



20th December 2018

Dear Members & Supporters

Thank you to all who attended the AGM last week. The 2019 Farming for Kids Committee was elected as follows:

- President - Charles Hill
- Vice Presidents - Ian Carter & Lindsay Maybury
- Treasurer - Les Brown
- Secretary - Jackie Crossing
- Committee - Sally Alden, David Brownhill, Marilyn Carter, Adam Davis, Jaine Gulliver, Rob Lewis, Jim McDonald, Scott McInnes, Nick Rees
- Public Officer - Philip Bolton, Forsyths
- Publicity - Sally Alden

For your interest please see below the President's Report to the 2018 AGM.

Farming for Kids 2018 Annual General Meeting President's Report

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming this afternoon to the 2018 Farming for Kids AGM. The past 12 months have been a massive challenge for all of us involved in the rural industry, Farming for Kids included.

Our last crop harvest was March 2017, so we have had no cropping opportunities over the last 18 months. We are only now building a moisture profile that hopefully will give us the opportunity to sow a wheat crop in 2019. With this in mind, earlier this year we chose to cease any new funding grants to enable us to secure and maintain our already established commitments which are the following;

1. QHS Scholarships
QHS Agricultural Scholarship with 4 years to run;
QHS Dream Believe Achieve Scholarship with 4 years to run;
QHS Agricultural Scholarship with 5 years to run;
QHS Dream Believe Acvhieive Scholarship with 5 years to run;
2. Werris Creek Preschool Community Hub project;
3. Joan Carpenter Awards Day 2019.

On a positive note during 2018 we have been able to assist with the High School Canada excursion, the Joan Carpenter scholarship, Walhallow school excursion, Willow Tree small school's leadership day and various individual grants to assist sporting and other achievements.

This year we have developed the grant system to include a second scholarship at the Quirindi High School. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mally Carter and Rob Lewis who have put together these outstanding scholarships with a lot of hard work for an excellent result. We have also refined the way we grant to individuals for sporting trips, with the aim of making this more sustainable.

In total this year, we have delivered \$21,000 in grants to our Liverpool Plains kids which included \$5,000 in emergency/compassionate grants.

December 2018 is the end of our 6th year of operation and I believe has shown us that we can survive through some very tough conditions while providing an important leg up for the children of our area. I would like to congratulate all our committee and members as well as our important sponsors whom are Amps Commercial, Pursehouse Rural, Nu Rural, Peter Slade, Bob Sipple, Agracom, Corteva Agriscience, Forsyths, Pacific Seeds, Syngenta and Rabo Bank. Thank you for your vital continued support.

Finally, I would like to thank Jackie Crossing for her massive and professional contribution to Farming for Kids and I would like to wish you all a great Christmas and New Year.

Charles Hill

There's lots more information on our website - just visit www.farmingforkids.org/who-weve-helped.html

And again just in case you missed our Christmas message in the Advocate ...



With best wishes from the Farming for Kids Committee
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