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Welcome

Welcome to the autumn edition of GB Magazine. This edition coincides with Easter and highlights the many wonderful events taking place as part of the Bendigo Easter Festival.

Will it be Sun Loong’s last solo parade before he hands over the reins to a new dragon next year? Will you be trying to make your way through the House of Mirrors maze in Rosalind Park? Or will you simply take the opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends? However you spend Easter, I hope it is safe and enjoyable.

City of Greater Bendigo staff take great pride in delivering events such as the Bendigo Easter Festival to our community. It is wonderful when various businesses and residents come on board to support these endeavours, whether it be financially, in-kind or by acting as volunteers. The Greater Bendigo community is wonderful when it comes to supporting events that bring great joy to many residents and visitors. We are fortunate to have such community-focused people in Greater Bendigo.

A major highlight already this year has been the commissioning of the Bendigo Airport runway. You can read more about this on page 24. This project ensures Air Ambulance, firefighting operations and disaster relief can continue to be based in Bendigo for the benefit of the Loddon Mallee region.

The Bendigo Art Gallery is celebrating its 130th anniversary and I encourage residents to visit the Collective vision: 130 years exhibition before the end of May. To celebrate, the gallery has put together a dynamic display of historic, contemporary, curious, significant and much-loved favourites. New acquisitions and contemporary works are shown alongside some of the first-ever works acquired by the founders of the gallery. It’s a must-see for any resident and visitor to Greater Bendigo.

The organisation has continued to show its commitment to trying new and innovative ways of delivering services and overcoming challenges. Our works team has used a new foam bitumen stabilisation construction method to upgrade a stretch of road on Olympic Parade, between Mackenzie Street West and Mockridge Drive, in Kangaroo Flat. This new approach saves both time and money.

The City is also trialling the new EnviroSonic ultrasound wave blue-green algae control system in Kennington Reservoir. Read more about this environmentally-friendly invention on page 21.

You may have read media reports that the City is undergoing some staff structure changes. The Directors and I are preparing the organisation to ensure it can best serve the community over the next 10 years and work with the resources available. I expect this process will be completed by July. Staff can be very proud of their achievements but it is important to continue to look forward, be ambitious and able to respond to the goals set by the new Council and the community.

Craig Niemann
Chief Executive Officer
Hundreds of young people across Greater Bendigo have had their say as part of the development of a new strategy for young people.

The new strategy has the theme: By young people for young people. It will outline how the City of Greater Bendigo can respond to priority issues with the help of young people, youth agencies and community stakeholders.

Community Partnerships Manager Steven Abbott said the City had conducted surveys, hosted a Youth Summit and consulted with various groups and leaders.

“We have put a lot of effort into gathering evidence and hearing from young people in order to develop this strategy,” Mr Abbott said.

“Some of the things young people are telling us are not new issues such as unemployment, mental health and access to public transport, and others such as the need for support to transition to higher levels of education and work, participation in decision making and housing are just emerging.

“What young people have told us will inform the strategy and help the City to continue to provide meaningful opportunities for young people and support their participation in all aspects of community life.”

Youth Action Group members Ruby Baker and Aimee Croft are two of the young people who have had input on the development of the strategy.

Ruby said she was interested in learning about Council and helping give young people a voice.

“I like it – it makes me want to be more involved,” she said.

Aimee said being involved in the strategy discussions had helped her gain confidence in sharing ideas.

“It gives an insight into what’s going on in the background [of Council],” she said.

There are 19,500 young people in Greater Bendigo and this is projected to rise to 24,000 by 2026.

Currently the City provides a range of programs for young people in partnership with local youth agencies and the State Government, including the FReeZA program which provides drug and alcohol-free entertainment and skate events, as well as the ENGAGE program which supports youth leadership training, the Youth Action Group, Youth Summit, skill development workshops, YO Bendigo website, media and art projects.

The strategy is due to be released for public comment later this year.

To stay up to date with its development, please contact Coordinator Young Communities David Williamson at d.williamson@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Ruby Baker, 19
Currently: Working and volunteering in multiple roles
Interests: Public speaking, music, travel and Scouts
Most important issues for young people: Lack of awareness about mental and sexual health, unemployment, support to access Centrelink and housing

Aimee Croft, 18
Currently: Studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education at La Trobe University
Interests: Netball, dancing (Central Victorian Lion Team), singing, friends and music
Most important issues for young people: Lack of support to transition to years 11 and 12, unemployment and the need for welcoming and safe public spaces for young people
From the Mayor's desk

By Mayor Cr Margaret O'Rourke

I am really enjoying my role as Mayor, it is so diverse and busy. The new Council is settling into its four-year term and is enjoying bringing a fresh approach.

One of the first matters we have considered is how to better engage with rural communities. Councillors have heard that they are keen to see and hear more from us. Instead of the Ward Meeting format, we look forward to rolling out a range of different opportunities to meet with residents.

The first of these new initiatives happened in March, when the Whipstick Ward Councillors and myself toured Goornong, Elmore, Kamarooka and Raywood, finishing with a shared meal and informal gathering at the Raywood hall.

This was a great way to hear from local residents about their top priorities for their communities.

The Eppalock Ward and Lockwood Ward Councillors look forward to touring their communities soon.

Thank you to everyone who has provided input into the 2017-2021 Greater Bendigo Community Plan, formally known as the Council Plan. This is a really important document that will shape the work of Council over the next four years.

It helps Council decide where and how to invest your money, and defines the role of Council and types of services it provides. Have a look below to read about some of the feedback people have provided to us so far.

A draft plan will be released this month, so make sure you take a look and check Council is on the right track.

In February I travelled to China as part of a delegation of central Victorian leaders. This was an incredible opportunity to promote Greater Bendigo as a smart and innovative region and develop positive relations with Chinese government officials and businesses.

We visited the Victorian Government’s office in Shanghai. There are five offices like this throughout China that are well-connected to local markets and highly regarded by the Chinese Government. We also went to restaurant chain liuyishou Hot Pot, an international company with 880 restaurants. The delegation received a very warm welcome to one of the restaurants and we got to meet the company’s beef supplier.

I look forward to sharing the ways local businesses can tap into the Chinese market and offer their products and produce.

Next, we headed to Nanjing to see the Smarter Nanjing traffic system. Nanjing is one of the best cities in the world at managing traffic and people, we can learn so much from these cities.

Our last stop was Haimen, the City of Greater Bendigo Sister City. We visited the international school where 2,000 students from grades one to 12 attend boarding school. A number of Bendigo schools make great use of this Sister City arrangement and our students travel to Haimen on exchange, so it was nice to see where they visit.

Finally, don’t forget to keep the Easter guide lift out in the centre of this edition of GB Magazine. It features all the activities and events happening over the Easter long weekend from April 14 to 17.

Bendigo comes alive at Easter but if you can’t be in town and you’re packing up the car for a getaway, please travel safely.

2017-2021 Greater Bendigo Community Plan

Thank you for your help to develop the 2017-2021 Greater Bendigo Community Plan.

This is your plan that Council puts together on behalf of the community.

Your input is really valuable and will help Council to create an inclusive, community-focused plan that benefits everyone.

More than 800 residents have told Council what they like and don’t like about living in Greater Bendigo and made suggestions for future priorities.

The plan will be guided by Council’s new vision – ‘Greater Bendigo – creating the world’s most liveable community’. Liveability means different things to different people, so knowing what’s important to you will help to deliver on this goal.

The plan will be developed around six key objectives - Council will lead and govern for all; Wellbeing and fairness; Strengthening the economy; Presentation and managing growth; Environmental sustainability; Embracing our culture and heritage.

Here’s some of what you’ve told us so far:

- Focus on necessary services for residents
- Invest money across the entire municipality
- Need for spaces and activities for young people
- Ensure people of all abilities can get wherever they need to go
- Cycle and walking paths for recreation areas
- Understand and support business and industry
- Council to advocate for improved health/mental health initiatives
- Support employment opportunities for young people and people living with a disability
- Foster innovation and creativity
- Maintain existing lifestyle and amenity
- Consider environmental sustainability when planning for the future
- Advocate for better traffic coordination
- More shade and trees in public places
- Guidelines for housing design
- Safe cycling through the city centre
- Support for live music
- Maintain the character of rural towns
- Good maintenance of roads and infrastructure

A draft plan will be released for comment this month. It’s important you take a look. The plan is the main document that will guide the work of Council over the next four years to ensure Greater Bendigo remains a fantastic place to live, work and play.

More information: Contact Lyn Talbot on 5434 6000 or email ltalbot@bendigo.vic.gov.au | www.bendigo.vic.gov.au | Facebook | Twitter | Instagram
Have you ever thought about how accessible your business is to people with a disability? Many people in our community with a disability face barriers when accessing local businesses, whether it is reading menus, getting a wheelchair through the door or finding information on a website.

City of Greater Bendigo Health and Wellbeing Director Vicky Mason said 40 per cent of adults have some form of disability or long term health condition. “Everyone with a disability is a potential customer,” Ms Mason said.

“Improving the accessibility of businesses benefits everyone including the business owner, people with disabilities, parents with prams, older residents and people with English as a second language.”

Project Support Officer Vinnie Mammoliti discusses the new ramp with the City’s Inclusive Towns Project Officer Courtney Yam.

Project Support Officers Tamati Poingdestre and Jye Yates discuss the disability access report with a local business owner.

Is your business disability-friendly?

Improve your disability access by:

- Providing written information such as menus in alternative formats like pictures, braille or in large print
- Providing a portable or fixed ramp and clearly mark steps
- Providing clear paths of travel inside your business and ensure tables and counters can accommodate a wheel chair or other mobility aids
- Ensuring your website has audio descriptions and screen reader capabilities
- Keeping a pen and paper handy in case this helps a person communicate with you
- Keeping your goods and items for sale at an easy to reach height and keeping counters clear for people to organise their belongings

Project Support Officers Tamati Poingdestre and Jye Yates discuss the disability access report with a local business owner.
Fresh start for Greater Bendigo preschools

Children at preschools across Greater Bendigo are enjoying new and upgraded outdoor play areas.

Five preschool upgrades have already been completed and a further two will be undertaken in the coming months.

The upgrades have been supported by a State Government grant of $395,000, City of Greater Bendigo funding of $80,000 and contributions from the Loddon Mallee Preschool Association and individual preschools of $93,000.

At Axedale Preschool, the works helped transform an old outdoor space into a natural and interesting play area. A variety of plants and different surfaces, quiet sensory spaces, sustainable gardens and water tanks were installed.

Loddon Mallee Preschool Association Early Years Manager Belinda Schultz said she was thrilled with the outcome of the Axedale upgrade.

“The kindergarten teacher Tania and co-educator Lisa sought input from children and families during the initial planning stages to find out what they wanted in their outdoor space,” Ms Schultz said.

“The finished project sees our dreams and vision for the yard fulfilled. We look forward to many years of fun and learning occurring in our amazing new outdoor play space.”

At Havilah Road Preschool in Long Gully, the project extended the current landscaping in the children’s play space.

The upgrade has seen the installation of a dry river bed, gravel pit, plants, rock and timber features, as well as a new sandpit and digging patch, a water feature and a bike track that runs around the play areas.

At North Bendigo Kindergarten, the upgrade delivered new child and adult bathrooms, storage and new child lockers, as well as the replacement of old windows and doors and landscaping works.

Kennington and White Hills preschools underwent upgrades in 2015/2016.

City Health and Wellbeing Director Vicky Mason said the upgrades had provided better opportunities for local children to learn and explore their environment.

“By working with the State Government and Loddon Mallee Preschool Association we have been able to create interesting and sustainable spaces for our young children to learn and play,” she said.

“With a growing population, it’s important that we invest in early years education and development in Greater Bendigo, so we can support the needs of families and children for many years to come.”

The remaining two play space upgrades will occur at Huntly Kindergarten and Spring Gully Kindergarten. The City has also completed separate works at Epsom Preschool to upgrade adult and child bathrooms, painting, storage and child lockers, and install floor coverings, flyscreens and new LED lighting.
The $8M facility includes junior and senior ovals, three tennis/netball courts and a multi-purpose community centre with a basketball stadium, commercial kitchen, function room and various change rooms.

The joint use facility has been developed in partnership between the City of Greater Bendigo and Marist College Bendigo, which allows the school to use the facilities during school hours and the community to use them after school hours and on weekends.

Maiden Gully YCW Eagles Football and Netball Club President Chris Garlick said the new facility had been the impetus for the Maiden Gully Junior Football Club and YCW Football and Netball Club to begin to merge.

“Both of our clubs were beginning to outgrow our previous grounds and the Marist Community Recreation Precinct offered great new facilities for our players and volunteers,” Mr Garlick said.

“Joining our junior and senior clubs allows us to offer pathways for junior players and create a real family-friendly club.

“Maiden Gully is a growing community and we will be able to provide opportunities for people of all ages to play football and netball with a friendly and welcoming club.”

Marist College Bendigo Principal Darren McGregor said the facilities were being well utilised by students and educators.

“This facility has provided our students with some fantastic facilities such as ovals, tennis and netball courts, and a basketball stadium.

“The commercial kitchen has been a wonderful addition to our school and allows us to offer food technology classes and the stadium doubles as a great school assembly place. We are using the stadium to gather the entire College every second Wednesday morning.

“Our parents were very excited about all the elements of the new facility when they visited at the beginning of the year to meet with their child’s educator.”

Mayor Cr Margaret O’Rourke said the partnership with Marist College Bendigo had proved very successful.

“Working with the school to provide these facilities has meant the growing Maiden Gully community, as well as a rapidly expanding school, have access to state of the art sport and community facilities,” she said.

“These facilities will serve the Maiden Gully community for many years to come.”

Clubs embrace new sports facilities in Maiden Gully

Sporting clubs have embraced the new state of the art Marist Community Recreation Precinct in Maiden Gully, with clubs already signing on to be regular users of the facility.
What’s in the works?

As part of the Council’s commitment to deliver improved infrastructure, a range of works are currently underway or have recently been completed.

A 700m section of Angel Road, Neilborough has been re-sheeted with 100mm of crushed rock, which is part of a larger $3M re-sheeting program for 2016/2017. More than 80 per cent of this year’s program is complete. The full program is expected to be completed in May, which will deliver more than 80km of re-sheeted roads.

Final stages of construction of the roundabout at the Barnard Street / Lily Street, Bendigo intersection. This is a Federal Government Black Spot Programme project with an estimated cost of $350,000. Works are now complete.

The City is upgrading the drainage in Maiden Gully between Burra Burra Road and Bedarra Court to alleviate flooding issues. The works are expected to be completed mid-April at a cost of $410,000.

The final stages of road improvement works in Sparrowhawk Road, Maiden Gully. The project was funded through the Federal Government Black Spot Programme at an estimated cost of $350,000.

An upgrade at the Knowsley-Barnadown Road and Axedale-Tooleen Road, Axedale intersection has been recently completed. Works were funded from the Federal Government Black Spot Programme at a cost of $330,000.
New road construction method saves time and money

The City of Greater Bendigo has successfully undertaken a $299,000 rehabilitation of Olympic Parade, between Mackenzie Street West and Mockridge Drive, using a new foam bitumen stabilisation construction method which has saved both time and money.

This busy section of Olympic Parade serves both Crusoe College and Kangaroo Flat Primary School and the project was carried out during the summer school holidays to minimise inconvenience to road users.

City Engineering and Public Space Manager Brett Martini said the organisation was responsible for over 1,600km of sealed roads and was always looking for more efficient and cost effective ways to manage its growing sealed road network.

“Foamed bitumen is a mixture of air, water and bitumen. When injected with a small quantity of cold water, the hot bitumen expands explosively to about 15 times its original volume and forms a fine mist or foam. In this foamed state the bitumen has a very large surface area and an extremely low viscosity,” Mr Martini said.

“The process not only improves the strength and durability of the existing pavement materials, it also provides significant cost savings.

“In Australia, as in many other parts of the world, the recycling of resources is important and the foam bitumen stabilisation process is great because it reuses all of the road’s existing pavement materials to achieve a new flexible road pavement base.

“With traffic volumes increasing throughout Greater Bendigo this new system could, if ground conditions are suitable, be used on many roads requiring rehabilitation.”

Other works underway or completed:

- Holdsworth Road, Long Gully – Drainage works
- Scott Street, White Hills – Bridge and road works
- Everode Drive, Sedgwick – Bridge replacement
- Strathdale Park play space – Stage two construction

A list of current works is available at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/roadworks
Elmore
small town, big heart

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT GREATER BENDIGO...

By Derek Shotton

Elmore is a small town with a big, resilient heart. We tend to take it for granted and sometimes forget how well the town is positioned compared to other small towns in the region. Whilst I don’t live in the town, I always find myself being drawn back; it will always be home, no matter where I live.

The town always pulls together, it doesn’t matter if it is the Elmore Field Days, the B&S Ball, Campaspe Run, Elmore Progress Association or any of the many other very active groups, the same people are always there to help because they want to see the town succeed. Even during the bad times, the townpeople pull together. I think there is a great attitude of “if we don’t do it for ourselves no one else will.” Elmore has great food, great customer service and there’s plenty to do and see, such as crafts, antiques, Campaspe Run or just a nice park to have lunch.

“It’s a great place to bring up kids; we have two great primary schools in town and have tremendous access to major schools at Rochester, Bendigo and Echuca.”
It’s a great place to bring up kids; we have two great primary schools in town and have tremendous access to major schools at Rochester, Bendigo and Echuca. We are truly blessed compared to other towns to have the amount of public transport options with the train and bus. Obviously we would like more services, but at least we have a regular service. The sports clubs are strong and vibrant and put a lot of work into the next generation. We all know many of our kids will move away for work but at least they have great life experiences from our community. Many that do leave for work seem to pop back regularly. Who knows, maybe they will come back to raise their kids?

I have been a member of the Elmore Field Days committee since I was 18. They are a great bunch of people that passionately want to see the Elmore community grow and prosper. I am incredibly proud of what the committee and the town have been able to achieve as a result of the Elmore Field Days.

Pictured left
The Elmore Field Days team L-R: Caitlin McAuliffe, Lauren Nesbit, Derek Shotton and Rachel Thorp.

Elmore Railway Station and grain silos (right).

Elmore Swimming Pool.

About Derek...

I was born in Elmore and worked on the family farm before marrying my wife Gen (a local Avonmore girl) and then working for DK Concrete in Rochester. We went to Melbourne for a while but quickly came back to the district once we started our family. We have been here ever since. Since returning, we have had a stint running our own dairy farm, spent some time selling farm machinery before I ended up working for the City of Greater Bendigo in the events and economic development units. Through my time at the City, I met the then managing director of Hyline (now known as Specialised Breeders Australia / SBA) and before I knew it, I was working for them.

I have been working for SBA in Huntly for the last six years as their Projects Manager. The business supplies day old replacement chickens for the egg laying farmers all over Australia. Currently we have the new hatchery going up at Rochester and the new breeder farm at Elmore. They’re a great company that want to further develop their strong links to this region.

I love my job – there is always something different and it’s always full on. I just need to learn how to slow down a little bit.
Bendigo
The place to be this Easter
Bendigo is definitely the place to be this Easter, where you can enjoy all the fun, rides, music, parades, fireworks, displays, activities and entertainment of the Hazeldene’s Bendigo Easter Festival.

With so much to see and do, the 2017 festival program is packed with a range of old festival favourites along with some exciting new activities and entertainment.

This year in Rosalind Park there will be a great display called *Garden Safari* in the Fernery, a multi-age creative building activity called *Green Hat Workshop* and an amazing *House of Mirrors* installation featuring a maze of seemingly endless mirrors presented by the Bendigo Art Gallery. In addition, Discovery will present the Discovery @ Easter marquee featuring a range of great activities.

*Around the World* will be returning to the festival and is a fantastic showcase of art, craft and dance highlighting the traditions and cultures of the Bendigo community. The *Goldfields Library Storytelling Craft Tree* is also back by popular demand.

As always, there will be lots on offer in the Dai Gum San Precinct, including dragon puppet workshops, Chinese historical walks, an *Extended Awakening of the Dragon* program and the *Return of the Dragon*.

Don’t miss this year’s *Laser Electrical Torchlight Lantern Parade* on Saturday evening followed by a great fireworks display and the *Bendigo Advertiser Gala Parade* on Easter Sunday featuring Sun Loong, the world’s longest Imperial dragon.

This year the excitement of the *Bendigo TAFE Carnival Central* will return to the streets of the central business district. Mundy Street, between Lyttleton Terrace and McCrae Street, is set to come alive with the thrill of fun rides and sideshow attractions.

Music will also be happening on three live music stages in the Rosalind Park precinct and some great bands will play at the *FReeZA Music Event* in Rosalind Park and the *Bull Street Festival*.

Community events taking place over the Easter long weekend include the Rotary Art and Craft Market, Bendigo Bonsai Club Easter Exhibition, Bendigo Easter Antique Fair, Bendigo Model Railroaders Exhibition, Bendigo Textile Artists Secret Garden Exhibition, Easter Book Sale, Rotary Art Show and much more.

There is something for everyone at this year’s festival, from the very young to the not so young. For more information go to www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au

Carnival rides will return to the streets of Bendigo’s central business district for the 2017 Hazeldene’s Bendigo Easter Festival.

This Easter the carnival rides will move from Tom Flood Sports Centre to Mundy Street, between Lyttleton Terrace and McCrae Street, to give the carnival a more visible presence.

Mundy Street places the carnival in closer proximity to the festival precinct and is also closer to the parade route along Pall Mall.

Bendigo Easter Festival Reference Group Chair Cr Rod Fyffe said the Victorian Showmen’s Guild expressed a strong desire to return the carnival to the CBD and after looking at a range of locations, the group decided to trial the carnival rides in Mundy Street.

“The reference group is continually looking for ways to improve the overall festival experience and we look forward to trialling this new location,” Cr Fyffe said.

There have not been any rides in the CBD since the carnival was moved to the Tom Flood Sports Centre in 2009.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Held from Good Friday - Easter Monday

Bendigo Bonsai Club Exhibition
Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm
Monday: 10am – 4pm
Uniting Church Hall, Forest Street, Bendigo

Bendigo Easter Antique Fair
Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm
Monday: 10am – 4pm
NEW VENUE:
Truscott Stadium, Murdoch Street, California Gully

Bendigo Model Railroaders Open Day
Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 4pm
NEW LOCATION:
139 Wills Street, Bendigo

Bendigo Textile Artists Secret Garden Exhibition
Friday and Sunday: 12pm – 4pm
Saturday: 10am – 4pm
Monday: 10am – 2pm
St Andrew's Uniting Church, Myters Street, Bendigo

Bendigo Vintage Talking Trams
Saturday, Sunday and Monday: 10am – 5pm
1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo

BFNLF: Round 1 Football
Various times and locations
Visit www.bendigofnl.com.au for details

Ag Art Wear Exhibition
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday: 9am – 5pm
Living Arts Space, Bendigo Visitor Centre, 51-67 Pall Mall, Bendigo

Easter Book Sale
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 9am – 5pm
Monday: 9am – 1pm
YMCA Tom Tvedt Stadium, Mundy Street, Bendigo

Easter Rotary Art Show
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 9am – 5pm
Monday: 9am – 4pm
Bendigo Town Hall, Luttrellton Terrace, Bendigo

Parade of Quilts
Friday and Sunday: 12pm – 5pm
Saturday: 10am – 5pm
St Andrew's Uniting Church, Myters Street, Bendigo

Exhibition of Cross Stitch, Embroidery, Quilting and Crochet
Friday and Saturday: 10am – 4pm
North Bendigo Bowls Club, corner Fenton Street and Holmes Road, Bendigo

Photographic Print Exhibition
Friday and Saturday: 9.30am – 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.30am – 5pm
Dudley House, View Street, Bendigo

Great Stupa of Universal Compassion
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday: 10.30am – 5pm
25 Sandhurst Town Road, Myers Flat

Vintage Car and Machinery Display
Friday: 9am – 3pm
Inglis Street, Bendigo
Saturday: 9am – 2.30pm
Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo

ROVING ENTERTAINERS
Look out for roving entertainment throughout Rosalind Park.

PRE-PARADE ENTERTAINMENT
Enjoy pop-up entertainment before the Torch Light Lantern Procession and roving entertainment before the Bendigo Advertiser Gala Parade.

PARADE ROUTE
Rosalind Park, Poppet Head Bridge St, Annie’s Spring Bridge St, The Capital, Fifth Avenue Bridge St, Pall Mall, To Train Station

Visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au for more information.
This Easter could be the last time we see Bendigo’s famous Imperial Dragon Sun Loong take to the streets on his own as the Bendigo Chinese Association make plans for his retirement after the 2018 Bendigo Easter Festival.

A condition report has identified a number of structural issues with Sun Loong and the Bendigo Chinese Association, in consultation with a number of other local organisations, has formed a plan for his replacement.

It is expected that 2017 will be Sun Loong’s last year as the sole main feature of the parade, before a new dragon joins him and they travel the streets of Bendigo together in 2018. The replacement will then become the main dragon and Sun Loong will be retired to the Golden Dragon Museum.

There are two Imperial Dragons on display at the Golden Dragon Museum. The oldest, Loong (which simply means ‘dragon’ in Cantonese) was created in Fat Shan (Foshan), a suburb of Canton (Guangzhou). Loong first made his debut in the streets of Bendigo in the late 19th century and is the oldest Imperial Dragon in the world.

When Loong became too old and frail to be paraded through the streets of Bendigo, it was decided to purchase a new dragon.

Sun Loong (which means ‘new dragon’) is the longest Imperial Dragon in the world and was first paraded through the streets of Bendigo in 1970. He was made by Mr Lo On Kee, a Hong Kong dragon maker and refugee from Canton. The task was mammoth and when all the elements were completed, the head and tail were transported across Hong Kong to a Taoist temple where a priest, Ho Chu Yui, performed a blessing ceremony. The dragon was then brought to Bendigo to be put together.

Sun Loong is 100 metres long and is made of bamboo, cane, silk, beads and mirrors. His four legs and the five claws on each of his feet distinguish him as an Imperial Dragon. His head weighs 28.6 kilograms and his tail weighs 16.3 kilograms and he has a bearded chin, great curly whiskers protruding from his nose, two big horns and one smaller horn, two tusks, four fangs and teeth in his mouth and six medallions on his cheeks, which are omens for such things as long life, happiness, good fortune and riches.

Sun Loong is the focal point of three great ceremonies each year.

The first is the Blessing of the Dragon ceremony, which sees the elders of the Bendigo Chinese Association pay homage to both the dragon and to their patron saint Guan Gong.

The second ceremony is the Awakening of the Dragon ceremony, which is a rite peculiar to Bendigo. This ceremony consists of a pageant of lion dances, martial arts, Tai Chi exercises, ribbon dances, and parades of traditional opera costumes, along with the sound of drums, cymbals, gongs and firecrackers to wake the sleeping dragon.

The final and major function is the Bendigo Easter Festival Gala Parade, which takes place on Easter Sunday. This is the only time Sun Loong comes out in the streets of Bendigo.

The gala parade is the climax of Australia’s oldest continuous festival where Sun Loong is surrounded by firecrackers, gongs, drums and dancing Southern Lions.

You can help create the new dragon for Bendigo and play a role in the history of our city by donating at any Bendigo Bank Branch, at the Golden Dragon Museum or online at www.daigumloong.com.au

All donations of $2 or over are tax deductible.

No one likes getting a parking ticket but parking inspectors are more important than you might think.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Inspectors Wes and Gus (pictured) say parking inspectors are a ‘necessary evil’ to keep people safe and traffic turning over so people can access shops and services.

Without parking inspectors, people would park on footpaths, nature strips and driveways.

“Believe it or not, parking inspectors are a necessity to try and manage people parking their cars,” Wes said.

Wes and Gus have been working as parking inspectors for a combined 35 years.

They are responsible for checking and maintaining parking meters, marking cars, responding to complaints about cars in the wrong areas (such as nature strips) and patrolling parking bays across the municipality.

They also monitor school crossings across the municipality and if needed, step in and act as crossing supervisors.

They supervise parking across Bendigo and our smaller towns, not just the CBD.

One of the benefits of the job is spending most of the working day outside, talking to people and being active.

“You’re outside all day, in the fresh air. You meet a lot of nice people,” Wes said.

They both say the job is about educating people about the reasons for parking restrictions and other places to park.

“You try to work out an option for where they can park. It’s often about resolving a problem,” Gus said.

The job extends further than parking and officers are often called upon to act as ambassadors for the city.

“You help tourists when they come into town [with directions and information],” Wes said.

As Gus says, “It’s what you make it.”

So next time you see a parking inspector in the streets of Greater Bendigo, why not smile and say hello? There is a good chance you’ll get a very positive response!

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**SERVICE IN THE SPOTLIGHT: PARKING INSPECTORS**

5000+ Number of parking bays in Greater Bendigo

180 Number of parking meters in Greater Bendigo

Most common excuses for receiving a parking fine:

- “I’ve only been here a couple of minutes”
- “I didn’t have any change”

Most creative excuses for receiving a parking fine:

- “I was in the laboratory” (meaning lavatory)

Top tip for avoiding a parking fine:

Go into your bank and get $20 worth of twenty cent coins and leave them in your car.
Statutory declarations no longer required for organics exemption

The City of Greater Bendigo no longer requires residents to sign a statutory declaration to gain an organics exemption and has introduced a new application form as part of the exemption process following a decision by Council.

The statutory declaration process had proven difficult for many residents and Council has listened to what residents have said and changed the exemption application process.

From now on residents applying for an exemption from the organics service will only be required to sign a new application form and pass an inspection of the measures they have in place at their property to deal with their organic waste.

The organics service has been very successful since it commenced in September 2016, with hundreds of tonnes of organic waste diverted from landfill. The City’s Waste Management staff are continuing to look at ways to encourage and support the community to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill.

If you are a property owner and can demonstrate that your household is effectively and intentionally managing all food and garden organic waste on your property via composting systems, worm farms or household animals, you may be eligible for an exemption from the new organics service.

To apply for an exemption:

- Fill in an online application form at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au, collect one from the City’s office at 195 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo or phone 5434 6000 to have one mailed to you
- When filling in the form you must indicate how you manage all of the food and garden material on your property, e.g. composting systems, worm farms or household animals
- Once your application is complete, please submit it either online, in person or through the post

What happens once your application has been submitted?

- An officer from the City’s Waste Services team will call you to make an appointment for an onsite assessment
- One of our friendly organics staff members will then visit you to assess the management systems you are using
- Following the assessment you will receive a letter to let you know if your application has been approved or not
- If your application is approved the City will come to your property and remove the organics bin. The organics charge will also be removed from your rates notice

FREE Green Waste Disposal

The City of Greater Bendigo is encouraging residents to dispose of their green waste for FREE at the Eaglehawk and Heathcote Landfills in April and May, 2017.

April 22 and 23

and

May 20 and 21
New caddy liners to be delivered

The City of Greater Bendigo is aiming to deliver a new roll of compostable caddy liners to each home in the organics collection area between March and September this year. Only the caddy liners clearly marked as compostable and supplied by the City are suitable to place in the organics bin. The caddy liners supplied by the City are made from corn starch and vegetable oils that breakdown in around 30 days when commercially composted. Any household that requires new caddy liners before this time can collect a new roll (free of charge) from the City’s Lyttleton Terrace office or by phoning 5434 6000 to have a roll delivered.

Organics facts

- Plastic bags and bags that are labelled bio-degradable don’t break down in the composting process and are the number one item that contaminates organics.
- Only the caddy liners clearly marked as compostable and supplied by the City are suitable to place in the organics bin.
- Over 4.6 million bin lifts (includes waste, organics and recycling bins) are performed in Greater Bendigo each year.
- Organic contamination rates are under 1% and the most common contaminates are plastic bags, syringes and nappies.
- Over 6,000 tonnes of organic waste has been diverted from landfill since September 2016.

Tell us what you think and WIN!

Want to have your say about organics?

Complete the survey to be in the draw to win one of four $50 Coles/Myer vouchers. The survey can be found on the City of Greater Bendigo website at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/organicsurvey.
Do the right thing and get a sharps bin!

Sharps, syringes and all other types of needles for personal medical use should never be placed into your waste, recycling or organics bins.

Sharps and sharps containers are considered biochemical waste and the dumping of this type of waste at a landfill site is prohibited by the Environment Protection Authority. When sharps are used, they must be disposed of properly by placing them in a sharps container, available for free from City of Greater Bendigo offices in Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo or High Street, Heathcote, or Bendigo Community Health Services in Helm Street, Kangaroo Flat or Seymour Street, Eaglehawk.

When you have filled your sharps container to the line indicated on the container, it should be returned to either the City or Bendigo Community Health Services for disposal. When a container is returned to either organisation another one will be supplied for free.

So if you use sharps regularly, please make sure you are doing the right thing and disposing of them in the correct and safest way. For more information visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/sharpsafety

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**EPA drones to detect illegal waste dumping**

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria has launched an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Program to capture video evidence of illegal dumping and polluting. Also known as drones, the use of UAVs boost the EPA’s ability to detect illegal dumping in remote and difficult to reach locations in the Bendigo region. The EPA’s UAVs support the work of its Illegal Dumping Strikeforce, which is focussed on reducing the illegal dumping of industrial waste such as concrete, timber, bricks and asbestos on public and private land.

In 2015/2016, the EPA issued 98 remedial notices to stop or clean up illegally dumped waste across Victoria, with the most issued in the north-west, followed by the Melbourne metro and north-east regions.

To report suspected illegal dumping contact the EPA’s 24-hour pollution hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842). For more information on the UAV program, visit www.epa.vic.gov.au
Beating the bite

Thanks to a special State Government funding package, the City of Greater Bendigo is taking on some additional work to fight the spread of mosquitoes.

The funding follows heavy rainfall across the state that led to ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes late last year.

City Environmental Health and Local Laws Manager Susannah Milne said there had been an increase in the number of reported cases of Ross River virus in Greater Bendigo.

“Even though the number of mosquitoes has returned to normal, residents still need to protect themselves from bites,” Ms Milne said.

“The State Government funding will allow the City to undertake some mosquito monitoring and targeted removal of mosquito breeding sites.

“To do this, we can use pellets that are placed in stagnant water to kill mosquito larvae. These are harmless to other insects, fish and other wildlife.

“We will concentrate on areas where there are high numbers of mosquitoes that are near populated or busy areas.

“Usually, the City has a limited role when it comes to managing mosquitoes but this funding will allow us to be on the front foot if we get further mosquito outbreaks.

“People need to remember that it is not possible to find and treat every site but we will do our best to manage mosquito numbers.”

The City is responsible for managing mosquitoes on Council land but not on private property. For more information please contact the City on 5434 6000.

Did you know?

- All mosquitoes require water to breed
- Female mosquitoes live for approximately two months and males live for about 10 days
- Only female mosquitoes bite humans and animals
- There are more than 275 mosquito species in Australia
- Only a few species bite humans and even less carry human diseases
- Mosquitoes can carry diseases such as Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, and Murray Valley Encephalitis
- Mosquito is Spanish for ‘little fly’
- Female mosquitoes can lay up to 300 eggs at a time
- A mosquito can drink up to three times its weight in blood.
- It would take approximately 1.2 million bites to drain all the blood in the human body

Managing mosquitoes on your property

To help manage mosquito numbers on your property, check your property and remove potential sources of stagnant water:

- Change your animal’s drinking water and bird baths regularly
- Keep lawns trimmed to reduce the areas for mosquitoes to breed
- Regularly clean gutters and drains
- Remove any items where water can collect, such as unused pots and tyres
- Keep swimming pools well maintained or covered (or empty) if not in use

Protecting yourself from bites

Here are a few simple ways to help protect yourself from mosquito bites both indoors and outdoors:

- Use insect repellents containing picaridin or DEET as an active ingredient
- Wear long, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors
- Ensure that insect screens fitted to doors and windows are in good condition

Ultrasound wave technology trialled to combat blue-green algae

The City of Greater Bendigo is trialling an EnviroSonic ultrasound wave algae control system in Kennington Reservoir to combat the recurrence of blue-green algae at the popular urban lake.

City Engineering and Public Space Manager Brett Martini said the EnviroSonic system was easy to install and monitor.

“The system is comprised of an anchored, solar powered pontoon that emits ultrasound waves into the water to destroy algae,” Mr Martini said.

“EnviroSonic is environmentally friendly because it avoids the use of toxic chemicals and is safe for humans, animals, fish and insects. It’s also cost effective because the units last for over 20 years.”

Kennington Reservoir fills largely from stormwater run-off and, as a result, the water contains significant nutrients which can lead to algal blooms.

Blue-green algae is caused by a lack of inflow, lower water levels and ongoing warm weather. Blue-green algae is very small and can be present in water where there are no obvious signs of a problem.

Most blue-green algal blooms do not last long and often disappear after a few weeks. However, when conditions remain favourable blooms can last longer. Characteristic signs of algae contact include skin rashes, itchiness, sore eyes, ears and nose or, if swallowed, nausea and vomiting.

“The City is excited to trial this equipment at Kennington Reservoir as part of our Urban Stormwater Management Plan”, Mr Martini said.

“Other water quality improvement initiatives already implemented include the installation of sediment traps in Bendigo Creek and the installation of a floating wetland at Gateway Park.

“If the EnviroSonic trial is successful we will consider using the system at other urban lakes throughout Greater Bendigo.”
Since I have been elected to Council, time has gone past in a blur. Firstly, to be elected is a privilege. I am grateful for the opportunity and I’m working very hard to represent the whole of the community, as well as those in my ward.

Local Government is a great space to work in and the welcome from the community has been amazing. Councillors are invited to many community events and meetings every week, which provide broad and eye-opening experiences.

The job of a councillor is not one you can do half-heartedly. It is a big time commitment and there is a lot of reading to do. I aim to make well-informed, balanced and fair decisions, as I know the decisions Councillors make impact on people’s lives. The community deserves this and I am always happy to explain my logic for making a decision to anyone concerned.

I was excited about the removal of the statutory declaration requirement for exemption from the green organics bin, as I had campaigned for this to happen. I’m also looking forward to having a conversation about a hard rubbish collection. I am Council’s representative on the Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group and will be looking at waste issues across the region and seeing what our neighbouring councils are doing.

One of my main focuses will be on making sure that the resources and growth are shared across the entire region and it is for this reason that I volunteered to be on some of the rural committees. My aim is to be actively engaged and involved with the rural areas. To help achieve this, I will soon be advertising ‘coffee with a councillor mornings’ in some of the rural newsletters. I hope you will come along and say hello.

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As one of the three elected representatives for Eppalock Ward I have been thoroughly impressed with how the new Council has settled in and been brought up to speed on its roles and responsibilities.

All Councillors attended an induction program, which was a bit like Councillor school, and we got to learn about meeting procedures, planning, budgeting, capital works, communication and media, as well as getting to know all Councillors, staff, directors and directorates.

I really got an appreciation for the role of Local Government and the many ways it touches our lives and works hard to ensure we love where we live.

Personal highlights so far have been assisting ratepayers to navigate Council issues and attending fantastic events, such as the Australia Day celebrations and citizenship ceremony where Australian citizenship was granted to 30 valued people at a full Bendigo Town Hall.

It’s been great to tour the sites of our major projects, which will be wonderful assets for our community when they are complete. We’ve looked at the airport, Bendigo Tennis Centre, Greater Bendigo Indoor Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre, the expanded Bendigo Stadium complex and works on Marist College Bendigo’s new sporting and community facilities, which have been jointly funded by the Council and the school and can be shared with residents outside school hours.

In the Eppalock Ward, I am pleased the Strathfieldsaye Urban Design Framework has been adopted by Council. It will guide the future development of the Strathfieldsaye township, which is really important for the rapidly growing community. Council staff did a sterling job consulting with local residents and developing this innovative concept.

Looking ahead, I encourage residents to contribute to the 2017/2018 Council Budget and the 2017-2021 Greater Bendigo Community Plan. Both are very important documents and outline how the Council and staff members will work on your behalf and invest ratepayer money in important services, projects and initiatives.

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Planning for the future

Lockwood Ward

I love being able to work with and represent our community. The Councillor workload is diverse and also incredibly enjoyable. One moment I will be meeting with Council staff and community members, and then I find myself reading for many hours in preparation for a Council meeting.

The Council is driven by the need to plan for the future. Greater Bendigo is currently growing by 1,500 people a year, which means we will reach a population of 200,000 by 2050. Our city is no stranger to rapid population increases and development – when gold was discovered here in 1851, Bendigo went from a pastoral stock route to a city of 15,000 people in less than 20 years. As Councillors, our aim is to celebrate and preserve our history and plan wisely for a prosperous and sustainable future.

As part of my Councillor role, I sit on the Bendigo Art Gallery Board, Heritage Advisory Committee, Rosalind Park Recreation Reserve Precinct Advisory Committee, Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, Workspace Board, Farming Advisory Committee and the Greater Bendigo Public Space Plan Steering Group. It is great to work with the other community members who volunteer their expertise to help these committees and boards deliver important outcomes for residents.

There’s always something to look forward to and I am excited to be helping carry Sun Loong during the Bendigo Easter Festival Gala Parade. When I lived in Melbourne and Sydney I would always come home for Easter. The community floats and bands, the smell of the crackers, the colourful display of heritage costumes and our wonderful dragon, Sun Loong, all contribute to a very unique and authentic Greater Bendigo experience.

This Easter I am also going to make my way through the amazing House of Mirrors, a complex maze of mirrors, and try not to get lost! This is another wonderful major art installation that will be on display in Rosalind Park and is brought to us by the Bendigo Art Gallery.

From bonsai to book fairs, there is so much to see and do in Greater Bendigo at Easter. I would like to thank the community and volunteers for all their efforts to make the Hazeldene’s Bendigo Easter Festival an event to remember.

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DID YOU KNOW?
The City of Greater Bendigo is working towards achieving Communication Access accreditation through Scope Victoria to ensure that all community members can access the City’s services.

If you have a disability or a language difficulty, you can access the current services below:

The City’s website has the following features:
- online chat
- a read speaker
- the option to select a language
- mobile and tablet friendly
- plain English

At our Customer Support counters we offer:
- National Relay Service
- interpreter services (by appointment)
- wheelchair access
- a hearing loop and information screens
- AUSLAN interpreters (by appointment)

As part of working towards Communication Access accreditation, the City will develop communication boards (and iPad versions), conduct staff training plus a range of other initiatives.

For more information please contact the City on 5434 6000.
The new 1,600m Bendigo Airport runway has opened and airport users and emergency services were the first to test it out.

The new runway forms part of stage two of the Bendigo Airport redevelopment. The $15M project also includes associated taxiways, lighting, signage and fencing infrastructure.

City of Greater Bendigo Chief Executive Officer Craig Niemann said completing the new runway was an exciting milestone in the airport’s redevelopment.

“The honour of being the first to use the new runway was given to airport users, as a way of thanking them for their support for the airport and this important project.”

“Opening the new runway means the biggest component of stage two of the project is complete. Switching from the old runway to the new runway has meant that the airport can continue to operate for emergency services and general aviation,” Mr Niemann said.

Whilst it is possible for larger aircraft to land on the new runway now, restrictions will remain in place until the taxiways and apron have been strengthened. When complete, the runway will be able to accept freight aircraft carrying up to 30 tonnes or passenger aircraft carrying up to 75 people.

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It is expected stage two will be complete in May 2017. The project has been funded by the Federal Government ($5M), State Government ($4.7M) and City of Greater Bendigo ($5.3M).

Stage one works were completed in 2014, which included the development of 25 new aviation hangar sites, three new taxiways, improved road access and new drainage infrastructure.

The old runway is now being converted into a taxiway.

Mayor Cr Margaret O’Rourke, Councillors, City staff and airport users celebrate the opening of the new runway.
The new Greater Bendigo Indoor Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre is coming along swimmingly.

Presentation and Assets Director Craig Lloyd said there were about 40 workers on site to keep the project ticking along.

“The main structure is up and the floor for the gym and program rooms will be poured by early April. Framework will also go up to support the second floor of the plant platform, which will hold heating, cooling and hot water units,” Mr Lloyd said.

“External wall frames will soon start to appear and the splash play area will be constructed. Next, work will begin on the 50m pool and the shape should be complete by the end of May.”

Over at the Bendigo Stadium site the main steel structure and ground floor slab are nearly complete, and progress is underway to complete the concrete slab for the new centre court.

“All the seating planks have been installed, ready for the 4,000 seats to be placed on top.

We’re also working on installing the flat roof over the main court area,” Mr Lloyd said.

“Despite the works, the Bendigo Stadium is still open for business and about 10,000 people continue to use the facilities or play sport there each week.”

“We’re making great progress at both the aquatic centre and stadium sites, and the City looks forward to opening them both and for the whole community to enjoy the many benefits they will offer.”

The City aims for the works at the Bendigo Stadium to be completed by the end of this year and at the aquatic centre early next year.

### Bendigo Livestock Exchange introduces new sheep I.D. program

The Bendigo Livestock Exchange, one of Victoria’s premier livestock selling facilities, will introduce new electronic equipment to comply with the requirements of the new National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) for sheep and goats.

In 2016 the Victorian Government directed that all sheep and goats born on, moved from or onto a Victorian property must have an electronic identification tag from January 1, 2017.

The NLIS enables animals to be reliably identified and tracked from their property of birth to slaughter, protecting the reputation of Victoria’s livestock industries. The NLIS will enhance Australia’s ability to quickly and successfully access key domestic and export markets.

The traceability of sheep and goats supports Victoria’s reputation for quality by helping protect livestock industries from the potential impact of diseases.

Sheep and goats act as vectors in the spread of infectious disease, such as foot and mouth disease, anthrax and other diseases, and it’s essential for animals of interest to be located quickly and accurately to manage and minimise the spread of disease.

New NLIS infrastructure will be installed at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange and staff are continuing to work with local agents and other stakeholders to implement the program.

More than 1 million sheep were sold at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange in the 2015/2016 financial year.
This year the Bendigo Art Gallery is celebrating 130 years with a dynamic new exhibition of historic, contemporary, curious, significant and much-loved favourites from its renowned collection. Called *Collective vision: 130 years*, the exhibition runs until May 28.

The exhibition explores the gallery’s vast collection in the context of social, artistic and community change, as well as the evolution of the Gallery itself. Works that have subject matter, theme, style or medium in common will be brought together, offering a fresh approach to the gallery’s immense collection.

Visitors to the exhibition will see new acquisitions by leading contemporary Australian artists, including Hany Armanious, Michael Cook and Polixeni Papapetrou, alongside some of the first-ever works acquired by the founders of the Gallery. These will be joined by long-time favourites and lesser-known gems from the collection.

Founded in 1887, the Gallery was officially launched in the refurbished Volunteer Rifles orderly rooms in 1890. Eight years later two new courts were added, designed in the grand European tradition with polished wood floors and ornate plaster arches and cornices.

Since then, two contemporary wings have also been added, including a major new $8.5M extension in 2014, which more than doubled the Gallery’s exhibition space.

Today, the Gallery is Australia’s largest regional gallery, known for delivering an ambitious exhibition program as well as significant cultural and economic benefits for the City.

Considering 130 years of collecting in the context of social, artistic and community change, as well as the evolution of the Gallery itself, the curatorial team has taken a fresh approach to presenting the immense variety of exhibition items acquired, purchased and donated throughout the Gallery’s long history.

*Collective Vision: 130 years* will be backed by a large program of events, activities and performances. For the full program of events taking place in the Gallery’s 130th year visit www.bendigoartgallery.com.au
Bendigo Art Gallery is presenting a special art installation called *House of Mirrors* in Rosalind Park from April 7 to April 30, 2017 as part of its 130th year anniversary celebrations.

*House of Mirrors* is a fascinating walk-through installation composed of a maze of seemingly endless mirrors, which make getting out an art!

Created by Melbourne installation artists Christian Wagstaff and Keith Courtney, *House of Mirrors* focuses on the darker side of altered perception and plays with the themes of uncertainty, claustrophobia, confusion, disorientation, apprehension, uneasiness, thrill, panic and paranoia.

The installation was produced in collaboration with award winning creative studio CPS and was commissioned by MONA for DARK MOFO 2016 in Hobart, Tasmania. Its appearance in Bendigo is a Victorian exclusive.

*House of Mirrors* is constructed with 40 tonnes of steel and 15 tonnes of mirrors. The bare basics installation relies on precise geometry and spatial design so that visitors can get lost in endless reflections.

It includes kaleidoscopic-like chambers, voids, doorways and darkened breaks, the purist and most traditional form of a mirrored maze – the bare basics!

There are no added gimmicks, no special effects, no special lighting, no sound track or soundscape, just the primary ingredient of carefully arranged mirrors, geometry and pure optical illusion to bring an authentic sense of amusement and a thrilling blend of delight and fear.

The installation will be backed by a series of special events that will explore the origins of the mirror maze, the mystery of mirrors and the art of mirrors. More information is available by contacting La Trobe Art Institute on 5444 7272.

In addition there will also be a pop up bar from 6pm to 9pm on Saturday April 8 and 22 complete with live music.

*House of Mirrors* will be located near the View Street entrance to Rosalind Park with tickets available at the door. Ticket prices are $10 and free entry is provided for people under the age of five and those over 80 years.

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**New Visitor and Dining & Shopping guides available**

The new 2017 Bendigo & Heathcote Region Official Visitor Guide and the Bendigo Dining & Shopping Guide are both available now.

The two handy sized guides are a fantastic resource designed to showcase the best local attractions, shopping and dining experiences on offer in the Greater Bendigo region.

With Easter fast approaching, it is hoped the two guides will provide some great inspiration for both locals and visitors.

Copies of both guides are available from the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre or online at www.bendigotourism.com.au
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Residents are also advised that the Eaglehawk Landfill will be closed on Good Friday but will open all other days from 8am to 4:30pm.

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