



# MEDIA RELEASE

## Home Grown – From Backyard to Business

### Food Security Workshops 11-19 November

Norfolk Island Regional Council is excited to host a series of free workshops and seminars for the community in November in support of the Norfolk Island Food Security Strategy, involving visiting and local agriculture specialists.

Over 15 sessions will be held from 11-19 November, ranging from horticulture, soil science, permaculture, integrated pest management to general agriculture and agri-business.

The event will kick-off with the draft Norfolk Island Food Security Strategy, presented by consultant, Cristelle Maurin and supported by Jason Lynch, who has developed a Land Capability Assessment for the island. There will be several field-based sessions throughout the week, as well as evening presentation sessions.

Visiting specialists include:

- Jason Lynch – Agronomist, Pinion Advisory
- Graeme Sait – Nutritech Solutions
- Anthony Rice – Integrated Pest Management Specialist, Granite Belt Consulting
- Declan McDonald – Soil Scientist, ReGen Soils
- Karina Vennonen – Patchwork Urban Farm

Local agri-businesses Hilli Goat Farm and Bigg Fresh Farm Produce will provide insight into their operations. While the Food and Farming Alliance and its members, a newly formed group working towards greater food security on Norfolk Island, will present on a range of topics including permaculture and biosecurity. Other presenters are still to be announced and there may also be one-on-one sessions available with presenters.

The schedule for Home Grown will be released next week. All locals are encouraged to attend, particularly those who are considering increasing their agricultural production and gaining new knowledge. Further information and registrations for individual sessions will be available soon.

We look forward to having you attend.

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