

Gateway to Small Scale Farming Pilot Training Program



Expression of Interest for participants

An exciting opportunity exists for people interested in pursuing a career in small-scale, regenerative market gardening to expand their knowledge, networks and hands-on farming experience on the Mornington Peninsula.

The *Gateway to Small Scale Farming Pilot Training Program* is an initiative developed by a group of Mornington Peninsula farms, with support from Agriculture Victoria and Mornington Peninsula Shire, to help build the next generation of small scale farmers on Mornington Peninsula land.

The program has come about as the future of our food system depends on the next generation of farmers to grow healthy, regenerative fresh produce. Starting in September 2023, successful applicants will learn the ropes of market gardening over the 12 month seasonal growing cycle under the guidance and tutelage of the Market Gardening Lead. The host site for this pilot program will be Torello Farm on Mornington Peninsula.

Interested in applying? Consider whether this sounds like you:

- A desire to learn more about small scale market gardening to support your transition to the industry
- An inquisitive and enthusiastic approach to learning new things
- An eagerness to learn deeply in one setting with an end to end process alongside shorter experiences in other areas of the region to gain a broader overview
- Enjoys working outdoors in all weather environments
- Keen to build a network that could lead to future job prospects
- A desire to grow quality fresh produce that supports building a thriving local food system
- Ready to commit to two days per week for 12 months based on Mornington Peninsula
- Fit and ready for farm life!

Cost of the program will be \$2000 for the 12 months of learning. Payment plans are available and financial support will be considered for applicants experiencing financial hardship.

If this sounds like an exciting opportunity to you then please send your expression of interest to agrofood@mornpen.vic.gov.au describing why you are the right choice for this pilot internship program. Any questions or queries can also be directed to this email.

Submissions close on 18 August 2023.

TORELLO farm



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Name:

Mobile:

Email:

Address:

What makes you a good candidate for this program?

Please tell us why you want to participate and what you hope to get out of the program:

Please attach your resume to this EOI.

Can you commit 2 days per week for the next 12 months to building your skills, knowledge and networks in market gardening? (excluding allowances for holidays, sick leave etc) **Y/N**

