

Bendigo Foodshare's New Hub: Construction Update

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We are pleased to update you that the construction of Bendigo Foodshare's new food relief warehouse at the corner of Breen Street and Belle Vue Road, Golden Square is nearing completion.

As we set about the finishing touches, we want to thank all of our new neighbours in Golden Square, as well as the wider community for your patience throughout the building process.

We would also like to acknowledge the significant local business support for this project. Our builder, Fairbrother guided by local architects Y2, have brought the project in ahead of schedule and within budget, thanks to the generous contributions of over 30 local trades and services. This important community infrastructure project has been made possible through support from all parts of the community: individuals, businesses, philanthropists, and local, state and federal Governments.

From mid-July we will start inductions for our 250+ volunteer workforce and anticipate commencing our warehouse operations from the site mid to late August.

An official site opening is planned for early Spring, and we look forward to celebrating this outstanding community achievement and showcasing the work of Bendigo Foodshare at a Community Open Day slated for October.

We recognise this site is an important community asset and remain committed to retaining community access. That means existing site access to the area adjacent to the warehouse will remain unchanged while we begin to plan, with the community, what the undeveloped area could look like as an open green space for the whole community to come together and enjoy. We will be calling for your perspectives and ideas for the Hub later in the year, to help design a place that reflects our community's values and needs.

We understand you may have questions and refer you to the Frequently Asked Questions on our website where we have detailed facts about the project and about Bendigo Foodshare. Visit bendigofoodshare.org.au/foodhub. If, after browsing our website, you still have queries or concerns you can reach out to us directly at info@bendigofoodshare.org.au 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.

Again, we thank you, our neighbours, and the broader community for your support. The new warehouse will enhance our work to overcome food security across Central Victoria, and represents a significant milestone in our Community Food Hub vision.

For any further information please email info@bendigofoodshare.org.au

Warm regards,

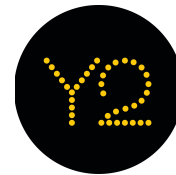
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We thank the many individuals, businesses, and donors who have all contributed to raise over \$3.5 million towards this project.



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