

5. Food and Farming Security – DRAFT REVISED PLAN 2024

Key Result/Vision: The community actively participates in ensuring an abundant, local and resilient food and farming network for all, which incorporates environmental regeneration & water security.

GOALS	STRATEGIES	Short/Me d/Long term	Blue Sky or Low Cost / No Cost / Self funding	WHO WILL LEAD?	Potential PARTNERS	THE NEXT STEP IS...
Goal 1. People buy food locally (less food miles, support local businesses) and can access food that is sustainably grown / produced / sourced.	1. Work with Nimbin Emporium to explore options for integrating local produce into supply chain of new supermarket.	Long	No Cost	? CoC	Farmers market producers, local producers	Nat to check in with Emporium
	2. Develop a Money-free food exchange system.	Med	Low cost	Lyn	Wyrallah swap, Cerise, 7 Sibley St	Lyn to investigate Wyrallah food swap-meet.
	3. Develop a surplus distribution strategy/plan- utilise the Food Recovery and Food Pantry programs to distribute surplus produce.	Short	No cost	NNIC	NNIC – CONC Food Recovery Program,	Investigate potential to distribute local surplus via Food Recovery Program. Promote Food Pantry for taking surplus produce.

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	4. Investigate potential for local “Sustainable Meals on Wheels for old hippies and alternates”.	Med	Blue Sky	James Creagh	NNIC, NACRS, Nimbin MPS	Find someone to lead – investigate level of need/demand for the service. Develop a business plan.
	5. Expand and enhance the Buy Local Campaign.	Short	Low cost	CoC	Steph, 7 Sibley St, Food Co-op, Emporium, Cafes, NEC, Greenbank. NGT	Re-promote the branding and enhance visibility. Strengthen pathways to and value of the branding for marketing local produce.
Goal 2: We grow good tucker-an emphasis on quality & nutritional value	1. Publish stories on backyard food production to inspire others.	Short	Low	Lyn, Betty	Food Co-op, Farmers Market, Emporium, 7 Sibley St, Cerise, NGT	Bozena contact partners & develop fb profile Betty NGT article re Neighbourhood gardens Lyn investigate Wyrallah food swap
	2. Develop a Nimbin Cookbook for appropriate locally-grown food.	Med	Low	Frank	As above	?
	3. Establish wicking beds, food and herb forests around the village.	Med	Low cost	?	Jonny, Cerise (provide plants) Steph	Jonny start fb group Seek person to coordinate plantings Encourage businesses etc to plant out their own areas – provide info

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	4. Develop skill sharing opportunities with First Nations' community members regarding food production and preparation including native foods.	Med	Low cost	Anna	Cultural Centre, 7 Sibley St, Ngulingah Rocks Nursery, NCS	on/and/or appropriate plants. Build on initial conversations between Steph and NCS and Cultural Centre. Liaise w/ invite Ngulingah – invite to workshops.
Goal 3: The community is engaged in local groups which work cooperatively & collaborate with all food security stakeholders.	1. Develop database of community groups & business stakeholders that play a role in food security. 2. Research structural framework and legally enforceable options for food growing landshare options. Liaise with local groups and landowners to develop.	Med	Low cost	Renita, Helen Hill	Schools, residents, farmers, businesses, community orgs, NNIC, 7 Sibley	Renita to create survey- work w/ Steph & Nat
	2. Research structural framework and legally enforceable options for food growing landshare options. Liaise with local groups and landowners to develop.	Long	Low cost	Betty	Northern Rivers Landshare on FaceBook	NGT article
	3. Raise awareness of Seed Exchange Network	Short	Low cost	7 Sibley St	Cerise	Cerise will do talks, Promote by text & email, Find young person to promote on social media

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	4. Enhance/expand Food Equipment Library 5. Explore options for establishing Saturday Farmers market which includes educational workshops - allow market to expand beyond current capacity.	Short Med	Low cost Blue sky – set up Self-funding thereafter	Jenny Creasey James Creagh	NNIC - 7 Sibley St Tunable Co-op, Community Centre, current stallholders	Flour grinder for locally grown crops (not grain) e.g. Bunya, cassava. Develop grain exchange/coop. James will talk with Louise. Start a working group – promote on FB, NGT
Goal 4: The community is well educated about local & regional food and farming security issues	1. Continue to build up Sustainability Alley at Nimbin A & I Show 2. Develop information base & resources on farming practices & links etc. publish to NNIC & other websites (downloadable) 3. Create and promote demonstration gardens for bio-regionally suited,	Short Medium Med-Long	Low Cost Low Cost Low cost	NNIC Renita James, Johnny, Steph	7 Sibley, A & I NNIC 7 Sibley, Djanbung, Solar Farm	Shout outs for stalls/workshops/ speakers earlier – July NGT Also for vols to help with Sustainability Alley ? Market talks

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	sustainable crops.				(Cerise)	

Acronyms:

A&I Soc = Nimbin Agricultural and Industry Society

CoC = Nimbin Chamber of Commerce

CONC = Consortium of Neighbourhood Centres Far North Coast

FOK = Friends of the Koala

LCC = Lismore City Council

NACRS = Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Service

NAG = Nimbin Advisory Group

NCS – Nimbin Central School

NEC = Nimbin Environment Centre

NGT = Nimbin Good Times

NDRG = Nimbin Disaster Resilience Group

NCCI = Nimbin Community Centre Inc

NSW RA = NSW Reconstruction Authority

NNIC = Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre