

# E-GUMNUT

## TASMANIAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

### TASMANIAN JUNIOR BEEF EXPO 2023

Tasmanian Women in Agriculture were a proud sponsor of the Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo, held in Deloraine at the end of February.

The Expo is a fabulous three day program of cattle masterclasses and showing of cattle, giving 8-25 year olds a great opportunity to learn, grow, compete and have fun!

TWiA Chair, Deb Morice, attended the event to represent TWiA and meet the participants and organising committee. it is fantastic to see so many young people enthusiastic about the beef industry.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



### 'EMBRACING EQUITY' 2023

The TWiA were recently a proud sponsor of the 'Embrace Equity' evening, held at the Devonport City Strikers Soccer Club at the beginning of March.

There were displays of women's small businesses and incredible guests who spoke on the topics of human trafficking and embracing equity in communities.

Hannah (pictured) attended the evening to represent TWiA. Congratulations to Dianne and Neeti and connections for organising a lovely evening!





## MEET THE EXECUTIVE

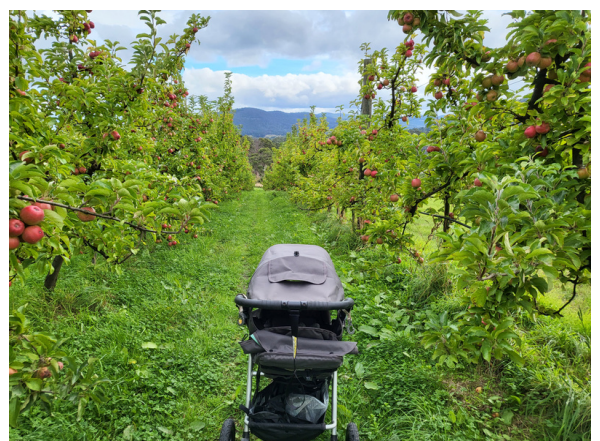
**Sasha Brightman - Secretary**

My husband and I moved to the Huon Valley from Hobart a few years ago in search of a tree change where he found a job as an apple orchard manager at R&R Smith. We live on a few acres with some sheep, cows, chooks, a rogue duck called Jemima and our dogs - Kiff the kelpie and our mixed breed teddy bear, Una. We've also recently welcomed our little girl, Kora, into the world on Boxing Day of all days (you couldn't plan these things)! Her dad has already got big plans for her - she's already 'driven' the tractor!

Being married to farmer and moving to a rural area has inspired me to learn more about the industry. I joined TWiA last year as I wanted to connect with other women in agriculture and form new networks and relationships. I'm currently studying the Graduate Diploma in Regenerative Agriculture at Southern Cross University to also further my knowledge in this space and am loving the challenge. I work in conservation and Indigenous land management and have been amazed at the cross-over between industries.

When the opportunity arose to join the Executive Committee I put my name forward. It's been wonderful learning about what TWiA does; engaging with passionate, committed rural and agriculture-focused women; and being a part of an organisation striving to make a difference.

I look forward to my ongoing involvement with TWiA in the future and meeting more inspiring women around the state.



## BIOSECURITY TASMANIA

Effective immediately, Biosecurity Tasmania (BT) asks all beekeepers within the 15km Bee Movement Restriction Area around Devonport, not to open their hives until 31 March 2023.

BT is investigating the detection of a single small hive beetle (SHB) in a guard hive located in the Devonport area and as a precautionary measure has enacted emergency management protocol. BT is currently conducting surveillance and trapping to determine if SHB is present elsewhere in the Restriction Area.

Opening a hive increases the potential risk of spreading SHB. SHB can also be spread on and in a range of beekeeping equipment and bee products.

If you believe you must open a hive for any reason, please contact Biosecurity Tasmania on 6165 3777 to arrange a time for a Biosecurity Officer to be present when the hive is opened.

For more information visit:

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/animal-health/ bees/small-hive-beetle>



### Biosecurity Tasmania - Bee Movement Restriction Area





## WE NEED YOU!

The TWiA are looking for two new members on the Executive Committee. One role as a general Executive Member, supporting the Executive Committee in running the many varied activities and opportunities for the greater TWiA community.

The second role is for a Communications Officer. The Communications Officer Will support our internal and external communications strategy, write publicity material and assist with promotional events.

The person we are seeking is a creative thinker with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Responsibilities:

- communicate with the Chair and greater Executive Committee members to develop and implement an effective communications strategy based on our member audience
- write, edit and distribute content, including publications, press releases, website content, annual reports and other marketing material
- establish and maintain effective relationships with media outlets
- proficiency in design and publishing software

Commitment for both roles include Zoom meeting once per month, 5-10hrs of time per month and both are volunteer roles. For further informaiton or if you are interested please reach out to [taswomeninag@outlook.com](mailto:taswomeninag@outlook.com)

*The TWiA Executive Committee and TWiA members would like to extend their sincere condolences to both Sigrid Nelson and Connie Bennet and families, who have experienced a tragic loss in recent months.*

*Our deepest sympathies are with you in this difficult time.*



Connecting, Supporting & Celebrating Tasmanian Rural Women