



**Bendigo Regional
Food Alliance**
Grow, Source, Cook, Share

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*Cr Margaret O'Rourke
Mayor
City of Greater Bendigo
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**Re: UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy
accreditation application by the City of Greater Bendigo**

Dear Mayor,

The Bendigo Regional Food Alliance Inc., is excited to support the City of Greater Bendigo's bid for accreditation as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy.

The Bendigo Regional Food Alliance was established in 2015. It brings together organisations, groups and community members involved in growing, sharing, cooking and sourcing healthy food.

The Bendigo Regional Food Alliance supports the aspiration of the City of Greater Bendigo to continue their strong work across multiple areas of food and cultural activities that bring the community together, provide business opportunities, create improvements in health and wellbeing and assist in the development of a sustainable food system in the region.

There are multiple opportunities for improved community health and wellbeing outcomes across the whole region that will be provided by accreditation as a Creative City of Gastronomy. The outcomes will significantly increase connections to our Aboriginal heritage, celebrate our diversity of food cultures, ensure fair access to healthy food and social connection around food, plus rebuild our food systems to become more sustainable in a rapidly changing climate.

Regards

Dr Jennifer Alden

Chair

Bendigo Regional Food Alliance Inc.

