FOOD CITY: Footscray is a speculative design research studio where you will develop a proposition for a food producing city of the future. FOOD CITY: Footscray is a design studio project of FOOD LAB: Food and Landscape Architecture Bureau. It is part of the ongoing investigation by the Bureau to develop new ways to grow and distribute food within the urban environment. FOOD CITY is NOT about producing a community-run cabbage patch! It requires that you use and develop your speculative, investigative and iterative skills as a design researcher to proposition new forms of food systems. FOOD CITY will run as an upper and lower pool studio concurrently with some shared events and activities. Michael Howard will lead the upper pool studio and Jane Shepherd the lower pool.

The lower pool research question is:
How can ‘dense food production’ be the basis for future Food Cities?

The studio will run as a design research laboratory beginning with both groups mapping different aspects of the current planning, land-use and earth-based conditions of Footscray and its existing food systems. This will be follow by a competition to design a speculative un-sited Food City of the future, preceding the development of your own future Food City.