



# RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA

DEVELOPMENT - SOCIAL - OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 2016

## AGFEST 2016

**We came. We saw. We conquered.**



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Reports from  
our Clubs and  
Regions!

Check out the June Issue of Rural Youth Tasmania - loads of articles inside - including information on Young Farmer Run Offs, Rural Youth Exchange and State Ball!

Hi All,

First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you who volunteered your time for the Agfest Field Days 2016. Over the three days I was stationed in the Rural Youth Feature Tent working alongside director Alex White who, may I add, did an amazing job over the three days. We managed to sign up thirteen new members to the organisation, which is exciting for the direction in which we are heading: 'Developing the Rural Youth of Tasmania'.

Over the three days I was fortunate enough to meet some past members of the organisation and I thank those who took the time to come and introduce yourselves, have a chat and share many stories and offer support and advice. I was also fortunate enough to meet with Guy Barnett who is recognising the Rural Youth Organisation during Volunteer Week. I also had the opportunity to do a radio interview with Brian Carlton, which was broadcast live from the Agfest site. Also, meeting Will Hodgman was certainly a highlight - I was very fortunate to be able to steal half an hour of his time to have a chat about the organisation and the many wonderful things we are achieving and planning for the remainder of 2016.

I wanted to take a minute to update you on what I have been achieving this past month as State President of the Organisation. Working alongside my Senior and Junior Vice Presidents we have managed to get the Tamar and Tasman clubs back into action signing up new members (some members even transferred to Tamar). We are also working towards an information BBQ day in the Circular Head district, aiming to have Circular Head back up and running within the next month, as well as working towards having Sisters Creek back into the swing of things. I have been working with all clubs and regions. I have tried my best to get along to club and Region Meetings where possible, or have been a phone link. Last Tuesday I attended the Central Highlands' Council Meeting where I spoke in front of the Mayor and her Councillors. I was actually presented with a lovely award of excellence and outstanding community achievement for my work as President of the Central Highlands Club and managed to land a new club house for the Central Highlands Club.

I have also been working with General Manager and Rural Business Tasmania to, as I had promised, put on training that is relevant to rural life. We are looking at Bass statements expenditure and so forth, following on from the regions who are conducting minute taking, motion moving and chairing meeting mock sessions - which is proving to be really successful. I have also been touring around with some of the Exchanges when I have a spare afternoon and have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Hope to see some familiar faces at the Agfest Dinner. Ebony and Trish have done an amazing job organising the event and it's good to see some local produce being used as a part of the dinner. Well done! I am also looking forward to presenting the Life Membership Award for 2016 alongside Agfest Chair, Kate Coad.

## Inside...



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## RURAL YOUTH COUNCIL CONTINUED..

State Councillors are full steam ahead with a clear vision and passion for the future. Agricultural Industry Director for 2016, Mark Griffin, is working toward a pop up careers day. Ashley Hobbins, Young Farmer Director for 2016, is full steam ahead with Young Farmer. Runoff dates now being set (see flyer in this addition of the newsletter for more information). Some big social events are coming back into the organisation with a completely different focus, so stay tuned for more information. Again, at the next two council meetings both Ricky and Kat will each chair a meeting, working alongside my Senior and Junior Vice Presidents to get a feel for what they are expected to do as State President. I am looking forward to working with Ricky and Kat further and watching them develop in the coming months.



I welcome your feedback in regards to the Rural Youth Organisation. Any questions or suggestions you may have please email to [statepresident@ruralityouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralityouth.com.au). From your feedback I am able to grow and communicate, working towards a better, brighter future for this organisation. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for taking the time to read and please enjoy this month's edition of the Rural Youth Newsletter.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 21st of June at the immersive rooms at the Sandy Bay, Launceston and the Burnie University Campuses – prompt 6:30pm start. Any Rural Youth Members are welcome to attend.

EMMA RAYNER  
**State President**  
0409 316 158



## GENERAL MANAGER

We didn't quite reach Kate's predictions re temperature and crowd numbers this year, but we certainly came close. Especially in regards to patrons - 58,285 is a testament to the committee and event, particularly given the weather was not overly kind on opening day.

Congratulations to Kate, the committee and their band of volunteers – they did a great job! Many of you would have noticed Kate literally on one leg throughout the week. The crutch slowed her down, but it certainly didn't stop her!

Honourable mentions also need to go to all of the Assistants (too many to name) who 'stepped up' when Directors were unavailable due to illness or unforeseen circumstances – thank you for keeping us on track at such short notice!

Through the hard work of Alex White, Dale Hayers and Emma Rayner in the Feature Tent, Rural Youth picked up 10 new members, and on top of that we had heaps of entries in our competition to win free memberships! Well done guys!

Attention now turns to other upcoming Rural Youth activities, such as the industry tour Mark Griffin has organised and Young Farmer which Ash Evans has started preparing for this year – you can find out more in their reports.

I look forward to seeing many of you on May 28th when we celebrate another great Agfest!

Regards Karen  
0448 344 381



For 2016 we have seven exchangees visiting from April through to December!

If you would like to host one of our guests please contact the Rural Youth Exchange coordinator, Prue Dennis on 0407 207 694

UK **Rachel Branch** 8 weeks arriving 20th April

SCOTLAND **Gemma Bruce** 6 weeks arriving 18th April

SWITZERLAND **Christa Zurcher** 12 weeks arriving 16th April

NORTHERN IRELAND **Emma Miller** arriving 5th May

AUSTRIA **Eva-Maria Sallinger** 10 weeks arriving 21st April

AUSTRIA **Lea-Charlotte Kirchweger** 12 weeks arriving 5th September

AUSTRIA **Katharina Hallinger** 5 weeks arriving 22 August

Over the next couple of months we send off Babette McConnon to the UK, Phillipa Green to Canada and Amanda Bayles to USA.

We will keep you updated on these over the coming months!

## INCOMING EXCHANGEES



# RURAL YOUTH

# WE WORK BETTER TOGETHER

FRIENDS FUN TRAINING & TRAVEL

Are you aged  
between  
15 & 30?

THERE'S A CLUB NEAR YOU!

Text your  
name &  
address to  
0409 316 158  
to get an  
INFO PACK!



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Rural Youth  
Tasmania



# AGFEST FIELD DAYS

Agfest 2016... a year of Aggie, Found Ya and Mud!

What a great effort from our team: working together, pitching in and getting this event ready for the three-trade days over the past 10 months.

I thank each of our 143 volunteers, 765 exhibitors, patrons, contractors, media and service suppliers that contributed towards the success of our 2016 event.

58,285 patrons through the gates, wow! Not quite the 60,000 but hey we are increasing and improved on figures by 1544 from 2015 - so with 2017 under way in planning, the goal of 60,000 is in our sights!

The event ran smoothly, with a lot of feedback and positivity around the vibe of volunteers, work ethics and commitment. We have received considerable interest in signing up and engaging to get involved with future events from a Rural Youth membership commitment - which is great to see - special well done to Alex White for his wonderful work in coordinating the Rural Youth Feature Display this year located on Main Street!

Aggie the Chicken mascot provided some fun for our volunteer base with the hide and seek Aggie occurring during the week - even patrons got involved!

Heading into Agfest we certainly had some challenges, but like all challenges, you can either invest your time in solutions and making it work or panic and get no where. I am happy to report that this year's volunteer base embraced every challenge in our paths and did so with the event at heart - that's what it is all about: development and passion!



## AGFEST FIELD DAYS CONTINUED..

We returned to Quercus on the 28th May to celebrate at the 2016 Agfest Dinner, coordinated this year by Ebony McConnon as the Functions Director - thank you. Mammoth effort by you to ensure everyone had a spectacular time. Don't worry, we did!!

During this evening we were honoured to present two prestigious awards.

Brett Mackenzie was recognised and welcomed for all his involvement and contribution over the years to our Organisation by being awarded Honorary Life Membership.

With seven applicants for the AAFDA Agfest Representative opportunity, Karen, Paul and I had our work cut out. After a fortnight of discussion and consideration of submissions we were happy to award this to Ethan Williams, a member that has many aspirations and goals to achieve within the Organisation in the coming years. Ethan will attend the AAFDA Conference with two others in Orange, New South Wales, in October.

Please ensure to get your submissions for Brainstorming into the chairman for consideration of agenda topics and concepts - email [chairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au)

Special thanks to Ian Mackenzie who is chairing our AGM on 1st July 2016 - exciting times ahead!!



KATE COAD  
**Agfest Chairman**  
0418 391 898



### Important Dates

25th JUNE - State Ball

1st JULY - Agfest AGM

2nd JULY - Working Bee

3rd JULY - AGFEST Q&A  
Session 9-5pm


5th, 6th & 7th AUGUST - Agfest  
Brainstorming at Gumleaves







143 VOLUNTEERS SIGNED UP AS OF 05/05/2016

PRESENTED BY  THE RURAL YOUTH ORGANISATION OF TASMANIA



# AGFEST 2016

**GROWING RURAL TASMANIA**

**5-7 MAY**

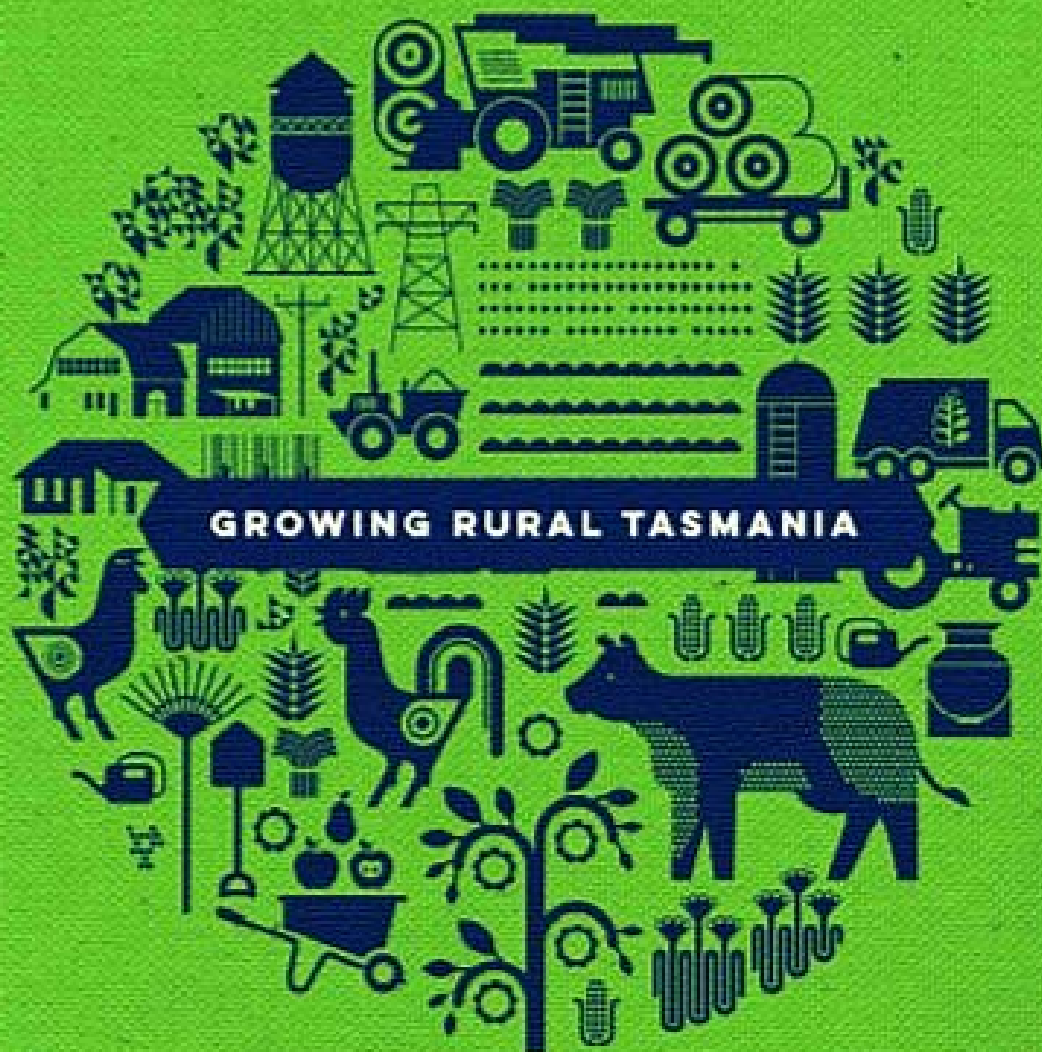
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RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA

# AGFEST 2016



## 5-7 MAY

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## RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA



## June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Oatlands Devonport	Hagley North Motton		CAMPBELL TOWN SHOW
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Western Tiers				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Dorset Northern Region	Kingborough- Huon	Westmorland		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Sorell Southern Region	State Council				State Ball
26	27	28	29	30		
		Central Highlands				

notes







## July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1	2
					AGFEST AGM	WORKING BEE
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
WORKING BEE					Oatlands	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						YOUNG FARMER RUN OFFS
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

notes



*You're  
Invited*

*to the Rural Youth  
Organisation of Tasmania's*

*State  
Ball*

*Hosted by Southern Region Rural Youth*

*Saturday 25th June 2016*

*Port Arthur Lavender*

*6:30pm for 7:00pm*

*please turn over for more details*



# State Ball

## Cost:

\$100 a head

this covers accommodation [byo bedding], meal,  
bus to and from venue & a drink on arrival

or

\$70 a head

this covers meal & a drink on arrival

## RSVP & Payments:

By Friday 17th June 2016

to Ebony McConnon via 0427 232 669, Facebook  
message or email [e.mcconnon@live.com.au](mailto:e.mcconnon@live.com.au)

Payments to Head Office by Close of Business on  
same day - details as follows -

Account Name: Rural Youth Tas

BSB: 067600

Account Number: 10363245

## Theme:

Formal

We look forward to seeing you for a  
fun filled night of celebrations!

## SOUTHERN REGION

Southern Region is going great this month with a lot of work and planning going ahead for State Ball. Our very own Ebony is working around the clock getting the final details sorted and invitations ready for everyone.

We also have a few great events in planning for the near future. We are holding a working bee at the Pawleena Hall on the 5th of June from 10am. Would love to see some new faces come down and lend a hand to get the hall back to a useable condition.

With Agfest 2016 done and dusted, it was fantastic to see so many southerners volunteering and helping to make Agfest a winner this year - and what a blast it was. New friends, new connections and definitely new skills learnt by all. Southern Region is adding new members to each club which is awesome. I hope this continues.

Let's continue this great work by everyone for Southern Region and around the state. Keep these fundraisers going and new members flooding in.

Cheers to everyone

Next Meeting: Monday 20th June

President: Dave Lucas- 0459 467 282



## BRIGHTON RURAL YOUTH

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th July at the Jordan River School Farm classroom at 7pm

President: Dylan Ward – 0409 894 798

## SORELL RURAL YOUTH

Sorell! Where do we start? Sorell has had a bumper month, with a mass amount of our members volunteering at Agfest, some even holding committee positions. It was incredible to see our club working together and along side with so many other volunteers. Sorell is progressing well with a date set for a working bee at our Pawleena Hall! This is set for the 5th of June. We are inviting anyone to attend and will be providing a BBQ Lunch for all those in attendance. We can't wait to see people there and if you're coming along to help out, you better bring some gloves and spare clothes, because you're bound to get dirty!

Our last meeting we had was an enjoyable, low key social pizza evening, with some fun games and shenanigans had by all in attendance. This was great, as we got to know all our new members, find out more about some of our older ones, and have some great laughs.

Due to our next meeting date falling on the Queens long weekend, we have moved our meeting back a week, we hope to see all our members there for another fun filled evening. We are working on developing a new club logo so we would love everyone's input!

Last, but not least, Sorell have some exciting news coming so WATCH THIS SPACE!

Key Dates - Working Bee: Sunday June 5th

Next Meeting: Monday 20th June

President: Prue Dennis – 0407 207 694



**A g f e s t**

**B r a i n s t o r m i n g**

**5th – 7th August 2016**

**G u m l e a v e s**

**S w a n s t o n T a s m a n i a**

**Open Invitation to all Members**

Cost: \$55 per person for 2 nights

RSVP: Friday 22nd July 2016

Ebony McConnon 0427 232 669

or [e.mconnon@live.com.au](mailto:e.mconnon@live.com.au)

BYO bedding and warm clothes

All meals are provided

from tea Friday night until lunch time Sunday

provide us with any dietary requirements at time of RSVP

We hope to see you all there!

## KINGBOROUGH HUON RURAL YOUTH

Hey All,

So, as Agfest is finished for another year, we all take a chance to breathe, catch up on sleep and get over the flu and sickness. It's also a time to reflect on our great effort in delivering another terrific event.

Not only did Kate Coad and her team deliver a great event, but she has also done the KH club proud. It just goes to show that all the best people really do come from the south of the state!

It's also fair to say that KH was not only well represented at Agfest in terms of our members volunteering, but we also ruled the dance floor on the Saturday night. We challenge any club to try and smash us at the Agfest dinner, got what it takes?!

Since Agfest we were meant to help out at the Huon Valley Million Paws Walk, only to be rained out and the event was cancelled. We had a catch up dinner at the Snug Pub, where we enjoyed some yummy parmys and a quiet brew. This week some of us are getting together and heading out to dinner at Hog's Breath before heading along to the Uni Review to watch the show. Then, later in the week, we'll road trip on up to Quercus again for the dinner.

Since our last report, we've also welcomed our exchanges to the state! Krista and Gemma have both spent time in the South with us and have travelled through some of our best sites. Gemma returns to us this week before heading home, but we've loved every minute of having them stay with us and we look forward to hosting some of the other travellers later in the year.

That's about all from us down here, keep an eye out for us and we'll see you soon!

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Nicole Elliot – 0400 566 259

## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS RURAL YOUTH

Hello all!

We ended April remembering our Anzacs. The club president laid a wreath on behalf of the club, so a huge thank you to Emma! May then started off with a bang! Full of fun and hard work, watching Agfest be put together and then enjoyed by many.

Club president Emma Rayner, Vice President Anthony Franklin, Secretary Zoe Brown, Treasurer Jemma Hay and club member Demi May were volunteers at Agfest. They represented our Club well and showed great enthusiasm and hard working skills! We had a ball!

We continue to have a busy month and year ahead, continuing our working bees selling pine bark. Our secretary Zoe Brown is off to China at the end of this month until till mid June, working with Dairy Australia.

We are looking forward to our upcoming events, especially State Ball in June!

Next meeting: Tuesday 31st May at the Wild Fennel Cafe

President: Emma Rayner - 0400 242 477





Well, haven't we all been busy little bees! Agfest 2016 is done and dusted, and what a blast that was. We had four club members volunteering this year: Ebony Phil, Trish and Brandon (volunteering for his first Agfest) with everyone holding a position on the committee. There were definitely a few ups and downs along the way, but I'm sure I speak for everyone in saying that we had a fantastic time and the event had a great turn out. Bring on 2017... only 348 days to go!!

Oatlands Rural Youth held a social night on the 11th of May, inviting some of the younger members in our community to come along. Our club president Ebony hired a 9 seater mini van for the night. We headed down to Subway for tea, where some other members met up with us. After tea we went to the Cinemas and watched 'The Jungle Book'. It was a great movie; a little scary and a little bit sad as well. On the way home we called into McDonald's for some soft serves.

On the 15th of May the Post Vintage car club of Tasmania held their annual 'Picnic at Ross'. Ebony and Trish, as well as two of our new members Amy and William, enjoyed parking all the spectacular vintage and classic cars until lunch time. We then got the chance to have a look around and admire all the vehicles with some beauties on show. We might have all gotten drenched from head to toe, but it was still a fantastic day.

Next Meeting: Friday 8th July at Praties at 6pm then Ten Pin Bowling at 7pm - all welcome - just let Ebony know a few days beforehand so she can book the lanes!

President: Ebony McConnon – 0427 232 669



## KING ISLAND RURAL YOUTH

This month has been quiet on King Island as we batten down the hatches ready for Winter.

However earlier this month some of our members were fortunate enough to be invited to a dinner with the Local Lions Club, who were unveiling some great projects they would like help to undertake! (WATCH THIS SPACE!) We are forming some great relationships with community groups and businesses, who are clambering over each other wanting to help us. For this we are very thankful.

This month Josh Taylor was ecstatic to be able to be involved in his first Agfest experience. "It was an amazing experience to be had and I look forward to Agfest 2017. Thankyou to all who made it so amazing! Including Barbie ;) " - Josh.

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th May at the King Island Club at 6:30pm  
President: Josh Taylor – 0419 987 791

## NORTH MOTTON RURAL YOUTH

G'day everyone.

What a month North Motton have had!! With 10 of our members volunteering at Agfest, everyone having an amazing time and all looking forward to next year.

At the last meeting we decided on some games and different activities for our club weekend away, which is coming up very soon. We are all keen for a good weekend away.

Cheers from everyone at North Motton.

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd June for a pot luck tea at Bill's place 7pm  
President: Ethan Williams – 0448 320 628

## DEVONPORT RURAL YOUTH

This month has been a busy one for all members, as the colder months begin to set in up on the coast. Agfest was held and we had two members, Dayna Broun and Dayna Grey (double Dayna danger), head to Quercus Park for the annual event. From all reports the girls enjoyed their time away, making new connections and developing friendships they will hold for a lifetime. Both Daynas' recommend the experience for those considering helping out next year!

Our group are getting together for tea and a meeting at Mackey's Hotel on Wednesday the 1st of June at 6:30pm. We have decided that from now on meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month, so lock the dates in your diary!

New fresh ideas are on the agenda for the next meeting, so we hope to see you all there!

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st June at Mackey's Hotel, Latrobe at 6:30pm  
President: Adrianna Pott - 0407 931 826



## **NORTHERN REGION**

Hi All.

Northern region has been very busy lately with organising the Campbell Town Ute Show and their first ever dog high jump. I hope to see a few people there and that all the members can make it down to support us with the ute show. Also, don't forget to bring your dog with you to enter into the dog high jump for some fun!

Meeting dates are the second Tuesday of every month, from 7-7:30pm at head office in Launceston. The next two meetings are the 14th of June and 12th of July. We are looking for more of our northern region members to come along to the meetings to help us steer the region in the right way.

If anyone has any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th June at Head Office 7pm

President: Stuart Cresswell – 0488 666 365

## **WESTMORLAND RURAL YOUTH**

Next Meeting: Thursday the 16th of June at the Ringwood for Tea at 7pm

President: Laura Smith – 0419 369 453

## **WESTERN TIERS RURAL YOUTH**

Hi All.

Western Tiers is having a great time at the moment with a few fun events coming up. On the 18th and 19th of June we are going to do a working bee on our round a bout at the top of Deloraine to clean it up. Then on the 25th of June we are going to make the long trip down to Port Arthur for State Ball to tear it up. Then on 2nd and 3rd of July having a 4wd/motorbike trip. Where it will take place is to be decided. Then in August we are planning on doing a trivia night for some fun.

I hope the rest of the clubs are doing well and are having as much fun as we have been. I hope to see you all at State Ball and that every one has a safe trip down and home again

Meeting dates are the first Tuesday of every month. 7pm at Bush Inn. Next two months' meetings are on the 7th of June and 5th of July. Everyone is more than welcome to come along. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions. Thanks.

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

President: Stuart Cresswell – 0488 666 365

## HAGLEY RURAL YOUTH

I'm excited to report that Hagley is still moving forward with 4 new members in the past month.

We recently went to Zone 3 in Launceston for our last meeting, with two of our wonderful exchangees coming along for the night to give laser tag a go with us. Overall another fun social night, serving as a reminder of how important it is for new and old friends to get out, get social together and have some fun - especially for mental and even physical health.

Our next meeting will be held on the 2nd of June at the Bracknell Hotel, 7pm for tea and 7:30pm for the meeting. For more information or any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jacqui Hodgkinson on 0429 524 243.

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd June at Bracknell Hotel at 7pm

President: Jacqui Hodgkinson – 0429524243



## DORSET RURAL YOUTH

Hey Guys,

Well, Agfest has been and gone. Well done to Kate and her team, plus all the volunteers, on another successful event. Dorset members helped out at Agfest, which was great to see.

We are having a social night on Friday 3rd June at Zone 3 (Laser Tag) Launceston 7pm. If anyone is interested along please let Rosie know ASAP on 0400301656.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th June at JoDonnys Scottsdale at 6:30pm

President: Rosie Forsyth – 0400 301 656



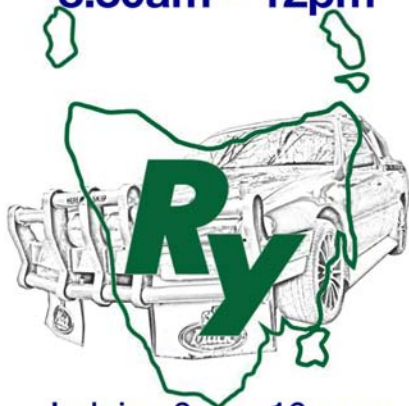
# **Beaut Ute Comp**

**Hosted by Northern  
Region Rural Youth.**

**Campbell Town Show Grounds.**

**Saturday 4th June '16**

**8.30am – 12pm**



**Judging 9am - 12 noon**

**Winners Announced 12 noon**

**Categories: Judges' Choice, Best Street, Best 4x4, Best  
Rural/Yard, Best Vintage, Best Chicks, Best  
Feral/Decorated, Loudest 6, Loudest 8.**

**Campbell Town Show Grounds**

**On site 8.30 for registration.**

**\$10 per Ute (Judges' Choice + one other  
category). \$2 per extra.**

# **Dog High Jump Comp**

**Hosted by Northern  
Region Rural Youth.**

**Campbell Town Show Grounds.**

**Saturday 4th June '16**

**10am – 1pm**



**Small dogs, <30cm judging from 10am**

**Large dogs >31cm Judging from 1pm**

**\$10 per dog entered**

**Registration 30min prior judging**

**North  
Northwest  
South**

**Region runoffs**

# **Young Farmer 2016**

**WE WANT YOU**



**Ready and willing to put your ag skills to the test?  
Save the date for your local Young Farmer runoff!**

**North:**

Coordinator - Jacqui Hodgkinson

Date - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Venue - TBC

**Northwest:**

Coordinators - Danielle Williams & Renee Latham

Date - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Venue - TBC

**South:**

Coordinators - Emma Rayner, Kate Coad & Prue Dennis

Date - 17<sup>th</sup> July

Venue - Pawleena Hall, Pawleena



## STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Our Study Exchange Program is in full swing! With 5 exchangees currently being hosted around the state we are enjoying their company and having fun with them along the way. We can't wait to celebrate with them at the Agfest dinner. Sadly we will have to soon say goodbye to Gemma from Scotland and Rachael from England, as they leave us after their 6 week exchange - with Eva staying on until late June, and Christa and Emma here until mid July. If anyone has a spare bed or can host one of these lovely girls then please let me know. Even if only for a few nights we would love to get them to see all of the facets that make up Agriculture in Tasmania.

Moving onto outgoing exchangees and our own Study Program! Phillipa officially left on her exchange 20th May and has headed off to Canada. We hope she has an incredible time and enjoys every experience she is privileged to.

Amanda is off next on her exchange in mid June. She is off to the USA. She is undertaking a longer exchange with personal travel at the end of her stay. We hope she enjoys her time and all the experiences she is exposed to as well.

Babette will be sadly coming to the end of her 6 week exchange very soon, but having lived the dream before, I know she will have had the time of her life. We send her well wishes as Will travels to the UK to meet her and travel together more extensively.

**Now here's your opportunity to travel and live the dream!** Have you considered travelling on exchange? Heading overseas? Experiencing other cultures, lifestyles and nationalities? Maybe you just want to do some study of your own? Travel to a field day or do a course? Ever considered the Young Endeavour? Well if you answered YES to ANY of these questions then you should apply for a Rural Youth Exchange!

The opportunities are endless and the experience is what you make of it. **Applications are open NOW!** Here is your chance to travel to Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, Austria or even the UK! The selection day on the 18th June, with a tour being held at the newly commissioned, state of the art, Roberts Sale complex at Powranna. The tour will commence at 10am and is open to everyone if they wish to come along and check out the complex, regardless of if you are intending on taking up an exchange. From there our applicants will head back to head office for the short talks and interviews, with time allowed to give their report on the tour.

We hope to see loads of applicants this year as it really is an incredible experience. Recipients of the exchange will be announced at State Ball on the 25th June. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me on 0407 207 694

Key Dates:

Study Tour Selection Day 18th June, commencing 10am, Roberts Sale Yard Complex, Powranna.

Regards

Prue

## TASMANIAN RURAL YOUTH PAST MEMBERS

Despite the wet and windy conditions at Agfest 2016, it was a great event as usual and well done to the current Rural Youth team. Many of us have been on Agfest Committee and really know what an effort and commitment it takes.

On Thursday afternoon our Association hosted its annual 'Agfest Afternoon Tea Muster' with over 50 people in attendance and you could tell from the buzz of conversation it was highly successful. "Why meet up again, our Rural Youth days are long past?" someone asked. Well, this gathering proved that yes you can meet up with friends from the past, but you can also meet new people and you can make useful network connections for your current day life.

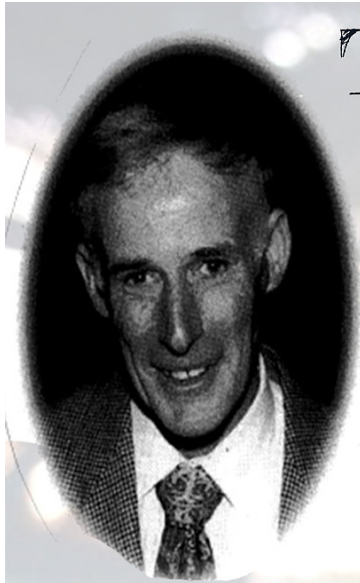
Thank you to Kate Coad, Agfest Chair, for her welcome.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE in memory of MR GRAEME TOLE

**Do you know of a member who meets the criteria as below;  
if so, then they are eligible to be nominated for this prestigious award...**

- A current financial Rural Youth member & must have been a member for at least seven years
- Made continuous and notable contributions to all areas of the Organisation: Club, Region, State, Agfest, Property Management, and Resource Allocation Committee (RAC).
- Must have taken on roles on at least four of the following committees: Rural Youth Council, Agfest, Property Management, RAC, their Club Executive or their Region Executive.

**Please approach this person you wish to nominate prior to submitting their nomination as part of the prize of this award involves travelling to New Zealand in 2017!**

Please contact Emma Rayner for further information or if you would like a nomination package posted or emailed to you 0409 316 158 or [statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2016**

## **'Money for Jam'**

Does your club have a small project they would like to do,  
but don't have quite enough money?  
Why not apply for a Club Grant?

There are four grants available worth \$250 and it's "First In, Best Dressed".

Some successful applications in the past have included:

- Cupboards for clubrooms • Maintenance of clubrooms
- Club jumpers to promote your club • Function to promote new memberships
- Purchase of patio heaters to use at club & community functions

Get your thinking caps on – applications have been sent to your Club Secretary and remember, you don't get if you don't ask.

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