

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

The following initiatives have been suggested so far. Do you have any further information or input on any of the initiatives? If so please email kerry@readycommunities.com.au

Initiative suggested	Date	You said...	What's happening so far
Develop a farmers market	29/2	Hosting a regular farmers market and ensuring stall fees are affordable	Local social enterprise interested in starting. More info on the way
Initiate or expand a waste water reuse feasibility study	29/2	A study to better understand how to utilise water particularly post floods	-
Develop a collaborative market stall for farmers at markets (a shared stand for farmers that are working or can't get there)	29/2	A shared stand for farmers that are working or can't get to the markets	This happens at Eungai market and food swap. Can it happen in other areas too?
Facilitate joining properties for scale	29/2	Creating partnerships to join properties particularly to support natural capital markets and initiatives	-
Provide workshops on natural capital and environmental assets	29/2	Workshop with Lorraine Gordon to better understand natural capital / environmental assets	Negotiating date for delivery
Develop or implement a software app to link producers to the hospitality industry	29/2	New app to ensure hospitality industry can access local produce	-
Develop more opportunities to link school and industry	29/2	Stronger pathways to link young people to industry	-
Develop an agricultural school of excellence	29/2	Macleay Vocational College considering developing this model	Discussing with MVC
Develop more opportunities for Cultivate Ag - a program that engages young people into then agriculture sector	29/2	Support opportunities related to existing Cultivate Ag program	-

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Develop or enhance a Women in Dairy program	29/2	Develop program similar to successful Taree based Women in Dairy program promoting more opportunities for women in agriculture	-
Improve communication across the Macleay agriculture sector, including producers and the supply chain	29/2	Stronger communication between industry	-
Increase and enhance mental health support for producers and the agriculture sector	29/2	Timely mental health support for farmers and easy access to links	-
Develop independent advice for farmers	29/2	Farm advice that isn't delivered by a particular brand	-
Reinvigorate or develop something like the Macleay Valley Foodbowl initiative - an initiative that provided "news, information and contacts to stimulate supply and demand for food produced in the Macleay Valley Food Bowl precinct"	29/2	Reignite Kempsey Shire Council's Macleay Valley Food Bowl initiative	-
Market garden and social enterprise opportunities	29/2	Reignite CDEP market garden concepts across the community	-
Events showcasing local produce	29/2	Create an event such as Tasting on the Hastings	-
More support during and after natural disaster	29/2	More support for farmers including fencing and fodder	-
Strengthen supply chains for local produce	29/2	Make it easier for farmer to get produce to market	-
Strengthen and share support networks for farmers	29/2	Create a central point for information about support networks	-
Farm visits	29/2	Create a series of farm visits	-

