

# Highlights of the 2012 festival include:



## **Hazeldene's Family Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

The excitement of the Bendigo Easter Festival starts on Good Friday. The family day usually attracts over 15,000 people. It's a day out for the family including a giant Easter egg hunt, stage performances, rides for the kids, farm yard animals, plus much more.

## **Bendigo Bank's Kidzone - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

On Saturday Rosalind Park comes to life with an array of family and kids entertainment. Families can enjoy fire truck rides, hands-on activities, Hidden Creatures and roving entertainment.



## **Awakening of the Dragon - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**



The 'Awakening of the Dragon' is a special Chinese ceremony to wake Sun Loong from his year long slumber. This ceremony is unique to the Bendigo Easter Festival and always draws large crowds.

## **Torchlight Procession and Fireworks - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

A night-time parade that first appeared prior to 1900, is a salute to our emergency services, featuring local volunteer fire brigade members marching with brass torches. After the parade, magnificent fireworks round out an evening of spectacular light and sound.



## **Bendigo Advertiser Gala Parade - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**



Sun Loong, the world's longest Imperial dragon is a major drawcard of the Gala Parade. The parade will also feature a large Chinese section from local teams, demonstrating lion and dragon dances. The parade features floats entered by local community groups, schools, emergency services and businesses. The 1.5km parade is viewed by more than 60,000 people who enthusiastically start queuing early in the morning for their favourite vantage spot.

To ensure that we continue to build on the success of the Festival, and following on from the enhancements of 2011, we are locating the Festival for three days (Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April) in the centre of Bendigo. Activities will once again be held in Rosalind Park Precinct and the Chinese Precinct, Dai Gum San.

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