



# Rural Youth Tasmania Newsletter

## State President

The months are flying by! Rural Youth is keeping busy organising and putting on great events and training for members. Just this past weekend our Junior VP, Josh along with the Carrick Fire Brigade organised and facilitated the RY Fire Games. It was a great day, with 3 teams competing for the title. We had a blast making our way through the 5 activities the brigade had set out for us. It would be fantastic to see more members support these days and join in on the fun.

Coming up on the 24th of June we have the runoff for the 2017 Young Farmer competition. We have opened the competition to non-Rural Youth members. This year we will be holding the runoff in one place at 'Greenvale' in Cressy to make sure we get everything just right but people will still be competing within their regions. Top 3 members and non-members from each region will make it through to the final, giving us 18 state finalists. There is a strong emphasis on practical modules this year, with animal and cropping industries covered but that is all I can say!

In only a couple weeks the big day will be here. All our hard work will pay off as we hold our SGM on July 8th from 9am to bring in the new structure and constitution. All past and present members are welcome. To celebrate our efforts, we are throwing a party that night at the Quercus Function Centre. We'll be providing food, drink (to purchase), games and music so keep an eye out for the invitation as it is set to be a night to remember.

Clubs are going strong with renewed interest in both Tasman and Tamar putting them back on the map. It is great to see members taking the leap and putting their hand up for positions within clubs to ensure they stay alive.

Good luck to Marty McConnon, who is heading to New Zealand in only a couple weeks to compete in the inaugural 'Trans-Tasman Contest' as the 2016 Young Farmer winner. He will compete against the NZ Young Farmer winner, Athol in many different modules aimed at testing his agriculture knowledge and skills. We can't wait to see how he goes.

## July 2017

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## General Manager

July has arrived and so has the opportunity to start to implement the changes to the organisation that have been spoken about for a considerable length of time.

The first step is our SGM on Saturday July 8 at Quercus. Subject to acceptance, this will see our new Constitution in place and elections held for the Board and the incoming Agfest Committee. Given this will be a rather momentous day for the organisation we are planning to have a celebration that evening with a meal, music and entertainment – human hungry hippos anyone? I encourage you all to come along and take part in the day – many have contributed time and effort to get us to this point, this will be a great way to acknowledge that and have some fun.

Thank you to Josh Taylor and the Carrick Fire Brigade for the fantastic fire games they held at Quercus on June 11. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time and wanted to see the event run again. We would love to build this event in the future so please consider coming along to join a team and have some fun next time. Don't forget State Ball is coming up on July 22nd - everything is set for what looks to be a great night.

As this will be the last Newsletter before the restructure I would like to pay tribute to all who have served on our various Committees in the past, thank you – your contribution is what sets this organisation apart and shows us at our best. We pride ourselves on being a training organisation to provide members with an array of opportunities to learn and grow. If you are keen to build on your existing skill set (& add to your resume), contribute to our organisation and have fun along the way I would encourage you to consider nominating for a role that interests you, there are a variety on offer! Remember staff can only do so much - we need you on board too!!

Regards

Karen



## Trans Tasman Challenge

As the 2016 Young Farmer competition winner, Marty McConnon will represent Australia in the inaugural 'Trans Tasman Challenge' against the New Zealand Young Farmer winner, Athol. He will head over to New Zealand and compete from 6-9 July at the FMG Young Farmer of the Year. As well as having a great opportunity to display his agriculture knowledge and skills, Marty will also be seeing the sites with a bit of touring and farm visits.

The idea of the 'Trans Tasman Challenge' all began when we received an email from our New Zealand counterparts asking if we thought it was a good idea... and of course we did! The competition adds a new and exciting element to our Young Farmer competition and is a chance for us to showcase the talent we have here in Tasmania.

Marty will be competing against Athol, a Mid Canterbury dairy farm manager. Athol works within the Senior Leadership Team at Purata Farms, supplying independent milk company Synlait Milk and leads a team of over ten staff.

The pull of the agriculture sector was too much for builder Marty, who after a downturn in the Launceston building industry started working with an agricultural contracting business and has never looked back. After competing in Young Farmer for 12 years and coming runner up 4 times, Marty's persistence paid off with his win in 2016.

Good luck to both contestants and here is hoping that Marty brings home the trophy!



### REMINDER

Can all Room Keys and any other equipment from AGFEST please be returned to Head Office ASAP.



# VILLAGE CINEMA MOVIE TICKETS

Now selling for \$12.00 first in, first served

Normally at our discounted price of \$13.50

Limited amount left, expiring on the 31st August

Ring or email head office. We take payment by credit card over the phone



NORTHERN REGION PRESENTS

## RED CARPET STATE BALL

SATURDAY JULY 22ND | 6PM

PENNY ROYAL RESTAURANT & WINE BAR | LAUNCESTON | TICKETS \$60



## Rural Youth Tas Pistol Shooting Day

Sunday 20th August 2017  
Van Diemen Pistol Club  
75 Remount Rd, Mowbray, 7248.  
\$15pp, including ammo and gun hire  
12PM Registration  
Over 18's event only

RSVP 4TH AUGUST TO STUART CRESSWELL

### State Ball Accommodation Leisure Inn Penny Royal

- 14X - 2 Bedroom apartments which sleeps 4 \$165.00 per night per room. (\$41.25 pp)
- 1X - 4 Bedroom apartment which sleeps 8 \$235.00 per night per room. (\$29.38 pp)
- 6X - Studio rooms which sleeps 2 \$119.00 per night per room. (\$59.5 pp)
- 5X - 1 Bedroom apartments which sleeps 2 \$125.00 per night per room. (\$62.5 pp)
- 2X - Standard 2 Bedroom apartments which sleeps 4 \$165.00 per night per room. (\$41.25 pp)
- Standard Queen rooms\* which sleeps 2 \$119 per night per room. (\$59.5 pp)
- Standard twin rooms\* which sleeps 3 per night per room. (\$41.67 pp)

\* Located in different area to rest of rooms.

To Book, simply book the room of your choice by 7th July and quote "Rural Youth State Ball" to claim discounted rates.  
P: 6335 6601 E: famlpr@leisureinnhotels.com

## RURAL YOUTH STATE BALL TICKET PRICE

# \$60

2 COURSE MEAL AT THE PENNY  
ROYAL RESTAURANT & WINE BAR





## Southern Region

Hi All

Things have been good down in the south of the state. Starting to get a few chilly mornings and some good frosts!

Well done to Oatlands for doing the Ute competition at the Campbell Town show, saw a few good pictures.

Brighton Rural Youth are going bowling on Monday 3rd of July, please contact Bree House if you're interested in going along, maybe have club vs club!

Before the SGM we are having a 'Last Supper'. Monday the 26th June at The Maypole, in New Town (opposite Kmart) 6.30pm. Monday nights they have a \$10 menu, hope that we see your pretty faces there.

See you when I see you.

Nicole Elliott

Southern Region



## North West Region

Hi all,

Northwest region has been fairly quiet just of late winding up things for our SGM in July! As this will be our last report I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the years helping the region grow and keep our northwest clubs alive!

Our final meeting will be held on Thursday 13th of July at Furners hotel in Ulverstone 7pm for tea 8pm for meeting. All past members are welcome!

Over the past 4 years of me being President, I'd like to thank everyone who had helped me in any shape or form, it is greatly appreciated!

I hope to see you all at the Special General Meeting on the 8th of July!

Regards

Jake Williams



## Northern Region

Northern region is getting ready for the count down to the State Ball for 2017! The event will be held at the Penny Royal Restaurant and Wine Bar, Launceston.

This is looking like it will be a great event, with some great food! Tickets for the night will be \$60, with a cash bar. The theme for the night is "Red Carpet", so pull out those glad rags and get all glammed up for this great night. We have also arranged for discounted room rates to be provided next door at the Penny Royal Leisure Inn, just around the corner. To take advantage of this, call them up and mention that you are from RY to secure the booking, which must be made prior to July 7<sup>th</sup>.

A fresh start at the Campbell Town Show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June saw the dog high jump have another successful year at the show. There was amazing support from local business for their donations for prizes, including; Animal Tucker Box Launceston, TP Jones Longford, Roberts Campbell Town and Roberts Deloraine.

It was great to see all the dogs and support from the community at the dog high jump, with a great show of some very cute dogs. Top dog jump for small dogs was Squirt the Jack Russell with 1m and for large dogs it was Maggie, a Collie X with 1.90m. It was a great day had by all, and we hope to be able to continue doing this at the Campbell Town show in years to come.

Looking ahead to what is to come for the future, with the disbandment of regions, President Stuart Cresswell, would like to thank all those from clubs from around the region for all that they have done to help out northern region over the last 2 years, and we hope that the region can pull together in years to come to host great events and activities together again.

Thanks,

President, Stuart Cresswell.



## Western Tiers

Hi all,

Western Tiers has had a great month, with a very successful BBQ being held at the Campbell Town Show. It was great to see so much support from the community, and to have a nice little injection of cash also. This BBQ was a great success and it has definitely given us the confidence to do this more often! We would like to give a big thank you to JBS and Butchery shop Longford for the donation of meats for the day, Cripps Launceston for the bread and DA & AM Cresswell for providing all the onions!

WT has been talking to a few local event groups, and we have a few great things coming up in the next few months.

WT also has two brilliant new signs made by Deloraine Signs, these are eye-catching and really help get our name out there!

Our next meeting will be Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm at the British Hotel, Deloraine.

For more information, or questions, contact club President.

Stuart Cresswell.

0488 666 365





## Oatlands

On the 3rd of June, Oatlands Rural Youth held this years Campbell Town show ute competition. We had 11 Utes enter across 7 categories. Congratulations to everyone who entered and those who were lucky enough to take home a fantastic prize.

A huge thank you to all businesses who were kind enough to donate prizes and vouchers.

Also a huge shout out to Allan Roark for his fantastic work judging all our entries, I'm sure it was a thorough decision with some fantastic looking utes competing against each other.

Oatlands Rural Youth

'Always in the middle of it'

**Patricia Carter**

**0418946666**





## Brighton

Brighton Rural Youth held the Ute competition at the Jordan River School Farm Fair on 8th of April, and it was a very successful day. All up we had 18 utes enter in the competition and had a great range of different categories.

On behalf of Brighton Rural Youth I would like to thank all of our sponsors and competitors.

The club also held a stall full of information about Rural Youth and there appeared to be lots of interest from potential new members.

We have recently welcomed a new member into the club and held our last meeting on 6th June at the Jordan River School Farm classrooms, where there were many great ideas passed around for potential upcoming events and fundraising.

We have some very exciting ideas for future events including a statewide social event for later in the year so be sure to keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page.

The next meeting that we will be holding is on 5th July at AMF Bowling in Moonah, everybody is welcome so please feel free to come along and have some fun!

Erin Hansson

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## Private Health Insurance Rebate for Members

All financial Rural Youth Members may claim a rebate on the cost of your private health insurance. All you need to do is send in a copy of the form your fund sends you at the end of the financial year to show what your contributions are and we will send you a 5% rebate. If you have not been a registered member for the full 12 months, then your rebate will be pro-rata.

As well as that, St. Lukes Health have advised they will provide Rural Youth members with a 2.5% discount\* on the cost of your health cover, on presentation of a current membership card. Visit [www.stlukes.com.au](http://www.stlukes.com.au) or contact them for more information.

Just one of the many benefits of being a member of Rural Youth Tasmania

***\*Discount does not apply to the lowest ancillary cover.***

## Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are still available to  
purchase at Head Office



## Rural Youth Firefighters Challenge

Sunday the 11th of June saw the introduction of the Rural Youth Firefighter Challenge at Quercus Park.

With the invaluable help of Carrick Fire Brigade, members were able to compete in several challenges from fire hose soccer to a completing an obstacle course blind folded, trusting in the guidance of your team!

Our winning team of the day the Mountain Bandicoots competed fiercely for first place! With our second-place team, the Wet Hose Handlers keeping hot on their tails! Following close behind were our third team Orielson231!

The Members all had a great day followed by a BBQ lunch to end the day!

Thank you to all who made the day a success and those whom helped in some way.

I look forward to hosting this event next year!

**Josh Taylor**

**Co-Ordinator**





Rural Youth of Tasmania is offering

# Fork Lift Courses in 2017

**When:** September 2nd - 3rd or October 7th -8th

**Where:** Quercus Park, Carrick

**Cost:** \$350 per person

The course is open to **RURAL YOUTH** members.

Each course can take up to 6 people. More courses can be organised if the need/requirement is there.

Remember current **RURAL YOUTH** members can use your training subsidy if you have not used it already. The training subsidy is up to \$200 per person a year.

Any questions call Nicole Elliott 0400 566 259

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## William Craigie United Kingdom Exchange

My time in Northern Ireland was a very interesting time!

I flew from England to Belfast, by the time I landed I was feeling a little unwell.

Mitchell Park picked me up from the airport. Mitchell with his father and brother own a dairy farm in Ballymena. On Monday, we milked and fed cattle in the morning, cut silage throughout the day. That evening we bailed and carted the rounds back to the yard about 8km on the road. I brought my last load into the yard at 1am. The rest of the week consisted of farm jobs and site seeing, we went to Bush Mills Whisky Distillery for a tour and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge near Ballintoy. Mitchell, his dad and myself climbed Slemish Mountain and drank Guinness beer, it was a very Irish thing to do! Thursday and Friday, we went to Balmoral show, it was like Agfest but with more activities. Things I saw were sheep and cattle judging, shearing competitions, tractor handling, tug of war, a beer tent and side show alley. That Saturday night we went to the Randalstown BBQ which was fun, it was held in a cattle shed with a band and a bar. This was followed by a quiet Sunday with burgers and chips.

On Monday Emma Miller (past exchange to Tas) picked me up and we spent the week together. We did lots of activities including Giant's Causeway, we did the full walk! Emma and I also went to Belfast to see the Titanic Museum and Belfast castle. Later that week, I went to work with John Cochrane. John is a chippy but works with concrete building now. I planted barley with a young farm member. We worked right on the coast in a 200hp John Deer with satellite guidance, this was very much over kill in the 15 acre fields. I also swam at Port Rush one morning which was extremely cold! Made Tassie feel tropical. Friday night was Sports night where 250 young farmers turned up to play soccer and tug of war. On Saturday night there was a BBQ, it was a good evening followed by a lazy Sunday.

On Sunday night, I met with Jack Johnston and his mates and we went to Port for a drink. I got put to work at the Johnston's farm where we milked 280 cows on a 20 aside swing over parlour. We also cut silage so Wednesday was all about hauling silage back from the fields in tractors and chaser bins. Ballymena show was on Friday afternoon. There was a young farmer competition that included hockey, tractor handling, ute course, quad bike challenge and tug of war. Saturday was a busy day, a young farmer member of Randalstown got married. When the wedding party leave the church, it is tradition to walk through an arch of pitch forks which I was asked to be in. We went back to the second day of the show for some more competitions and to have a better look around. Then back to the Johnston's to milk. I then caught the bus to another young farmer BBQ followed by a quiet Sunday morning and a lunchtime flight to Wales.





# July 2017

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3	4 Western Tiers Meeting	5	6	7 Agfest Meeting Exhibitor Meeting	8 RY SGM Agfest Annual Meeting	9
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Sorell	Dave Lucas	0459 467 282



## Meander Valley Council Community News

This is your last chance to apply for funding in the current round which closes on 15 June 2017. Information and application forms are available from the Council Offices in Westbury and online at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au). For more information or application assistance phone Patrick Gambles on 6393 5334.

### Working together for Westbury

A post flood review has resulted in a collaborative project along Quamby Brook. Meander Valley Council, along with a local landowner, are working together with TasWater and the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) to clear some of the willows on the floodplain between Meander Valley Road and the TasRail bridge.

"After the floods last year, it was identified that this area was particularly susceptible to inundation. Some of the willow trees had created a bottle neck, impeding the flow of water," Mayor Craig Perkins said. A select number of trees will be removed in order to reduce the risk of upstream inundation during extreme rain events. The project is an outstanding example of how collaborative effort and cooperation can lead to successful outcomes. The work is being funded by TasWater and the Crown with Council acting as the project's facilitator. DPIPWE will carry out ongoing maintenance of the area.

"Working together has enabled all stakeholders to access shared resources which directly benefits all involved and the community," Mayor Craig Perkins said. At the completion of the project the risk of inundation to sewerage networks will be reduced, safer areas will have been created to carry out test sampling and there will be greater accessibility to in-ground infrastructure. Residents are advised that the work will require the use of heavy machinery and there will be burning of vegetation on-site which will create smoke. Council appreciates the understanding of residents during this time. The work that commenced mid-May, is expected to be completed by early June.

### Strategy released for public comment

Last month the Meander Valley Council Natural Resource Management Strategy was released for public comment. This document outlines the issues that our natural values face and how we work together with other organisations and the community to manage these challenges. Let us know what aspects of natural resource management are important to you and where you live by taking a moment to leave feedback. A copy of the document is available at Council's office in Westbury or you can visit Council's website at [www.meander.tas.gov.au](http://www.meander.tas.gov.au) to view an online version. There you will find a link to seven quick check-box style feedback questions.

### Leading the way in regional growth

Meander Valley Council has received the 2017 National Award for Local Government. This award recognises Council's contribution to regional growth through the establishment, support and promotion of the Valley Central Industrial Precinct in Westbury. Driving investment and pursuing the development of the Valley Central precinct has resulted in direct community benefits while supporting economic outcomes beyond our municipality. With a total of \$327m of potential capital expenditure, the development is expected to create 1,713 jobs during construction and 202 ongoing permanent positions. "This is a great example of how public and private partnerships can work together to achieve great things," Mayor Craig Perkins said.

### On the hunt for hidden treasures

The Jimmy Possum Exhibition was officially launched at the Deloraine & Districts Folk Museum in May, coinciding with Heritage Week. Moving speeches on the night reminded us of the importance of preserving our unique local history.

The exhibition is the first step in ensuring that the hardships and triumphs of the past are remembered. Until recently, recounting stories about this mysterious chairmaker relied heavily upon the spoken word, which is precarious once memories fade. Volunteers at the Museum are making a concerted effort to ensure that stories about Jimmy Possum chairs and the man himself are not forgotten.

"In what could be described as a Jimmy Possum treasure hunt, no one really knows how many more chairs exist. Hidden away in old out-buildings, sheds and attics, once re-discovered, these chairs have incredible stories to tell. It is a privilege to have such tangible connections to our past," Museum volunteer, Roger Nutting, said.

Do you have a Jimmy Possum Chair or story to tell? Then the Deloraine & Districts Folk Museum would love to hear from you. Entrance to the Museum is via the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre on Emu Bay Road, Deloraine.

