

Central Goldfields Food Network Workshops

Join the emerging Central Goldfields Food Network to influence **and contribute** to our food system on the local and regional levels.

We, as community members of the Central Goldfields Shire, see an opportunity to shift the trajectory of the food system within the shire and wider region towards something healthier and more sustainable. This system includes all aspects of the food within the shire, including wellbeing (social, mental and physical), economic and environmental impacts. **Food is a key pillar of our economy, community and our health.** As someone who has knowledge of, or involvement within, the local food system, we invite your valuable input.

Our initial gathering in late 2023 left us excited and encouraged about the role this network could play in this space. We have taken on board the discussions held in this meeting; and have recently surveyed key community stakeholders to identify the existing and desired initiatives relating to food access and relief in the Central Goldfields Shire, we now look to broaden the conversation to discuss and map production, distribution, waste, economy and sustainability.

We invite you to attend two half-day co-design workshops in April and May.

Together we will produce an **Issues and Opportunities paper** which will encapsulate the community need, elevate local knowledge, and inform place-based solutions. This paper will align and assist with the development of the Shire's planned Food Strategy, and Healthy Loddon Campaspe's regional food system framework. We will also solidify the formation and governance of this network. Some participants might also be called on to work in between sessions.

Where: Maryborough Community Hub
48 Burns Street Maryborough VIC 3465

When:

- **Workshop #1:** Wednesday 26th April, 9am – 1pm
- **Workshop #2:** Wednesday 17th May, 9am – 1pm

*Healthy lunch provided.

If you choose to attend, we will be asking you to bring the following with you:

Knowledge of what's happening in the local food system, including data and stories.

Openness to hear new ideas and contribute to discussions about future-focussed solutions.

Readiness to dive into strategic discussions with people who hold diverse perspectives.

Ideas of local initiatives you'd be keen to undertake relating to food.

This is your opportunity to provide your input into the future of food in the Central Goldfields. However, if you cannot make it, be assured that you will be missed, but not forgotten, and we will endeavour to obtain your input through another medium.

Please RSVP for each workshop to adam.tarr@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au by **Wednesday 19th April**, and **Wednesday 10th May** respectively.

Warm regards,

The Central Goldfields Food Network - Working Group



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