
| Opening balance | (145,020) | (59,376) |
| Transfers to/from Agfest | - | - |
| Transfers to/from Property Management | - | - |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year | (78,282) | (85,644) |
| Closing balance | <u>(223,302)</u> | <u>(145,020)</u> |
| NOTE 10: ACCUMULATED FUNDS - AGFEST | | |
| Opening balance | 1,938,712 | 1,375,003 |
| Transfers to/from Rural Youth | - | - |
| Transfers to/from Property Management | - | - |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year | 501,957 | 563,709 |
| Closing balance | <u>2,440,669</u> | <u>1,938,712</u> |
| NOTE 11: ACCUMULATED FUNDS - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT | | |
| Opening balance | (430,094) | (190,968) |
| Transfers to/from Rural Youth | - | - |
| Transfers to/from Agfest | - | - |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year | (313,045) | (239,126) |
| Closing balance | <u>(743,139)</u> | <u>(430,094)</u> |

RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TAS INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| NOTE 12: ACCUMULATED FUNDS - TOTAL | | |
| Opening Balance | 1,363,598 | 1,124,659 |
| Surplus/Deficit - Rural Youth | (78,282) | (85,644) |
| Surplus/Deficit - Agfest | 501,957 | 563,709 |
| Surplus/Deficit - Property Management | <u>(313,045)</u> | <u>(239,126)</u> |
| Closing Balance | <u>1,474,228</u> | <u>1,363,598</u> |

NOTE 13: RESERVES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Asset revaluation reserve | | |
| Revaluation - Quercus 1999 | 304,973 | 304,973 |
| Revaluation - York Street 1999 | <u>9,043</u> | <u>9,043</u> |
| | <u>314,016</u> | <u>314,016</u> |

There have been no movements in the reserves during the current or proceeding year.

The asset revaluation reserve records the increments/decrements in the carrying amounts of the land & buildings when new valuations are carried out.

NOTE 14: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Estimates of the maximum amount of contingent liabilities that may become payable:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Employee redundancy agreements | <u>13,622</u> | <u>13,622</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|

NOTE 15: ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

The principal place of business of the Organisation is:

Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.
62 York Street
Launceston
Tasmania 7250

Study Tours

Well what an awesome year, you never know where life will take you. This time last year I was heading to Broken Hill to Governess again this year, but with a turn for the unexpected I found my self in the Study Tours Directorship, thanks Alisha for being so organised in the hand over the books in such an organised fashion.



Outgoing exchanges

The 2010 winners of study tours headed off to their destinations throughout 2011. To start the year off Babette Millar left Tasmania bound for Sydney in mid March and had 10 fantastic days on board the Young Endeavour. Babette’s report detailed some on the best moments that she and the other 24 strong youth crew had on board the ship, from swimming in the ocean, taking command of the ship and even being called from bed at 0400 hours to ‘tack’ the ship.

Next to leave on exchange was Robin Tait who headed to the United Kingdom for approximately 11 weeks. I spoke to Robin prior to her leaving on exchange and she was really looking forward to the coming experiences. Robin wrote some great pieces for the newsletter detailing what she had been up to while in the UK and also brought back many great ideas for the Organisation.

Our other International exchangee to leave in 2011 was Caelum Wood who travelled to Switzerland, he had the big challenge of communicating in Swiss, but I know a lot of work went in to learning words prior to departure – well done in this challenge Caelum. He had a fantastic time touring, working and also catching up with past exchangee’s that had been to Tassie, Adrian – 2010 and Christa – 2006.

Our self nominated exchanges Sam Dobson and Lisa Ireland headed off to National Beef the week after Agfest where they were able to compare many different breeds of cattle; from all reports they had a fantastic time.

Unfortunately Rebecca and Clare were unable to take their exchangees in 2011.



Study Tours Continued

Incoming exchanges

This year was rather small with the amount of incoming exchangees, which was unfortunate, but we made sure those who did come and visit had a fantastic time!

Gretchen (from Kansas, USA) joined us just prior to AGM 2011 where she then spent a few weeks in the south of the state travelling with the Southern clubs, before heading to Agfest. Ruth (from Ireland) and Andrew (from England) arrived just prior to Agfest and definitely hit the ground running. With only the three incoming exchangees this year they were able to spend some time together that week to 'figure' us out and what we were all doing at Agfest. From all reports they all had a fantastic time at Agfest and the week of fun.

Unfortunately due to personal reasons, Andrew cut his time with us short and left Tassie. The girls proceeded to have a fantastic time travelling around the North and North West until the Agfest dinner, where there was many chat ups and this was time to say good bye to Gretchen who had come to the end of her exchange and heading back to Kansas. Gretchen made some fabulous memories and friends while with us in Tassie, one even packed herself a bag and jumped on the plane to Sydney with Gretchen.

That left with us was Ruth who now travelled to many far and wide places making sure that she had covered everything with in the State. State Ball was the last function on her calendar where she, along with the rest of us had a great time!



Study Tours Continued

2011 selections

This year the 2011 selections were held at St Helens with State Ball. There were seven applicants all of a high standard. To start the day David Duggan helped organise a tour to the Pyengana dairy, to visit the robotic milking machine and cheese making/shop. This was a great way to start to the day on which the participants would write their report on later in the day.

I was able to source some local judges and not so local due to the ash cloud preventing people from getting home to come along to judge the selections. A huge thanks to David Duggan who conducted agriculture interviews, Laura Richardson who conducted Rural Youth interviews, Rob & Anne Stevenson who jointly conducted the Demonstration and Michael Symons who conducted the general knowledge interviews. All judges expressed how fortunate that they were able to come along to judge a great bunch of people to send on an exchange.

After the tough day of interviews, quizzes, demonstrations and report writing the following winners were announced at the State Ball dinner that evening. Congratulations again!!

Ebony Crawford (North Motton Rural Youth) – Young Endeavour
Dale Hayers (Kingborough Huon Rural Youth) – Canada
Derek Hollander (Kingborough Huon Rural Youth) – USA
Zac McCarthy (Devonport Rural Youth) – United Kingdom
Danni Whatley (Western Tiers Rural Youth) – Jillaroo course
Nicole Elliott (Kingborough Huon Rural Youth) – Western Australia
Brett Joseph (Oatlands Rural Youth) – RYLA



Study Tours Continued

Thank you for the opportunity to be Study Tours director 2011, I have had a fantastic year and have really enjoyed working with all the winners, Judy at Head Office and the overseas sister countries to Rural Youth. How strange things happen, of where I was planning to be this year, though I would not change it!

Here are just a few moments to remember for Study Tours 2011 – no names, just a few laughs

- Text message meant in all good faith– “when do we get this crazy kid to look after?”
- Having the ambulance called to Agfest on Sunday morning...all was ok, just a few days recovery needed.
- Going to pick an exchange up late at night and thinking pajamas or clothes to drive down the road... Thankfully chose the clothes, was pulled up to be put on the breatho... which did not work.
- Tip do not return home from exchange on Sunday and head to work on Monday...that is committed

I hope to see you applying for a Study Tour in 2012; it will be one of the greatest highlights of your life.

Amanda Bayles

Study Tours Director 2011



Tasmanian Rural Youth Past Members Association

After launching the Tasmanian Rural Youth Past Members Association at Rural Youth's 60th anniversary celebrations last November (2010), we convened the Association's first meeting in February 2011. At this meeting, members elected a Committee, accepted guidelines of the Association and agreed to host four functions a year. We have been well supported in our first year (2011) with the Association signing up some 132 financial members and over 20 non financial members also on our membership list which continues to grow.

We are supported in our quest by the current Rural Youth Organisation who remain committed to the more responsible tasks of running the "youthful" Organisation and events such as Agfest, Tasmania's Young Farmer of the Year Competition and Study Tours. We are actively working with the current Rural Youth State Council to look at mutual opportunities and we wish to thank Rural Youth for the great support, together with the Rural Youth office staff, in helping to establish the Association and ongoing provision of secretariat support.

The inaugural get-together at Longford was a casual BBQ and included our initial member meeting. The function was well attended with approximately 60 people venturing out and renewing friendships. It was agreed that the Association provide a newsletter prior to each of our 3 regional functions and Agfest gathering each year.

Our second get-together was at Agfest. It was a great afternoon on Thursday with much reminiscing and many a new acquaintances made. The jovial atmosphere continued over Friday and Saturday as our "drop in" centre proved popular. I can remember arriving back after a stint around the site to find the Past Members Room filled with laughter as people rested their weary legs and caught up with other past RY/Junior Farmer/ Calf Club friends. Thanks to Rural Youth and the Agfest Committee for making this space available for the Association.

After a request from the Agfest committee, some of our Past Members Association were able to volunteer time to assist during the event and we will continue to support and assist, when asked, in these endeavours from time to time.



Tasmanian Rural Youth Past Members Association

Our third get together was hosted by our North West members who did a great job of putting on our Dinner event on 29th August at Ulverstone. The 100 guests present at the dinner, held at the Beachway Function Centre, Ulverstone where we were treated to some stories from past members.

Our final Past Member Muster for 2011 was held on the final weekend in October at the Royal Hobart Yacht Club where members enjoyed a fun evening as cocktail hour rolled in over the Derwent River. Members travelled from the North and North West to enjoy catching up with old acquaintances with some interesting stories relayed during the evening.

We supported Oatlands Rural Youth Club in their reunion in November and will continue to support and promote reunions and activities that may interest our members.

We have also started the huge task of compiling club lists from incomplete and dated records. Association members will continue to update these lists as part of our *Contact Lists Update Project* and make them available to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania (RYOT) for future use. Hopefully in time this will provide a great resource for Rural Youth reunions.

The Association has a very central theme of spending time socialising and enjoying renewing or acquiring friendships. Our Past Member Musters and this theme will continue with regular functions planned for 2012 and we hope to see many of our Calf Club, Junior Farmer and Rural Youth family in attendance where past stories are shared and new ones made.

We will also play host to the National Past Members and Exchangees Reunion 2012 to be held between the 11th - 13th May 2012 based at Country Club Resort, Launceston. This event will see 50 or more people who were involved in the past with interstate/international Rural Youth, Young Farmer, Junior Farmer, International Federation of the Young Endeavour, Australia Council of Rural Youth, Australian Rural Youth and associated member organisations. If you have kept in contact with some of these people, please let us know so we can ensure that they are on our invitation list.

We continue to encourage all in rural Tasmania to spread the word to get members signed up and come to functions and make some new memories continuing this great "rural family" once retiring RY members have reached the grand old age of 30!

Elizabeth Skirving

Tasmanian Rural Youth Past Members Association President 2011

Top Teams

Top Teams 2011 saw a fun filled day for members to participate in while the top 15 Rural Youth members competed in the Young Farmer Competition. The Top Teams Competition gives members the opportunity to be a part of the exciting Young Farmer Competition Day.

There were a total of eight challenges on the day. An obstacle course judged by Brett McKenzie gave members a few laughs while testing their coordination and strength skills.



The Fire Brigade challenge judged by Jade Hall tested competitor's readiness to attend to mastering and putting out a spot fire (not real). A cooking challenge judged by Aleta Jones, competitors were given select few ingredients, so they could whip up a storm.

The day also saw an advertisement challenge judged by Katrina Bush, a song challenge, a quiz challenge, an id challenge and a scavenger hunt all judged by myself and Anna Lee.

The winners a Kingborough Huon Rural Youth team Hawaii 05 put a good challenge all day and managed to come out in front by a few points. Second was a Dorset Rural Youth team Chicken Kiev. They provided plenty to laugh about throughout the day and third the Crab Ticklers who were a mixed team who pulled the first letter of their names to come up with crab, not sure where ticklers come from.

Overall it was a great day and huge thanks, goes out to the competitors and judges for making it a possibility.

Finally a wrap up with celebrations at the annual Young Farmer Dinner everyone enjoyed themselves and let their hair down and had some fun.

Both Anna and I have enjoyed being Top Teams Coordinators for 2011 and wish the incoming coordinator the best of luck and hope they enjoy themselves as much as I have.

Nerinda Lade

Top Teams Director 2011



Young Farmer Competition

Firstly thank you to everyone involved in the Irrigation Tasmania Young Farmer Competition this year, whether you were a judge, a competitor, a helper or attendee to the dinner, it was truly a wonderful event and we look forward to the 2012 Young Farmer Competition.



MODULES

This year we included many “hands on” modules and added a twist to some modules, so they weren’t as they seemed plus introduced a couple new modules to the competition.

There were 10 modules in this year’s competition, these were;

Finance

Each competitor was given a “take off” from the Rural Youth banking our clubs do monthly, with their own little cheque and deposit books as well as receipt book, plus four statements and a story to read for the clues, they were given an hour to write up the documents our very own club treasurers are expected to do monthly, but these were quarterly.

Stock and Water Maintenance

Each competitor had to identify fittings, plus follow a diagram to ‘hook up’ a feed trough for water.

Know your Rural Youth Constitution

Each competitor was given a constitution and had to answer a series of questions from within the Constitution.



Young Farmer Competition Continued

Welding and Fencing

Competitors had to build a fence post driver and then use it to erect a simple fence

FarmerChef Challenge

There was a Beef & Vegetable Soup that competitors had five (5) minutes to taste and look at then given 10 minutes to name as many ingredients as possible up to 20. There were many that guessed Lamb instead of Beef and not one person reached 20, even though the soup had 27 ingredients!

Identification

There were 10 seedlings, five (5) seeds and five (5) fertilisers supplied that people had to try to identify them correctly.

Sheep Crutching

Competitors were given two sheep to crutch and were judged on handing of animal, understanding of handpiece and the quality of work completed.

Driving Challenge

Each person was given a route to follow and series of exercises whilst driving.

Public Speaking

Only the top six (6) only compete in this; each person is given a topic to speak about for set time.

Quiz

Each of the top six (6) competitors were quizzed on 20 general knowledge questions.

COMPETITORS

The 2011 line up was;

Southern Region

Brett Joseph
Katie Crane
Owen Woolley
Martin McConnon
William McConnon
Victoria Percival
Malcolm Campbell
Dale Hayers

Northern Region

Amanda Bayles
Tim Dobson
Andrew Buckby

North West Region

Kyle Robinson
Allan Perry
Michael Nichols
Zac McCarthy

Young Farmer Competition Continued

Each Competitor that participated was given a Nungar Trading blue work shirt as well as a \$10 Allgoods voucher plus movie ticket.

Each competitor that didn't make the top six (6) (7-15th) each were given an additional \$20 Allgoods voucher.

TOP REGION COMPETITORS

This year there were four top scoring in the three regions, due to one region drawing! Well done to,

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| Southern | Martin McConnon & William McConnon |
| Northern | Tim Dobson |
| North West | Michael Nichols |

Each of these winners received a \$50 Allgoods voucher.

HIGHEST SCORING IN EACH MODULE

The following scored highest in each module;

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| Finance | Michael Nichols | \$20 Officeworks voucher |
| Stock & Water | Michael Nichols | \$20 Allgoods voucher |
| RY Constitution | Amanda Bayles & Katie Crane | \$20 Allgoods voucher or pink shirt |
| Welding & Fencing | Michael Nichols & Zac McCarthy | Red shirt or \$20 Allgoods voucher |
| FarmerChef | Katie Crane | Cookbook |
| Identification | Michael Nichols | \$20 Bunning's voucher |
| Sheep Crutching | Will McConnon & Malcolm Campbell | \$20 Allgoods voucher |
| Driving | Amanda Bayles | Car care cleaning kit |
| Public Speaking | William McConnon | \$20 Allgoods voucher |
| Quiz | Martin McConnon | \$20 Allgoods voucher |



Young Farmer Competition Continued

TOP SIX COMPETITORS

The following are the top 6 competitors and the wonderful prize packages they won!!

1st - MICHAEL NICHOLS

Crystal first place trophy
\$450 Allgoods voucher
Weekend away at Cradle Mountain for two
Harvey Norman gift card \$500
Bunning's gift card \$500
Tasweld- welder & helmet
\$1500 cash
Oxy acetylene regulators
TFGA course registration
Plus the choice of one item of product donated from
JonaSports & Promotion
VALUED @ \$4700



2nd - MARTIN McCONNON

Crystal second place trophy
\$350 Allgoods voucher
Weekend away at Cradle Mountain
Harvey Norman gift card \$500
Bunning's voucher \$500
Makita grinder kit
Adam Brand tickets for two +
\$180 cash towards accommodation.
\$1000 cash
TFGA course registration
Plus the choice of one item of product donated from
JonaSports & Promotion
VALUED @ \$3600

Young Farmer Competition Continued

3rd - VICTORIA PERCIVAL

Crystal third place trophy
\$250 Allgoods voucher
Tim McGraw & Faith Hill concert tickets \$ 210
Travel & hotel voucher- \$ 500
\$500 cash
Harvey Norman voucher \$300
Bunning's voucher \$200
TFGA course registration
Plus the choice of one item of product donated from
JonaSports & Promotion
VALUED @ \$2200



4th - WILLIAM McCONNON

Crystal fourth place trophy
\$150 Allgoods voucher
Harvey Norman voucher \$200
Bunning's voucher \$200
\$300 cash
TFGA course registration
Plus a backpack donated from JonaSports & Promotion
VALUED @ \$1100



Young Farmer Competition Continued



5th-OWEN WOOLLEY

Crystal fifth place trophy
\$100 Allgoods voucher
Harvey Norman voucher \$100
Bunning's Voucher \$100
\$200 cash
TFGA Course registration
Plus a backpack donated from JonaSports & Promotion
VALUED @ \$700

6th - MALCOLM CAMPBELL

Crystal sixth place trophy
\$50 Allgoods voucher
Harvey Norman voucher \$50
Bunning's \$50
\$100 cash
Plus a backpack donated from JonaSports & Promotion
VALUED @ \$400

Katie Coad, Alana Slater and Simone Hayers
Young Farmer Directors 2011



North West Region Rural Youth



This year North West Region had an eventful year, we had many meetings in Burnie and ventured up to Rocky Cape for a meeting at the Tavern, we have had some nice teas and productive meetings after having full bellies.

This year our office bears were

President: Sarah Revell
Vice President: Ebony Crawford
Secretary: Dayna Broun

Thank you to the office bearers this year I could not have done it with out your help. Thank you to all the people who helped us organise the Young Farmer Dinner. We had a lot of help and it was appreciated.

Lots of North West Region members attended Agfest to help out for the week and the three (3) days of the event everyone on the committee did a wonderful job .Well done to everyone involved.

The Region along with other Rural Youth members attended the end of the Harvest Festival at the Forest Recreation Club it was a great night. Well done to the Circular Head Rural Youth Club.

North Motton Rural Youth held their 60th Reunion on the 12 November at Payton Park Scout Camp, with lots of past members turning up sharing a yarn and showing lots of photos and stories with the current members. It was a good day with people enjoying the reunion.

Devonport Rural Youth attended the Australia Day Festival on the river in Latrobe. Some members parked the cars and other members cooked the BBQ. Well done to everyone who attended even with a king tide the members still pulled through, well done.

All North West Region Clubs helped out at their local shows and did a fantastic job representing Rural Youth.

I was proud to be the North West Region President this year thank you to everyone who helped me and helped our Region

Good luck for next year.

Sarah Revell
2011 North West Region President

Circular Head Rural Youth



This year on the 12 January 2011, Robert Gale & Kris Davis decided to get a group of young farmers together and get the Circular Head Rural Youth Club up and going again.

After advertising in the chronicle and getting the word out for new members to join we had a lot of interest and set the date for the Circular Head Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on the 14 January 2011.

Our office bearers for 2011 were elected as shown below:

President: Robert Gale
Vice President: Ronnie Mulder
Treasurer: Kris Davis
Secretary: Jaymi-Lea Anderson

After the AGM we had our first meeting for the year on the 8 February and decided we would have a club BBQ so everyone could meet each other.

After that we decided we would organise a BBQ for all the hard working farmers around the Circular Head area which was held on the 4 June. With a live band, lucky door prize and some local boys cracking the whips! It was 'A real success!'

We then organised a car rally for the club followed by a BBQ which all members enjoyed!

Kate Medwin and Olly Abblitt also hosted Ruth the Exchangee from Ireland and showed her around the Circular Head area visiting places such as Dip Falls at Mawbanna, climbed the Nut at Stanley, went to Marrawah and then we went Penguin hunting after meeting up as a club on the Saturday night.

To top off the year we were asked to get into the community spirit and run the Circular Head Agriculture Show animal nursery, which was loved by all the children who visited.

We are hoping for new members to join next year so we can do more as a Club and join in with the other Clubs around Tasmania.

Circular Head Rural Youth



Northern Region Rural Youth



Well what a 2011, another great year!! At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) way back in January we voted in Hannah Davis as our Northern Region President who sadly resigned in March, due to other commitments. Well done on your short term Hannah. In April I was voted in as the new President.

Many members attended Agfest and helped out over the set up days, days of and pack up time. This again was a fun time for us all and at the end of Agfest, Gretchen and Ruth spent some time in the Northern Region and attended our bowling fun night in May

At this stage we were in full flight organising State Ball which was to be held at St Helens in June. There was a small group who took on the challenge of putting together the evening, a huge thanks to Alisha Duggan who lead this group. Everything was always easily done and all came together as planned. This was a fantastic night and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone for all the work put in, it was very much appreciated.

In late July we held the Young Farmer run offs at Quercus, thanks to Anna Lee & Alisha Duggan for organising the morning, it was enjoyed by the attendees, Tim Dobson, Andrew Bucky and myself. Some of the challenges that we were required to do were sew a button on a shirt, meat and vegetable identification and the modules pre set from the State Director. We all made it through to the State final at the end of September, but unfortunately did not make the top six on the night, but speaking for us all, but we all had a good day and night.

In September we also held the quiz competition with a difference, running it with three teams which worked quiet well. Thanks to Tamar, Westmorland and Hagley for putting a team each in, and a big congratulations to Hagley won came out victorius, well done.



Northern Region Rural Youth Continued

A number of Northern region members represented themselves and their Clubs in the annual shooting competition at the Bracknell where as I remember it, all winners were from Northern Region, well done to Ellen Freeman (Westmorland Rural Youth) (claybird & rifle), Alan Crosswell (Western Tiers Rural Youth) (rifle) & Luke Edson (Tamar Rural Youth) (claybird).

In October we tried to hold our 'fast food progressive dinner' which last time was a huge success, but unfortunately there was only four attending and we decide to re locate to the Pizza Pub which was an enjoyable evening.

To end the year we headed out to the Watermill Tavern for dinner and our special mystery secret Santa which was another good night. Followed by the usual place for dessert as has been the whole year, which usually takes longer to catch up on the last month than the meeting itself.

Thank you to everyone that came along and had input with in Northern Region this year, it is a big team effort.

Amanda Bayles

2011 Northern Region President



Dorset Rural Youth



Well what a year it has been for Dorset Rural Youth Club, the year has just passed us by I haven't even had a chance to say thank you to all the Dorset Rural Youth members, so I will take this chance now to say what a great job you all have done throughout the year well done keep up the good work guys.

As a Club we have done many social days/nights throughout the year. With firstly heading to Holly Bank Treetops Adventure to fly with the birds and we also had some company from some other Clubs to fly with us. Everyone stayed on for the night to party away at Bridport which was a great night had by all. The clubs next big social night was at Richo's house in memory of a valued member to our Club.

Dorset Rural Youth Club has grown throughout the year with new members coming to share all our fun we have in Rural Youth and they have brought some really good ideas to share with us and we love new ideas, thank you.

Dorset Damnation is our function we hold each year in August which we all love to do. This year being nice and dry for the first time, in we don't know how long, which is great, but the only thing we were missing this time were the people to attend. Everyone that did attend had a great time. Well done to everyone that took a role throughout the night without your help Damnation wouldn't happen.

In June we hosted an exchangee Ruth, who was shown all around the great places of Scottsdale, Bridport, Ringarooma and the big town of Golconda, staying with Rosie, Aleta and Hannah. The second night of Ruth's stay we headed to the Bay Inn at Bridport for a lovely tea as a Club so everyone could meet Ruth.



Dorset Rural Youth Continued

95% of our club was involved in Agfest throughout the week and also having a few new members attending Agfest, they all had a great time and had lots to talk about on the way home, everyone is getting ready for next year with a few members having joined the Committee, great job.

Throughout the year we have had members attending other functions such as State Ball, Agfest, Top Teams and many more great fun nights.

Well done to all teams in Top Teams Competition with our own Dorset Team - Chicken Kiev coming second and the Hillbillies winning the fancy dress competition.

Dorset has also had many fundraising drives with a pub raffle in Bridport, Christmas raffle, footy tipping and a Sunrise Bakery fundraiser. Thank you to all that organised and for selling and buying things.

Again thank you to all Dorset Rural Youth members for all your help in the past 12 months, thank you to all that stepped up to hold a position within the club for 2011.

Good luck to the 2012 Committee, without you there would be no club and remember to have fun.

Hannah Davis

2011 Dorset Rural Youth President



Hagley Rural Youth



2011 has been a fairly quiet year for Hagley, although we've certainly had our fun!

With no Bull Light Bash to worry about we decided to make this year as Club orientated as possible, we discounted everything we could think of, with members only paying minute amounts to firstly become a member but also attend AGM, State Ball, Young Farmer Dinner, and many other club organised activities. This made the year not only cheap for members, but a whole lot of fun, with more members than normal attending these functions.

In February we once again held a ute competition at the Chudleigh show. It poured with rain but despite that we had a great turn out. Our young members did a great job organising all the sponsors and prizes and we look forward to seeing more utes there in 2012.

In March we had four members head along to AGM, where Alisha Duggan was very proud to be awarded the Outstanding Member Award for 2010. It really is a great honour and she has had loads of fun using her chosen prize (a brand new camera) and snapping pictures!

We've had a few social meeting, a movie night and some games of putt putt, both of which were subsidised for members and attracted plenty of attendees.

Hagley hosted both Gretchen and Ruth as part of the 2011 exchange program and it's safe to say that we greatly enjoyed having them and hopefully they enjoyed their time with us. The first half of the week was spent working on a farm, learning all things farming and the second half was spend seeing the sights of the East Coast of Tassie, soaking up the sun, well as much as you can in winter anyway!

The last few month of 2011 have been dedicated to arrangements for our 60th Anniversary celebration, which will be held in just a few weeks (presuming you're reading this at AGM) we hope that every member, past and present enjoys the night.

It's great to look back on 2011 and we're hoping 2012 will bring just as much fun!

Alisha Duggan

2011 Hagley Newsletter Editor



North Esk Rural Youth



Wow; were to start, North Esk Rural Youth (NERY) members started the year by appearing at most of the local rodeos in Northern Tasmania, and partying through the summer in style with our fellow Rural Youth Clubs (water-skiing, twilight tree-top adventures, four wheel driving, and of course lots of BBQ's).

Our members attended various Rural Youth functions such as the Annual General Meeting (AGM), State Ball and Agfest Brainstorming. We had a large percentage of NERY members involved with Agfest so working-bees consumed most of our spare time outside of our different work lives. I think it is fair to say our members put a large lot of their own time into Agfest, and although it is hard-work, 2011 proved many of our new, younger members as well as the older crew are committed and full of fun and most are ready and rearing to do it again in 2012!

Next on our agenda was the annual 'Beaute Ute' Competition at the Campbell Town Show, NERY organises the muster for the show and we think it is fair to say one of the largest turn-outs of utes for a single muster at a Tasmanian agriculture show was on display. We had some fantastic judges in 2011 being Rachael Treasure and Glenn McGrath, we raised many much needed funds for the club, and already have our 2012 competition at the brainstorming stage and we intend for it to be even bigger and better.

Throughout the rest of the year our own careers kept our club quiet with the odd meeting here and there, and catching a club get together when we had enough members available.



North Esk Rural Youth Continued

Our Club has had a rather large turn-around of members in 2011, two of our members celebrated their 30th birthdays (Carlee Lee and Matthew Ireland), several of our members attended and helped celebrate this milestone with both members and it is sad to see these two very committed members leave our Club after many years of membership. We hope to see you both in your Committee positions at Agfest 2012 and of course we will see you around at the various rodeos, agricultural shows etc.

We must also welcome our four new members which we gained in 2011.

2012 is looking good on the membership side and we have some very committed members who want to get this club up and well recognised in our local area in 2012.

We look forward to yet another fantastic year in 2012!

Adam Chugg

2011 President North Esk Rural Youth



Tamar Rural Youth



Tamar Rural Youth started off this year as a very small club and on the road to collapse. However the commitment of the two brothers Ricky Edson and Luke Edson got the club back up on it feet. By spreading the word around they gained a hand full of young interested members of the Tamar Valley and Launceston area.

Once getting back the Club back on it's feet, the members starting throwing some ideas around to raise some funds for the Club. The idea of a Ute Muster was suggested, and from there the wheels were in motion to get the Tamar Rural Youth name back into the community.

In October the club was successful in running a Ute Muster at the Royal Launceston Show.

During the year the Club had a few new members join. 2011 was a new year for Tamar Rural Youth and 2012 will see the club really getting out there and showing that we are one strong Club.

Well done to everyone for their efforts during the year.

Ricky Edson

2011 Tamar Rural Youth President



Western Tiers Rural Youth



This year was a very quiet year for Western Tiers.

We farewelled a large number of our older members as they had hit the 30 Club, leaving a small number of us younger ones.

We set about organising fun little catch ups for the weekends and gained two new members Jak Luck and Jess Whatley. We held a laser skirmish in club challenge where everyone had a ball and the oldies kicked the youngster's butts! We also held a bowling afternoon against Westmorland and even though there were only two of us, we still won.

We also had members attend State Annual General Meeting, where we welcomed Katie Coad to the role of State President and our Club President Anna Lee took on the daunting role of State Finance Director. We also attended Agfest and then hosted Gretchen and Ruth and had a fantastic week with them, showing them the Great Western Tiers.

We then had a few members attended State Ball, where a great night was had with lots of dancing. State Ball was where our energetic member Danielle Whatley won her chosen exchange. Well done Danielle, we hope you have a great time.

We celebrated the marriage of Western Tiers member Alan Crosswell to Kara Burk early in the year and then excitedly welcomed into the world our youngest member Ryan Crosswell. Congratulations to Alan and Kara and all the best for the years to come.

We continued to attend functions throughout the State and have our little catch ups. Well done to the outgoing committee and all the best to the new committee for 2012.

Anna Lee

2011 Western Tiers President



Westmorland Rural Youth



What a year we have had!

Firstly before I mention anything else, I would like to mention our Club members numbers, which always seem to be duplicating which is fantastic. When I joined the club in 2010, the numbers were quite low, after having membership numbers hit a dead patch. Our original and more experienced members include Zara Walkden, Amanda Bayles, and Matthew Bayles, with Ellen Freeman and myself joining in the fun late in the year.

This year however has seen the Club grow and continue to expand, and to this I would like to mention all the members that have joined Westmorland over the last 12 months. Bec Brandes, Jake Brandes, Freyr Colvin, Zoe Johns, Andrew Buckby, Nathan Donohue, Alexander Wade, Sarah Casey, Daniel Bowman, Morgan Waters, Thomas Blackberry, Benji Cawthen, Darcy Nicklason, Ben Smith, Emma Hodge, and Damien Wickham.

This year at Westmorland saw new members come through our doors, and unfortunately at the end of the year we had to say goodbye to a very good friend, Zara. Zara joined the club when she was 15, and at the recent 60th which our Club held, her comment was 'best 15 years of my life'. In Zara's lifetime at the club she has held various positions within the Club, from President, to Secretary and also Treasurer, I myself have been very fortunate this year to have worked with such a wonderful person. Who is always so diligent of others and is an exceptional minute taker. She is a wonderful friend; she is always willing to listen and always helps out whenever she can. I think I not only speak for myself, but for the rest of the club, when I say that Zara will be deeply missed.

Our members have been extremely busy through the year attending extraordinary amounts of functions, gatherings, major events, meetings, and interclub social get togethers. Our members have attended everything from Agfest, right down to Region meetings, with those including State Ball, the State Annual General Meeting, Agfest Brainstorming, working bees, Top Teams and members entering into the Young Farmer of the Year Competition with Andrew and Amanda finishing in the top 15. We as a Club also held various social events over the duration of the year.



Westmorland Rural Youth Continued

This year at Westmorland we have grown and are more than three times the size of previous years, so with such a man power, what does a club do? WE BAG SHEEP POO! We held various sheep poo bagging days throughout the year, sometimes even with assistance from other clubs. On one occasion especially, we had Devonport President, Zac McCarthy and Tamar President, Ricky Edson both present. We have held days at both Mt Joy, which some days, we did in fact end up cooling off by the dam after a hard day at it, and our most recent day was held at Freyr's family farm "Nosswick" which is situated near Blackwood Creek. As would anything involved with Rural Youth, there were always antics, and loads of fun.

On separate occasions, there would always be a sheep poo fight of some description, whether its Matthew pouring a whole bag over Amanda, or Morgan chucking the agricultural pearls at Freyr and so on, we always managed to make light of a working situation. Even on one occasion, Ricky was pinned down, by Zac and Matthew, wrapped up tight with packing film, and then stacked on the pallet with the rest of the poo.

Throughout the year, on various and multiple occasions, we made ourselves notable in the public eye, with holding a stand at the Longford Blessing of the Harvest Festival, and having a novel game of needle in the hay stack which was enjoyable for everyone. In conjunction with the Longford Show Society, we ran the bigger and better Ute competition where we were privileged to have members from an up and coming Tasmanian band, the Wolfe Brothers judge for us. We also ran and held the pet parade and our members assisted with the animal nursery, where some of Alexander's family pets were great draw cards for the young ones. Even though it was a rainy day, it didn't dampen our spirits. We had a very successful day and had some awesome prizes from some very generous sponsors.



Westmorland Rural Youth Continued

In November members volunteered to assist at the annual Toosey cocktail party, and once it was mentioned where we were from we had many old members come up and reminisce about the good old days. It was great to hear some of these stories and get our faces out there once again. To round up our year we participated in the local Longford Christmas Parade, with our six white boomers, and whip cracking down the main street of Longford. Fun was had by young and old and kids watched as sometimes our cracks weren't as successful as we would hope.

To conclude, I would like to thank all office bearers, Zara our wonderful secretary, Ellen our keeper of the funds, and all other members that held other positions within the club over the 2011 year. I would also like to congratulate Morgan Waters for being nominated and elected President for the 2012 year. With that I would also like to congratulate Morgan on being nominated for Best New Member, and Ellen for being nominated for Most Outstanding Member.

We look forward to seeing Westmorland grow even more over the next year, and to see all of this year's members back again next year.

We look forward to all of our upcoming adventures and we will see you all next time out of the centre.

Prue Dennis

2011 President Westmorland Rural Youth



Southern Region Rural Youth



2011 saw continued growth and strengthening of Rural Youth's Southern Region.

A solid group of members attended most meetings, which were held mainly at our regular Royal Hobart Showgrounds location, as well as at Brighton Club's "Decked Out Shed", Sorell's Pawleena Hall and had social nights around Greater Hobart including mini golf, Zone 3 and various restaurants.

The year began with the arrival of some potential members for the future with Kate and Anthony welcoming Claire Louise Coad and James and Tahnee welcoming Elouise Molly McShane into the world.

After discussions in 2010, Region became actively involved in organising the entertainment at the Cancer Councils Huon Valley Relay for Life. This was the first year that the relay had been ran in the Huon Valley and all was a success with over \$60 000 raised in the community and the entertainment being a huge hit. The Relay for Life will return to the Huon Valley in 2012 with Kingborough Huon Rural Youth Club taking over entertainment, but Region will remain actively involved as the Relay event may extend to other locations around our region.

As this was going on, so were preparations into the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2011 at the Lea Scout Camp. Katie Coad was elected as State President, with Nerinda Lade as Senior Vice President and Simone Hayers as Junior Vice President. This shows the strength amongst our Region when all these positions were filled by those from the South.

Another highlight of AGM was seeing the Kingborough Huon Club debate team consisting of Derek Hollander, Tory Percival and Dale Hayers blitz the Westmorland team to win the debating competition.

From here it was into Agfest mode for much of our Region, with working bees and the event well supported by those from the South.



Southern Region Rural Youth Continued

In the middle of the year it was decided that Simone Hayers and Nerinda Lade would be appointed care takers of our weakening Sorell Club. With a list of potential members from Agfest's Feature Tent and a whole heap of motivation. These two have basically restored strength to this club, as they held an AGM, installed a new President and once again have a group of keen members who we hope can continue the club on into the future. Not only did they achieve this strength, Simone's tireless work into grant applications for the Pawleena Hall deserves much congratulations. The result was a \$1 000 grant from the Sorell Council, which will be used for electrical works to the Hall.

The middle of the year also saw our bowling competition take place; with Tasman first, Kingborough Huon coming second and Brighton taking third, in an evening where some quality bowling took place!

July saw State Ball at St Helens. Many of us travelled up for the weekend and we all looked amazing! Young Farmer and Quiz Runoffs were also strongly attended and resulted in some fierce competition for the Northerners come Young Farmer final day! Despite not quite getting the number one honours, Region members took out 2nd and 3rd as well as having seven in the top 15!

December saw our last meeting for the year, tea at Cooleys Hotel then a convoy throughout Moonah, Glenorchy and Lutana spotting Christmas lights and waffling over the UHF. It was a great way to round out 2011 and get in the Christmas spirit!

The later part of the year saw our clubs work at the various shows organising activities and Brighton returned to deliver a fantastic Swag Swappers once again. It is really great to see Brighton club strong once again, after a few dramas early in the year with members exiting and sites changing, but the same motivation and passion remains and the guys did an amazing job in delivering the event.

2011 promised a lot for our Committee and delivered so much more then expected. Thanks to the dedicated members that have regularly attended meetings and events and showed a passion to get things done for the benefit of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, it's been a terrific year!

Dale Hayers

2011 Southern Region President



Brighton Rural Youth



A little bit about the club...

Brighton Rural Youth Club was established in 1953. Many members have since passed through Brighton's doors, great friendships and memories have been made along with great experiences and wild times which have been had. Brighton Rural Youth now calls 'The Shed' home, which is located in Brighton and signifies a new start within the club with a new look team, a boost in member numbers and the realisation of bigger and brighter ideas.

A little bit about our year in 2011...

2011 saw a change of Presidents for Brighton with Rob Shoobridge relocating to Western Australia for work just as the Club began on a new road. The challenge of President was then taken up by Tyler Clark who continued Rob's visions for the Club with his own twist. Tyler together with the 2011 Committee then undertook the Clubs usual social commitments such as Brighton Show and Swag Swappers in 2011. These events are held annually but this year saw the tasks undertaken with little to no prior knowledge of the organising aspect within the Club. This did make the tasks somewhat more challenging however all were a success, especially Swag Swappers which was held on the first Saturday in December. The event ran extremely well, members all helping out and made light work of the setup, running and packing up of the event (even with the semi-trailer getting stuck in a gate way!) which was an amazing effort and a huge confidence boost to the club.

2011 didn't see as many Club outings as we would have liked but we still managed to have some good times with some highly amusing people. These included camping trips, some four wheel driving (and a land cruiser being towed out of a bog by a four wheeler), some wild nights at The Shed, several working bee's, a few parties, some catch ups with Southern Region, a bit of bowling, a lot of dancing, some attempts at singing, some fun the night before Swag Swappers with a PA system and wireless microphones and countless phone calls, text messages and e-mails regarding times for extra meetings to sauce and sticky tape.



Brighton Rural Youth Continued

What is to come in 2012...

2012 will be an even bigger and better year for Brighton. Brighton will again be helping out at Bushy Park Show and will likely run the dog high jump at the Ross Rodeo which should be a lot of fun. The Truck and Ute Show will be back in 2012 with the organising already underway before the usual events such as Brighton Show and Swag Swappers. 2012 will also see Brighton having a greater interaction with the community in the Brighton area and more club activities to provide greater benefits to existing members and to help encourage new ones.

Tyler Clark

2011 Brighton Rural Youth President



Kingborough Huon Rural Youth



2011 has been a busy year but an awesome year for Kingborough Huon Rural Youth and its members.

Caelum Wood was re-elected as Club President for 2011, knowing that he would be absent for two and a half months of the year. A big thank you to Victoria Percival and Rebecca McIndoe who capably filled in for Caelum Wood while he was on his Rural Youth Study Tour in Switzerland.

Kingborough Huon (KH) Rural Youth had several social outings throughout the year from sharing a few drinks at the Clubrooms to four wheel driving and travelling around Tassie to various other Rural Youth functions.

We had eight members attend the State Annual General Meeting (AGM) as it was in our home turf at the Lea Scout Camp in Kingston. The AGM dinner saw KH member Derek Hollander announced as the Best New Member for 2010.

Straight after AGM, Simone and Dale hosted Gretchen from Kanas, the first of the Exchangees, to arrive in the State. Gretchen fitted straight into Simone and Dale's household by making a spectacular entrance on the Sunday night which saw tears of laughter for a good hour or so after after Gretchen tripped and almost split her trackpants open.

From March and State AGM to Agfest in May. There was a great turnout from members attending the field days with a lot of our members volunteering for their time in 2011. Members that attended made plenty of great friendships with other members from around the State.



Kingborough Huon Rural Youth Continued

In June, our members headed to the Southern Region Rural Youth bowling competition we were had lots of members turn up and we ended up coming in second. Well done to everyone that went, and had a fantastic time. We are looking forward to next year's competition already.

State Ball was held in July at St Helens and a big congratulations for Northern Region on hosting an awesome night for all members. KH had 12 members make the journey up the East Coast for the night.

During the day of State Ball, we had three KH members vying to win a Study Tour after hearing stories of Caelum's awesome time away in Switzerland. At the dinner it was announced that in 2012 Dale was going to head to Canada, Derek was going to be making his way to the United States of America and Nicole was to head to Western Australia.

September brought the Young Farmer Competition and Top Teams. We had three members make the State Final of the Young Farmer Competition – Owen Woolley, Dale Hayers and Victoria Percival. Congratulations again guys and well done Owen for taking out fifth position and Tori for coming third, you have done the Club proud.

We also had two teams enter the Top Teams –congratulations guys for putting in the effort and getting our Club out there. Congratulations to North West Region on a successful Young Farmer Dinner which saw all our members that attend have a great time and dancing the night away.

The Huon Agricultural Show held in November was another great success. Our Dog High Jump saw approximately 28 entrants and was watched by many hundreds of people who appreciated the effort made by the dogs. The Dog High Jump had some great prizes this year and we would like to thank to VIP Petfoods for their generous donation. The Animal Nursery and Rural Youth stall were also very popular attractions which saw a new member competition being run and a lolly jar competition.



Kingborough Huon Rural Youth Continued

Also at the Huon Show the Ute Competition was held which saw many great utes entered with a lot of great prizes. We would like to thank all our sponsors who donated either prizes or a monetary donation. Our Ute Competition is turning into a very popular attraction with many entrants travelling lots of kilometres to be there!

In addition to the events that Kingborough Huon looks after at the Huon Show we also had members enter the Huon Show Ambassador Competition where our members took out the top two positions. Derek was named as the 2011 Huon Show Ambassador and Caelum Wood as runner up. Well done to both of you!

I would like to thank everybody for their support over the last two years while I have been President. You have all been a great help to me personally and to the Club in general.

Caelum Wood

2011 President Kingborough Huon Rural Youth



Oatlands Rural Youth



In 2011 Oatlands continued our tradition of fun meetings and we have mixed them up throughout the year. We

have held meeting at the clubrooms in Oatlands, meetings at the pub and of course how could we forget the pot luck dinner at Rods, which consisted mostly of party pies. If I recall correctly an unnamed club member decided to eat the raffle prize.

The year started off well with a few members braving the Tasmanian Summer to have a dip in the Oatlands Swimming pool. While those of us left on the side were trying to cook the BBQ in gale force winds. At this meeting we also had our first play with Elouise McShane – future Oatlands Rural Youth Club President in 20 odd years. Big Congrats to James and Tahnee!

Agfest soon came around and members were out in full force. With Ben Palmer keeping all the patrons happy with his expert skill of parcel pick up. After a long week of Agfest members let their hair down on the Saturday night after a job well done. Agfest Annual General Meeting saw Oatlands members putting their hands up with myself taking the Chairman position and Martin McConnon taking the Operations Manger role. This was followed by William McConnon as Power Director, Babette Millar as Personnel and Accommodation Director, Rod Lyall as Signs Director, Nerinda Lade as U-Taste Director and Gemma Lord as Assistant Personnel and Accommodation Director.



Oatlands Rural Youth

Members were active for the second half of the year participating in a local Ghost Tour, the Young Farmer Competition, parking cars at Melton Rodeo and hosting a Past Members BBQ.

We ended the year in style at the Oatlands Christmas Pageant with our float as popular as always. This year our float featured Santa, a trainee Santa and three gorgeous reindeer pulling the sleigh.

A lot of effort was put into organising a club fundraising function, but setting a date and getting a band became the biggest difficulty. Fingers crossed that 2012 will see our members take the plunge and run another event to raise funds for the Oatlands Community.

Congratulations to Babette Millar and Gemma Lord who took out our Most Outstanding Member and Best New Member Awards, respectively. These lovely ladies were a driving force behind our success this year.

Kylie Burns

2011 President Oatlands Rural Youth



Sorell Rural Youth



2011 was a rocky year for Sorell Rural Youth.

In May, Southern Region took to Rural Youth Council a proposal to put Sorell Rural Youth into recess for 12 months. The proposal from Southern Region was not accepted, however Council instead put Simone Hayers and Nerinda Lade into the position of Caretakers until the end of 2011 to try and get the club back up onto its feet.

Our first role was to secure funding for the Pawleena Hall. A lot of work was and still is required to be done to make the Hall safe for public use. We were lucky enough to receive a grant from the Sorell Council to an amount of \$1 000 which will be putting towards electrical work in the hall.

In June, we had two members join Sorell Rural Youth that received free memberships from Agfest Feature Tent. These members were Phillipa Green and Kathryn Schroeter. With two new membes it took the total membership numbers to five along with Malcolm Campbell, Michelle Crawford and Sarah Brazendale.

In October, the club held their Annual General Meeting with positions to be carried over until the end of the 2012 year. We would like to congratulate the new Sorell members Phillipa Green and Kathryn Schroeter for taking on some big roles for 2011/2012 as President and Secretary respectively. Simone is currently acting as Caretaker Treasurer until there is a member that is happy to take on the role.



Sorell Rural Youth Continued

With the guidance of Simone and Nerinda confidence within the club has been growing and at their first meeting had some really good ideas for some other ways to fundraise and to use the hall. Since then Sorell members have been busy selling Cadbury chocolates and crushing cans making some much needed funds for the club.

The biggest focus looking forward for the Club is member numbers, so bring on 2012 for Sorell Rural Youth!

Finally, I would like to thank Nerinda for all her help and guidance that she has given to the Sorell in 2011. I would also like to thank Sorell members Phillipa and Kathryn for stepping up and taking lead roles within the Club and to Malcolm for coming along each month with some great ideas for the club.

Simone Hayers

2011 Sorell Rural Youth Caretaker



Tasman Rural Youth



Well where do we start for the 2011 Tasman Report?

After our AGM in December 2010 we started the year with five financial members and only grew by one more throughout the year.

January again saw our sponsorship of the Clayton's Boat Race at the Tasman Regatta our major event for the year; we also ran a stall selling stubby holders and chocolates and had a reasonably good day. Our sixth member Julia also joined up from our membership drive at the Regatta.

Early on in the year we also held another Cryptic Car Rally and whilst we increased our numbers on the previous year we also think a lot more cheating went on this year than the year before. Overall on the day every entrant when home with a prize which was great and hopefully if we run it again next year the numbers will only continue to grow again.

We started the year with no Secretary, when Julia joined she put her hand up to take on the role and then also volunteered to venture off to the State Annual General Meeting (AGM) with our fearless leader Teasha. Julia really enjoyed AGM and took to Rural Youth quite well. Teasha on the other hand did not find AGM as enjoyable after being attacked by mosquitoes and having an allergic reaction the fun soon died out of the weekend for Teasha.

The Region bowling night was probably one of Tasman's highlights of the year. With nearly everyone unable to make it at the last minute it was left up to Kaine and Krystle to win it for the club. Going by the name Team Tasman they bowled the games of their lives to take out the 1st prize in the Southern Region Competition much to the delight of the rest of the club who ended up deciding it wasn't a bad thing that they couldn't make it as it had helped in keeping the average a lot higher.

Throughout the year Tasman Club held meetings both on the Peninsula and in various locations in town. A pizza and mini-golf night at Barilla Putt and Play at Cambridge was one of the highlights of our meetings for the year, along with a club trip to ten pin bowling.



Tasman Rural Youth Continued

Most other meetings held at Gregory's place saw Gregory and Krystle's mum chasing up the things we forgot to bring to the meeting. (minutes of the previous meeting, something to write the minutes on, agenda, bank statements, pens etc). A BIG THANK YOU to Gregory and Krystle's mum for her assistance with the meetings, supplying beverages and snacks, giving up the dining room to hold the meetings and being our Independent Chairperson at our AGM in 2011.

Around the middle of the year we decided to hold a social gathering with our families attending. We went to the Richmond Maze in the morning, followed by a stroll to the lolly shop then onto Barilla Putt and Play for a pizza lunch and a round of mini golf. Despite spraining her ankle at netball the day before Krystle, along with Gregory and Kaine's little brother Tyson were the first to complete the maze. This was possibly made easier by having a six foot male and a small child you could lift above your shoulders to point out the directions.

Throughout the year we have done a lot of fundraising with our chocolate sales as always continuously running and would like to give a special "Thank You" to the staff at LJ Hooker Hobart and Glenorchy who purchased the majority of these from us. Without the support of these two offices our fundraising sales for the year would be very average indeed as would our bank account.

By the time you reading this, 2012 will have started and our annual sponsorship of the Clayton's Boat Race at the Tasman Regatta will have been and gone. In 2012 we have been invited to assist the Lions Club of Tasman and the Tasman Feast Committee with the organisation of the Regatta and Annual Feast as well as running our own bigger and better membership campaign and raffle.

We would like to wish all the other clubs all the best for the new year and look forward to the challenges of 2012.

Teasha Palmer

2011 President Tasman Rural Youth



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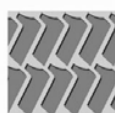
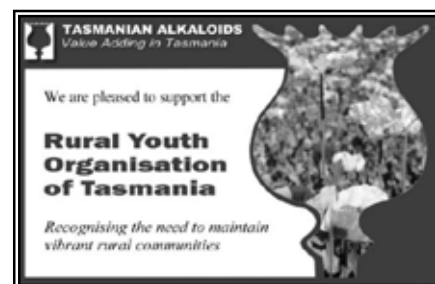


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