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Annual Report 2022

SUSTAIN
the Australian food network



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Image Source: Melbourne Food Hub at Alphington

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Board and staff of Sustain acknowledge that we work on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri, Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin nation.

We respectfully acknowledge the custodianship of the Wurundjeri, Woi Wurrung and Bunurong elders, recognising that they and their ancestors stewarded these lands and their diverse creatures sustainably for tens of thousands of years.

We respectfully acknowledge that sovereignty over these lands was never ceded, and that the processes of historical truth-telling and a duly negotiated treaty are essential for justice for First Nations peoples.

The path to a better food system for all Australians must begin with the principles of care, respect, justice, healing, and regeneration.



In solidarity with the Aboriginal struggle for sovereignty and in acknowledgement that we live, eat and work on unceded lands, Sustain directs 10% of its membership fees to *Pay the Rent*, a Victorian Aboriginal-led initiative that supports the self-determination of First Nations people.



Chairperson's Welcome



Dr Kelly Donati

Image Source: Ninna Mar

While 2020 and 2021 were years for pivoting, scrambling, and experimenting with new ways of thinking, doing and networking in the shadow of a global pandemic, 2022 has been a year for drawing on important lessons and consolidating our work.

The Australian Research Council project on food system governance in local councils, in partnership with Universities of Sydney and Wollongong, drew to a close in 2022. With a deeper understanding of the challenges facing local governments in food system transformation as well as the unique opportunities they offer, we turned our minds to applying the research findings to our work with local government members and collaborators.

A grant from Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation enabled us to work with staff from Wyndham City Council and local community members, strengthening their shared understanding of local food systems. Always learning as we go, this experience enriched our understanding of how staff across different council departments make sense of food system issues.

Our research on mapping the urban agriculture sector in Victoria, enabled by our partnership with Agriculture Victoria, informed how both state and local governments can support the diverse communities and passionate practitioners whose commitment to sustainability, health and social justice offer enormous possibilities for a transition to more edible cities and towns.

These experiences have provided the foundation for several ongoing collaborations with local councils throughout 2022, supporting them in community and stakeholder engagement as well as the development of food system strategies and policies that reflect the needs and aspirations of their residents.

These projects have expanded the impact of our work, strengthened our organisational capacity and allowed us to continue with the flourishing space of Oakhill Food Justice Farm. They also enable us to support growing organisations such as the United African Farm in Pakenham and the youth-led Just Food Collective which is running food justice workshops at Oakhill.

Although 2022 was not without its challenges, the Board and staff at Sustain remain inspired and nourished by the partnerships and collaborations that remind us each day that the seeds of change have been already planted. Our collective task is to nurture them.

Executive Director's Reflections



Dr Nick Rose

Image Source: Alphington Food Hub

It's been a watershed year for Sustain. After the turmoil of 2020 and 2021, our Board and leadership reflected deeply on our priorities and key focus areas for 2022 and beyond.

We recognise that our most impactful work, and areas of our greatest expertise, lies in policy development and in urban agriculture. Both of these are our ongoing major focus.

In 2022 we were commissioned to undertake several consultancy projects with five Victorian councils. We are very encouraged to see more local governments committing to creating food system strategies and the establishment of local food networks. Growing numbers of policy makers understand how much the food system impacts on community health and wellbeing, as well as climate change and sustainability. Governments working together with policy experts, practitioners, researchers and community leaders to actively plan for and shape the future of local food is both necessary and timely, and Sustain welcomes the opportunity to be working at the centre of this process.

Sustain continues to call for legislative and planning changes from State governments and the Federal government, as well as better resourcing for a sector that relies far too heavily on volunteers. We mapped out this agenda in our major research report *Growing Edible Cities and Towns*, commissioned by Agriculture Victoria and published in October. We hosted Sustain's first-ever Urban Agriculture Forums in Sydney and Canberra as part of the 2022 Urban Agriculture Month,

with prominent politicians speaking at both events: we welcomed Alex Greenwich MP to Sydney and Senator David Pocock to our Canberra forum. Urban Agriculture Month was celebrated by the wider community, with 220 events held across Australia and an estimated 24,000 people participating (an 800% increase since 2021).

The Oakhill Food Justice Farm goes from strength to strength, and continues to provide a welcoming and educational space for visitors. A special highlight was the Preston Primary Passata Patch program, which saw all 700 students from the school visit the site throughout the year for hands-on learning. In 2022 we began offering corporate volunteering opportunities and welcomed volunteers from organisations including Xero, Dentsu, McKinsey and Australian Conservation Foundation.

None of this would have been possible without our passionate, talented and committed staff and Board, and our growing community of members, funders and supporters. I am deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to Sustain's journey in 2022, and look forward to working with you in the challenging and exciting years ahead.

Who We Are

Image Source: Ninna Mar

Sustain's mission is to create sustainable food systems that nourish the people and nurture the lands throughout Australia.

We know that transitioning to a healthier, more sustainable and fair food system requires good policy and practice, underpinned by strong evidence and inspiring examples that empower communities and governments to work collectively towards a better food future for all.

Meet the people who help us make this happen.

Board of Directors

Our board collectively brings together over fifty years of practice in farming, food business, research and teaching, law, finance and sustainability leadership. This includes the development and coordination of Australia's first and only Bachelor of Food Studies and Master of Food Systems and Gastronomy at William Angliss Institute, which has been running since 2016.

Their direction and guidance continues to support Sustain in meeting our mission.



Dr Kelly Donati

Co-founder and
Chairperson



Lynn Richardson

Treasurer



Tom Gyorffy QC

Director



Izo Lourival

Director



Tom Sorrell

Director



Annmaree Docking

Director



Jonathan Leschinsky

Director

The team in 2022

As *connectors*, we facilitate events, grow networks and nurture communities to enable knowledge-sharing, and we encourage collaboration at all levels.

As *researchers*, we translate and share our food systems knowledge to demonstrate evidence of effective food policy and action, and support change.

As *policy experts*, we understand the critical issues facing all levels of government as well as our communities.

As *practitioners*, we design and deliver community food projects (including our two urban farms) that experiment with new approaches to food system transformation and model the change we want to see.



Image Source: Food is Free

Our volunteers

We are grateful for the commitment and generosity of our many volunteers and interns during 2022 and would like to acknowledge the valued contribution they make to advancing our mission.

The team



Dr Nick Rose
Executive Director



Beth Ciesielski
Finance / Operations
Coordinator



Madeline Tolson
Projects and Events
Coordinator



Molly Fairweather
Projects and Events
Coordinator



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Officer



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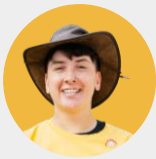
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Oakhill Food Justice
Farm, Urban Farm
Assistant



Carol Perdigao
Research Assistant

2022 The Year in Review

Before we dig into details of the year for Sustain, we are sharing the bigger picture. Local, national and international events shape the narrative and influence how Sustain is both approached and also how we respond. A reminder of 2022 - the year that was:



The world around us

Sustain's world

Covid causes supply chain issues across Australia with supermarkets experiencing food shortages and imposing purchasing limits in all states and territories.

Severe flooding in South Australia damages Trans-Australian Railway linking the east coast with Perth and Darwin, disrupting freight movement.

Jan

Sustain interviews agencies for the *Food Security Discussion Paper* (City of Maribyrnong).

Conclusion of the urban agriculture mapping and needs assessment survey.

Sustainability Elders evening at Oakhill Food Justice Farm.

Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Trans-Australian Railway reopens after flood damage in South Australia closes it for three weeks.

Feb

Protecting our Sustainably Managed Farmland project continues.

Food Business Boost micro-enterprise training program for women-owned businesses continues.

\$25,350 transferred to Gaza Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Platform to support women-owned small farms.

World Food Garden (Westvale Community Garden) project celebration.

WA reopens borders with other states following two years of Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Severe flooding in NSW and Queensland.

Negotiations between Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul.

Mar

Preston Primary Passata Patch program commences at Oakhill.

Food Security Discussion Paper delivered to the City of Maribyrnong.

Fifth Local Govt Food Systems Networking Forum.

International webinar on Community Land Trusts.

Negotiations to end Russia-Ukraine war collapse; fighting intensifies.

Apr

Urban Agriculture Mapping and Needs Assessment Report delivered to Agriculture Victoria.

Sustain concludes five years working with Cardinia Shire Council on the *Food Circles* project.

Labor Party defeats the incumbent Liberal/National Coalition at federal election.

Anthony Albanese elected Prime Minister.

Interest rate rises commence.

May

Sustain coordinates federal election scorecard.

Planning for 2nd national *Urban Agriculture Month* commences.

Student food insecurity seminar held at William Angliss Institute with Just Food Collective.

Australian inflation peaks at 9.1% (the highest rate since the early 1980s).

Second interest rate rise.

Jun

Sixth Local Government Food Systems Networking Forum held.

Protecting our Sustainably Managed Farmland event in Eltham.

Consensus Statement on Food System change in Victoria launched.

Fifty members of UK government resign, followed by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

All remaining Covid-19 restrictions lifted across Australia.

Jul

City of Wyndham *Food Systems Capacity Building* project commences.

Fourth consecutive interest rate rise, intensifying pressure on household budgets.

Aug

Youth World Food Gardens Project commences.

Food Business Boost program concludes.

Queen Elizabeth II dies.

Liz Truss elected as UK Prime Minister, her tenure ends after 45 days with UK inflation at 10%.

Sep

Oakhill Food Justice Farm celebrates its first birthday.

Seventh Local Government Food Systems Networking Forum held.

Wyndham Community Food Leaders Forum.

Food Bank Hunger Report 2022 reveals that over 20% of Australians experienced severe food insecurity in last twelve months.

Australian federal government inquiry into national food security commences.

Oct

Growing Edible Cities and Towns: A Survey of the Victorian Urban Agriculture Sector report launched.

Community engagement for Banyule City Council *Urban Food Strategy* commences.

Andrews government returned in Victoria for a third term.

Seventh consecutive interest rate rise.

Nov

Sustain hosts second national *Urban Agriculture Month*.

Sustain hosts Sydney Urban Agriculture Forum at Sydney City Farm.

Food policy benchmarking completed for City of Melbourne.

Eighth consecutive monthly interest rate rises result in a near-doubling of the average monthly mortgage payments.

Dec

Sustain hosts first Canberra Urban Agriculture Forum with Senator David Pocock.

Eighth Local Government Food Systems Networking Forum held.

Our impact and projects in 2022



Our Vision

An accessible, fair and sustainable food system that nourishes all Australians and the life systems on which they depend.

This looks like:

All people in Australia enjoy secure and dignified access to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced in ecologically and ethically sound ways.

Governments develop and implement appropriate food-focused policies.

Communities are empowered to develop localised food systems that support their wellbeing.

The Australian food system regenerates soils, waterways and ecosystems, rather than depletes.



Our Work

Think

We research food systems, translating and sharing this knowledge to enable communities and government to understand the food issues they face and how to address them.

We develop policy to enable communities and government to take action and implement change.

We shape the conversation about healthy and sustainable food access in Australia.

Do

We design, establish and manage community urban farms.

We experiment with new approaches to food growing and sharing at the community level.

We invite visitors and volunteers to learn from and replicate our work in their own communities.

We support other community food organisations to build their capacity and achieve their goals.

Network

We facilitate events and forums to enable knowledge-sharing and grow networks across Australia.

We invite collaboration at all levels to support budding local and national networks and communities.

We build communities of practice to support governments and communities to create meaningful change.

Snapshot

Published *Growing Edible Cities and Towns: A Survey of the Urban Agriculture Sector in Victoria*.

27 public speaking engagements.

10 consultancy projects with local and state government.

Snapshot

Established Oakhill Food Justice Farm.

Began offering corporate volunteering opportunities at our urban farm sites at Oakhill and Alphington.

Snapshot

6 online forums for Sustain members.

2nd national Urban Agriculture Month hosted.

23% increase in Sustain newsletter subscribers.

Positive growth across all social media platforms (Linkedin, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook).

Think



Key Consultancies

Recent national and international events have shined a spotlight on the vulnerabilities of our food system and deepening inequities within the community. Local governments play a leading role in supporting healthy, sustainable and equitable food access for their residents, and are increasingly recognising this. In 2022, many Victorian councils were working hard to better understand food system challenges facing their communities and develop responses at a local level. Sustain has been delighted to support them in their work.

Maribyrnong City Council 2022

Healthy Food Access and Healthy Eating in Maribyrnong Communities 2022

In late 2021, the City of Maribyrnong commissioned Sustain to develop a Background Report and Discussion Paper on fresh food access and healthy eating, highlighting key food security issues within the local government area and providing guidance on areas for council action to improve food security over the next five years. Our recommendations informed the development of the City of Maribyrnong's *Food Inequality Action Plan*, launched in November 2022.

Emergency Food Relief in the City of Maribyrnong Before and During the Pandemic 2022

Sustain mapped and analysed how the emergency food relief sector in the City of Maribyrnong responded to the pandemic. The report identified critical strengths and weaknesses and provided both short- and longer-term recommendations to strengthen the local food relief sector and improve community food access for all Maribyrnong residents, and beyond.

City of Banyule, Urban Food Strategy Development 2022-23

In August 2022, Sustain began its work with staff at Banyule City Council to develop the council's first *Urban Food Strategy*. Through robust community engagement, we connected with over 600 local residents, staff and stakeholders. We also established a Working Group with representation from council staff and community leaders to guide the Strategy's development and implementation.

City of Casey, Food Security Framework for Action 2022-2023

In October 2022 Sustain began its work developing a *Food Security Framework for Action* for City of Casey to address food security challenges for residents, to be completed in mid-2023.

City of Melbourne 2022-2023

Urban Agriculture Review 2022

In October 2022, the City of Melbourne invited Sustain to research innovative approaches to urban agriculture as part of its *Community Food Relief Plan 2021-2025*. The final recommendations for supporting and / or scaling urban agriculture in the City of Melbourne were submitted in late 2022.

Food City Policy Refresh 2022-2023

Sustain is also revising and updating the City of Melbourne's *Food City* food policy, first published in 2012, to better reflect the needs of the community in the changing context of the 2020s.

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Image Source: Food is Free

City of Ballarat, Local Food Coalition 2022-2023

In December 2022, Sustain began to facilitate the formation of a local food coalition in the City of Ballarat and support coalition members to undertake a local needs assessment. This work will lead to the development of an action plan and evaluation framework.

Cardinia Shire Council, Cardinia Food Circles 2016 – 2022

In 2022, Sustain's collaboration with Cardinia Shire Council drew to an end, achieving its goals of developing and implementing the Cardinia Community Food Strategy and building the capacity of local groups and Council to continue this work. The project's achievement highlights include recognition of *Cardinia Food Circles* with VicHealth's 'Promoting Healthy Eating Award' in 2019 for outstanding efforts to improve community health, and the establishment of a number of local food projects including to the United African Farm, the Pakenham Community School Farm and the Cardinia Community Food Hub.

Key Research

Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project, "Strengthening Local Food Systems Governance" 2019-2022

Sustain's participation in the ARC research project over the past three years has provided us with unique and critical insights into the opportunities and challenges facing local government in the development and implementation of food system strategies. In 2022, we had the opportunity to apply these insights in our collaboration with Wyndham City Council and our work with Banyule City Council, and we look forward to building on this knowledge in 2023.



The more we engage with the Sustain project, we realise how often our challenges in the food system lie in lack of collaboration - so I really appreciate the approach you're taking.

- COUNCIL OFFICER, WYNDHAM CITY COUNCIL

Agriculture Victoria, Mapping the Victorian Urban Agriculture Sector 2022

At the end of 2021, Agriculture Victoria commissioned Sustain to undertake a survey of the urban agriculture sector in Victoria. The survey captured the views and experiences of over 150 urban agriculture practitioners in greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong, along with research of world-leading practice.

This work enables a better understanding of the sector at present and contains a detailed roadmap for short- and medium-term actions for local and state government.

Our report on the findings and recommendations of this research, *Growing Edible Cities and Towns: A Survey of the Urban Agriculture Sector in Victoria*, was published in October and presented at a public forum to launch Sustain's second national Urban Agriculture Month.

Do



Image Source: Oakhill Farm

Oakhill Food Justice Farm at Preston

Transforming the site of the vacant St Mary's vicarage and garden in Tyler St, Preston began in July 2021. The Oakhill Food Justice Farm is now thriving in this long neglected spot. We celebrated its first birthday in September 2022.

The Oakhill Farm grows food for donation to food relief, educates students and community members through farm tours, workshops and hand-on activities and provides a local composting hub for the community. It provides opportunities for locals to get their hands dirty as well as internships and employment pathways for budding urban farmers. Our expanding corporate volunteering program at Oakhill has been an opportunity to develop participants' understanding of food production and the role of edible gardening in creating thriving urban environments.



Great to see the connections to school, social enterprise and how a neglected resource can be used for the benefit of so many.

- OAKHILL FOOD JUSTICE FARM VISITOR



Image Source: Ninna Mar

Oakhill impact at a glance in 2022

(Measured February – October 2022)



146

Volunteers



598

Volunteering hours



169kg

Produce grown and donated to food relief



22

Workshops



130

Participants



10

Paid internships



2

Urban farming courses



8

community groups and organisations involved

Do

Alphington impact at a glance in 2022



620
Volunteering hours



2200kg
Fresh food grown
(2040kg sold and 160kg donated)



6-60 years old
Age of participants



5
Excursions and tours

Melbourne Food Hub at Alphington

Since its inception in 2018, the Melbourne Food Hub Farm (located at the Melbourne Innovation Centre at Alphington) has flourished into a thriving organic urban market garden and small business incubator for young aspiring farmers. Crops are grown organically and sold locally to support urban farmer Clare Harvey and ensure the ongoing care of the site.

The Melbourne Food Hub Farm is a vibrant space for community volunteering and also welcomes tour groups, hosts workshops, events and excursions, and invites corporate volunteer opportunities. Participation in food relief efforts include donations to DIVRS, and the wicking beds onsite hosting Cultivating Community, a not-for-profit organisation supporting Melbourne's public housing tenants and residents to grow seasonal and culturally appropriate crops.



The space has been enormously inspiring to me personally, and I have watched its development with joy, thinking it was a sign of a new way forward in urban agriculture and food security.

- VOLUNTEER, MELBOURNE FOOD HUB AT ALPHINGTON.

At the close of 2022, we are currently exploring options to increase food relief efforts to further support the community of Darebin.



Network

Urban Agriculture Month

Launched in 2021, Urban Agriculture Month is Sustain’s annual celebration of Australia’s growing urban agricultural food movement. We define urban agriculture as the growing and producing of food in towns, cities and suburbs, in backyards, in laneways and balconies, on verges and in schools; to empower local action, create healthy food hubs, invite volunteering opportunities; and foster meaningful community connections.

Throughout November, we promote a range of diverse and exciting events right around Australia from open gardens, guided tours, forums and seminars to other hands-on learning workshops, crop swaps, communal feasts and other opportunities to celebrate the bounty of backyards, community gardens and other edible spaces.

Our second Urban Agriculture Month in November 2022 was a truly national event, with a doubling of events, an eight-fold increase in attendance and significant growth in Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria.

With so much national enthusiasm and support for Urban Agriculture Month, planning is already underway for 2023.



Image Source: Abril Felman

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Urban Agriculture Month encouraged us to put on a forum to showcase some wonderful food growing projects in Perth. It was a great event made easier by the promotions behind the national movement, and it felt great to be a part of something bigger.

- URBAN AGRICULTURE MONTH EVENT HOST, WA

“

To be ethically aligned with something so positive and also beneficial to us in terms of recruiting new volunteers, donors and fans, meant it was such a worthwhile movement to get behind. We are already thinking about what to host next year

- URBAN AGRICULTURE MONTH EVENT HOST

Image Source: Abril Felman



Network

Urban Agriculture Month

A snapshot



220
Events

- 202 in person events
- 18 online events,
- 131 unique event hosts

56% of hosts held special events for Urban Agriculture Month (meaning 123 events only happened because of Urban Agriculture Month)

4 ACT	16 QLD	131 VIC
28 NSW	8 SA	23 WA
3 NT	7 TAS	



Growth
since 2021

- ↑ 93% in events
- ↑ 300% in QLD
- ↑ 475% in WA
- ↑ 162% in VIC



24
Event types

- 54 workshops
- 24 tours
- 30 working bees
- 19 crop swaps/shares
- 26 open days
- 15 farmers markets



Audience
Engagement

- 24,000 attendees (in-person and online)
- 68% of events welcomed more than 50 attendees
- 35% of events welcomed more than 100 attendees
- 21% of event hosts participated in Urban Agriculture Month in 2021
- 79% of event hosts took part in Urban Agriculture Month for the first time in 2022



Network



Image Source: Abril Felman

Networks

Sustain has hosted quarterly forums for its local government member organisations since early 2021. In 2022 we began to host additional quarterly online forums for our other members as part of our commitment to enable knowledge-sharing and grow networks across Australia. Members have an opportunity to present and share their work, discuss ideas, problem-solve and learn from one another. Our goal is to provide more value to our membership base, encourage and strengthen connections and enable more conversations in this space, and this is proving a very successful and popular offering to enable this to happen.

Forums

As part of Urban Agriculture Month, Sustain hosted three urban agriculture forums in major cities in Australia.

Melbourne launch: Growing Edible Cities and Towns, and the State of the Urban Agricultural Sector in Victoria

Sustain launched Urban Agriculture Month 2022 with an event sharing the release of our report and latest research, *Growing Edible Cities and Towns: A Survey of the Victorian Urban Agriculture Sector* to a sold-out audience at William Angliss Institute. Over 100 people from across Melbourne and beyond gathered to hear the presentation of the very first mapping of this sector in Victoria, make connections and celebrate the growing interest in the urban agriculture sector.

Sydney Urban Agriculture Forum

There was a great turnout at our first Sydney Urban Agriculture Forum on 11 November, with 70 attendees from diverse places and backgrounds coming together to learn, share and celebrate.

The 5-hour event featured tours of Sydney City Farm, an overview of the findings and recommendations from the recently concluded inquiry into food production and supply for NSW by independent MP for Sydney, Alex Greenwich, and presentations from a number of knowledgeable and insightful leaders in the urban agriculture space. There was a strong desire to make this an annual event, and do it bigger and better next year, with a hands-on tour of some of Sydney's urban farms and community gardens.

Canberra event: Senator David Pocock in conversation with Churchill Fellows

It was standing room only for Sustain's first Canberra forum held in December. The event featured passionate presentations from Churchill Fellows and closed with David Pocock, Independent Senator for the ACT, speaking of the importance of the shift towards regenerative agriculture and the need for greater food sovereignty in Australia.



To have a strong local food system we need people who know how to grow food and we need to do this where people live, which is mostly in our towns and cities.

- SUSTAIN CANBERRA FORUM ATTENDEE

Financial Statements

Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd

ABN: 54 272 644 917

Income & Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
Income		\$	\$
Philanthropic Funding & Grants	Note 3	365,808	361,716
Sponsorship		3,234	8,864
Events		8,369	35,531
Consultancy Services		186,082	55,393
Fruit & Vegetable Sales		19,443	118,717
Donations		93,786	105,150
Memberships		16,567	18,835
Government Support Covid-19		-	66,401
Interest Received		550	779
Total Income		\$693,839	\$771,386
Expenditure		\$	\$
Advertising & Promotion		773	2,412
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees		1,381	4,398
Bookkeeping Fees		4,950	4,661
Computer, IT & Website Expenses		15,477	19,102
Consultancy & Speaker Fees		120,601	80,044
Contractors		8,412	-
Employee Costs		322,775	424,844
Event Costs		10,328	9,891
Grants & Donations	Note 4	58,082	1,547
Insurances		1,586	1,585
Printing & Stationery		1,001	1,974
Produce – Production Costs & Purchases		20,644	91,921
Project Expenses including Infrastructure		13,456	3,164
Rents & License Fees		8,496	6,516
Stipends to Support Workers		15,360	-
Travel, Transport & Conferences		4,470	676
Workshops & Training		1,799	19,390
Sundry Expenses Incl. Meeting & Communication		2,769	847
Total Expenses		\$612,360	\$672,972
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		\$81,479	\$98,414

Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd

ABN: 54 272 644 917

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Current Assets	\$	\$
Cash at Bank & On Hand	608,267	603,116
Accounts Receivable	15,492	150,146
Total Current Assets	\$623,759	\$753,262
Non-Current Assets	\$	\$
	Nil	Nil
Total Assets	\$623,759	\$753,262
Current Liabilities	\$	\$
Accounts Payable & Other Creditors	29,051	57,627
Provision for Employee Leave	10,000	-
Unearned Income	Note 3 213,934	393,609
GST Payable	377	13,109
Total Current Liabilities	\$253,362	\$464,345
Non-Current Liabilities	\$	\$
	Nil	Nil
Net Assets	\$370,397	\$288,917
Retained Earnings	\$	\$
Retained Earnings 1 st July 2021	288,917	190,503
Surplus for the Year	81,480	98,414
TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS AT 30th JUNE 2022	\$370,397	\$288,917

Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd

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Notes to the Financial Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements cover Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The company is an Australian Public company limited by guarantee.

Basis of Preparation

The Directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Corporations Act 2001 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. Other material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report.

(a) Cash on Hand

Cash includes cash held at call with the company's banker & Petty Cash on hand.

(b) Property, Plant & Equipment

The company has expensed monies on infrastructure, equipment for projects & events, computer & other minor electronic items which provide ongoing benefits. No other property, plant or equipment is held.

(c) Investments

The company has no investments.

(d) Revenue

Interest income is recognised when received.

Donations and memberships are recognised as income when received.

Philanthropic funding & grants for specific purposes are recognised as revenue only when expensed. (see Note 3)

Income from sales or the rendering of services, is recognised when earned.

2. Goods & Services Tax

The company registered for Goods & Services Tax.

3. Philanthropic Funding & Grants - Unearned Income

Philanthropic funding & grants received for specific projects and purposes and not expended, are carried forward as a provision for future expenditure.

4. Auspice Grants on behalf of United African Farm (UAF)

Grants of \$27,000 received in FY2020 were recognised as income in that year, however auspice obligations to UAF remained outstanding. These conditions were satisfied in FY2022 and a \$18,000 grant paid to UAF with a further \$9,000 of expenses paid on behalf of UAF. When originally received in FY2020 the \$27,000 should rightfully have been allocated to Unearned Income reserve and introduced in FY2022 to match the amount expended.

Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd

ABN: 54 272 644 917

Directors' Declaration

For the year ended 30 June 2022

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of the company, the directors hereby declare that:

The accompanying financial statements set are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:

- a) present a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30th June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- b) comply with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
- c) there is reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to meet its debts as and when they become payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Kelly Donati - Chair



Lynn Richardson - Treasurer

Dated this 28th day of October 2022

Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd

ABN: 54 272 644 917

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd

Report on the Financial Statements for Year Ended 30th June 2022

I have audited the accompanying financial statements, being special purposes financial statements, of Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd ("the company"), which comprises Income & Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Notes to the Accounts and the Directors' Declaration.

Directors Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2011 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of Sustain: The Australian Food Network are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30th June 2022, its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.



Lindsay Charles Coster FCA

Chartered Accountant

Registered Company Auditor No: 7815

1/45 Campbell Street, Glen Waverly

Dated this 28th day of October 2022

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