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Dear members of The Community Plate,

As we gently glide into Autumn, we would like to share some local food system news and events with you...



Gather in Spring.



We heard at the Community Food Forum how much everyone enjoyed having a space to connect and share what's happening across our local food system.

To do this again, we are planning a gathering of local networks, to bring together a diverse bunch of local food system networks in Spring.

Would you like to be part of the planning? We invite you to join an online Action Group starting in July to help shape this Spring event.

From community gardens, permaculture, food relief, social enterprise, to community houses, schools and urban agriculture... let's gather again!

Action updates.



What have The Community Plate been up to?

After all the connections and ideas we've made collectively over the last few years, 2025 has seen us develop our **Food Innovation and Urban Agriculture Strategy**. To make this happen, we've been busy looking for funds so we can activate these ideas across our local food system. This strategy is now our road-map, and will see action across two pillars:

Firstly, a **Food Innovation Program**, designed to support the creation of food-related social enterprises and sustainable economic models. This aims to improve food access, but also creates jobs, reduces waste, and builds local resilience.

Secondly, a **Community Urban Agriculture Initiative**, which is designed to work with schools and community settings to build a vibrant and empowering non-monetary food economy, strengthening grassroots food systems.

While we seek funding for this strategy, we will continue:

- *upgrading our website so we can better share local action, news and events*
- *exploring Apps and Platforms which support the distribution of surplus food*
- *developing a School Food Forest Pilot Project*
- *planning a Citrus Rescue Box initiative*
- *bringing us all back together through a networking event in Spring!*

We look forward to keeping you up to date on this strategy, and if you'd like to know more, please feel free to contact us!

Grants available.



**MORNINGTON
PENINSULA**
Shire

MORE INFO

Mornington Peninsula Shire Community Support Grant

To support community groups and organisations to deliver key initiatives, programs and activities within the Shire.

Maximum amount of \$5,000 per application.

Application close 4th June unless funds are exhausted otherwise.

SilverChef Community Grants Program

Open to registered charities and not-for-profits that use hospitality or food service to support disadvantaged communities.

Four grants worth \$5,000 each are awarded each quarter globally.

Round 4 closes 30th June.



MORE INFO

****If you'd like to chat about any local opportunities, please contact us at thecommunityplate@gmail.com or PHONE/TEXT 0481 453 158**



Events & News.



A collection of local news, events, opportunities:



Building Healthy Soil for a Produce Garden @ Mornington Library 4th June

This workshop, presented by Sustainable Gardening Australia, will introduce you to simple ways to improve the soil in your productive garden and will provide tips on how to protect and improve soil in an environmentally beneficial way.

TICKETS

Free, bookings essential.

Introduction to Permaculture Design Workshop - 4th June

Dive deeper into your garden and expand your knowledge with our permaculture event!

This 4.5 hr workshop at the Eco Living Display Centre will cover the basic philosophy and principles that support permaculture design in our lives and activities. You will be supported to craft a simple design for your garden and home.



TICKETS



Forum 2025 - 24th June

Farmers, chefs, grocers, and food innovators —get ready to gather, learn, and be inspired. Tickets are now on sale for the Mornington Peninsula Agroecology Forum, taking place Tuesday, 24 June 2025 at the Flinders Civic Hall.

TICKETS

This one-day event will explore the future of food through the lens of regenerative and ecological farming, farm-to-fork dining, and new innovations shaping the industry.

My Smart Garden

Mornington Peninsula Shire have joined My Smart Garden, to make sustainable gardens easy!

My Smart Garden provides information to help you grow food, shelter your home from the sun and wind, create homes for native plants and animals, use water wisely and reduce waste. Visit My Smart Garden to learn more.



**my smart
garden**

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Food From Home

As autumn comes to an end, it's time to give some brassicas a go in the garden.

Brassicas (part of the cabbage family and also known as cruciferous vegetables) such as broccoli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts are perfect additions to your May patch.

Frankston Library of Things

Discover Frankston Libraries “Library of Things”... including Garden Tools!!

Before you borrow, you will need to attend a once-off induction, which adds approval to your membership card.

The next Induction Session is Friday 23rd May!



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downscommunityfarm.org

A place to connect, learn and grow
a healthier and more sustainable
community together.

ALL WELCOME!



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**GARDENING BEES EVERY
SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM**

People of all ages and abilities can
participate in a range of activities
including sustainable food growing
and sharing, garden maintenance,
community workshops and more.



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Would you like to share your news? We would love to share it for you?

If you have news you'd like to contribute, please connect with us via:

thecommunityplate@gmail.com



Please share through your networks, and we look forward to connecting again for more local updates!

Our best,

The Community Plate

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