



Call for Papers

The Regional Food Network, hosted by Southern Cross University is pleased to announce the **4th Regional Food Cultures and Networks Conference**. The conference is focused upon creating discussions between those who research and those who produce and consume food. The Regional Food Network, launched at the Daylesford conference in 2013 is made up of scholars and practitioners interested in regional food systems and cultures.

As such, this conference represents a multidisciplinary space where we welcome abstracts for presentations from a variety of perspectives - topics might include, but are not limited to:

- regional food culture(s)
- public health and policy
- multidisciplinary approaches to the study of food/drink culture
- environment and ecology
- food security
- gastronomy and tourism
- history of regional food and drink traditions
- regions and regionalisms
- food politics
- small business innovation
- niche food and drink business
- food supply chains
- community education and engagement
- sustainability
- taste cultures
- food and social entrepreneurship
- food and drink 'economies'

The conference will take place from 16-18 November at Byron Bay, Northern New South Wales. The Regional Food Network now invites researchers, academics and presenters from universities, food/tourism businesses & producers and other 'foodies' to submit session proposals and individual abstracts of no more than 500 words to Adele Wessell: adele.wessell@scu.edu.au by 30 August, 2014.

Session Proposals

In order to democratise the conference and to develop synergies across presentations the conference organising committee invites proposals on the above topics from anyone who is interested in convening and chairing a themed session/s at the conference. Proposals should include a title for the session/s and describe the theme of the session/s and its rationale in no more than 350 words. A maximum of two sessions will be available to each theme and each session should consist of four papers.

The responsibilities of themed session/s conveners include populating their session/s through a call for abstracts, ensuring the quality of submitted abstracts, and forwarding completed session details to the conference organising committee (in line with the call for abstracts deadlines above). Session proposals will be accepted until August 30th, 2014 and should be forwarded to:

Adele Wessell

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Individual Submissions

Abstracts should include a title, names of author/presenter(s), and affiliation(s).

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Committee, and authors notified of their acceptance at the Conference by 10 September, 2014.

Invited presenters will be asked to submit full papers for submission in *Locale: The Australasian-Pacific Journal of Regional Food Studies*

<http://www.localejournal.org/>

Conference Convenors:

Dr Adele Wessell and Professor Phil Hayward
(Southern Cross University)

The Regional Food Network has a moderated email forum to publicise events, publications and issues of interest. To subscribe to the RFN email list send an email to adele.wessell@scu.edu.au

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More information can be found at: <http://scu.edu.au/space/index.php/76>

All updates and details will be posted on the conference website: <http://scu.edu.au/regionalfoodconference/>