



NETWORK

Food Systems Network

Join us as we explore the role(s) of government organisations in working towards a more resilient, fair and regenerative food system for South Australia.

We are an emerging, informal network of SA local and state government representatives and organisations coming together to learn and act to increase:

- + investment to embed food systems policy in government strategies
- + food system literacy and advocacy amongst decision makers (councillors, leaders and communities)
- + community capacity to advocate for food systems priorities.

For more information please see further background on page two or email christy.spier@sa.gov.au

Network Calendar 2022

Network Meetups will be accessible online and face to face so that as many participants can learn together.

Green Adelaide will provide network coordination with facilitation being shared amongst participants.

Dates & Time

10am - 11:30am

Wednesday 23 February

Tuesday 26 April

Wednesday 29 June

Tuesday 30 August

Wednesday 26 October

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BACKGROUND



Across Australia state and local governments are seeking to understand the ways and extent to which the current food system influences economic, social and environmental outcomes for their communities.

Since 2016, various Adelaide governments, organisations and communities have begun working together. This work has been guided by a diversity of interstate and local drivers, including the community vision collated in the Edible Adelaide report.

In 2019, a range of needs were identified in an event titled 'Urban food systems and the role of government' (full findings can be shared on request). Of particular impetus for a starting Food Systems Network were the needs for:

- + Local, state and federal governments to prioritise this issue and develop guidelines, toolkits, budget allocation and staffing.
- + Research, to build local case studies, mapping of local food systems and food security data.
- + Prioritising collaboration and communication across governments and other sectors.

The network initially met as a working group to develop a Local Government Association Research and Development Grant, which was successful in October 2020 (see Project #1).

Current network participants

Local governments:

Cities of Onkaparinga, Campbelltown, Salisbury, Holdfast Bay, Marion, Charles Sturt, and Alexandrina Council, Mount Barker Council.

State government agencies and non government organisations:

Wellbeing SA, Heart Foundation, Green Adelaide and the Onkaparinga Food Security Collaborative.

Project #1

Local government: Enabling resilient food systems in South Australia

The project (supported by the LGA Research and Development Grant) will develop a guide to help local governments:

- + understand, advocate for and foster local food systems
- + identify and prioritise the best ways to invest and promote local food system initiatives
- + develop and embed relevant food systems policy and planning as part of governments' responses to climate change risks.

Project #2

Strengthening the network

The group will establish a network beyond the LGA grant project to continue to learn and act together. Priorities will include:

- + a calendar of meetups with relevant local and interstate case study sharing
- + increasing the diversity and number of participants and partnerships.
- + future project development