

Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities: Pathways for regeneration from farm to fork

Outcomes from workshop - March

There are four ECU researchers who are analysing data captured during the workshop. This process should be finalised by the end of the year. This task will assist in planning future directions to best support the sectors in 2019.

Initial findings from the workshop will be presented at the **"Food Futures"** conference in Brisbane later this month. The presentation abstracts can be found in the links below:

[Food system actors demonstrating willingness to change towards a sustainable food system.](#)

[A unique opportunity to harness a multi-sectoral vision for sustainable food systems](#)



In addition an ECU webpage has been built to host videos and outcomes for "Healthy Soils Healthy Communities", [click here](#) to view.

Professor Amanda Devine and Dr Steph Godrich presented at the Albany "Food for Thought Festival" including the "Fervor Dinner" and "Regen Farmers".



Mariyon Slany (PNRM Chairperson), Paul Bodlovich (PNRM CEO), Dianne Haggerty, Hon. Minister Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Jeff Pow (Southampton Homestead), Stuart McAlpine, Greg O'Brien (Head of rural and regional banking, Bankwest), Tom Mitchell

Communication with Ministers

This year ECU has briefed the WA Minister of Health and Mental Health, Hon. Roger Cook MLA, about the workshop and shared some insights about the complexities of shifting the food system to a more sustainable one, and how leadership and many portfolios are key to achieve real and timely change.

The ECU team has engaged with Hon. Diane Evers MLC and Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; State Development, Jobs & Trade at the Food for Thought Festival held in Albany 5-7th Oct 2018. Minister MacTiernan opened the event, whilst Minister Evers hosted panel discussions and both shared a Fervor meal with attendees and listened to their stories about transitioning the food system and experiences with regenerative farming.

South West Food Security Mapping

Dr Steph Godrich is leading a research project that captures food system activity and interaction in the South West in an effort to explore current government and community initiatives that explore food access, availability and use. Please [click here](#) to learn more about this project or contact Steph s.godrich@ecu.edu.au.

Research

- ✓ ECU has been working with the other partners and submitted a Community Stewardship Grant application titled "Healthy Soils and Communities: Collaboration for a food secure WA".
- ✓ Two research abstracts will be presented at the "Food Futures" conference in Brisbane 20-21 Nov, see links on left to view abstracts.
- ✓ Follow-up interviews have been conducted with 25 workshop attendees and have been transcribed. These data will be used as evidence of the lived experience of actions that came from the event and provide a valuable source of knowledge to help influence future policy and practice.

Ms Ros Sambell and Dr Steph Godrich have accepted a committee position on RegenWA. The committee was launched in Dowerin by Minister Alannah MacTiernan. This is a new initiative developed to work in collaboration with all state NRM's which will:

- ✓ promote participation from all agricultural commodity sectors;
- ✓ encourage learning between the agricultural sectors;
- ✓ be inclusive for ALL farmers of differing skills and capacity.

Please [click here](#) for more detail.



Podcast with Barry Green Thanks for participating in Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities, Community Radio program. To listen to our story, [click here](#).



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