

Discovery Centre Solar Project – Bendigo Sustainability Group

Following the recent support of the Bendigo Sustainability Group's Bendigo Library Solar project we were invited to participate in a follow-up solar project for the Bendigo Discovery Centre.

The crowd funding campaign is to install 44 solar panels and create an interactive exhibit at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre. The exhibit will include a monitoring and display system for the solar PV systems to display information about the electricity generated which can be used to showcase sustainability for students and visitors.

BNDCE is committed to Bendigo's efforts to reduce our solar footprint and therefore purchased 2 solar panels for the Discovery Centre project.

For further information regarding the Bendigo Sustainability Group visit www.bsg.org.au, email coordinator@bsg.org.au or phone 03 5443 4244.



OTIS Foundation – Kez's Hideaway

The OTIS Foundation provides retreat accommodation at no cost to those living with the challenges of breast cancer. Kez's hideaway retreat is a new facility developed by Paul Gray and his team in conjunction with the OTIS Foundation to add to the Foundation's national network of residences. The local Bendigo Community Enterprises (Bendigo Northern District CE, Empowering Eaglehawk CE, Strathfieldsaye & Districts CE, Kangaroo Flat CE and Mt Alexander CE) are proud to have made a combined contribution to the Kez's Hideaway project.

For further information regarding the OTIS Foundation or Kez's Hideaway visit www.otisfoundation.org.au or www.kezshideaway.org.au

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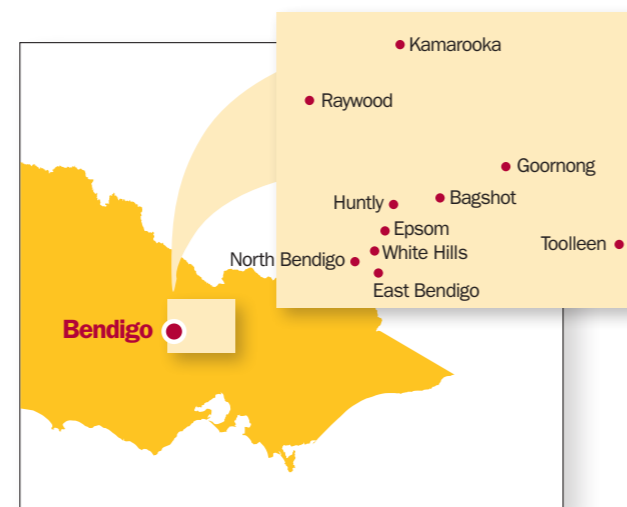
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Community Enterprise celebrates its 10th Birthday and over \$160,000 in community contributions!

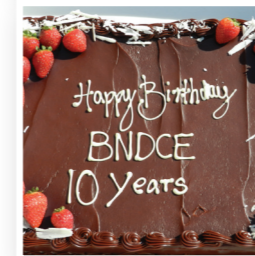
In 2006 a group of community minded people came together and identified the need for a vehicle to drive projects forward in the local district. From these initial meetings, the community enterprise was formed.

Over its 10 years the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise has been supported by partners Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Telco and also joined in October 2013 by the developers of Viewpoint Huntly, the Integra Group. Our partners provide an income stream that the enterprise is able to distribute by way of community grants.

Since forming, the enterprise has funded \$78,200.40 in small projects via its twice yearly community grants program, as well as \$84,909 in other grants which includes 4 major projects and 12 defibrillators.

The enterprise recently celebrated its 10th birthday, hosting a free family day in the gardens with support from Bendigo Bank, Huntly Fire Brigade, Huntly Lions Club, Jenny's Early Learning Centre Epsom, Brad Crème and the Friends of the Gardens.

The enterprise is proud to support the communities in the Bendigo Northern corridor.



Next Major Project – Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills BBQ/Meeting Place

BNDCE are pleased to support the City of Greater Bendigo's new Garden for the Future project at Bendigo Botanic Gardens as the focus for its next major project contribution.

The Garden for the Future project will be a major new addition to the existing gardens and will provide a great venue for outdoor events, informal recreation activities, gatherings, picnics, educational programs and horticultural research and high quality cultural, recreational and educational experiences.

The two hectare contemporary Garden for the Future will feature a range of amenities including an outdoor stage and grassed amphitheatre for outdoor performances and cinema and a number of semi-intimate gathering spaces for weddings and corporate functions as well as a promenade that could be used for markets.

The Gardens will also function as an outdoor classroom and we believe it will become a favourite destination for schools throughout Central Victoria.

BNDCE will provide \$20,000 which will be used towards a new barbecue and picnic facilities area at the Garden for the Future project.

Construction of the Garden for the Future commenced early 2016 and is expected to be opened to the public in mid 2017.

Photograph courtesy of the Bendigo Advertiser, 12 January 2016.



Support the community enterprise today!



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Community Investment Grants

Funds for the community investment grants program are generated through customers linking their banking and phone business (held with Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco) to the community enterprise and the Bank and Telco sharing some of their profits from these accounts. The developers of Viewpoint Huntly also contribute to our pool of grants funds, each time a block at Viewpoint Huntly is purchased. All three supporters contribute, at no cost to customers.

Read below about some of the more recent grants provided and the positive impact to these community groups and their members.

For more information on the grants program or to read about further grants stories visit the enterprise website at www.bndce.com.au

November 2014

New website for Flames Junior Netball Club

The Bendigo Northern Flames is a new Junior Netball Club, providing the opportunity for young participants to play netball.

As part of developing the new club, the committee recognised the need for a website which would provide a platform to advertise the club, communicate information about events and competition and training details. The website would allow the club to reach out to families in the wider northern district communities.

BNDCE were pleased to support the Flames in their endeavours to establish their new club by providing a grant for \$1,000 to establish a new club website – www.bendigoflames.com.au



Epsom Community Church – improvements for the pre-school room!

BNDCE has provided funding of \$1,000 to allow the church to provide a usable space for children's program's running at the Epsom Community Church – Mainly Music, Sunday School and MOPS programs.

The grant was used to improve storage for children's toys and craft supplies, create a chalkboard wall and provide a fresh colourful décor for all to enjoy.



New Fence for White Hills Reserve Playground

Following the funding for the installation of the children's playground at the White Hills Recreation Reserve, BNDCE has provided additional funds of \$2,000 for a fence to surround the play area.

The new fence will provide a safer play environment for all families who use the reserve, including those families involved with the football netball club, cricket club, visiting teams and local residents.



Improved storage for Sandhurst Hockey Club

To further improve their storage facility, BNDCE was able to assist the Sandhurst Hockey club with funding of \$1,000 for shelving and storage containers.

This storage and containers has assisted to centrally store all equipment which has improved access to equipment for all teams as well as to better protect gear against damage.



Improvements at Goornong Swimming Pool great for young & old!

Goornong Community Swimming pool was the worthy recipient of a recent grant for \$288 to make improvements to its swimming facilities.

Their wish was to provide adequate seating for pool patrons and update swimming aid toys and equipment to encourage young and old to actively participate in swimming.

This project has made a large difference to the visitors experience at the Goornong Community Swimming pool!



Vision Australia – socialisation and recreation activities.

The Vision Australia Day Centre provides socialisation and recreation activities for people with low vision or blindness who are socially isolated. The funding of \$490 from BNDCE allowed the purchase of an Xbox Kinect and musical instruments which has encouraged the participation of clients. The friendly Xbox competition allows improved social interaction promoting movement and fun, giving clients a sense of purpose and enjoyment.

Vision Australia runs regular singalongs and the clients love being able to play the musical instruments.

May 2015

Safer play for Flames Junior Netballers

As a new club, the Bendigo Northern Flames Junior Netball Club applied for a grant to improve safety at their club training sessions at Epsom Reserve.

BNDCE was able to provide \$1,000 of funding for goal post padding to ensure juniors are better protected at training sessions.



Funds to keep Bagshot community active

Bagshot Badminton Club meet weekly for a social gathering and have a hit of badminton, an important aspect for their local community.

Funding of \$279.90 was provided by BNDCE to purchase additional badminton equipment, including racquets and shuttles.



Exciting Special Developmental School Sensory Garden Upgrade

The Special Developmental School (SDS) is a facility that services all students and their families in the Bendigo region.

Lord Somers applied for funding of \$1,000 to support their volunteer community program. The funding request was to complete a project to refresh and upgrade the sensory garden at SDS. The original garden had become tired and outdated.

Lord Somers volunteers provided the manpower to participate in a weekend blitz to construct and complete the sensory garden upgrade for the students. The works included some quiet areas, new plants, refreshed garden beds, paving and sensory mobiles. This allows the SDS students areas for quiet reflection and small group activities as well as enjoying the aesthetic values of being outside.



Defibrillator Grants – White Hills Primary School and Golden City Soccer Club

As part of the "Defib your club for Life program" the enterprise has now assisted 12 groups to purchase a Defibrillator. Each machine costs \$2,300 and the purchase includes face-to-face training on how to operate the machine. The machines are easy to use and actually talk you through the procedure via voice instruction.

The most recent recipients of the machines have been the White Hills Primary School and Golden City Soccer Club who will share the defibrillator with the other resident clubs North Bendigo Football Netball Club and Bendigo Cricket Club.



November 2015 Round of Community Investment Grants

The November 2015 successful community grant applicants were:

- Bendigo Obedience Dog Club - \$1,000 to assist with painting and maintenance of their clubrooms.
- Epsom Ascot Neighbourhood Watch - \$500.50 to print the Junior Watch Activity book.

2016 Community Investment Grants Program

The BNDCE offers a twice-yearly community grants program and encourages community groups to apply. The grants program will be open in 2016 as follows:

	Open	Close
Round 1	April 1	May 31
Round 2	October 1	November 30

- All grant applicants must contact a BNDCE committee member to discuss their grant application prior to submitting.
- Applications should be accompanied by 10 referrals.
- A representative of the group must attend the BNDCE monthly meeting to present the grant application / speak about the project or purchase.

Refer to the enterprise website at www.bndce.com.au for grant guidelines and application form.