



CAMPASPE SHIRE FOOD SYSTEMS

Access to healthy, affordable food is essential for community health and wellbeing. Recognising the important role that food systems play in shaping health outcomes, Healthy Loddon Campaspe partnered with Campaspe Shire Council, local organisations and community members to better understand the local food system and develop a coordinated plan for future action.

A food system encompasses all aspects of how food reaches our tables, including production, processing, distribution, retail, consumption and waste management. By taking a systems approach, the project sought to identify opportunities to strengthen food security, support local food production and improve access to healthy food across the municipality



PROCESS



Community Survey

Asked community about access to food (particularly fruit and vegetables), what challenges they face in accessing certain foods, quality, price, etc.



Issues & Opportunities Paper

Highlighted key issues and opportunities identified through the survey, Campaspe Food Network and what we know anecdotally.



Local Food EPI Tool

Extensive review and benchmarking of all Council plans, strategies, policies in relation to food systems.



Campaspe Food Systems Roadmap

Bringing all of this information together to form a structured multi-year roadmap for food system action across the Shire.

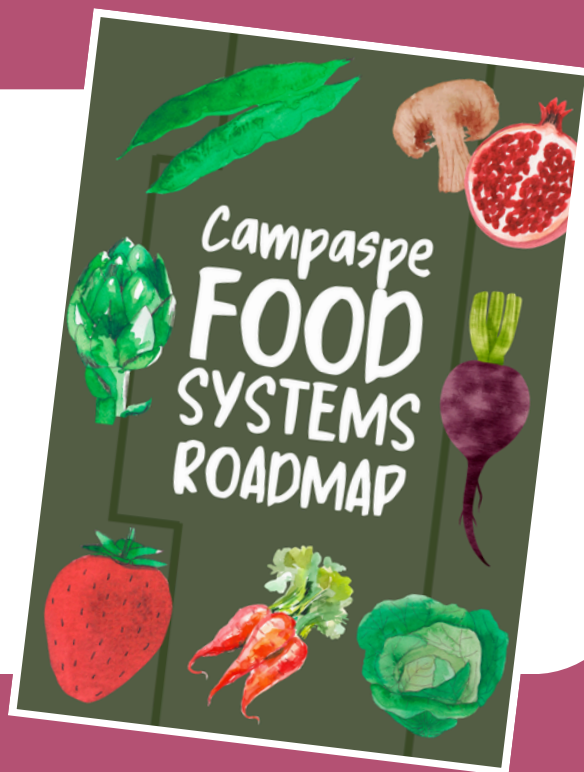
SUPPORTING ACTION ACROSS THE FOOD SYSTEM

The project has helped create a foundation for ongoing food systems work across Campaspe. It complements other HLC initiatives that support healthy eating and local food production, including:

- Promotion of healthy food environments through programs such as the Healthy Sports Rewards Program, which encourages healthier food and drink options within junior sporting clubs.
- Support for local food growing through initiatives such as Growing in Loddon Campaspe, which provides residents with information and resources to grow their own food.
- Promotion of locally produced food through the Support Our Own. Choose Locally Grown campaign.
- Encouragement of food waste reduction and food recovery through community education and Council's organics collection services

CAMPASPE FOOD SYSTEMS ROADMAP VISION

A resilient, inclusive and sustainable food system that supports local producers, improves health and wellbeing, celebrates diversity, and ensures equitable access to fresh, healthy food for all communities across Campaspe Shire.



PURPOSE

The Campaspe Food Systems Roadmap (The Roadmap) aims to:

- Guide coordinated action across Council, community and partners Identify priority focus areas over short, medium and long timeframes
- Support integration of food systems into planning, policy and delivery
- Provide a clear platform for advocacy, funding and partnerships

The Roadmap is intentionally high-level, allowing flexibility in delivery while establishing clear strategic direction.

TIMEFRAMES

Phase 1

Foundations and
Early Action

Years 1-2

Phase 2

Expansion and
Integration

Years 3-5

Phase 3

Advocacy,
Resilience and
Systems Change

Years 5+

LOOKING AHEAD

The Campaspe Food Systems Project has created a strong foundation for long-term food systems change. By bringing together community voices, evidence and stakeholder expertise, the project has established a shared vision for a healthier, more sustainable and resilient food future that supports both people and place across Campaspe Shire. The Healthy Campaspe network will now take carriage of the Roadmap and the next steps.