

Food Security and Sustainable Local Food Systems

A personal development opportunity presented by the MAV Knowledge Centre

WHEN: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February 2010

TIMES: Tuesday from 10am - 5pm, Wednesday from 9am - 3pm

WHERE: MAV Knowledge Centre, Level 11, 60 Collins Street, Melbourne

COST: \$595 incl. GST or 108 pre-paid credit points

PROGRAM:

There are many issues facing our current food system. Peaking oil supplies and increased fossil fuel costs, dwindling water supplies, more variable and extreme weather, an ageing farmer population and, not least, the environmental and social impact of large scale agribusiness. What viable alternatives exist, and what changes can we make to encourage the proliferation of sustainable, small-scale agriculture for sustainable communities and place-based economies?

Key areas covered in this workshop include:

- An exploration of the effects of our own current food system
- The vulnerabilities faced by our current food system
- Innovative and practical examples of alternative food production and distribution
- Barriers to creating more sustainable food systems
- Re-visioning the future of food within the urban and peri-urban framework
- The power of food to transform local economies and the framework for sustainable communities

PRESENTER:

This workshop will be facilitated by Amadis Lacheta, Director of Village Well, and will include a number of guest presentations from those active in the area of food security, government and local food systems. Amadis has a background in horticulture & renewable energy and since 1997 has been actively involved in the area of community gardens, sustainable education and urban agriculture. During this time she has worked with organisations such as Garden of Eden, Cultivating Community and the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies (CERES). Her work has involved the design and project management of a number of community and kitchen gardens, facilitation of permaculture courses and conferences on urban food security, peak oil and community gardening, and writing articles for sustainability magazines. Other guest speakers include Peta Christensen, Glenda Lindsay, Sean Coley, Kirsten Larsen, Chris Ennis, Pamela Morgan and Beverley Wood.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Councillors and local government managers who have an interest in local community sustainability planning

STRICTLY LIMITED TO 20 PLACES

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