

July 2018

Newsletter



2018 / 19 Memberships

Please remember all memberships cease on June 30, 2018 and all new and existing members are welcome to join online via the RY website:



www.ruralyouth.com.au/member-renewal-sign-up

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Save the Date:

Rural Youth Tasmania AGM & Agfest Annual Meeting, September 15 @ Quercus Park. All past and present members welcome.



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Rural Youth—State President

Well, we're half way through the year and under the new structure that means one thing... the AGM is sneaking up on us and positions will need to be filled. This includes 1-year board positions, State President and Vice President, as well as directorships. If you're keen to get involved, put your hand up to take on a role. AGM is 15 September.

Congratulations to all the members who have taken on roles within clubs. It's great to see so much enthusiasm for roles. We'll be holding a training session at Quercus on 16 September for all office bearers. This is all about how to do your role and what to expect. If you have a role I encourage you to come along.

We currently have members all over the world, enjoying their study tours. With Ethan Williams in Canada, Nicole Elliot in America and Peter Damen in the U.K. Rural Youth is well represented across the world. Have fun guys. It's also great to see the exchangees getting around Tasmania exploring the state and meeting members.

This month I had the privilege of representing Rural Youth at the annual Queen's Birthday celebration at Government House. All funds raised went to supporting the Royal Flying Doctors. We are proud to have Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner as our patron for Rural Youth.

Don't forget about the Young Farmer competition. Semi Finals are on 1 July. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to show off your agriculture skills and knowledge, or come along to support competing members.

Ashley Evans

Rural Youth State President

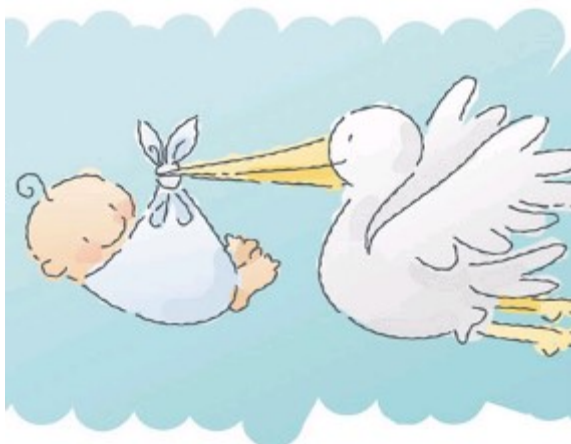


Ashley and Caine at Government House

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ashley and Caine Evans on the safe arrival of their son,
Morgan.

The Rural Youth Community wishes them well in their new role as parents.



CEO

SHHH..... THE CEO IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE AND HAS LEFT LINDA, SELENA AND VICKI TO SUBMIT THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER REPORT.



July has arrived and so has our new financial year. Budgets for the next 12 months will soon be set and memberships for the new year are now due.

We are excited to have TP Jones & Co on board as a new sponsor and the naming rights sponsor for the Young Farmer of the Year Competition. Good luck to everyone competing in the Semi Final on the 1st July.

On Monday July 2, we welcome new staff member Ellie Fielding as our new Rural Youth Administration Officer.

Karen returns from Annual Leave on Monday July 9 and Selena commences leave on Monday July 9 for 2 weeks. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 18, via the Immersive Rooms at UTAS.

AGFEST BRAINSTORMING 2018

Quercus Park—Function Centre

3-5 August 2018

Hosted by the 2018 Agfest Committee

All Rural Youth members are welcome, RSVP to RY Head Office on 6331 6154 or email admin@agfest.com.au no later than Wednesday July 25. Free to members, however if no show cost of meals will be invoiced.





2018

YOUNG FARMERS

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See website for more information & entry terms & conditions.

ENTER HERE:

www.ruralyouth.com.au/youngfarmeroftheyearcompetition

OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE AGED 15-30

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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STUDY TOURS



Elaine Crozier from Northern Ireland

Elaine is an assistant hatchery manager and has held public relations officer and secretary at both club and county level. She is currently county secretary and has taken part in most of the YFCU competitions and was awarded a Gold Duke of Edinburgh award in 2017.

Elaine would like to gain more knowledge of how the Young Farmer organisation operates in another country and to experience the typical Australian lifestyle and get to see the hidden treasures of the country which may not always be known to tourists.

Helen Denton — United Kingdom

Helen is employed as a dairy farmer, milking cows, calf rearing, record keeping and general stock work. Helen has been a member of her club for nine years and has held many different roles including secretary, program secretary and chairman. She has also competed in many competitions at county level and up to national finals. Helen sees this exchange as an opportunity to experience the way of life and agriculture in Tasmania. Also this is a great opportunity to explore the local area and tourist attractions.

Natasha Losso — Italy

Natasha is currently a student, studying a Bachelor of Arts, Translation Studies (Austria). Natasha is a member of IFYE. She would like to get to know the Tasmanian culture and experience farm life and also visit places such as Port Arthur, Bay of Fires, Freycinet National Park and Bruny Island just to name a few.

Shona Graham — Scotland

Shona went to Bell Baxter High School and then went on to study Physiology and Sports Science at The University of Glasgow. She has been a member of Bell Baxter Young Farmers clubs for eleven years and is now a committee member helping to organize events for the club. She currently works on the family farm which fattens cattle and sheep and they also grow vegetables and cereals. Shona would like to learn about the thriving beef industry in Tasmania and would like to compare techniques used against the systems in Scotland.

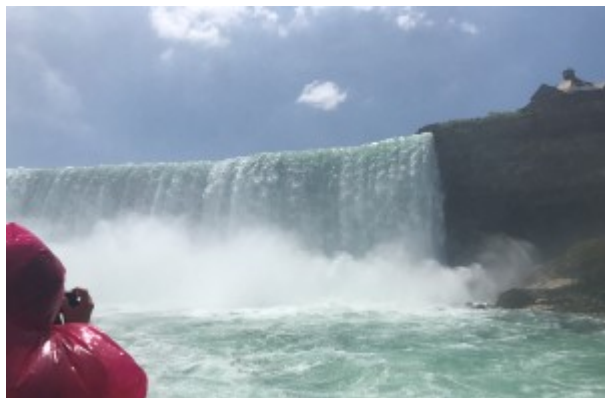


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STUDY TOURS



Canada — Ethan Williams

What a month it has been over here! I left Sydney on Friday 25th of May at 10am and with all the flying and time difference I landed in Toronto at 4pm. At the airport I met Sarah Teefy (Exchange Director), Hazel from Scotland, Julia from Germany and Simone from Austria we then set off to our host Matt Smith in Hamilton (Wentworth Niagara club). Saturday, we set off for a tour around the town while Matt went and collected Adam from England, Severyn from Switzerland and Laura from Northern Ireland.

This week brought us plenty of farm tours including dairy, beef and pork and the best was seeing Niagara Falls. We did a full adventure pass which was a cable car over whirlpool bay, a river walk alongside the fastest rapids in the world a boat tour on the Maid of the Mist taking us right up to the bottom of the falls and a movie on how the falls was created back in the ice age.

Week 2, I stayed in Waterloo club with Nic Weber, this included a grain factory tour learning about the Mennonites and how they farm, St Jacobs market, a car rally and ice skating, I soon learnt that I wasn't any good at keeping my balance on ice.

Week 3, I stayed at Crystal Blakes in Perth County, was a chilled out week doing a few farm tours, an escape room, spending a lot of time at a cottage on Lake Huron watching the sunset and relaxing, a learn to dance night where we had to learn a classic 2 step. I also drove a fair bit this week what a challenge that is trying to stay on the opposite side of the road!!

Week 4, We stayed with Tina Wark in Grey County one of the members have a cottage on a small lake, so we stayed here all week. We adventured a lot this week doing a heap of hiking to see different parts of the Bruce Peninsula, over hanging rocks, massive clear water bays and plenty of small caves that aren't made for me to be climbing through!

That's it for now guys hope you guys are enjoying the cold while I enjoy nice 30-degree heat.

Cheers Ewilly!!!!

KENNEDY'S



STUDY TOURS

UK — Peter Damen

I set off on the 11th May on my big journey, part of which was onboard an A380 airbus, a massive plane which made the 30-hour transit time to Belfast Northern Ireland more bearable. In Belfast I was picked up by Hannah (host) and Amanda the Canadian exchangee who was also staying with Hannah's family. From there we went straight to Kilraghts Young Farmers club sports day where they had about twelve clubs competing in sports matches consisting of senior boys, junior boys, senior girls and junior girls. This was followed by tug of war competition. Fair to say they take tug of war very seriously! Everyone wears belts that support their back as well as professional boots with good grip and support. The next day I visited some Game of Thrones locations including the iconic dark hedges. That afternoon we went to David Jaimyson's farm who was growing a lot of potatoes. Due to the challenging climate they grow early potatoes under plastic which was interesting. We met up with the other exchangees, three from Wales and one from England and that night we went to a Northern Irish Young Farmer "BBQ" which is very misleading as there was not a "BBQ" inside, just a chip van and over five hundred young farmers crammed into a farm shed converted to a large party hall. Amanda and I switched hosts that night with an "actual BBQ" and went to Richards house who was just down the road. His parents ran a large dairy, milking two hundred and fifty cows and he worked at a large feed mill. The next day we looked at several dairies and beef operations and went out for lunch. Unfortunately myself and three other exchangees who ordered the same meal all got food poisoning the next day. The next day we were supposed to check out Richards feedmill where he worked and then I was to jump in a lorry to head to Belfast to look at one of the biggest grain import handling sites of Europe, but we were too sick to do this. Young Farmer had a factory tour organised at Dunbia a very large abattoir and butchery which are separated into two buildings. It was very impressive and different to Tasmania.

From Richards we went to bowling and dinner, then swapped Hosts to Ian Walker. His family also run a dairy, milking two hundred and fifty cows permanently indoors. The timing was terrible as Ian's mum was unwell family so I spent time helping on the farm feeding out and cleaning up. I also visited a milk robot farm that uses Ograze mower which cuts and collects fresh grass in one go. Then toured Armagh where we looked at the Protestant and Catholic cathedrals which was a huge contrast. The Catholic was very extravagant, with huge expensive art designs through the whole church whereas the Protestant was equally as big but focused on commemoration of soldiers and battles with huge shrines and platoon names stuck to the wall. The next day Amy and Becky took us to South Ireland to Dublin and toured the city and went to the Guinness factory which had the best tasting Guinness I have ever tasted! The next day Amy took me on tour and we went to Gill Fresh Produce who had a large vegetable farm, vegetable packing facility, anaerobic digester and green house complex. Most of the vegies were imported from England and Europe and repacked for Irish supermarkets.

The anaerobic digester is a power plant which runs off methane generated by decaying plant mass starved of oxygen. Most of the vegetable waste went into this as well as over 500ha of prime agricultural ground which is silage and fed into the digester to rot. Huge "green energy" subsidies are given to feed these large generators. The excess heat from these generators were then used to heat the glasshouse complex which grows many types of ornamentals for the landscape supply stores. Amy then showed me around her farm and on farm store. The next afternoon we went to the farm next door which is owned by John Best, his son Rory is a very famous rugby player that plays for Ireland. John manages 500 hectares of cropping, fattens beef cattle and has his own waste recycling plant. He aims for very high yields of wheat oats and rape.

He mixes his own liquid fertiliser and has a full time spray operator applying fertiliser and fungicide. He also has a side business where he gets paid to take green waste from councils. He has a large grading trommel to separate sizes which he then composts for 4 months before applying to his own fields.



Cont.... Peter Damen Report

This puts a lot of plastic in his fields but makes them very carbon rich and fertile for good yields. He also owns shares in White's Oat Flour Mill which processes over 100 000 tonnes of oats each year for breakfast cereal. Through his inside contacts we were able to get a tour of the plant the next day after milking.

Overall Northern Ireland was predominantly intensive livestock which are mainly kept indoors and is heavily reliant on subsidies to keep profitable. There were some small pockets of cropping but due to the wet weather it is very risky. Anaerobic digesters are very popular and are tying up a lot of land for power generation and the country is increasingly reliant on grain imports for stock feed. These generators would be great in isolated parts of Australia which have plenty of grass for silage such as along roadsides or processing plants that produce a lot of excess organic waste.

When I arrived in Exeter, Richard Tucker the chairman of Devon Young Farmers picked me up and took me on a tour of his one hundred and fifty cow dairy farm where he and his brother worked. The next day it was Young Farmer Devon County Competition Day. Colin and I helped prepare and set up for the competitions at this event, including clay bird shooting, fencing, ATV handling, tractor handling, stock judging, valuation (guess the value of farm land and farm machinery), workshop (metal fabrication), pallet design. There was a big celebration at the end of the event. The next morning, I was up early to clean up and take down direction signs on highways and then off to start milking at a neighbour's Jersey farm who was away on holiday.

Wednesday, we tried silaging again we got about 40 acres done but failed once more with a small patch of rain. That evening we went to a dairy stock judging course organised by a local Young Farmer club. The next day I was dropped into the local village and visited the local markets.

On Saturday night we went to a Young Farmer foam party which involved a large shed with a giant foam machine hanging from the ceiling. The next day we went to the South West region finals for stock judging, tug of war, welding and fencing. Winning this comp means qualifying for National Championships. Both the Devon boys and girls tug of war teams performed strongly with the boys winning and the girls coming second, I then said my goodbyes and went on the train to Stafford.

The next day we visited Nottingham University 6.3 million robot farm and followed by a Young Farmers BBQ where we fixed a bed for a bed race for later that week, dismantled a float which was used the week before at a show. The next day we went to Greys spud farm, this is a very large potato growing property and has a grader and cool store for fresh market and processing potatoes for fries and crisps. His potato grading plant uses a lot of power, so he also owns a large wind turbine to help offset this.

He was also leasing ground to Paul from New Farm Produce a large vegetable and fruit producer with over four hundred staff. The entire farm was poly tunnels growing cherries, green asparagus, strawberries and blueberries and raspberries. It was a very intensive operation with many different variations of trestle designs for fruit within each polyhouse. That evening Helen Phillips took us to a water buffalo farm with Paul's brother.



Cont.... Peter Damen Report

The next day Luke Hardy the local agronomist took me with him and we travelled to various wheat, barley, potato and field bean fields. One of the biggest issues facing local farmers was herbicide resistant blackgrass. It was prolific at many farms and rampantly getting out of control. Many other weeds are also becoming herbicide resistant and out of control.

The EU chemical regulators have delisted many chemical options and has left a lot of farmers bitter as their options no longer work effectively. That evening we went to an abattoir with Luke and his dad this was a newly built facility which was designed to be world class. The loading areas were designed to cause minimum amount of stress on livestock.

The next day Mike an Uttoxeter young farmer took me to his workplace at JCB heavy products factory where he is a hydraulic engineer designing new hydraulic systems. The factory was enormous. Most of what JCB produces is made to order. They assemble tracked and wheeled diggers and excavators from 10-50tonnes. The machinery was insanely massive. We started the tour in the metal fabrication where they had extremely heavy duty benders and CNC machines where they then assembled parts into enormous jigs for spot welding which were then welded properly by large mig welder robots. They had around ten of these welding robots on site. The mig wire was large and was fed from a 200 litre container. The fabricated parts were then sandblasted and painted on two very large conveyor lines. We then went to the assembly line where there were four very big conveyor lines for different products. Around four hundred people worked at this plant from a total workforce of around four thousand in the UK. He explained the new EU emission standards which are about to come into effect. They are moving from level five to level seven. Level five is what can be commonly found in new European which have added blue (or liquid urea) t4final is the new standard for anything over 45 horsepower. This is basically an after burner in the exhaust pipe to burn up particles. Both the urea and diesel afterburner increase net emissions as nitrous oxide (higher greenhouse gas than co2) and extra co2. It is only really making the exhaust fumes cleaner in terms of particles of carbon.

The next day I stayed at Richards house which is a free range egg farm. He took me to a grazing robot farm and an organic beef farmer nearby. Fair to say I was very surprised how lenient organic rules are in the UK. Organic beef producers can buy conventional beef steers and feed them 95% organic food for six months and sell them for organic beef. They are also allowed to drench them for worms instead of strip grazing and breaking life cycle. The following day at Richards, we were fortunate enough to experience an array of electrical problems which sent alarms nonstop to Richards phone due to rcds tripping out cooling fans and feeders in laying houses. We still managed to check out a local fruit/vegetable farm and a pheasant rearing facility at a game lodge which we were having county bed races later that evening. We went back and packed eggs and spread chook manure which automatically gets scraped and moved with a belting system. At the bed race I wasn't expecting to be racing as I was hoping to leave that to the younger members but was roped into doing the race feeling very unfit and running in heavy work boots. We then went to Emily and Eves cousin Alice's 24th birthday party that evening and had a great time which involved a game of pass the parcel which Alice's mum included questions about Tasmania which I only managed to get two of the questions correct.

The next day it was goodbye and on the train with Mike to Edinburgh.



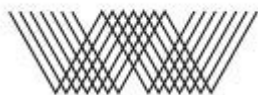
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Club Reports

NORTH MOTTON

We held our AGM on 21st June, congratulations to

Renee Latham—President,

Jake Williams—Vice President

Ryan Langleigh—Treasurer

Georgia Pearce—Secretary

It's been a quiet month for North Motton, we've all been a bit busy and winter making us want to go into hibernation mode but we've passed the shortest day of the year so the days are going to start getting longer, which means more time for activities and fun. Our club is planning on making a trip down to Port Arthur around early October for a couple of nights, we are going to put our brave faces on and go on a night ghost tour in the historic site! Our next meeting we are going to laser tag in Burnie to test our fitness levels, but then treat ourselves to some Cold Rock afterwards, I think we'll deserve it! I see us doing a lot more fundraising and fun events in the future and I look forward to my time as President. I would like to thank my club for giving me this opportunity.

KINGBOROUGH-HUON CLUB

We held our AGM on the 11th of June - what better way to finish off a long weekend?! Congratulations to the new club executive:

President - Tobias ten Bense

Vice President - Edwina Johnson

Secretary - Dylan Bellchambers

Treasurer - Jocelyn Patmore

We wish them the best of luck in their new roles!

A huge thanks to the outgoing leadership team. They've done a fantastic job and all our members are extremely grateful for all the hard work they've put in over the past few months and years. Special thanks to Simone for hosting the meeting!

Our next meeting is yet to be decided, but we're keen to go to Zone 3 or check out the escape room. We'll keep you posted! We're also looking forward to Young Farmer and hosting Natasha next week.

As ever, hope you get a boot out of life!

Lucy Bain



Club Reports

HAGLEY CLUB

It was a great turn out to Hagley's AGM held at the Westbury Fire Station, where all positions were up for grabs.

A massive congratulations to the following on their positions:

Club President - Matthew Wadley

Vice President - Rhys Mills

Secretary- Jackie Harvey

Treasurer- Bella Skipper

We're currently organising a car rally for our next meeting Friday July 6th.

Cheers,

Jackie Harvey

OATLANDS CLUB

Thursday 21st June we held our AGM at the Oatlands RSL. We had an awesome turnout with all current members in attendance plus an extra four guests for the evening. Thanks to Ebony for being our independent chair and also a huge thanks to Penny Scott for being our auditor of the books. Also, we would like to thank Rev and Linda for coming down to be a part of our AGM.

We had all current board positions up for election once again. We are thrilled to announce Brady Robins has stepped up from Vice President for 2017-18 into the role of Club President, taking the reins from Phil McConnon who has made an outstanding contribution to the club during his time as President. Joel Watson has came into the Vice President position while Joe Burbury was re-elected as Secretary and Catherine Scott also re-elected as Treasurer. Thankyou to past board members on a terrific effort over the last year and congratulations to newly elected board members. We would also like to make a mention to two new roles within the club, Camden Turvey as assistant to the Secretary and Will Stone as assistant to the Treasurer.

We would like to thank everyone throughout the local community of Oatlands and surrounding areas for the continued support of our club and we are looking forward to working with you all further into the future!

Brady Robins - 0437111327

Joel Watson - 0455121262



Club Reports

WESTERN TIERS CLUB

This month has been a busy month for Western Tiers. We are holding our AGM on Tuesday the 26th June, after our meeting on Tuesday the 5th. At this meeting on the 5th, we were lucky enough to have two members from the Deloraine Craft Fair committee to come and put a proposal to the club for this years event. Western Tiers has also been approached once again by the Deloraine Show Committee to be a part of the show once again.

These are some big decisions for our club to make over the new few weeks, and they are also great opportunities. We are so grateful to these local organisations for their support of the club for another year.

During June, we have also been lucky enough to have Natasha Losso, Swiss exchangee staying with Kat and Stu for a bit over a week, as well as a visit from Shona, Elaine and Helen for a night of fun before they headed off. Western Tiers wishes these three UK 'Paddy' girls the very best with their next adventure, and we hope to see you again soon. Western Tiers look forward to showing Natasha how we do things at our AGM at the end of the month.

Our AGM is being held on Tuesday 26th June at 7pm at Kat and Stuarts house in Deloraine.

Our next meeting is Tuesday the 3rd July, 7pm at the British Hotel, Deloraine.

Thanks,

Kat Cresswell

Secretary 2017/18



Upcoming Events



Saturday, August 11 commencing at 6:30pm

Cost: \$20

Dress: Semi Formal (no denim)

All Rural Youth members are welcome, RSVP to RY Head Office on 6331 6154 or email admin@ruralyouth.com.au no later than Friday August 3, payment required on RSVP & no refunds given.



IMPORTANT DATES

June	All Clubs to hold AGMS
1/7/18	New Membership year begins
1/7/18	Young Farmer Semi Finals
21/7/18	Hagley Club Mystery Bus Tour
3-5/8/18	Agfest Brainstorming
11/8/18	Young Farmer Finals
11/8/18	Young Farmer Dinner
15/9/18	RY AGM and Agfest Annual Meeting



2018—2019 Entertainment Membership

2018-2019 Entertainment Books

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Hobart and Launceston books are available for sale, and also books for all other states, plus Bali. Follow the online link above, and browse all the available books.



July 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Semi Final YF
2	3 Western Tiers Club Meeting - British Hotel Deloraine @ 7pm	4	5	6 Hagley Club Meeting—Car Rally	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 RY Board Meeting	19	20	21 Hagley Mystery Bus Tour	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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