

Huntly Family Fun Day 2019

In February 2019, BNDCE supported the local community in conjunction with the City Of Greater Bendigo to run the third annual Huntly Family Fun Day. The event was again 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 and DJ, Kiwanis men's group. Activities included: waterslide, face painting and animal farm.

A great day was had by all - the free zooper doopers were 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 has committed to assist with this event for 2020.



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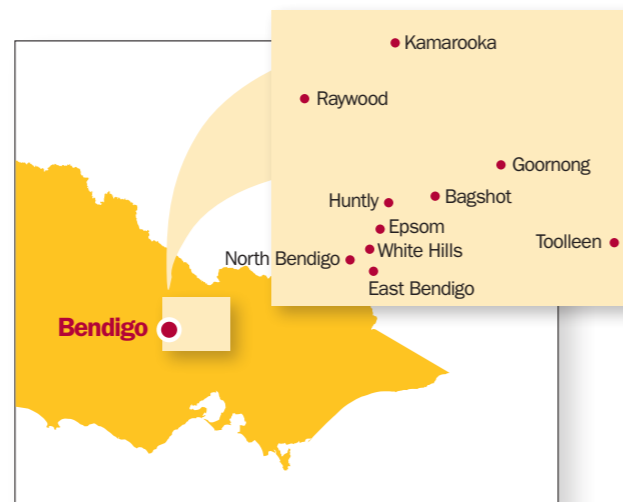
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“Promenade Seating” for Garden For The Future – Bendigo Botanic Garden

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise (BNDCE) contributed \$20,000 to the new Garden For The Future Promenade Seating project which was completed in July 2019. This is our second investment to the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, a wonderful community asset.

The promenade seating is approximately 133 metres of timber seating, equivalent to 66 park benches and curves along the walking path in the gardens. One seating curve follows the creek side path, whilst the other is on the roadside curve near the front entrance.

The seating is an environmentally friendly project, built from approximately 700 linear metres of reclaimed redgum from the trees that were removed from the Ravenswood Interchange project on the Calder Freeway.

The Promenade seating was a collaborative project, thanks to partnerships with: Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise, Friends of the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, City of Greater Bendigo and Regional Roads Victoria.

We invite the broader community to visit this wonderful asset, to view the development of the plants, wander the paths and take a rest on the amazing new seating.



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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

November 2018

Keeping things cool at White Hills Bowls Club



The White Hills Bowls club was successful in receiving \$2,000 of funding to purchase a new fridge for their club house.

Bowls is a great social sport and gathering place for community members young and old and the new fridge will support the club to continue to host social events and competition.

“Dream Play space now completed” at St Clements Church Huntly

St Clements Church Huntly approached BNDCE for a second round of funding to finalise its vision for an imaginative community play space. The church received \$2,000 to assist with a picnic table area within the play space.

The play space is not a traditional playground, but one where children can use their imagination. The play space includes a sandpit, car tyre mound and slide, picnic tables and log tractor to keep young ones amused. The church welcomes and encourages all families to utilise this play space.



Weeroona College Energy Breakthrough program



BNDCE was pleased to support the Weeroona College students and this program with a \$2,000 grant to refurbish their asphalt training track.

Students made a wonderful presentation to the BNDCE committee meeting and on the presentation night, showing the inclusive and leadership skills they are developing during this program.

This program is important within Weeroona College whereby many life skills are developed outside the mainstream curriculum – students are required to seek sponsorship from local businesses, work outside of school hours, discipline of training and teamwork and interaction across age levels.

Defibrillators

BNDCE has now funded over 20 lifesaving defibrillators within its area.

In November 2018 successful applicants for a defibrillator for their facility were:

- the Huntly Hall Committee (host to a number of local events and clubs who utilise the hall)
- the Bagshot Hall Committee/Bagshot Cricket Club (shared defib between users of the hall and adjacent cricket club)

In April 2019 successful applicants for a defibrillator were:

- the Bendigo Obedience Dog Club (who regularly host inter-regional events or events in remote areas)
- the Bendigo Steam & Oil Engine Preservation Group (based at the Bendigo Showgrounds with a significant number of senior members)

The defibrillator units are portable and easy to use as they provide voice prompts and come with professional training. BNDCE has been long supporters of the Defib for Life program and establishing these pieces of vital equipment throughout our community. It is expected where clubs co-tenant that the defibrillator will be shared by all user groups.



Major Grant for Shade Sail and Sandpit Cover at Epsom Primary School



Leadership students from Epsom Primary School presented their application to the BNDCE committee around their need for a shade sail and sandpit cover to make it SunSmart, safe, clean and more presentable for the school community.

This is a major installation, requiring footings and an overhead structure to complete the project.

The BNDCE committee was so impressed with the students' application for funding and their passion for their school – the school were successful for a major grant of \$10,000.

April 2019

A new computer for the Bendigo Squadron of the Australian Air League

The Air League Cadets gave BNDCE a demonstration of their skills while applying for a grant to assist them in promoting their club. The Air League is keen to develop a greater membership whereby cadets connect with the community, develop education, friendship and camaraderie amongst the youth within our community.



\$500 was granted to assist them to purchase a new computer and run a membership drive.

Electronic Safety Messaging Sign for the Huntly Fire Brigade

BNDCE is proud to support the Huntly Fire Brigade, one of our most important community services. BNDCE has provided a grant of \$3,000 to assist with the purchase and installation of an LED community safety messaging sign at the new Huntly Fire Brigade facility.

Messages could include Total Fire Ban, Fire Warnings, Annual Smoke Alarm reminders and educational messages. Residents of Huntly and surrounding areas will benefit from up-to-date reminders and alerts. The sign will be facing the Midland Highway, be easily readable while passing the fire station and will operate day and night.

Shelter for Bendigo Northern Flames Junior Netball Club

Flames players and families will benefit from the recent BNDCE investment of \$1,478 for the purchase of two shade marquees and banner for use on registration days, training, NetSetGo break-ups and selection days.



These marquees will replace the need for families to bring private shades for club events and will provide a SunSmart safe environment for participating families.

Joint Projects

BNDCE is 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



BNDCE was present at the launch of Bendigo's new Imperial Dragon, Dai Gum Loong in April 2019. The local Bendigo community enterprises made a collaborative donation to the project of \$20,000 towards the creation of the new Dai Gum Loong.

The enterprise is proud to support this important project which has brought to life a new chapter in Bendigo's long tradition of parading Golden Dragons.

In recognition of our support, BNDCE was presented with a framed replica dragon scale at the launch event at the Bendigo Airport.



Bendigo RSL Restoration & Museum project



BNDCE was proud to support the Bendigo RSL with their recent building restoration and museum project. Each of the local community enterprises contributed \$5,000 towards the project, totalling \$20,000.

The museum is a state-of-the-art facility with temperature-controlled rooms and storage allowing for international exhibitions. This allows our local facility to bring more visitors to Bendigo making the Central Goldfields region a popular destination.

Annual Small Community Investment Grants

The grants program is open annually as follows:

	Open	Close
Round 1	January 1	28 February
Round 2	August 1	30 September

BNDCE strongly encourages 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 for full grant guidelines and application form.