



# NEWSLETTER

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Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.

## A quiet word from the Editor...

### The MARCH NEWSLETTER

**DEADLINE is Friday the 18th of March  
at 5PM.**

**Hey everyone!**

**My Last newsletter! :(**

**I have to say I was pretty nervous at the start of last year taking on the newsletter, but over time it has grown on me and I am now happy for everyone to read what I produce each month!**

**I must thank the clubs, regions and the directors that have provided me with the content each month, it makes the job so much easier when I don't have to pester people!**

**Thanks to head office, without you guys this wouldn't get to your letterbox each month.**

**Good luck to the incoming newsletter director.**

**Thanks.**

**Phillipa**

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# Presidents Report



Hi all,

First of all I would like to thank and congratulate Prue Dennis on her previous twelve months as State President and her outgoing committee.

Secondly I'd like to thank all of those members who gave up their Sunday and drove to Ulverstone for state AGM. It was great to see a full room of people. Let's continue that great attendance and enthusiasm throughout the year!

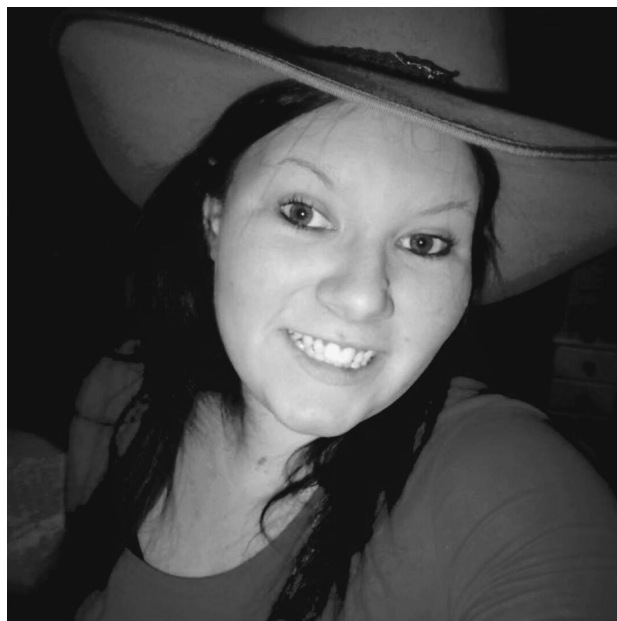
Congratulations to the incoming Senior Vice President Ricky Edson and Junior Vice President Kat Cenin and everyone who nominated for a position. It is great to see some new faces taking on some big roles. A big thank you to North West Region for organising the venue and catering.

I am looking forward to a challenging year ahead, and I will be in touch with clubs in the coming weeks. I hope to get around to each club meeting and offer assistance where I can. I strongly encourage you all to not only support your club, but support your regions as well, and most of all support and encourage each other.

I want to bring the 'rural' and the fun back to rural youth. I want to offer members the training that is relevant to rural life and I want to see numbers increase not only in clubs but at state functions, meetings and club events. I want to see clubs supporting other clubs and working together.

Until next time

Rural Youth State President  
Emma Rayner.



# AGFEST

## TASMANIA'S FIELD DAYS

The countdown is officially on now! We are almost down to single digits with just 10 weeks to go until Agfest as of this week!

January/February has been quite busy with many plans coming into place. This has been driven by the approved budgets which have been communicated, as well as all ideas, suggestions and thoughts being put into action ready for the gates to open on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Stay connected with our Facebook page for announcement of which clubs and regions are opting into selling Agfest tickets for 2016! These will be communicated shortly, along with the start of our online competitions.

The Agfest Exec. are coordinating some "volunteer with us" sessions within the three regions – these will be sent via email, Facebook and media releases.

● This month, Clubs will begin their collections for the 'Replas Collect a Carton' campaign. Replas are a valued sponsor of Agfest Field Days and this year we are engaging with clubs to see how much approved plastic waste we can gather for our collection towards Replas bench seats. Remember, if you are participating in this campaign, cartons must be washed prior!

● For years the Agfest Committee have considered suggestions of increasing and being stronger... well this year we have- approximately 40 more sites in fact! The former Ag Demo area is about to commence earthworks developing into the additional sites also extending the avenue road right through to North.

● TASWELD are offering all Rural Youth/Agfest members an exclusive deal for Steel Blue footwear! Orders accepted until 19th February 2016. These are not instore prices. You can only secure this deal by ordering through Agfest dealings. – Please email or text/phone me with your orders – [chairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au) or 0418 391 898 (as per last months newsletter)

A huge well done and welcome to the incoming State Council committee for 2016. Welcome aboard Emma Rayner- State President, Ricky Edson- Senior Vice President, and Kat Cenin- Junior Vice President. Congratulations to each of you for stepping up and taking on these significant leadership positions within Rural Youth Tasmania.

Many thanks to outgoing State President- Prue Dennis, Immediate Past State President – Simone Hayers and Junior Vice President – Phillipa Green on your commitment and contributions across the past term.

Vacancies within the 2016 Agfest Organising Committee are;

Safety Director (voting)

Assistant Treasurer (voting)

Assistant Power (one of two positions)

Assistant Vehicles Coordinator (Director, Alex Bigham)

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

We have our WORKING BEE scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March, and SITE MARKING on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March – please, if you are available for either of these dates let me know so we can cater for you!

We have our promotional committee photo being taken on March 19<sup>th</sup> onsite at Quercus Park, 10am with David Dunn – please feel free to show up for our group photo.

Our next meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> at Quercus Park Function Centre 8pm.

Kate Coad

Agfest Chair.

## Agfest Accommodation Forms

Please make sure you have either filled out a paper copy of the form (included in this months newsletter), or filled out the online version (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJSVVFT>) if you are coming to Agfest.

This gives us an idea about how many people to cater for, and when to save you a bed!

# General Manager

As you are no doubt aware, yesterday (Feb 21) AGM was held at the Leven Yacht Club. It was a positive meeting and very well attended! Thank you to everyone who made the effort!

Congratulations to Emma Rayner on her election to State President – I am looking forward to working with her and her new team to see what can be achieved in 2016. This year we have a great blend of new and more ‘experienced’ members which I am sure will provide us with great ideas for the future.

Many people contributed to the success of the meeting, but special mention needs to be given to Jake Williams and his NW team, who in conjunction with Prue organised an enjoyable day. Paul Bennett was an excellent independent Chair as always, even if he insists on sharing stories of past adventures which are guaranteed to make my hair turn grey(er)!

I also want to acknowledge the effort Josh Taylor from King Island made to attend the day - his enthusiasm and work to get that club up and going has been outstanding.

Thank you once again to Prue and the outgoing State Council and RAC Committees – Rural Youth can’t function without members giving freely of their time and expertise – your contribution is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to the coming months as Emma, Ricky, Kat and Co find their feet and get their ideas happening.

Cheers Karen



# Kingborough Huon Rural Youth

Hi everyone,

KH members didn't have a meeting in February, instead choosing to have a social gathering at the AMF bowling centre. It was a good turn out with 12 people turning up to have a go. We had two games with the winner of the first game being Tobias and the second game, Kaysie.

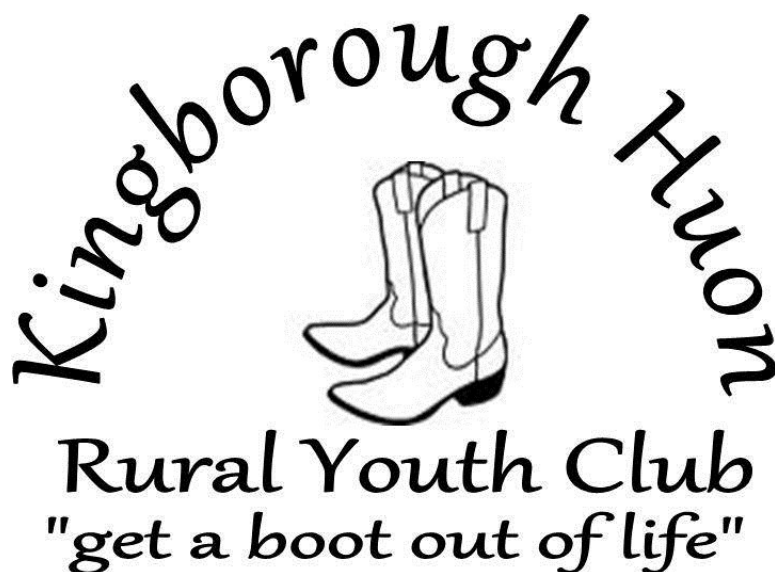
Congratulations to Emma Rayner on becoming the 2016 State President, Ricky Edson on becoming Senior VP and Kat Cenin on becoming Junior VP. A big well done to Prue and the Rural Youth Council from 2015. We had lots of members present at the meeting – Nicole & Steve as our KH delegates along with Simone, Dale and Kate as RYC delegates. Well done to North West Region on organising a great venue and some yummy food!

Our members involved with Agfest are busy with their roles – ensuring the sites are full and getting all behind the scenes work done in preparation for Agfest 2016!

As we write this article, we are vigorously preparing for another fundraising barbecue to be donated towards our Relay for Life Team. Our barbecue will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Kingston Mitre 10 in Huntingfield! If you would like to donate or join our team (anyone is welcome to join us!) visit the website [http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCTAS?team\\_id=37520&pg=team&fr\\_id=3390](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCTAS?team_id=37520&pg=team&fr_id=3390)

The Huon Valley Relay for Life is being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at Huonville, as mentioned above if you would like to be involved, we would love to have you along , so sign up today!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7pm at Dru Point, Margate. Bring along a snack that begins with the first letter of your name, eg Nicole – Nutella or noodles, Simone – sandwiches or snickers



# Central Highlands Rural Youth

Hi all,

February meeting was a great night at President Emma's house for homemade pizza and a catch up.

We signed up another new member, Welcome to Jemma Hay!!

Members have been busy with the upcoming Hamilton Show. Stay tuned on the Facebook page for pictures and updates.

Good luck to member Callie Barber who has applied for a scholarship from the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation to fly back to Tassie from NSW for Agfest week. Callie is currently studying agribusiness at Charles Sturt University.

Best of luck to those members competing at Bushy Park Show. Sam Kemp in cattle handling, Andrew Slater in wood chopping and Sam Larder in equestrian section

A special thank you to new members Zoe Brown and Georgia Jenkins on creating our Hamilton Show Ute comp and dog high jump flyers.

Best wishes to Anthony Franklin and Emma Rayner on contesting for State President

Thank you to our members for putting in the hard yards with meetings, working bees and Hamilton Show commitments.

CHRY "You Get Out What You Put In"







# Sorell Rural Youth

Hey all,

Sorell have had their AGM for 2016.

President: Prue Dennis

Vice President: Izzy Scott & Maddie Leighton

Treasurer: Phillipa Green

Secretary: Izzy Scott

We have some plans to get back out into the community and hold some BBQ's and fun social events to try and drum up some new members. Look out 2016!!

Thanks!

SRY

'Working hard to make a difference'



What's happening with Past Members.....

There's a BBQ being hosted by Kate and Anthony Coad at their new house in Margate on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 5pm onwards. Please bring your own food and beverage supplies as well as a chair. All past and present Rural Youth members invited – ring Kate for an address 0409 295 158.

A farm tour on the north west coast is being organised for the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April. Program will be:

Tour and presentation of Cape Grim Rain Farm at Montagu – to hear about the development of this unique business which is marketed internationally. The tour is not available to the general public and only available by special arrangement or for film crews. Mike Buckby (Past Agfest Chairman) will be our host.

Tour and presentation of PureSense Candles – Emma Pinner (Past Rural Youth member) has developed her very successful business, which continues to grow.

Three course dinner at Agritas with guest speaker John Hammond from Robins Island Wagyu. John has an interesting story about his farm and also the renewable energy development he is involved in.

Breakfast at "Moby Dick's" in Stanley, with a choice of interesting activities on the Sunday

Accommodation is available at Tall Timbers (over the road from the dinner venue) and a corporate rate and booking code is available upon request. More information will be available soon but expressions of interest are welcome – please feel free to email me at [tasry.pastmembers.assn@gmail.com](mailto:tasry.pastmembers.assn@gmail.com) as bookings for the evening dinner will be required.

Before we know it, Agfest will be here and the usual afternoon get together will be held onsite during the Thursday afternoon. More on that later.

Current members are more than welcome to join any of the Past Members activities, but you can also help by passing the news onto parents, relatives or friends who have previously been members of Rural Youth or Young Farmer. All information is on the Past Members page of the Rural Youth website.

[www.ruralyouth.com.au](http://www.ruralyouth.com.au) (Membership-Past Members)

Carol Axton, Life Member – Convenor – (0429 099 790)

Judy McLean, Service Award – Secretary – (0466 722 553)

Michael Gordon, Service Award, Treasurer – (0417 330 354)

Email: [tasry.past.members.assn@gmail.com](mailto:tasry.past.members.assn@gmail.com)

# Oatlands Rural Youth

Hey everyone!!

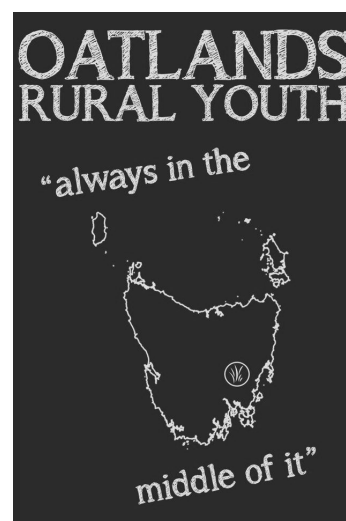
On the 26th of January we held an Australia Day pool party at Oatlands swimming pool, which was a great success. Over 30 people attended with the weather just perfect for a dip.

On the 6th February we had our long awaited Summer Party, a big shout out to everyone who made the effort to turn up... haha not! The day was a flop with only two Oatlands members attending.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 2nd March. We are heading out to Putt Putt golf at Moonah from 5pm, then calling into Maccas for tea afterwards. Everyone is welcome to come along for a great night.

Oatlands Rural Youth

"Always in the middle of it"



# Western Tiers Rural Youth

February has been a busy month for the Western Tiers club, with the planning of our Trophy Fishing competition well underway. The club is hosting this event on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March as a community open day, on a local dairy property that has some very nice fresh trout in large dams. All members, past and current as welcome to attend this day, with a BBQ and beverage to be available for purchase, as well the opportunity to win some Tamara Marine vouchers for the largest fish caught on the day.

The 6<sup>th</sup> of February was the Wedding of Tim and Stacy Cresswell, where all involved looked amazing and a great day was put on for the lovely event. The club wishes the very best to both Tim and Stacy, whom have been long time members of Western Tiers Rural Youth club.

The Club is looking forward to becoming more involved with some local community activities in the Meander Valley area over the coming months, with several of our members involved in community groups already.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm, at the Bush Inn Hotel, Deloraine.



# March 2016

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	1 North Motton Club Meeting-Furners Hotel  Sister Creek Club Meeting- Presidential Rooms	2 Brighton Club Meeting  Tasman Club Meeting  Oatlands Club Meeting  Western Tiers Club Meeting	3	4	5	6
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7 Hagley Club Meeting – Carrick Pub	8	9 Agfest Exec Meeting	10 Norther Region Meeting-RY office	11 State AGM  Sorell Club Meeting– Pawleena Hall	12	13
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14 Circular Head meeting  Devonport Club meeting  Dorset Club meeting	15 Central High- lands Club Meeting– Lach- lan Hotel Ouse	16 Westmorland Club Meeting– Cressy Recreation- al Ground  Kingborough Huon Club Meeting	17 North West Re- gion Meeting	18 Agfest Meeting	19	20
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21	22	23 Southern Region Meeting-Hobart Show Grounds	24	25	26	27
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# April 2016

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18	19 Central High- lands Club Meeting- Lach- lan Hotel Ouse	20 Westmorland Club Meeting- Cressy Recrea- tional Ground	21 North West Region Meeting	22	23	24
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25	26	27 Agfest Meeting  Southern Region Meeting- Hobart Show Grounds	28	29	30
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# Devonport Rural Youth

A few Wednesday's ago our club held their Annual General Meeting.

Positions now stand as

Adrianna Pott as President

Keelan Dent as Vice President

Mitchell Grey as Secretary

Adam Elson as treasurer.

During this meeting we discussed what 'we' as a club wanted to do or get out of the year beginning with a group camping trip as well as fundraisers and events that will occur throughout the year we were interested in helping out at.

Our next meeting will be held at the Moriarty Hall at 7pm or 6:15pm for pizzas beforehand.

# North Motton

G'day everyone,

We've had a good month so far with a good percentage of our members heading to the new laser tag in Burnie with Brigid coming out on top winning most games.

We are in The process of organising some new functions so please stay tuned.

We would also like to congratulate Renee Latham on turning the big 18 we hope you had a day/night to remember.

Cheers from everyone at North Motton rural youth

Central Highlands Rural Youth

Present the 2016

# Hamilton Show

**Dog High Jump**

*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March*

**Plenty of great prizes to be won!**

**\$5 per dog,**

**All dogs that are entering must have registration details  
on the day**

**Judging starts at 1pm**

For more information  
contact:

Sam Larder 0487930137

Emma Rayner 0400242477

# AGM photos...







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Central Highlands Rural Youth

Present the 2016

# Hamilton Show Ute Competition

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Plenty of great prizes to win

## Categories

Best Holden

Best Ford

Judges Choice

Best 4x4

Best Chicks

Best Tradies

Best farm ute

Best bull bar

Best displayed "ute on  
the day"

Most fitted on the Ute  
"sticker, lights ect

Utes have to be entered and paid by 11am no  
late entries will be accepted, anyone entering the  
competition must have their Ute registered, final  
judging at 2pm. All Utes are invited to stay  
around for the grand parade at 3pm



\$5 per categories or 5  
for \$20

Entry fee for the show

Adult-\$8 Child-\$2 Family-\$17

Gates open at 8am

# **WESTERN TIERS**

## **RURAL YOUTH**

Invite you to

# **THE TROPHY TROUT FISHING CHALLENGE**

On March 20<sup>th</sup>

At 679 Dunorlan Road, Dunorlan



**Catch a WOPPER** between

**11am and 2pm**

**And you could win:**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$75 Voucher for Tamar Marine

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50 Voucher for Tamar Marine

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30 Voucher for Tamar Marine



**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!  
NO FISHING  
LICENCE  
REQUIRED**

Entry: \$5 for Rural Youth Members

\$15 for Non- Members

Membership sign up available on  
the day for \$10!

For further info head to the event  
page:

Or contact our president on  
0488666365

**BARBECUE  
AND DRINKS  
AVAILABLE  
ON THE DAY!**

# DIAMOND



# SAPPHIRE



# RUBY



# PLATINUM



# GOLD



# SILVER

