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As a business owner all employers have responsibilities for health and safety at the workplace. The responsibility extends to not only your employees, but also contractors and visitors that enter the workplace.

There is a duty to manage risks and ensure that any such risks are addressed.



Worksafe Tasmania has identified shearing as a occupation with inherent risks and will be inspecting shearing sheds to ensure that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure the safety of everyone in them.

The main areas identified for shearing sheds are:

1. Manual handling (e.g. dragging sheep, lifting weights, other body strains),
2. Electrical safety (e.g. Residual Current Devices (RCDs), cut out switches on wool presses),
3. Asbestos (e.g. identification and removal)
4. Facilities (e.g. first aid kits, ventilation, mess facilities, toilets).

For more information about your responsibilities, the Worksafe website has a specific guide for the rural industry. [Link: Rural Industry Safety Guide.](#)

Worksafe Inspectors will be working with farmers to address concerns and put in place plans for improvement.

Centrelink Assistance

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre will be in Tasmania from 14th February to 8th March visiting 18 towns around the State. They will provide a wide range of services including:

- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- accept new claims for most Centrelink payments
- how financial matters may impact your payments
- child support payment and service options
- Medicare transactions
- free hearing health checks

A list of venues and times are attached.



Member Survey

Thank you to all those that have already completed either the online survey all the telephone survey. If you haven't already participated there is still time to do so. If you haven't received the survey, or you have problems opening the survey, please contact EMRS on (03) 62 111 222.



If you would prefer to complete the survey over the phone you can also use the above number.

Membership— Returning your Application Forms

Membership forms have been sent to all members and renewals are due by 31 March, 2018.

RETURNING YOUR MEMBER APPLICATION: All membership forms **need to be signed and returned** with payment or proof of payment.



Please return your application form to: pet@primaryemployers.com.au or post to:

Executive Assistant—Industrial
Primary Employers Tasmania
PO Box 3014 Launceston, 7250

Agfest 2018

Primary Employers Tasmania will again have a site at AGFEST this year. You can visit us at **Site 535 on the corner of South and Fourth Streets.**



Everyone is invited to come by to talk to us about any employment or training issues you may have or to find out more about the other services PET can provide.

Meet Your Committee

The PET Committee will be holding its May meeting in the Campbell Town/Oatlands area and members are invited to pop in for tea and a biscuit with Committee members. The meeting will take place on Thursday 17th May. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Positions Vacant

We often receive requests from potential farm employees for work in Tasmania. We place these on our website.

If you are looking for staff this may be a place to check. For instance we currently have an experienced dairy worker looking for a job. Similarly, we are very happy to place your vacancies on the website when you are looking for staff.

Felicity Richards
President

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres

Where	When
Railton, Railton RSL car park, Foster Street	13 February, 10 am to 4 pm
Deloraine, Woolworths car park, Off Emu Bay Road	14 February, 9 am to 4 pm
Cressy, adjacent to the Big Trout park, Church Street	15 February, 9 am to 4 pm
Beaconsfield, Community Hall car park, Weld Street	16 February, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Pipers River, near Pipers River General Store, Flinders Highway	19 February, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Bridport, Tourist Information Centre car park, Main Street	20 February, 9 am to 4 pm
Derby AM, Derby Park car park, Main Street	21 February, 9 am to 12 pm
Branxholm PM, opposite IGA Supermarket, Scott Street	21 February, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Scottsdale, behind Rose's Newsagency, Alfred Street	22 February, 9 am to 3 pm
Fingal, In front of Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, Talbot Street	27 February, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
St Helens, Opposite the Council Chambers, Marina Parade	28 February, 9 am to 4 pm
St Marys, Adjacent to The Memorial Hall, Main Street	1 March, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Campbell Town, In front of the Old Courthouse, High Street	2 March, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Bicheno, The Triangle, Burgess Street	5 March, 9 am to 4 pm
Swansea, Opposite the East Coast Heritage Museum, Franklin Street	6 March, 9 am to 4 pm
Triabunna, Opposite the Service Tasmania Shop, Vicary Street	7 March, 9 am to 4 pm
Orford, Opposite the River Gallery Cafe, Esplanade	8 March, 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Buckland, Near Ye Olde Buckland Inn, Kent Street	8 March, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm