# Community Food Systems in Practice 1

**Subject Code**: FDS702  
**Subject Name**: Community Food Systems in Practice 1  
**Credit points**: 6  
**Study Level**: Year 3  
**Delivery mode**: On campus  
**Location**: Melbourne  
**Prerequisites**: FDS659 Understanding Food Systems 2

## Subject Overview
Community Food Systems in Practice I is based on the central premise that communities and regions are critical arenas of action and that multisectoral participation is required for building sustainable food systems. This subject places students in direct contact with experts and organisers in the social enterprise and community food sector, giving consideration to the identities, motives and practices of those participating in the sector as producers, social entrepreneurs, health and local government professionals, and consumers. Crucially, students will develop a critical awareness of how these various elements interact and can support each other in a mutually interdependent and beneficial manner, thereby constituting an integrated and sustainable food and farming system. Literature in the fields of economic geography and community food economies will form the theoretical basis for discussion and analysis. Students will examine and evaluate how a range of practical projects—from farmers markets, food hubs, urban farming, community-supported agriculture, direct marketing and others—are initiated and organised. Central to the initiation of community food projects are practical skills in grant writing and reporting to funding bodies.

## Learning Outcomes
- Assess strategies for the development of sustainable food systems  
- Identify and reflect on opportunities for intervention in a localised food environment  
- Identify and target appropriate funding sources  
- Collaborate effectively with others in collecting qualitative and quantitative data  
- Analyse the impact of a community food enterprise at a local level  
- Reflect on how food policy might positively contribute to more nuanced and locally responsive practices of governance

## Assessments

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## Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject
- Preparedness  
- Ethical and social understanding  
- Systematic and coherent body of knowledge  
- Scholarly skills