

Well what an Agfest! This year's event was one of our most successful and we loved meeting all of you. 1000s of people came to meet our Outreach Workers and walked away with a fantastic RAW show-bag, full of important information on suicide prevention. We also kicked off a promotion we are running to encourage people to sign onto our facebook page where you can win tickets to see Hawthorn play on May 14, we are still running the competition – you can win tickets to the July 30 match when Hawthorn take on Carlton at Aurora Stadium and two Hawthorn memberships are up for grabs! Like our [Facebook page](#) and [competition photo](#), or [Become a mate of RAW here](#) to go in the draw. We are so keen to increase the number of people accessing our facebook page which has regular information on mental health and community wellbeing.

Our new website was also released at Agfest, it looks fantastic and is definitely worth a visit. [Have a look here](#). We are so happy with the new site, it's bright, colourful, easy to access and informative. We think it will help more people across rural Tasmania and possibly save more lives.

Farewell

This will be my last newsletter as CEO of Rural Alive and Well as my wife and I are moving overseas. It has been an honour to lead the organisation and I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge as well as working alongside a great team of people. The work we have done together has not only saved lives but changed the stigma around mental health, depression and suicide. We have introduced new branding, a new website and new projects and campaigns, such as the Healthy and Resilient Communities initiative. But most importantly we have strengthened our rural outreach program to ensure that all rural Tasmanians have access to an Outreach Worker. For RAW to be recognised as the 2015 Community Group of the Year was a highlight.

With my farewell I introduce Nick Goddard into the role of Acting CEO, as we transition to a new CEO. Nick has 25 years experiences within the Department of Health and Human Services and has worked in senior management roles in mental health, alcohol and drug services. I couldn't think of a better fit for the role of CEO. [Find more about Nick here](#).

Thank you again for all of your support, faith and help with Rural, Alive and Well. I look forward to seeing continued positive developments as we together work to reduce the tragedy of rural suicides in Tasmania.

Warm Regards

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