

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise

\$300,000+ Community Investment Milestone!

BNDCE is very excited to announce that it has now reached a significant milestone contributing in excess of \$300,000 to community projects and initiatives since its formation.

- \$104,200 contributed to 8 major projects
- \$138,565 (127 grants) distributed via the twice-yearly grants programs
- \$43,150 to purchase 21 Life Saving Defibrillators
- 6 Joint Community Enterprise projects totalling over \$14,000
- 27 other projects supported totalling \$12,059.

Huntly Family Fun Days – 2020 & 2021

In February 2020 and 2021 our BNDCE and City of Greater Bendigo supported local community groups, clubs and individuals to run the free Huntly Family Fun Day.

Some of the delights provided at no cost included an animal farm, firetruck, games, LEGO, face painting, dancing, bug catching, wooden animal construction, rock climbing and live music.

Displays by local groups and businesses that engage with pre-school children gave valuable information.

The BNDCE has committed to the ongoing financial support of this valuable annual event for the younger members of our community.



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 2019

Professional pitch preparation for Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club

Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club was successful in receiving funding of \$2,000 towards the purchase of a ride-on cricket pitch roller for their club.

Pitch maintenance is a very time-consuming task for club volunteers. This new ride-on roller allows for professional preparation of the pitch without the heavy physical labour that was required in the past.



More shady days for Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club Juniors

The junior cricket club had purchased club apparel and equipment for junior teams. The balance of the grant was used to purchase a new SunSmart shade marquee to protect juniors on game days. The total funds granted was \$2,500.



School Student Awards

BNDCE is pleased to support student awards at a number of schools in the northern corridor. It is a fabulous opportunity to recognise the academic achievements and good citizenship of our local students. BNDCE is keen to nurture and encourage the development of young people into valuable community members.

In 2019, BNDCE supported:

Weeroona College Bendigo Student Awards - \$200

Epsom Primary School Student Awards - \$200

Huntly Primary School Student Awards - \$200



February 2020

Bendigo Bricks mobile and attending events

BNDCE is proud to support Bendigo Bricks club to become a mobile service at community events.

The club was successful in receiving a \$2,000 grant to purchase a shade marquee, LEGO bricks, tables and tubs that would allow them attend community events and share their passion and expertise for LEGO construction.

The Bendigo Brick club supported the Huntly Family Fun Day in 2020, with a hands-on LEGO construction stand on the day for young children to participate. This will be the type of community event they can now confidently attend.



Replacement of old for new at White Hills Bowls Club

White Hills Bowls club will benefit from the recent BNDCE investment of \$2,000 for the purchase of new club crockery and cutlery for use at club events.

The club can use this new kitchenware for club events and when hiring out their facilities.



November 2020

New HPV apparel for Epsom Primary School

The Epsom Primary School is preparing to begin full human powered vehicle (HPV) racing in 2021, competing in 3 events. The school has a second-hand vehicle and will use the \$2,000 grant to purchase footwear, team uniforms and equipment to participate in the 2021 events.

The HPV project is aimed at developing the students design, collaboration, health, fitness and community engagement skills.



Weeroona College Bendigo Student Awards - \$200

Due to COVID, the 2020 Weeroona College Bendigo presentation night was hosted as an online event. BNDCE were pleased to continue our support of these student awards.

Joint Projects

Bendigo Health Books for Babies program

This is the second time BNDCE has supported the Bendigo Health Books for Babies initiative, contributing \$3,000 to the overall total.

This program is to encourage new mothers to introduce literacy at an early age with young babies and toddlers and includes a board book. Each mum will receive a package with literature about the importance of reading to children to develop early literacy.

Research shows that early oral language is developed best by interaction between adults and children from birth. This program encourages them to sing, play and read together.

Annual Small Community Investment Grants

	Open	Close
Round 1	1 January	28 February
Round 2	1 August	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 for full grant guidelines and application form.

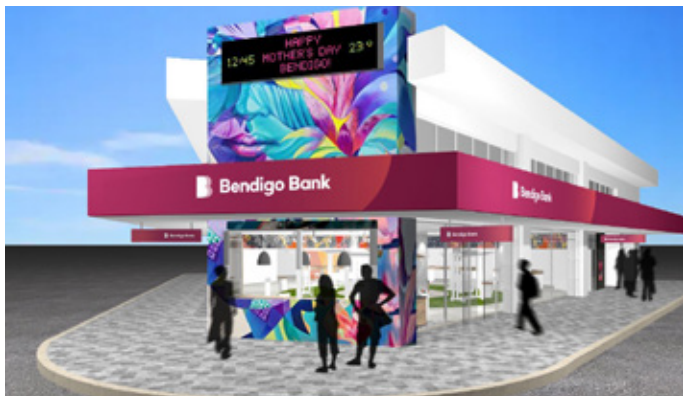
A new home for BNDCE

Following the closure of the White Hills branch, our community enterprise has a new home and partnership with the team at the newly refurbished Bendigo Bank branch in Mitchell Street, Bendigo.

We encourage you to contact the branch to speak with any of the friendly staff regarding your personal or business banking needs.

As well as a fresh new look and design, the new Mitchell Street branch also features:

- A free retail pop-up space in which local businesses and creatives can showcase their work, in a high exposure retail setting, for a two-week period;
- An art gallery space - fronting onto Mitchell Street - where local artists can exhibit and sell their artwork for free;
- A community event space available for hire for meetings, workshops and small events, when COVID safe to do so;
- Three vibrant murals painted by local artists Nacho Station (Reece Hendy), Troy Firebrace and renowned mural and street artist, George Rose and;
- An Instagram page @bendigobankbendigo to showcase the space and the activities within.



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