



RURAL YOUTH TASMANIA

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September 2016

Young Farmer 2017

Check out this year's Young Farmer of the Year Finalists!

Brainstorming

Read about the fun Brainstorming weekend that the 2017 Agfest Committee had at Gumleaves at the beginning of August



PLUS

Reports from
our Clubs &
Regions

Rural Youth Tasmania is jam packed with photos and stories for the month of September... Including photos from club events like Brainstorming and Rural Rally and information on upcoming events such as Young Farmer and Working Bees!

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Well, it has been a baptism of fire but a great ride so far. Congratulations to Emma on the fantastic work done in the first half of the year and a big thank-you to the Executive for giving me the chance to finish off this year as State President.

Prepare for some exciting times ahead. We have renewed interest in getting both former and new clubs up and running, which is fantastic. If you know anyone in the Brighton or Circular Head / Sisters Creek areas who are keen to join Rural Youth, get them on board. This also goes for any clubs, of course!

There is plenty for members to do over the next few weeks, with Young Farmer, Rural Rally and paintball on the calendar. On September 10 at Quercus the 15 Young Farmer finalists will compete for the title. Come support the competitors as they battle it out over the course of the day and then join us for the Young Farmer Dinner that night. Northern Region has been busy putting the night together. For only \$40 you can enjoy dinner and a great band. Get in quick and RSVP to head office!

Another event on the books is the Rural Youth bull ride. It's all being planned to take place in early March 2017. It's another great initiative to put Rural Youth on the Tasmanian events map. If you want to get involved in the working group contact Stuart Cresswell.

Also, we have the shooting competition all set for October 9 at Bracknell Gun Club.

Progress at Quercus is coming together after Jake Williams and Stuart Cresswell, with some past Advisory members, went down to the old detention centre at Pontville and purchased a new toilet/shower block for the site. After Stuart was prevented from buying up the whole auction and giving Linda a heart attack by convincing her they had done just that, the team have made the first step in developing Quercus. Well done, guys!! Great job.

This year's Agfest Brainstorming was a great success. A big thank-you to Ebony and Kate for putting on a great weekend and to Cassie for being our minute-taker. Looking forward to a fantastic event.

Talking about Agfest... Rural Youth is planning a big feature for the 2017 Field Days. A working group has been formed to put the site together and we need every club to lend a hand. You'll hear more details in the future but the nuts and bolts of it is that we want all clubs to promote the great things they do. Keep an eye out for more information.

We also have a couple more exchanges coming down soon and it would be great to have members put up their hands to host them and show them around.

The State Council has been busy. There has also been a big change as Ebony hands over the reigns of newsletter editor to Cassie. A huge thank-you to Ebony and the great work she has done and good luck to Cassie, who we know will do an awesome job.

Here's to a great 6 months ahead. Looking forward to seeing what we can all accomplish together.

The next State Council meeting will be on 26 September at the Immersive Rooms. The meeting will start at 7pm.

Ashley Evans

Rural Youth State President

statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au



Come along and support the

**2016
YOUNG FARMER
OF THE YEAR
COMPETITION**



The 15 state finalists will be battling it out on

**10 SEPTEMBER @ QUERCUS
FROM 10AM**

Watch the guys and girls compete in hands-on, practical modules throughout the day.

BBQ lunch will be available for purchase.

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Rural Youth
Tasmania

Almost six weeks into the newly elected Organising Committee and happy to report we are running full steam ahead with all hands on deck working towards the 2017 event.

Some changes within Agfest Exec with the resignation of our Rural Youth State President, Emma. We welcome Ashley Evans, newly elected State President, onto our team – great to have you on board!

Also introduced to the Exec Team is Jake Williams. Jake is North-West Region based and our current Power Director and Assistant Safety Director, he sits on the Resource Allocation Committee as a Rural Youth Delegate and has played a significant role in the recent developments and investment to Quercus Park with the purchase of the amenities block.

Dave Lucas has been appointed a non-voting observational Exec Member after being elected via vote at our annual meeting. Unfortunately, while Dave seems like he has been with us forever, he joined the Organisation in February, which means the constitutional 11 months ruling timeframe wasn't met to enable a voting position. Therefore, considering the committee voted him on because of his leadership skills, motivation and dedication to the event, State Council endorsed the Agfest appointment to enable the Committee the developmental opportunity in having Dave complete this term as non-voting in preparation for future commitments within Rural Youth/Agfest. This ruling will be reviewed by the Agfest Committee and, if agreed upon, communicated through to State AGM for consideration of change to the 11 month term to must have volunteered at one Agfest event prior to appointment within one of the additional three Executive positions.

Vacancies within the committee are;

Treasurer

Radios

Assistant Radios

Catering Director

Assistant Catering Director

Assistant Vehicles

Assistant Accommodation

If interested in any of the above positions, please contact Kate on 0418 391 898 or email chairman@agfest.com.au

Brainstorming was recently held at Gumleaves, Little Swanport. Organised by Ebony McConnon and facilitated by Agfest Exec. Having over 30 attendees and over 20 agenda items resulted in an action packed weekend of discussion, generation of ideas and memories created along the way, not to mention the incoming Committee getting to know each other and forming the team work bond to set the scene for the year ahead. Huge thank you to Ebony for all her work coordinating this weekend!

For the first time in many years, Agfest has increased our admission fees. With intent to utilise online ticketing for 2017, we have increased our adult patron fee to \$20 per person online and \$25 at the gate, children prices remain the same at \$5 for 5-16 year olds and under 5 years are free of charge. Exciting

introduction to 2017 is our Family Pass.... \$50 admission for two adults and three children – we have introduced this based on feedback received over the past 12 months.

We have introduced ruling that vehicle passes are available per site booked at the \$55 per pass rate. Any additional pass requested will be charged at \$80.

Rural Youth Clubs will be selling tickets again in 2017 after the success this was for clubs and regions in 2016.

Upcoming meetings for 2016/17 are;

SEPTEMBER	16 th September	Follow up & Actions from Brainstorming General meeting
OCTOBER	14 th Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Applications live, volunteer forms live, updating and communication. Decide on merchandise by now
NOVEMBER	18 th Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Last formal catch up for 2016, figures provided on applications to date, tracking, on going updating within positions on committee and action business as arises.
DECEMBER	NIL	
2017 JANUARY	6 th Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Launch into the new year, update on business, decisions as arise. *same weekend as Carrick Rodeo
FEBRUARY	17 th – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Update and communication
MARCH	17 th – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Update and communication, ensure we are on track
APRIL	21 st – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Last meeting prior to event- update from all directors. Tea supplied at this meeting from 7pm onwards
MAY	26 th – Friday 8pm – 10:30pm	Agfest Dinner weekend
JUNE	Nil	
JULY	7 th Friday 8pm – 11:30pm	Annual Meeting

Each of these weekends following Agfest meetings will be scheduled Quercus Park Working Bees – the first one being September 3rd, not the 17th.

Kind Regards

Kate Birch

Chairman

AGFEST FIELD DAYS, TASMANIA



KATE BIRCH

Agfest

Chairman

0418 391 898



SEPTEMBER 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Hagley	2	3 Quercus Working Bee	4
5 Sorell	6 North Motton Sisters Creek Western Tiers	7 Brighton	8 King Island	9	10 Young Farmer	11
12 Devonport Dorset	13 Northern Region	14 Kingborough- Huon	15 North West Region	16 Agfest Meeting Newsletter Reports Due	17	18
19 Sorell	20 Central Highlands	21 Southern Region Westmorland	22	23	24	25
26 RYC Meeting	27 RAC Meeting	28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2016



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SOUTHERN REGION

Hey guys

Another quiet month for Southern Region this month. A few things are coming through the planning process and will be finalised at our next Southern Region meeting, held on the 12th September at 7pm.

Location yet to be finalised but will be communicated via our Facebook page.

Dave Lucas

Southern Region President

0459 467 282



SORELL

Sorell has been relatively quiet of late, with the last few months of winter being cold and wet, making access to Pawleena Hall difficult. However, not hindered by this coming into spring, we have great plans to have more working bee's at the hall, followed by great social nights with all who attend. We are planning some member activities in the coming months and looking forward to getting involved with Southern Region's spring festivities.

We have welcomed an abundance of new, fresh faces to the club this year. We currently have in excess of 25 members, most of which are first time members of Rural Youth. We are so blessed to have such a great group of fresh vibrant faces that make our club great.

We had a number of our members participate in the Rural Rally, hosted by North West Region. This saw members participate in a site seeing adventure, taking them even as far as the Great Lake Hotel! Members also bobbed for apples, and enjoyed general shenanigans. It's great to see these events happening, and we as members can't wait to enjoy more of them in the coming summer months.

We look forward to seeing our members at the next meeting to make some plans for the remainder of the year!

Meeting dates:

September 19th @ Pawleena Hall, 6pm

October 10th @ Pawleena Hall, 6pm

Any changes to location will be communicated out if needed. If you'd like to come along to one of our meetings then please feel free, our door is always open.

Sorell Rural Youth.

Hey All.

So a very quiet month for Kingborough Huon this month as we freeze our way through the Tassie Winter.

We tried to warm up with a Bonfire at Nicole's house, but it was fair to say that the fire didn't quite give us the level of warmth we were aiming for. Hopefully next time Nicole stacks the fire a bit better!

We hoped to have our meeting at Simone's house but failed to get a quorum so it was instead a pretty chilled out catch up instead.

After the Young Farmer Runoff's in July we are excited to say that both Alex and Tobias will be representing Kingborough Huon this year. The Top 15 looks like a pretty smart bunch and there are a lot of members that are experienced in how the competition runs. As such, it should be a fiercely ran competition. Best of luck to the lads as they try to deliver us our first crown in the event since Tory had the win in 2013.

Our members were also seen at the annual Agfest Brainstorming at Gumleaves. The turnout of around 30 members was terrific and the new committee looks vibrant and ready to give Agfest 2017 a red hot crack. Best of luck to all the committee members and good luck in your new roles.

The location of our next club meeting is yet to be finalised, but for more information on joining our club or where you can catch up with us, contact club President Nicole Elliot on 0400566259.

Last but not least remember to "Get a Boot Out of Life." Catchya Soon! KH



RURAL BUSINESS TASMANIA

The floods that hit our state in June decided for many farmers what their future may hold. Years of work was quite literally washed away and our rural communities have been left with what seems an impossible task to come back from. As reluctant as farmers may be to ask, it is important to remember that there is help available for those impacted.

Now is the time to speak up about the effect the flooding had on you and your family to ensure that affected communities are getting the support they need. We encourage you to share your story with the Tasmanian Flood Recovery Taskforce and help rebuild our communities to be safer, stronger, and more resilient than ever.

For more information on what grants and assistance may be available please phone the 6777 2233 , visit <http://www.alert.tas.gov.au> or contact Rural Business Tasmania on 6334 3295

Elizabeth Skirving

Chief Executive Officer



CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

G'day!

A quiet month for the Central Highlands team. We've welcomed a few new members to the club, which should hopefully make a good outcome towards the clubs attendance to events and make our working bees easier!

We've continued to bag up pine bark and sheep manure, trying to make our working bees and club gatherings as regular as possible.

Sadly, due to a small attendance and lack of organisation, we've had to cancel our yearly trivia night, which has been a let down to the club. Hopefully we can bounce back and put all our efforts into the Bush Fest which is coming up in the next couple of months, as well as hopefully having a big trivia night next year.

Our next meeting is on the 30th of August at 7pm at New Norfolk.

Contact our club secretary for more information, 0474444429.

DEVONPORT

Hi Guys,

Over the past month a few members have been busy organising the Rural Rally.

We have also been approached to conduct the Ute Muster at this year's Devonport Show so the gang are starting to get prepared for the event once again.

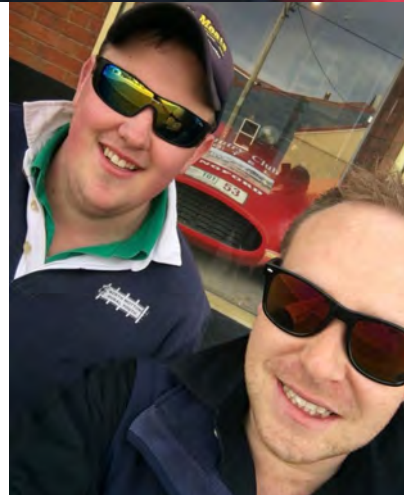
In July, we had a few members venture beyond the borders of Tasmania to do some travelling, our president the furthest to America. Some photos of her adventures are below.

That's all for now!





RURAL RALLY 2016



Hi all,

I am now two months in to my exchange and having a great time. The last report was the end of my first host family in southern Illinois. Anna and I were driven up to Springfield, the capital and about half an hour way. It was a very sad good bye, the Richters and Weis had become like family! I was to move to Aledo to stay with Cara. Anna went to a nearby county, which is on the western side of Illinois about two thirds of the way up the state and three hours west from Chicago.

It was late Saturday when we arrived at Cara's and was rather interesting. Next morning was up to church, not a habit that I am normally in, but for most it's a normal Sunday morning. Cara picks up another lady from the nursing home to take to church so we collected her, went to church and had a little morning tea following then went out for brunch. We had a slight tour of the town and it was time to drop Anna off with her host family who had been away at a fair for the week.

We also decided to stay at her brothers which had a bit more room, so I moved my case again. It was looking to be a jam packed few weeks starting at 6am Monday morning leaving to visit an Amish community about two hours away and to get there when the stores open at 8am. We got there by 8:05 and there wasn't many people like she thought there would be, so we got her bargains and then went visiting some of the people she knew.

I saw a tie stall barn where they tie the cows up and then hook pressurised cups on the cows to milk, the milk is tipped in to the vat through a filter. The Amish have no electricity but generators are ok, so you then need to turn the generator on and off during the day to keep the milk at the correct temperature, regularly testing the milk during the day. Other places around the Amish was a bakery with fabulous pastry and cool gift shop. Then we went to a friend's house who had a goat milking shed. It was fascinating to see how it all worked, sadly no goats at the time but still interesting. The Amish don't wear shoes in the summer, inside or out, muddy or clean yards or paddock, they just rinse their feet before going in the house.

We spent a bit of time in and around what is called the quad cities area, here I got to see John Deere Commons, the home of John Deere and his history. We attended the Mississippi Valley Fair watching the dairy show and then three bands over three nights.

The main part of this host was a trip to New Hampshire to see her daughter and give me a taste of America, over 1200 miles (1931+ km) to the east. It was pretty straight driving for two and a half days to get there. We did detour in to Niagara Falls and jumped across the boarder where I was able to see Niagara Falls from the Canadian side which meant I could see both the USA and Canadian falls at the same time. There was quite a lot of mist coming off the falls, but was nice to cool the hot mugginess of the day.

We arrived at Haverhill, New Hampshire Friday afternoon and over the weekend was able to experience a gorge, covered bridges, putting my feet in the Atlantic ocean, fresh lobster, Boston and the yummy treat Ben and Jerry's ice cream factory.

After a packed five days we started heading home, this time we went via Canada for a change of scenery. We drove through Ottawa, the Canadian capital, and there was a lights show on the Parliament House which was amazing to watch. We continued pretty hard the next day in need of having 24 hours to get the rent a car back on time.

We were going through Chicago. We navigated in to the centre to Bub City where the Wolfe Bros were playing. Playing to such a different crowd than what they do at home, it was amazing to be there and then catch up with them after the show. When we dropped the car off the next morning it had 3,734 miles (6,009km) for the 10 days.

For the final week back at Aledo it was a bit more on the quiet side with some jobs around the house before we left on Monday to go a Home & Community Education (HCE) (our equivalent to Country Women's Association - CWA) conference which Cara is the district (region) president. I spoke at this with some photos telling them about where I work and what Rural Youth is in Tasmania and also a radio interview that can be found at <http://wrmj.com/668911-2/>.

To finish up the afternoon at HCE, they had some group meetings and I was lucky enough to receive a quilted cushion cover. It was then time and Natasha my next host had arrived to pick me up, then for the two hour drive up to Richmond, northern Illinois for the last host in Illinois.

Here are the answers to the little quiz that was in last months report.

Australian:	USA:
Jumper	Sweater
Soft drink	Ski
Paddock	Field
1_KG	2.2 Pounds
Truck	Semi
Tea	Supper
Cutlery	Silverware
Barn	Shed
Ute	Truck
90 KM/H	55 Miles/H

So till next month, - enjoy the end of winter in Tassie, going in to spring, as the days here start to cool off to Fall (Autumn).

Cheers
Amanda



NORTHERN REGION

Northern Region has had a busy month with the planning of their state event, the Young Farmer Dinner, to be held on the 10th of September.

Members from the region have been working closely with the Young Farmer Coordinator this month to make sure the event is the best we can do.

We have a few competitors from Northern Region competing at the Young Farmer comp on this day, and we wish them the very best on the day. Those competing are:

Richard Petrie	Dorset
Jess Forsyth	Dorset
Stuart Cresswell	Western Tiers
Matthew Bayles	Westmorland
Ricky Edson	Tamar
Marty McConnon	Westmorland

On the 9th of September we said goodbye to Laura Smith and elected in Iona Colville in to the positions of Secretary and Region Delegate to State Council.

Looking past Young Farmer Dinner, we are excited for the coming show season, hoping to work with our clubs to have a presence at these shows and events once again.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 13th September at 7pm at RY Head Office, Launceston.



HAGLEY

This month at Hagley RY we held out regular monthly meeting at Hagley Farm School with the added bonus of pizza. We are very excited to say we are getting involved with the community and will be holding a dog high jump and ute show at the Westbury Show, held on the 5th of November. This is especially exciting as we have not held an event of any sort for a few years now. It is great to have Hagley RY starting to pick back up again.

Also, on the 27th of August we will all be heading to Paint Ball in Launceston, stay tuned for the photos of the aftermath.

Our next meeting will be held in the 1st of September at 7pm at Hagley Farm School.

President- Jacqui Hodgkinson – 0429 524 243

WESTERN TIERS

Western Tiers have had a pretty quiet month. Despite this, we have had a big involvement with the Northern Region state event, Young Farmer Dinner. We have our club President competing on the day and we wish Stuart the best of luck!

WT 's is looking to get our trivia night happening in October, where we will be engaging and supporting the community.

We are looking forward to spring coming around and with it some warmer weather, as we can't wait to get back out there with some social days, BBQ's and bonfires.

WT's next meeting will be held on TUESDAY the 6th SEPTEMBER at 7 pm at the Bush Inn Hotel, Deloraine.

If you want to know any more, contact club president, Stuart Cresswell on 0488 666 365.

Western Tiers meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month.



WESTMORLAND

Hello from Westmorland!

We've had a busy month with re-electing all office bearers and finalising a contract with Cressy Cricket Club to utilise their club rooms due to the Council wanting to demolish our treasured club rooms.

We are organising a working bee to clean out the clubrooms and say farewell. Invites will be in next months newsletter so keep your eyes peeled!

I would like to introduce our new office bearers:

President: Cassie Lee

Vice President: Jye Earnshaw

Treasurer: Caitlin Reid

Secretary : Iona Colville

Congratulations to all and I look forward to our future!

Our next meeting will be September 21st at Westmorland Clubrooms, Cressy.

President: Cassie Lee - 0413 936 636

NORTH-WEST REGION

Hey Guys and Girls,

North West Region has been flat out this past month with holding the region runoffs, and organizing the first Rural Rally!!

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to all entrants in the region runoffs around the state and our region is very proud to holds 5 positions out of top 6 in the runoffs score! We hope to see a fair few members enter into the rally this coming weekend and have a absolute ball!

Our next meeting will be held on 25th of August at Will Craigie's house for a pot luck tea!

Cheers

Jake Williams





NORTHERN REGION RURAL YOUTH

Young Farmer Dinner

SEPTEMBER 10TH 2016

6:15PM FOR 6:30PM START.
QUERCUS PARK. OAKS ROAD, CARRICK.

THEME: BLUE & SILVER
DRESS: COCKTAIL, NO JEANS
CASH ONLY NIGHT

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HEAD OFFICE

Hi Everyone,

For those of you whom I haven't had the chance to meet yet, my name is Skye Cusack and I'm the new Administration Trainee here in the Rural Youth Tasmania Head Office. I'm eighteen years old and live in Launceston. I've been working for Rural Youth for nearly 3 months now and I'm loving it!

Head Office has been crazy this past month, preparing all the documentation and materials necessary for people stepping into new Agfest directorships. It feels like Selena and I have reviewed about one thousand directorship manuals in the past few weeks!

I have also spent a lot of time updating the Study Tours section of the Rural Youth website – I highly recommend that people who are going on Study Tours in the future, or even people who are considering taking up the opportunity, read the reports from previous Study Tour recipients as they really make you feel like you are there with them, experiencing all the joy and learning alongside the exchangees.

There have been so many new memberships processed recently and that's been really great to see.

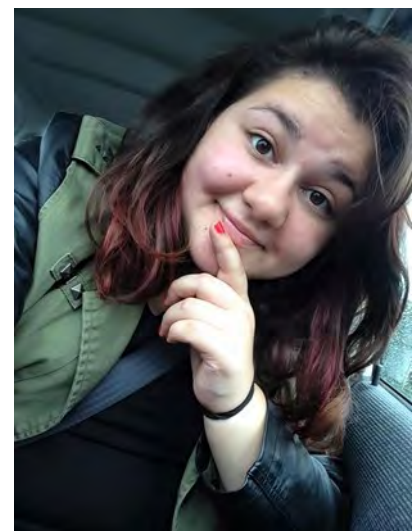
Talking about new members, I would like to introduce you to the newest additions to our team – the fish! They joined us around the 20th of August. They are so cute and seem to be enjoying their new home. Please don't feed them if you visit Head Office, they are very loved and looked after here.



Thank you to all the people who have supported me throughout my time here so far, I really appreciate it. I feel like I've settled in and I hope to talk more with all of you in the future.

If you have any questions, ideas, or even just want say hi, then feel free to call Head Office on 6331 6154.

Skye Cusack
Administration Assistant
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NORTH MOTTON

North Motton has been fairly busy this month with us gearing up for the Ulverstone Show where we run the animal nursery. We had a few members go along to the rural rally where we all had a blast and can't wait for next year!!

Well that's us for now and we hope you have a great month and see you all at the Young Farmer Dinner !

Our next meeting is Tuesday the 6th at Furners Hotel Ulverstone 7 for tea 8 for meeting

Ethan Williams

0448 320 628

PAST MEMBERS

If you know someone who was once a member of Junior Farmer or Rural Youth and is interested in reconnecting in some way - please point them in the direction of the RY Past Member's Association. It's a growing network of people who don't necessarily want to be actively involved in Rural Youth anymore, but would like to keep in touch and have the opportunity to meet with old friends and even make new connections.

Enrolment form is available on the Rural Youth website (Membership – Past Members Assoc.) and if you're registered, you will receive information on upcoming events and other items of interest. There are no meetings to attend, no renewals once you've registered and no obligation other than to join in when you can.

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It is with great pleasure that the team of dedicated members who sit as part of the newly formed strategic planning working group can announce that we have already started on our way to improving the future of Rural Youth and Agfest.

A background on why the working group was formed:

Through the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) that sits above Rural Youth Council and deal with much of the organisations finances, it was identified that with the sale of the former Federal Government owned Pontville Immigration Detention site that there was a potential opportunity to purchase some new buildings for Quercus Park that would be much more pleasant for our members.

The proposed relocation of the Launceston Show away from the existing site in Invermay has led to many co-users of this site left 'homeless' and with no facilities to use in times of the year when the show is not on.

After recent natural disasters such as fires and floods, there is a potential for the Quercus site to become an evacuation site or refuge facility for both people and animals. Stringent requirements must be provided and maintained to have such a site rating.

The site has endless opportunities to be hired to many parts of the community during the year and research was needed to pin-point potential site hirers and what facilities these site hirers would need/expect.

Due to these reasons, the working group was formed to discuss the direction that the organisation should aim to take in terms of future planning and delivering the services required for potential site hirers and user's year round.

During July and after a site visit, the working group presented proposals to both State Council and RAC, seeking approval to attend the August 5th Auction at the Pontville Immigration Site and purchase a new ablution unit for the Agfest site. Both committees approved and with the guidance of some former Rural Youth members, Jake Williams, Will Craigie and Stuart Cresswell attended the auction and had a winning bid much lower than was expected.

The committee is now moving into the more exciting part of the project — delivering the new ablutions to the Quercus Site. We are seeking input from all passionate members who would like to voice their opinion as to where the ablutions unit should be placed.

The committee has a preliminary plan in mind and that being a location close to the Function Centre. This allows us to easily access power and drainage requirements in the area and opens up future opportunity to add accommodation in this area that could be rented to the public throughout the year when Rural Youth are not using the site.

For more information on what the working group is up to and if you would like to be involved, or suggest a possible site for the ablution unit, please contact Jake Williams on 0400 901 810 or Dale Hayers on 0438 185 185

OTHER NEWS

An exciting time is ahead for incoming Study Tours as we prepare to host 2 international exchangees outside of our usual hosting time. Coming into summer, this poses some challenges with limited Rural Youth events, however it is also exciting as it means more car pools, adventures and potential for beach trips. We can't wait to host Katharina for 5 weeks, and Lea Charlotte for 12 weeks. Given the length of time for Lea Charlotte's stay, we are looking for more host families as not to strain those who have hosted so much already. Even if you can only host for a few days, or host a day trip, anything like this is appreciated as it all helps out. Each host has something different to offer in terms of experience for our exchange students.

With our outgoing exchanges, for those following Amanda on Facebook, you will see she is having a WOW of a time — touring the Ben & Jerry's factory, experiencing wild fires and the hospitality of the host families.

If hearing about these exchanges excites you or makes you interested then don't be shy! Why not ask about the exchanges on offer next year and start preparing your application now.?

If you're keen to know more, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am only more than willing to answer any questions.

Talk soon!

Prue Dennis

Exchange Program Co-ordinator

YOUNG FARMER

A big thank-you to everyone who competed in the region runoffs and congratulations to the top 15 state finalists. In the northwest Peter Damen was top of the board, in the north it was Stuart Cresswell and down south Alex White took out top spot.

The top 15 state finalists are:

John Damen (Devonport)
Peter Damen (North Motton)
Jess Forsyth (Dorset)
Brigid Worlton (North Motton)
Matthew Bayles (Westmorland)
Stuart Cresswell (Western Tiers)
Ricky Edson (Tamar)
Jake Williams (North Motton)
Alex White (Sorell)
Ryan Langley (North Motton)
Marty McConnon (Westmorland)
Ethan Williams (North Motton)
Richard Petrie (Dorset)
Tobias tenBensel (Kingborough-Huon)
Cassie Bresnehan (Central Highlands)

Cheers,

Ashley Evans

Young Farmer Coordinator 2016

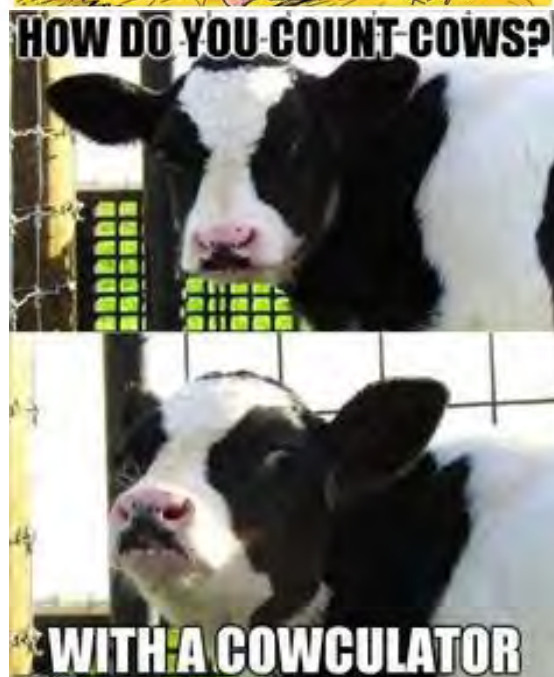
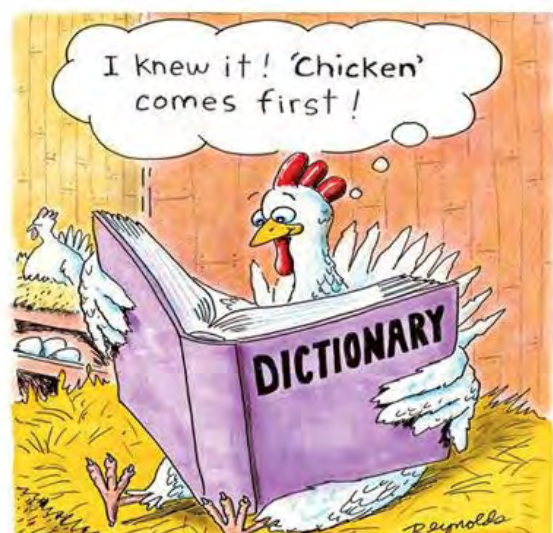
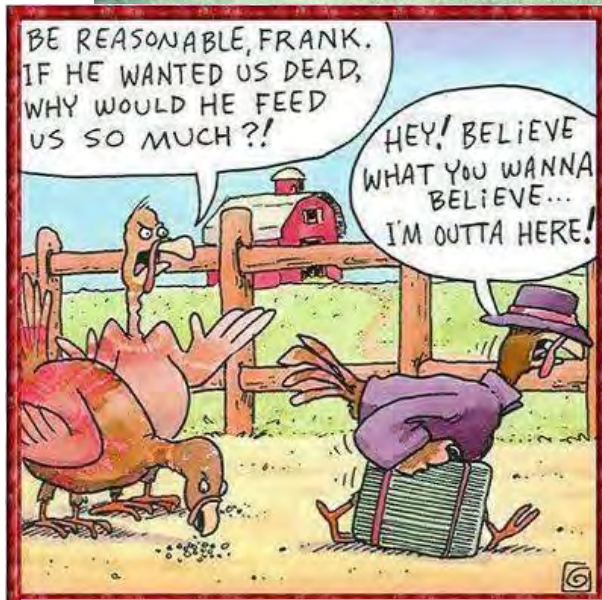
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1. Complain about everything
2. Blame others for your problems
3. Never be grateful

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