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## ***REGENERATIVE FARM VISIT*** ***Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023***

**What a day out!!** A bus trip to visit the Regenerative Farm at Taralga near Wombeyan Caves called Tathra Place. After a pleasant morning tea at the park in Goulburn, we arrived at the farm and the 25 of us were welcomed by the owner Luke Winder. The farm is run by him, his family and a small number of workers ..... plus a lot of dogs that mind the ducks, chickens, pigs and beasts, keeping a variety of predators at bay. He is clearly passionate about the way that he runs the farm, chemical free and with all the animals in pasture, and has achieved an operation at commercial and viable scale.

We saw how he rears 1200 ducks at one go, taking the ducklings up to pasture in a period of 6 weeks, then packing them off to his market outlets. He uses Maremmas to `bond` with the ducks to ensure their safety, they are very much classed as `workers` and not `farm pets`. He also showed how he takes the newly born piglets up to porkers ready for market. The same with chickens and other fowl, and calves from nearby farms. He has split his 100 acres into one-acre `cells` which he rotates with the different animals, the pigs being usually the last as they clear the land ready for it to be drilled and resown. It came over as amazingly well organised and with minimal investment. Each cell has a name on its gate after one of the workers, many of whom have been transient, staying for a few months and then returning home ..... but clearly part of the `family` that Luke has created over the seven years he has been at the farm.

At lunch we were treated to a BBQ of some splendid sausages, very welcome after spending a morning walking around his acreage. On its return, the bus stopped at the butcher in Goulburn, one of Luke`s many outlets for his produce.

**A tremendously enjoyable and educative day all round.**

