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POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS TASMANIA

Progress Rural WA was rolled out by the former Western Australian Government to rejuvenate the agriculture sector and providing a life line to rural communities.

Forum coordinator Jane Wardlaw said, 'Agriculture is the foundation of economic development in Tasmania. Its time for investment back into the people and their communities that support this vital sector,' said Miss Wardlaw.

'Progress Rural WA had a number of programmes that focussed on leadership, community development and economic diversification.'

'The results saw younger people feeling empowered to take on serious leadership roles for example as councillors for local government. As well, there was a momentum of 'can-do' attitude which saw dreams into reality,' said Miss Wardlaw.

'It is feasible that Tasmania can roll out a Progress Tasmania initiative just like what happened in Western Australia and the purpose of this event is to start the conversation about what and how to do it,' said Miss Wardlaw.

David Beurle is already presenting at the upcoming TFGA Biennial Conference and has given his time free of charge to discuss the possibility of Progress Tasmania the following day. To register your attendance, please call Tony Clarke, TFGA 6332 1800.

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