

## Webinar chat summary

### Spotlight Series webinar: Food security and disaster risk reduction

Wednesday 24 June 2026, 1.00pm-2.00pm

#### Presenters

- **Dr Nick Rose**  
Co-founder and CEO, Sustain: The Australian Food Network
- **Mia Cox**  
Senior Projects Officer, Sustain: The Australian Food Network
- **Rachel Montgomery**  
Director, National Coordination Mechanism, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
- **Katelyn Samson - Host**  
Deputy Director, Resilience and Risk Reduction, Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience

#### Connect with Sustain: The Australian Food Network

- <https://sustain.org.au>
- **Become a member of the Australian Food Network**  
<https://sustain.org.au/network>
- **Find out about Sustain's Local Government Community of Practice**  
<https://sustain.org.au/local-government-food-systems-network/>

#### Appreciation (small sample)

- These are all awesome resources, thank you
- Thank you, hosts and presenters
- thanks so much that was really informative
- Thank you so much very relevant information for these times

#### Comments and resources shared in the chat

- Nick Rose shared:  
*Experts reveal how a major food crisis might happen in the UK, and what we can do to stop it*  
<https://www.preventionweb.net/news/experts-reveal-how-major-food-crisis-might-happen-uk-and-what-we-can-do-stop-it>  
"39 food system experts, including two from the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford, have mapped how shocks to the food system, such as sudden price hikes or food shortages, could intensify pressure on already vulnerable parts of the system, ultimately increasing strain, instability, and the risk of social unrest."

"To reduce these risks, the researchers recommend key interventions, including increasing UK energy security, diversifying food value chains, and promoting more varied and resilient diets."

Dr John Ingram, Senior Researcher, added:

"This study shows the importance of taking a food system approach rather than assessing impacts on individual food system activities such as agriculture or food processing or logistics".

- Jean Renouf shared:  
There's an enormous amount that households and local communities can do to prepare for disruptions to food supply — keeping a couple of weeks of shelf-stable basics and a way to cook off-grid, yes, but also growing even a little, knowing who locally produces food, diversifying their means to access food (supermarkets, local farmer's market, food swap etc), diverse cooking methods, but also water treatment. and setting up the kind of street-level sharing that means no one's pantry is the only one that counts.
- Nick Rose shared:  
VACCHO Foodpath report - <https://www.vaccho.org.au/2024/02/19/new-report-community-empowerment-the-key-to-food-security/>
- Kerry Battersby shared:  
*Scenic Rim Farm Box project*  
<https://www.scenicrimfarmbox.com.au>  
Scenic Rim Council and local growers turned covid lockdown into practical innovative positives with the Farm Box project, where 50 local growers pulled together fresh produce and distributed to local community.

Links from webinar presentation

**Sustain: The Australian Food Network**

<https://sustain.org.au>

**Nourish food and community**

<https://www.nourishlife.org/>

**Article: The resilience of long and short food chains: a case study of flooding in Queensland**

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10460-015-9603-1>

**Article: Supermarket shelves were empty for months after the Lismore floods**

<https://www.scu.edu.au/news/2023/supermarket-shelves-were-empty-for-months-after-the-lismore-floods/>

**Infographic: Making our food systems more resilient**

<https://science.unimelb.edu.au/foodprint-melbourne/publications/infographic-making-our-food-systems-more-resilient>

**Article: Australia's new food strategy – what's on the table and what's missing**

<https://theconversation.com/australias-new-food-security-strategy-whats-on-the-table-and-whats-missing-264791>

### **National Food Security Strategy**

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/food/national-food-security-strategy>

### **Article: To boost the nation's health, the government's proposed food strategy must put people over profits**

<https://theconversation.com/to-boost-the-nations-health-the-governments-proposed-food-strategy-must-put-people-over-profits-256679>

### **VicHealth: Local partnerships for food first**

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/local-partnerships-for-food-first>

### **Examples of local initiatives:**

- [https://hdp-au-prod-app-ban-shapingbanyule-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/4717/0777/6330/Urban\\_Food\\_Strategy\\_Accessible\\_version.pdf](https://hdp-au-prod-app-ban-shapingbanyule-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/4717/0777/6330/Urban_Food_Strategy_Accessible_version.pdf)
- <https://sustain.org.au/consulting/local-government-food-systems-journey/>
- <https://outereastfoodshare.org/findoutmore/>
- <https://boxdivvy.com.au>
- <https://www.farmmyschool.com>
- <https://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/Community/Community-Food/Eldorado-Food-Share>

### **Foodprint Melbourne**

- <https://science.unimelb.edu.au/foodprint-melbourne/toolkit-resources>
- <https://science.unimelb.edu.au/foodprint-melbourne>
- <https://science.unimelb.edu.au/foodprint-melbourne/toolkit/key-concepts/food-security>

### **NEMA**

<https://www.nema.gov.au>

### **NEMA's National Coordination Mechanism**

<https://www.nema.gov.au/ncm>

### **Article: Climate change and disasters: The ethics of leadership**

Mark Crossweller and Petra Tschakert

<https://wires.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/wcc.624>

### **Australian Government Crisis Management Framework here**

<https://www.pmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/resource/download/agcmf-framework.pdf>

### **Additional links from Sustain**

### **Article: What the war will mean for food security in Australia and how governments should respond**

<https://www.croakey.org/what-the-war-will-mean-for-food-security-in-australia-and-how-governments-should-respond/>

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## Announcements

**Special NAIDOC Week webinar on Indigenous leadership in disaster resilience,  
presented by Dr Bhiemie Williamson**

1.00pm-2.00pm (AEST), Tuesday 7 July 2026

[NAIDOC Webinar | Indigenous leadership in disaster resilience](#)

**Australian Disaster Resilience Conference 2026**

19-20 August 2026

Earlybird tickets close on 30 June 2026

More information at <https://www.aidr.org.au/events/55824?LocationId=55839>