



## **Bendigo Easter Festival Torchlight Procession and Gala Parades 2012**

I am writing on behalf of the Bendigo Easter Festival (Section 86) Committee of Management to inform you about the revised route for the Bendigo Easter Festival Torchlight Procession and Gala Parades which will take place on Saturday 7 April and Sunday 8 April 2012, respectively.

The Committee have made a decision to return the start line for the two parades to Lyttleton Terrace where it was previously located many years ago. The move to the Lyttleton Terrace start line has come about due to issues raised in relation to road closures and traffic management for the two parades, increased traffic volume moving through Bendigo and, much more importantly, the safety of the public attending and watching the parades.

The return to this starting point for the parades opens up many more car parking options closer to the CBD for festival patrons and parishioners attending church services in this area. It also provides a more accessible route around the City for our local bus services and emergency services.

Both the Torchlight Procession and the Gala Parade will commence in Lyttleton Terrace (directly outside the City Offices), and move along Queen Street into Mitchell Street, Pall Mall, McCrae Street, Chapel Street and concluding in Bridge Street. A copy of the parade route is **attached** for your information.

Details and confirmation of street closures in the parade assembly and route area are currently being confirmed with Victoria Police, VicRoads, Department of Transport and the City of Greater Bendigo, but at this stage it is expected to cover Lyttleton Terrace, Queen Street, Mundy Street, Hopetoun Street, St Andrews Avenue, Mitchell Street, Pall Mall, McCrae Street, Chapel Street and Bridge Street for the times as set out below:

- Torchlight Procession, Saturday 7 April, 5:00pm - 10:00pm - parade commencing at 7:30pm;
- Gala Parade, Sunday 8 April, 6:00am - 4:00pm - parade commencing at the new time of 1:00pm.

This new route provides the opportunity for businesses to get behind the Bendigo Easter Festival 2012 theme of "Lets Party". We ask you to become involved in Easter by decorating your business windows to provide a festive atmosphere along the parade route for all to enjoy.

If you wish to discuss any of the above information, please contact the Easter Parade Coordinator, Raph Beh, on 5434 6475.

We trust that the new parade route will enhance the enjoyment of the Bendigo Easter Festival celebrations for all.

Yours sincerely

**Cr Rod Fyffe**  
**Chairman**  
**Bendigo Easter Festival Committee**