



Tas Ag Ed  
Network Logo

Do you have a  
design idea?

See below for  
details



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*Issue 2*  
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Thank you to all those teachers that have signed up for the regional workshops next week. The response has been terrific! I'm sure your involvement will have a positive impact on your work. Importantly, we should also thank each school leadership for endorsing your attendance and thereby supporting our endeavours to progress Ag Ed in Tasmanian schools.

I have received 3 inspiring design ideas for our Ag Ed Network logo so far. Two from secondary students at Cressy District High, and one from a self-proclaimed 'dinosaur' of the Ag Ed landscape in Tassie ... thanks for your idea John, it's a good one! The competition remains open, so keep the designs coming. I will aim to present a few in the week 9 edition.

Thank you to those that have contributed to the newsletters so far, and I look forward to receiving more items for inclusion. Edition 3 will be distributed in week 9.

Regards  
Andrew Harris

## **Down on the Farm at Cressy District High School:**

A snapshot of Terms 2 & 3!

Term 2 has seen out students visit Agfest and the Campbell Town Show. At Campbell Town Show students competed in the Schools Wool Handling, also involving students from Campbell Town, Oatlands, Jordan River and Bothwell. Our show team, which has students from Grade 6 to 10, had their first outing for the year with the school black faced Suffolk's. Several students participated in the junior sheep judging, taking out 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Cressy had its first entry in the Paddock to Plate lamb competition and was in 1<sup>st</sup> place after the carcass section. The theme of wool continued with visits to Roberts Wool Store and Waverly Woollen Mills allowing us to follow the wool supply chain.

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During Term 3 the Grade 7/8 Ag class have built new beds in the vegie garden and are looking forward to planting these out in Spring. Students have also been busy with lamb marking, preparing the calf shed for Cows Create Careers pulling down a fence and putting up a new one.

Jill Bennett

Cressy District High School



*... Cressy Students in Action!!*

**Agricultural Education Network  
Regional PLC Workshops  
Term 3 2015**

***... It's Not Too Late to Register!!!***

The Centre for Agricultural Education in conjunction with e-Learning will conduct 3 regional workshops for Ag educators during Term 3.

The workshops will; progress our Professional Learning Community through the use of the VLE, Fronter; focus on connections with the Australian Curriculum; and provide a valuable networking opportunity.

**Relief funding available**

**PLC Workshop Dates:**

- South – Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Campania DHS
- North-West – Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Yolla DHS
- North – Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Hagley Farm School

All workshops will start at 9am, please bring your laptop

Further details closer to the event

**Please RSVP to Andrew Harris via email ASAP**

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workshops*

***Dirty Water Comes Clean ...***

Grade 5 & 6 students at Hagley Farm School recently became scientists for a day, as they participated in a hands on workshop conducted by senior Tas Water staff. The workshop focused on the science of water filtration and was organised by Environment Centre teacher Anthony Harris, as part of the school's Farm Science program. Students from Prep – to Grade 6 at Hagley participate in Farm Science, which is run in 5 week blocks for each class during the year. Farm Science lessons are planned and implemented by Anthony and follow-up activity provided to class teachers. The program is made possible through funding from the Hagley Farm School Parents and Friends Association.



## Next TAPG Meeting to be held at Hagley Farm School

The Tasmanian Agricultural Productivity Group Limited was formed in 1989. It is the only single body in Tasmania representing fresh and processed food producers and associated industries. Membership is drawn from the primary industries of cropping and forestry. The next TAPG meeting will be held at Hagley Farm School in September. The group has a keen interest in Agricultural Education in Tasmania and will listen to presentations on the current situation with Ag Ed in schools with a view to identifying gaps and pathway development projects.

## The Philmac Project

### *Connecting Communities Through Water*

The **Philmac Project** is giving something back to regional Australians who support Philmac. This exciting funding initiative offers \$25,000\* in cash grants per year to help community groups – such as schools, sports clubs, environmental groups and show societies – roll out water-related community projects.

So if you have a great idea, like a new bore, a rehabilitation site or a better use for rainwater, we'd love to know. It's easy to enter. Just fill in the brief form online, and then rally your local community to drum up votes.

<http://philmacproject.com.au/about>

**Exeter High School have a live entry at the moment.**

**Why not go on line, register and give them a vote!**

## Project Name

*Exeter High School pasture and cropping irrigation trials*

## Project Description

Students will have the opportunity to research, plan and install an irrigation system in the way of underground lines and K-line pods. This will allow students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the importance of being able to access quality water and the requirements of different pastures and crops to survive and thrive. It will also enable the farm to produce higher quality feed to strip graze our Murray Grey Cattle on along with making our own hay and silage.



## International Taste of Tassie Ag Ed

Prospect High School staff and students are currently hosting a group of Japanese students on a 1 week tour of Tasmania sponsored by the Kagawa Bank. On Wednesday of this week the Prospect students and teacher Candice Burnett brought the group to Hagley Farm School for a taste of the Tassie rural life and some agricultural awareness. The visit was facilitated by school Chaplin, Pete Garwood, and Hagley Environment Centre teacher Chris Johns. The Hagley visit included a farm tour, tractor ride and some cottage industry activity. Students from Prospect High will reciprocate the visit when they head off to Japan in 2016!

*Please remember,  
issue 3 will go out in  
week 9 ... please send  
in your contributions*



***Butter Making ... the good old way!***

## Newsletter Item Guidelines

- 60-80 words for the body of the newsletter - blurb (plus a photo – optional)
- Links to further information can be made available, so send supporting documents.
- Deadline for entries will be the Monday of weeks 4 and 9 each term.
- The distribution list will include members of the Ag Ed network (that's you if you are reading this!) plus key supporters, sponsors and any others interested as we grow.
- You are most welcome to help grow the list by suggesting recipients (& sponsors?)
- Don't be afraid to give your schools Ag Ed supporters/sponsors/volunteers a plug as well.

Remember to visit [www.casas.tas.edu.au](http://www.casas.tas.edu.au) to become familiar with our emerging VLE on Fronter

