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A Quiet Word From The Editor...

**The MARCH NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE is Friday the 19th of
February at 5PM.**

Hi everyone!

Hope the warm weather is keeping everyone happy!

**In the next month we have the State AGM. Hope to
see everyone there.**

**This AGM means it will be one of the last few
newsletters that I will bring you. I hope everyone has
enjoyed looking and reading through them every
month.**

**I must thank Head office though, as they keep me on
my toes with the newsletter! They make the job so
much easier and are always there with an answer.**

Thanks.

Phillipa

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Presidents Report



Shalom.

A Hebrew word that can be used as both a Welcome and Farewell.

It is with writing this report that there comes a sense of sadness, in that I will not be re-nominating for State President in 2016. This decision has not been caused by an individual, but more so myself.

In 2016 I want to turn my hand and commit myself to where my passion sits, somewhere that I have been unable to give my undivided attention to this year, the clubs. Over the past 12 Months, helping clubs has really satisfied me and given me great pride in seeing younger members to step up into leadership roles and take on positions within clubs. This is something I want to encourage and nurture in 2016. 2015 has proven to be a turbulent year, with up's and down's, as well as lots of twists and turns. I believe wholly in the organisation and the future that Rural Youth holds. With that I wish the future State President all the best.

Whoever it may be, I endeavour to support, help, assist and answer questions where possible.

Thank you to everyone who has been a support network for me, from State Council, to members, to the Office ladies who continually answered questions, and of course nonetheless to Karen. You are very dear to me and have provided a great help to me this year.

I thank you very much. This is not goodbye, however simply a change of scenery.

All the best and I will see you in 2016!

Prue Dennis

State President

AGFEST

TASMANIA'S FIELD DAYS

Well 2016 has well and truly begun – boy has January just flown by! Exciting times with much activity happening within the Agfest Organising Committee.

CHARITY OF CHOICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Agfest Committee selected Ronald McDonald House, Hobart, as this year's official Agfest Charity of Choice! We are providing Ronald McDonald House their site and allocation of complimentary passes, the brand alignment as Agfest Official Charity, and a donation from the ATM fees charged throughout the event.

The service that Ronald McDonald House offers during the most difficult and challenging times, when their child is facing chronic illness or serious injury is a godsend to these families. At a time when the families life is turned upside down, Ronald McDonald House is there to help, providing accommodation at little or no cost.

At the end of an emergency flight or a long and arduous road journey, Ronald McDonald House offers a warm welcome, a cuppa and 24 hour assistance. The House becomes a home for families to stay together, at a time of difficulty.

Ronald McDonald House Charities were first established in Philadelphia, U.S, 1974, a journey which began with just one families experience when their 3 year old child developed leukaemia. RMHC has now grown to be a global charity with 358 Ronald McDonald Houses in 42 countries.

Australia was the first country outside the U.S. to establish a Ronald McDonald House. RMH Hobart opened in September 1998 and has since supported more than 5,600 families.

There are many reasons that families need to stay at Ronald McDonald House. Families of premature babies make up the largest percentage, along with families of children with chronic and life-threatening conditions, such as children requiring surgery, accident/trauma victims and mothers with high-risk pregnancies.

The House operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides all the comforts of home. Families can cook meals and do their laundry, similar to their own home. The rooftop garden provides a welcome break for a coffee in the sun or for children to ride a bike or run and climb. This helps to maintain normal routines, which often provides a welcome distraction from the stress of caring for a seriously ill child. Families gain strength from other families staying in the House who may be on a similar journey and they often form long-lasting friendships.

Ronald McDonald House is a non government funded charity, therefore support from the community is vital in helping it maintain its life-sustaining service to rural and regional Tasmanian families.

I was fortunate enough to meet with Penny Richardson, who is the Executive Assistant of Ronald McDonald House Hobart. I was fortunate enough for Penny to show me around the House and see all that it provides to the families.

Agfest extended the opportunity for a charity to become a part of our family and in turn, we are now part of the Ronald McDonald House family.

Stay tuned for some exciting plans in supporting Ronald McDonald House, and maximising the opportunity behind their presence at our event, as well as during the lead up and pack up period.

AGFEST SUPPORTS RURAL YOUTH CLUBS & REGIONS

Way back during our Brainstorming Weekend, we tabled the idea to get behind our clubs and regions to help with their fundraising! Each year, Agfest allocates a “family pass” to each club to do what they please with it. Many raffle these off, or provide in appreciation to someone close within their club that offers support, services or helps out continuously.

Clubs and Regions will be able to opt into this program in selling Agfest tickets on behalf of Agfest, raising funds for their projects/goals! For every adult ticket sold, \$5 will be donated towards the club, and every youth ticket sold will be donated in full to the club.

Next month I will include a list of which clubs and regions are fundraising along with a contact for each club. If you wish to purchase your tickets from a particular club – you can!

COLLECT A CARTON CAMPAIGN – REPLAS!

Replas are a valued sponsor of Agfest Field Days and this year we are engaging with clubs to see how much approved plastic waste we can gather for our collection towards Replas bench seats.

Clubs can start collecting empty 2l milk cartons (washed) in February, until the gates open. The club that collects the most cartons will win a trip to their local bowling centre, free of charge.

Clubs will be responsible for their own tally and again can opt in or out of this fun concept towards increasing sustainability throughout Tasmania!

If you would like to collect on behalf of a Rural Youth Club, please let me know and I will put you in contact with their club representative.

THEME

Our new relationship formed with the sponsor of the Trades Expo, Clemengers, has seen the introduction of the new theme for Agfest 2016, as well as the design set.

The theme for Agfest 2016 is *Growing Rural Tasmania*.

More information will be released on the design concepts over the weeks leading into May– how exciting!

EXHIBITORS

Over the Christmas break our Exhibitor Manager, Tracey Badcock, busily started works allocating sites to the extensive Exhibitor application list! Many thanks to those that provided assistance along the way to get this massive part of lead up to our event completed!

Along with the static exhibits were other areas of the site with exhibitors requiring allocations complete prior to our admin team commencing work after the Christmas period. Special thanks to Simone, Kara, Rosie, Sarah, Kaysie and your assistants for the support in completing the allocations of your areas.

Happy to report that 877 applications on our site is FULL with a waiting list! Announcements will be made last week of January – fantastic way to launch into February.



Ronald
McDonald
House®
HOBART



DISPLAYS & FEATURES

Whilst Tracey was site planning, she made a note of some of the exciting features that Agfest 2016 will deliver to patrons!

The Tasmanian Tractor Pulling Vintage Tractor Association
Working Bullock display – Brian Fish
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Display
Royal Flying Doctor Service Simulator Display
ANCAP via RACT Display
Shannon's Super Rig
Beef Expo
Huon Trail Tourism Feature
Stihl Timbersports
Official Agfest Charity – Ronald McDonald House Hobart
Returning 2015 Best Site Award recipients
MORE seating at the Unique Taste Pavilion with an outdoor seating area

As the 2016 Agfest journey unravels more will be unearthed regarding plans and the features of this event for patrons with the secured information of our demo arenas, including Tas Networks Ag Demo, 4x4 track, Equine, Tasweld Central Arena and Australian Weaving Heritage Display!

TASWELD

Tasweld are offering all Rural Youth/Agfest members an exclusive deal for Steel Blue footwear! Orders will be accepted until 19th February 2016. These are not instore prices. You can only secure this deal by ordering through Agfest dealings. – Please email or text/phone me with your orders – chairman@agfest.com.au or 0418 391 898

Ladies Boots



512702 Steel Blue **Argyle** Lace-up Safety Boots
Black, Wheat or Purple
\$129.00



522760 Steel Blue **Southern Cross** Lace-Up Safety Boots
Pink or Purple
\$139.00



522761 Steel Blue **Southern Cross** Zip-Sided Safety Boots
Sand

\$149.00



Men's Boots



312101 Steel Blue **Hobart** Slip-On Safety Boots
Black, Wheat or Brown
\$119.00



312158 Steel Blue **Parkes** Zip Sided (mid cut) Safety Boot
Wheat
\$129.00



312152 Steel Blue **Argyle** Zip-Sided (bump cap) Safety Boot
Black or Wheat
\$139.00



342360 Steel Blue **Southern** Cross Lace-Up Safety Boots
Black, Wheat or Blue
\$149.00

● **Vacancies** within the 2016 Agfest Organising Committee are;
Safety Director (*voting*)
● Assistant Vehicles Coordinator (Director, Alex Bigham)

● If you are interested in any of these vacancies, please send your expression of interest to chairman@agfest.com.au or text/call 0418 391 898

Coming up we have our **WORKING BEE** scheduled for 13-14th February for the full weekend, and **SITE MARKING** on the 19th-20th March – if you are available for either of these dates please let me know so we can cater for you!

Our to do list includes; rubber matting clean up, pot hole filling, spraying weeds, removal of thistles, dismantle some old picnic benches, remove broken furniture, put some grass seed down, fix some fences, audit of all static toilet blocks and general clean, wash down of craft sheds, as well as some tractor jobs!

Our next meeting is February 19th at the Rural Youth Head Office, 8pm.

Kate Coad
Chairman



Central Highlands Rural Youth

Hi All,

Another busy month, with a few members battling the fires in the area. A very successful January meeting saw us sign up 6 new members.

Welcome to new members: Alex Large, Zoe Brown, Tomas Lawrence, Sam Kemp, Georgia Jenkins and Katie Blackwell.

Four of our members attended Southern Region AGM at the Black Buffalo. Congratulations to our very own Sam Larder who has taken on President & Emma Rayner who has taken on Vice President. Well done girls! Congratulations must go out to Prue Dennis on becoming Secretary and Kaysie Wood on becoming Treasurer.

We are looking forward to running the Hamilton Show Ute Competition, as well as the Dog High Jump again this year. Members are putting their skills to the test and having a go at building our own dog high jump. Stay tuned on our Facebook Page for entry details.

Members are looking forward to AGM in Ulverstone. Good luck to all those standing for positions and thank you to the outgoing executive on a great year.

Next meeting will be held Friday 19th Feb @ President Emma Rayners house, from 7pm for Pizza and Brainstorming.

Central Highlands Rural Youth 'You Get Out What You Put In'



General Manager

February sees the Admin team give priority to Site Allocations and Notifications for Agfest and preparation for the AGM which will be held on February 21 in Ulverstone. There is plenty to do and lots of deadlines to meet, it is a real team effort to get everything over the line.

From a Council and Organisation perspective, to say the year has been challenging would be an understatement. Some of the challenges have been beyond our control and some have been of our own making but with a renewed focus I am sure we will be able to achieve the goals of getting Clubs functioning well, growing membership with members valuing and enjoying being a part of Rural Youth.

As we are approaching AGM can I take this opportunity to thank Prue and her Council for their efforts this year, they have been appreciated.

I look forward to working with the incoming State President and Council – whoever they may be, we have great members with a lot of ideas and enthusiasm – I would encourage you to speak up and share them, may it be at Club, Region or State level – we are willing to listen and want to act! Any contributions our members make are welcome!

Cheers Karen

Southern Region

Hi All,

Southern Region Rural Youth held their AGM in January. The team for this year includes:

President: Sam Larder (Central Highlands)
Vice President :Emma Rayner (Central Highlands)
Secretary: Prue Dennis (Sorell)
Treasurer: Kaysie Wood (Kingborough Huon)

Delegates to State Council:
Sam Larder
Emma Rayner
Anthony Franklin
Chloe Kemp
Kaysie Wood

Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month. Keep an eye on the southern region Facebook Page for more details!

Thanks.

Southern Region.

Tamar Rural Youth

Our members have recently helped some local farmers and local Ag contractor, Spuds Contracting. They helped out around Mt Direction and Pipers River area, with both hay carting and fencing repairs. Rhys and his team from Spuds Contracting will go the country mile to get the job done!

That's all for now!

Tamar Rural Youth



Dorset Rural Youth

Hi Guys,

We held our AGM on Sunday 10TH January. We would like to announce our 2016 committee:

President: Jessica-Rose (Rosie) Forsyth

Vice President: Morgan Barnett

Secretary: Brodie Harper

Treasurer: Morgan Barnett

Best New Member: Morgan Barnett

Outstanding Member: Jessica-Rose (Rosie) Forsyth

Thank you to our 2015 committee for all the hard work last year. We look forward to seeing you all out and about at the rodeos over the coming months.

Dorset Rural Youth

‘Daring to be different’

Western Tiers Rural Youth

Western Tiers kicked off the New Year with a casual club meeting after having a busy festive season at the Bush Inn.

From this meeting, we had several new and perspective members come along to the meeting, which will now hopefully take our little club up to nearly 15 members.

Thinking caps were on and we have a few events in the works for the coming months, first of which will hopefully be a fishing comp and BBQ held in late February.

Next meeting will be held at the Bush Inn Hotel, Deloraine on the 3rd February at 7pm.

President Stuart Cresswell: 0488 666 365

Secretary Kat Cenin: 0429 983 614

Meetings: First Wednesday of every month, 7 pm at the Bush Inn Hotel, Deloraine.



February 2016

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1 Sorell AGM Hagley Club Meeting 7.00pm	2 North Motton Club Meeting 7.00pm Sisters Creek Club Meeting 7.00pm	3 Western Tiers Club Meeting 7.00pm Brighton Club Meeting 7.00pm Tasman Club Meeting 7.00pm	4	5 Oatlands Club Meeting 9.00pm	6	7
8 Circular Heads Club Meeting 9.00pm Devonport Club Meeting 9.30pm Dorset Club Meeting 9.30pm	9	10 7.00pm Agfest Exec Meeting Via Phone Link up Kingborough Huon Club Meeting 9.00pm	11Northern Re- gion Meeting (RY office) 9.00pm	12 Sorell Club Meeting 9.00pm	13 Working Bee Quercus Park	14 Working Bee Quercus Park
15 RYC Meeting (Immersive Rooms UTas) 7.00pm	16	17 Southern Region Meeting Westmorland Club Meeting 9.00pm	18 North West Re- gion Meeting 9.00pm	19 Central High- Lands Club Meeting 7.00pm Agfest Meeting 8.00pm	20	21 RURAL YOUTH AGM
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March 2016

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Policy Speech

State President Policy Statement 2016 – Anthony Franklin

Hi – I just want to start with most of you know me as Turtle but some don't. My name is Anthony Franklin and I am here to ask you for your vote and your voice! I want to be able to take Rural Youth to the next level but I can only do this with YOU, the members - yes that's you! So a bit about myself - I am a full time farm manager of 10 thousand acres, both a major lamb and beef producer in Tasmania. I turn 24 in February and have a real passion for Rural Youth Tasmania and have been a member for 4 years

I was one of the key people that reopened the Central Highlands Rural Youth Club and served two years as their President and now as the Club Vice President and the Club is going along quite well. The Club has done its own fundraising, from bagging up sheep poo and pine bark, to holding a trivia night. We attend majority of the community events where we sold the sheep poo and pine bark, ran ute comps and dog high jump at the local show, but our main goal was to promote Rural Youth and to gain as many members as we could by being noticed in the community. The Club has a monthly event where the members would get together and go ten pin bowling, mini golf, movies, clay bird shooting but most of all get to know each other and have lots of fun.

So now down to business and I am not going to lie - if we, as a team don't stand up and get Rural Youth back on its two legs again we won't have the great Organisation we call Rural Youth Tasmania!

My Grandfather told me a great old saying just the other day and I quote "Why leave it till tomorrow when you can do it today" So I am here to say, why leave it till tomorrow? Let's start today! This year not next!

So I believe that we as a team, with myself guiding us, can bring the fun back to Rural Youth and still get all the hard work done. My goals are to lift our member base, offer every opportunity for the members, provide training and skills that members want, strive to assist other members, clubs and regions to meet their targets, but most of all I want to get around and talk to the members, clubs and regions to see where and what I can help with no problem big or small, and work with them to work towards a solution. Work towards bringing the budget back in the black.

I do believe that we can do this as I have seen it already in the Organisation - with Agfest everyone comes together to put on I believe the best field days in Australia.

So I am here to say let's give it a go! Let's do it today, This year not next. So I just wanted to say thanks for hearing me out and I hope you make the right decision in taking Rural Youth Tasmania in the right direction. That's all from me and I hope everyone has an enjoyable year no matter what role you hold in the Organisation because every one of you are very important!

Cheers Anthony Franklin



**Ever wondered
what being the
“delegate”
on behalf
of a Committee
within Rural Youth
means ???**

**Think of Rural Youth as a skeleton....
Think of the song you learnt in primary school (as below)**

“The foot bone's connected to the leg bone. The leg bone's connected to
the knee bone. The knee bone's connected to the thigh bone.
Doin' the skeleton dance. The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone.
The hipbone's connected to the backbone.
The backbone's connected to the neck bone. Doin' the skeleton dance.”

Well there you have it...

**If you are a CLUB delegate to REGION you are required to
attend region meetings to ferry the information back to the
CLUB.**

**If you are a REGION delegate to STATE COUNCIL or
AGFEST FIELD DAYS you are required to attend Rural
Youth Council and/or Agfest meetings to ferry the
information back to your REGION, that is then fed back to
your CLUBS via your CLUB delegates on REGION...**

What a GREAT Rural Youth “skeleton” we have! ☺

Graeme Tole Award

Find more information in flyer for this months newsletter!!



Training

A stylized illustration of a forklift, shown from the side. It has a white body with black accents, a black seat, and a black steering wheel. The forklift is positioned to the right of the word "Training".

Hi All,

Planning on doing some fork lift training in March/April, I need 10 people to get it at \$280 pp. It will be based in Ulverstone, 2 day course, and payment must be upfront to guarantee your spot in the course. If I can't get 10 people, the price will go up to cover the cost of the course. This can be claimed on your training subsidy. If you're interested, please let me know. Email me at rickyedson@hotmail.com, or message on Facebook.

ATV training, depending on numbers will be considered on running a course at Quercus, if you're interested please let me know and we will sort out a training package.

I'm also looking at running a first aid course in the lead up to Agfest, just going to get some prices from some training providers. Will let you know later on!

Thanks.

Ricky.

Working bee

Quercus Park Agfest Working Bee : 13th and 14th of Feb

This is the next Working Bee on site and there are plenty of things happening. Bring your boots and swag because there is plenty of fun to have, the more people that attend means we can get the jobs knocked over and enjoy ourselves Saturday night!

Please RSVP on the Facebook event page or to Kate for catering,

Hope to see everyone there for an action packed weekend.

Ricky.



Training subsidy

Rural Youth is offering subsidies for short courses to any financial member.

This could be a St. John Ambulance First Aid Course, computer course at Adult Education, or more advanced training from organisations such as the Training Consortium (see www.ttc.tas.gov.au)

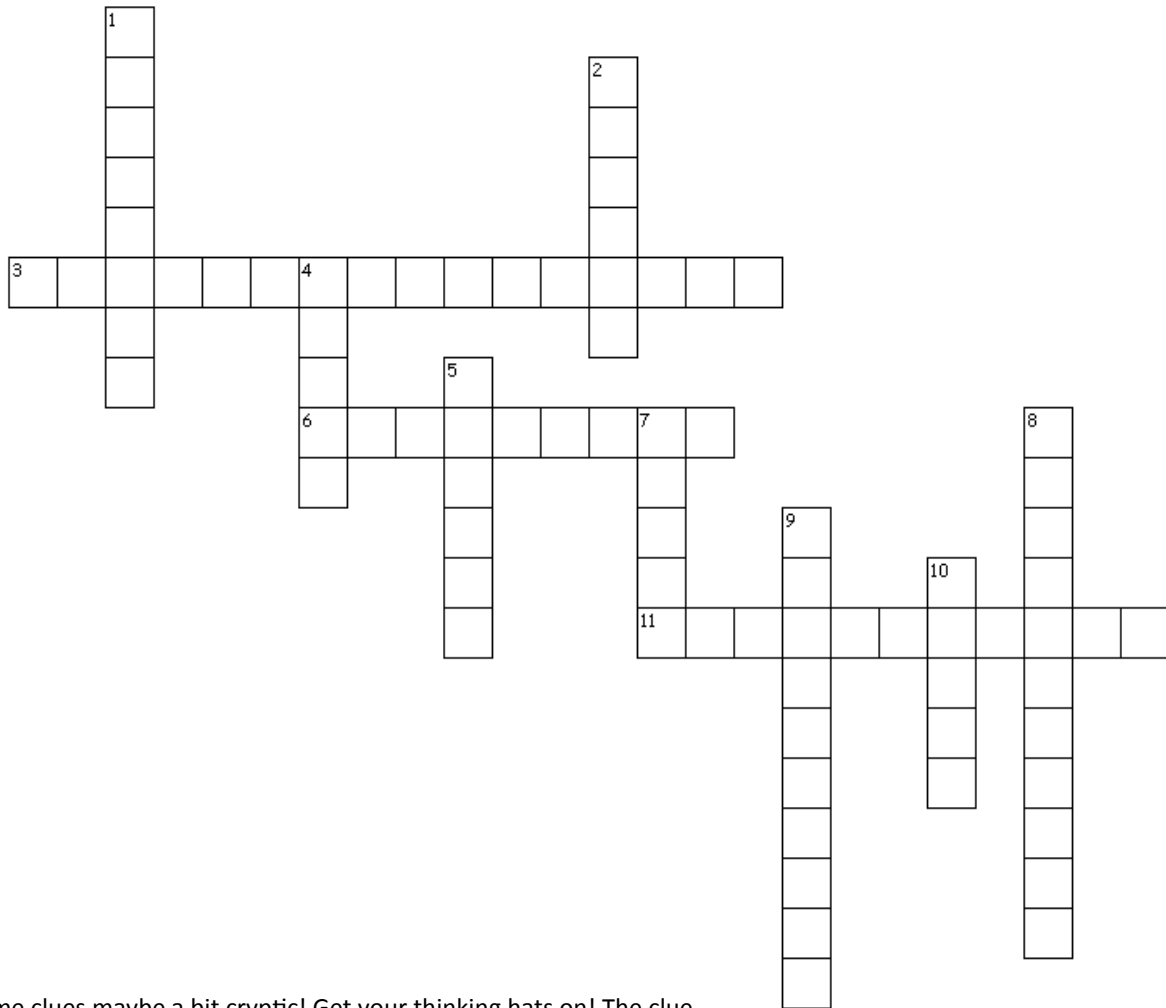
For Example.

Suitability of course is subject to approval, but the Organisation will pay 75% of the cost, with a ceiling of \$200 per member for any course undertaken before the end of this year.

If you would like to apply for a Training Subsidy, please send your application to head office – once approval is made, you will be notified and then reimbursed on presentation of a receipt.



Rural Youth Crossword!



Some clues maybe a bit cryptic! Get your thinking hats on! The clue maybe related to the area the club is in, or the clue can be two words!

Across

- 3. Ouse
- 6. spirt of tas
- 11. Quad bike prize

Down

- 1. In the middle
- 2. Port Arthur
- 4. Finance
- 5. Pawleena Hall
- 7. Senior VP
- 8. Longford
- 9. Newest Club

- 10. General Manager



21ST FEBRUARY 2016 STATE AGM

It's the time of the year for the state Annual General Meeting!

Rural Youth's State AGM

Will be held on Sunday the 21st February at the Leven Yacht Club
9am arrival for 9.30am start and 2.30pm (approximately)
finishing time.

Tea, coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided!

For Catering RSVP to Jake Williams on 0400 901 810 by
Wednesday the 10th February.

Note – There will be no charge to attend this year's AGM.

**North West Region
presents**

State AGM 2016

**Come along and
have your say!**

No Cost!

**Lunch and snacks
provided!**

**WHERE??
ULVERSTONE YACHT
TIME? 9AM-230PM**

DIAMOND



SAPPHIRE

Betta MILK

RUBY



PLATINUM



GOLD



POLARIS



SILVER

