BENDIGO’S BID to be a CITY OF GASTRONOMY

Presenters

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UNESCO Creative Cities Network

7 Categories – Film, Music, Crafts & Folk Art, Media Arts, Literature, Design and Gastronomy

180 cities around the world

26 Cities of Gastronomy

Focus on Sustainable Development through creativity
FOUR PILLARS OF GASTRONOMY in Bendigo and the region
PILLAR ONE

Recognition of our Aboriginal heritage

Connection to Country and a sustainable food system thousands of years old – a system we are rediscovering and celebrating
PILLAR TWO

Creativity, innovation and diversity

People from around the world have come to our city and region and innovated as they have adapted to new landscapes
PILLAR THREE

Health and wellbeing

Ensuring fair access to physical health and social connection through food is vital for our region and communities.
PILLAR FOUR

Sustainability

Rebuilding sustainable local food systems as we tackle the challenges of climate change will require creativity and collaboration.
BENDIGO’S GASTRONOMIC REGION

• Dja Dja Wurrung Country

• The physical region: North Central Catchment Management Authority

• The administrative region: Loddon Campaspe LGAs
Development of Application and Timeline

• Gastronomy Application Management Team (internal steering committee) convened (Aug 2018)
• Gastronomy Application Reference and Advisory Group convened (Oct 2018)
• Extensive community consultation (Feb 2018 – present)
• Strong support from UN National Commission in Canberra
• Call for applications expected February 2019
• Applications due July 2019