

## Huntly Family Fun Day

In February 2018, BNDCE supported the local community in conjunction with the City Of Greater Bendigo to run the second Huntly Family Fun Day. 2018 saw a large increase in numbers attending the event hosted at Strauch Reserve.

The day included free activities for young children with BBQ food and drinks available. City of Greater Bendigo staff assisted with the running of the day along with a large number of local volunteers including the Huntly Lions Club (BBQ), Huntly Fire Brigade (Fire Truck & Activities), Fusion (free games), Chris Epworth MC/DJ, and more. A number of playgroup businesses were in attendance. Activities included: waterslide, face painting and animal farm.

A great day was had by all - the waterslide was a hit with the warm weather so remember to bring along a towel for future events. The free zooper doopers were also popular with all ages on the day. It was good to see families enjoying the shade provided as they lunched on the oval.

BNDCE attended on the day to promote the community enterprise handing out balloons, lollies and newsletters.

BNDCE have committed to assist in the funding for 2019 so this will become a regular event on the Bendigo Northern corridor calendar.



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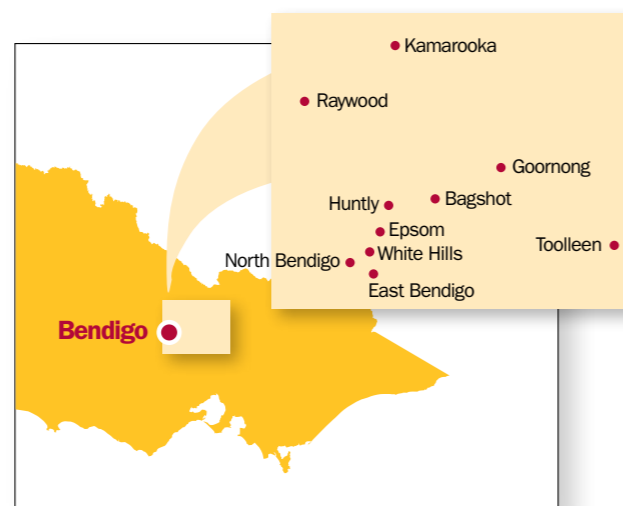
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## “Garden For The Future” Opening – Bendigo Botanic Garden Extension

BNDCE contributed \$20,000 to the Garden For The Future project, in conjunction with the City of Greater Bendigo. These funds were specifically for the BBQ facilities within the new gardens. Our contribution is to stage 1 of the project, with further stages proposed for the future.

BNDCE were pleased to be present at the Grand Opening on 22nd April 2018 meeting and greeting visitors to promote our local community enterprise. It was a well-attended event with over 2,000 people attending and enjoying the food trucks and garden amenities on the day. During the official opening BNDCE and the Friends of the Gardens were acknowledged for their contributions to the project.

Although in its infant stages the gardens will include hedges with viewing windows, many varieties of plants (national and international species), sculptures, intimate picnic seating, meeting areas and walking avenues.

Our historic Bendigo Botanic Gardens are a fantastic community asset that we can all be proud of, which will attract many locals and visitors from outside the region. BNDCE are proud to have played a small part in its most recent expansion.



Photo courtesy of Bill Conroy.



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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 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.

For more information on the grants program or to read about further grants stories visit the enterprise website at [www.bndce.com.au](http://www.bndce.com.au)

### November 2017

#### White Hills Primary School Energy Breakthrough Team

BNDCE has provided funding of \$1,000 to allow the students to compete in the energy breakthrough competitions. The team provided the committee with a visual presentation of the break through project and the components involved for all team members.



The program is about more than just the cars. Teams develop their own plans to source sponsorship, providing students with personal development opportunities. The team worked hard together to improve their efficiency and stamina to complete the challenge.

#### New Readers for Epsom Primary School

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise has provided \$2,830 to assist the school to purchase new readers for the junior school.

Readers within schools are a commodity that become worn out and tired. BNDCE were very pleased to assist the school community in replacing these important literacy tools.



#### Junior Cricket Club Apparel & Equipment

The Huntly North Epsom Junior Cricket club approached BNDCE for funding (\$2,500) to assist with the purchase of additional apparel and equipment.

BNDCE were able to support the club in purchasing the new coloured apparel. The increased number of junior participants also required the purchase of further equipment.



#### A new security system for Huntly Fire Brigade!

The Huntly Fire Brigade provides an important community service to our local area. Following the recent fire station build between Huntly and Epsom, BNDCE were advised they required a surveillance system to protect the facilities and equipment at the station.

\$3,000 was used to purchase a high definition surveillance system, which will help protect a valuable community asset.



#### Hot Water for Huntly Memorial Hall Committee!

BNDCE has provided funding of \$2,000 to allow the hall committee to install an instant electric hot water service to meet OH&S requirements.

The new hot water service has been installed in the kitchen to improve safety for those serving hot tea and coffee at functions in the hall.



#### St Clements Anglican Church Future Play Space

The St Clements Anglican Church approached BNDCE for funding (\$2,000) to assist with the construction of a boundary fence for a future play space.

The church community has a vision for a local playground within their church precinct. The fence will be to separate the play space from the footpath and enclose the imaginative play area.

#### Making friends through music at Vision Australia

Vision Australia provides an important community service to our local area. They provide a safe and supported meeting place for the vision impaired.

As part of their social networking program \$800 was provided to enable the purchase of drum circle equipment and training. This enables participation and enjoyment by clients while building their confidence.



### April 2018

#### Equipment for future stars!

The Bendigo Northern Flames Junior Netball club approached BNDCE for funding to assist with the purchase of additional team kits and match day balls.

The grant has enabled the club to purchase additional team kits due to the increased participation of players. Purchases also included match day balls for each club team.



#### A grand opening event at Epsom PS!

The Epsom Primary School community will soon celebrate the exciting completion of the brand new building facilities by hosting a grand opening event.



Students at the school are encouraged to be leaders in their community and BNDCE received an application from a grade 5 student outlining plans for a community opening event to showcase their new school.

BNDCE were pleased to provide \$1,150 to help fund this initiative and enable the community to share this new facility. The official community grand opening event will be held on Tuesday 30th October 2018.

#### Let the girls play – North Bendigo Women's Football

North Bendigo Football Netball Club – Friends of North Bendigo were the worthy recipient of a recent grant for \$2,000 to establish a women's football program.

The grant enabled women of various age groups to be provided with uniforms and equipment for season 2018. In the past these women have been playing with second hand gear so the new uniform will improve their image and confidence whilst assisting to increase female participation.

Since the inaugural women's competition commenced in country Victoria there are now more women's teams within the local Bendigo area.



### Joint Projects

BNDCE are proud to participate with the other 3 local community enterprises on joint Bendigo projects. In the last 12 months BNDCE has contributed to:

#### Supporting the Sun Loong 750 Campaign

The local Bendigo community enterprises made a donation to the project of \$20,000 towards the creation of a new Imperial Dragon, Dai Gum Loong (meaning "Big Gold Dragon"). This was a collaborative community investment to support the Bendigo Chinese Association. It is a great example of how the enterprises work together to support Bendigo.



To promote the new Dragon project, BNDCE ran a Primary School colouring competition with all the primary schools along the northern corridor. All schools participated, with students from all grades showing creative use of colour on their entries. The winning Primary School was Goornong, with 100% student participation. They received \$250 and a visit from the Chinese Association Lion Dancers.

#### Books for Babies

Bendigo Health approached the combined enterprises seeking support for the Books for Babies initiative. This program is to encourage new mothers to introduce literacy at an early age with young babies and toddlers.

Each mum will receive a package with literature about the importance of reading to children to develop early literacy. Also included in the package is a board book to share with their infant and talk about the pictures.

Research shows that early oral language is developed best by interaction between adults and children from birth. BNDCE is pleased to support this important message to all families with young children and encourage them to sing, play and read with their children.



#### Defibrillator Grants

BNDCE have now funded 17 lifesaving defibrillators in the Bendigo Northern corridor with the most recent recipients:

- **White Hills Community Swimming Pool / Friends of the Gardens** – defibrillator \$2,550
- **Huntly Primary School** defibrillator (part-funding) \$1,250



### 2018 Community Investment Grants

The grants program is open annually as follows:

	Open	Close
<b>Round 1</b>	January 1	28 February
<b>Round 2</b>	August 1	30 September

BNDCE strongly encourage your representative to contact one of the BNDCE committee to discuss their grant application. Applications will be more favourably considered where 10 or more referrals are included.

Refer to the enterprise website at [www.bndce.com.au](http://www.bndce.com.au) for full grant guidelines and application form.