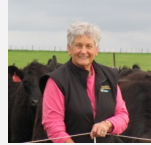


**FRIDAY EVENING – *the past***

**WHERE:** Exeter Community Hub, Murray Street, 5pm – 8pm for panel discussion

Opening of the 2024 Gathering with a panel discussion, speakers to include our founding members Joan Field, Jan Richardson and Maureen Holland, chaired by TWiA Chair Deb Morice. Catch up with friends and meet the delegates of the PNG farming women's group.



**SATURDAY FARM TOURS – *the present***

**WHERE:** pick-up and drop-off at Exeter Showground for all tours

**WHEN:** 8.30am— 4.30pm

**WHAT TO WEAR:** sturdy shoes, clothing for all weathers, sunscreen

**INCLUDED:** farm visits, picnic box lunch and bus commentary.

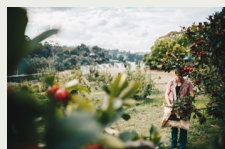
**PLEASE CHOOSE A TOUR AND BOOK ON THE TWiA WEBSITE—[www.taswomeninag.org](http://www.taswomeninag.org)**

**BUS TOUR 1 *West Tamar South***



**Tamar Valley Wetlands**

A unique ecosystem, birds and wildlife on our doorstep



**Brady's Lookout Cider**

Australia's only cider maker using Méthode Traditionelle



**Notley Valley Farm**

Regenerative agriculture with cattle and goats, restorative forestry

**BUS TOUR 2 *West Tamar Central***



**Tamar Valley Truffles**

Black Perigord Winter Truffles and range of products at farm shop.



**Yimarra Farm**

Alpaca farming and tours and a range of Tasmanian giftware



**Loira Vines**

Boutique vineyard in the West Tamar—wines, cider and beer

**BUS TOUR 3 *West Tamar North***



**Petuna Aquaculture**

A rare chance to visit the salmon farm in the River Tamar



**York Town Organics**

Certified organic market garden growing salad leaves, berries, herbs and baby vegetables



**Westella Vineyard**

Family owned vineyard growing Pinot Noir exclusively with architectural cellar door

# TAMAR VALLEY GATHERING WEST TAMAR 24-26 MAY PROGRAM

30th Anniversary 1994 - 2024  
**TASMANIAN  
WOMEN  
IN AGRICULTURE**

## SATURDAY EVENING – *dinner*

**WHERE:** Glendale Vineyard Orchard Shed, 163 Glendale Road, Sidmouth

**WHEN:** 6.30pm for 7pm



Celebratory Gathering dinner featuring the produce of the region.

Our guest speaker is Ruth Nettle, who leads the Rural Innovation Research Group at the University of Melbourne. Ruth formerly worked as a Dairy Extension Officer with the Department of Primary Industries in Tasmania's northeast and witnessed firsthand the profound benefits and cultural shift brought about by TWiA.

## SUNDAY BRUNCH – *the future*

**WHERE:** Exeter Community Hub, Murray Street

**WHEN:** 9.00am

**WHAT:** guest speakers and brunch

**Olympia Yarger** is an insect farming pioneer, climate action warrior and founder of the Insect Protein Association of Australia and the agritech start-up Goterra. She has developed an innovative waste management system that uses maggots to process food waste and reduce greenhouse gases. The system has been adopted by Woolworths and in Sydney's Barangaroo precinct, and has processed thousands of tonnes of waste and mitigated tonnes of carbon emissions.

The CSIRO named the soldier fly species *Hermetia Olympia* after her, and in 2023 Olympia was named the ACT's Australian of the Year. This is a terrific chance to learn more about Goterra and what it's like to be a woman in ag, trying to breathe life into a new idea.



**Dr Bianca Das** is a lecturer in soil science at the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture. Originally from New Zealand, Bianca brings a core value of 'kaitiakitanga' or land stewardship to her work, studying environmental science, soil, and agriculture. Her particular interest is in the management of soil nutrients, stemming from the challenges in New Zealand of balancing a productive agricultural economy with pristine landscapes and waterways. Bianca's research focuses on developing strategies for boosting productivity and reducing negative environmental effects, while achieving a profit for farmers. Having studied with CSIRO and universities in Australia, New Zealand and Kenya, she now leads Tasmanian research into subsoil amelioration in southern regions and soil nutrient sensing in real-time to reduce losses to the atmosphere and waterways. She currently supervises two PhD students working in this area.

