

# Rural Youth Newsletter



**APRIL 2014**  
**Edition No. 742**

# A Note From The Editor... Newsletter Contents

Hi All,

Welcome to the April Edition of the Rural Youth Newsletter and the last edition for me as editor.

Thank you to everyone who provided photos, news/gossip or suggestions please continue to forward everything to the editor email address [editor@ruralityouth.com.au](mailto:editor@ruralityouth.com.au) for the next editor to be announced.

Please remember your club/region reports are a fantastic publicity tool; use the newsletter to promote your upcoming events and social news.

Please forward your MAY Newsletter reports by 5pm FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April... Set the reminder into your smart phone!! This is earlier than normal due to Easter Holidays.

Good luck to the new Newsletter Editor for 2014 and all of State Council

See you around this great state – Bring on Agfest 2014!

Cheers Trace ☺

	PAGE
State Presidents Report	3
Rural Youth Council 2014	4
Agfest Chairman Report	5
Property Management Report	6
Working Bee Dates	6
Kingborough Houn Club Report	7
Sorell RY Club Report	7
North West Region Report	8
North Motton Club Report	8
Committee Vacancies	9
Graeme Tole Winner	10
Graeme Tole Memorial Award	11
Agfest Accommodation Report	12
Traffic Management Training	13
March 2014 Calendar	14
April 2014 Calendar	15
Executive Officer Report	16
Executive Officer Report	17
RSA Training Information	18
Rural Business Tasmania	19
Study Tour Winner Self Nominated	20
Study Tour Winner Self Nominated	21
Agfest Positions Vacant & Photo Op	22
Sponsors Page	23
Agfest Dates & Entertainment Books	24
Calendar of Events	25
RY Classifieds	26
RY Classifieds	27
Agfest Dinner Invitation	28

## CONTACT US

### Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated

**POSTAL:** PO BOX 322, LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

**BUSINESS:** 62 YORK STREET, LAUNCESTON TAS

**PHONE:** 03 6331 6154

**FAX:** 03 6334 4386

**EMAIL:** [admin@ruralityouth.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralityouth.com.au)  
[admin@agfest.com.au](mailto:admin@agfest.com.au)

**WEB:** [www.ruralityouth.com.au](http://www.ruralityouth.com.au)  
[www.agfest.com.au](http://www.agfest.com.au)

## DISCLAIMER

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing.

However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that information upon which they rely is up to date and to check currency of the information.

Recognising that some of the information in this document is provided by third parties, Rural Youth, the author, the editor and the publisher take no responsibility for the accuracy, currency, reliability and correctness of any information in the document provided by third parties.

The opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Incorporated.

### President

Simone Hayers  
[statepresident@ruralityouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralityouth.com.au)

### Editor

Tracey Badcock  
[editor@ruralityouth.com.au](mailto:editor@ruralityouth.com.au)

# STATE PRESIDENT REPORT

Hi Everyone

AGM was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at Fonhill in Oatlands. Members that turned up on the Saturday had a very relaxed afternoon, playing cards, 8 ball and taking a tour of the 'Big House'. It was a lovely way to start off the AGM weekend and we all enjoyed a relaxed dinner and had fun after dinner chatting and getting to know members that we hadn't met before.

On the Sunday of AGM, we had a quorum to go ahead with the meeting (bonus!), which saw the members agree to consider a re-structure of the Organisation. Meetings with clubs and members will now begin from this decision to see what members want to happen, a new constitution will be drafted along with all appropriate documents etc and then a date in a minimum of six months will be set for another Special General Meeting to consider the proposed re-structure and take a vote then.

At AGM many awards were announced, I wish to congratulate Dale Hayers from Kingborough Huon on winning the Most Outstanding Member Award, Tiffany Morley from Sisters Creek for winning the Best New Member Award, Kate Coad for winning the Graeme Tole Award, along with all the other awards that were announced and their winning clubs.

I would like to congratulate my outgoing Rural Youth Council for the work that they did during 2013/2014, and wish my incoming committee luck with the challenges that we will see this year whilst continuing to move forward the re-structure. This year Prue Dennis has again stepped up to take on the Senior Vice President role and Tiffany Morley has taken on the Junior Vice President role. If you are interested in taking on a role on Rural Youth Council in 2014/2015, and are a member of Southern Region or Northern Region, please contact their Presidents, Dale Hayers and Brad Lindsay respectively as they currently have vacancies available, if you are not in these regions but still wish to be involved, please contact me as I do have the ability to second you onto Council.

We are yet to set a date for our first meeting, but this date setting will happen over the weekend no doubt.

Also at AGM we set some permanent times around our events such as AGM, Young Farmer Weekend and State Ball so that this makes it easier heading into the future and members begin to recognise set dates similar to what Agfest have.

If anyone has any questions in relation to Rural Youth, please let me know.

I would encourage everyone to head along to the Property Management and Agfest working bees that have been set in order to get the site ready for Agfest which I have been told is less than 6 weeks at the time of writing my report!

Until next month, enjoy the weather while it still lasts and stay safe!

Simone Hayers  
**State President 2013 - 2014**  
Rural Youth  
[statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:statepresident@ruralyouth.com.au)  
0409 316 158



## RURAL YOUTH DELEGATES/POSITIONS

If you are interested in any of the below positions, please contact State President Simone Hayers. You don't need to be on Rural Youth Council, if you are interested in joining Council please let Simone know and she can second you on and you can take up a position!

ROLE	PERSON
Agriculture	
Competitions	
Events	
Finance	
Junior VP	
Leadership & Training	
Membership	
Merchandise	
Newsletter/Annual Report	
Promotions	
Rural Round up	
Rural Youth Feature	
Senior VP	
Study Tours	
Top Teams	
Website	
Young Farmer Competition	

Rural Youth Executive Members		
Simone Hayers	Prue Dennis	Tiffany Morley
Katie Coad	Treasurer	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>

SOUTHERN	NORTHERN	NORTH WEST
Dale Hayers	Brad Lindsay	Jake Williams
Phillipa Green	Laura Smith	Ethan Williams
Nicole Elliott	Luke Reid	Ryan Langley
Victoria Percival	<b>VACANT</b>	Danielle Williams
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	Korey Stratton

Secondments		
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>

# AGFEST CHAIRMAN REPORT

Less than 40 days until gates open! It's getting closer.

So we are on the downhill straight, everything is getting busy and starting to fall in to place, people I talk to are starting to get busy and excited, and would you believe it there are still enquires of, how can I get a site for Agfest 2014. But we currently have a full site of 750 exhibitors – fantastic!

There have been a few committee changes since the last meeting and there was a committee list emailed around at the start of the month, so welcome to the newbies, sorry to see the few leave.

The volunteer forms are due back by the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, please ensure that you get this back so that beds and food can be allocated to you.

Working bees are coming up each weekend until Agfest, 5/6 April, 12/13 April and Easter weekend. Please RSVP to me so that food can be organised, remember many hands make light work and lots of fun.

We have one more meeting prior to Agfest on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, so it would be great to have everyone here for our final meeting before Agfest.

So current meetings planned: 11<sup>th</sup> April, (working bee weekend), 23<sup>rd</sup> May (dinner weekend), 11<sup>th</sup> July AGM, 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August (brainstorming)

Finally congratulations to Simone on being re-elected for your second term of state president, good luck for the next 12 months.

Cheers

Amanda Bayles

**Chairman 2014**

Agfest Field Days

[chairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au)

0418 391 898



# PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Hello all from the Property Management Committee

This month has been busy with the power upgrade in full swing and on schedule for completing on time.

Other than that we had the last event for midland spurs polocross for their season and from reports was a great success.

Agfest is well on its way and there is working bees every weekend in April so if you can spare an hour or weekend come along, many hands make light work and the more we do now the less we have to do the week before the big event.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at working bees and Agfest

Angus Verhay

**Chairman**

Property Management Committee

[property@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:property@ruralyouth.com.au)

0448 572 288



## Property Management / Agfest WORKING BEE DATES

The Property Management Committee is working towards dates for working bees in the coming months, and will advertise ASAP.

**5-6 APRIL 2014**

**12-13 APRIL 2014**

**including traffic management course (details page 9)**

**19-20 APRIL 2014**

**25 APRIL - 4 MAY 2014**

**most volunteers will have moved onto site  
our new home for 10 days**

If you and your mates plan to head along keep an eye on Facebook for details & remember to RSVP for catering purposes!

For further information please contact the Chairman Property Management Committee by emailing [property@ruralyouth.com.au](mailto:property@ruralyouth.com.au) or text Angus on 0448 572 288

# **SOUTHERN REGION**

## **KINGBOROUGH HUON RURAL YOUTH**

Hi Everyone

KH members have been busy lately!

We had Kaysie, Caelum, Dale, Owen, Kate, Richard, Nicole and Simone all attend the Rural Youth AGM at Fonthill on the weekend of the 15-16<sup>th</sup> March. All members that went had a great time, in a relaxed atmosphere.

Congratulations must go to Simone for being re-elected as the Rural Youth State President for 2014 and we wish her committee well for the coming year.

At AGM we were lucky enough to win a few awards, we were overall Quiz winners against our rivals Westmorland Rural Youth, we also jointly won the Top Club Award with Sorell Rural Youth and were the Southern Region winners for a couple of the awards to. We would like to congratulate our Outstanding Member Dale Hayers on winning the State Most Outstanding Member, you have done an amazing job with the club since joining and wish you the very best of luck into the future also.

Many of our members have been heading up to Quercus for working bees in preparation for Agfest, which is less than six weeks away. Many of our members will be heading up to help out and we will be sure to have a great time.

By the time you read this, our members would have participated in the Huon Valley Relay for Life, walking for 24 hours non-stop to help raise money for Cancer research and support. We are sure that we will have a great time, just as we did two years ago when we participated and we will be sure to update you all next month on how we went! If you wish to donate to our team, please contact coordinators Kaysie Lade or Simone Hayers.

That's probably it for now, until next month!

Take Care

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth

## **SORELL RURAL YOUTH**

Hey everyone,

This month has been reasonably quiet for our club. We are waiting to get some more bags so that we can bag up some more sheep manure. Bagging up the sheep manure has been great for our club. It has gotten us working as a team and raising money for our club.

On the 4th of April our club will be attending the YOLO colour run, which the Sorell Council is running. At this event we will have an information stall, which we are hoping will coach in some new members. We will also have someone from our club go and talk to the Sorell school student farm committee about our club, what we do and how they can join. So even though this month has been quiet next month is bringing some exciting things.

Our next meeting is on the 28th of March at the Pawleena hall at 7 pm.

Thanks, Sorell Rural Youth. :)

# **NORTH WEST REGION**

Hey everyone,

A few things have happened over the last month, we had our AGM, which saw Jake Williams as president, Ryan Langley as Vice President, Danielle Williams as secretary and treasurer. Thanks for everyone that attended on the night.

Also a few of attended the state AGM, which was a good day out for everyone!

Next meeting is the 17th of April at top of the town in Burnie 7 for tea 8 for meeting!  
Everyone welcome

Cheers Jake  
North West Region President

## **NORTH MOTTON RURAL YOUTH**

Hey All,

North Motton Have had an absolute ball during the rodeo season. We have been trying to find a spare weekend to get together and do some fundraising and fun activities.

We are all looking forward to Agfest this year with most of our members participating!!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April at Furners 7pm for tea or 8pm for the meeting, hope to see you there!!

Cheers  
North Motton Rural Youth





## INTERESTED IN JOINING A DIFFERENT COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF RURAL YOUTH???

We have several committee/delegate/observer spaces available for 2014 which are listed below. If you are interested in becoming involved in these, please contact State President Simone Hayers for further information.

COMMITTEE	DELEGATE	RESERVE
Tas Landcare Association		
Northern Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Group		
Proactive Agricultural Safety & Support (PASS)		
TFGA – Meat Council		
TFGA – Vegetable Council		
TFGA – Wool Council		
TFGA – Cereals & Small Seeds		
TFGA – Dairy Council		
TFGA – Climate Change		
TFGA – Water Committee		
TFGA – Agriculture		
TFGA – Forestry		
TFGA – Game		
TFGA – Pyrethrum Council		

### **Tas Landcare Association**

Details to be provided

### **Northern Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Group**

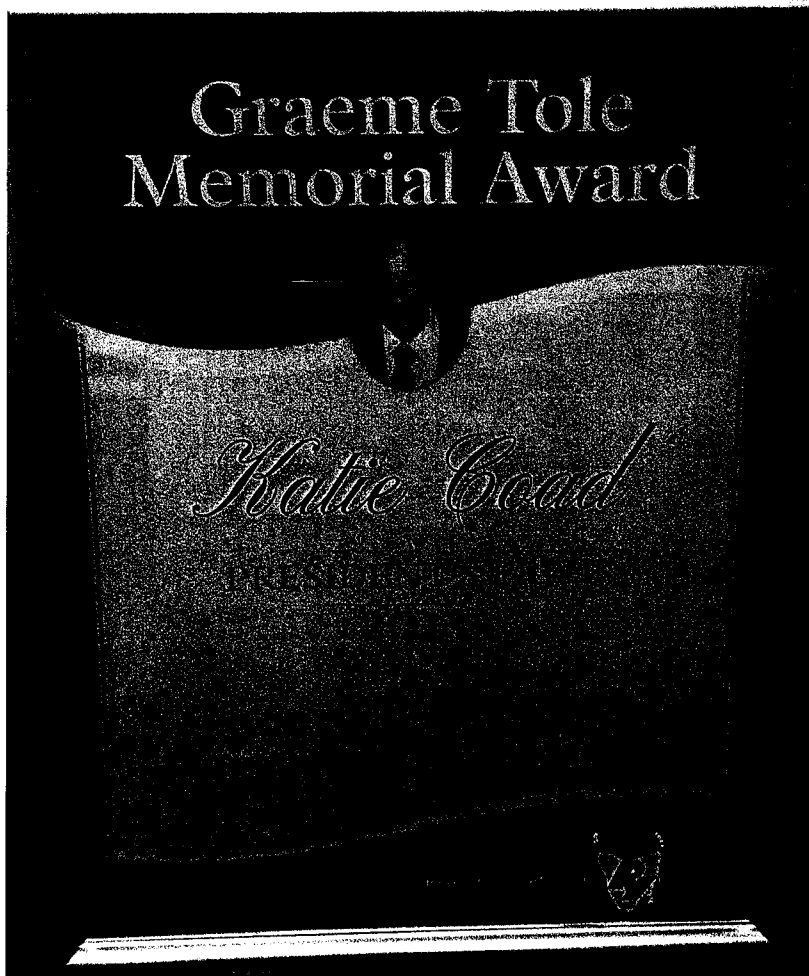
What is involved with this role? Your role is to receive information to pass onto Rural Youth Council and to attend their Annual General Meeting.

### **Proactive Agricultural Safety & Support (PASS)**

What is involved with this role? Your role is to receive information to pass onto Rural Youth Council and to attend their meetings if possible, which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every month at Toosey Community Centre, Smith Street, Longford at 7.30 pm.

### **TFGA Committees**

Rural Youth have an observer position available on these committees.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Kate Coad**  
for being awarded the 2013  
*Graeme Tole Memorial Award*  
*Presidents Prize*

Kate will be representing Rural Youth, and being an ambassador for the Graeme Tole Memorial Award at the start of July, travelling to New Zealand to attend the Young Farmer Grand Final and National Conference 2014.

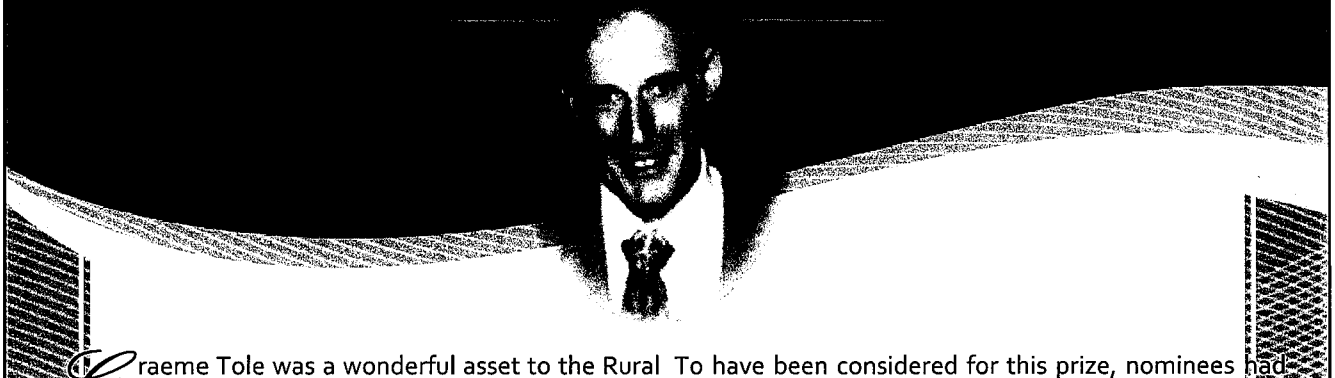
Kate is a mentor to many in Rural Youth, she has held many roles at various levels, including Promotions and Personnel Director of Agfest Field Days, currently the Vice Chair of Agfest Field Days, and the current Immediate Past State President to Rural Youth after completing a two-year term of State President in 2011 and 2012; earning her delegate position to the Advisory Committee.

In 2013 Kate was awarded the RIRDC Rural Womens Award, in which she utilised the prize money of \$10,000 to establish the Kids Ag Awareness Program (KAAP) to Agfest Field Days, Kate is also one of three finalists for the Southern Cross Young Achiever Awards in the Heather and Christopher Chong Community Service Award section.

Kate has been a member of Kingborough Huon Rural Youth club, since 2005, prior to that she was a member of Sorell Rural Youth from 2002.

Compared to the continuous involvement, dedication and mentoring Kate has provided to Rural Youth, being presented this award is a nice way of recognising her enthusiasm and commitment to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania.

# Graeme Tole Memorial Award



Graeme Tole was a wonderful asset to the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania, he joined Westmorland Rural Youth in 1962 at 16 years of age. To have been considered for this prize, nominees had to meet the following criteria;

He held the Presidency role of the club in 1965.

In 1966 he was declared President of Northern Region.

He became involved in Rural Youth Council from 1968 and continued his involvement, ending up as State President of Rural Youth in 1971/72. This saw the starts of his connection with Advisory level.

In 1977, Graeme was presented a Life Membership of the Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania. He held positions on the Property Management Committee from 1988 until 2004.

Unfortunately in 2004, he was involved in a farming incident and passed away.

During grieving his passing, the idea formed of a Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize, in honour of this great leader, mentor and enthusiast of Rural Youth.

In 2009 this Memorial Award Prize was established, and the first recipient, Anthony Coad was announced.

This prize, naturally is of high standard, given the quality gentleman that it is honouring.

• More than seven years of service to the Organisation.

• A current financial Rural Youth member

• Made continuous and notable contributions to all areas of the Organisation; Club, Region, State, Agfest, Property Management, and the Resource Allocation Committee, RAC

• Must have taken on roles on at least **four** of the following committees; Rural Youth Council, Agfest, Property Management, RAC, and their Club or Region Executive.

In 2013 there were two nominees for the Graeme Tole Memorial Award Presidents Prize.

These were:

- Amanda Bayles
- Kate Coad

Well done to the nominees, over the minimum of seven years of service, you have both bought something unique to the Organisation.

This award was presented at the State AGM Dinner, held on the Saturday night, at Deloraine.

This award will run again for nominations with the presentation at the Rural Youth State Ball in 2014 for the award to be taken in 2015.

## AGFEST PERSONNEL & ACCOMMODATION REPORT

The Agfest Volunteer form has been released and is due back to Head Office by the 12<sup>th</sup> April to ensure that processing etc can happen in a timely manner.

With your form please send through an electronic picture of yourself on a white background so that we can use these photos for the identity cards that you will be issued upon arrival at Agfest. I am also requesting that you scan through a copy of your current licences if you nominate on your form that you have them.

You will receive a confirmation letter approximately a week after you have submitted your form to say that we have received it. With the letter, there will be a volunteer hand book and a brochure, please read these as they contain lots of vital information.

The volunteer number at the time of writing my report is 33 volunteers who are listed below. If your name is not on the list below, I am yet to receive your volunteer form, so you may need to complete another one or check with the office staff to see if it is the pile of forms to send to me as I receive volunteer forms once a week.

- |                     |                    |                   |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| • Richard Allwright | • Marharla Farley  | • Angus Verhay    |
| • Derryn Badcock    | • Callum Forbes    | • Andrea White    |
| • Tracey Badcock    | • Rosie Forysth    | • Owen Woolley    |
| • Amanda Bayles     | • Alicia Glatte    | • Carlee Lee      |
| • Alex Bigham       | • Dale Hayers      | • Keith Lee       |
| • Sarah Birch       | • Simone Hayers    | • Che'nae Simpson |
| • Dayna Broun       | • Aleta Jones      | • Ryan Langley    |
| • Heidi Broun       | • Brad Lindsay     | • Kaysie Lade     |
| • Anthony Coad      | • Tiffany Morley   | • Korey Stratton  |
| • Katie Coad        | • Cameron Ranson   | • Brighid Worldon |
| • Andrea Craigie    | • Luke Reid        | • Ethan Williams  |
| • Ben Cripps        | • Dave Shoobridge  | • Caelum Wood     |
| • Prue Dennis       | • Isabella Sims    | • Nicholas Cripps |
| • Ricky Edson       | • Kodey Street     | • Georgia Jenkins |
| • Nicole Elliott    | • Tobias tenBensel |                   |

# MISSING

## FROM QUERCUS RURAL YOUTH PARK

If you have seen any or happen to have by mistake any accommodations keys you need to return them ASAP!!!

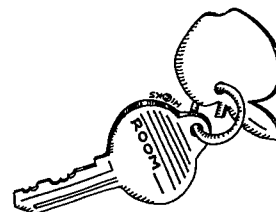
Why?? So that allocations can start being made for AGFEST 2014.

If for some reason you cannot return your accommodation keys you need to contact  
Accommodation Coordinator Simone Hayers on 0400 067 435 or email  
simonehayers@hotmail.com

Thanks in advance!

**Simone Hayers**

**Agfest Accommodation & Personnel Coordinator 2014**



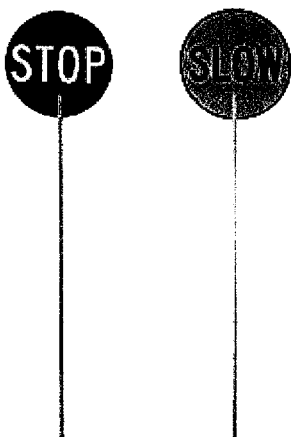
# FREE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING DAY

Northern Midlands Council is providing training to members of local service and community groups who want to be able to run their own events in the road reserve.

This Traffic Management training allows volunteers to control traffic and has been successfully completed by groups who run events such as fun runs, parades, AGFEST, and the Tasmanian Craft Fair. Without this training, events will have to buy in specialist contractors costing up to \$1000 per day.

Council are willing to follow up this training with assistance in terms of signage and development of traffic plans.

Places are limited to 20. Please let RY Admin know ASAP if you are interested.



Here are the course details:

**Implement Traffic Management Plan**

**Control Traffic with a Stop / Slow Bat**

**Location: Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick**

**Date: Sat 12 April 2014**

**Time: 8.30 – 4.30 pm**

**Cost: FREE** (normally \$115 per person)

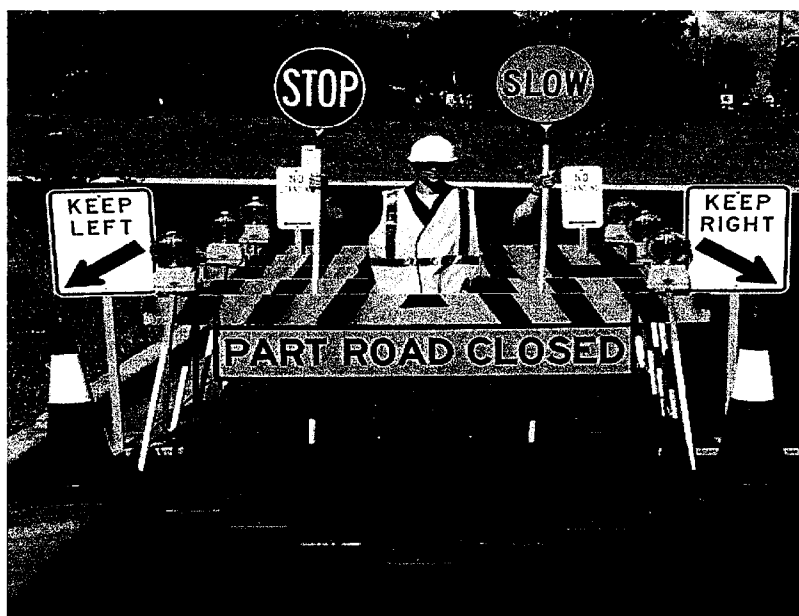
**Lunch provided**

Regards

**Patrick Gambles**

Community Development Officer **Meander Valley Council**

If you are interested in participating in this course please contact the Rural Youth office, who will forward on your details.





# APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NORTH MOTTON CLUB MEETING	2	3	4	5 WORKING BEE
6 WORKING BEE	7	8	9	10 KH CLUB MEETING	11	12 WORKING BEE
13 WORKING BEE	14	15	16 WESTMORLAND CLUB MEETING	17 NORTH WEST REGION MEETING	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*  GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	19 WORKING BEE
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 EASTER MONDY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	22 EASTER TUESDAY (BANK HOLIDAY)	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY PUBIC HOLIDAY	26 WORKING BEE
27	28	29	30			



# MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 AGFEST	2 AGFEST	3 AGFEST
4	5	6	7	8 KH CLUB MEETING	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 WESTMORLAND CLUB MEETING	22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 AGFEST MEETING
25 AGFEST DINNER	26	27	28	29	30	31

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT



In all parts of our lives we can apply the above title of this classic Clint Eastwood western movie from the 1960s. Part of my position is to look for what is not working well and this often highlights *the bad & the ugly* and it is easy to lose sight of *the good*. These are exciting times - Rural Youth Tasmania needs some adjustments but continues to have enormous opportunities and to ensure we keep focusing on our long term future, this month I would like to talk about some of *the good*.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Simone and her team for their efforts in putting together last Sunday's AGM at Fonthill, Oatlands. There were many telephone calls and some difficult moments trying to get enough members, from the right clubs, for quorum but this was achieved with some late arrivals. Quorum issues are an indicator of lack of membership engagement with the organisation. We already know this and have plans in place to visit each club to discuss the issues and assist them to build strong resilient clubs with close organisational and community connections.

Congratulations to all members and clubs who won awards and a big thank you for the other members who turned up for a good, fun meeting – I loved the video from Westmorland club and their prize for this competition has now been changed to singing lessons. The Annual Report is a credit to Tracey Badcock, disappointing that not many clubs chose to submit reports but will still be a good memento of 2013. With a State President (Simone Hayers) from Southern Region, Senior Vice President (Prue Dennis) from Northern Region and Junior Vice President (Tiffany Morley) from the North West Region let's be parochial - bring on the competitions!!

My partner, Michael and I judged the 2013 Outstanding New Member Award and this was a great opportunity to meet some of the newer members. We were very impressed with the quality of these members and the winner Tiffany Morley (Sisters Creek) then stepped up to become junior VP. Well done Tiffany and also to Dale Hayers who won the Outstanding Member Award.

2013 was another good financial year with Rural Youth Tasmania's balance sheet continuing to improve. Johnson Breward Brown have audited our finances for many years and it was decided to request tenders for this work, in February. This has resulted in the AGM members appointing Synectic Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd as the current auditors.

Change is in the wind - the AGM members have voted to explore a restructure of our organisation. "Pessimists complain about the wind, Optimists expect the wind to change, Realists adjust the sails" William Arthur Ward. While we are 'adjusting the Rural Youth sails' it will be business as usual as we conduct regional one day workshops for current and advisory members to



discuss more specific details. From the workshops new Constitution and Committee charters with transitional arrangements will be drafted and circulated for comment. Voting members will then be invited to a Special General Meeting to vote on the new Organisational Structure and Constitution. If passed, we will move into the new structure with timeframes set for reviews to assess what is/is not working in the new structure.

We are continuing to work on rebranding and you will start to see consistent messages coming through. The AGM members were presented with some new logo options which we are still tweaking, with the hope to unveil the new look at Agfest. The selected slogan is:

### ***Rural Youth Tasmania - a launch pad for life***

It has also been decided to lift the profile of Rural Youth at Agfest. The small function centre meeting room will be used as the Rural Youth Members base which will allow office/desk space for the State President, Agfest Chair, Executive Officer, Promotions and Safety Officer. This room will also be used for meetings, special guests and media interviews. There will be availability for members to leave their parcels, wet weather gear etc. The office staff will still be situated in the site office but this will be exhibitor manager and staff only. We will have desks, computers, photocopiers and stationery at the member's office to alleviate some of the site office congestion.

With the politicians in election mode I took the opportunity in the past month to spend some time highlighting Rural Youth Tasmania to them. Jeremy Rockliff has been a long time supporter of Rural Youth Tasmania and last week announced an election promise of \$40,000 (over four years). THANK YOU Jeremy and congratulations on the election results. My conversation with Jeremy on this funding has been around developing Rural Youth membership and ensuring our clubs are engaged with their communities. Therefore, it is my view that this money could be used to assist developing clubs with community based projects but we need to wait until we see what the fine print states.

Only six weeks to Agfest!! Yes, though some might dispute this statement, this is definitely on the good list ☺ ☺ Amanda and her very capable team are on the wind up, working bees are on the go again to get the site ready. If you are wanting to volunteer at Agfest please ensure you have completed a 2014 Volunteer Form and returned to the office.

### **What is happening in the Rural Youth office?**

**Administration** – At this time of the year Agfest takes a significant amount of the administration hours. Selena has also been working on continuing to work with Sharepoint – this is quite a large job to get all the members, folders and documents (with permission access) setup.

**Finance** – Linda is working with the Agfest exhibitor payments. She has been very diligent in chasing outstanding invoices and she now has most of this money 'stacked' in the bank awaiting the deluge of Agfest payments.

Have a good month. Cheers,  
Shona Beswick

**Executive Officer**  
Rural Youth Tasmania

# **Responsible Serving of Alcohol & Conflict Resolution Training**

**25th April 2014 from 7:30pm onwards**

**Quercus Rural Youth Park in the Function Centre**

**COST: \$18.75 per person (subsidised from \$75)**

**\*\* This can be done anywhere, anytime during 2014 by you!**

All you need to do is RSVP by 14th April 2014 to Kate Coad on [vicechairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:vicechairman@agfest.com.au) or text/phone 0448 345 386

We will register you online for this course, supply your log in details so you can complete this course either in the social event planned above OR in your own time, Rural Youth will bill you the \$18.75 for the course, if you rsvp but do not complete the course you will be required to pay the full course cost of \$75.00 - There will be PIZZA and SOFT DRINK supplied for April 25th, BYO laptop– no internet required using the Wi-Fi @ Quercus!

During Agfest Field Days we run our Agfest Bar each night for volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering one night on the **AGFEST BAR** (26th April - 5th May) for a shift let us know! These shifts are four hours in total. You will need your Responsible Serving of Alcohol accreditation to be able to volunteer on the bar. (see above RSA info)

**To register your interest contact Kate on [vicechairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:vicechairman@agfest.com.au) or phone/text 0448 345 386**

For 2014 we have decided to offer our Official Rural Youth Agfest Volunteers a  
“VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST”

This will be the Wednesday morning (30th April) before AGFEST opens on Thursday!

Further information will be provided when you arrive at Quercus!

## Tassie farmers to benefit with subsidised farm business training

Rural Business Tasmania, in partnership with Rural Biz Training has announced an exciting offer of on farm accredited training for farmers. With local support and flexible on line learning opportunities this unique program is now available in Tasmania.

Rural Business Chief Executive, Elizabeth Skirving, explained that a participant would be able to gain an Advanced Diploma of Agriculture (or Agribusiness Management) under the subsidised funding. Skill sets at different levels are also offered.

RuralBiz Training is a nationally registered training organisation that has received funding and accreditation to offer the business skill sets useful in running proactive farming business enterprises. Participants can choose to do one, many or all of the skill sets.

The training will be offered via an initial face to face half day workshop, followed by online training which can be done without leaving the farm. Virtual classrooms, where students interact in real time with their trainers, is teamed with an online learning management system giving 24/7 access to learning resources. In addition, Rural Business Tasmania is providing local mentoring to supplement normal student support services. This partnership will combine the best of face to face and online training to help students reach their desired qualification sooner.

The training is part funded from the Tasmanian Government "Tasmanian Skills Fund" to offer significant reductions in training costs.

The funding requires students to make a contribution (upfront or via Vet Fee-Help), but completion bonuses will be offered as recognition of the commitment made by busy farmers to complete their enrolments. The net effect is low cost, nationally accredited training.

Commonwealth student assistance VET FEE-HELP is also available which would make it possible for students to complete many units without any upfront payment – and still gain a full qualification.

For information please phone 1300 88 FARM for an Expression of Interest/application form. Rural Financial counsellors can also assist in referring you to this training opportunity.

Information sessions will be held in Hobart (18<sup>th</sup> March), Launceston (19<sup>th</sup> March) and Ulverstone (20<sup>th</sup> March from 10am, followed in the afternoon by half day face to face workshops for those enrolling. Training will be scheduled from April 2014.

For further information please contact:

Elizabeth Skirving, CEO

Phone: 0438 342 765

Email: [ceo@ruralbusinesstasmania.org.au](mailto:ceo@ruralbusinesstasmania.org.au)

Rural Business Tasmania Inc is a state-wide charitable organisation providing pathways to a sustainable future by assisting rural enterprise to develop and adjust. It is a trusted and professional organisation with a long standing history of service delivery of the Rural Financial Counselling# program (since 1986).

*#RFCS Tasmania provides free, independent and confidential business information and support to eligible farmers. It is supported by the Australian Government and the Tasmanian Government.*

Rural Business Tasmania provides holistic business services, specialising in rural operations. These services include financial counselling (e.g. access to government assistance measures, debt mediation) , financial management (e.g. business analysis, cash flows, budgeting, bank reviews), administration (e.g. bookkeeping, secretarial, payroll), small business coaching and support, and benevolent grants.

## **Prue Dennis – Winner 2013 Study Tour Self-Nominated Study Tour Report**

In 2013, I was most fortunate to be awarded the prize of being selected for the prize of self-nominated study tour, by which I received \$500 to put towards a course of my own interest. With this riding on the back of also receiving the most outstanding member award for 2012, I put all my money together and set off on an adventure sure to change my life. I chose to put my money towards funding a trip to Quirindi in NSW to attend a saddle making school. Something I had always wanted to undertake and was high priority on my 'bucket list', I made it my mission to do this course and become the first person in Tasmania to participate in this one in particular.

In late November, I set off. Boarded a plane in Launceston, set for Tamworth NSW, Via Melbourne then onto Sydney. Excitement really hit when I got on the small Qantas propeller plane bound for Tamworth, but excitement soon disappeared when we hit massive turbulence and a thunderstorm just out of Sydney. Travel sickness on a plane that size is most undesirable!! So the plane landed and I was dam happy about that! Was at an airport smaller, yes that's right, smaller then Launceston.

I collected my bag and that was where the next week, an awesome exciting week would start. So Greg picked me up, packed me in the car and we set off to Bunnings, I fitted right in and felt immediately like the family, I taught him a few things about hardware and about sharpening rouge's.

When we hit the road we headed for Quirindi, a further hour down the road. There was thunder and lightning and heaps of rain, then hail and some more rain. Blissful weather. Once we got to Quirindi late Saturday afternoon, the formalities began. We got talking so he could understand some more about me, where I was from, what sort of riding I did and how I wanted to build my saddle. He asked me to start doing some drawings so he would envisage what I wanted to build. Little did he know I was the most ridiculously organised person in the world and had already drawn exactly what I wanted. He gave credit to my keen-ness and my preparedness.

On the Saturday afternoon we looked at the tree, and sat, and looked, and sat and looked some more. We put on some proxy stirrup leathers to establish what length my fenders needed to be. This was when it started to sink in that this was happening, it was really really happening.

After a long, stressful day flying, I called it quits for the night and hit the hay ready to start on my saddle the next day. So Sunday morning came, I woke early and was flinging up the shed roller door at around 6.30. My keenness was duly noted and I got told that if I wished to start so early I needed to come bearing gifts, mainly that of brown milky warmth that is coffee, and that my friends is where it began.

I can't tell you the exact specifics of how the seat was built in my saddle, as I won't give away all the secrets. It's an eye opener but it all made perfect sense when Greg explained it all. On the Sunday morning, we unrolled my leather side to inspect it. It was gorgeous. Simply beautiful. There are no words used to explain how a side of beautiful, rich chestnut coloured Herman Oak leather looks, let alone feels. For those that don't know, Herman oak is a thick, tough leather to cut. It is hard wearing and ages beautifully. Herman oak leather is generally from the sides of beasts in cool to cold climates, very similar to Tasmania. This leather is so much thicker and stronger because it needs to handle to cooler harsher climates.

Once we had inspected the leather, the planning of the positioning of the templates of the pieces in which were to be cut from the side began, the fenders had to be made from identical leather of the same thickness with no marks. Everything had to be thought about logically. Once this was done, I covered my knee rolls. A template was made and the stitching was done. It consisted of a two handed stitch with one continuous piece of string with a needle at either end. Once this was done, the basis of a saddle was starting to take place.

Over the duration of the next few days, the saddle quickly took place. The skirt was cut and stitched and hardware was added. The seat was shaped and moulded and the cantle cover was created. Everything was beginning to take shape. FINALLY!! On the Thursday, I had a quiet day. Greg had to take his son in for his P's driving text, so his daughter and I went for a drive to check out the beautiful scenery. We headed out to the New England Highway and went for a drive in her Subaru Brumby. It was a beautiful day with whips of

wind, and just the right amount of warmth. Thursday afternoon, we got back into it. We fitted the skirts on and got the seat glued on. EXCTIEMENT EXCITEMENT!! MY SADDLE WAS ALMOST DONE!! Friday morning it was on! All that was left was to stitch the seat, screw on the Conchos and get it ready for photos. That was soon done and in less time than Greg thought. My saddle was made. I was so chuffed. I polished it and brushed the seat getting it ready for a photo. The photos were taken and I couldn't have been happier. There was blood, sweat and a lot of tears that went into the saddle. There were tantrums and moments when I doubted everything that I was doing, but I did it. I finally did it!

I had finished a day early and had Saturday to kill. So the offer was laid on the table to go droving out on the stock routes with Greg's daughter, Kristen. I jumped at the opportunity to do something that was never done in Tasmania. There Kristen and I handled 500 head of Black Angus cattle up and down this stretch of road. Road trains and all roaring past. Some slowed right down and were really respectful of the horses and cattle, but others would drive straight through the mob, blowing the horn and all. Sometimes heading the mob off meant galloping up the highway, fun adrenaline pumping stuff. I was living the dream and riding in a saddle that I had just finished making the day before. I was so proud of myself. So we got sunburnt, put up with horrible black flies and smelt of horse sweat. But I had lived an experience that I would never have a chance to do again and I loved every minute of it.

We got back untacked the horses, cleaned up and headed to the pub for my last night in Quirindi. The Terminus was holding their annual beach party and it was time to let our hair down. Saturday night turned into Sunday morning, we headed to bed ready for an early start so Kristen could go back droving and I could go to the airport to start my journey home. This consisted of packing my bag, including my saddle into my big Wrangler bag. I got it in and weighed it, once, twice, three times. It was so boarder line on my luggage allowance of 20kg I was pushing my luck. When I got to Tamworth airport and put my bag on the scales it weighed EXACTLY 20kg, not 20.1 or 19.9 but 20kg, perfection!! I was stoked!! Now I could board the plane and head home, my journey was over. I had the time of my life and had learned something so wonderful and had a stunning saddle to show from this. I simply cannot fathom how much I enjoyed this course and how much I encourage people to do it. I will most likely go back and do it again in another 5 or 6 years I enjoyed it that much.

I thank Rural Youth for helping financially with this opportunity. It has given me a gift to last a lifetime.

Regards

**Prue Dennis**

Self-Nominated Study Tour Winner 2013



# Agfest Organising Committee Positions Vacant

COMING TO AGFEST 2014 AS A VOLUNTEER?

WANT TO TAKE ON A POSITON ON OUR COMMITTEE?

We have the following roles available... Get in quick... these are sure to be filled quickly!

## DIRECTOR POSITION

North Car Park (Anthony Coad : Agfest Exec )

## ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Assistant Personnel (Director: Simone Hayers)

Assistant KAAP: Kids Ag Awareness Program (Director: Sarah Birch)

Assistant Craft (Director: Chen'ae Simpson )

Assistant Loading & Lifting (Director: Callum Forbes)

Assistant 4x4 Drive Track (Director: Ricky Edson)

To register your interest in any of the above positions please contact  
**Amanda Bayles (Agfest Chairman)** by phoning or texting **0418 391 898** or  
send an email to [chairman@agfest.com.au](mailto:chairman@agfest.com.au)

## AGFEST ORGANISING COMMITTEE PHOTO...

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014

(in conjunction with the next Agfest Committee Meeting)

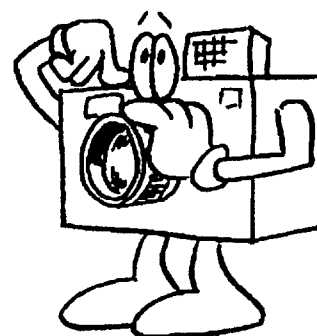
we will be having our

2014 AGFEST COMMITTEE PHOTO

taken by the Tasmanian Country

@ Quercus Rural Youth Park, assemble at 9am outside the Function Centre

Any queries contact Heidi Broun on 0448 344 380 or email [promotions@agfest.com.au](mailto:promotions@agfest.com.au)

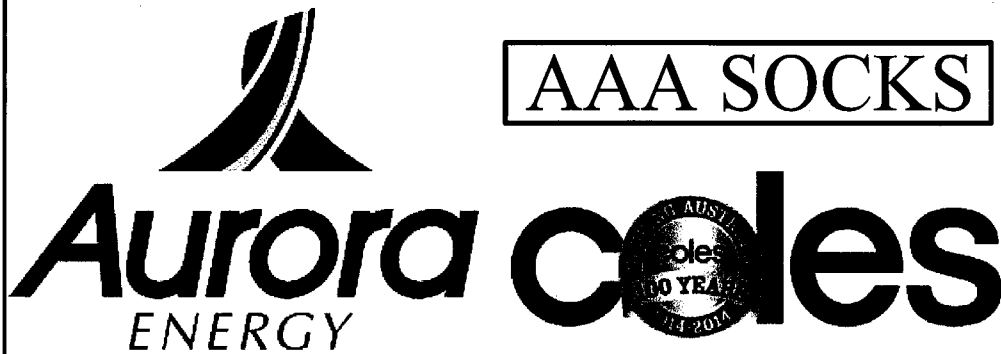


**We have SEVEN exchangees visiting our state from April 14th onwards! Our guests will be here for up to three months!**

**They are visiting from Ireland, Scotland, UK, Switzerland,  
Norway, Sweden and Austria!**

**Any queries contact Kate on 0409 295 158, check out next months Newsletter  
for more information on Study Tours & Exchangees for 2014/15!**

THANK YOU  
TO ALL OUR RURAL YOUTH  
AND AGFEST SPONSORS 2014



AAA SOCKS



AUSTRALIAN  
BOARDING  
SCHOOLS  
ASSOCIATION

**KENNEDY'S**

**POWERCOM**

The Powercom Group



**BOC**

A Member of The Linde Group

***Europcar***



Tasmanian

**COUNTRY**

The **AGFEST** newspaper

# AGFEST

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

Any Rural Youth member can attend these meetings! Normally held at Quercus or Head Office starting at 8pm, we encourage you to [rsvp to admin@agfest.com.au](mailto:admin@agfest.com.au)

Shy? Afraid to attend alone? Bring a mate with you and have input on our major event!

We look forward to seeing you at the next Agfest meeting!

Contact Amanda (Chairman) 0418 391 898

## AGFEST EVENTS

Any Rural Youth member or Agfest Official Volunteer can attend these events; it is a great opportunity to get to know members throughout the state!

### AGFEST 2014 DINNER

Quercus Rural Youth Park

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014

(Full details released March 2014)

### AGFEST BRAINSTORMING 2014

Quercus Rural Youth Park

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

A fun weekend full of ideas, suggestions, networking and opportunity! (Brainstorming flyer in your next newsletter)

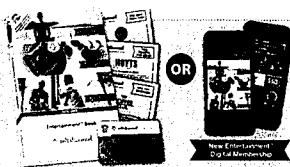
# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2014

Support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment™ Membership that suits you!

For only \$65 you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers!

Discover hundreds of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much, much more!



Imagine over 60 2-for-1 or 25% off offers for the most popular restaurants like...

LA LUCHA

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

THE BULLDOG PUB

• Fitzpatrick's Inn  
• River Arms Hotel  
• Sealbrook Hotel  
• The Cherry Shed  
• The Airmen's Cafe  
• The Juggs Motor Inn  
• Bridge Hotel  
• Bushman's Bar and Cafe

• The Family Hotel  
• Debra's Deli  
• Laneview  
• Elizabeth Town Bakery Cafe  
• Mackay's Royal Hotel  
• The Lighthouse  
• The Limestone Cafe  
• Debra's Deli

• Lancaster House  
• Ghost Rock Vineyard  
• Makers Workshop Cafe  
• G-18 Cafe & Bar  
• Molly Malone  
• Repture Grand Hotel  
• Hot and Day Cafe and Bar  
and many more...

Enjoy over 40 2-for-1 and up to 50% off offers for the most popular takeaway chains like...

McDonald's

Wendy's

Subway

• Bakers Dozen  
• Pizza Capers  
• View Coffee  
• Linn  
• Donut King

• McCafe  
• Burger Got Soul  
• Perfect Potatoes Plus  
• NRC  
• Wendy's

• Pretzel World  
• Cold Rock  
and many more...

Over 65 2-for-1 and up to 50% off for leading Arts, Sports and Attractions

metra

MAX

WINGS WIDE IN PARK

• Pandemonium Discovery and Adventure Centre  
• Mole Creek Caves  
• Hellyers Road Distillery  
• Makers Workshop Tours  
• Stallards Camera House  
• Wings Wide in Park  
and many more...

fresh

REVIEW

BCW

Woolworths

SEA WORLD

Wendy's

mantra

Wendy's

Wendy's

Wendy's

Wendy's

Wendy's

Wendy's

Wendy's

Wendy's

To support our fundraising by purchasing your Entertainment™ Membership, see reverse

© 2014 Entertainment Publications of Australia Pty Ltd

© 2014 Entertainment Publications of Australia Pty Ltd

Introducing the brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership!



### How does it work?

- This year, along with selling the Entertainment™ Books as a fundraiser, you can also offer your supporters the exciting new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, that brings the benefits of the Entertainment™ Book to their smartphones.
- The Entertainment™ Digital Membership allows them to search the Entertainment™ offers on their Android or Apple phone, rather than flicking through the Book, and they can even redeem the offers by simply showing their phone!
- Regardless of which type of Membership your supporters prefer, they both sell for \$65 and you receive \$13 towards your fundraising. And if some supporters choose to buy a Digital Membership AND a Book, your fundraising dollars are doubled!
- Your Account Manager can easily set up your On Line Payment Pages so the Digital Membership is an option. If a purchaser selects the Digital Membership, they simply follow the prompts to download their Membership, and you don't have to do a thing, except watch your fundraising dollars grow!

### What are the advantages of the Digital Membership?

- Virtually all of the offers that are found in the Entertainment™ Book are available for redemption by showing an Apple or Android smartphone... no Card or Voucher is needed.
- The Member can search for businesses near to them, discovering quickly and easily where to use their Membership.
- Most of the businesses that appear in the Digital Membership include updated menus and lots of pictures to help customers learn more about their business.
- Customers can easily share where they have been, and where they bought their Membership from (you!) on social media and via email.
- And just like the Entertainment™ Book, immediate families can share one Digital Membership.





# Calendar of Events

## APRIL 2014

11<sup>th</sup> Agfest Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick 8pm

12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Working Bee @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick

## MAY 2014

1st – 3rd Agfest Field Days

23<sup>rd</sup> Agfest Meeting @ Quercus Rural Youth Park, Oaks Road, Carrick 8pm

24<sup>th</sup> Agfest Dinner @TBA

## JUNE 2014

## JULY 2014

11th July – Agfest AGM @ Quercus RY Park, Oaks Road, Carrick 8pm

19 & 20th July – Region Young Farmer Run Off's - More information to be provided closer to the date

## AUGUST 2014

22nd – 24th August – Agfest Brainstorming

## SEPTEMBER 2014

13th September – Young Farmer of the Year Competition Finals

Easy

**SUDUKO PUZZLES**

Hard

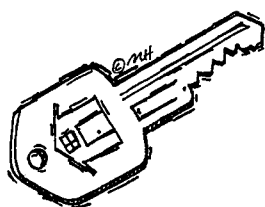
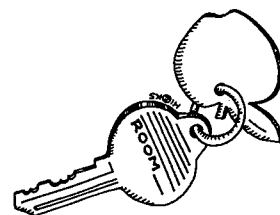
1	9			7	8	4		
	7		9			5		2
		8						
3			6			7	9	
7		5				2		
				4	5	3		6
5	2			1		9	3	
		7	3					
8		1		2				

3		4					7	8
		8			9		2	
2			3					1
						3		
			8	7				
	5			4	2	6	8	
4	3			1				
	2		4					
1				9		7		

# RURAL YOUTH CLASSIFIEDS

Attention All

Anyone with a Quercus Region Key or a Permanent Room Key to any accommodation building, can you please return your key to head office no later than the 23rd April. - \$50.00 replacement fees will be invoiced after this date.



I appreciate your assistance in returning your keys promptly and apologies for any inconvenience but it does make my job ensuring all keys are in our possession ensuring the security of site.

Thanks again  
**Owen Woolley - Agfest Security**

---

## FOR SALE

### TRITON WORKBENCH

Old but in really good condition, with extension table, router table, (unused) biscuit maker and other bits and pieces - \$200 (not negotiable).

Call Judy from Head Office 0448 344 381

---

### NEWSLETTER INSERTS

Please find enclosed in this edition of the newsletter the following...

1. Agfest Volunteer Form
2. RY Application for Training Subsidy

### Sudoku Solutions

1	9	2	5	7	8	4	6	3	3	6	4	5	2	1	9	7	8
4	7	3	9	6	1	5	8	2	5	1	8	7	6	9	4	2	3
6	5	8	2	3	4	1	7	9	2	7	9	3	8	4	5	6	1
3	1	4	6	8	2	7	9	5	8	4	2	9	5	6	3	1	7
7	6	5	1	9	3	2	4	8	6	9	1	8	7	3	2	4	5
2	8	9	7	4	5	3	1	6	7	5	3	1	4	2	6	8	9
5	2	6	8	1	7	9	3	4	4	3	5	6	1	7	8	9	2
9	4	7	3	5	6	8	2	1	9	2	7	4	3	8	1	5	6
8	3	1	4	2	9	6	5	7	1	8	6	2	9	5	7	3	4

# RURAL YOUTH CLASSIFIEDS

## SAVE THE DATES

Rural Youth at the AGM made some changes to the way we set dates for our events, so into the future people will always know what weekend things are on!

### State Ball

In 2015 and onwards State Ball will always be held on the  
**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June.**

### Young Farmer Competition Runoffs

In 2014 and onwards the Young Farmer Run Offs will be held on the  
**3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July**

### Young Farmer Competition Finals

In 2014 and onwards the Young Farmer Competition Finals will be held on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September**

### Rural Youth AGM

In 2015 and onwards the Rural Youth Annual General Meeting will be held on the  
**3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in February**

---

**Are you considering applying for the Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania) and don't know where to start?**

**Farmer Liaison Officers**  
*can help you.*

Farmer Liaison Officers can provide information on the assistance available, the eligibility requirements and the application process for the Concessional Loans Scheme in Tasmania.

#### For further information

and to book an appointment contact the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association on **1800 154 111** (within Tasmania).

The service is available to all farm businesses in the agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, apicultural and aquacultural industries in Tasmania.

Application forms and guidelines on the Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania) can be found on the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts website ([www.development.tas.gov.au](http://www.development.tas.gov.au))



#### Acknowledgements:

Farm Finance is an Australian Government initiative that aims to build the ongoing financial resilience of farm businesses, including through the provision of concessional loans.

The Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania) is funded by the Australian Government and delivered by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts. [www.development.tas.gov.au](http://www.development.tas.gov.au)

Under the scheme, the Farmer Liaison Program is being delivered by the Tasmanian Government and the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association.

# Agfest 2014 Dinner

Saturday 24th May 2014

6pm for 6:30pm seated

"The Function Centre"

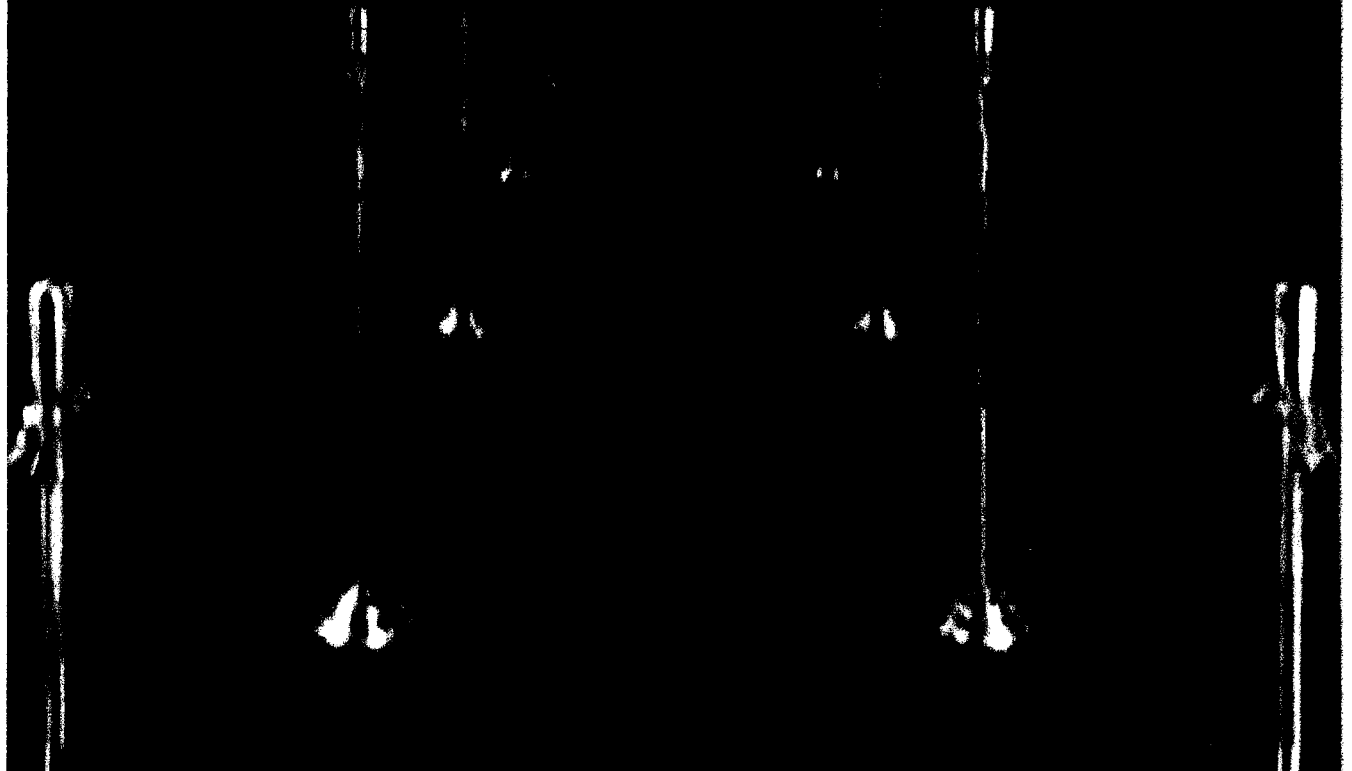
Attire: "Red Carpet Formal"

Quercus Rural Youth Park, Carrick

**Live Music**

**\$25 per person**

Prizes awarded for best dressed!



**RSVP to Head Office by 14th May 2014**

**03) 6331 6154 or email [admin@agfest.com.au](mailto:admin@agfest.com.au)**