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TWIA 2010 Executive :

Chairman: *Maureen Holland*

Vice Chairman *Bev Phelan*

Secretary: *Bev Phelan*

Treasurer *Sheryl Rockliff*



Public Officer: *Joan Field*

Committee Members:

*Gabbie Bresnehan*

*Janine Walker*

*Sue Martin*

## **INVITATION TASMANIAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & STATE MEETING**

**FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY  
10.00AM  
RED BRIDGE CAFÉ  
CAMPBELL TOWN.**

**All Tasmanian women are welcome  
to attend the meeting and  
enjoy lunch and meeting new friends.**

**RSVP : Bev Phelan a.s.a p. For catering purposes**

**Ph: 63 678224... email: [phelantandb@bigpond.com](mailto:phelantandb@bigpond.com)**

### **LOST BANNER**

TWIA are missing a promotion/display Banner. This Banner has not be seen for over 12 months.

Does any one have any knowledge of its whereabouts, as we will have to claim on our Insurance if it is not found?

Please contact Kieryn Deutrom at DPIPWE if you have any information. Ph 63 365430

### **SKILLS AUDIT FOR TWIA MEMBERS.**

All members should have by now received a copy of our Skills Audit and we ask you to complete this and return it before 23rd Feb. 2011.

We know that many of you have skills that would be a great assistance to the organization, either in catering, computer work, event organizing , etc. We all have a niche that we can help others so please take the time to complete the Skills Audit and thus help TWIA. Should you require a copy, please contact Secretary, Bev Phelan.

*Celebrating  
Christmas  
at our  
December 2010  
State Meeting.*



Jo Nicholls, Jayne Landsberg, ABC & Leonie Hiscutt.

On Friday 3rd of December a very enjoyable Christmas State meeting was held at Fitzpatrick's Inn at Westbury and we were thrilled to have 16 women attend especially as it was a very wet day.

Thank you to those women who travelled from around the State to attend. A few new faces came to join us and we hope they will continue to be part of TWIA and attend our meetings to give us ideas on supporting rural women. Guest Speaker, Jayne Landsberg (ABC) spoke of growing up in Queensland and also on her career with ABC radio and was still answering questions while trying to eat her lunch. It was a fruitful meeting with plenty of input as well as a great networking day with discussions continuing throughout lunch. Santa's helper arrived with gifts and a fun day was had by all.



Rebecca Williams, Rosie McKinnon, Deb Morice & Shirley Wise



Mary Knowles, Annette Reed, Anne McCormack, Cathy Hall



All members gave their ideas and assisted with Working through the Skills Audit draft.

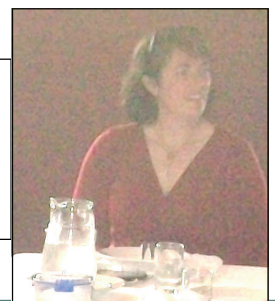


Our ever smiling Vice Chairman, & Secretary, Bev Phelan.

Santa's Helper arrived with Gifts for All. Ho Ho Ho!



Ruth Hall at Our Meeting





Finalists await the results!

Jan Hughes-Runner Up, Jackie Brown-Rural Woman of Year, & Annette Reed, Encouragement Award

## 2011 Rural Women's Award.

This year Tasmanian Women in Agriculture supported the Encouragement Award winner with a \$1000 training bursary to help achieve their Rural Women's Award project, improve their skills and benefit the wider community.

Maureen Holland presented Annette Reed with the Encouragement Award certificate and her \$1000 training bursary. Annette's Award ambition is to develop a program to assist rural patients who have suffered a disability or long-term illness to remain connected to the land during their recovery. As part of her project Annette aims to gain skills in motivational speaking and develop resources to assist rural families affected by disability.

Annette has been an active and long-term member of Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and Maureen expressed her pride at being able to offer a very deserving applicant the Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Encouragement Award. TWiA hopes that the Encouragement Award will assist Annette on her path to achieving her Award ambition



Maureen Holland congratulates & presents the TWIA Encouragement Award to winner, Annette Reed.



Last years Winner, and TWIA Executive member, Gabbi Bresnahan, was MC for the Rural Women Awards. It is pleasing to see the confidence that Gabbi has gained from the Award.

Minister, Bryan Green with Winner of 2011 Rural Woman of the Year, Jackie Brown.



### CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM LEADER POSITION:

Following our letter to Minister Brian Green requesting a meeting with him regarding the continuation of the role of Program Officer to assist TWIA, we have received notice that "DPIPWE will advertise a position for a Policy Analyst (Women and Rural Communities). This role description will incorporate the current activities by the Program Leader and further responsibilities of a policy nature relating to supporting rural community. The position will be for a fixed term of 12 months."

We are hoping that our current Program Leader, Kiern Deutrom, will apply and be successful as she is already well aware of our needs and ideals after her term in this position in 2010.

It would be great if the Tasmanian Government could arrange a permanent person for this role which would help TWIA to operate in a much easier way: i.e. not having to wait for confirmation of the position each year, and then waiting for appointee to gain a knowledge of our organization.

## **News from our Discussion Groups.**

### **Meander Valley:**

This group has had Guest Speakers at their last two meetings. Firstly a representative from the local Recycling Centre and then Sue Martin spoke on her recent trip to India.

An excellent Christmas Party was held at Restaurant Red in Deloraine with 21 members attending. A fun social night was enjoyed. Members were asked to bring along a Christmas decoration or memento and to share memories of this object. Some wonderful stories were shared including the origami swans that were part of our table setting. One of our members had been shown how to make when she spent time in Japan many years ago and she had taken the time to make one for each of us.

Meander Valley will be holding a mixed BBQ at the home of Shirley & Bob Wise on Monday 28th February. Cost will be \$5.00 for meat and please bring a salad or sweet to share. BYO drinks. Please rsvp to Shirley asap. 63623681.

### **South Esk:**

It was nice to have Mary Knowles attend our Xmas meeting to catch up with members again.

Mary reported that her group are "time poor" but have held a very successful "Talking Health & Pampering Day" for the women in their area.

Artists have also been working on projects with some of the local women.

### **Quamby :**

This group is holding monthly social evenings at Blenheim Inn at Longford.

Last Meeting they had the TWIA Encouragement Award winner, Annette Reed speak on the "Effects on a farming family when an accident occurs."

Annette's daughter attended with her. A Christmas break up was held in December.

### **Rubion:**

This group held a very successful Bus Tour with many of the younger members of the group attending.

They visited BFS Smallgoods, Ashgrove Cheese & Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm.

Their Christmas breakup will be held at Villerett Gardens.

***Do you have a group of local women who would like to renew or begin a TWIA Discussion group?***

***Please contact :***

***Kieryn Deutrom***

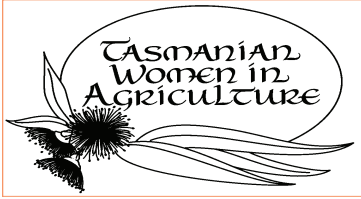
***Program Leader (Women in Rural Industries)***

***Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE)***

***167 Westbury Road***

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**Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Inc. - Mini Gatherings:  
Book early - Limited numbers. Have a great Day out, make new  
friends and gain knowledge on our changing rural industries.**



**TAS RURAL WOMEN ON THE MOVE  
& MINI GATHERING**

Theme "Which Direction Now?"  
An Innovative Workshop and Networking Event for all Rural Women

**Including:**

1. Plan and Manage Family changes and your Business!
2. How to be an effective Committee member!
3. Just make a decision—Tips, tricks & tools for effective decision making!
4. Update on the current opportunities and challenges in the vegetable industry  
And Dr Hazel Mac Tavish-Wet on value add to your fruit and veggies!
5. Update on the current opportunities and challenges in the dairy industry, followed by a session on how to make cheese from your milk at Oatlands!

Hear from Stand-up Comedian: Annette Law  
"To shed light on darkness"  
Or at Oatlands

Hear from Di Wilcox  
"The Challenges and opportunities in family farms"

**Where:**

<b>Saturday 5th March 2011</b>	<b>Saturday 12th March 2011</b>	<b>Saturday 19th March 2011</b>
Murchison Lodge, Somerset.	St Helens Recreation Ground	Oatlands

**Bus, Lunch & Entertainment Supplied**

Cost \$10.00 per Day.



Australian Government  
Department of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Forestry

For more details go to [www.twia.org.au](http://www.twia.org.au)  
or contact : Janine Walker 0438 339 205

This Project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry under Australia's Farming Future.  
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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE.

***There will be vacant positions on the Executive at our February AGM, so please think about nominating. Many of the existing Executive will be stepping down after many years of service.***

***If you are an active member and interested in helping or nominating for a position on our Executive, please contact Bev Phelan, Kieryn Deutrom or an Executive Member for more information. You will be made most welcome. We welcome women from all areas of Tasmania to assist us and we encourage you to take the opportunity to assist rural women and make a difference in their lives.***

***This can be a great confidence building role , as well as making great friends and enjoying time with people working for the same result.***

***Meetings are held approx. every 6-8 weeks, and these can be accessed via tele-conferencing if you are not able to attend personally. The Executive will endeavour to take our meetings to various areas around the State in 2011 to give members who have had to travel a long distance a chance to participate and have input at meetings.***

***An Expression of Interest form is attached to this News letter. Please return to The Secretary, TWIA, P.O Box 346 Deloraine, Tas 7304 before our AGM. On 25th February,***

### **FREE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE- TECHNOLOGY COURSE**

TWIA have been contacted by AWIA re the following FREE course: If you are interested in this course email Maureen Holland at [brumaurtolisa@hotmail.com](mailto:brumaurtolisa@hotmail.com) for a Flyer and Registration Form  
Register early, Limit of 15 to attend.

#### **Making Technology Work for Me**

***A fun day full of useful tips and information designed to equip rural women with the skills and knowledge required to make the best use of contemporary telecommunications in their family, social and business networks is coming to all states.***

Presenter **Allen Lui** will cover the following topics:

- Getting connected - a look at the available technologies and the most effective and efficient means of getting connected – mobile phones, iphone, android phone; satellite, ADSL, wireless broadband, NBN
- Practical applications – a look at an online meeting room and the benefits of a website to the farm business – a guest presenter
- Using the net more effectively – free software, podcasts, searching hints, communicating via Skype & Twitter, social networking sites
- Promoting yourself online – a crash course in eBusiness marketing – steps in developing your own website.

**Locations:** All states.

Tasmanian course: Monday, March 18th at Commodore Regent, Brisbane St., Launceston.

**Contact:** Jayne Cuddihy Ph 0428 727 972 or email: [jayne.landsberg7@bigpond.com](mailto:jayne.landsberg7@bigpond.com)



SMILE FOR THE DAY:

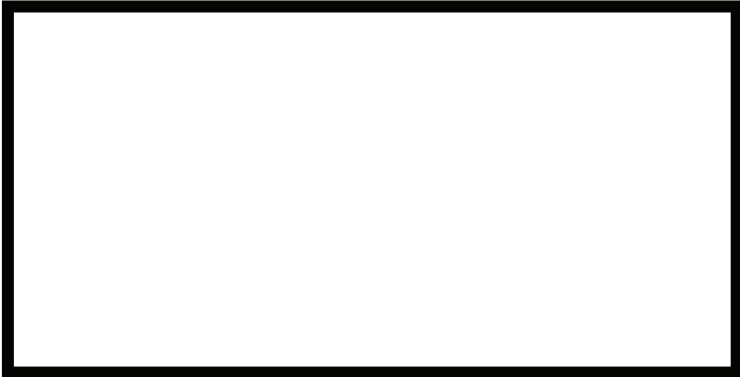
My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: “Just wait until we get home!”

My Mother taught me about RELIGION: “You better pray that will come out of the carpet”

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***Please support our  
Annual General Meeting  
On Friday 25th February  
At Red Bridge Café  
Campbell Town  
Commencing at 10.00am.  
RSVP a.s.a.p to  
Secretary: 63 678224 or  
Email: [phelantandb@bigpond.com](mailto:phelantandb@bigpond.com)***

**Expression of Interest for position on TWIA Executive**

**I, Name:**.....

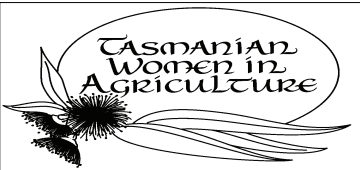
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**wish to express my interest for a position on**

**The Executive Committee of Tasmanian  
Women in Agriculture Inc.**

**Date**..... ..



Please post to Nomination Form to : Bev Phelan, Secretary, TWIA, P.O. Box 34 6. Deloraine. 7304  
Email: