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## *State Ball 2016*

Study Tour Announcements made... Look inside!



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Reports from our  
Clubs & Regions

Rural Youth Tasmania is jam packed with photos and stories for the month of July... Including photos from the 2016 Agfest Dinner, celebrating an amazing event! Also, photos from the 2016 State Ball, upcoming events such as Young Farmer Run Offs and Agfest Brainstorming!

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Hi All,

Another month has flown on by! First of all, congratulations to Southern Region on organising State Ball in Port Arthur at the Prestigious Lavender Farm. State Ball was held on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> June and was a fantastic night with sixty-six members attending, which is fantastic!! I had the privilege of attending the tour through the Powranna Sale Yards as a part of the Study Tour selection process and I must say that all members in attendance were well presented, engaging with the tour guide from Roberts and asking a lot of questions, which was great to see. Thanks Prue Dennis for all your work on organising and congratulations to those winners, which I'm sure Prue has included in this edition of the newsletter.

As I am writing this newsletter report I am also typing a 1000 word essay for the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program, which my Junior Vice President Kat Cenin and I are attending from 26<sup>th</sup> June until 1<sup>st</sup> of July. We are excited and looking forward to what we can bring back to the organisation from this jam packed 5 day program. We will have a more detailed report in next month's addition of the newsletter, so stay tuned!

I am looking forward to attending the field day that Agricultural Industry Director Mark Griffin has organised for the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. It will be starting at JBS Swift Meats in Longford at 12.30pm, doing a tour of the production line, then heading into Elizabeth Town to the Ashgrove Cheese Factory for a cheese making master class. Full details are listed elsewhere in this addition of the newsletter. I encourage you to come along— it will be a fantastic day and a great opportunity for all members to experience. Also, Rural Youth Council have a Brainstorming/Succession plan building day scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> of July at Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick. More details to be confirmed, information will be conveyed to members ASAP. I encourage you all to get on board both of these days, a great weekend to be had by all. For more information, please don't hesitate to call me on 0409 3161 58 or email me at [statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au)

As this will be the last newsletter before Agfest AGM I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Coad, Agfest Chairman, and her outgoing committee on a very successful Agfest 2016. Each and every one of you, who either took on a directorship, parked a car or volunteered as a past member in the ticket box, are invaluable to this organisation and I thank you! Also well done to Ebony McConnon on organising the Agfest Dinner for 2016 - this again was a great night had by all and a huge congratulations goes to Brett McKenzie on being awarded an honorary life member award! I speak for both myself and Kate/the organisation when I say this award was long overdue; a surprise well kept by all involved, well done Brett. I also wanted to take a minute to welcome our new staff member, Skye Cusack, and encourage anyone who may be heading into head office or phoning head office to welcome her to the organisation.

As previously mentioned, there will be a Strategic Planning & Brainstorming Day on Saturday 9th of July, 10 am at Quercus. We will have a facilitator and we will provide lunch. There will be activities incorporated into the day, as well as talking about Blazaid etc. We are also looking to appoint a Working Bee Coordinator/Property Management Director onto RAC, State Council and Agfest Committee.

Please contact me to RSVP or for more details—would love to see you out at Quercus for the day! Visit Facebook for more details: [www.facebook.com/events/621699164647625](https://www.facebook.com/events/621699164647625)

EMMA RAYNER  
State President  
0409 316 158







State Council had their last meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June in the Immersive Rooms at the University, which allows us to see members face to face using a video link up between North, South and North West Regions, which saves members traveling and has proven to be more effective. All directors are doing a fantastic job.

A few updates are as follows:

- Northern Region have done a fantastic job organising the dog high jump and ute comp at the Campbell Town show, as well as trying to bring back some major social events for the organisation.
- Southern Region have done a fantastic job organising State Ball at Port Author with sixty-six attendees this year. Fantastic to see, well done to all those involved.
- Rural Youth Exchange Director, Prue Dennis, has been flat out organising Study Tour Interviews and Selection Day. Well done to those who applied, I'm sure Prue has a full list of winners within her report.
- Agricultural Industry Director Mark Griffin has organised a Field Day, which will be held on the **8<sup>th</sup> of July**. Starting at JBS Swift Meats in Longford at 12:30pm, for a 1pm tour through the production line. After, everyone will move to Ashgrove Farms in Elizabeth Town to learn about their business model of producing their own cheese 'paddock to plate' style, taking a look at their farm operation and the factory and learning about the beef side of the operation. There will be a meat inspector present to teach participants about grading livestock in a sale yard environment. This is a great opportunity to see one of Tasmania's premier family businesses in action! Please come along on the 8th of July from 12.30pm please RSVP to head office by Monday 4th July.
- Communication, Newsletter and Social Media Director Ebony McConnon is doing a great job implementing the new template of newsletter, which is now emailed rather than a hard copy (with the exception of those few past members who receive it via snail mail). This has really improved the engagement of members—the amount that is being submitted each month by all clubs is fantastic! Also, you will notice we are working on updates for the website and social media.
- Young Farmer Director, Ashley Evans, has region run off dates and venues confirmed. Please see the flyer in this edition of the newsletter for more information.
- Rural Youth are having a Brainstorming/Strategic planning day on the **9<sup>th</sup> of July** 10am at Quercus Rural Youth Park Carrick. More details / the agenda will be conveyed to members in the coming days. Please contact State President Emma Rayner on 0409 316 158 or email [statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au) for more information.

**The next meeting of Council will take place on Saturday July 23 at Head Office commencing at 10am and concluding 3pm.** As discussed earlier in the year; instead of our usual meeting, a one-day workshop will be held focusing on improving financial and business skills to assist with completing your roles within the Rural Youth / Agfest committees, including meeting preparations, minute taking and budget setting exercises.

EMMA RAYNER  
State President  
0409 316 158



## A TRIBUTE TO DON AND GWEN HAZELL

It is with great sadness and regret that Tasmanian Rural Youth note the passing of Mr and Mrs Don Hazell, two wonderful supporters of this organisation, and parents to a family of four brothers — including Wesley, a highly respected past RY member.

Don started his working life on a small farm. He purchased a truck at a young age, starting a transport business with his brother Rowley in 1944, the beginning of the renowned company still operating today, *Hazell Brothers*.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Gwendoline Smart, in 1949. During a wonderful life together, they became very proud parents to Robert, Christopher, Geoffrey, and Wesley. Both Don and Gwen Hazell were wonderfully generous supporters of not only their own, but also the wider community. They were very active volunteers, and were involved in many different organisations — including Lions, Northwest Bay Golf, and the Kingborough Council, where Don served for a period of 22 years, including 6 years as deputy mayor and 7 as Mayor.

Honesty, hard work, and integrity were the values they lived by always. This have been respectfully recalled by many family friends, and past and present employees, since the passing of Mrs Hazell on June 10 and Don on June 14.

Both Don and his wife were keen supporters of Rural Youth. Their fourth son, Wesley, joined the Kingborough Huon club in the early eighties. He quickly became a driving force in the club's activities, serving as president (among other positions), whilst also serving on the Southern Region committee and as a delegate on State Council, winning the Outstanding Member Award in 1983. He went on to become State President in 1985, a Service Award winner in 1988, Agfest Chair in 1990, and was presented with life membership in 1994.

Wesley's parents were always interested what was happening in the Organisation. They were supportive and welcomed many Rural Youth visitors into their home over the years. Don was an active supporter and helper with Agfest in the early days, and served as Patron from 2013 to 2016.

Don and Gwen will be long remembered and respected as great characters, and terrific Tasmanians, and we pass on to the Hazell Family our sincere condolences at this sad time.

May you both rest in peace and be proud of a, "Job Well Done."

Noel Beven  
Advisory Committee Chairman

## GENERAL MANAGER

This month Rural Youth are holding the first of what we hope will be many industry tours. Mark Griffin, in conjunction with Paul Bennett, has organised a tour of JBS Swift Meat, with a meat classing demonstration; from there everyone will move on to Ashgrove Cheese for a tour, masterclass and a BBQ to finish up the afternoon. It is on Friday July 8, starting at JBS Swift Meats Longford @ 12.30. If you have any questions or would like to attend, ring Head Office on 6331 6154 to register.

Study Tours selections were completed on Saturday 25th June before the State Ball. Noel Beven was one of the judges and he wanted to pass on to all how impressed he was with the enthusiasm and dedication of all the candidates. Congratulations to all of those who were successful, we look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return. Study Tours are a wonderful opportunity we offer our members – I would encourage you all to consider applying in the future.

Some bright person once said, 'with great privilege comes great responsibility' - I would ask you remember this when you hear of the next working bee at Quercus Park. We are lucky to own and have the use of this property, but we need to ensure it is valued and maintained. Don't leave it to the same few, if you can spare some time please come along and give us a hand.

Agfest's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday July 1 – I congratulate this year's team for what they achieved and look forward to building on that great work with the 2017 Committee.

Finally, thank you to all who continue giving their time to organise events such as the Agfest dinner and State Ball for our organisation – your efforts are much appreciated.

Regards Karen



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**General Manager**  
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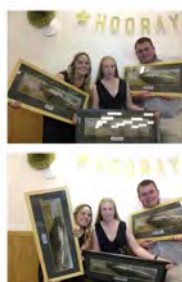
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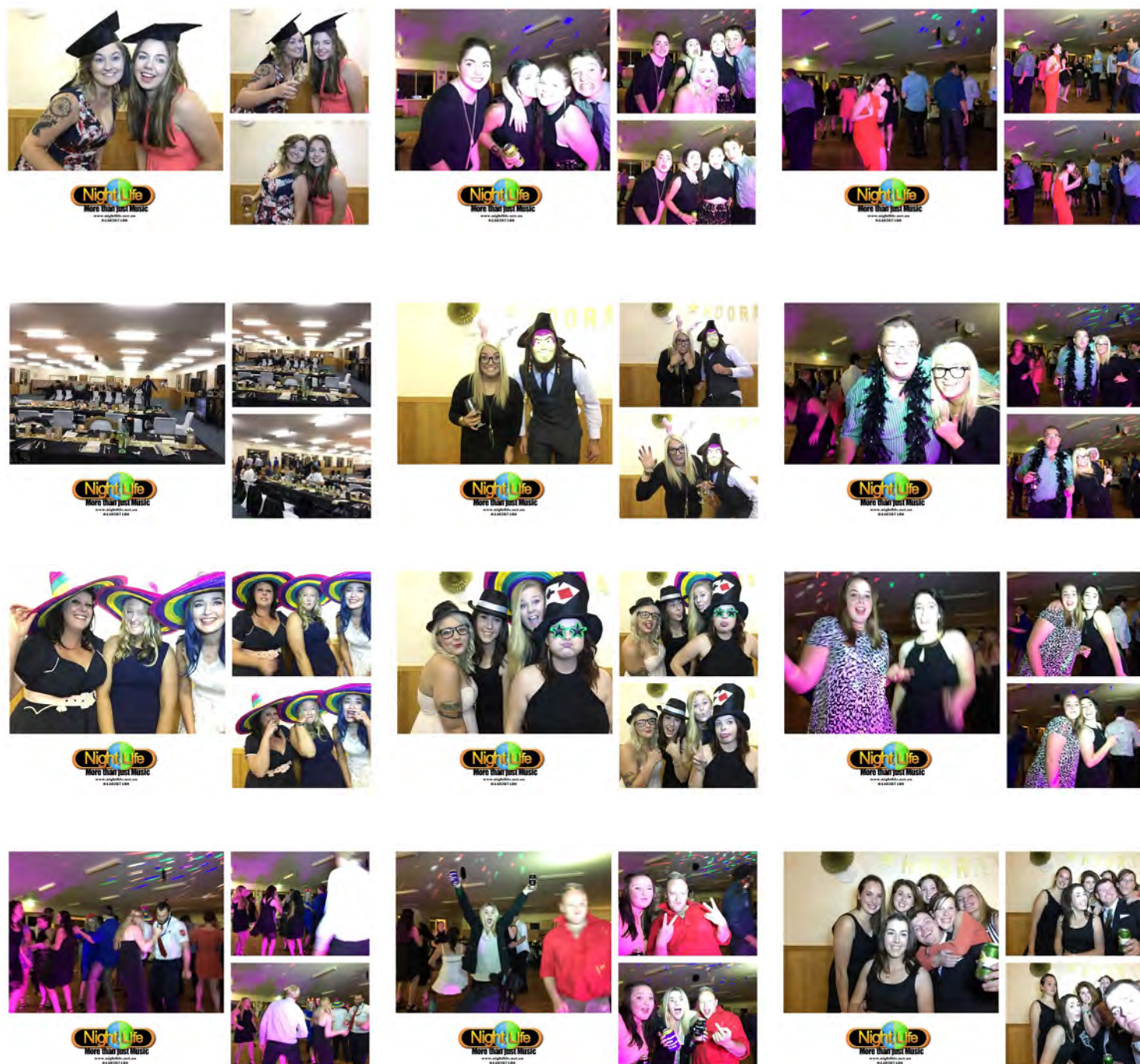
Here are a few snapshots from the Agfest Dinner, I hope you all had a blast! It was fantastic!

Agfest AGM is Friday 1st of July at Head Office—hope to see you all there! Get your nomination forms for Agfest 2017 in as soon as possible too! A working bee is happening at Quercus the same weekend.

Until next month,  
Kate







KATE COAD  
Agfest Chairman  
0418 391 898





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Agfest AGM	2 Working Bee	3 Working Bee
4	5 Western Tiers - Bush Inn	6	7 Hagley - Hagley School Farm	8 Oatlands - Woodys Skate Centre  State RY Field Day	9 State RY Day at Quercus  Sorell RY Working Bee	10
11 Sorell - Clubrooms	12	13	14	15 <b>Newsletter Reports Due</b>	16 North-West Region YF Run Offs	17 Southern & Northern Region YF Run Offs Northern Region - Newstead Pub
18	19	20	21	22 Southern Region Social Night	23 State Council at HO	24
25	26 Central Highlands - Bush Inn	27	28	29	30	31



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## SOUTHERN REGION

What a crazy month we have had in Southern Region! So many clubs doing some amazing activities and so many more in the planning for the coming months. Most clubs this month managed to add new members too.

Southern Region hosted the 2016 State Ball this year at the Port Arthur Lavender Farm and what a night it was. A fantastic evening was had by all — with plenty of drinks, laughs and the odd shake of the tail feather on the dance floor. A massive thanks to the one and only Ebony McConnon and her sub committee for all the hard work and effort that went into planning such an amazing event! It was truly a night to remember. Thank you to everyone one who came along and helped us celebrate what has truly been an amazing year for Rural Youth Tasmania thus far. We cannot wait for what the rest of the year has in store for us all. Any photos you have and wish to share, please post them on the Southern Region Facebook page and tag your friends.

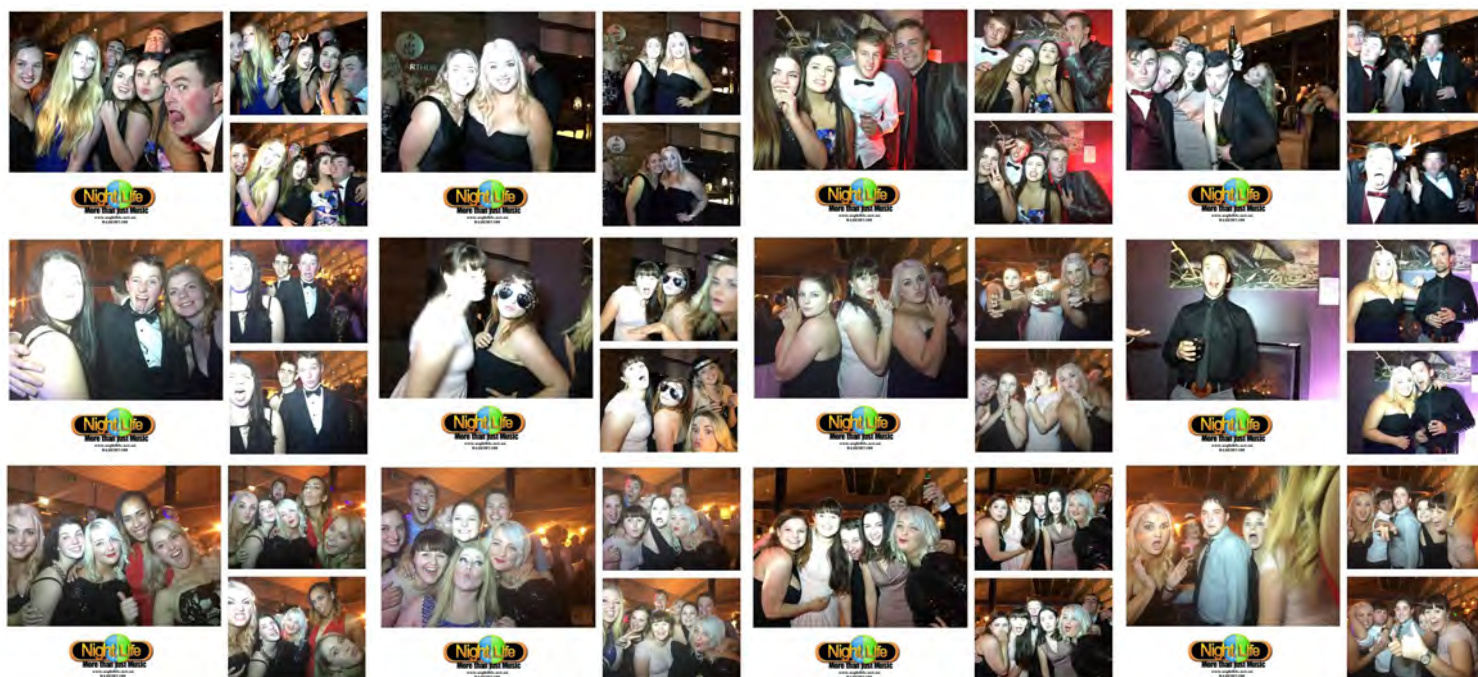
Our next meeting is the 22/07/16 at a venue to be advised. As we are all going out for dinner we would love to see some new faces attend for what will be a nice, relaxed night with mates and dinner. Hope to see you all there.

Cheers everyone for a great month.

Next Meeting: Friday 22nd July TBA  
President: Dave Lucas - 0459 467 282



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## SORELL

Sorell Rural Youth have had a busy but exciting month!

June 12<sup>th</sup> saw us hold a Working Bee at our beloved Pawleena Hall, a place not frequented by the club for quite some time! We are excited to announce we are back in the hall and loving it! It holds so much character and when we were there for our last working bee, we discovered some history! Our next working bee is planned for July 9<sup>th</sup>, commencing 12pm, with some fun and activities to be had at the hall once work has finished. We plan to have a potluck dinner in the hall, and stay the night there. This is an opportunity for all Rural Youth members to come along and join in the fun with the rest of the club.

Sorell Rural Youth had a ball at State Ball, with all puns intended! We had a great showing of members, with all in attendance having a grand time! There was a montage of photos taken by the photo booth which provided some great laughs the day after. We all had such a great time and for that we thank Southern Region, especially Ebony McConnon, for all the efforts put into the event. It was a grand success. We look forward to future events with the Sorell Membership!

Key Dates: Working Bee 9<sup>th</sup> July

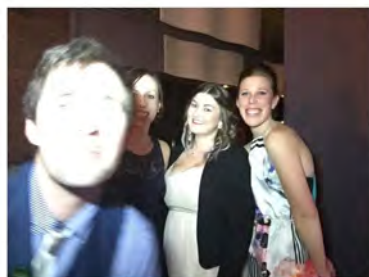
Catch you all soon at our next meeting or gathering!

Next Meeting: Monday 11th July at Pawleena Hall, Pawleena Road Sorell  
President: Prue Dennis – 0407 207 694



## KINGBOROUGH-HUON

So Kingborough Huon Club has been socially busy this month! We held our club meeting at the Duke of Wellington where we had a quick meeting before participating in the pubs monthly quiz night. Despite not winning the quiz, it was a good fun evening with many laughs had.



In the weeks following the Agfest Dinner, some of us caught up at Simone and Ben's new place for a games night. We also visited Bree and Nick's new place in Bagdad for a house warming party. Some unfortunate events followed, mainly a power pole falling over and leaving the party in darkness. Mikey saved the day by having a generator in his Ute and as such the party went on. Well done to Bree and Nick on purchasing a home together and to Simone and Ben on building a new home. We look forward to creating many more memories with you guys in your new homes.

At our club meeting we moved that the club will cover \$50 of the expenses involved in attending state ball. As such, over half of our club made the trip down to Port Arthur on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed a good meal and as usual our club owned the dance floor. Many silly photo booth pics have since surfaced!

We congratulate all those members that were granted Study Tours at State Ball, especially those who have in the past given much to our organisation. With many of our members having previously travelled abroad we know the excitement that is travelling to another country, representing Rural Youth. To the younger members that were granted this once in a lifetime experience, we wish you luck and hope the trip inspires you to return home and give back to our organisation by stepping up and using the experiences gained to spread the word of Rural Youth.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to seeing you at Agfest Brainstorming and Young Farmer Runoffs. As yet, our next club meeting has not been set, but keep your eyes and ears out for its location. For more information on the meeting, contact club Secretary Chloe Kemp on 0428 262 648.

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Nicole Elliot – 0400 566 259



Hello all! Once again, another full on month for the Central Highlands gang! We've welcomed new member Laura Rainbird, making our financial member count 21! We will be having a working bee next month, and afterwards a club outing bowling. We are looking forward to seeing everyone with their bowling shoes on, showing us their skills out of the rural community. We should have a 'bowl' of a time!

Our club is also running a Trivia Night at the Ouse Bowls Club on the 20th of August, for a fun night of trivia and an auction to raise money for the club.

Our secretary has just returned from China, her blonde hair seemed to be a hit in a country where blonde does not come naturally! It was a very eye opening experience and great to see their way of dairying.

Next meeting:  
Tuesday 26th July  
at the Bush Inn  
President:  
Emma Rayner -  
0400 242 477



**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm-11pm**

Join CHRY for a Trivia Night and Auction, to raise money for the club, win some great prizes and most of all have FUN!

**The location is the Ouse Bowl Club**

**The cost is \$50 per person.**

(Includes your entry, a 3 course meal and nibbles)

No ~~efpos~~ will be available on the night.

Music, meals and drinks will be provided on the night. Drinks will be available from the bar.

Tables of 10 - a deposit will be needed by the 13<sup>th</sup> of August - \$250 for a table or \$50 a head

There will also be an auction, all money will go towards our club so we can continue to try our hardest to help the community!

Feel free to contact our Club Secretary, Zoe Brown for more information or our Facebook page

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(Landlubber terms will be included in brackets)

## Day 1

On March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016, at 1500 hours, I arrived at my home for the next 11 days - 44 meters of steel hull, 32 meters of masts holding 511 square meters of sail, a square-rigger to be shared by 23 youth crew, 3 supers (navy staff recruiting to the ship) and 9 staff.

Stepping aboard Young Endeavour, I couldn't resist looking aloft (above deck, into the rigging) to where a stunning entanglement of steel, rope and canvas hung silently. As intrigued as I was to learn the ropes and decipher the pin-rails (where the ropes are held fast) there was a pipe (a message over the loud speaker) to be at amidships for a briefing. Kenny, our soon to be Sail Master, addressed us about close quarters living, the location of our racks and separated us into our watches (red, white or blue). I was now a part of the illustrious white watch, consisting of 4 gents, 4 ladies, 1 super and our fearless watch leader, Adam.



We cast off-lines at 1600 and made way from Williams's Town wharf to Hobson's Bay, where we were to anchor for the night. We unpacked our one bag and surrendered our phones to be retained in the black box and returned at the end of the trip. At amidships we played some ice breaking games to get to know one another till dinner is piped - "white watch to dinner". As we made our way into the mess area, we were greeted by the rich smells of dinner to be. Our resident chef Jenko had cooked up a storm! Sticky pork ribs, steak with a mushroom sauce and vegetarian fried rice, all served with fresh vegetables and followed with a mixture of desserts, including apple crumble, fresh fruit salad and ice cream. After having second helpings, we returned to amidships with our harnesses in hand. Kenny, accompanied by Taffy (the boat master) and Sumo (the ships bosun) briefed us about safety when laying aloft (climbing the rigging) and how to wear the harness. Shortly after, our watch leaders rocked off (a rock, paper scissors game), to see who would climb first. Finally, we climbed to the top-gallant yard (the small one at the top). Sitting on the yard feeling slightly unstable, I look around to see the city lights and the navigation markers of the port. Shortly after being back on deck after our first night climb, a pot of hot chocolate was there to warm us before bed. The gents had the 12-berth cabin in the fo'c'sle (forecastle- the forward part of a ship with the sailors' living quarters), where we slept three racks high crammed into the bow.

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## Day 2

At 0630, Kenny wakes us with his wakey wakey pipe and a morning song to muster us on deck, where we are introduced to early morning activities to get us moving and switch our minds on. After another outstanding hot breakfast from Jenko, the youth crew mustered on the port side of the bridge, for the colours ceremony (Raising the flag and national anthem) and morning brief.

We weighed anchor (lifted) and made way towards the heads of Port Philip Bay. Shortly after, we conducted “Happy Hour”, a military grade ceiling to floor clean of the ship that opened the youth crews’ eyes to a navy run vessel.

After lunch we learnt the ropes and completed our first setting and furling drills. Given the heat and lack of wind, Captain Gav made the call for the crew to have a swim. Motors off and sails furled (packed away), the ship drifted silently as we dived off the bowsprit. Everyone splashing water everywhere cooled us down and left us refreshed. At 1800, we exit Port Philip Bay and enter Bass Strait, where the waters are known to be rough. We set a course for Wilson’s Prom.

The watches on deck have started. Some below trying to sleep for the early watch, some dreading the midnight shift, others on the gunwale (side of the ship) feeling a little queasy and a few burleying the ocean.

## Day 3

Following our morning routine of “Happy Hour”, Taffy introduce us to the “rules of the road” at sea, teaching the youth crew all about the different types of navigational markers, lights and how to interact with other vessels. Later that afternoon, Kyle, aka Fabio (the ships navigator), showed us the ways of navigation and how to plot our position. By the time Kyle’s presentation concluded, we had rounded Wilsons Prom. Climbing aloft and sea furling the sails, we made way into Refuge cove. Once safely at anchor, Kyle gave a short brief on safety when at anchor and how to conduct night watch.



## Day 4

We awoke to slightly overcast weather. Although the weather was a little miserable, we piled into the ship’s tender and went ashore. Once ashore, many of the youth crew ran to hug a tree, thankful that the ground was no longer moving beneath their feet. With the crew split into three parties, we went our own ways, walking the tracks to the lookout and other beaches. While waiting for the tender

to return, we played beach games to kill the time. Once all the crew were aboard, we weighed anchor and set sail, heading north up the coast.

## Day 5

Throughout the night, we experienced over 30knts of breeze and some rougher seas, with many scrambling for sick bags again. After our morning regime of a brief and “happy hour”, we set sail and with the conditions easing, Kyle gave a presentation on meteorology. We learnt about highs, lows, how the weather systems move and their effect on our sailing.

## Day 6

Waking to light conditions, we motor-sailed into Twofold Bay, where we set anchor for the day to explore Eden. Visiting Eden’s famous whale museum, we learned about the whaling industry and the legend of Old Tom, the killer whale that helped the whalers round up and catch the other whales within the Bay. Following dinner, we weighed anchor and set sail once again, departing Two Fold Bay and continuing our journey north. Later that night, White watch were again on duty, continuing the ship on its path north. Gliding through the sea, when we climbed aloft in the darkness to see the stars from the yards, we were fortunate to see another wonderful sight. Three dolphins swam towards the ship’s bow, illuminated by the phosphorescence and darting towards the ship like torpedos. Dancing in the bow wave, they played as we watched



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from aloft.

## Day 7

In true Navy style, our breakfast, morning brief and “Happy Hour” were all conducted on time. By now, all the youth crew had it down-pat. Each watch was called on deck to conduct Captains setting and furling drills. Captain Gav oversaw proceedings as we worked the ropes and set the sails to ensure that the watch can safely work. With all watches passing the drills, we continued motor-sailing north up the NSW coast, until we entered Jervis Bay. Taking advantage of the strong breeze and small swell, we demonstrated our skill in tacking the ship as entire crew. We set anchor again, to stay for the night just off the shore of Long Beach. Once again we piled into the tender and were taken ashore, where we all played beach games and swam. As the afternoon passed and the sun had set, we returned to the ship for another amazing dinner. After dinner, we sat on deck watching our movie for the night, “Around Cape Horn”, a film from the 1920’s about a gigantic tall ship transporting goods around Cape Horn.

## Day 8

We woke to an incredible sunrise on deck. Shortly after, we got under way and pointed south to Green Patch, where we anchored for the day, allowing time to fix the fridges. The youth crew were sent ashore for more team building games and on return were briefed by Capt. Gav on command day and our crew election. Later that evening, we were given an hour to conduct an election for various ship responsibilities. I was voted as Captain and although daunted by the task, was chuffed that the crew had confidence in my knowledge and skills. At 1000hrs the following day I was to be given command of the ship.

## Day 9

At 0930 the crew were gathered amidships for command day proceedings, where Capt. Gav handed over the command day instructions and “the telescope of challenge”. I became Captain Tobias for the next 24hrs. After reading the instructions and challenges, the youth command team (Navigator, sail master, watch officer and myself) hatched out a plan for each task. Completing as many of the tasks listed before our departure, we advised the staff that we were to weigh anchor at 1515. On time, the staff weighed anchor to military precision at 1515. With the wind in our favour, Patt, our Sail master, commanded the crew to safely sail from our anchorage and on to our first waypoint. Passing within the required distance, we changed tack and set course for the heads of Jervis Bay and before the conditions worsened, I sent Blue watch aloft to set lose the square sails, in knowledge of our course change in a few hours. Once Blue watch were safely back on deck, we heaved on the lines and pointed closer into the wind and swell, heading for waypoint 2. With a stiff breeze of 25kts and 2m of swell we pushed on to the east, losing sight of the coast for two hours. Rolling and bouncing in the swell our youth crew chefs in the galley were learning that cooking at sea is an entirely new challenge, where pots and pans jump off the stove on the larger waves. Dinner served and bellies full, we push onwards into the night to waypoint 2. Informed of our course change from my navigator Cal, we altered course and set our sails to the new wind direction. After discussing my over night plan with Meg, my Watch Officer, I retired to my rack for some shut-eye. Grabbing a few hours sleep at a time, I periodically made my way to the bridge to check our progress and tweaked the ship for maximum speed.



## Day 10

Watching the sunrise over the ocean, we sailed closer and closer to waypoint 3. Our chefs served another fantastic breakfast and we followed routine and conducted “Happy Hour”. As time pushed on, we grew closer to Port Hacking and passed through Waypoints 3 and 4. At 1015, I handed command back to Capt. Gav so the staff crew could safely anchor the ship in the bay. The youth crew officially handed the ship back at 1400 hours, with the telescope changing hands. We were

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stood down until dinner for a good afternoon nap, recuperation for those who got little sleep during the rough weather.

### Day 11

Our final day had arrived. The staff crew woke early to weigh anchor and make way for our 18nm journey to Sydney Harbour. After our final clean of the ship, we packed our bags, rugged up for the wet weather to come and returned to deck for a short brief on proceedings. As we entered the harbour we climbed aloft in torrential rain, manning the yards, a tradition for a square-rigger when entering port. Motoring up river we pass Garden Island and under Sydney Harbour bridge. On the loud crack of the signal gun, the ship turns and makes for Garden Island where we are to dock. After docking, the crew presented each of us with a certificate for our journey and congratulated everyone on our teamwork and spirit. Saying goodbye to the ship and crew was hard. Even though it was only 11 days we had all formed a bond, not only with each other, but with our Nation's beautiful ship.

I strongly encourage anyone who is able to join the ship for a voyage to do so. It is a journey of a life-time. Not only do you learn to sail a square-rigger, but you learn about yourself, how to push your own limits, to work as a team, and complete goals and challenges.

- Tobias tenBensel.



After departing Hobart on 19th April I was excited by the adventure ahead.

Touch down in London at 5:10am 20th April only to be held by immigration for 4 hours (this was all part of the experience I guess, the guard that stopped me didn't understand an exchange program) - all good things now in place for those exchanges in or out.

I spent my first week just looking around the local sites and visiting the home of Cambridge University. The second week I spent in Wales where I experienced every winter weather you can get; hail, sleet, snow, wind, rain etc. I got to look around the national park, visit a lavender farm and some lovely little towns.

My third week I spent in Leicestershire — where, if you haven't seen world news, have won the football league for the first time in over 100 years. I also visited Stratford Upon Avon, where Shakespeare was born.

I attended the Young Farmer AGM convention which is a three day event and over 6000 young farmers. They showcase their final dram-s, choir groups and ballroom dancing performances to compete for a national title. The little town of Blackpool did not know what hit them for three days.

I am now currently in Northern Ireland where I have been to a two day Agriculture show and Giant Causeway, and lots of local towns.

The time is flying by and it won't be long until this opportunity of a lifetime is over. Anyone that is thinking about an Exchange, I say do it. You will not regret the experiences and friendships that made for life.

- Babette McConnon





# CANADA

## Quick Update:

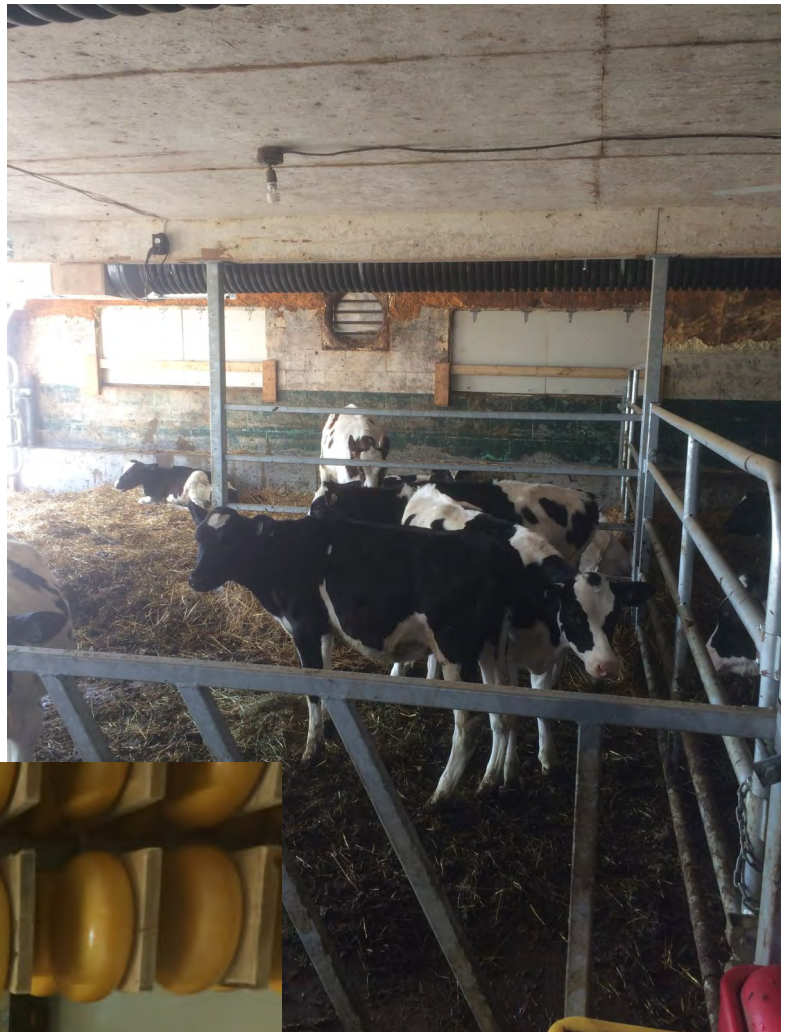
On the 21st of May, I left Tasmania to travel to Canada.

What an amazing four weeks I have had.. From lots of farm tours (dairy, cropping, even water buffalo!), a trip to Niagara Falls, a few cheese factories and even a moonshine distillery; I have had an interesting and thoroughly enjoyable time!

I have made friends with people from many other countries — including Germany, Switzerland, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England!

Applying for a Study Tour was easily one of the best decisions I have ever made and I would strongly encourage anyone who is remotely thinking about it to do it! Will give a bigger report next month when I am home!

- Phillipa Green



## NORTHERN REGION

Hi All,

Northern Region has been busy lately with a successful day down at the Campbell Town show; with plenty of Utes showing up and plenty of dogs competing.

Now we are busy planning the Young Farmer Dinner, which is looking like it is going to be another great night for people to attend.

Northern Region had a good show of people down at the State Ball, where everyone had a great time. Also well done to all the winners who won a Study Tour and the ones who got a self nominated Study Tour too.

Our next meeting is on Sunday the 17th July at the Newstead Pub after the Young Farmer Run Offs, so I hope to see you all at Young Farmer Run Offs then at the pub afterwards for a feed and a drink.

Any queries don't hesitate to contact me.

Next Meeting: Sunday 17th July, Newstead Pub

President: Stuart Cresswell – 0488 666 365



## WESTERN TIERS

Hi All.

Western Tiers has been going well.

We have some up coming events happening soon, so we will keep you posted on when they are.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 5th of July. Located at the Bush Inn at 7pm. Everyone is free to come along for tea.

Any queries don't hesitate to contact me.

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th of July at the Bush Inn 7pm

President: Stuart Cresswell – 0488 666 365

Hi All,

A little bit has happened in the last month.

The first thing was collecting our old caravan (yay!!!), with all sorts of exciting pieces of history and way too much mouse/rat poo. Thankfully, though, there were no live rats, or even dead ones... so far at least. We will be holding a working bee to get inside of the caravan sometime in the next month.

The second thing — which is just as exciting — is that after quite a few years, Hagley Rural Youth will finally be back in Hagley! This has been a main priority for the club this year.

Our next meeting will be held at Hagley Farm School on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 7pm for a 7:30 start.

On another note, I would like to clear up the rumour about our club holding bull light bash again. This may disappoint a few, but at this point it is simply a rumour. We currently have no intention, or even the capabilities, of running an event of that scale. However, stay posted for something smaller (but hopefully just as fun!!) coming everyone's way.

Cheers

Next Meeting: Thursday 7th July at Hagley School Farm at 7pm

President: Jacqui Hodgkinson – 0429 524 243





## NORTH-WEST REGION

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Jake Williams – 0400 901 810

## NORTH MOTTON

Hey Guys!!

North Motton has been busy this month; with us going away for the long weekend to Blythe Park Scout Camp, where we all had a great time relaxing around a fire and catching up with everyone.

This weekend we are holding a canteen at our local endurance ride as our annual fundraiser. As a club we love to help out in our community where we can and this is just one way we get our name out there!



State Ball came and went to quick with 12 members making the long trip down to Port Arthur, where we had an amazing time - so thank you to Southern Region for putting on a top night. Congratulations to Brigid Worldon for winning an Exchange Trip to Switzerland and a Jillaroo School in NSW - well done, you deserve it!

Another congratulations goes to North Motton's Bachelor of the Year, Peter Damon, who jetted off to New Zealand to try and win a lady's heart. Peter competed in modules very similar to our Young Farmer Competition and from what we know he did quite well,. He will be back in the state soon to give you his full report.

We welcome new member Joseph Armstrong to the club, who also attended State Ball with us and quickly found out how fun we all are.

Cheers!

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Ethan Williams – 0448 320 628

PS. Nearly all of us made it back from Port Arthur in one go... Except for... Jake he had to be different (hahaha) ———>



## KING ISLAND

Hey everyone over the Straight,

We were able to decide on a colour for our club shirt, which have now been ordered! So we are waiting with huge anticipation to see our members in their shiny new shirts!

We have been invited to join a committee to establish the first ever King Island Sheep Races in the near future, which will be an exciting endeavour!

Next Meeting: Thursday 14th July at the King Island Club at 6:30pm

President: Josh Taylor – 0419 987 791

PS. Huge congratulations to all the Study Tour recipients from all of us here on the Island!

## DEVONPORT

Devonport Rural Youth held their monthly meeting on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, where William and Dayna gave a report of their time at Agfest, which they said they enjoyed.

Discussion also circulated the room about holding another Ute Show at the Devonport Show this year. An email was received from the Devonport Show Society, stating that due to last year's success they were extremely interested in us holding it again. Plans are underway to gather sponsorship and prizes. Get in contact with our President, Adrianna Pott, or Secretary, Mitchell Grey, if you know of anyone willing to help us out. Whether this be monetary or product, or if you can do so yourself, don't hesitate to flick us an email: [adrianna.pott@altagenetics.com](mailto:adrianna.pott@altagenetics.com) or [mitchell.grey@bigpond.com](mailto:mitchell.grey@bigpond.com)

We will also have a few committee members heading to Macky's Hotel in Latrobe this coming Thursday to sit in on the North West Regional Meeting, where our club has an event idea to propose towards the committee and other clubs. So stay tuned!

That's all from us for now!

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Adrianna Pott - 0407 931 826

## STUDY TOURS

What a month the Exchange Program has had! June has seen the departure of 3 of our 5 international incoming exchangeees, with the departure of one of our own as well!

We have been blessed to have hosted our international girls this year. They provided us with a taste of their lives back home, while we accepted them into ours. We are ever grateful to have these experiences.

June also saw the selection of our 2017 outgoing exchangeees as well and we had nominations across the board this year to fill most of our exchanges on offer for 2017.

An application package was circulated around with the June edition of the newsletter combined with promotion of the selection day on Facebook; it was promoted to all financial members of Rural Youth. This year, we had on offer exchanges to the UK, Switzerland, Sweden, Austria and Norway with the opportunity for self nominated tours and the Young Endeavour.

For Rural Youth members to apply for an Exchange, they must complete an application form, submit a letter explaining their desire to apply for an exchange, provide information of their personal background and endeavours and their involvements and aspirations with Rural Youth; Past, Present and Future. they must also attend an ag tour, of which they must complete a report afterwards.

This year the Tour was held at the newly finished, Multi Million dollar Roberts Ltd Saleyard complex at Powranna. Here they were guided through the facility by Roberts State Livestock Manager, Warren Johnston, where they were privy to behind the scenes areas and inside information.

From here they went away, blessed with new information, and wrote a report. The following weekend was selection day!

The Saturday of State Ball, applicants arrived at the Roberts Ltd offices at Cambridge where they were interviewed by Kate Coad (past member, current Agfest Chair and past State President), Noel Bevan (first Agfest Chairman, past member and current Advisory Chair), David Dunn (past RAC Representative, Agfest Chair) and Kristie Williams, the branch manager of the Roberts Cambridge store. We are privileged to have these people who can help us out in these situations.

Feedback gained from the judges was well received as always, as this helps benefit applicants in what they need to know, in preparation for if they are selected to go away on exchange.

This year our applicants were Ebony McConnon, Brigid Worlton, Tobias TenBensel, Zoe Newman, and William Craigie. Unfortunately, Alex White withdrew his application at the last minute for personal reasons. This year we have allocated 2 Self nominated exchanges and 4 international Exchanges.

This year we are pleased to announce the following allocations.

Ebony McConnon - Self Nominated to attend the AAFDA Conference. Proudly Sponsored by Vermeer

Brigid Worlton - Self Nominated to attend Leconfield Jillaroo School. Proudly Sponsored by Vermeer.

Tobias TenBensel - Norway International Exchange. Proudly Sponsored by Betta Milk.

Zoe Newman - Austrian International Exchange. Proudly Sponsored by Kennedy's Welding.



## STUDY TOURS

Will Craigie - United Kingdom International Exchange. Proudly Sponsored by Tasmanian Country.

Brigid Worldon - Switzerland International Exchange. Proudly Sponsored by Betta Milk.

Traditionally, Rural Youth has only ever awarded 1 exchange per applicant, but this year the judges made a decision to award Brigid Worldon with the opportunity of a life time. They awarded her with her Self nomination request to attend Leconfield Jilaroo School, but they also made the executive decision to send her to Switzerland, thus keeping with the theme of Rural Youth Growing future leaders. They wanted to see Brigid flourish and thought this the best opportunity.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the incredible sponsors that provide us with such amazing opportunities. Without them, we could not provide these Exchange Programs to our members.

Betta Milk, Tasmanian Country, Kennedy's Welding Supplies and Vermeer. We are so privileged.

So you're thinking of applying for an exchange next year? Well here's your opportunity to begin planning! If you need any more information then please feel free to ask.

In closing, we have not allocated anyone to the Young Endeavour as yet for the coming season. This will, however, be readvertised and given the exposure and promotion it deserves.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out with the exchange program, Kate Coad especially. As a past co-ordinator she has been a source of bountiful knowledge and a great assistance to me.

Prue Dennis

Exchange Program Director





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# **Region Runoffs**

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**North – Jacqui Hodgkinson ([hagley.ruralyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hagley.ruralyouth@gmail.com))**  
Date – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
Kick off time – 10am  
Venue – Quercus Rural Youth Park

**Northwest – Renee Latham ([reneelouise98@gmail.com](mailto:reneelouise98@gmail.com))**  
Date – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
Kick off time – 8am  
Venue – Mackena's farm (131 Gawler Rd, Gawler)

**South – Prue Dennis ([pdennis@robertsltd.com.au](mailto:pdennis@robertsltd.com.au))**  
Date – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
Kick off time – 10.30am  
Venue – Pawleena Hall, Pawleena



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## **Rural Youth Tasmania Presents:**

### **Ashgrove Farms & JBS Swift Meats**

**Friday 8th July 2016**

**12.30, JBS Swift Meats Longford**

**Processing facility tour & meat classing demonstration**

**2pm, Ashgrove Farm, Elizabeth Town**

**Factory tour, cheese making master class + more.**

**BBQ at 5pm by Rural Youth Tasmania and Ashgrove Farms.**

**RSVP Monday 4th July to:**

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## Rural Youth Tasmania Presents

### JBS Swift Meats & Ashgrove Farms

**When:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

**Where:** 2 Tannery Rd, Longford TAS 7301 'JBS Swift Meats' &  
6173 Bass Highway, Elizabeth Town, Tasmania 7304 'Ashgrove Farms'

**Time:** 12:30pm - 5:00pm Barbeque to follow

Come along for an afternoon full of fun and learning at one of Tasmania's finest family owned business'

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A poster for the Rural Relief Fund Flood Appeal. The background is a silhouette of two men shaking hands in front of a sunset sky. A tractor is visible on the left. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Over the past few weeks our offices have seen an increase in activity from those affected by the recent severe flooding seeking assistance, guidance and financial support. Our Rural Relief Fund has to date dispersed in excess of \$100,000 in crisis relief to farmers and their families, and demand for our rural financial counselling service has spiked with a 25% increase in demand.

The public response to the crisis has been encouraging with the Rural Relief Fund appeal receiving donations from across the country. Donations can be made at selected IGA stores, local ANZ bank branches, directly through our website. We have been particularly humbled by the number of community groups, schools and service clubs staging their own fundraising drives for the Fund.

If you know of anyone whose property has been affected by the floods, the recent dry conditions and/or the milk price reduction we encourage you to suggest that they contact us on 1300 883 276 or 6334 3295. Additional information is available on our website – [www.ruralbusiness Tasmania.org.au](http://www.ruralbusiness Tasmania.org.au)

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