

HILLS & FLEURIEU LOCAL FOOD FUTURE PROJECT

OUTCOMES

AUGUST 2023 - JANUARY 2024

Local Stakeholders

Connected with over 50 local stakeholders

- Identified gaps and opportunities to support resilience and viability
- Mapped local food producers/retailers
- Building a First Nations Advisory Group
- Local Food Activator became “Go-to” person for local food system issues (staffing, facilities, partners)

Producers to Retail

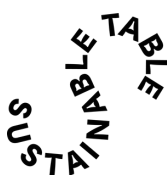
Connected producers to retail to boost sales

- For example, connected a primary producer to a café/retailer. Producer now selling additional \$10K per year in locally grown and milled flour

Facilitating solutions for stakeholders

Supported stakeholders around potential solutions for key project and infrastructure needs

- e.g. Connected two primary producers with RDA and Sustainable Table to explore a multi-use food manufacturing hub on the Fleurieu with potential to create jobs



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Eco Logistics Project

A collaborative model of food distribution

- Initial research with 16 local producers showed 87% were moving their own produce, driving over 126,000km/ year and moving the equivalent of 1 small truck per business day – enough to suggest a cooperative model could be viable.
- Six producers trialling a self-organising group to share transport
- Discussion with 2 van owners regarding potential lease/use for a logistics trial



Local Food on Country Event

130+ attendees connected with First Nations to learn about culture and Country and local producers to boost local food demand

“Events like this warm my heart ... Teaching generations the value of the land and all it entails. Sharing food, plants, knowledge, ideas and spirit.”
- Elisha, Regional Agribusiness, NAB



Exploring Opportunities

- Admin and strategic support for Future Farmers SA (young regenerative farmers) to increase capacity to help new and existing small-scale producers
- Potential food hubs in the Hills and Fleurieu to aggregate and retail produce
- Regenerative agriculture project with Resilient Hills & Coasts and Hills-based residential estate



Additional Funding

Attracted additional \$5.5K to the project, with other grant applications pending to boost project capacity.

