

Kinglake Ranges Food Futures Forum

A full day for Foodies and Farmers to learn from one another

Venue: Kinglake Community Village - VBRRA Main Hall

Sunday 16 May 2010



Take a look into the future of Food & Farming in Victoria and the many opportunities available to land owners & food producers in Kinglake Ranges & close to Melbourne.

Food Futures Program

10:00am Kirsten Larsen **Sustainability & Food Systems in Victoria**

11:00am Trevor Budge **Water & Food-Sensitive Design & Planning**

12:00pm Locally Produced Lunch

1:00pm Sherry Strong **Star Trek Food versus Nature's Food**

2:00pm Pam Morgan **Local Government & Food Security**

3:00pm Tasty Afternoon Tea

3:15pm George Seitz MP **Inquiry into Peri-Urban Agri-Business**

4:00pm Daryl Brooke **Marketing Community Based Agriculture**

5:00pm Close

RSVP by Friday 14 May 2010, taylor.daryl@yahoo.com.au

Industry Displays & Stall Holders Welcome - Phone: 0430 63 77 48

EVENT PARTNERS: CENTACARE, Kinglake Action Network & Development Organisation, Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House, Kinglake Ranges Business Network, Permaculture Kinglake Ranges

Food Futures Forum – *OUR GUEST SPEAKER PROFILES*

Kirsten Larsen

Kirsten Larsen is the Policy Research Manager at the Victorian Eco-Innovation Lab (VEIL) at the University of Melbourne. Her work includes the *Secure and Sustainable Food Systems for Victoria* report which highlights that to avoid irreversible climate change we need to fundamentally transform what and how we eat.

Kirsten previously worked in strategic foresight the Sustainability Policy Unit of the Victorian Government where her job included research for the “*Our Environment – Our Future*” State Government Policy Statement.

Kirsten is developing Food Sensitive Urban Design; researching food freight systems vulnerabilities; and exploring the resource implications for access to a nutritious diet in Victoria of four Food Supply Scenarios.

Trevor Budge

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/socsci/staff/budge/budge.html>

Trevor Budge is Adjunct Professor of urban, rural, regional, statutory and strategic planning at La Trobe University in Bendigo and is widely known for his work in the planning and development of country towns where he has conducted over 400 workshops and community consultation programs.

Trevor is former President, Victorian Division Planning Institute of Australia. His research is focused on the role and function of small towns and the changes in the peri urban areas of Australia where he is a partner in a landmark comparative study of peri-urban regions in Victoria and Queensland.

Trevor’s recent publications include: *Integrating Land Use Planning and Food Security; Change and Continuity in Peri-urban Australia; Farmland Preservation in Australia; and The Changing Dynamics of Small Towns.*

Sherry Strong

<http://www.sherrystrong.com/about-2/>

Sherry Strong is a food rebel. The controversial publisher of RealFoodRealWomen.com Sherry says most items in the supermarket are either toxic, addictive, or designed to make you more hungry. Sherry Strong is a regular on television, radio and in magazines and is the author and creator of The Anti-Diet which focuses on developing a healthy relationship with food, without dieting and while experiencing true pleasure and supreme quality of life.

Sherry is the former Victorian Chair of Nutrition Australia and Head of Melbourne Slow Food. She has spent 20 years studying and presenting on food production, human nutrition, health, behavioural science, and wellness. The consumption concept she developed, Nature’s Principle, answers the perpetual question “What and how am I meant to be eating?” After hearing her, you’ll never look at food and your body in the same way.

Pam Morgan

Pam Morgan works at the City of Maribyrnong as Project Coordinator of the Maribyrnong Fruit & Veg For All Program. This project is funded by VicHealth Food For All Program, which has been supporting food security work in 8 municipalities in Victoria for the past 5 years.

Pam also spent a number of years working in Cuba in their Urban Agriculture program. She is particularly interested in the ways in which local governments can support local food security.

George Seitz MP

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/handbook/searchresult.cfm?menuid=1&memberId=1425>

Mr George Seitz MP has been the Chair of the Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee since 2007. In that time the Outer Suburban/Interface Committee has conducted hearings on Services, Development, Planning, Local Economic Development and Sustainable Agri-Business.

The Outer Suburban/Interface Committee Reports to Parliament have provided a comprehensive window into and overview of the conditions communities on the edge of big cities contend with.

Daryl Brooke

Daryl runs One Tree Hill Consulting and is a management consultant specialising in small and medium business strategic planning and development. Most of his current private clients are from the north eastern suburbs, but he has worked with businesses throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Since the Black Saturday fires, Daryl has worked with businesses impacted by bushfire through a Nillumbik Shire Council funded business recovery program. During this work it became evident that the time and place was right for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farming projects.

Daryl undertook significant market research and has now developed a CSA distribution and marketing business model that is financially, socially, and environmentally viable. He and his wife Natalie are currently trialling this business with Jason Young owner of Natures Harvest permaculture property in Pheasant Creek.

Open Discussion and Community Participation

There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion after each guest speaker’s presentation. Please come along and join in the conversation.