

Samford Futures

"To foster and encourage sustainable food growing in the wider Samford Community"

Food Growing in Public Places

- Planting programmes, eg, fruit trees; bushtucker etc. on walking trails and bike paths
- Open discussions with MBRC re path connecting Village to Parklands
- Generate a knowledge bank of locally grown food in the Samford area

Food Culture

- Festivals
- Connect community with food growing and/or local growers

Community Composting

- Develop a community compost (European style)
- Utilise green waste currently dumped at Samford recycling
- Good compost, easily and cheaply available would be a big start for gardening beginners
- Location could be CSIRO precinct or even grassed area on opposite side of Dayboro Road

Food Growing For The Home

- Develop a series of local groups, max 10 eg Wights Mt; Samford Downs; Highvale; Yugar; etc.
- Rotate a monthly working bee at members gardens
- Facilitate knowledge sharing/accumulation and education/professional development
- Organic seedling growing and seed sharing



Associated Initiatives

- Establish a group interested in organic honey production and/or free range poultry production, fruit (jams) and vegetable processing
- Top Bar Hive method

Publicity

- Use Village Pump, Dayboro Echo and Westerner

Food Growing For The Home & Commercial

- Develop a series of local groups, max 10
- Source WWOOFERS
- Rotate a monthly working bee at members gardens
- Education/professional development
- Locate prime vegetable growing land for experienced "block growers"

Samford Commercial Growers

Market Concept

- Work with "Sustainability Hub" on the market concept
- Locally produced seasonal foods for local consumption and visitors

Constraints

- Resources to carry out
- Feasibility studies
- Stakeholder agreement
- Professional development/education
- MBRC

Major Stakeholders

- Commercial producers
- Hobby farmers
- Local shop/business owner operators
- Community
- Visitors

