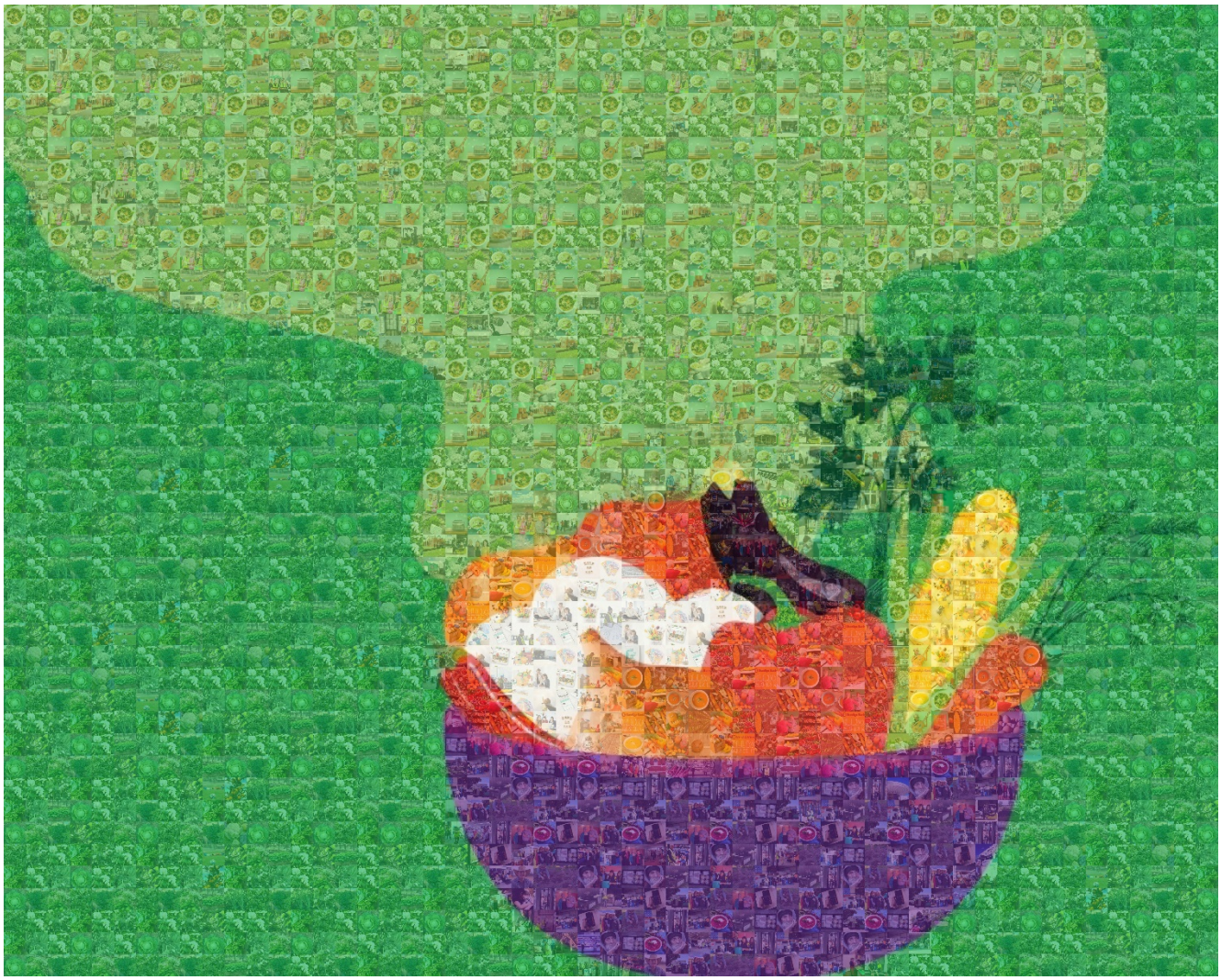
Annual Report

2019/2020



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Chairperson's Report

Well, what a rollercoaster of a year it has been. In 2019 our amazing team stepped in to double our supermarket food rescue, increase growing, cooking and sharing food, and reduce waste. With a great band of local service clubs, our Mobile Christmas Food Pantry helped get food out over the holidays. We paused and took a breath in February and then COVID struck. Since then it's the support from you, our community, that has kept Bendigo Foodshare going.

There are many highlights. I cannot name them all, but standing out are:

When many of our older volunteers had to self-isolate, 246 new volunteers answered our call for help. The City of Greater Bendigo supported us with fluoro vests, hand sanitiser and access to their online volunteer management system. Local farmers have been donating much-appreciated food, including apples, chickpeas, lentils, chickens, pumpkins and local fruit and vegetables and more. Through Cafes for COVID, our local cafes and schools have produced meals for people in need. We couldn't run our fundraising, but your donations have kept our lights on and our fridges operating.

With the pandemic continuing, work hasn't stopped. Many more changes are underway to empower our volunteer teams and keep them safe during these difficult times.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked tirelessly so that we can: continue to source, rescue, sort and warehouse food, and get it out to people in need across the region; teach skills for food security; and keep our community in touch with us through the many stories and the highs and lows of life at Bendigo Foodshare.

Stay safe, help your neighbour, and we'll see you at the shed one day!

Cathie Steele - Chair, Bendigo Foodshare

Manager's Report

What a year it has been! I started working with Bendigo Foodshare in June 2019. During this time, I witnessed the amazing ability of this modest organisation to rapidly change and expand. However, that was nothing compared to the change and expansion since becoming Manager and COVID-19 arriving.

Last year, a dramatic 40 percent increase in demand for food relief saw us support 12,875 people a week across Central Victoria through a network of 87 agencies, including schools and community groups.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic commenced in March 2020, our agencies have reported a 30 percent increase in demand for food relief.

This extraordinary increase in demand has resulted in significant change across our whole organisation. Through our already space constrained warehouse, we increased food throughput to 892,942kg, a 45% increase in one year. With supermarket rescues increasing to 7 days a week, from 40 to 96 collections, and generous local farmer donations, local food increased to 72 percent of our total food collected.

The challenges of COVID-19 have been significant. Fortunately we have an amazing community, who have kept our essential service going through these unprecedented times with an additional 246 volunteers, creating a diverse, engaged, and active volunteer team. The support from the City of Greater Bendigo has also been incredible, providing additional staff resources to assist in implementing valuable projects, such as Help Your Neighbour, Cafes for COVID, Farmers for Food Relief and our Youth Food Poverty Research. We have also remained financially viable thanks to the unsolicited support of our community and local media outlets, despite having to cancel all fundraising events for the year.

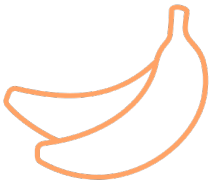
Thank you so very much to every one of our amazing volunteers, food donors, financial donors, and supporters. We could not do what we do without your generosity and contribution. I would also like to personally thank Annie Constable (our amazing warehouse coordinator) and Cathie Steele (our incredible Chair) for their commitment and hard work during these challenging times.

Bridget Bentley - Manager, Bendigo Foodshare

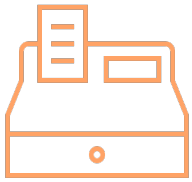
Year in Review

96 per week
Supermarket Collections

893,000 kgs
Food Sourced



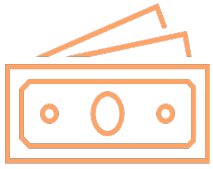
$6.7 Million
Food Value



300+
Volunteers

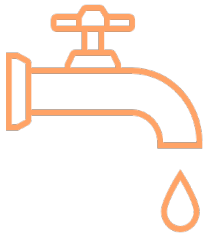
13,995
Volunteers Hours

$602,065
Volunteer Value



178 Million Litres
Water Saved

1,691 tonnes CO^2 eq
Greenhouse Gases Saved



Projects

Grow Cook Share

Grow Cook Share aimed to improve the quantity, quality, and variety of fresh produce available to Central Victorians and help people develop skills and knowledge to prepare affordable and nutritious meals at home.

The innovative project, led in partnership between the community sector, local and state governments, made great strides towards a healthier community in its first year, successfully:

- Establishing six cooking clubs to teach participants to cook simple healthy meals using seasonal produce.
- Redeveloping the Salvation Army's Gravel Hill Garden to increase its capacity to fresh produce for food relief
- Starting a grassroots model for finding ways to access more fresh produce from community, school backyard gardens to distribute to the cooking clubs and Bendigo Foodshare

The Grow Cook Share resources are now available online and include recipes, seasonal food growing guides and a manual that provides a step-by-step guide to running the four-week cooking club program.

Grow Cook Share was led by Bendigo Regional Food Alliance, Bendigo Foodshare, The Salvation Army Bendigo, Kangan TAFE, City of Greater Bendigo and Coliban Water with funding from the Victorian Government's Pick My Project initiative.

Grow Cook Share is moving into a new phase and is seeking ongoing funding to develop more projects and resources.

The project was made possible by the support of local businesses and organisations: Eaglehawk Community House, Kangaroo Flat Neighbourhood House, Heathcote Community House, Anglicare Victoria, Saltworks Eaglehawk, Kaliana School Bendigo, Organics Bendigo, McDonald's Nursery, Mitre 10, Bush's Produce Store, Connecting 2 Australia and Bendigo Community Fruit, among many others.

Community Food Drive

Staple food items can be hard to come by due to their long-lasting nature and universal popularity, which means our supermarket supporters don't always have a great deal of surplus stock to donate.

In November, we kicked-off a month-long effort to fight hunger in Central Victoria with a community food drive for non-perishable food items ahead of the Christmas period.

Central Victorians rallied to support the food drive, donating 1,410 kilograms of food at collection stations across the city, including local Bendigo Bank branches, Goodstart Early Learning Centres, Bendigo Telco, Bunnings Epsom, Bush's Produce Stores, Catherine Macauley College, City of Greater Bendigo and Fosterville Gold Mine.

Christmas Food Pantry

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

In December, Bendigo Foodshare launched its first mobile food pantry to help families struggling to put food on the table over Christmas and the New Year, by giving out free groceries at five 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, Giving and Living Op-Shop, Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst, Rotary Club of Bendigo South, The Salvation Army and Uniting Care.

Covid-19 Pandemic Response

Health and Hygiene

Like most organisations, Bendigo Foodshare is being affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. As always, the safety of our people comes before anything else. We have implemented a thorough pandemic plan, with a focus of health and hygiene. The pandemic plan is regularly reviewed and updated in line with best practice and advice from the Department of Health and Human Services. Key features of the pandemic plan, include:

- Increase cleaning in the shed and office
- Social distancing wherever safe to do so
- Personal hygiene including hand washing, sanitizing, masks, and gloves
- Implementing shift bubbles and reducing non-essential workers on site

We have valued your help with preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our workplace and appreciate your continued vigilance in the warehouse and out in the community.

Volunteer Recruitment

More than 200 Central Victorians put up their hand to volunteer with us after we launched a recruitment drive to cope with increased demand for emergency food relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the surge in volunteers, The City of Greater Bendigo has helped us set up a new volunteer management system called Better Impact to manage volunteers' details, roster shifts, send out regular communications and report. Better Impact has already made a positive difference and will help take our team to the next level.

Farmers for Food Relief

We're proud to be working with our colleagues at Albury Wodonga Regional Foodshare and Shepperton Foodshare, along with the Victorian Farmers Federation and primary producers across the state, to boost our stocks of fresh and staple food.

With a 30 percent increase in demand for emergency food relief, there's a growing need to ramp up our stores to cope with an influx of new food recipients, some of whom have never needed food relief or financial help before.

Farmers in central Victoria have answered the call, donating tonnes of fruit, vegetables, and grains. Notable donations include 10 tonnes of chickpeas from Williams Smith Farms, 3 tonnes of red lentils from Teasdale Ag and more than 20 mega bins of apples from Central Victorian orchardists, including Geoffrey Thompson Orchards. Additional storage and packing have been supplied by Harcourt Cool Stores.

Help Your Neighbour

Help Your Neighbour is a homegrown initiative to empower people to create the kindness, compassion, and connectivity that our community needs to be resilient, and withstand the uncertainty and disruption of COVID-19.

Since March, Help Your Neighbour has recruited 20 volunteer Neighbourhood Coordinators to help share information and connect people to essential services, such as food relief, family and housing, financial support, education, health, business and more.

The Help You Neighbour Facebook page supports the project by sharing information and stories of kindness from across the region, encouraging everyone to be mindful and reach out to their loved ones and neighbours.

The program was led in partnership by Bendigo Foodshare, Haven; Home, Safe, Bendigo Community Health Services and the City of Greater Bendigo and supported by The Bendigo Cleaning Company and Fosterville Gold Mine. It has since transitioned to the City of Greater Bendigo.

Cafes for COVID

Central Victoria's hospitality sector has been hit particularly hard by the Coronavirus pandemic and the resulting restrictions on public dining and trade.

In May, we joined forces with Be. Bendigo and the City of Greater Bendigo to launch a new crowdfunding initiative to support local hospitality businesses while providing cooked meals to people in need.

Cafes for COVID was an innovative new program that paid local businesses, using money raised by the community, to cook meals that will go out to people struggling to afford food via our network of food relief agencies and schools.

By June 30, the campaign has successfully exceeded its target, raising $11,210 in community contributions to pay local cafes and hospitality businesses to cook more than 2,000 meals that were frozen and distributed via our partner organisations.

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're all dedicated to making Central Victoria a better place to live. Introducing a few of our wonderful volunteers:

Mary

Mary has been volunteering for Bendigo Foodshare one day a week since 2018 and is passionate about the work that Bendigo Foodshare does for the community.

She is full of knowledge about how the organisation works but says one of her favourite things about Bendigo Foodshare is helping people in need become empowered to help themselves.

Mary believes that Australia is a prosperous country with a surplus of food. Donations from the community and local organisations help get that food into the hands of people who need it the most but may not be able to access it themselves. She wants to make sure that people know they can access food or hot meals, even if they are only going through a short period of hardship.

Peter

Peter volunteers one day a week for Bendigo Foodshare, helping wherever he's needed.

He enjoys the perks of the job, such giving back to the more unfortunate members of the community. He says volunteering is a positive experience and can be a chance to make a difference to someone's life.

Peter's background is in psychiatric nursing and patient welfare. Through his career, he has seen how illicit drugs can affect families and communities and wants to do his bit to improve things.

Although Peter says he doesn't have a lot of his own, he appreciates everything he does have and wants to make sure others are able to access at least the basics.

Abhishek

From a town called Mandi in Northern India – tucked against the Himalayas - Abhishek came to Bendigo to take up a job at La Trobe University. His passion for the community has led him to a career of leadership and community service; originally coming to Australia in 2008 to study a Master of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics degree.

A dedicated and inspiring leader, Abhishek has held senior roles at LEAD Loddon Murray, Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services and Bendigo's Interfaith Council. But arguably, the work Abhishek loves most is at the grassroots: working alongside communities and developing people to be their best.

Through COVID-19, Abhishek volunteered with us to design our online volunteer recruitment and onboarding platform, helped us secure funding from the Victorian State government to support migrant and refugee families in Bendigo, and has joined us an Ambassador.

Matt

Matt has been volunteering for Bendigo Foodshare one day a week since COVID-19 began. He decided to use the extra time and flexibility he gained working from home during the pandemic to give back to the community.

When he's not working in his full-time job for Intereach or driving the forklift for Bendigo Foodshare, Matt enjoys time at home with his wife, kids, and pets.

Matt says the best part of volunteering is the camaraderie with other volunteers sharing the same goal of giving back to the community.

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
Anglicare Victoria
Annie North Inc
Atisha Centre
Australia Help Ltd
Avoca Community Food Pantry
Bendigo & District Aboriginal Cooperative
Bendigo Baptist Community Care Inc
Bendigo Community Health Services
Bendigo Family and Financial Services
Bendigo Primary School
Bendigo Regional YMCA
Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Bendigo South East College
Bendigo Student Association
Bendigo TAFE
Boort District School
California Gull Primary School
Campbells Creek Primary School
Castlemaine Church of Christ
Castlemaine Community House
Castlemaine Secondary College
Connect Church Bendigo
Crossenvale Community House
Crusoe College
Eaglehawk Community House
Eaglehawk Primary School
Eaglehawk Secondary College
Eaglehawk Uniting Food and Care
East Loddon P-12 College
Echuca Community Church Relief Centre
Elmore Kindergarten
Elmore Progress Association
Eppalock Primary School
Foocare 3556
Girgarre Community Group
Giving and Living Op Shop
Golden Square Primary School
Good Grub Club Daylesford
Goodstart Early Learning Centre Bendigo
Goodstart Early Learning Centre Flora Hill
Goodstart Early Learning Centre Golden Square
Goodstart Early Learning Centre – Kangaroo Flat
Goodstart Early Learning Centre Strathfieldsaye
Havilah Road Preschool
Headspace
Heathcote Food Share
Helm Street Preschool
Helping Hands Mission Inglewood
Holy Rosary Primary School Heathcote
Holy Rosary Primary School White Hills
Huntly Primary School
Impact Recovery
Inglewood Community Kitchen
Kangaroo Flat Community Group
Kingdom Generation Ministries
Kyabram Community and Learning Centre
Kangaroo Flat Primary School
Kyneton Caring Community
Lightning Reef Primary School
Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Centre
Marist College Bendigo
Maryborough Community House
Maryborough Education Centre Matchworks Bendigo
Mind Australia Bendigo
North Bendigo Preschool
Pyramid Hill College
Pyrenees Community Food Pantry Beaufort
Quarry Hill Primary School
Rochester Community House
Rushworth P-12 College
Saltworks
Specimen Hill Primary School
St Francis of the Fields Primary School
St Kilian's Primary School
St Liborius Primary School
St Matthews Church Long Gully
St Peters Primary School
St Vincent De Paul Bendigo Assistance Centre
St Vincent De Paul Castlemaine
St Vincent De Paul Kangaroo Flat
The Salvation Army Bendigo
The Salvation Army Castlemaine
The Salvation Army Maryborough
The Salvation Army Rural Outreach
Uniting Bendigo
Uniting Kangaroo Flat
Vahland Community Care Units Bendigo Health
Victorian Blue Light Youth Camp
Victory Church
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
Aldi Eaglehawk
Aldi Epsom
Aldi Kangaroo Flat
Aldi Strathdale
Anglican Parish of Bendigo North
Apco
ASQ Garden and Landscape
ASQ Skydancers Garden, Gift and Café
Australian Department of Social Services
Avis Car and Truck Rental Bendigo
Balgownie Estate Winery
Bank of Melbourne
Bart n Print
Basement On View
Bath Lane Cafe
Beck Legal
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank
Bendigo Advertiser
Bendigo Central Pharmacy
Bendigo Community Fruit
Bendigo Community Health Services
Bendigo Corner Store Cafe
Bendigo Dumpling House
Bendigo Flooring Xtra
Bendigo Ladies Probus Club
Bendigo Organics
Bendigo Osteo
Bendigo Party Hire
Bendigo Pottery Café
Bendigo Regional Food Alliance
Bendigo Roosters
Bendigo Sandhurst Rotary Club
Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Bendigo Stadium
Bendigo Sustainability Group
Bendigo Telco
Bendigo Toyota
Bendigo Weekly
Bendigo Wholefoods
Bendigo Wholesalers
Bendigo Y Service Club Women
Borchelli Ristorante
Borough Coffee Crema
Braidie's Tavern
Brewhouse Cafe and Coffee Roasters
Bridgewater Bakehouse Bendigo
Broadspring Consulting
Brougham Arms
Bruce's Kitchen
Bush's Produce Store
Café Essence
Café Mend It
Calmo Farm Pty Ltd
Cantina Bendigo
Castlemaine Fresh
Catherine McAuley College
Central Vic Meats
Collier Charitable Fund
Central Victorian American Motorcycle Club
Central Victorian Cardiology Bendigo
Centrelink Bendigo
Champions SUPA IGA Long Gully
City of Greater Bendigo
Clogs Pizza Restaurant
Coffee Business
Coles Supermarket Bendigo
Coles Supermarket Kangaroo Flat
Coles Supermarket McIvor Rd
Colliers Charitable Trust
Commonwealth Bank
Cookie Crumbs
Country Cakes
D'Arcys Bakery
David Cherry and Associates
Debbie's Deli
Department of Social Services
Diamonds and Spurs
Eaglefoods
Eaglehawk Y Service Club Women
Echuca Community Church Relief Centre
Edwards Providore
El Gordo Bendigo
Elmore Kindergarten
Emily Roberts Amcal Pharmacy
ESE Consulting
Estate of Peter Ryall
Fareshare
Fig Café
Foodbank Victoria
Fosterville Gold Mine
Foundry Hotel Complex
Frank Montagnese Foundation
Geoffrey Thompsons Orchards
George's Bakehouse Kennington
George's Ready to Eat
Get Naked Espresso Bar
Channel 9
Girton Grammar
GJ Gardner Homes
GMHBA Health Insurance
Golden Square Bakery
Golden Square Kindergarten
GoldFM
GPO Bendigo
Green Goes the Grocer
Grill'd Bendigo
Harcourt Coolstores

Hazeldene's Chicken Farm
IGA Castlemaine
Indulge Fine Belgian Chocolates
Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo Inc
It's Her Gym
JL King and Co
John's Original Flowers
Jojoes Pizza Bar and Restaurant
Josh's Rainbow Eggs
Kalianna School
Kangaroo Flat Y Service Club Women
Kean's Eggs
Kennington Ladies Social Tennis Club
Kirkland Lake Gold
Kovo Gifts Eaglehawk
Kovo Gifts Golden Square
Lake View Hotel Bendigo
Lansell Y's Menettes
Laucke Flour Mills
Let's Get Saucy
Lifeline
Lioness Club of Golden City
Loddon Mallee Waste Resource Recovery Group
Love a Latte Caffe
Lyttleton Terrace Takeaway
MAC and MAC
Mad Cow Café
Magistrates Court Victoria
Maiden Gully Café
Mali Thai
Manchester Arms
Marist College
Marong Family Hotel
Matchworks Bendigo
Max Bakery Café
Maxi Foods IGA Castlemaine
Mexi Bendigo
Mexican Kitchen
Peoples Pantry
Strath Hill Butcher
Strathdale Pharmacy
Suez
Synergize Hub
Switched
Minerals Council Victoria
Mister Grimsby Coffee
MLC Advice Bendigo
Moira Mac's
Mount Alexander Funerals
Nando's Bendigo
National Hotel Complex
Natures Cargo
North Kitchen
O'Rourke's Prestige
Officeworks
Old Green Bean
Orchard Buchanan Law
Oz Harvest
Parmalat
Peachy
Peppergreen Farm
Percy and Percy
Pet Carers
Philip J Eddy and Partners
Pogo Espresso
Portland House Foundation
Pumpkins From the Patch
Pyramid Hill Lions Club
Quarry Hill Cafe and Larder
Queens Arms Hotel
Refresh Day Spa
Regional Development Victoria
Reservoir Hotel
Rising Sun Hotel
Rotary Club of Bendigo South
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk
Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat
Run Rabbit Run
Saffs Cafe
Sangria Spanish Tapas Bar
Schnitz
SecondBite
Shamrock Hotel, Bendigo
Shepparton FoodShare
Simplot
Southern Grampians Adult Education
Specialist Breeders Australia
St Francis of the Fields Primary School
St Matthews Church - Long Gully
The Angel Fund
The Anxious Goat
Tatura Milk
Teasdale Ag
The Bendigo Cleaning Company
The Co-Australia
The Coffee Bean Café and Deli
The Dispensary
The Epicurean Delicatessen
The Exchange
The Foundry Hotel Complex
The Get Naked Café
The Good Loaf Sourdough Bakery and Café
The Green Olive
The Little Red Apple
The Loaded Plate Cafe
The Taste Kitchen Castlemaine
The Woodhouse Restaurant
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Thriving Together
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Triple M
True Foods
Tysons Reef Hotel
UFS Bendigo - View Street
UFS Optical Bendigo
UFS Pharmacy Bridge Street
UFS Pharmacy Hargreaves Street
UFS Pharmacy Strathfieldsaye
Ulumbarra Café
Vanstan's Pharmacy Bendigo
Viatek
Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet
Victory College
Vision Australia
Weeroona Uniting Church Bendigo
Whitehorse Hotel
Wholefoods Kitchen
Williams Smith Farming
Williamson Street Café
WINTV
Woolworths Epsom
Woolworths Golden Square
Woolworths Kennington
Woolworths Lansell Square
Woolworths Market Place
Y Service Club of Bendigo
Yo Bendigo
Zonta Bendigo

Our Leadership Team

Bridget Bentley

In January, Bendigo Foodshare appointed a new manager, Bridget Bentley, to oversee the organisation.

Bridget holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science and has worked in a wide range of industries including, agricultural, natural resource management, sustainability, and emergency management sectors. She has consulted to Government agencies at the Federal, State and Local levels, industry groups, catchment management authorities, specializing in the areas of research, behaviour change stakeholder engagement, business strategy, and project management.

Bridget joined the Bendigo Foodshare team in 2019 as the Grow Cook Share coordinator, after a period of family leave. She says her biggest learnings from the experience was to seize the opportunity (no matter its size) and to give it all you've got; sometimes the things we're most scared of are the very things most worth pursuing.

Annie Constable

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.

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, BComm

Peter is an experienced in-house legal counsel and company secretary with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. 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.

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.

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.

Martin Leach, Retired

Martin is the Managing Director of The Bendigo Cleaning Company and was a board member from 2016 until 2019.

Prior to starting his business, Martin was the High-Performance Manager and National Coach for the Australian weightlifting team and served as Treasurer for both the Australian Weightlifting Federation and the Victorian Weightlifting Association.

He's also been a member of the Building Services Contractors Association of Australia (Vic Branch); the Victorian Contract Cleaning Industry Portable Long Service Leave, and the Australia Weightlifting Federation boards.

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.

Margaret Keech OA

BScApp (Physio), GradDip SpSc

Marg joined the board in 2019, bringing with her a wealth of experience in the health, sporting, and community sectors.

Marg has worked as a physiotherapist in the public and private sectors. In 1984, she was the first woman to work for NSW Cricket Association in Sheffield Shield and State teams, while teaching Sports Science at UNSW.

Marg has been Cub Leader and Group Leader for 20 years. She has held positions on school committees, the Forever Young Rock Choir, and is an active member of Dragon 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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

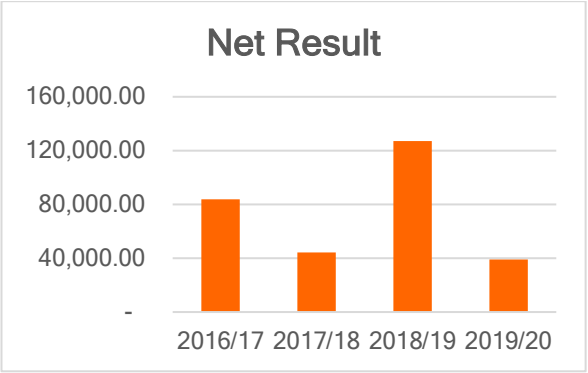
Bendigo Foodshare, with the support of the community, Victorian Government, City of Greater Bendigo, local businesses and philanthropic organisations, achieved a net profit of $39,136. This result was delivered in a contracting economy because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

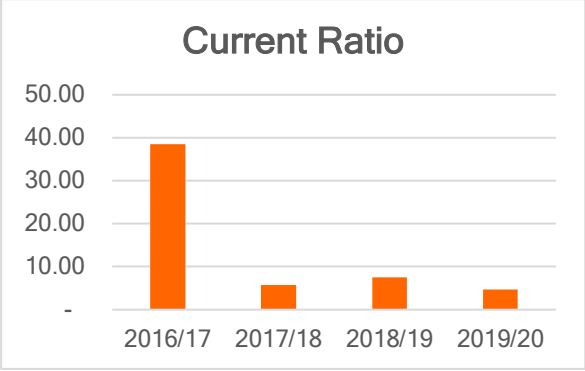
The organisation has no guaranteed sources of income. Hence, it relies on grants and donations from the sources mentioned above to provide 1.78 million meals, through sourcing and distributing 892,942 kilograms to Central Victorians in need. The role Bendigo Foodshare fulfils is understood and supported by the community, as evidenced by the record level of donations received during 2019-20. The Board very much appreciates this fantastic support.

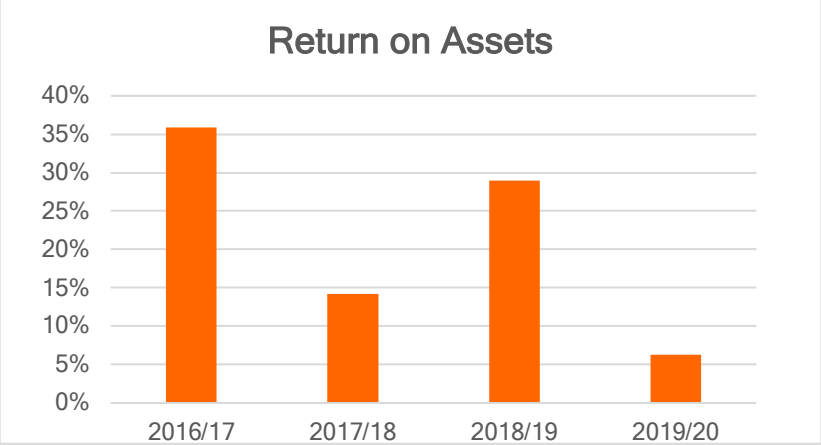
Income derived from all sources for 2019/20 totalled $404,00 compared to $300,000 for the previous year. An increase of 34 percent.

The Board made a strategic decision this year 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 in the longer term to fund the acquisition or construction of a purpose-designed building from which its role of helping to provide food for Central Victoria in need may be fulfilled.

Shown below are a series of charts which represent the financial performance of the organisation for 2019-20 graphically. The results indicate a financially robust position.







FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position

Bendigo Foodshare Inc

BALANCE SHEET COMPARISON

As of June 30, 2020

	TOTAL		
	AS OF JUN 30, 2020	AS OF JUN 30, 2019 (PY)	CHANGE
Assets			
Current Assets			
Accounts receivable			
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	4,345.50	6,980.50	-2,635.00
Total Accounts receivable	**A$4,345.50**	**A$6,980.50**	**A$ -2,635.00**
Bank Accounts	156,747.25	145,243.13	11,504.12
Term Deposits	315,130.13	142,478.43	172,651.70
Capital Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Undeposited Funds	1,596.97	1,340.00	256.97
Total Current Assets	**A$477,819.85**	**A$296,042.06**	**A$181,777.79**
Long-term assets			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	147,334.98	143,499.21	3,835.77
Total long-term assets	**147,334.98**	**143,499.21**	**3,835.77**
Total Assets	**A$625,154.83**	**A$439,541.27**	**A$185,613.56**
Liabilities and shareholder's equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable			
Accounts Payable (A/P)	22,784.68	10,785.46	11,999.22
Total Accounts payable	**A$22,784.68**	**A$10,785.46**	**A$11,999.22**
Bendigo Bank Card #0377	829.04		829.04
NAB Credit/Card - 4255 (deleted)	0.00	-21.55	21.55
Accrued liabilities - BCHS	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATO Clearing Account	-1,596.00	-5,013.00	3,417.00
GST Liabilities Payable	1,427.73	2,008.79	-581.06
REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	80,106.36	31,500.00	48,606.36
Total current liabilities	**A$103,551.81**	**A$39,259.70**	**A$64,292.11**
Shareholders' equity:			
Net Income	39,136.45	127,140.66	-88,004.21
Future Fund	82,185.00		82,185.00
Opening Balance Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	400,281.57	273,140.91	127,140.66
Total shareholders' equity	**A$521,603.02**	**A$400,281.57**	**A$121,321.45**
Total liabilities and equity	**A$625,154.83**	**A$439,541.27**	**A$185,613.56**

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Bendigo Foodshare Inc

PROFIT AND LOSS COMPARISON

July 2019 - June 2020

	TOTAL		
	JUL 2019 - JUN 2020	JUL 2018 - JUN 2019 (PY)	CHANGE
Income			
DONATIONS/APPEALS	139,767.17	145,030.15	-5,262.98
FEES & CHARGES	30,151.91	26,446.38	3,705.53
GRANTS - CAPITAL	14,000.00	66,130.09	-52,130.09
GRANTS - OPERATING	186,252.73	50,439.00	135,813.73
OTHER	34,130.76	12,856.71	21,274.05
Uncategorised Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	**A$404,302.57**	**A$300,902.33**	**A$103,400.24**
GROSS PROFIT	**A$404,302.57**	**A$300,902.33**	**A$103,400.24**
Expenses			
ADMINISTRATION	42,479.82	2,916.07	39,563.75
FOOD SUPPLIES	19,170.21		19,170.21
FUNDRAISING/DONATION/APPEALS	65,120.26	52,116.25	13,004.01
MOTOR VEHICLE	14,513.25	10,120.35	4,392.90
OH&S	3,043.97	2,811.12	232.85
OTHER PROJECTS	57,520.14	29,646.21	27,873.93
PLANT COSTS	104.82	4,364.30	-4,259.48
WAREHOUSE COSTS	81,028.76	70,772.32	10,256.44
Website Payment Gateway (deleted)		359.50	-359.50
Workcover (deleted)		652.36	-652.36
Total Expenses	**A$282,981.23**	**A$173,758.48**	**A$109,222.75**
Other Expenses			
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-0.11	3.19	-3.30
Transfer to Future Fund	82,185.00		82,185.00
Total Other Expenses	**A$82,184.89**	**A$3.19**	**A$82,181.70**
NET EARNINGS	**A$39,136.45**	**A$127,140.66**	**A$ -88,004.21**

Statement of Cash Flows

Bendigo Foodshare Inc

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

July 2019 - June 2020

	TOTAL
Cash flows from operating activities	
Profit for the year	-103,795.96
Adjustments for non-cash income and expenses:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	2,635.00
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:Leasehold Improvements LESS Accumulated deprecation	2,950.43
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:Property, plant and equipment LESS Accumulated depreciation	18,837.71
Accounts Payable (A/P)	11,999.22
Bendigo Bank Card #0377	829.04
NAB Credit/Card - 4255 (deleted)	21.55
ATO Clearing Account	3,417.00
GST Liabilities Payable	-581.06
REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	70,336.36
REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE:Grants	9,770.00
REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE:Loddon Mallee Waste & Recovery Group	-14,000.00
REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE:Portland House investmens Ltd	-17,500.00
GRANTS - CAPITAL:LMWRRG - Food Hub	14,000.00
GRANTS - OPERATING	70,002.73
GRANTS - OPERATING:BRFA	28,750.00
GRANTS - OPERATING:Portland House Foundation	70,000.00
GRANTS - OPERATING:Portland House Foundation:PHF - 2019	17,500.00
OTHER:Interest income	2,706.91
FOOD SUPPLIES:Food Costs	-17,855.21
FUNDRAISING/DONATION/APPEALS:Fundraising Expenses:Marketing	-843.99
FUNDRAISING/DONATION/APPEALS:Fundraising Expenses:Venue Hire	-27.27
FUNDRAISING/DONATION/APPEALS:Other	-1,500.00
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Registration Fees	-512.62
OTHER PROJECTS:Consultant Management	-3,500.00
OTHER PROJECTS:Depreciation	-21,788.14
OTHER PROJECTS:LMWRRG Food Hub	-14,000.00
Total Adjustments for non-cash income and expenses:	**231,647.66**
Net cash from operating activities	**A$127,851.70**
Cash flows from investing activities	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:Leasehold Improvements	-4,629.82
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:Property, plant and equipment	-20,994.09
Net cash used in investing activities	**A$ -25,623.91**
Cash flows from financing activities	
Future Fund	82,185.00
Net cash used in financing activities	**A$82,185.00**
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**A$184,412.79**
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	289,061.56
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	**A$473,474.35**

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 form 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 2020

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 pf 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 n 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

Statement of Changes in Equity	
	Total
Balance as at 1/7/19	400,281.57
Future Fund	82,185.00
Net profit/loss	39,136.45
Closing balance as at 30/6/20	521,603.02
	Total
Balance as at 1/7/18	273,140.91
Net profit/loss	127,140.66
Closing balance as at 30/6/19	400,281.57