



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

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Councillor Margaret O'Rourke
Mayor
City of Greater Bendigo
Via email: I.norman@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Dear Mayor O'Rourke

I advise of Macedon Ranges Shire Council's support for the City of Greater Bendigo's application to the UNESCO Creative City Network in the category of Gastronomy.

The application's theme of sustainability should be celebrated, as it creates a partnership for creativity to drive regional development, tourism, health and inclusive growth.

The City of Greater Bendigo's model incorporates a regional partnership between organisations and networks linked through a common heritage and culture embracing all aspects of food and beverage. This is supported by the City's strategies which embrace culture, creativity, food systems and environmental action as interconnected drivers of sustainability for our region.

We are extremely fortunate that our unique region comprehensively embraces gastronomy, and would be fully supportive of it being recognised in a global environment.

Yours sincerely

Margot Stork
Chief Executive Officer