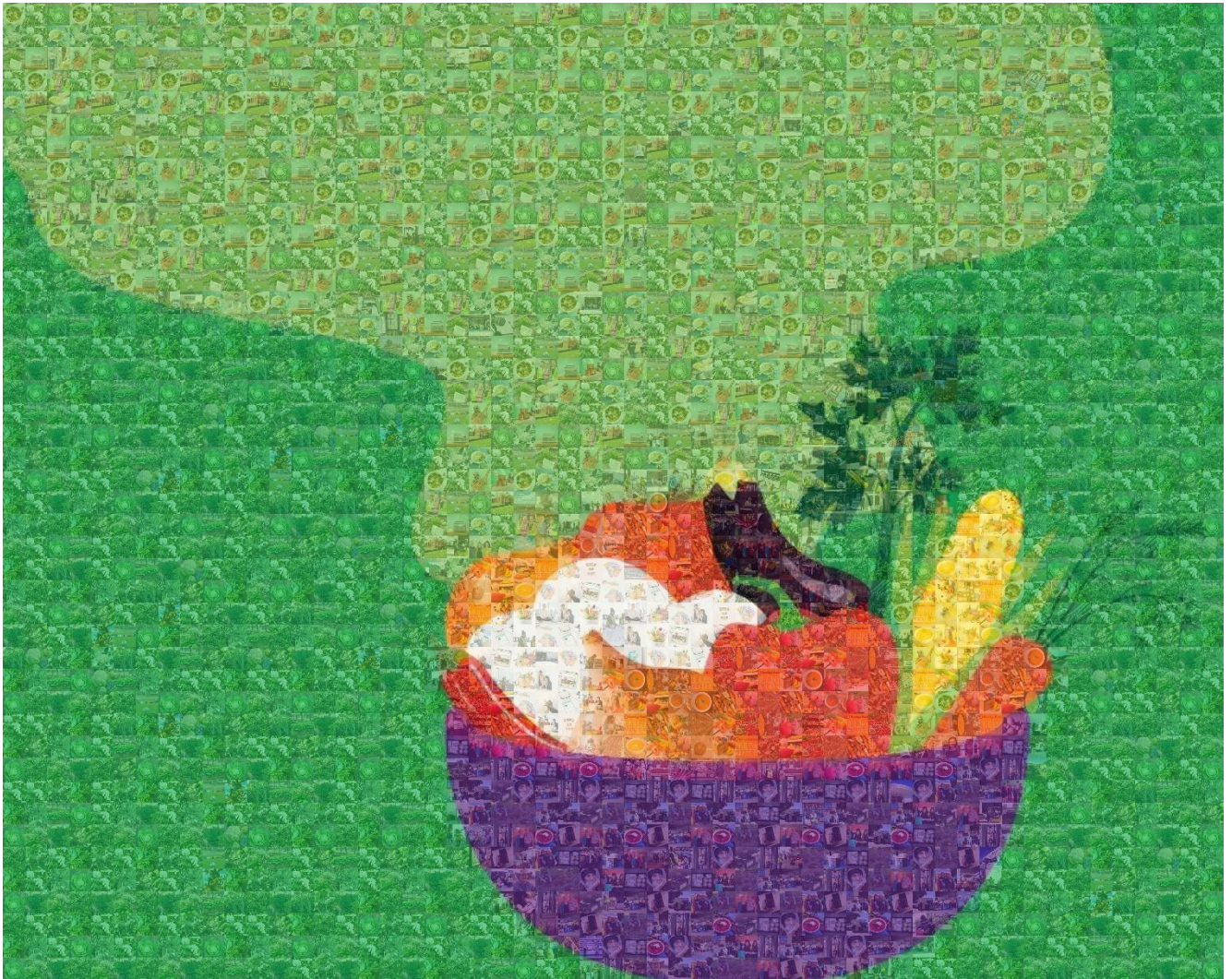


Annual Report

2020/2021



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Chairperson's Report

What a rollercoaster this year has been!

With lockdowns still impacting, Bendigo Foodshare is needed more than ever to support Central Victorians who are doing it tough.

There are so many people to thank for helping Bendigo Foodshare keep our wheels on the road and our warehouse fridges and freezers cold. The volunteers who collect, sort food and distribute food every day, those who fundraise for us and those who work in the office. Our Board, our staff, our donors, our schools, Emergency Relief Agencies and our community are all essential parts of our food community.

It has been a tough year in other ways as well. Our warehouse has run out of space for staff, volunteers and food. We urgently need a new home, and this is the focus on our Mission Possible \$1.8M fundraising effort. We are nearly there, with \$1.6M already raised in just 6 months! A big thanks to the Hazeldene family, Kirkland Lake Gold, the Victorian State Government, the City of Greater Bendigo, the Yulgilbar Foundation, and the many, many people who have donated towards this cause. With your help we will have a home for as long as our community needs our services.

A big thank you, elbow bumps and virtual hugs (all COVID safe of course!)

Cathie Steele - Chair, Bendigo Foodshare

Manager's Report

As the pandemic continues to impact us, our community has remained strong, demonstrating the power, resilience, and creativity of a united community.

In doing so, we have been able to ensure the essential service of food relief to Central Victoria throughout these challenging times.

Working with 18 supermarkets, we make 114 food rescue collections 7-days a week. Around 40 schools use our food to provide breakfast and lunch programs, family hampers and cooking classes, providing healthy food to improve their concentration and learning. In the broader community, our food is used by 50 organisations, including those engaging disadvantaged youth, providing emergency food relief, assisting people who are in financial strife or who are running community cooking clubs and meals. We are supported by around 83 local businesses for fundraising and 33 businesses for food donations. None of this is possible without our amazing team of 200 volunteers. They are the beating heart and lifeblood of our service. Ranging in age from 16 to 88 years and coming from all walks of life, they help us in our warehouse, drive vans, grow food and fundraise. Finally, our small team of employed staff punch well above our weight for impact.

This incredible community achievement has been recognized; being awarded as a Finalist of the Be.Bendigo Awards, the State winner and National Finalist of the 2020 Resilient Australia Awards, and a 2020 Finalist of the Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award. Most significantly though, this year we have been recognised by the State Government as one of five Regional Food Hubs and our Chair, Cathie Steele, now sits on the State Food Relief Taskforce, ensuring that the voice of Regional Victoria is heard.

We have done this because we believe that everyone in our community should have food on the table every day. Food is essential to live, work, learn and play well. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Bridget Bentley - Manager, Bendigo Foodshare

Year in Review

114 per week

Supermarket Collections



823,183 kgs

Food Sourced



\$6.21 Million

Food Value



215

Volunteers



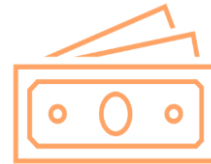
29,986

Volunteers Hours



\$1.29 Million

Volunteer Value



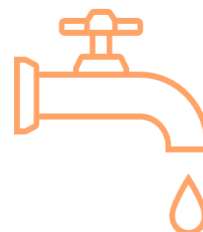
116 Million Litres

Water Saved



1,739 tonnes CO² eq

Greenhouse Gases Saved



Projects

Grow a Row, Pick a Branch

Grow a Row, Pick a Branch is a grassroots community program, aiming to engage more people in growing their own food and sharing their produce with Bendigo Foodshare. Now in its third year, the program has been given a huge boost through funding from UFS Pharmacies. This partnership enables us to support a dedicated resource, increases our potential for reaching more gardeners, and will ultimately lead to an increase in the amount of fresh healthy homegrown produce donated to Bendigo Foodshare. Over the past year, the project has contributed to an impressive 7,860kg of donated produce.

Through this program, we have launched campaigns that encourage and support gardeners to grow veggies supplied by us and to share their harvest with us; such as 100 garlic cloves and 190kg of potatoes. More than 15 schools, along with many backyard and community gardens, and local businesses have participated in the program.

A donation of 50kg of quinces led to an innovative partnership with Bendigo Community Fruit and local preserve specialist, Vintage Kitchen Preserves. Together, they made quince paste, syrup and jelly to sell at the local Community Farmers Market and donated the money raised to Bendigo Foodshare.

Apple gleanings once again occurred during apple harvest season, thanks to the generous support of Thomson's Orchards in Harcourt, yielding a whopping 3,400kg of delicious apples!

Golden Gums

Bendigo Foodshare has an amazing partnership with Golden Gums Farm, a local family owned and operated market garden in Strathfieldsaye. Once a week, a small team of Bendigo Foodshare volunteers go out to the farm to learn new skills, get active and help the small business complete daily farm tasks, such as planting, harvesting and maintaining the rows of produce. In return Golden Gums Farm has dedicated a few rows of their space to grow produce directly for Bendigo Foodshare and share any excess that they have after selling to local restaurants and customers via weekly food boxes.



YouFoods

YouFoods, supported by VicHealth, the City of Greater Bendigo and StreetSmart Australia, creates engaging and relatable food-focussed initiatives for young people to reduce food insecurity, break barriers, grow knowledge and skills, and uphold dignity. With a focus on healthy eating, growing, cooking, sharing and reducing food waste, our programs are educational and build skills and confidence in young people.

This project was informed by first of-a-kind local research conducted in 2020, which asked local young people about their experience with food poverty. The results revealed that 71% had experienced a level of food insecurity in the preceding two years, yet only 12% had sought support from a food bank or charity. Participants also gave their 'big idea' to solve the problem.

We have developed a number of innovative approaches to reach young people, respond to their needs, and improve this area of their lives:

- Our School Cooking Program; a health focused, skill development program which links to the Victorian curriculum, providing social connection and a balanced meal to each participant - with meals also going to support local food relief efforts.
- School and youth services education, engagement and partnerships; to increase connection with the local food system, build awareness about food security, help simplify access to food and develop strategies to create resilience amongst this demographic.
- Youth volunteering opportunities; to help young people gain on-the-job work experience to develop a social CV to assist in future employment.
- Youth Cooking Club at Eaglehawk Community House; teaching basic cooking skills and recipes that can be used at home.
- Engaging videos and communications to raise awareness of Bendigo Foodshare to young people.

YouFoods puts young people and their voices at the centre of the solution. We are confident this program is making a difference within the local food system and to the lives of the young people we are supporting.

Thank you to the many young people, organisations, schools, teachers and funders who have supported YouFoods across 2020/2021 - we are looking forward to continuing to grow this program!



Community Food Drive

Our Community Food Drive has become an important feature of our yearly calendar, providing us with hard to source staple food items twice a year; in June and November.

Our community rallied during this tough year, with large yellow donation bins (on loan from the Council) in every Coles, Woolworths, most IGA stores and Bunnings Epsom. Bendigo Toyota showed great support running their own food drive and donation drive-throughs, and 'filling the Toyota Hilux' at local supermarkets. This support resulted in 4,170kgs of food being donated!

Christmas Food Pantry

The summer holidays, including Christmas and New Year, is traditionally a lean time for low-income families as charities and food relief services take a well-earned break and schools close.

In December, Bendigo Foodshare once again ran our mobile food pantry to help families struggling put food on the table over Christmas and the New Year, by giving out free groceries at four sites across the city. The mobile pantry was supported and staffed by volunteers from local services groups and not-for-profit organisations, including: The Y Service Club of Bendigo, Bendigo Lions Club, Eaglehawk Community House, Uniting Care Kangaroo Flat, Uniting Care Bendigo, Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst, Rotary Club of Bendigo South and The Salvation Army Bendigo. To all of those who helped this important initiative, thank you!



Cafes for COVID

In the early stage of the pandemic, we reacted quickly to support our community by developing the Cafes for Covid program. This program began with the National Hotel who, like other hospitality venues, had idle staff and empty kitchens. They were looking for a way to help that would utilise their skills and provide their staff with a positive activity to lift spirits. Meanwhile, Annie North, a local women's refuge, was concerned about how to keep their women and children safe as support services shut down.

So together we rallied to support these women and their children. Bendigo Foodshare provided fresh food to the pub who cooked up meals. Each night, Annie North staff would come to the pub to collect hot meals for these families, along with other staples like bread and apples freshly picked from a Harcourt orchard.

From this, our Cafes for COVID program was born and has gone on to support over 30 local businesses and social enterprises during financially tough times to make over 12,500 meals for food relief. These meals offer the recipient more than just a meal. They are labelled by the local business and are restaurant quality meals, providing dignity and showing the person receiving the meal that the community cares.

Thank you to our community who funded this program to get it up and running, and to StreetSmart Australia who have continued to support it through their SmartMeals funding.



Bendigo Community Food Pantry

Bendigo Foodshare has developed the Bendigo Community Food Pantry (BCFP), an online ordering system for short term food relief. When local COVID restrictions/outbreaks occurred, the BCFP was quickly adapted to meet the needs for crisis food relief seven days a week.

In the first six weeks, the BCFP assisted 315 people with food, 254 of whom self-identified as being of CALD background. The food was free, easy to order, and quickly delivered by volunteers so that people isolating due to COVID19 or just simply doing it tough did not have to go out in their community to shop or to go without food.

So far, the BCFP has received over 1,200 orders. From these orders, we estimate to have supported over 5,500 people in the form of over 14,800 hampers and meals.

We are currently developing the Community Food Pantry (CFP) Software to extend the capability of the current system. The CFP Software will enable multiple agencies to coordinate the food relief services more efficiently.

Mission Possible

Bendigo Foodshare has been in 'critical need' for a new home and appealed to the community for help so more than 12,000 people across central Victoria can be supported with food relief each week.

This need has driven us to embark on our biggest ever fundraiser - our Mission Possible campaign to raise \$1.8m for our new home and community food hub. This campaign has already reached \$1.6m through the support of big business (such as Hazeldenes and Kirkland Lake Gold), Government (State and Local), philanthropists (such as The Yulgilbar Foundation, The Funding Network and The Brockoff Foundation) and small community donations, plus many in-kind and pro-bono donations. A special mention must go to Y2 Architects for their incredible commitment to this project. This is a truly owned and loved community project and we look forward to its completion.

Community support for our fundraising efforts have been so appreciated, with our campaigns being created in response to COVID and focused on win-wins for our community. We have encouraged people to support their local hospitality venues doing it tough while also supporting Bendigo Foodshare with two campaigns; Bendigo's Biggest Takeaway had 41 businesses participate and raised \$14,000 while Hungry for Change Appeal had 25 businesses participate and raised \$8,114.



Stories from our Community

Pyramid Hill

85km up the road from our shed in Bendigo is the rural township of Pyramid Hill, with a population of 558 and a huge community spirit.

Once a month, our van hits the road to visit the community, delivering items to help the St Patrick's Catholic Church parish and the United Filipino Organisation run the Pyramid Hill Community Foodshare program. When our van arrives, volunteers unpack and display the items, as people are invited to take what they need. Later that night, volunteers home deliver food packs to those who cannot travel.

This food relief program first began in 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. Coordinator of the program, St Patrick's Pyramid Hill's parish priest Fr Novilito Lim, said was a huge help.

"We were in lockdown and our community needed food more often due to the loss of jobs. It was hard to get fresh fruit and vegetables, so having food come from Bendigo Foodshare was important. Our town is isolated, so we don't usually get the help that bigger towns get. Now we have the Bendigo Foodshare van coming, we can get that help."

He said the policy of their food relief program is simple.

"We tell people this food is for everyone. Many people think that the people in our community, such as farmers, are rich - but that's not always the case. We can sense the need in the community and know the whole community values this program."

Congratulations and thank you to the whole Pyramid Hill community who unite to support this program, ensuring no one misses out.



Kyneton Caring Community Inc.

A delivery that makes us smile each week is traveling down to the beautiful Macedon Ranges to see Kyneton Caring Community Inc. - people with big hearts, there to help anyone who needs it.

Founded in 2014, the organisation provides a free food bank program through a social supermarket that supports 1,800 people per month. They operate on a credit system, allowing people to choose food based on their needs. Operations Manager, Kerryn Wildenburg, likens it to a good old fashioned corner store.

"I have people coming in saying that they wouldn't be able to feed their kids if it wasn't for us. People that use our service are so grateful. Life happens and we need to make sure that we're available to anyone who is in need."

Before the pandemic, Bendigo Foodshare visited once a fortnight or monthly, but thanks to the purchase of our third van funded by Feed Melbourne, we can now deliver essential food to Kyneton every week.

Kerryn says that this has been a game changer for them and has helped meet the increase in demand seen through the pandemic.

"It means we can now get fridge and freezer stock, which we weren't able to get before. Otherwise, I'd have to travel to Melbourne to collect such food."

Receiving food from Bendigo Foodshare is vitally important for Kerryn's community, especially for families and elderly residents.

"When they receive our food we know they are regularly eating, because for some people we support, it's a choice between turning the heater on in winter or eating."

Sixty volunteers support Kyneton Caring Community's work and Kerryn says they are like family.

"Our volunteers love it. They feel like they are part of the community. They know they are part of something good. We're like one big family, including the clients. We want them to feel welcome, because at the end of the day we need to all look after one another."

A huge congratulations and thank you to the whole team in Kyneton Caring Community for ensuring locals have access to food and community.



Our Volunteers

Our volunteers come from all walks of life; they range in age from 16 to 80; some give two hours a month while others work multiple days a week; they have different life experiences and professional backgrounds; but they are all dedicated to making Central Victoria a better place to live. Introducing a few of our wonderful volunteers:

Nan and Alister

After 32 years of working on their farm in Goornong, Alister and Nanette joined our volunteer team early last year, in their first months of retirement, and following a volunteering session with the Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre.

Their volunteering day typically involves a road-trip to deliver to our agencies in rural parts of Central Victoria, sometimes as far as Beaufort.

For Alister and Nan, volunteering at Bendigo Foodshare has allowed them to give back to help ensure no-one is left food insecure.

"What we enjoy most about volunteering is knowing that by helping, we are providing food relief to families, people that are otherwise going hungry and ensuring that food isn't wasted."



Christine

A nurse for 40-years, Christine joined our volunteer team back in 2019, looking for something new to do in her retirement. At first she was part of our fruit and vegetable sort crew, but she has since joined the small team out at Golden Gums farm.

There, Christine and the team assist farm owners Jess and Jeremy to mulch, weed and harvest - including the row that comes straight to Bendigo Foodshare.

Christine believes the work of Bendigo Foodshare is important to the community.

"There are people in our community who need our help. This is just one little thing I can do."



Ronnie

It was a desire for a change of pace that brought Ronnie and his family from the big smoke to Bendigo in 2018, following a 40 year career in advertising, marketing and graphic design, with some of Australia's biggest brands.

Having connections to the local Indonesian community, Ronnie first walked into our shed to support their access to food relief through our COVID-19 response efforts. He admits, at the time, he didn't know much about what we did.

Quickly, Ronnie has become an integral part of the team - supporting the evolution of our brand, logo and graphic designs for fundraising campaigns and preparing for our move to a new warehouse.

"I have taken on this challenge just like I would any other job of a large corporate company. I see my role as using communications to ensure we create a resilient local food system that is accessible to all."



Kevin

Kevin joined our team about twelve-months ago, after retiring from 40-years in the construction industry.

Starting as a driver assistant in our van, Kevin now takes the wheel on a Friday and delivers food packs and milk to primary schools and churches.

"I got involved to ensure everyone can access food, as well as to enjoy time with other volunteers during my retirement."



Our Partners

Working together to feed Central Victoria

To make sure people across the region can access food when they need it most, we work with more than 90 not-for-profit groups that distribute the food on our behalf, including charities, community groups, service clubs, schools and early learning centres.

Access Australia Group	Elmore Progress Association	Maryborough Community House
Anglicare Victoria	Eppalock Primary School	Maryborough Education Centre
Annie North Inc	Foodcare 3556	Matchworks Bendigo
Atisha Centre	Girgarre Community Group	Mind Australia Bendigo
Australia Help Ltd	Goodstart Early Learning Centre Bendigo	North Bendigo Preschool
Avoca Community Food Pantry	Goodstart Early Learning Centre Flora Hill	Pyramid Hill College
Beaufort Food Pantry	Goodstart Early Learning Centre Golden Square	Pyrenees Community Food Pantry Beaufort
Bendigo & District Aboriginal Cooperative	Goodstart Early Learning Centre - Kangaroo Flat	Quarry Hill Primary School
Bendigo Baptist Community Care Inc	Goodstart Early Learning Centre Strathfieldsaye	Rochester Community House
Bendigo Australia Indonesia Klub Inc	Havilah Road Preschool	Rushworth P-12 College
Bendigo Family and Financial Services	Heathcote Food Share	Saltworks
Bendigo Primary School	Helm Street Preschool	Specimen Hill Primary School
Bendigo Senior Secondary College	Helping Hands Mission Inglewood	St Francis of the Fields Primary School
Bendigo South East College	Holy Rosary Primary School Heathcote	St Kilian's Primary School
Bendigo Student Association	Holy Rosary Primary School White Hills	St Liborius Primary School
Bendigo TAFE	Huntly Primary School	St Matthews Church Long Gully
Boort District School	Impact Recovery	St Peters Primary School
California Gully Primary School	Inglewood Community Kitchen	St Vincent De Paul Bendigo Assistance Centre
Campbells Creek Primary School	Kangaroo Flat Community Group	St Vincent De Paul Castlemaine
Castlemaine Church of Christ	Kingdom Generation Ministries	St Vincent De Paul Kangaroo Flat
Castlemaine Secondary College	Kyabram Community and Learning Centre	The Salvation Army Bendigo
Connect Church Bendigo	Kangaroo Flat Primary School	The Salvation Army Maryborough
Crossenvale Community House	Kyneton Caring Community	The Salvation Army Rural Outreach
Crusoe College	Lightning Reef Primary School	Uniting Bendigo
Eaglehawk Community House	Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Centre	Uniting Kangaroo Flat
Eaglehawk Primary School	Marist College Bendigo	Vahland Community Care Units
Eaglehawk Secondary College	Long Gully Peoples Pantry	Bendigo Health
Eaglehawk Uniting Food and Care		Victorian Blue Light Youth Camp
East Loddon P-12 College		Victory Church
Echuca Community Church Relief Centre		Water 2 All
		Wedderburn Community House
		Weeroona College Bendigo

Our Supporters

Thank you for your generosity

Bendigo Foodshare works with businesses, philanthropic donors, food manufacturers and retailers, charity partners and volunteers to address food poverty and waste in Central Victoria. Our supporters contribute more than money. Their advocacy, volunteerism and in-kind support help us collect more surplus food, expand our services, and assist the growing number of Central Victorians struggling with food insecurity.

ABC Central Vic Radio and TV	Bendigo Weekly	Cookie Crumbs
Aldi Eaglehawk	Bendigo Wholefoods	Country Cakes
Aldi Epsom	Bendigo Wholesalers	Crooked Kitchen
Aldi Kangaroo Flat	Bendigo Y Service Club Women	D'Arcys Bakery
Aldi Strathdale	Borchelli Ristorante	David Cherry and Associates
Anglican Parish of Bendigo North	Borough Coffee Crema	Department of Social Services
Apco	Braidie's Tavern	Diamonds and Spurs
Australian Department of Social Services	Brewhouse Cafe and Coffee Roasters	Eaglefoods
Awaken Coffee	Bridgewater Bakehouse Bendigo	Eaglehawk Y Service Club Women
Balgownie Estate Winery	Broadspring Consulting	Eagle Pizzas
Bank of Melbourne	Brougham Arms	Echuca Community Church Relief Centre
Bart n Print	Bruce's Kitchen	Edwards Providore
Basement On View	Bush's Produce Store	El Gordo Bendigo
Bath Lane Cafe	Café Essence	Elmore Kindergarten
Beck Legal	Café Mend It	Emily Roberts Amcal Pharmacy
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Calmo Farm Pty Ltd	ESE Consulting
Bendigo Advertiser	Cantina Bendigo	Estate of Peter Ryall
Bendigo Community Fruit	Castlemaine Fresh	Fairbrother Victoria
Bendigo Community Health Services	Catherine McAuley College	Fareshare
Bendigo Corner Store Cafe	Central Vic Meats	Fig Café
Bendigo Dumpling House	Collier Charitable Fund	Foodbank Victoria
Bendigo Ladies Probus Club	Central Victorian American Motorcycle Club	Foundry Hotel Complex
Bendigo Organics	Central Victorian Cardiology Bendigo	Frank Montagnese Foundation
Bendigo Osteo	Centrelink Bendigo	Geoffrey Thompsons Orchards
Bendigo Party Hire	Champions IGA	George's Bakehouse Kennington
Bendigo Pottery Café	City of Greater Bendigo	George's Ready to Eat
Bendigo Regional Food Alliance	Clogs Pizza Restaurant	Get Naked Espresso Bar
Bendigo Sandhurst Rotary Club	Coffee Business	Channel 9
Bendigo Senior Secondary College	Coles Supermarket Bendigo	Girton Grammar
Bendigo Stadium	Coles Supermarket Kangaroo Flat	Golden Square Bakery
Bendigo Sustainability Group	Coles Supermarket Mclvor Rd	Golden Square Kindergarten
Bendigo Tafe	Colliers Charitable Trust	Golden Gums Farm
Bendigo Telco	Coliban Water	GoldFM
Bendigo Toyota	Community 1 st IGA	GPO Bendigo
Bendigo UFS Pharmacies		Green Goes the Grocer
		Grill'd Bendigo

Hazeldene's Chicken Farm	MLC Advice Bendigo	The Brockoff Foundation
Harcourt Coolstores	Moira Mac's	The Bendigo Cleaning Company
Hoogah	Mount Alexander Funerals	The Co-Australia
Hustle Coffee	Nando's Bendigo	The Coffee Bean Café and Deli
IGA Castlemaine	National Hotel Complex	The Dispensary
Indulge Fine Belgian Chocolates	Natures Cargo	The Epicurean Delicatessen
ISPT	North Kitchen	The Foundry Hotel Complex
JL King and Co	Oishii on Wheels	The Funding Network
Jojoes Pizza Bar and Restaurant	O'Rourke's Prestige	The Get Naked Café
Josh's Rainbow Eggs	Officeworks	The Good Loaf Sourdough Bakery and Café
Kalianna School	Old Green Bean	The Good Will Collective
Kangaroo Flat Y Service Club Women	Oz Harvest	The Green Olive
Kean's Eggs	Parmalat	The Little Red Apple
Kennington Ladies Social Tennis Club	Peachy	The Loaded Plate Cafe
Kirkland Lake Gold	Peppergreen Farm	The Taste Kitchen Castlemaine
Kovo Gifts Eaglehawk	Percy and Percy	The Woodhouse Restaurant
Kovo Gifts Golden Square	Pet Carers	Thomas and Chong TerryWhite Chemmart
Lake View Hotel Bendigo	Philip J Eddy and Partners	Thriving Together
Lansell Plaza	Pogo Espresso	Togs Castlemaine
Lansell Y's Menettes	Portland House Foundation	Triple M
Laucke Flour Mills	Pumpkins From the Patch	True Foods
Let's Get Saucy	Pyramid Hill Lions Club	Tyson's Reef Hotel
Lifeline	Quarry Hill Cafe and Larder	Ulumbarra Café
Lioness Club of Golden City	Queens Arms Hotel	Vanstan's Pharmacy Bendigo
Loddon Mallee Waste Resource Recovery Group	Refresh Day Spa	Viatek
Love a Latte Caffé	Regional Development Victoria	Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet
Luchianos Pizza	Reservoir Hotel	VIC State Government
Lyttleton Terrace Takeaway	Rising Sun Hotel	Victory College
MAC and MAC	Robert Masters and Associates	Vic Health
Macdonald's Nursery	Rotary Club of Bendigo South	Vision Australia
Mad Cow Café	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk	VMG Accounting
Magistrates Court Victoria	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat	Weeroona Uniting Church Bendigo
Maiden Gully Café	Run Rabbit Run	Whitehorse Hotel
Mali Thai	Saffs Cafe	Wholefoods Kitchen
Manchester Arms	Sangria Spanish Tapas Bar	Williams Smith Farming
Marist College	Say Cheese Pizza	Williamson Street Café
Marong Family Hotel	Southern Cross Austereo	WINTV
Masons of Bendigo	Schnitz	Woolworths Epsom
Matchworks Bendigo	SecondBite	Woolworths Golden Square
Max Bakery Café	Shepparton FoodShare	Woolworths Kennington
Maxi Foods IGA Castlemaine	Signarama	Woolworths Lansell Square
Mexican Kitchen	Simplot	Woolworths Market Place
Peoples Pantry	Southern Grampians Adult Education	Y2 Architects
Strath Hill Butcher	Specialized Breeders Australia	Yulgilbar Foundation
Strathdale Pharmacy	St Francis of the Fields Primary School	Y Service Club of Bendigo
Suez	StreetSmart Australia	Yo Bendigo
Synergize Hub	The Angel Fund	Zonta Bendigo
Switched	The Anxious Goat	
Mister Grimsby Coffee	Tatura Milk	

Our Team

Bridget Bentley

Manager

Bridget's passion for food security and her care for community inspire and drive her to create innovative grassroots community initiatives and stakeholder partnerships that are action focused, empowering and engaging to benefit the community and to meet Bendigo Foodshare's objectives and values.



Annie Constable

Warehouse Coordinator

Annie was a contract bookkeeper before commencing at Bendigo Foodshare, with 25 years of experience gathered across a diverse range of fields, including accounting, allied health, beauty, and construction. Looking to reengage with the community after a break from work, she began volunteering.

Bendigo Foodshare has given her a purpose and an opportunity to contribute back to the community, first as a volunteer and now, as our warehouse coordinator. This role has provided her with some of the most stimulating challenges of her working life and has been her most rewarding endeavour so far.



Jessica Elsley

Marketing, Communications & Fundraising Specialist

Jess joined the team in March 2021 to manage Bendigo Foodshare's fundraising and marketing efforts.

With a background in the media and marketing landscape, and having run Give Me 5 for Kids for a number of years, Jess was excited to further develop her skills with Bendigo Foodshare. She has been running the Mission Possible campaign to help Bendigo Foodshare find a new home and is excited to see this project succeed.

Jess has a passion for helping others so when the opportunity arose to be part of the team, she simply had to take it!



Amy Sattler

Community Services Coordinator

Amy recently joined the team as our Community Services Coordinator. She has come from McAuley Community Services for Women in Footscray, which is an organisation supporting women and children who have experienced family violence and/or homelessness. Here she developed and ran their Food for Life program, which grew and fostered skills in growing and cooking food for the women and children in the service.

Amy has joined us to lead our community-based projects, including YouFoods, Grow a Row and Cafes for Covid. She will help us to develop our new enterprises within our new community food hub, including the social supermarket, café, kitchen and food garden.



Sam Kane

Project Officer - YouFoods

In January 2019 Sam joined the Bendigo Foodshare team as the organisation's Youth Ambassador, and has since become our Project Officer of YouFoods.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Arts, is a former City of Greater Bendigo Young Citizen of the Year and holds several community advisory positions.

Sam is passionate about Bendigo Foodshare's work in fighting food poverty, and making sure everyone, especially young people, has access to fresh, healthy food. Sam believes in the power of everyday people coming together to make a positive difference in our world.



Nicole Porter

Grow a Row, Pick a Branch Coordinator

Nicole coordinates our Grow a Row, Pick a Branch project. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Applied Science, a Bachelor of Photography a Diploma in Sustainability, and a Certificate in Workplace Training and assessment, putting her in the perfect position to inspire and teach others to grow their own food.

Outside of Bendigo Foodshare, Nicole has been working for both the North Central Catchment Management Authority and the Environment Protection Authority, while also running Bendigo Community Fruit.



Our Board

Cathie Steele, Chair

BScApp (Physio), MSc, MBus

Cathie has more than 30 years of experience in the health sector, clinical service, and management.

She has been a Clinical Associate Professor with Melbourne and Monash Universities and has served on a variety of boards in the health and research sectors.

Cathie also led the successful establishment of the Australian Centre for Health Innovation at Alfred Health in Melbourne



Michael Armstrong, Vice Chair

Michael joined the Bendigo Foodshare board three years ago following retirement after the sale of his business. His business experience spans 35 years that includes manufacturing, national distribution, and logistics.

Michael has lived his entire life in Bendigo. He is proud to be a board member of Bendigo Foodshare and the support service it gives to the Bendigo and surrounding community.



Peter Goffin, Secretary

LLB, B Com. FGIA

Peter is an experienced General Counsel and Company Secretary with a strong focus on corporate governance. He is currently employed by Australian Medical Association (Victoria) and in his recent career, has held positions with World Vision Australia and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

He has worked overseas previously as a volunteer with Australian Volunteers International in Fiji and Tonga and is currently undertaking a remote assignment with Fiji Cancer Society.

Peter has lived in Bendigo since 1996. He is an experienced Board member on local not for profit organisations and undertakes various pro bono legal work and other local volunteer roles including with the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter.



Greg Noonan, Treasurer

CPA

Greg is a Certified Practicing Accountant with almost 40 years of experience in the private and public sector and has an interest in management accounting and costing matters.

He sits on the boards and committees of several community organisations and is highly motivated to contribute to the local community.

He has been a member of Rotary International for 30 years where he has held many positions including President, Secretary and Treasurer.



Helen Musk

T.P.T.C., Grad Dip Spec Ed., M. Ed

Helen Musk joined the board in 2018 after many years working with organisations working with refugee and migrant families in Bendigo.

Helen trained as a teacher but worked as a regional officer until retirement when she began a new career in medical education.

She was the original Executive Officer for the consortium that developed a training for the region's GPs Later, trained interns and overseas doctors for the hospital. She is committed to developing healthy and sustainable food options for people in need.



Dean Murphy

CPA

Dean is an accountant who has worked in the public accounting field for the past two decades. Dean is a Partner at the Bendigo firm, VMG Accounting.

With a keen interest in small business and SMSF's, Dean likes to help clients achieve the goals they set around their business and wealth creation.

Dean enjoys getting involved with the community and is a keen cyclist, combining his interest to support various cycling organisations. He also relishes spending time with his family and teenage children.



Margaret Keech OA

BScApp (Physio), GradDip SpSc

Margaret Keech joined the Board in 2019, bringing with her a wealth of experience in the health, sporting and community sectors. A retired physiotherapist, working in the public and private sectors, Margaret has worked with sportspeople across Australia and is currently the immediate past Chair of the Board of the Bendigo Academy of Sport.

Margaret's not for profit sector committee experience includes much committee work at Girton Grammar in the past, including President of the Parents & Friends Association; is a Leader of both youth and adults locally in the 1st Strathfieldsaye Scout Group, Bendigo District Scouts, as well as at a State level. Margaret greatly enjoys her role as manager for the Forever Young Rock Choir and also sits on the Board of the Ulumbarra Foundation. Margaret is also an active member of Dragons Abreast Bendigo.



Christine Howard

GradDipBus, MBus(Mgt)

Christine joined the Board of Bendigo Foodshare in 2020. She has over 30 years' experience in the Telecommunications industry in Australia and Internationally. She is globally experienced and has had extensive experience in contractual negotiations and sales management. Christine moved to Bendigo in early 2019.



Sue Clarke

FAICD, ANZSoG Fellow, Grad Dip (Business), Grad Dip (Social Science CD)

Sue has held senior positions in health and community services for over 40 years including community health, local government, state government and the private sector. Sue's experience extends across primary healthcare, philanthropy, governance and community engagement. She has a strong interest and experience in clinical governance and consumer and community engagement. Sue has previously held Board Director positions with Bendigo Health, Murray PHN, Ambulance Victoria, and was the Chair of Loddon Mallee Housing t/as Haven; Home Safe, and Patron of the Community Foundation for Bendigo and Central Victoria. Sue joined the Board of Bendigo United Friendly Societies Pharmacies Ltd in July 2019 and Central Victorian United Friendly Society Limited in September 2019 and is the Chair of the Quality, Safety and Risk Committee and a member of the Member and Community Committee.

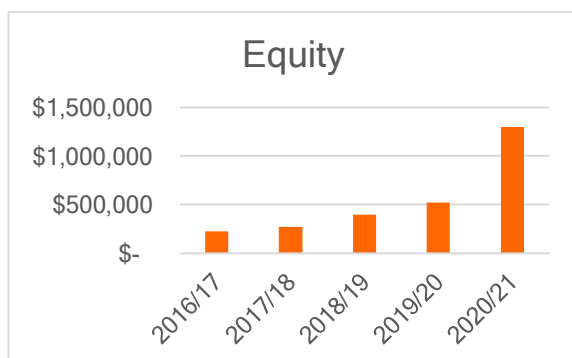
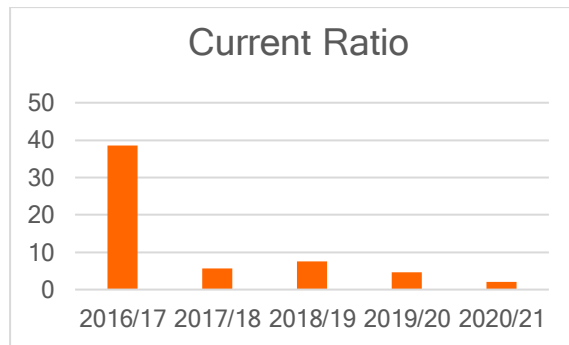
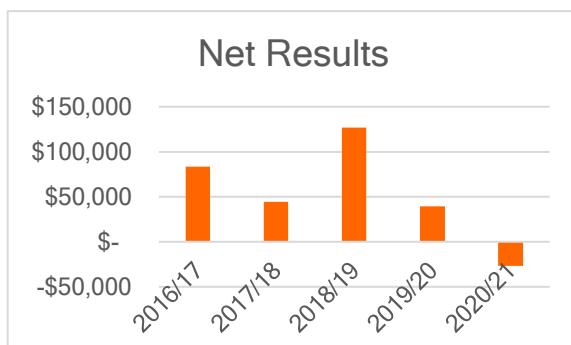


FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Bendigo Foodshare Inc. achieved its highest turnover in 2020-21 being \$1,45m since it commenced the provision of needed food services to the community. The organisation is very appreciative of the financial support from the Victorian State Government, John Hazeldene, local businesses, philanthropic organisations, Service Clubs and many individuals. Such financial support is crucial in maintaining the provision of food to the needy in the community and we are very appreciative of them.

The Board made a strategic decision 2 years ago to create a fund to provide for the purchase and replacement of plant and equipment used in the provision of its services to the community and to fund the construction of a purpose designed building from which its role of helping to provide food for Central Victoria in need may be fulfilled. The project is progressing steadily. The role and support of our local politicians, the Hon. Jacinta Allan, and Maree Edwards have been instrumental in the progress achieved in Bendigo Foodshare's future home.

Shown below are a series of charts which represent graphically the financial performance of the organisation for 2020/21. The results indicate a financially robust position.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position

Bendigo Foodshare Inc

Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2021

	TOTAL	
	AS OF JUN. 30, 2021	AS OF JUN. 30, 2020 (PY)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Accounts receivable		
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	20,901.44	4,345.50
Total Accounts receivable	A\$20,901.44	A\$4,345.50
Bank Accounts		
Bank (BBL) Acct#5567	1,183,089.80	69,939.32
Bank (BOM) Acct#5471	2,281.19	2,281.15
Bank (NAB) Acct#1120	17,109.59	12,762.09
Bank (NAB) Acct#6876	0.00	0.00
Operating Account Bank (BBL) Acct#3819	489,598.88	71,764.69
Total Bank Accounts	1,692,079.46	156,747.25
Term Deposits		
T/Dep (BBL) #4437, 19/07/2021	160,439.67	130,167.65
T/Dep (BBL) #4808, 21/09/2021	86,766.10	46,507.26
T/Dep (BBL) #6869, 29/10/2020 (deleted)	0.00	89,832.51
T/Dep (BBL) #9439, 12/10/2021	49,274.64	48,622.71
Total Term Deposits	296,480.41	315,130.13
Capital Grant Income	0.00	0.00
Prepaid expenses	0.00	0.00
Undeposited Funds	2,685.98	1,596.97
WIP	37,430.00	
Total Current Assets	A\$2,049,577.29	A\$477,819.85
Long-term assets		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Leasehold Improvements at cost	42,421.58	22,144.37
Leasehold Improvements LESS Accumulated depreciation	-9,970.82	-6,203.82
Property, plant and equipment	251,276.68	207,420.38
Property, plant and equipment LESS Accumulated depreciation	-92,271.23	-76,025.95
Total NON-CURRENT ASSETS	191,456.21	147,334.98
Total long-term assets	191,456.21	147,334.98
Total Assets	A\$2,241,033.50	A\$625,154.83

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Bendigo Foodshare Inc Profit and Loss July 2020 - June 2021

	TOTAL	
	Jul. 2020 - Jun. 2021	Jul. 2019 - Jun. 2020 (PY)
Income		
DONATIONS/APPEALS	704,282.96	139,767.17
FEES & CHARGES	50,481.22	30,151.91
GRANTS - CAPITAL	85,877.21	14,000.00
GRANTS - OPERATING	570,614.38	186,252.73
OTHER	34,060.99	34,130.76
Uncategorised Income		0.00
Total Income	A\$ 1,445,316.76	A\$ 404,302.57
Gross Profit	A\$ 1,445,316.76	A\$ 404,302.57
Expenses		
ADMINISTRATION	104,497.59	42,479.81
FOOD SUPPLIES	114,129.62	19,170.21
FUNDRAISING/DONATION/APPEALS	53,864.86	65,120.26
MOTOR VEHICLE	19,450.31	14,513.25
OH&S	3,580.96	3,043.97
OTHER PROJECTS	216,546.99	35,732.00
PLANT COSTS	30,117.90	21,892.96
WAREHOUSE COSTS	120,820.32	81,028.76
Total Expenses	A\$ 663,008.55	A\$ 282,981.22
Other Expenses		
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-0.55	-0.28
Loss on disposal of plant/equip	2,718.12	
Transfer to Future Fund	806,366.00	82,185.00
Total Other Expenses	A\$ 809,083.57	A\$ 82,184.72
Net Earnings	-A\$ 26,775.36	A\$ 39,136.63

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Statement of Cash Flows

Bendigo Foodshare Inc Statement of Cash Flows July 2020 - June 2021

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the year	(\$26,775.36)	39,136.62
Adjustments for non-cash income and expenses:		
Depreciation	\$28,794.16	21,788.14
Gain on Disposal of Property Plant & Equipment	(\$8,781.88)	
Future Fund Contribution (Note 4)	\$806,366.00	82,185.00
	799,602.92	143,109.76
(Increase/Decrease) in accounts Receivable	(\$16,555.94)	2,635.00
(Increase/Decrease) in Prepaid Expenses	\$0.00	0.00
(Increase/Decrease) in Accounts Payable	\$25,002.19	11,999.22
(Increase/Decrease) in Credit Card	(\$8,656.40)	850.59
(Increase/Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities	\$0.00	0.00
(Increase/Decrease) in GST Payable	\$30,122.73	2,835.77
(Increase/Decrease) in Revenue Received in Advance	\$769,568.86	48,606.36
(Increase/Decrease) in WIP	(\$37,430.00)	0.00
(Increase/Decrease) in Employee Entitlements	\$20,250.65	0.00
Net cash from operating activities	1,581,905.01	210,036.70
Cash Flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(\$75,633.51)	(25,623.91)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	11,500.00	
Net cash used in investing activities	(64,133.51)	(25,623.91)
Cash Flows from financing activities	0.00	0.00
Net cash used in financing activities	0.00	0.00
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,517,771.50	184,412.79
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	473,474.35	289,061.56
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	1,991,245.85	473,474.35
Reconciliation to Balance Sheet		
Bank accounts	1,892,079.46	
Term Deposits	296,480.41	
Undeposited Funds	2,685.98	
	1,991,245.85	

BENDIGO FOODSHARE INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements cover Bendigo Foodshare Inc as an individual entity incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria) and Regulations.

Basis of Preparation

The committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the entity is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements and have been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (Victoria) and Regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs unless otherwise in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

Accounting Policies

(A) INCOME TAX

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(B) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less depreciation, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

DEPRECIATION

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a diminishing value and capital improvements at prime cost basis over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset was held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

BENDIGO FOODSHARE INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The depreciation rates and useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates/useful lives	Depreciation basis
Buildings	7.5% to 20%	Prime cost
Motor Vehicles	16.7%	Diminishing value
Plant and equipment	15-35%	Diminishing value

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the assets carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposals are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) LEASES

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risk and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments. Including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expenses for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they were incurred. Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(d) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the balance date.

Contributions are made by the association to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(e) GOOD AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

BENDIGO FOODSHARE INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(F) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(G) GOING CONCERN

The financial statements of the association have been prepared on the going concern basis. As the net assets of the association as at 30 June, 2020, we believe there are no going concern issues.

NOTE 2 – RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

No members or related entity has entered into a material contract with the association. No member's fees have been paid as the positions held are on a voluntary basis.

NOTE 3 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There are no events after the end of the financial year that would materially affect the financial statements.

NOTE 4 – FUTURE FUND

The purposes of this fund are to provide for the purchase and replacement of plant and equipment used by Bendigo Foodshare Inc and to fund the acquisition/construction of a purpose designed building from which its role of helping to provide food for Central Victorians in need may be fulfilled. Notwithstanding, where circumstances require, the Committee of Management may transfer funds from the Future Fund for operational purposes.

NOTE 5 - STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	TOTAL - \$
Balance as at 1/7/20	521,603.19
Contribution to Future Fund	806,366.00
Net profit/(loss)	(26,775.36)
Closing balance as at 30/6/21	<u>1,301,193.84</u>
	TOTAL - \$
Balance as at 1/7/19	400,281.57
Contribution to Future Fund	82,185.00
Net profit/(loss)	39,136.62
Closing balance as at 30/6/20	<u>521,603.19</u>