

2ND INTERNATIONAL
FOOD AND THOUGHT
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FOOD
COMMUNITY
THE FUTURE



HAMILTON, VICTORIA
SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2008

What will we learn as local communities through dialogue, exchange and linkages with other communities in the world? What happens when we establish a collaborative community of inquiry, attempting to bring together theory and experience into convivial conversations around food? What are the new possibilities and awareness we take with us as we negotiate the complexities of not just the flows and processes of a complex world, but also the intricacies and demands of our everyday lived realities?

7.30am Registration and Breakfast

Brekky on the Wildside: Feast on Local Mushrooms and Sausages



Feast on the best seasonal local mushrooms, locally produced sausages and vegetables.

8.30am Welcome

Welcome to Country Phemie Day, Gunditjmara Elder

Welcome to Region Cr Marcus Rentsch, Mayor, Southern Grampians Shire

Mela Introduction Dr Yaso Nadarajah, Local Global project leader, Globalism Research Centre

9.00am Panel 1

Fungal Futures: Mushrooms, Climate Change and Biodiversity

Sue Pizzev, Hamilton (Chair)

Graham Wood, Hamilton

V. Kaviyarsan, Chennai

Parsuram Sharma Luitl, Melbourne

Richard Hughes, Melbourne



Explore how mushrooms, an extraordinary food source, also tell us much about climate change and global challenges to biodiversity.

10.30am Morning tea

Featuring Fiona Wall's locally produced biscuits

10.45am Keynote address

Land & Community: A Story of Solidarity and Sustainability

Carlos Zorrilla, Ecuador

Cr Coralie Coulson, Sthn Grampians Shire (Chair)

Peter Phipps, Melbourne (Respondent)




The cloud forests in the Intag region of Northern Ecuador have been under threat from Copper mining. Carlos will speak of the community struggle for sustainable alternatives to mining in the region and throughout Ecuador

12.00pm **Panel 2**


Back to Community: Local to Local

Manfred Steger, Melbourne (Chair)
TV Kumaran, Chennai
Martin Mulligan and Yaso Nadarajah, Melbourne
Glen Kuecker, Greencastle, USA

 Major challenges can either strengthen or divide communities. What can we learn from global experience about creating resilient communities?

1.15pm **Lunch**


Demonstration: Local Produce, Global Taste

 Join Jenny Tully and Yaso Nadarajah as they stir up some recipes from local produce.

2.30pm **Concurrent workshops**

Workshop 1: Beyond Oil; Dirty Hands, Fresh Food; Acting Locally

Richard Weatherly, Hamilton
Heinz de Chelard, Hamilton
Glen Kuecker, Greencastle, USA
Peter Hayes, Melbourne and Victoria Finch, Coleraine (Co-chairs)

 The world now consumes 85 million barrels of oil per day and demand is growing exponentially. This workshop will discuss issues of oil resources and alternative responses in some local and global locations.


Workshop 2: Dirty Hands, Fresh Food

Frank Verschuren, Hamilton
Pablo Gimeuez, Melbourne
Jane Gibb, Hamilton
R. Kaviyarasan, Chennai and
Yael Zalchender, Melbourne (Co- chairs)

 This workshop looks at the issue of food resources and the opportunities for promoting local production for local consumption with the aim of creating sustainable and healthy communities

Workshop 3: Acting Locally


Jodi-Anne Smith, Melbourne and Lisa Downes, Hamilton (Co-chairs)
Heather and Neil Barrett, Mt Alexander Sustainability Group, Castlemaine
Cr Coralie Coulson, Sthn Grampians Shire

 This workshop looks at two community projects in the region that have started to address the issues of climate change and precious resource management. Dean represents the Mt Alexander Sustainability Group, which has a strong reputation for local work preparing for climate change impacts. Coralie represents Coleraine where a strong Progress Association has initiated a wide range of projects, including a successful community bank.

3.45pm **Panel 3**

Scenarios: Preparing for the Future

Christina Hindhaugh, Louise le Nay and story tellers, Hamilton region
Yaso Nadarajah, Melbourne
Peter Hayes, Melbourne
Martin Mulligan, Melbourne (Chair)

 The Hamilton region Local-Global team discuss a recent two-day scenarios mapping workshop on climate change and activities that are building on the workshop outcomes.



6.30pm **Formal Dinner**

Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL)

Food, Community and the Future

Rod Quantock, legendary comedian, writer, director and producer
Paul James (Chair)

