

16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Cr. Marg O'Rourke  
Mayor  
City of Greater Bendigo  
Lyttleton Terrace  
Bendigo, Vic 3550

**Letter of Support for the City of Greater Bendigo's Application to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the Category of Gastronomy**

Dear Mayor O'Rourke

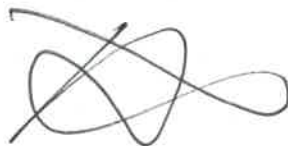
On behalf of Food and Wine Victoria I have great pleasure in supporting the City of Greater Bendigo's application to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the Gastronomy category. Food and Wine Victoria is the state's premier organisation to market, support and organize major food and wine events across the state.

Food and Wine Victoria is excited at the prospect of Bendigo and region being recognized by UNESCO for its outstanding heritage and contemporary offering in food and beverages. We note that the application references the extraordinary variety of production and presentation that occurs across Bendigo and its region and the plans that the City has to develop its gastronomy agenda and drive a sustainable future for its region.

Food and Wine Victoria looks forward to partnering with Bendigo and region as Australia's only City of Gastronomy. Important events organized by Food and Wine Victoria such as *Global Table* and our *regional World's Longest Lunches* will be able to showcase Bendigo and region and highlight connections to the rest of the world and particularly other UNESCO Creative Cities in Gastronomy.

I wish you well in the application and look forward to working with Bendigo as a UNESCO Creative City.

Yours sincerely



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Food + Wine Victoria