

# DISCOVERY 2010

## Tasmania Rural Youth

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# The Discovery Trip Selection Day

I had to write an application letter and was then invited to attend the selection day in December. Here I had an interview with three people one of which had been on the Australian trip a few years before.



# My Trip





## Week 1- Agfest!

Agfest is the biggest field day in Tasmania and is run and organised by members of the Rural Youth. It is a 3 day event and all the work is done by Volunteers, of which I was one of.



# As a Volunteer at Agfest I helped with things like.....



\* Fencing





Helping make the horse  
arena





and painting!



But it isnt all work and no play....



At night we all hung out in the Crib room where there was a bar a nice warm fire and music.





## I met some great people and made lots of friends

This was the best thing about Agfest- even though it was hard work it's all about Team work and although we worked hard we played hard too and had a great sense of achievement at the end of it, each day around 25,000 people attended the festival.



# Agfest Attractions



Belted Galloway



The Sheep dog trials





# Machinery and 4 x 4



# WEEK 2

The Zoo and Launceston



# The Cataract Gorge

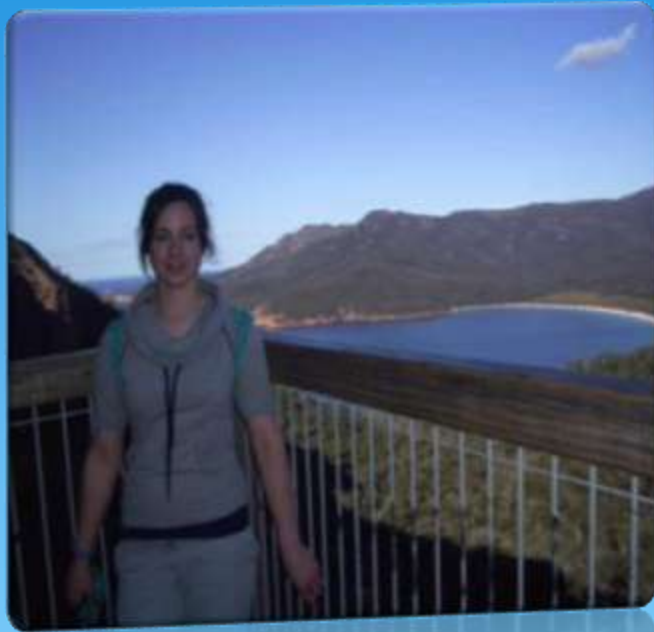


# Aussie icons! The Kookaburra and the Tasmanian Devil!



# A weekend in Paradise Binlong Bay





## Wineglass Bay

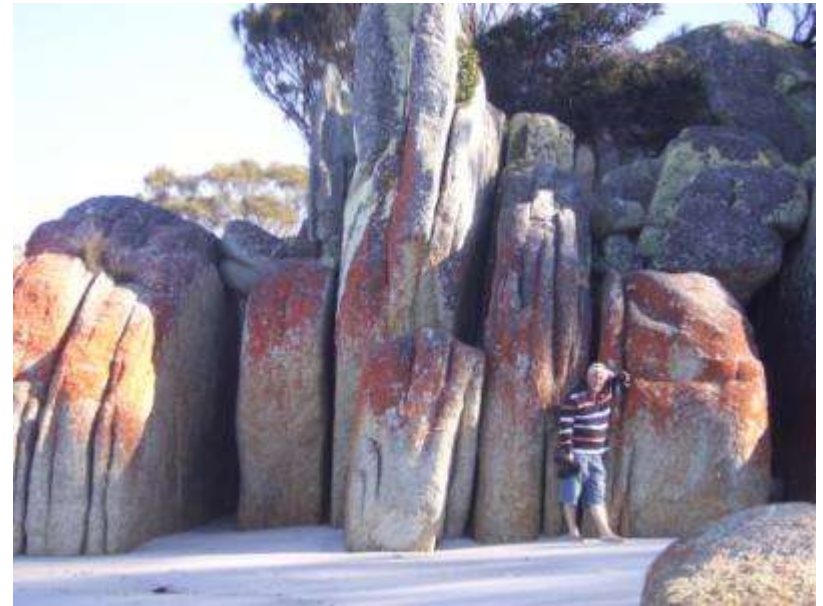
A famous National park and beauty spot in Tasmania and I could definitely see why. The water was so blue and the views amazing!



Tasmania has the cleanest and most unspoilt beaches I've ever seen.



# The Bay of Fires



# Road Trip to Hobart and the Cascade Brewery





## View of Hobart the Capital of Tasmania





Libby and I sampling  
some of the beer made  
at the Cascade Brewery  
at the foot of Mt  
Wellington in Hobart.



# All the exchangees!



# Week 3

Brighton Rural Youth and Sheep Shearing!





Our week began with a trip up Mt Wellington



But with Libby nearly getting blown away, and not by the view it was decided we would be taken to do some work!



# The Shearing Shed





The shearers!



# Back at the Homestead



The farm was in the midlands of Tasmania which is renowned sheep country, very dry with lots of rolling hills



All the farms in Australia are on Tank water, meaning rain water is collected and treated and used in the house. They also build dams on their farms to collect the rain water for the dry season. When I stayed at this farm they had only had 4 inches of rain in the last 6 months.



# At the end of a long hard day



# Week 4

Kingborough Huon Rural Youth  
Caves, trees and Bruny Island



This week we were taken on lots of Trips. One of which was to see the famous Huon Pine Trees which only grow in Tasmania. They were huge!! We did a canopy and rope bridge walk.



# The rope bridge and 1 of the trees



# Hastings Caves



# Beautiful Bruny Island



# Body Boarding at Cloudy Bay- FREEZING!!



# Nights out!



# Week 5

Western Tiers Rural Youth



# We stayed on a Beef farm



And worked at a local cheese factory  
for the day!





## Cradle mountain National park

We didn't pick the best day to go here, it was a bit wet and wild but very dramatic scenery. The national parks in Tasmania are very different to here. You aren't allowed to live in them or farm the land, they are totally left alone.



# WEEK 6

Devonport Rural Youth



# Our first trip of the week was to a Whisky Distillery!





## And the second to a Cattle Market called Killafaddy!

The cattle markets are much the same as over here, lots of old farmers who have found a good excuse for a day out and a gossip with a good old fashioned canteen doing full cooked breakfasts! They don't have rings at the markets over there though.





## The apple orchard!

We stayed on an Apple orchard farm this week. Tasmania is known as the 'Apple Isle' and has lots of Apple orchards up in the North West.



# Weekend in Strahan

The West Coast



Strahan is a small town on the unpopulated west coast of Tasmania



# The Best Bits

For me this trip was a trip of a lifetime. I would advise anybody to take the opportunity to travel with Young Farmers on a Discovery Trip. There are so many reasons why.....





Great times!





Good food!!





Meeting new  
people.....







And making  
friends for life.





And of course seeing  
some amazing places.



# The End!!

If you are unsure of whether to apply for a Discovery trip, take my advice and do it. It's a once in a lifetime experience and as a young farmer you are privileged to have the opportunity to do it.

