

## November 2023

## Bendigo Foodshare's New Hub: Construction Update

We are excited to announce that construction for Bendigo Foodshare's new hub at the corner of Breen Street and Bellevue Road, Golden Square, has commenced.

Fairbrother Construction, our builder, will shortly erect safety fencing for the majority of the construction area. This will be in place during the build period, to ensure public safety and to abide by Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) guidelines.

As the development of Bendigo Foodshare's new home progresses, we understand you may have questions or be interested in progress updates. We're committed providing updates and to maintaining open communication with you, ensuring you're informed. We want to reassure you that access to the open green space for community will be available once the building phase is complete.

We have collated a list of Frequently Asked Questions on our website to share facts about the project and about Bendigo Foodshare. Visit <a href="www.bendigofoodshare.org.au/foodhub">www.bendigofoodshare.org.au/foodhub</a>. If, after browsing our website, you still have queries or concerns, we are here to help.

You can reach out to us directly at <a href="info@bendigofoodshare.org.au">info@bendigofoodshare.org.au</a> or call us on 5444 3409. Our dedicated volunteers manage our phone lines. If they can't immediately address your query, rest assured that your message will be forwarded to our CEO, Michelle Murphy, who will make it a priority to return your call and assist you personally.

Bendigo Foodshare is not just about building infrastructure but fostering a deeper connection with our community. Your insights, questions, and feedback are invaluable in achieving this vision.

We thank you and the broader community for your ongoing and generous support as we work towards this critical new hub for Bendigo.

## **Your Voice Matters**

As the construction of Bendigo Foodshare's new hub progresses, we'll explore a vision for the remaining open spaces. We recognise these spaces are important to the community and we are keen to get local input to guide the evolution and long-term vision for the land.

We envision improvements over time to the open space where community can continue to access and connect but also immerse themselves in the joys of growing, sharing, and appreciating local food.

Your perspectives and ideas can help craft a place that truly reflects our community's values and needs. Next year we will be calling for expressions of interest to contribute to this planning.

For any further information please email  $\underline{info@bendiogfoodshare.org.au}$ 

Warm regards, Sue Clarke Chair Board of Directors

