



# NEWSLETTER

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## A quiet word From The Editor...

**The February NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE is Friday the 22nd of  
January at 5PM.**

**Hi everyone!**

**Welcome to 2016!**

**Also welcome to King Island Rural Youth! We look  
forward to hearing about what is happening on the  
island!**

**State AGM is also close so hope to see everyone there!**

**Also I would like to thank Kadesha (head office) for all  
her help and support with completing the newsletter  
every month. She is off on a new adventure and I will  
miss all her help!**

**Thanks!**

**Phillipa.**

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# Presidents Report



The new year has arrived! At the time of writing this report, Christmas was yet to come, and what a busy time of year it has been! I have been attending as many club AGM's as is practically possible, especially given how busy it is this time of year. Thus far I have attended Brighton and Westmorland's AGM. I have helped Brighton run their AGM and guide them along. I am proud to report that there are younger members willing and eager to step into roles to learn how to take them on. I am very excited to see what the future holds for the club in the coming year with such young, driven, and passionate young people stepping up into roles.

I also attended my home club's AGM as outgoing club President. This was especially hard for me as Westmorland has been my club since I joined the Organisation in 2010. The club in which both my parents were also a part of and one that is close to my heart, but alas living at the other end of the State is not practical for me to remain a member of the club. I will endeavour to still remain involved with the club events and social activities, something crucial for club development and expansion.

With that I change topic to the coming State AGM. Thank you to those of North West Region who have the job of organising AGM this year with such a pressing time frame to fit it in in February. The AGM will be Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9.30am at the Ulverstone Yacht Club. We understand that yes this is the Sunday after a Rodeo and there will be available facilities for you to have a shower if you have come from the Rodeo. Lunch will also be provided on the day. I look forward to seeing new faces there, and the involvement of our newest Club, King Island.

On the topic of King Island, I congratulate the club on their inaugural general meeting which was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at their local Club. Jake Williams as North West Region President, and Amanda Bayles as Past Agfest Chair and a knowledgeable member, flew over to the Island and spent two days touring around and seeing what the Island had to offer, whilst assisting with the running of the inaugural meeting. We congratulate them on the stellar effort that they provided. Also thank you must go to Amanda for filling on short notice in my absence given a prior commitment to the Agriskills Forum gathering, which was held in Launceston.

Finally, in closing, I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Christmas, as well as a New Year and again, Welcome to King Island.

Prue.

# AGFEST

## TASMANIA'S FIELD DAYS

A quick report for our final edition of the Rural Youth Newsletter for 2015!

There have been no Agfest Committee meetings since our last submitted report, however there have been many actions since last month. The Equine Expo arena developments commenced, I have met with many sponsors including new business relationships for our Committee and budgets have been approved!

**Vacancies** within the 2016 Agfest Organising Committee include;

Safety Director (voting)

Power Director (voting)

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](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au) or text/call 0418 391 898 prior to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

We are increasing our activity on our Official Agfest **Facebook** page and other social media platforms. Please share our posts within your networks! In the New Year there will be some exciting competitions ran on our page, so keep an eye out for them!

Follow our Agfest Official Facebook page at : <https://www.facebook.com/AgfestFieldDaysTasmania>

We have our **Working Bees** scheduled in, having held two so far. Our focus at this point is general tidy up and maintenance leading into the preparation stage of February/March/April for line marking and improvements to site in areas required. If you wish to lend a hand, please let us know and we will cater for you, many hands make light work, and many minds contribute to fun- creating memories!

### Meetings & Events

Our next meeting is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January in the Function Centre at Quercus Rural Youth Park, starting at 8pm for committee, and 7:30pm for Agfest Exec. Exec have also booked in to catch up a fortnight prior to any scheduled Agfest Committee meeting.

Also on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January from 4pm until 7pm is the **2015/16 Rural Youth Tasmania Agfest Contractors BBQ**. Please rsvp to Rural Youth Head Office on [admin@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralyouth.com.au) or phone 03 6331 6154 during business hours.

In closing I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, a safe and enjoyable festive season, with a prosperous New Year ahead. Hope that 2015 has delivered all your desires, and the excitement of what lies ahead for 2016, which makes this busy period something to look forward to, well it sure does for me!

Kind Regards

Kate Coad

**Chairman**

**AGFEST FIELD DAYS**

**5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

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invite you to be our  
guest, in recognition of  
working your best!

Quercus Park  
Friday 8th January 2016  
4:00 – 7:00pm

Please come enjoy our BBQ,  
beverages & “thanks”

6331 6154 or email [admin@agfest.com.au](mailto:admin@agfest.com.au)

# Oatlands Rural Youth

Hi all!!

Oatlands have had an awesome December! We had our local Christmas Pageant on Friday 18th of December. Trish and Eb dressed up as crazy country bumpkins and stood on the back of Phil and Brandon's utes, which were all dolled up in Christmas decorations, and threw out tonnes of lollies to the gorgeous families of Oatlands... future members!!!

We held our AGM on Sunday 20th of December with the help of James McShane as our independent Chairman, many thanks to you! Also, to Amanda Bayles for popping down for the afternoon to help us out and get a bit of a brainstorm happening on how we can further develop our club and get some new members in the pipeline!

Newly elected Office Bearers are as follows:

President: Ebony McConnon

Vice President: Patricia Carter

Secretary: Patricia Carter

Treasurer: Ebony McConnon

Region Committee Representatives: Phil and Ebony McConnon and Patricia Carter

AGM Delegates: Phil and Ebony McConnon and Patricia Carter

We also voted on Best New Member and Outstanding Member, which is a tough competition. The winners are:

Best New Member 2015: Patricia Carter

Outstanding Member 2015: Ebony McConnon

Congratulations to all who have taken on a position and also to the two ladies who won their amazing member honour!

Our meetings will be on the first Wednesday of every month, at the clubrooms from 7pm, unless otherwise indicated. Find us on Facebook for details!

We have a couple of things coming up over the next couple of months, dates to lock in:

January Meeting: Tuesday 26th of January, 11am, at the Oatlands Pool

Oatlands Rural Youth Australia Day Pool Party: Tuesday 26th of January, 12pm - 4pm at the Oatlands Pool

Oatlands Rural Youth Summer Party: Saturday 6th of February, 3pm onwards in to the night

If you know anyone around the Southern Midlands area who would be interested, then please get in contact with us!

That is all from us for now, we had an amazing 2015, wishing you all the best for 2016. Merry Christmas and happy New Year for those celebrating!

"Always in the middle of it!"

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# General Manager

There is celebration and sadness in the office this month for a variety of reasons!

We were really excited to see King Island hold its first meeting a couple of weeks ago! As Prue had a prior commitment Amanda Bayles and Jake Williams were there as current members to support the group, help them sort out what was needed and provide them with some guidance and suggestions for the coming months! We will continue to assist them as much as possible to ensure the Clubs ongoing success!

I have locked in Sunday February 7 2016 for a Governance training sessions. This is a free one day session which will look at the following:

- Governance – what is it and why it matters;
- Minutes and Minute taking;
- Making the most of meetings;
- How to read a Profit & Loss Report and Balance Sheets;
- Budgets;
- Understanding financial reporting and what questions we should ask.

This is something that members have been requesting for some time to help them with their Club activities. I am confident the day will be worthwhile and hope many members are in a position to be able to attend. This session will be held in Launceston, I will confirm exact location and time early in the New Year.

Having dealt with the good news I now get to the sad bit! After a great couple of years our Administrative Assistant Kadesha Bishop has decided to leave us to pursue a career in Nursing and will finish up on Christmas Eve. She leaves with our best wishes and thanks.

Deanna Wadley has agreed to join our team and will step into her role and complete a Traineeship in Business Admin over the next two years. We wish both girls success for their chosen paths.

In closing I hope you and your families all have a great Christmas. I look forward to working with you all in the New Year to provide more opportunities for our members and grow the organisation.

Cheers Karen



# Central Highlands Rural Youth

Another busy few weeks at Central Highlands

First up was our club AGM at Ouse Bowls Club. Thanks to our two guests, Jan Roberts and Fran McDonald, a great evening was had by all. Thank you to the outgoing executive and welcome to the new look team for 2016.

President - Emma Rayner

Vice President - Anthony Franklin

Secretary - Sam Larder

Treasurer - Jasmine Hill

A massive congratulations goes to Emma Rayner for taking out 3rd place in the Heather and Christopher Chong Community Young Achiever Award. What an amazing achievement in this prestigious award.

We had a very cold, but enjoyable two days at Highlands Bush Fest, thanks to all the members who came out to make this a successful event.

Next was on to the Christmas camping trip at Lake Repulse, although the weather was less than ideal we still had a great night, with a great lamb roast and veggies in the camp oven and a very close encounter with a brazen quoll...!!!

A few of our members attended another afternoon working bee bagging up some more sheep manure.

Then onto a full weekend at Ellendale Town Carols and a big day at the markets.

We are also pleased to announce that CHRY will be running the Ute show and dog high jump again in 2016 at the Hamilton Show on Saturday 5th March .... Stay tuned for more details.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.... See you all in 2016

Central Highlands Rural Youth-'You Get Out What You Put In'



# Kingborough Huon Rural Youth

Hi All,

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth had their AGM last week. We are pleased to announce that Nicole Elliot will once again be leading our ship as President with Kaysie as her Vice President as well as Treasurer. Chloe Kemp steps up and takes on the role of Secretary and she was also voted our Best New Member Candidate for 2015. Kaysie Wood will represent us in the Most Outstanding Member Award Category.

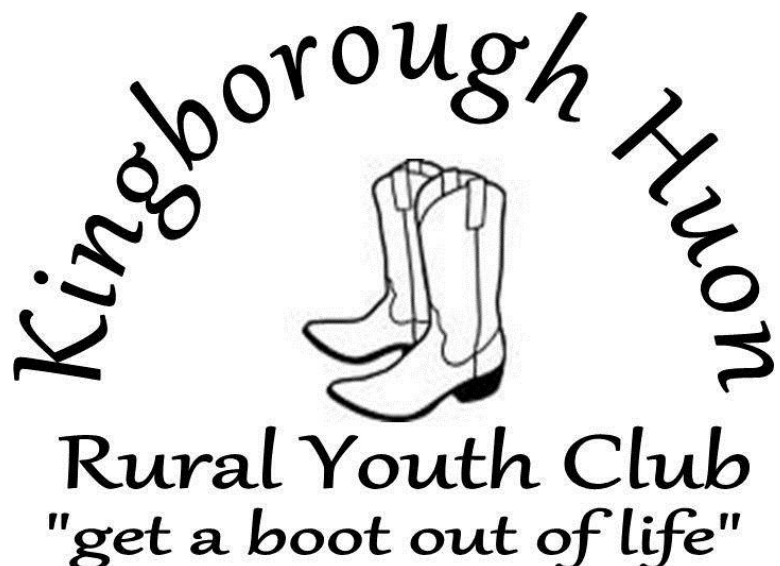
AGM was held at Nicole's house after gusty winds forced us to move from our original Kingston Beach location. We had a good, fun night with pizza and hot chippies and we also welcomed back Owen Woolley, after spending six months away in Canada.

The club is looking into 2016 with hopes of increasing our Relay for Life fundraising tally, which slowly grows over \$1000. We have locked in another day of sausage sizzling at Mitre 10 Kingston which will help grow the tally.

On the last few days before Christmas, two more of our members will complete blood donations, taking the state-wide Rural Youth to almost 50 for 2015. The club is also determined to see this increase in 2016 and throws the challenge out to any other club to try and beat us in 2016!

Other than that, best wishes for a safe festive season from all of us in the South, drive safe and we will see you in 2016!

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth



# King Island Rural Youth

On Thursday, December 10th, the AGM of Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania's newest club, King Island Rural Youth took place.

After months of hard work behind the scenes, the club was unveiled at the King Island Club for its first ever AGM. Eight members signed up on the evening for the 2016 year, with the club expecting more members to sign up after the festive break.

Josh Taylor, of King Island on the night was voted in as the clubs first ever President. Prior to the AGM, he had been the main player in the establishment of the club after identifying the large benefits that having a Rural Youth club could bring to the King Island community, both young and old.

North West Region President, Jake Williams and former Agfest Chairman, Amanda Bayles both travelled to King Island to help with AGM proceedings and to welcome new members to the Organisation.

Other office bearers voted in on the evening were

Josie Wright- Vice President

Chloe Watson-Secretary

Paige Williams-Treasurer.

It is hoped that the establishment of the club will help reduce current travel barriers, as well as members of Rural Youth, in which will be able to access subsidised travel expenses in both directions, increasing productivity on the Island.

The Club hope to continue public awareness about their establishment in the coming months by having presence at the Festival of King Island.

Club meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at a venue to be confirmed.

For more information on the King Island Rural Youth contact Josh Taylor on 0419 987 791.





# January 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Head Office Closed	2 Head Office Closed	3
4 Head Office Open	5 North Motton 8pm	6 Brighton 7pm Western Tiers, time TBA	7 Northern Region 7pm Agfest Meeting @ Quercus & BBQ	8 Oatlands 7pm	9	10
11 Devonport 7.30pm	12 Sorell 7pm	13 Kingborough Huon 6.30pm	14 North West Region 7pm	15	16	17
Dorset 7.30pm		Northern Region				
18 RYC Meeting Central Highlands, 7pm	19	20 Westmorland 7pm	21 Southern Region 7pm	22	23	24
25 AUSTRALIA DAY!	26	27	28	29	30	31 Oatlands Pool Party



## February 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hagley 7pm	North Motton 8pm Sister Creek 7pm	Brighton 7pm Western Tiers, time TBA	Northern Region 7pm	Oatlands 7pm		Governance Workshop
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
● Circular Head 7pm ● Devonport 7.30pm ●	Sorell 7pm	Kingborough Huon 6.30pm	North West Region 7pm			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
RYC Meeting 7pm	Central Highlands 7pm		Westmorland 7pm	Agfest Meeting 8pm Southern Region 7pm		State AGM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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# Brighton Rural Youth

After a tough time trying to recruit members and keep the club active, we are back for 2016!

Our current President is Dylan Ward, leading the way for our team, Graeme Freeman, Julie Oakley and Maddie Haigh!

We owe a huge thanks to State President, Prue Dennis who has given her time and energy to helping this great little club find its feet again! So thankyou Prue!

We are all looking at moving forward and working on bringing back our annual event... Swag Swappers!!

We hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

"Have Fun, Be Wild"

Brighton Rural Youth



# North West Rural Youth

Hi Everyone,

It has been a hectic few weeks for everyone leading up to Christmas, so we have been fairly quiet this month, although planning for the state AGM is in full swing!! We hope everyone has a safe and exciting Christmas and New Year and hope to see everyone at the AGM!

Cheers, Jake





## **21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 STATE AGM**

It's the time of the year for the state annual general meeting!

Rural Youth's State AGM

Will be held on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Ulverstone Yacht Club 9am arrival for 9.30am start and 2.30pm (approximately) finishing time.

Tea, coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided!

RSVP to Jake Williams on 0400 901 810 by Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Note – There will be no charge to attend this year's AGM.

**North West Region  
presents**

**State AGM 2016**

**Come along and  
have your say!**

**No Cost!**

**Lunch and snacks  
provided!**

**WHERE??  
ULVERSTONE YACHT  
TIME? 9AM-230PM**

# Western Tiers Rural Youth

Western Tiers has had a pretty relaxing start to summer, with many of our members being busy with work and keeping the veggies and crops growing.

After our last event, we gained several new members, and have been busy recruiting ever since. As we move into the New Year, we hope to continue this trend, gaining more members and overall, to build our little club.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December we held our first AGM in many years, with several new members elected into the Executive Positions:

President: Stuart Cresswell

Vice President: Luke Challis

Treasury: Stacy Plumbridge

Secretary: Kat Cenin

It must be said, a huge thank you to Tim Cresswell and Stacy Plumbridge for being long running members of the Western Tiers Rural Youth club and getting it back up on its feet. We look forward to having your input into the clubs running for the coming years.

Our next event will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, on the side of the Cresswell's dam, hopefully it's a sunny warm afternoon and we can all go for a swim and enjoy the sunshine with some cold drinks and a BBQ. Back up plan to this (fingers crossed for no rain on the day) is to have a movie night.

We have planned to have our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month, for more information, news on current events and what is coming up for the club, make sure you look us up on Facebook; "Western Tiers Rural Youth".

For more information on our club, please contact:

Stuart Cresswell: 0488 666 365

Email: [cresswellstuart28@gmail.com.au](mailto:cresswellstuart28@gmail.com.au)





# Westmorland Rural Youth

Westmorland held its AGM on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>, and elected the following as office bearers:

**President:** Laura Smith

**Vice President:** Maharla Farley

**Secretary:** Maharla Farley

**Treasurer:** Amanda Bayles

Congratulations and best of luck to our new office bearers, and many thanks to those who previously held positions, especially outgoing President Prue Dennis.

In 2016, Westmorland will be on the hunt for as many new members as possible, so if anybody knows anyone living in the northern midlands that should give Rural Youth a go, please give them your encouragement (offer bribes if necessary!). Our next meeting will be a BBQ for all current and potential members, to be held at the Longford Village Green on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January from 7pm onwards. Everything will be provided and all are welcome!

Finally, everybody at Westmorland would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year! See you in 2016!



# Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc.

## Insurance Information

For the protection of the organisation and members, Rural Youth has the following insurance cover:

### Public Liability

\$50M Public Liability Insurance (*not including Agfest which is insured separately as part of a scheme Insurance Cover with all other Shows and Field Days throughout Australia*)

Covers all Rural Youth activities/official functions which may include:

State activities: Rural Roundup & Young Farmer

State Ball

AGM Weekend

Brainstorming Weekend

Region activities: Interclub challenges & sports days, animal nursery at local shows and other promotional activities.

Club activities: Any official club function (*included in club meeting minutes prior to the event*), which could include dances, wood chopping events, BBQ's, sports competitions (10-pin bowling, roller skating, etc.).

Any person/parties who hire Quercus Rural Youth Park for functions and events must have their own Public Liability Insurance for their event.

### Personal Accident – Voluntary Workers Insurance

All members are covered whilst undertaking Rural Youth activities.

Death Benefits of \$100,000

Weekly benefits for loss of income – \$500 per week up to 104 weeks.

7 day waiting period

85% of non-Medicare medical expenses up to a max. \$5000 (*\$50 excess payable*)

***All functions which involve members of the public and alcohol sales are to have a Risk Management Strategy – contact the office for information.***

***In circumstances where excessive consumption of alcohol and/or any drug use has occurred, claims may not be covered by the policy.***

### Directors & Officers/Associations Liability

To a limit of \$10M with an excess of \$1,000 for each claim.

Actions brought against Directors, Officers and Employees as a result of a “wrongful act”, which includes any breach of duty, trust, neglect, error, mis-statement, misleading statement, admission or breach of warranty or authority.

### Corporate Travel Insurance

Covers members who travel interstate and overseas on study tour exchanges, or any authorised Rural Youth related travel, up to a maximum 6 month period of travel. Overseas cover includes unlimited overseas medical expenses, \$10,000 baggage and personal effects, \$5000 money/ traveller's cheques and credit cards. Additional cover may be required if risky activities are planned during the trip. Full policy available for perusal.

If you have any queries regarding our insurance policies, and any exclusions that might apply to any of these policies, please call Linda Perkins at Rural Youth Head Office on 6331 6154 or email on [finance@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:finance@ruralyouth.com.au)

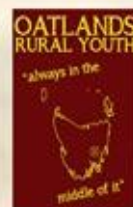
# oatlands rural youth australia day

# POOL PARTY

26th of January



12pm - 4pm



**oatlands pool, campbell street**

lots of games & fun in the sun | bbq & drinks will be available

normal pool entry prices apply

check out our facebook page to contact a member [www.facebook.com/oatlandsruralyouth](http://www.facebook.com/oatlandsruralyouth)

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