



Huntly Family Fun Day

BNDCE continues to support the City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB) in planning and organising the annual Huntly Family Fun Day at the local Strauch Reserve. The 2026 event continued to be a well patronised local event within the community, with lots of fun and enjoyment had by all participants.

Agnico Eagle has continued as the major sponsor and its support is what allows this event to be such a success. Other financial contributors are BNDCE, the Welco Group and CoGB, while the Kiwanis Group and Huntly Lions volunteer their time to assist on the day.

Many and varied stalls provided entertainment, information, food and fun activities on the day including the two animal interaction stations. Service groups were in attendance providing education and information about their work within the community. BNDCE thanks all volunteers at the event and all families and participants who attended to make it a great day and would like to welcome you all back again in 2027.



Other Major Investments - Defibrillators

BNDCE/THALES Wellbeing Funding

The BNDCE was approached by a **Thales** Representative regarding funding for a suitable project related to **Health & Wellbeing** in our area. This funding was distributed across the four Enterprises within the Bendigo area. A number of Defibrillators were placed within the Bendigo Northern Corridor.

BNDCE members were pleased to place Defibrillators at **Goornong, Huntly** and **White Hills**. In addition to the defibrillators, funding was also allocated for **first aid training**. So far members of the Goornong community have participated in the first aid training as have 2 groups organised by the Huntly Community Hub. Well done to all who were able to complete the training. It is anticipated that further first aid training sessions will be made available in the future.



The impact of your support!

Support for BNDCE is support for local Kindergartens, Schools, Sporting Clubs, Churches, Community Groups and more..

Support BNDCE by supporting our partners and you can help make a difference.

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Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise

Sawdust & Smiles - Intergenerational Project Epsom P.S.

\$1,320 Grant

2025

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise (BNDCE) has continued to support Primary Schools within the Bendigo Northern Corridor. The Epsom Primary School approached BNDCE with a grant application aiming for the young and old within our community to work together to build social cohesion and mutual respect. BNDCE has been proud to contribute financially, in helping to build stronger communities.

The aim was for students to work closely with the Huntly Men's Shed late in 2025 to develop and embed intergenerational work. The project looked to improve student report outcomes and become an ongoing project. The strengthening of relationships between older men and students was through collaborative projects building respect, co-operation and a shared purpose with the development of literacy, numeracy and communication skills.



The Epsom Primary School approached the Men's Shed to assist them, as part of their Health and Wellbeing Program. The project included using tools, equipment, aprons and safety gear from the men's shed. Tasks included: wood working to create Nesting boxes, houses and equipment suitable for the school Guinea Pig enclosure and other wood crafting tasks.

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Community Investment Grants – your support in action

Funds for the community investment grants program are generated through the generous support of local businesses and through Telco's contribution from profits made on Telco accounts. We are grateful for the support of our current business partners – **Bendigo Telco, Integra/Viewpoint Huntly and Epsom Sand & Soil.**

These businesses contribute at no additional cost to their customers. Your continued support of our partners plays a crucial role in helping them fund and support local projects within the community.

For more information on the grants program or to read about past grants stories, please visit our website at www.bndce.com.au

Small Community Investment Grants Program - Application Process

The grants program is open from February to the end of November. BNDCE strongly encourage your organization's representative to contact one of the BNDCE committee to discuss your grant application before submission. Any club or group applying for a grant is required to send a representative to one BNDCE meeting to explain key aspects of the application. Submission of referrals are no longer a pre-requisite of an application.

For full grant guidelines and application forms, please visit the BNDCE website at www.bndce.com.au

Ongoing Business Partnerships

The committee is excited that Epsom Sand and Soil, Telco and Integra/Viewpoint Huntly have continued their financial support to partner BNDCE and this in turn will help fund the Community Grants Program. This will enable us to inject essential resources into important local projects to support, groups, clubs and schools within Bendigo's Northern District.

Together we are committed to making a positive impact in our community. A huge thank you to **Epsom Sand & Soil** for its generosity. Be sure to support our new partner for all your garden and soil product needs. Also mention BNDCE when hooking up your telecommunications with **Bendigo Telco** or buying a block of land at the **Integra/Viewpoint Huntly**.



Epsom Sand & Soil's Ilka Mills, and team at Huntly Family Fun Day.



Bendigo Rugby League Club Inc - Training Equipment

\$2,000
Grant

In 2025 BNDCE assisted the Bendigo Rugby League Club with a contribution of \$2,000 to help establish and provision the new club with equipment for training and junior programs. The club is basing its training at the Epsom Sporting Facility.

The aim was to provide a new sport for people in Bendigo and Central Victoria to be a part of. The club is a single entity for all ages and abilities, seniors, juniors as well as males and females. Equipment will be used for training for all age groups as well as for league stars and little league stars (similar to Auskick to give kids a chance to experience Rugby League) The program helps build confidence, skill levels, fitness and enjoyment. The equipment included: tackle bags, kicking tees, cones, balls and shields.



Huntly Memorial Hall Committee – Commercial Refrigerator

\$2,500
Grant

The Huntly Memorial Hall Committee approached BNDCE to replace a '20 year old' two-door fridge in the kitchen at the Hall.

The old fridge had become unreliable and unsafe to use. Replacement of the refrigerator was essential as the Hall is constantly hired and used for events that require a fridge. It was necessary for a refrigerator in good working condition for the safety of Community Members and Hall users that could be trusted to keep food stored at correct temperatures and that would run efficiently.

The new Refrigerator will benefit the Community on many occasions including: The annual ANZAC Day Service, Information Sessions, Society Meetings, Memorial Services, Events and Functions whereby the Hall is hired out. This will keep the Hall highly usable for the Community for years to come.



Huntly Community Hub – Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner

BNDCE was pleased to support the Huntly Community Hub with a \$2,000 grant to purchase and install a Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner in their new Activities Room. This investment was crucial in enhancing the Hub's ability to serve the community in providing a facility for upcoming events and regular activities that could be utilised in all-year-round comfort.

The Activities room originally had no heating or cooling making it underutilized due to an inability to provide a suitable temperature-controlled environment. The Huntly Community Hub is a registered charity that aims to advance social and public welfare. The aim is to advance mental health by preventing social isolation, and the Hub provides a location where individuals can partake in activities together in a safe and comfortable space. The Activities room now has become an important resource to the community. Upwards of 45 individuals are visiting and using this space weekly including the crafting group and others undertaking their chosen activity.



\$2,000
Grant

Bendigo Golf Club Defibrillator Project – External Defibrillator

\$2,550
Grant

BNDCE has always sought to support the Bendigo Northern Corridor community with assistance with Defibrillator installations within community areas/groups/facilities. The Bendigo Golf Club submitted a grant application to replace their existing Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which was out of date.

The group sought a grant for \$2,550 to purchase a new Defibrillator and cabinet for external installation. The external installation enables the wider community to access the AED in the event of an emergency. With a golfing population of 700+ members this equipment will provide an essential safety-net to all members, young and old. The club undertook to have training take place for interested members.

