

FROM FARM TO TABLE

Farm Stories

Sandy Creek Organic Farm



Could you tell us a bit about yourself and your organic farm?

We are Les and Marji Nicholls. We founded Sandy Creek Organic Farm when we purchased a 35ha farm in the Glasshouse Mountains, Queensland.



What do you do?

Sandy Creek Organic Farm is a vibrant biodynamic, certified organic and community-supported agriculture (CSA) farm that grows and delivers vegetables to more than 100 member households (or shareholders) each week of the year. We aim to overproduce so that we can expand the number of vegetable boxes at any time. Any surplus we have is sold at a weekly market in Brisbane located at the Northey Street City Farm, Windsor.

Tell us a bit about the processes you use to farm organically.

We have built a successful organic operation producing a diverse range of vegetables, throughout the seasons of the year.

Over the next decade we want to refocus on building a vibrant farm organism. We would like to find out if the farm has a sufficient land base to generate its own fertility, such as manures and compost, from within the farm itself.

Describe a problem that you have had to face or tackle.

At the moment we are unable to generate our own fertility (such as manures, compost) from within the farm. This means that we must bring this into the farm, and we would like to change this in the future.



Do you have an interesting fact or story to share?

We would like to build on our network of collection points hosted by householders and businesses around the region. This would make our veggie boxes available to more families and meet the growing demand for healthy local foods.

What is the best part about your job?

We love what we do, and have a goal to make this farm much more than a vegetable operation. We see a place where diverse people work together to envision and build a better future. We would like to bring together farmers, communities, and other organisations such as farmers markets, schools, local government, universities, restaurants, etc. to create a bigger network.