

2025 Annual Report

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Our Vision

Shelter for all

Our Mission

Bringing the churches and community together to create solutions for those needing shelter.

BENDIGO WINTER NIGHT SHELTER





Our achievements

The Shelter operated from 1 June 2025 until 14 September 2025 continuously for 105 days and achieved the following:

Use of	the Shelter	
Total In	dividuals who used the Shelter	54
Averag	e Nightly Stay at the Shelter	10
Shelter	Night with highest number of guests	17
Shelter	Night with lowest number of guests	3
Outco	mes	
Total ni	ghtly stays	960
Total m	eals provided	2000
•	h Shelter found permanent modation	5
Through	h Shelter found casual work	3
	h Shelter received car repairs ner services	6
Opero	ıtions	
Volunte	eers (cooks and onsite)	430
Days of Septem	operation (every day 1 June - 14 ober)	105
Total Ho	ours of Operation (16 hours a day)	1680

'Breakthrough year'

2025 has been a breakthrough year for BWNS with a series of 'firsts':

We have operated for the longest period ever – we extended our season for the first time until 14 September (in previous years finished 31 August)

Operating 7 days a week for the first time in years

The largest number of guests and total stays ever

The largest number of volunteers ever

We are operating a shower truck all year

Gaining greater business and community support

Employing a Volunteer Co-odinatror





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Our Role

Bendigo Winter Night Shelter (BWNS) has partnered since 2019 with local churches, community groups, businesses and individuals to provide support for people (our guests) who are experiencing homelessness during winter in the Bendigo area.

BWNS is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) as a registered charity with deductible gift recipient status.

Crisis accommodation

BWNS provides crisis accommodation for men and women experiencing homelessness in Bendigo during winter. BWNS uses the Koolamurt Scout Camp in Spring Gully as the accommodation venue.

BWNS aims to be much more than just a "place to stay". BWNS offers guests a safe, caring, nonjudgemental community environment to receive refreshment, rest and hope.

Guests can expect:

- · A warm welcome
- · An evening meal
- Breakfast
- The opportunity to socialise and enjoy community
- Shower and laundry facilities
- · A comfortable bed in a warm and dry room
- · Help to link into other services/agencies

BWNS goals include:

- Building relationships with guests, developing community and journeying with those who want support and encouragement towards a more stable living situation
- Working together with people across church denominations and the whole Bendigo community
- Increasing awareness in the community of the issues and challenges facing those who don't have a permanent and stable living situation

Churches and Community Groups

Bendigo churches, community groups and businesses play a vital role in supporting BWNS.

Key contacts from these churches, community groups and businesses coordinate:

- the provision of a range of supports and resources that underpin the program.
- the supply of meals and the encouragement of members to become volunteers. BWNS also welcomes volunteers who are not associated with churches, community groups and businesses.
- essential services such as laundry, firewood and facility improvements.

All of these churches, community groups, businesses and individuals come together to make a difference to the lives of rough sleepers in Bendigo.

Impact

BWNS recognises homelessness is a complex issue and not something BWNS can solve. However BWNS believes that the positive impact of BWNS, even on one person, makes it worthwhile.

BWNS operates from a harm minimisation approach that supports our guests towards better life outcomes and, in some cases, to survive another winter.

BWNS recognises our guests may be vulnerable and have complex problems. BWNS seeks to provide basic facilities and hospitality, which means the program and its volunteers will not be able to fully address all the challenges our guests face. The most valuable thing that we can do is to listen and care.

Where possible, guests will be helped to connect with the right agencies and organisations to further assist them.

Our Role



Stable One

BWNS is essentially a franchisee of a model developed by an organisation called Stable One. BWNS affiliated with Stable One for the first time in 2025.

Stable One was born in the Yarra Valley of Melbourne out of the personal journey of its founder Jenny and the prayers of churches.

Stable One was registered as a charity in 2016 with the express purpose of helping churches express God's concern for those in need. Stable One had undertaken research and policy development to develop the Night Shelter model.

The Stable One model uses church buildings for guest accommodation and churches to provide meals. The church accommodation locations are rotated between participating local churches.

BWNS used this rotating church accommodation model for the first years of its operation. In more recent years BWNS has used Koolamurt Scout Camp in Spring Gully as its sole accommodation venue.

Stabe One opened its first Winter Shelter on 1 June 2017 with 165 trained volunteers. There are currently 8 Shelters in the Network:

- · Bass Coast Winter Shelter
- Benalla: "The Welcome Place"
- · Bendigo Winter Night Shelter
- · Frankston Winter Shelter
- · Wangaratta Night Shelter
- · Yarra Valley Winter Shelter
- · Toowoomba Winter Shelter
- Gympie Winter Shelter

Stable One provides BWNS with:

- administrative resources including detailed operational policies and procedures, sample forms, role descriptions, volunteer and guest handbooks
- access to an online library of training and conference videos
- training, support and consultancy. Some of our volunteers attended the very helpful virtual 'Alongsider Training' in 2025.
- regular online network meetings for encouragement, troubleshooting and prayer
- access to (at cost) and assistance with an online Volunteer Management System
- free attendance for two affiliate representatives at the annual Winter Shelter Network Conference. The Conference allows shelters to collaborate, develop best practice and receive training from a variety of guest speakers. The 2025 Conference was held on 14-15 November at Eva Burrows College in Ringwood. BWNS attendees learned a lot about how to prepare for the 2026 BWNS winter program.

BWNS is deeply grateful for the support and encouragement of Stable One.

Our People

Name	Position	Dates				
Volunteer Board members						
Christopher Dalton	Chairparaan	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Christopher Dalton	Chairperson	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Andrew Weightman	Project Co-Ordinator and Board member	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024. Personal circumstances meant Andrew was unable to perform this role from July onwards				
Geoff Young	Treasurer and Board Member	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Ashley McKenzie	Secretary and Board Member	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Andrew Walker	Board member	Resigned in March 2025 due to personal circumstances				
Michael Chalkley	Board member	Appointed by Board in April 2025.				
Nayomi Parsons	Board member	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Paris Mouzos	Board member and Laundry and Meals Liaison	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Andrei Cheng	Board Member and Churches Liaison	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024				
Stephen Keogh	Board member	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024. Resigned in February 2025				

Volunteer Office hold	ders
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Liz Gardiner	Volunteer Co-ordinator	Resigned in February 2025 due to personal circumstances
Lachlan McKenzie	Media Co-ordinator	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024
Simon Koolos	Community Group Co-Ordinator	Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024
Andrew Plant	Administration Liaison	Appointed by Board in January 2025

Appointed at AGM 26 November 2024.

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Daryl Lynch	Volunteer Co-ordinator (Full time)	Appointed April 2025
Dee Lynch	Koolamurt Day Support (Part time)	Employed July - September

Volunteers	Onsite Koolamurt	Cooking Meals		
Total number	312	100		

Financial Contributions



Grant provided



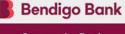
Grant provided



Grant provided



Individual Donors - Donations



Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

Grant provided



Donation

Goods and Services Provided



Electrical and Plumbing services



HR advice



ICT services



Elliot Hawkins – Electrician Dave Wishart – Plumber



Bus for guest travel



Provided Guest Meeting Point and Storage Facilities



Provided foodstuffs for use at Koolamurt



Financial and accounting support



Legal Services

Australian



Since 1934

Donation of quilts



Producing Annual Report



Installation of heating in

dormitory and insulation

Pizzas for meals



ICT support with Elvanto



Providing firewood

Goods and Services Provided



Kangaroo Flat Rotary, Bendigo South Rotary, Sandhurst Rotary

Laundry pickup



Laundry



Gerald House

Handyman repairs/improvements on bathroom and dormitory doors

LEON SCHOOTS photography

Use of his photography in this Annual Report

Partner Organisations



Koolamurt Scout Camp



Shelter Guest registration



Partner Agency



Partner Agency



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Partner Churches				
Name of Church	Meals	Financial Contribution	Guest Accomodation	Use of Church for Meetings
Bendigo Baptists	1			
Central Bendigo and Axedale Uniting Church	1			
Community of Christ	1			
Creek Street Christian School	1			
Eaglehawk Anglican	1		*	
Eaglehawk Uniting Church	~			✓3
Enjoy Church	1			
Epsom Community Church	1		*	
Holy Trinity Anglican	1	1	*	V 4
Kangaroo Flat Baptists	1			
Reforming Presbyterian Church	1			
Salvation Army	~			
St Killians Catholic Parish	1			
St Mary's Anglican	1		*	✓ 5
St Therese's Catholic Parish	~	√ 2		
Victory	~			
We Are Church	~			

- 1.BWNS needed to have 5 nights accommodation in the churches in 20205 due to prior bookings at Koolamurt Scout Camp. This situation will not reoccur in 2026.
- 2.BWNS is grateful to St Francis of the Fields, a school in St Therese's parish, for their fundraising.
- 3. BWNS is grateful for Eaglehawk Uniting Church providing the venue for the BWNS fundraising concert 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon' on Sunday 20 July 2025
- 4.BWNS is grateful to Holy Trinity for use of their church for training nights, Board meetings and the 2025 AGM.
- 5.BWNS is grateful to St Mary's for use of their church for 2024 AGM.

Fundraising Concert - 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon' 20 July 2025



Major Karen Armstrong Salvation Army Eaglehawk Corps

The Couriers Singing Group



Ken Waterworth Creative Arts Director Salvation Army



Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band Led by Ken Wellard, Music Director



Golden City Pipe Band Bendigo



Seamus Haugh MC of the Concert







MinisTree Report: 2025 Guest Liaisons

From Fiona Preston and Tracey Wolsely

Thank you for entrusting the Guest Liaison role for the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter (BWNS) 2025 to MinisTree Bendigo. We have been working as Community Chaplains with the rough sleeping community since 2022 and are familiar with many of the homeless in Bendigo.

This was our first year in this role, though we were contracted for the program that did not go ahead in 2024. We went in not knowing exactly how the role would look but knowing our heart for the homeless and our knowledge of them would assist us.

Highlights

The absolute highlight of the role was meeting the many wonderful guests who greatly appreciated being gifted a bed and meals, whether for one night or many throughout winter. Those we met appreciated and needed the love, care and hospitality of the BWNS.

Intake Statistics

- Interviewed 64 homeless people and 'prescreened' another 10
- 54 accepted into the program
- · 10 deemed 'unsuitable'

Registrations

Registrations were done in the Bendigo Library starting in May and continuing throughout winter. This was a good meeting point as it's easily accessible for the guests, it's well known, and there are many people around for the safety purposes of meeting – for us and the guests.

Tensions

This role is particularly challenging as we were constantly making critical decisions about who can and can't enter the program. Often you will only meet with someone for 30minutes and in that time you can't always assess the extent of an individuals' mental health challenges; even though all efforts are made to make the best assessment possible. For the most part accepting guests into BWNS was a joy, but when people were turned away or banned from the program there was grief to carry.

This role also brought tension to our role as Community Chaplains. Because we were seen as 'gate-keepers' to the BWNS our relationship with those we serve on the street took on a transactional element that created imbalance.

Going Forward

MinisTree has concluded that we will not be continuing this role into 2026. We are glad we have been involved this year however the compromise to our role as street chaplains is too costly.

Thank you BWNS Board for entrusting the Guest Liaison role to us. We greatly look forward to seeing the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter grow and flourish in the future.



The first line of my favorite hymn is "To God be the Glory, Great things he has done". That in a nutshell is the story of the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter (BWNS) in 2025.

Steep Learning Curve

I was elected BWNS Chairperson at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 26 November at St.Mary's Anglican Church in Kangaroo Flat.

At that time I had no prior experience with people experiencing homelessness. I had also not previously been involved with BWNS in any way. My first day at BWNS on 26 November 2024 was being elected Chairperson!

My hope was that I could learn about the issues of homelessness. I am so grateful to all the BWNS guests, volunteers and partner organisations who have helped educate me about these issues. I can't say I will ever be an expert on these issues. But I know so much more than I did 12 months ago. I continue to learn from all of you.

What I hoped to bring to BWNS was my long background in organisational governance and management. I was hoping to apply some of these skills for the benefit of BWNS.

The Task

The mood at the 2024 AGM was sombre. BWNS hadn't been able to deliver its Program in 2024 and there had been some talk leading up to the AGM as to whether BWNS had a future at all.

A huge thanks to all the officeholders and volunteers who stepped forward at the 2024 AGM and afterwards. This was a real act of faith to see if we could all work together to deliver the Program for 2025.

That was the task that lay ahead – working out how to deliver the 2025 BWNS Program and also how to create a long term sustainable organisation.

The Approach

To me it seemed that BWNS governance needed to morph from a 'voluntary association' culture into a 'not for profit small business' (NFPSB) culture. BWNS is a reasonably large volunteer organisation that needed some of the governance and resource 'scaffolding' of a NFPSB.

We immediately set about building this new approach after the 2024 AGM. Steps we took included for the first time:

1. Becoming an Affiliate of Stable One:

Stable One provided a large amount of support, training and materials. My interactions with the very generous Katherine Kirkwood, Stable One CEO, were a big help in the early months after the AGM. The role of Stable One is explained in Section 1 of this Annual Report.

2. Getting Expert advice pro bono from the Bendigo corporate community:

Please refer to Section 1 of this Annual Report for a list of the wonderful Bendigo corporate partners and skilled tradespeople who came forward to provide ICT, financial, legal, HR and other advice and support. BWNS is so grateful to each of you.

3. Getting ACNC Registration:

Registration with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) has two benefits:

- all donations to BWNS become tax deductible. BWNS saw an increase in revenue in 2025.
- BWNS is required to adopt mandated ACNC governance requirements which improves our governance.

4. Engaging a full time volunteer co-ordinator:

Daryl Lynch was literally a prayer answered when he arrived in April 2025 to take on the paid full time role of Volunteer Co-ordinator. It is hard to imagine the Shelter operating in 2025 without Daryl's involvement..

5. Understanding our volunteers better:

At the 2024 AGM and 2025 Training Nights I set up a sign up sheet for 'Coffee with Chris'. Meeting with you all helped me understand issues of homelessness better and identify individuals to become officeholders of BWNS.

Outcomes

The 'Summary 2025' page at the front of this Annual Report summarises the remarkable outcomes BWNS achieved this year. A huge thanks to each and every guest, volunteer, officeholder, partner and sponsor.

Challenges

There were lots of challenges in the delivery of the 2025 Program. Below I provide a summary of some of the key ones. I also provide below some comments on upcoming challenges for 2026.

2025 Operational Challenges

Challenge	Detail	Learning/Action
Elvanto	There were a wide series of functionality issues with Elvanto during 2025. Elvanto also completely broke down immediately before the start of the Shelter. All these issues caused frustration and confusion.	BWNS is replacing Elvanto for 2026.
On Call	The On Call function was not well organised for the first half of the Shelter. About half way through the Shelter operations we got it working better. Huge thanks to Lachlan McKenzie who did much of this second half of On Call.	Improve On Call processes for 2026.
Bus	Our original planned bus provider needed to pull out of the arrangement. Huge thanks to Innes Motors for stepping in to provide our bus.	Lock in bus provision as early as possible.
Guest/volunteer safety	Actions of a few guests created safety risks for other guests and volunteers.	For 2026 improve guest registration procedures, meeting point screening and guest ban policies.
5 Nights of Accommodation in the Churches	Koolamurt had taken 5 nights of bookings in winter 2025 because BWNS hadn't run in 2024. Going back to accommodation in the churches for 5 nights was logistically difficult and less popular with guests.	BWNS has locked in a continuous winter 2026 booking with Koolamurt.

Challenge	Detail	Learning/Action
Breakfast can't be provided by MADCOW	Originally our guests were to be provided with breakfast in the city by Mad Cow. Unfortunately the opening of the Hargreaves St Mad Cow facility was substantially delayed.	BWNS provided light breakfast at Koolamurt which seemed to work well. Will review MADCOW availability in 2026.
Salvation Army can't provide Meeting Point for last 2 weeks of the program	Salvation Army were unable to accommodate us for the last two weeks of the 2025 Program – 1 September until 14 September 2025.	BWNS used "Let's Chat" park for Meeting Point. We will continue to review Meeting Point arrangements for 2026
Strengthen Meeting Point	There were a small number of incidents at Meeting Point. Meeting Point is also a key part of the nightly process for making decisions about turning away guests who have not abided by the Guest Agreement.	BWNS will review and reorganise Meeting Point procedures for 2026.
Discontinuity of Officeholders	This was a significant issue in 2025 as some officeholders became unavailable for personal reasons.	Mostly this was unfortunate coincidence.
Better management of Koolamurt during the day	In the first weeks of the Shelter sometimes Koolamurt was not tidy and well stocked for the coming evening shift.	BWNS employed Dee Lynch midway through the season to fix these issues by doing a daily inspection of rooms and dining room.
Communications between Meeting Point (MP) and Koolamurt	Communication broke down on several occasions and failed to always convey the accepted guest list information.	Improve processes and technology for 2026
Guest vehicles	Issues included guests taking passengers, bringing other possessions to Koolamurt not checked at MP and bypassing MP on occasion.	Review in 2026. Potentially continue to allow with clearer processes.
Guest belongings	Issues included some regular guests accumulating large amounts of belongings at Koolamurt resulting in storage, security and other issues.	Review belongings policy for 2026.

Ongoing Challenges

BWNS will prioritise fixing the issues raised above and those arising from our guest and volunteer surveys.

However BWNS also needs to revisit 'who we are' – our Vision and Mission etc. One of the very positive developments of the 2025 season was our extension into other services such as the showertruck and laundry. However these kinds of services were not anticipated when BWNS was established.

We always need to make sure that what BWNS is doing in the future is:

- Coherent i.e. it links to an agreed understanding of what BWNS is.
- Doesn't try to repeat services provided by our wonderful partners in the Bendigo community such as Mad Cow, the Salvation Army, MinisTree, Haven Home Safe, Anglicare etc
- Sustainable in the long term

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

A huge thanks to Major Karen Armstrong for organising the BWNS fundraising concert 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon' at Eaglehawk Uniting Church on Sunday 20 July 2025. BWNS is grateful for everyone involved in the concert as listed in Section 1.

MinisTree

A huge thanks to MinisTree – Rev Tracey Wolsley and Rev Fiona Preston – for undertaking:

- · guest registration.
- support and care for individual guests before, during and after the program

MinisTree have provided a report in Section 1 of this Annual Report. Unfortunately Ministree are not able to perform the registration service in 2026.

However into the future MinisTree will remain one of our trusted partner organisations that we continue to learn from.

Stable One

My heartfelt thanks to Katherine Kirkwood, CEO Stable One, and all of the Stable One team for all their support to BWNS and myself. The role of Stable One is explained in Section 1 of this Annual Report.

The Grace Train

For me this was an almost overwhelming year. There were many false starts, disappointments and things that just didn't work. By God's grace so much more did work.

One of the things that got me through this year is what I came to call 'the grace train'. I live in Elmore where the train goes though the town at a set time each day. As the months after the 2024 BWNS AGM rolled by, I came to understand that at BWNS I would witness first hand an act of remarkable kindness or grace about once every 48 hours.

So whenever I would become disheartened because of a setback, I would say to myself 'just wait for the next grace train'. And sure enough it came like clockwork – guests, volunteers, sponsors or partner organisations doing something remarkably kind that astonished and humbled me.

My thanks to each and every one of you for the huge privilege of being the Chairperson of BWNS.

As I said at the start – to God be the glory.

Chris Dalton
BOARD
CHAIRPERSON



Guest Experience Quotes



Guest and Volunteer Experience

Guest Survey Results

Three of our guests completed the guest survey at the end of our season. We will try to encourage more of our guests to complete a survey in 2026. The results of the survey were:

Survey Question	Guest 1	Guest 2	Guest 3
Profile	50/60 year old man	60-70 year old man	65 year old man
How long have you been experiencing homelessness?	1-5 years homeless	Less than 6 months	No response
How did you find BWNS?	Found us via poster at station	Agency gave me information	Friends let me know
How long did you stay at the Shelter for?	30 nights stayed	50 nights	No response
What worked well?	Shelter was good Felt safe Comfortable at shelter Volunteers respectful	Good experience Mostly Comfortable	Excellent Felt safe Was Comfortable Respectful volunteers
What could we do better?	Make your own coffee Longer shelter days of operation	At times felt unsafe Open more days Registration process could be better 1 bag only Meeting point to be better Lockers at meeting point Woman volunteers shouldn't be alone No permanent cabins, rotate them. No cars	Longer open days
Would you stay again?	Yes I'd stay again	Hopefully don't return	I will return to visits Friends and volunteers
Any final comments?	This program saved my life. Id like to volunteer one day	Good experience	Made friends, the compassion kindness and dedication of every volunteer.

Guest and Volunteer Experience

Volunteer Survey results

54 volunteers completed a survey of their experiences. The profile of these volunteers who completed the surveys were:

- 28 were first time volunteers, 26 were returning volunteers (some had participated in all 6 programs)
- 61% of these volunteers completed 5-10 shifts
- the shifts volunteers for were: Evening 33%, Kitchen 22%, Meeting Point 18%, Morning 13%, Meal preparation 6%, Bus driving 5%, Overnight 3%

A summary of survey results is below:

Area Results For consideration/improvement Very positive for majority – 80% Clearer roster information Understanding of and level of comfort with Distribution of volunteer those experiencing homelessness had scheduling Overall significantly developed - 68% volunteer Improve communication Interaction with and appreciation of guests · Develop training for leaders and experience highly rewarding volunteers Most volunteers felt secure during their shift -Review recipe book, offer more Recipe book with rostered menu was variety and include desserts considered helpful - 70% Consider offering some specific Nutritional quality and serving quantity of Meals dietary need options meals was satisfactory – 90% Review meal storage, freezing and reheating process Improve exterior lighting Cabins offer guests dignity and privacy – 75% · Level uneven ground **Site Conditions** Kitchen appliances improved - 70% · Review cleanliness schedule All spaces well heated cabins and bathrooms Much appreciation of the effort, support and direction given by the organizing team Volunteers said they were happy with the · Greater clarity on role following roles responsibilities (both Board Chair – 65% (35% said they could not operational and shift) Roles and rate as had no contact) Over- or under-staffing on shifts responsibilities Volunteer Coordinator – 80% (20% said they · Improve app access to roster could not rate as had no contact) and documentation Admin - 70% Shift leaders - 90% Much appreciation of the enthusiasm and inclusiveness of shift volunteers Volunteers highlighted additional skills they may be able to offer Admin – 90% A significant number intend to re-volunteer in Training – 80% Future Involvement 2026 - 81% Site support - 60% Presentations – 60% Management – 50%

Social media – 50% Maintenance – 40%

Treasurer's Report

We began 2024-2025 with the healthy balance of \$49,465 as preparations began for the Winter of 2025 and finished the financial year with a balance of \$81,761. A number of developments allowed the BWNS to make significant changes in terms of the ability to fund the usual activities and a range of new initiatives. Among operational changes were the entering into an agreement with the City of Greater Bendigo to take over the use of the community hall at Sebastian as a venue for storage, potential area for future training and in partnership with the Shower Trailer project. The most obvious initiative this year has been the employment of a volunteer co-ordinator, Daryl Lynch.

A number of large grants and donations from the City of Greater Bendigo, Fosterville Goldmine and several others; long with the many contributions from numerous individuals ensured that there were more than adequate additional funds to run the program to its successful outcomes.

Sincere thanks must go to Chris Dalton who took on the position of Board Chairperson at the beginning of this year's operations. He demonstrated outstanding efforts the year in liaising with various community groups to attract funds. He has also been responsible for establishing pro-bono support from a number of businesses. Most significant of these from a treasurer's perspective , being Strategem Accounting.

I am indebted to Matt Moran from Strategem for his invaluable assistance and guidance as the BWNS finances have transitioned to the Xero. He has also been so helpful in setting up appropriate financial compliance with the Australian Taxation Office, Work Cover and relevant Superannuation companies. Strategem also managed our successful application to become a registered charity.

Sincere thanks must also go to all members of the BWNS Board for their work in promoting the work of the organisation; for their roles undertaken; and their efforts in attracting funds to ensure a successful year of operation.

In closing, a sincere thank you to all those many volunteers who have worked in various roles. You have also ensured a successful year. As this is to be my final report as Treasurer and Board member, I would like to record my thanks to the countless volunteers, community groups, businesses that I have worked with since April 2019. I have been pleased to be part of a much needed and much valued community outreach and wish those involved in the future every success in continuing to provide much needed to the homeless in our community.

Geoff Young



Financial Report

Profit and Loss

Bendigo Winter Night Shelter For the year ended 31 October 2025

	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Donations	56,624.20	10,905.00
Grants Received	80,000.00	5,000.00
Interest Income	884.64	308.30
Other Revenue	18.18	179.10
Sebastian	(307.98)	-
Total Trading Income	137,219.04	16,392.40
Gross Profit	137,219.04	16,392.40
Operating Expenses		
Administration	1,100.22	(#3
Bank Fees	35.35	9.15
Cleaning	424.19	-
Communication	2,154.71	1,595.41
Consumables	6,159.59	7,570.39
Equipment	4,550.99	- =
General Expenses	933.00	1,209.87
Gifts	=	400.00
Guest Liason	5,000.00	-
Insurance	3,064.86	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,081.16	-
Office Expenses	49.57	7 =
Printing & Stationery	443.18	-
Rent	18,350.00	. 77
Repairs and Maintenance	528.46	E
Subscriptions	2,960.72	-
Superannuation	7,009.27	
Telephone & Internet	1,061.81	270.00
Wages and Salaries	59,356.84	-
Website	1,561.45	476.30
Total Operating Expenses	115,825.37	11,531.12
Net Profit	21,393.67	4,861.28

Financial Report

Balance Sheet

Bendigo Winter Night Shelter As at 31 October 2025

	31 OCT 2025	31 OCT 2024
Assets		
Bank		
Savings	5,325.66	5,262.26
Statement	76,436.13	14,193.88
Term Deposit Account	24	30,000.00
Total Bank	81,761.79	49,456.14
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	1,290.23	-
Total Fixed Assets	1,290.23	Ę
Total Assets	83,052.02	49,456.14
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST	(1,179.12)	(312.00)
PAYG Withholdings Payable	8,142.07	-
Superannuation Payable	4,827.42	-
Wages Payable - Payroll	99.84	Ę
Total Current Liabilities	11,890.21	(312.00)
Total Liabilities	11,890.21	(312.00)
Net Assets	71,161.81	49,768.14
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	21,393.67	4,861.28
Retained Earnings	49,768.14	44,906.86
Total Equity	71,161.81	49,768.14

Our Values



How You Can Help

Become a member

Volunteer your time

Make a donation

Leave a bequest

Support an event or fundraising activity

Become a corporate partner

Please go to our website (bwns.org,au) or email us (<u>info@bwns.org.au</u>) to find out more about how you can help.









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