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SUMMARY

I am a sustainable food systems changemaker, researcher and teacher. I am the Founder and Executive Director of a national food systems organization, and a lecturer in food systems and food movements. I work collaboratively with multiple stakeholders in government, academia, community and business in the coordination of events, networks, research, consultancies and major projects.

EDUCATION

- 2013 **Doctor of Philosophy**
RMIT University, Melbourne
Dissertation title: Optimism of the Will: Food Sovereignty as Transformative Counter-hegemony in the 21st century
- 2006 **Master of International and Community Development**
Deakin University, Melbourne
- 1988 **Bachelor of Law (Hons)**
Melbourne University

EMPLOYMENT and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015-
present **Executive Director**
[Sustain: The Australian Food Network](#)
Overall responsibility for management and sound conduct, developing the strategic direction, securing adequate funding, and delivering Sustain's principal activities. Under my leadership, Sustain has shaped the national food systems conversation through major events and workshops, built and supported food networks and alliances, entered into substantive research partnerships with several universities, and delivered major food system re-design and social enterprise projects: [Cardinia Food Circles](#) and the [Melbourne Food Hub](#).
- 2015 to
present **Lecturer**
[William Angliss Institute, Faculty of Higher Education, Melbourne, Australia](#)
I coordinate and teach in Australia's first [Bachelor of Food Studies](#) and [Master of Food Systems and Gastronomy](#). I supervise undergraduate and post-graduate research students on several academic and professional projects.
- 2013-
2014 **Churchill Fellow**
[Innovative Models of Urban Agriculture in the US mid-west, Toronto and Argentina](#)
My Churchill Fellowship focused on urban agriculture models that generate livelihood opportunities for the practitioners and / or which make an important contribution to critical food security needs. I visited Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Detroit (US), Toronto (Canada), and five provinces in Argentina. I interviewed 150 individuals and visited over 80 organisations. My Fellowship report is available [online](#).
- 2013-
2015 **Project Coordinator**
[Food Systems Network, Food Alliance, Deakin University, Melbourne](#)
I established and maintained relationships with representatives from over 50 organisations. Stakeholders identified the need for an [Urban and Regional Food Declaration](#), as a high-level strategic document. The Declaration now has over 50 signatories.
- 2012-
2013 **Research Assistant**
[NCCARE, Urban Agriculture Project, Griffith University](#)
This federally-funded project investigated the potential of urban and peri-urban agriculture to meet climate change, food security and population health challenges. I led the field work on the Melbourne case study, carrying out in-depth semi-structured interviews with 53 individuals from diverse professional backgrounds. The final report is available [online](#).

- 2010-
2011 **Research Consultant and Food Network Coordinator**
Coffs Harbour City Council / Bellingen Local Food Network
I led a regional food network and worked with three councils to secure \$250,000 from the NSW Govt. I mapped the Coffs Coast food system and co-created a Local Food Strategy.
- 2010-
2015 **Co-founder and National Coordinator**
Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
I identified a need for a national food sovereignty alliance in Australia and worked with others to establish it. Amongst other achievements, I conceived and led the creation of Australia's first People's Food Plan, the Fair Food documentary, and Fair Food Week.
- 2001-
2006 **Founder and Director**
Mesoamerican Centre for Sustainable Human Rights Action, Guatemala
I designed, secured funding for and implemented an institution-building project that involved more than 100 local human rights groups in Guatemala, Chiapas (Mexico) and Honduras, as well as 150 young persons in a program of youth education and training.
- 1997-
2000 **Legal Officer**
Manufacturing, Science and Finance Trade Union, London, UK
Responsible for providing legal advice to full-time officials who assisted union members experiencing racial or sexual harassment or discrimination in the workplace.
- 1995-
1997 **Senior Research Officer**
Public Concern at Work, London, UK
Coordinated a program of research and publications relating to public-interest whistleblowing at work in a variety of sectors. Also assisted with the preparation of a campaign to seek legal reform to achieve specific whistleblower protection legislation.
- 1993-
1995 **Research Officer**
Incomes Data Services, London, UK
Researched and wrote articles summarising employment tribunal and appeal court decisions for the fortnightly publication IDS Brief.
- 1989-
1991 **Solicitor**
Mallesons Stephen Jacques, Melbourne
Provided written and oral legal advice to a range of corporate and individual clients in matters concerning employment and industrial relations law, including preparation of documents for litigation, briefs to barristers and related matters.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2019 Lourival, I., and **Rose, N.** How participatory food policy making processes contribute to more just, sustainable and democratic food systems: a case study from Cardinia Shire. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition* (in review).
- 2019 **Rose, N.**, and Lourival, I. Hegemony, counter-hegemony and food systems literacy: transforming the global industrial food system. [Australian Journal of Environmental Education](#) (published online 14 May 2019)
- 2019 Cambell, R., Andrew, L., Godrich, S., Wolfgang, J., Vandenbroeck, D., Stublely, K., **Rose, N.**, Newman, L., Horwitz, P., & Devine, [A. Local Challenges and Successes Associated with Transitioning to Sustainable Food System Practices for a West Australian Context: Multi-Sector Stakeholder Perceptions](#). *International journal of environmental research and public health* 16(11), 2051.
- 2018 Gaynor, A., & **Rose, N.** [Reclaiming the Urban Commons: The past, present and future of food growing in Australian towns and cities](#). UWA Publishing.

- 2017 **Rose, N.** [Community food hubs: an economic and social justice model for regional Australia?](#) *Rural Society*, 26(3), 225-237.
- 2015 **Rose, N.** Rethinking food systems: Structural challenges, new strategies, and the law. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 36(4), 587-589.
- 2015 **Rose, N.** (ed). [Fair Food: Stories from a movement changing the world](#) (anthology), University of Queensland Press: Brisbane.
- 2013 **Rose, N.** *Food Security, Food Sovereignty and Global Governance Regimes in the Context of Climate Change and Food Availability*, in *Climate Change and Global Policy Regimes* (ed. T Cadman), Palgrave MacMillan, Basingstoke.
- 2010 Hil, R, **Rose, N** & Smith, G.P. 'Getting it right: an appraisal of the New South Wales government apology to the forgotten Australians', in R Hil & E Branigan (eds) *Surviving care: achieving justice and healing for the forgotten Australians*, Bond University, Robina, Qld., pp. 101-122.

SELECTED COMMISSIONED RESEARCH REPORTS / CONSULTANCIES

- 2018 **Rose, N**, Donati, K. and Winter, C. Diversity, Connectedness and Scale: Mapping Victoria's Artisanal Agriculture Sector. Sustain: The Australian Food Network, consultancy for Agriculture Victoria (Victorian Government)
- 2016 **Rose, N** and Alden, J. Bendigo Local Food Economy Pilot Report. Sustain: The Australian Food Network, Melbourne
- 2013 **Rose, N** and Larsen, K. *Regional Food Strategy: [Economic Benefits of Creative Food Economies](#)*. Southern Melbourne Regional Development Australia, Melbourne.
- 2013 Porter, D, Mulligan, J, Davies, W, Pekin, R, Reade, L, **Rose, N** and Hastings, S. [Redlands Rural Futures Strategy](#). AECOM Australia: Brisbane.
- 2011 Larsen, N, Hill, S, **Rose, N** and Shields, R. *Scoping, Design and Recommendations for Development of a Food Hub in the City of Casey*. Eaterprises and the Australian Food Hubs Network: Melbourne.
- 2011 Mongard, J, Hardwick, D, **Rose, N** and Pekin, R. [Tweed Sustainable Agriculture Strategy: Discussion Paper](#). Tweed Shire Council.
- 2011 Davies, W, **Rose, N** and Pekin, R. *Scoping Study for Local Food Production and Purchase on the Gold Coast*. AECOM Australia: Brisbane.
- 2010 Cooke, K and **Rose, N.** [Coffs Coast Local Food Framework](#). Coffs Coast Local Food Alliance.

MAJOR CONFERENCES

- 2018 **Co-convenor**, 3rd national [New Economy Network Australia Conference](#), Melbourne.
- 2016-18 **Convenor**, national [Urban Agriculture Forum](#), Melbourne
- 2016 **Convenor**, inaugural [Inaugural Australian Community Food Hubs Conference](#) (Bendigo, 9-10 August) and national speaking tour (11-18 August)
- 2015 **Co-Convenor**, [Democratising Food Systems](#), Melbourne