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Development of Huon Valley Food Resilience Strategy underway

Huon Valley Council is working with local consultant Mountain Ash Insights to develop a strategic document that will help guide the growth of a vibrant and connected food system that contributes to the health, social, economic and environmental outcomes of the Huon Valley.

The Huon Valley Food Resilience Strategy will focus on exploring specific local issues and opportunities as they relate to the agricultural and fishing sectors.

“Through the Strategy, it is our aim that we will strengthen coordination and collaborative partnerships across industry and community in the food systems and resilience space,” Huon Valley Council Mayor Doyle said.

Funded by the Australian Government’s Building Better Regions Fund, the Strategy aims to build on the work currently underway through the Council’s Huon Valley Food Hub project.

The first phase of the project has included policy reviews, desktop research, consultation with experts and applying strategic insights to reveal key themes surrounding this topic.

It has also identified the different scales in which food resilience can be considered. This ranges from homebased (growing, processing, cooking at home) through to initiatives derived within our local communities at a local municipal level, as well as state, national and global focuses.



Key themes include varying drivers and priorities for food resilience for different stakeholders, systemic barriers such as insurance and regulation limiting local food systems, the importance of relationships for building and maintaining resilience, and the particular contribution women of the Huon make in community building and food knowledge.

The second and current phase includes engagement with agricultural industry stakeholders in the Huon Valley.

Strategic priorities for food resilience in the Huon Valley will be explored during workshops facilitated by Mountain Ash Insights with community food system experts.

“To get involved in this project, we encourage people to connect through the Huon Valley Food Hub. More information is available at www.huonvalleyfoodhub.org”.

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