



2017 Newsletter No.1 (Feb)

Welcome to a New Year and some record hot weather for the region. It has been a fast start to the year for us, already Chairman Charles Hill has noted that together committee members, sponsors and supporters have achieved a great deal.

With the aim of connecting with more people in our communities and offering a professional public profile, Farming For Kids are delighted to announce their official website is up and running.

As well as listing our donations and those assisted, the website offers links to information on news and media, sponsors, volunteers and has an online Funding Request tab to enable easier application for funding. Take a tour today by going to www.farmingforkids.org and feel free to pass on our website details to your contacts, the more people we reach the more children we can help.

The committee are busy working their way through applications for funding, with the following grants - in line with the group's core goal, which is to support the health and wellbeing of children in the Liverpool Plains – most recently coming to fruition:

- The **Anglican Church in Quirindi** - which provides a valuable playgroup service to children on a weekly basis - received a grant for \$4000 to upgrade their toys and facilities. Mothers, fathers and little kids across the district benefit from the sense of community the Stay And Play group provides, with a variety of activities offered each week to help children with early learning and social skills.

The new playground for Stay and Play equipment funded by Farming for Kids to the Quirindi Anglican Church Group is up and ready to go for the new year! "We are really happy with the quality. It's a solid, durable

playground that will stand up to lots of kids. Thanks, so much Farming for Kids!" Sarah Pollard, the Stay and Play Coordinator.



Stay and Play

- **Wade Clarke** has returned from the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra. One of only 600 students internationally to have been invited to attend, Wade said he gained a wealth of knowledge and connections beyond his expectations.
"To say the experience was life changing is an understatement. I have been offered an invaluable opportunity to greatly increase my career prospects and I can share this experience with my peers and other children in the Liverpool Plains Shire, to inspire and assist them. Thank you to Farming for Kids for assisting me in attending the forum with your generous grant of \$1,500."

The NYSF helps students moving into Year 12, who wish to follow careers in science, engineering and technology by introducing them to research and researchers, by encouraging the achievement of excellence in all their undertakings, and by helping to develop their communication and interpersonal skills. It also fosters discussion of, and interest in major national and global issues and emphasises the importance of maintaining continuing active interests in sport, arts and music.



Wade Clarke

A quick reminder... Memberships are now due

As members, you are more than welcome to contribute information, advice, opinions, time, services - anything you think that might add to the success of the organisation. We are still very much in the recruiting phase of our membership, so if you know of anyone who would like to be a member, please encourage them to join. Remember you can find us on Facebook - Farming 4 Kids Inc.

Please see attached our membership form – which includes payment and return details – please complete form and return.

Crop Update

The current sorghum crop is progressing extremely well, but like all crops in the area is in need of follow-up rainfall

Applications for grants open

Farming For Kids has announced that they are once again taking requests for funding. We strongly encourage people to apply, whether their endeavors are to help young kids as part of a public institution or community group, or on a private or volunteer basis. There are a great deal of people working hard to support the health and wellbeing of children in the Liverpool Plains and we would be honored to assist them. Go to our website for further information. www.farmingforkids.org

A word of thanks to all involved

Farming for Kids continues to build on its success in raising funds for children in the local community, growing in capacity every year. Most of the money raised through events and crops thus far has been distributed to grant applicants, for causes such as specialist programs in schools; hospital and sporting equipment; and individual need. Through these carefully considered grants, Farming For Kids is supporting the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the Liverpool Plains in powerful ways. Thank you so much to everyone involved.



2017 Membership of Association
APPLICATION / RENEWAL

FARMING FOR KIDS INC
(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009)

I,
(full name of applicant)

of
(address)

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(email)

hereby apply to become a member
of the above named incorporated association.

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by
the constitution of the association for the time being in force.

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Signature of applicant *Date*

Membership fee: \$25.00
Please bank to: Farming for Kids Inc
BSB: 062 594
Account: 10147956

Please forward Membership details and payment receipt -
by email to : info@farmingforkids.org
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