

**Directors' Report**  
Period: 2006-07  
Report Date: January 2008

**1. Introduction**

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

**2. Directors**

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Delphine Christianne BENTLEY (08/12/2004 – present)

Andrew BROAD (VIC) (24/07/2006 – present)

Philippa CLARKE (NT) (24/07/2006 – present)

Benjamin James FORSYTH (08/12/2004 – present)

Rebecca MEDCALF (QLD) (24/07/2006 – present)

Trudy PREGNELL (TAS) (24/07/2006 – 11/09/2007)

Joanne Patricia RODNEY (08/12/2004 – present)

Francis Lynette WARWICK (08/12/2004 – 11/09/2007)

**Secretary / Coordinator**

Delphine Christianne BENTLEY (15/03/2006 – present), BSc (NRM)

The directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated.

**3. Membership**

The following figures represent the number of members at the end of the year.

133 Financial Members

529 Supporter Members

**4. Depreciation**

No depreciation applies.

**5. Transfer of Funds**

No recommendations for transfers of funds were made.

**6. Payment of dividends**

No dividends were paid to members during the year and no recommendation is made as to the dividends.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

## 7. Options

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

## 8. Indemnities

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

## 9. Activities / Operations

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the year.

The principle activities of the company during the financial year were Youth Support in Agriculture.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the year that have significantly, or may significantly affect operations of the company, the results of those operations in future financial years or state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

The primary activities undertaken during the year included:

- Membership services, including issuing and processing renewals and establishing a members database
- Liaison with stakeholders and other potential partners
- Facilitation of the "Should I Stay, or Should I Go?" Project to engage young people in rural industries with key industry leaders and organisations, to discuss opportunities to encourage young people to enter and remain in rural industries. This project was funded by Australian Government's Industry Partnerships Programme.
- Facilitated a number of online discussions

## 10. Meetings held

The following meetings were held during the year:

- Annual General Meeting – 24 & 25 July 2006
- Board Meeting – 11 October 2006
- Board Meeting – 10 December 2006
- Board Meeting – 10 January 2007
- Board Meeting – 26 February 2007
- Board Meeting – 7 May 2007

## 11. Links to other projects, initiatives and other networks

During this period, Future Farmers Network members contributed to a number of regional, state and national projects related to young people in rural industries both directly and indirectly.

FFN wishes to thank its members for their contribution to these projects and networks.

## 12. Future Direction

This was a wonderful period of growth for the Future Farmers Network and one that we wish to capitalise on by strengthening the networks links between members. FFN wishes to thank existing members for their promotion of the network and encouraging others to join.

The key focus of the coming year is building partnerships with government, industry and community organisations to provide members with links to a range of stakeholders associated with young people in rural industries.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Joanne Patricia Rodney  
Chair

Delphine Christianne Bentley  
Secretary

23 January 2008