

Bendigo Community Health Services has welcomed two new members to the board of directors. Beck Legal director Geoff Bowyer and St Luke's financial counsellor Mark Gibson were elected to the board at the organisation's annual general meeting on Wednesday.

Mr Bowyer nominated for the BCHS board because of his belief the organisation is a crucial player in Bendigo's development through the wide-ranging provision of health and community services. He has spent many years advocating, developing and leading organisations in generational change in the local government, political and sporting fields.

The Beck Legal director has played a major role with the Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise in developing the new Greater Bendigo Indoor Aquatic Leisure and Wellbeing Centre.

"Bendigo's future will rely heavily on promoting and supporting wellbeing and healthy lifestyle choices across all ages and elements of our Community and I want to assist BCHS continue to grow its enviable record in delivery of these services," Mr Bowyer said.

Mr Gibson's board nomination was motivated by a long-standing interest in public health administration and appropriate health services delivery to communities.

He has held management positions in health and community services organisations including the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne, Dental Health Services Victoria, Department of Justice, Anglicare Victoria, LaTrobe Community Health Service, Relationships Victoria and St Luke's in Bendigo.

Mr Gibson is a director of the Bendigo Cemeteries Trust and has volunteered with sporting, church animal welfare and community organisations.

"I love living and working in Bendigo and believe that volunteering and serving as a Board member of BCHS will provide me with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to the community along with my other community activities," Mr Gibson said.

"I am looking forward to getting to know more about the many programs and services which BCHS provides - and to supporting and working with other Board members, the CEO and other staff to further the interests of BCHS. I am keen to support the growth and development of BCHS in any way I can."

Bendigo Community Health Services board chairman Peter Robertson welcomed the new directors to the organisation.

"Both Geoff and Mark have enormous community experience and that will be a great asset to our board," he said.

"We look forward to their input into ensuring a bright future for BCHS and making the most of opportunities that come along to allow the organisation to keep working to improve the health and wellbeing of this great community."

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