

TABLE TALKS

SIARGAO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE 2026-27

Communities shouldn't depend on charity alone. A mission by Table Talks Australia.

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Building a new economy through food,  
culture and connection.

Redefining Siargao loop and boodle  
fight culture in the Philippines.

One island. 14 days. Thousands of kids. Hundreds of families.

After seven months of field research across the Philippines, we started questioning how connection is portrayed in the media. Too often, it is reduced to supper clubs, networking events, or group chats. These matter but they are only at the surface of what connection really means and how it actually works. For months of reconnecting with our Filipino roots and venturing out into an island we had never heard of — Siagao became the centerpiece of this mission.

Being two years into community building, events, and advocating for connection, we finally found the truth behind the notion of connection — care and generosity.



REDEFINING SIARGAO LOOP & BOODLE FIGHT CULTURE:  
14-DAY MISSION ACROSS ONE ISLAND AND BEYOND



## ONE ISLAND. 14 DAYS. THOUSANDS OF KIDS.

Five-course meals, a bottle of Chablis, and a board of charcuterie. What good does it give and where do they go? We pay for indulgence, and yet we still long for something more meaningful — connection. We pay for networking events that only go to the pockets of the individuals, and we pay for experiences that forget the people behind them.

## WHY WE ARE DOING THIS

This mission began long before Table Talks. It began with a belief that was passed down through family—that generosity is one of the purest forms of human connection. Growing up, giving wasn't about recognition. It was about caring for others, sharing what you have, and showing up for people in moments that matter. As Table Talks grew, so did our understanding of connection. Connection isn't only built through networking events, curated experiences, or conversations around beautifully designed tables.

Sometimes, a connection looks like sharing a meal with a family you've just met. Sometimes it's giving books to a child and encouraging them to dream bigger. Sometimes it's reminding people that they are seen, valued, and capable of more than their circumstances may suggest.

## THIS MISSION IS ROOTED IN A DEEP BELIEF:

Filipinos are capable. Filipinos are creative. Filipinos are talented and resilient. What many communities lack is not ability. It's access.

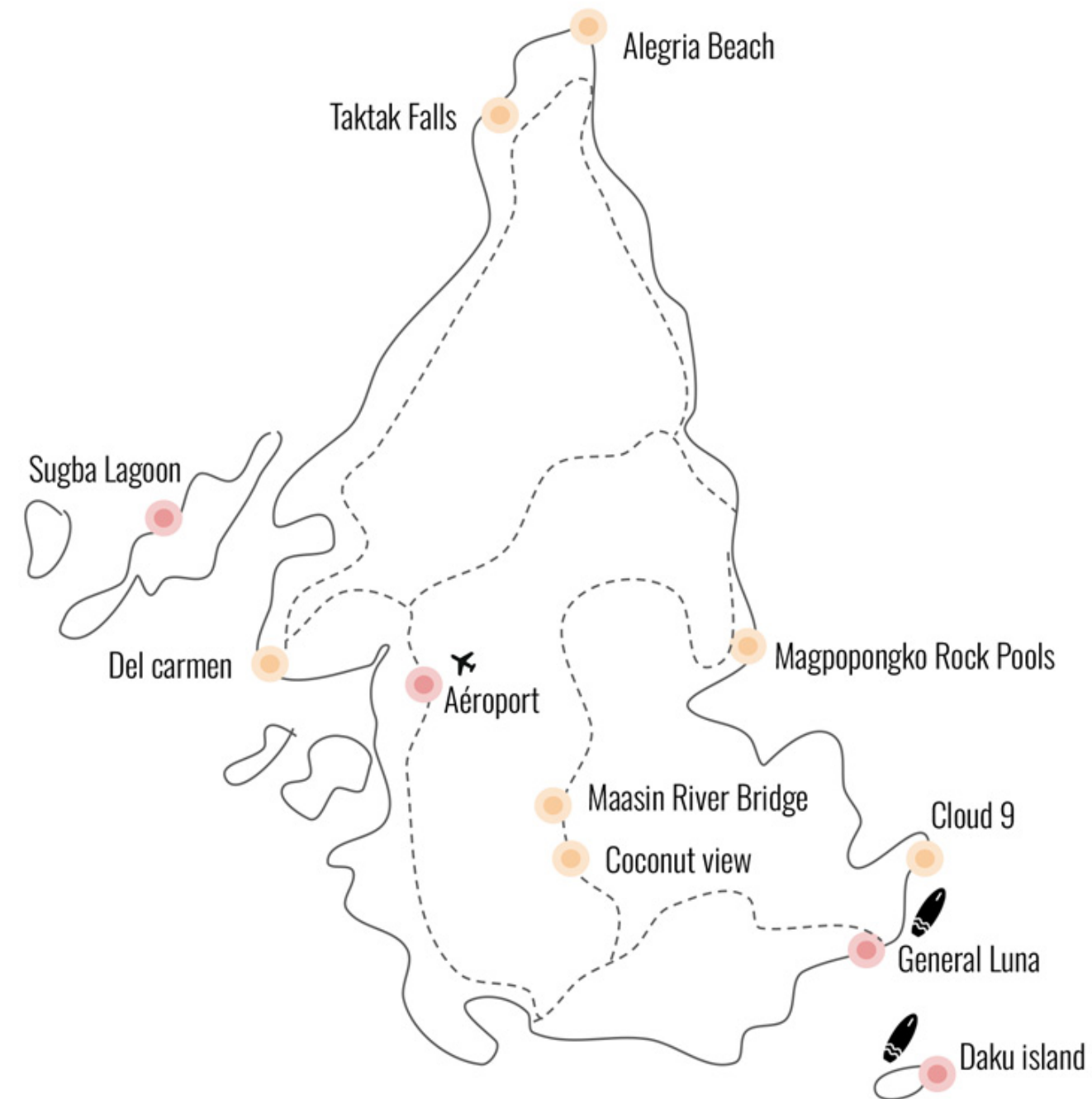
Access to resources. Access to opportunities. Access to support. And sometimes, access to a different perspective on what is possible.

## THE MISSION IS OUR WAY OF CONTRIBUTING TO THAT POSSIBILITY.

Not by claiming to solve every problem. But by showing up. By sharing. By listening. By encouraging. And by creating moments of generosity that remind people that their future can be bigger than their current circumstances.

We ride around the island not because we have all the answers. We ride because we believe connection can begin with a simple act:

A shared meal. A book. A toy. A conversation. A reminder that someone believes in you. And sometimes, that's where everything starts.



## REDEFINING SIARGAO LOOP

For many people, the Siargao Loop is a bucket-list ride. You rent a motorbike, chase beautiful views, stop at cafés, take photos, and complete the island circuit. We want to experience it differently. We believe the Siargao Loop is not just a route around the island. It's an opportunity to slow down, meet people, understand communities, and create genuine human connection.

For 14 days, we will ride around Siargao, visiting communities and disadvantaged areas across the island. At each stop, we will:

- Distribute food and essential supplies to families
- Share meals with local communities
- Listen to stories and learn about local traditions
- Document the people and places that make Siargao extraordinary
- Explore opportunities for future support and collaboration

This is not a race around the island. It's a journey of generosity, curiosity, and shared humanity.

## MORE THAN A BOODLE FIGHT

At every barangay, we will set up a Boodle Fight table. A shared table where families, children, neighbours, and visitors come together to eat side by side. In Filipino culture, a Boodle Fight represents equality, generosity, and community. No hierarchy. No barriers. Just people sharing food and connection.

## REDEFINING TOURISM THROUGH PARTICIPATION

This mission asks a simple question: What if tourism wasn't only about consuming experiences? What if it was about participating in the communities we visit? What if riding around the island also meant: Giving. Sharing. Listening. Learning. Creating opportunities.

## THE FIRST CHAPTER OF CONNECTION IS CIRCULAR

The 14-Day Siargao Mission is the first chapter of Connection Is Circular. A journey that brings together:

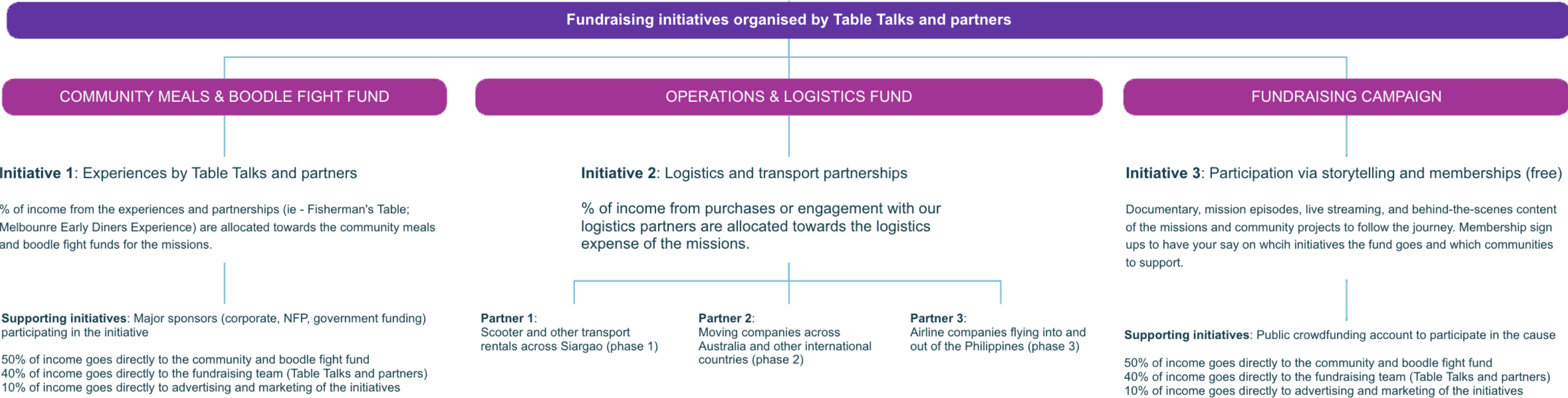
- Adventure through the Siargao Loop.
- Community through Boodle Fight.
- Storytelling through film.
- And generosity through shared experiences.

Because sometimes the most meaningful journeys are measured not by distance—but by the connections we make along the way.

## THE MISSIONS

MISSION 0 - July 2026	"FISHERMAN'S TABLE" - August 2026	MISSION 1 - Sep 2026	MISSION 2 - Oct 2026	MISSION 3 - Dec 2026	MISSION 4 - Early 2027	MISSION 5 - Mid 2027
<p>Pilot test weekly missions around General Luna for content production to support growth &amp; storytelling initiatives.</p> <p>Launch Australia crowdfunding campaign.</p>	<p>A collaboration with a leading hospitality partners in hosting a fundraiser event in General Luna.</p>	<p>Official pilot mission in General Luna with hospitality partners, volunteers, and local suppliers for 1 day.</p> <p><u>Target number of families: 20</u></p>	<p>A 3-day mission across General Luna's surrounding areas — Dapa, Santa Fe, Del Carmen.</p> <p><u>Target number of families: 60</u></p>	<p>A 2-week mission across the whole island.</p> <p>A community-led initiative where members choose and select 10 barangays to visit across the island for the 2-week Siargao Loop mission.</p> <p><u>Target number of families: 200</u></p>	<p>• A 3-week mission across the whole Mindanao region</p>	<p>• A 4-week mission across the whole country.</p>

# REDEFINING SIARGAO LOOP & BOODLE FIGHT CULTURE — MISSIONS INVESTMENT MODEL



# WE INVEST IN COMMUNITIES OVERTIME —

## MISSION INVESTMENTS & ROADMAP

The roadmap below are our fundraising targets throughout 2026-27. These funds go directly to our supporting NFP partner. **Please note** that the allocation below is the initial structure. We will be reassessing the current allocation model after Mission 2 to allocate more towards its operations. Our current focus for FY Q1 and Q2 is creating a fundraising cadence and increasing awareness for the mission to expand fundraising capacities.

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<p>Pilot test weekly missions around General Luna for content production to support fundraising initiatives.</p> <p>Launch Australia crowdfunding campaign.</p> <p>CURRENT STATUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Mission</u>: Siargao Community Initiative</li> <li>• <u>Funds raised</u>: AUD\$234.42</li> <li>• <u>Funds distributed</u>: AUD\$234.42</li> <li>• <u>Families supported</u>: 6</li> <li>• <u>Community meals</u>: 1</li> <li>• <u>Status</u>: Prepping for documenting</li> </ul>	<p>A collaboration with a leading local hospitality partners in hosting a fundraiser event in General Luna.</p> <p><u>Target raise</u>: ₱100,000</p>	<p>Official pilot mission in General Luna with hospitality partners, volunteers, and local suppliers for 1 day.</p> <p><u>Target number of families</u>: 20</p> <p><u>Immediate Impact - Missions</u>: ₱40,000 <u>Mission Growth &amp; Storytelling</u>: ₱40,000 • Next mission: ₱20,000</p> <p><u>Next fundraiser experience</u>: <i>Melbourne Early Diners' Experience &amp; Siargao Beach Dinner Experience</i></p> <p><u>Next mission target</u>: ₱300,000</p>	<p>A 3-day mission across General Luna's surrounding areas — Dapa, Santa Fe, Del Carmen.</p> <p><u>Target number of families</u>: 60</p> <p><u>Immediate Impact - Missions</u>: 35% <u>Community Impact - Projects</u>: 25% <u>Mission Growth &amp; Storytelling</u>: 40%</p> <p>COMMUNITY IMPACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative Education Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student entrepreneurship income: Funds for transport to Siargao</li> <li>• Next mission funds target: Funds the next mission and the student's participation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Waste and sustainability - construction and demolition waste</li> </ul> <p><u>Next mission target</u>: ₱1,000,000</p>	<p>A 2-week mission across the whole island.</p> <p>A community-led initiative where members choose and select 10 barangays to visit across the island for the 2-week Siargao Loop mission.</p> <p><u>Target number of families</u>: 200</p> <p><u>Immediate Impact - Missions</u>: 35% <u>Community Impact - Projects</u>: 25% <u>Mission Growth &amp; Storytelling</u>: 40%</p> <p>COMMUNITY IMPACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Partners (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Espoir School of Life</li> <li>• Lokal Academy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b>: These are not the final community partners. Our members vote to select which community partners to fund.</p> <p><u>Next mission target</u>: ₱TBC</p>	<p>• A 3-week mission across the whole Mindanao region</p>	<p>• A 4-week mission across the whole country.</p>

Our commitment is to ensure every contribution creates both immediate support for local communities and long-term investment in opportunities that strengthen people, places and local economies. Through transparent reporting, local partnerships and purposeful storytelling, we aim to build a self-sustaining model where every experience creates lasting impact.

## Resilience and Development

Exposing young Filipinos to diverse cultural perspectives, ideas, and ways of living through alternative education and meaningful experiences that encourage critical thinking, personal growth, and new approaches to life beyond limiting traditions and habits.

## Circular Economy

Supporting sustainability by actively participating in zero-waste initiatives, reducing unnecessary consumption, and promoting a more circular economy that values reuse, community sharing, and responsible living.

## Access and Resources

Providing young Filipinos with access to accommodation, safe spaces, and a supportive community where they can learn, collaborate, and flourish both personally and professionally.

## Support Local

Supporting small local businesses—including ukay-ukay shops, sari-sari stores, and independent entrepreneurs—by promoting them as an essential part of Filipino culture, helping preserve their identity, and creating opportunities for them to grow and sell more sustainably.

## Filipino Talents

Supporting local artists, musicians, makers, and creatives by providing platforms for exposure, showcasing their work through our experiences and storytelling, and helping connect them with wider audiences both locally and internationally.

## Education about Connection

Creating meaningful, purpose-driven experiences that connect people through shared action and mutual respect.

## Connection is Circular

Ensuring all support is community-led and delivered with dignity, inclusivity, and long-term impact in mind.



Equitas | Asset | Management

THE FISHERMAN'S TABLE EXPERIENCE



## SUSTAINABLE IMPACT MODEL

To ensure long-term sustainability, Table Talks is designed as a circular ecosystem where experiences, partnerships, and community support continuously fuel future missions.

### Fundraising and donations

Support comes from:

- Individual donations
- Mission sponsors
- Community fundraising campaigns
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) partnerships
- Philanthropic and impact-driven supporters

### Brand and community partnerships

We collaborate with organisations that share our values, including:

- Hospitality and accommodation partners
- Tourism and travel brands
- Lifestyle and wellness companies
- Local businesses and entrepreneurs
- Educational and community organisations
- Corporate CSR and impact partners

### Experiences that fund impact

Purpose-driven experiences help generate resources for community initiatives. A portion of proceeds is allocated directly to future missions and community programs.



## THE FISHERMAN'S TABLE EXPERIENCE

This is a community-focused cultural dining programme designed to support local hospitality businesses and strengthen community connection during Siargao's slower trading periods.

It uses dining as a platform for cultural storytelling and direct community impact.

A portion of proceeds will be directed toward community support initiatives, including providing meals and essential goods to local families in need.

Each event features a seasonal, locally sourced menu designed to highlight regional produce and support local supply chains. Beyond dining, it functions as a cultural and storytelling platform—connecting guests to Siargao's food systems, communities, and coastal heritage.

A portion of proceeds from each experience is directed toward community food distribution initiatives across nearby barangays.

## FORMAT

A curated 3-course seafood dining experience celebrating local catch and seasonal ingredients.

- Minimum 20 guests
- Ticket price: ₱1,500–₱1,750
- Shared long-table dining format
- Hosted with and by Wild Siargao

## AUSTRALIA-SIARGAO ROLLOUT

ABOUT US

Table Talks is a community and experience platform that brings people together through food, culture, and shared experiences. We create thoughtfully curated gatherings, editorial storytelling, and cultural activations that transform connection from something we talk about into something we practice. By partnering with local producers, chefs, creatives, and communities, every table becomes an opportunity to celebrate people, strengthen relationships, and contribute to lasting social impact.

HOW AUSTRALIA IS CONNECTED TO SIARGAO,  
PHILIPPINES

Positioning Siargao as a role model for what 'connection' really means and how it is lived daily via community, sustainability and culture, as well as how the outcome of connection strengthens local economies, future generations and the environment. The long-term goal is to position Siargao as a model for how food, hospitality, and community can work together to create lasting social and economic impact.

THE SIARGAO-AUSTRALIA CONNECTION

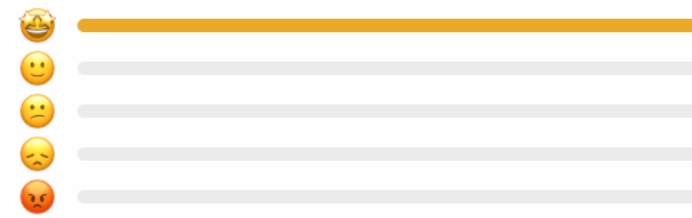
Australia feeds the children and families of Siargao. Content, stories, and learnings from the Siargao pilot will be shared with audiences and partners in Australia, creating a cultural exchange between the two communities. The intention is not to replicate Siargao elsewhere, but to share its values of hospitality, community, and connection through experiences and development.



FEEDBACK

5.0

9 ratings



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5/5 · 9 Nov 2025



Simply fabulous. Very slay energy. Very demure. Start-Up Melbourne culture bringing the foodie to the dinner table.

Evan Rosin

5/5 · 8 Nov 2025



Such an incredible evening! Food was elite and the quality of conversation was unmatched. Amazing people doing amazing things!!!

Marshy

5/5 · 8 Nov 2025



Amazing event. It felt really special. Excellent curation, delicious food, and a playful sense of wonder was felt as the night unfolded.

Anurag Ganugapati

5/5 · 7 Nov 2025



Such a great event and great network of people

Robelen Ryan

5/5 · 7 Nov 2025



The best event I've been to this year! More please!

## FOUNDER BACKGROUND

Samantha Perion is a strategist specialising in go-to-market execution, fundraising, communications and strategic partnerships. Her professional background spans business development, investment relations and social impact, with experience working at the intersection of growth strategy, stakeholder engagement and capital development.

Over the last 2 years of building Table Talks Australia, she has brought together commercial strategy and community impact to design experiences, partnerships, and initiatives that strengthen communities while creating long-term social, cultural, and economic value.

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**Alex Carvajal** · 1st  
Empowering Fleets to Transition to Net Zero Through Electrification, Innovation, and Scalable Solutions | | Business Development in Mobility & Energy  
Always charging forward, never standing still!  
January 4, 2024, Alex was Samantha's client

Working with Samantha was outstanding. She was able to build our business strategy in one afternoon, while at the same time opening new market opportunities for our organisation.



**Rhys Henderson** · 1st  
Strategic Growth & Transformation Leader | New Venture Builder | Experienced C-Suite | Director & Advisory Boards | Investor  
December 5, 2023, Rhys was Samantha's client

Samantha worked with us across digital media marketing, lead generation, and investor relations. Her intuitive approach to tackling tasks, coupled with a self-driven work ethic, is a real asset. She expertly balances autonomy in her work with timely check-ins, ensuring alignment with team goals. Working with Samantha is always a pleasure.

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