

# 2022 CREATIVE GASTRONOMY RESIDENCIES - BENDIGO

## RESIDENCY LOCATIONS – UNESCO City of Gastronomy

The Greater *CREATIVE* Bendigo strategy identified a need to grow partnerships between community and business. This program has deliberately engaged partners to help deliver the outcomes, taking steps to build a strong creative sector that is collegiate, collaborative and innovative, delivering career pathways for our creatives.

The Residency locations are a part of the food and farming sector and form an important role in the region of Gastronomy. They have been selected as they fit in to the four key themes that the UNESCO City of Gastronomy designation aims to explore.

1. Celebrate and elevate First Nations' culture, creativity and knowledge
2. Recognise our creativity, cultural diversity and innovation
3. Improve health and wellbeing particularly through healthy eating
4. Prioritise environmental sustainability, sustainable agriculture and food productions as we tackle climate change (and now recovery from COVID 19)

### [More information on Bendigo City of Gastronomy](#)

Please see below further details on the residency locations, The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence Bendigo TAFE &, Silver Spoon Estate, Bridgward Grove, Bendigo Agricultural Show Society, PepperGreen Farm, and their unique residency offerings. We ask that you consider the type of organisation and research/site locations that they offer and how they might assist you in developing your creative practice. We are in the process of putting together information dates so if you are interested in receiving further information on any of the locations, please contact Felicity Martin on [creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au)

## Silver Spoon Estate

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Silver Spoon Estate is a family owned and operated boutique cellar door, winery and vineyard, located 15 minutes north of Heathcote town centre. Winners of the 2021 Bendigo Excellence Business Award in the Sustainable and Environmental category, winemakers Tracie and Peter Young are passionate about their 100% off the grid home and business.

The property has 51 acres under vine on a 250 acre estate that boasts stunning 360 degree views from it's highest point. With a colourful history peppered with many stories from the gold rush era, 1970's mining of the Mt Camel Ranges and recorded Aboriginal stone and tree markings. The landscape itself would provide lots of inspiration for creatives not to mention the new cellar door, barrel room and wine making classes that provide visitors a hands-on experience in wine making (seasonal).

Silver Spoon would be ideal for creatives interested in sustainable farming, building etc, landscape, wine-making, storytelling, heritage, mining. There is not a space attached to this residency as such, however you can gain access to the property in consultation with the owners.

## Information Session:

If you are interested in applying for a residency with Silver Spoon Estate, please contact Felicity Martin, Creative Industries Officer, Greater City of Bendigo [creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au)

<https://www.silverspoonestate.com.au/>

## PepperGreen Farm



PepperGreen Farm (PGF), is a social enterprise of Access Australia Group (AAG), located at 40 Thunder Street, North Bendigo. PGF has been developed as a tourist and employment precinct, providing tourist attractions and experiences to visitors and the community, school programs, environmental practices and workshops, horticulture, and a range of biodiversity activities.

The site is home to the oldest Chinese kiln outside of Asia, the original Chinese Market gardens of Bendigo and the historical manure shed.

PGF provide training and employment for people with disability or experiencing disadvantage. PepperGreen Farm offers unique opportunities for skill development across a range of areas including microbusiness, horticulture, retail, tourism, hospitality and creative manufacturing.

PGF are passionate about growing fresh produce and showcasing the culture and heritage unique to Central Victoria.

Set on a historic significant, two-hectare site close to the heart of Bendigo, PepperGreen Farm offers a range of enriching experiences.

This residency does have access to a small studio space and would suit creatives of disadvantage or with a disability, who will have access to support from the staff and community at PGF. ThCreatives who are interested in food security, produce, landscape, growing food, agriculture, horticulture.

### Information session

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<https://aag.org.au/peppergreen-farm/>

## The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence & Bendigo TAFE

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The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence is a new (2018) state-of-the-art centre featuring specialist training facilities combined with flexible teaching and learning spaces. Located at Bendigo TAFE's Charleston Road campus, this facility enhances the delivery of animals, plants and sciences training across Central Victoria.

It provides training in food and fibre production, animal care management, plants and landscapes, primary food processing, environment and national resource management and other related applied sciences.

This residency will provide access to the facility and opportunities to engage with students on various projects. Educator in Sustainable Land Management and Creative City of Gastronomy Committee Member, Will Dalgliesh will be travelling to UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy on a research education grant. He will be sharing information and interviews from key locations in Italy, Spain and

Sweden. The residency would suit a creative who is interested in design and sustainability, resilience and food supply, Argo ecology and food security.

If you are interested in applying for a residency with Bendigo TAFE, please contact Felicity Martin, Creative Industries Officer, Greater City of Bendigo [creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au)

## **Bendigo Agricultural Show Society**

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The Bendigo Agricultural Show Society was founded in 1859 and has conducted an annual spring show every year since (excepting during World War 2).

The Agricultural Show Society is proud of its history and has been a major player in the community providing facilities for user groups within the Bendigo region and hosting National events. The two day show held in May includes Cattle- Beef, Horses including Show jumping, Sheep, Pigs, Alpaca, Goats, Poultry, Caged Birds, Dogs, Cats. Horticulture- flowers, Floral Art, fruit and vegetable, Home industries- Cooking, Needlework, Knitting, Art and Craft, Photography, and School Projects. This show is a celebration of farming and farming culture in the region.

The Show is located at Bendigo's Prince of Wales Showgrounds which opened in 1968 on an 18 hectare site in Holmes Road and is one of Regional Victoria's largest showgrounds. At five acres in size and with a one kilometre fence line perimeter it also proudly boasts the largest showgrounds arena to be found in the state including Melbourne. The residency will suit a range of creatives and there is a possibility/potential for working on a mural or mural design for those who may be interested. Otherwise, for those who are interested in the farming, show culture, the history/heritage of the site, architecture, home industries etc, then this site will provide plenty of research material.

### Information Session:

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### Bridgward Grove

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Bridgward Grove is a family owned olive grove, farm gate, art space and venue located in Goornong. Bridgward Grove is a fifth-generation agricultural enterprise which prides itself on high quality lamb production, cereal, legume and oil seed crops and more recently olive production. Seasonal farm activity can be part of the residency experience.

Working beside government departments to plant native corridors, regenerate old timber areas, protect naturally occurring wetlands and identify the wide range of flora and fauna species, this residency provides opportunities for research in land conservation and sustainability.

The farm is on Dja Dja Wurrung country and with the Dja Dja Wurrung and Jaara Jaara people as the traditional custodians of the land, the Howard family works with local Dja Dja Wurrung and Jaara people when sharing the Indigenous local stories. Several sites have been registered with Aboriginal Heritage.

This residency would suit those interested in farming, landscape, conservation, regeneration and would welcome local First Nations' people to engage with the Aboriginal Heritage in consultation with Dja Dja Wurrung.

**Information Session:**

If you are interested in applying for a residency with Bridgward Grove, please contact Felicity Martin, Creative Industries Officer, Greater City of Bendigo [creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:creative@bendigo.vic.gov.au)