

## ***A reimagined Bendigo Creek***

*Reimagining Bendigo Creek is a turning point. It marks the beginning of a process of renewal, understanding and connection over many generations, which aims to create a healthier, more inclusive, more connected and more beautiful Creek that we all respect and value.*

*A vision and plan to guide this process has been created over the course of the last six months, with the input and guidance of project partner organisations and representatives of the Greater Bendigo community.*

*We invite you to be part of further shaping this Draft Reimagining Bendigo Creek Plan.*

*You can view the Draft Plan as a read only printed copy at the following venues.*

*Have your say- We would very much like to hear your views on any aspect of the Draft Plan. If you would like to contribute, you have several options:*

*Fill in a short online survey and/or contribute to our interactive map.*

*Send us an email - [rsdenquiries@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:rsdenquiries@bendigo.vic.gov.au)*

*Send us a letter - Mark Stubbs, Senior Strategic Planner, City of Greater Bendigo, PO Box 733, Bendigo VIC 3552*

*Drop into a listening post:*

*•Opposite Bendigo Farmers' Market, Rosalind Park - Saturday February 8, 9am-1pm*

*•Music in the Park, Cooina Park, Kangaroo Flat - Friday February 21, 6pm-8.30pm*

*•Music in the Park, Garden for the Future, White Hills - Friday February 28, 6pm-8.30pm*

*•Zinda Festival, Rosalind Park - Saturday March 14, 4pm-8pm*

*Meet with a member of the project team by contacting the Regional Sustainable Development unit on 5434 6000 or email [rsdenquiries@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:rsdenquiries@bendigo.vic.gov.au).*

*The closing date for the public display period and for comments is Monday March 16, 2020.*

*In early 2019 expressions of interest were called to establish the project's Working Group, combining representatives of the Greater Bendigo community and from both government and non-government organisations with particular expertise or interest/s in the Bendigo Creek. The role of the working group is as a cross-disciplinary advisory group to the project. A Steering Group with representatives of project partner organisations is also providing strategic oversight and direction to the project.*

*Members of the Steering and Working Groups have participated in a series of workshops and meetings, as well as a site visit, to better understand the Bendigo Creek and to contribute to the development of the plan. Engagement by members of the Working Group groups with their own networks has also helped to illicit ideas and feedback to inform the planning process.*

*In the first half of 2019, the Issues and Opportunities Report, was prepared as a voice for our project partners and our community to reflect their stories, views and understanding of the Creek. This information was collected through workshops, listening posts, Social Pinpoint online interactive map, area surveys and general conversation.*

*During June and July 2019, a vision and principles for the Bendigo Creek were developed with the input of project partner organisations and community representatives. This provided the foundation the Reimagining Bendigo Creek Plan that has since been drafted.*

## ***Greening Greater Bendigo***

*Greening Greater Bendigo 2020-2070 is the first urban forest strategy for Greater Bendigo. It is a 50-year strategic vision for increasing tree cover and improving tree health across urban areas and townships of Greater Bendigo. Greening Greater Bendigo provides a strategic response to the complex challenges that threaten the health of the natural environment, the health of our residents and the liveability of our City and townships over the coming decades.*

*Greening Greater Bendigo is accompanied by a 10-year action plan which outlines the City's most immediate priorities and commitments to increase tree cover and protect the trees and greenspaces the community value. It aims to reverse the trend of tree loss from urban areas so that the multiple benefits trees provide can be enjoyed by current and future generations.*

*The draft strategy will be available for public comment from Thursday February 20 to March 27, 2020. The final strategy is due in May/June this year. For more information, please visit, [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/greening](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/greening)*

## ***Greater Bendigo Food System Strategy***

*Greater Bendigo's Food System Strategy will guide the actions of organisations and groups working to strengthen and support Greater Bendigo's food system from 2020-2030. The Strategy utilises a collective impact framework, which is based on the knowledge that individual actions and efforts are limited, but when we work together towards a common aim we maximise our impact. Over 30 organisations and groups have committed to either leading or supporting key actions listed within the 10 year Strategy Action Plan. The shared vision of the Strategy is that Greater Bendigo's food system is healthy, equitable and sustainable and supports the local economy, culture and health and wellbeing of our communities. For more information, please visit, [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/foodsystemstrategy](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/foodsystemstrategy)*