

NEAR RIVER PRODUCE



Community Supported Agriculture



Locally grown chemical-free vegetables delivered weekly



vegetables each week from our market garden to 25 families in the Hastings Valley this year. We intend to expand so that we will broaden our community and supply more families with our nutritious, wholesome produce.

What is CSA and how does it work?

It works like this: when the consumer becomes a member of the CSA, he/she gives the farm the funds needed to cover the costs of food production before the beginning of the growing season. In return, he/she shares in the harvest and receives fresh vegetables delivered each week. No middle man. No multi-step handling. No hefty price mark-ups. No complex multi-national food distribution model.

In a CSA, there is a close relationship between the food grower and the local consumer. Both share the risks and rewards of sustainable agriculture.

There are many CSAs overseas, but not many here in Australia. We absolutely believe that this how sustainable food production and distribution should, and will, evolve.

We invite you to become a member of our newly established Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project at 'Near River', our property on the Pappinbarra River in the Hastings Valley.

The first step in our venture will be to distribute

Know the origin of your fresh produce

As a member of our CSA, you'll get to take home to your kitchen high-quality, locally grown organic vegetables that have been harvested that same day. You'll know the ground they've come from and the people that have tended them.

In a world of over-processed food, you'll come to feel part of a very special community of people who are passionate about growing fresh, nutritious produce for a healthier way of life.

Why should you share the risk?

Usually the farmer alone bears the risks of losing a particular crop to bad weather, natural disasters or pests. By sharing the risk with the farmer, you open yourself to the possibility of receiving surprising varieties of produce.



For example, if we're having a hot summer, you might receive more tomatoes, corn and capsicum – the veggies that love the warmer weather – but fewer of the cool-weather ones such as cauliflower or lettuce.

I'm interested. How do I join?

To join, simply complete the form overleaf and return it to us by August 1st. We'd prefer full payment initially but if this is not possible, a \$200 deposit and \$120 payments by the beginning of each month are required. Distribution will be from early October to mid-June 2009. Each week we will deliver the vegetables to a few distribution sites in Wauchope and Port Macquarie. Before the season starts, we will tell members where the distribution sites are and which day of the week to pick up the

vegetables.

By becoming a member, you can also get involved in the growing of your food. Through our fortnightly email newsletter we will keep you informed about progress, and we'll let you know if and when we'd like your help in the garden. All members will be invited to take part in a harvest festival in late summer/early autumn.

What we grow

basil	celery	lettuce	silver beet
beans	chilli	melons	shelling peas
beetroot	coriander	mixed herbs	snow peas
broad beans	corn	onions	spinach
broccoli	cucumbers	parsley	spring onions
cabbage	dill	parsnips	squash
capsicum	fennel	pumpkins	tomatoes
carrots	kale	radishes	turnips
cauliflower	kohlrabi	rocket	zucchini
celeriac	leeks	salad mix	

Of course, we cannot guarantee that all of the above crops will make it, nor will everything be available every week. The amount and variety of produce will be small in the spring, then they will peak in late summer/early autumn, then stabilise over winter.

Who are we?

We are two couples, Andrew & Therese, and Lyndon & Beth and we live at 'Near River' on the Pappinbarra River in the Hastings Valley. We are passionate about the land; we are dedicated to supplying the highest quality produce to our community using sustainable practices and with minimum impact on this planet and all its inhabitants.

Take Action on Climate Change!

A CSA member is a discriminating consumer – someone who is concerned about the destructive environmental and sociological impacts of conventional farming, and intentionally acts to reverse these trends.

CSAs emphasise the role of the consumer in consciously taking moral responsibility for the care of the land and the people who grow the foods we humans need.

CSAs play an important role in reducing global warming. By joining our CSA you will greatly reduce your carbon emissions. The food is not transported from far away using large quantities of fossil fuels, but grown locally by a farmer you know.

By nature, CSAs are small scale and organic. Compared to large-scale industrial farms, the amount of fossil fuels used in the production process is minimal.

For Further Information

Please contact

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COMMITMENT FORM 2008-2009

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Full payment for Season's Share : \$1170

One share in the harvest is enough produce for two adults, and a bit more, remembering that amounts vary across the season. A share in the harvest works out to be \$30 per week for your vegetables.

or

Non-refundable deposit on Season's Share: \$200
(\$120 is then required by the start of each month)

Full payment or deposit is due by August 1st.

There are a limited number of shares so get in early.

Eggs

I would like to receive one dozen eggs half a dozen eggs each week with my vegetables. The eggs are free range from our chickens at 'Near River'. Payment for eggs will be on the day at \$5.50/dozen, \$3.00/half dozen

How to Pay

There are several options:

Electronic t/fer. A/c name: Near River Produce

Email for details

Send a cheque or money order made out to 'Near River Produce' to the address below

Pay cash to Andrew, Therese, Lyndon or Beth

I understand that as a shareholder my financial pledge guarantees me to an equitable share in the harvest, not a specific amount or variety of produce.

Signature: _____

Please send this completed form to:
'Near River Produce'

1466 Pappinbarra Road Hollisdale NSW 2446