

Preamble: Established in the year 2000 by members of the former South West Brunswick Uniting Church who were inspired by the Christian call to care for the earth by reducing food packaging waste and practicing faith based sustainability. In 2017 we welcomed into the co-op, members of the broader Brunswick community and surrounds. Together we celebrate the power of individual and collective action to protect the planet and the value of living in an inclusive and connected community.

A NEW MISSION STATEMENT (DRAFT)

- We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which our co-op operates since time immemorial. They lived sustainably, gave back to the earth, and ate well for tens of thousands of years. We are learning that the land is not ours to own, but to look after; and that if we listen, we may hear in it the calling of the eternal spirit.
- The Brunswick Food Co-op is inspired to care for the earth. We believe the earth is precious and that we are living in a time of climate crisis. The impacts are beginning to be visible now but will seriously affect generations who are currently young or not yet born. Coordinated global action is needed but local action can play a critical role in carbon emission reduction, building public support for change and sustaining hope that a viable future is possible.
- We commit to the responsible use of the earth's resources. Our food co-op promotes the production, sale and use of food and household products in environmentally sustainable ways. We purchase from local and ethical suppliers that deliver fair prices across the food supply chain and choose organic products where possible. We share information and ideas, and facilitate discussions, workshops and activities that support our members and the local community to live more sustainably and care for the earth.
- We are also inspired to pursue justice for all people. Recognising that in an unjust world, low carbon living and eating can be expensive, our aim is to make the purchase of sustainable food and groceries accessible to all, including those experiencing food insecurity.
- We believe that people are connected to each other, called to nurture community, and share resources together. Our food co-op aims to create a welcoming, active, and inclusive space that allows Brunswick Uniting Church and others to connect more deeply with our local community. We will pursue our work in partnership with interested individuals and local organisations, including the BUC Climate Action Group and other Brunswick communities of faith. Together we will find ways to live sustainably, act justly and protect our planet.