



24 June 2019

Mayor Margaret O'Rourke
City of Greater Bendigo
195-229 Lyttleton Terrace
Bendigo Victoria, VIC, 3550

Dear Mayor O'Rourke,

Re: Bendigo UNESCO City of Gastronomy Bid – Letter of support

On behalf of Bendigo TAFE please accept this letter of support of Bendigo's bid and application to become internationally recognised as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. As we look to the future our training is set to further complement Bendigo's position as a gastronomy region with a skills focus that goes from paddock to process to plate.

With five campuses, Bendigo TAFE is the regional arm of Bendigo Kangan Institute, one of the largest TAFE providers in the state of Victoria. Bendigo TAFE's Charleston Road Campus features Victoria's only Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence opened in 2018. The \$7.8 million purpose-built facility features specialist training facilities, combined with flexible teaching and learning spaces, in an open and inviting environment, complemented by greenery.

The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence delivers unique learning outcomes in the areas of: Food and fibre production; Animal care management; Plants and landscapes; Food processing (primary); Environment/National resource management; and other related applied sciences.

Within the next two years, Bendigo TAFE's City Campus is set to be transformed with the investment of \$60 million in the construction of two new buildings and refurbishment of existing heritage buildings. The revitalised campus will feature purpose-built adaptable teaching spaces and workplace-simulated training rooms with modern equipment, set to drastically improve the student experience on campus and enrich the institute's delivery.

New commercial training kitchens, restaurant and event spaces aligned with the anticipated industry trends, are a key aspect and prominent feature of the campus design. These practical spaces for hospitality, commercial cookery, bakery and tourism will provide hands-on learning experiences designed to address the skills requirements of this growing sector.

Our industry partnerships are a focal point as we strive to deliver the best education outcomes possible by making our collaborative industry vision a reality.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the city and wish you every success with the submission of the bid.

Warm regards,

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Chief Executive Officer
Bendigo Kangan Institute

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