



Bendigo Easter Fair Society Inc.

Australia's longest running Festival - Est 1871.

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March 2018

Welcome

How quickly has the year passed. We are only weeks away to Easter.

This year, we will have the Spinning Wheel event. We enjoyed seeing so many happy faces (and they weren't just from the winners!) So many people enjoy the return of the Spinning Wheel and have told us how they remembered when we used to run it so many years ago.

So come along again to support us and say hello. We have great prizes again this year to win thanks to our great sponsors (list of names towards back of newsletter).

We will be set up in Rosalind Park near the Sidney Myer Place—bridge entrance. You can't miss us, we make a lot of noise. 😊



Watching the parade—year unknown but looks around the 1970's?

Your Committee members 2017-2018

Interested in being a Committee member?
Send Debbie an email on befs1871@gmail.com
to discuss your interest.

President—Simon Mulqueen
Vice President—Ken Deveraux
Secretary—Debbie Henderson
Treasurer—David Wright
Committee members—Gary Frank and Ian Dyett

Save the date

Easter 2018—30 March-2 April
Easter 2020 (150 years)—10-12 April

From the President



Welcome to the March 2018 Edition of the Bendigo Easter Fair Newsletter.

Planning continues for the 2020, 150th Easter Fair whilst we are also working on 2018 and 2019 as well.

It seems like yesterday when the Mayor Cr. Margaret O'Rourke launched our 1000 day countdown on July 17th 2017. We are now down to just over 750 days to go and the clock is ticking.

In 2018 we will again run our spinning wheel in Rosalind Park with all the money we raise going towards the 2020-150 extravaganza.

As we mentioned in September we are planning some great events for the 2020 festival, some you will remember fondly, others are new and in conjunction with the Events Team at the City of Greater Bendigo. We hope the community of Bendigo gets behind us in this endeavour.

Some of the things we have on the drawing board (without giving too much away) include extra fireworks displays, a possible return of the Teddy Bears Picnic, a huge Easter Ball, the return of Violet (The Olympic Kewpie Doll) to the Parade, more bands for the parades, lots more free entertainment, a reinvented attempt at festive street lighting, displays and events packed into the whole of the 4 day event.

Anyone who would like to assist the committee is welcome to contact our Secretary Debbie Henderson or myself, and sponsors both big and small would be appreciated in helping us make the 150th Bendigo Easter Fair the best ever.

We are also seeking any memorabilia; Photos, Articles, Medals, Flyers, in fact anything from 1871 til now that mentions or represents elements of the Bendigo Easter Fair that can be borrowed or copied for exhibition in the lead up to the festival.

Happy Easter everyone.

Simon Mulqueen
PRESIDENT
BENDIGO EASTER FAIR SOCIETY Inc.



The 1945 Easter Fair Poster

The Easter poster was for many years, a collectors item and the various designs eagerly awaited each year.

In the lead up to 2020, The Easter Fair Society will be having a design competition to encourage the community to come up with an appropriate design for our 150 poster.

Facebook

Still haven't seen our Facebook page? Search for us and like us.

You will see pictures from past and present. If you have any pictures, you are welcome to add them or you could send them to us.

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Bendigo Easter Fair Spinning Wheel

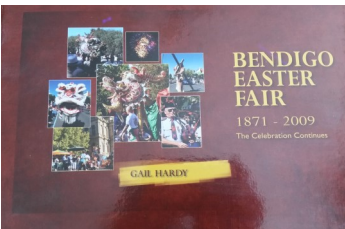
We will be again running our Spinning Wheel in Rosalind Park due to it's great success.

This will be on Friday and Saturday, 30-31 March from 10 am to 4 pm.

Come and buy a ticket for your chance to win fantastic prizes as well as supporting the BEFS and the 150th celebration.

Hope to see you there.

Easter book



We have had a great response with our members buying this book.

If you haven't already picked up this great deal, just head down to the Bendigo Trust.

Retail price was \$35.00, for our members **only \$10.**



Website

We are excited to inform our members of our new website designed by SASI Marketing.

Why not have a look? It has some great memories with photos and videos from the past. But don't forget to keep a check on it, as it is updated regularly.

<http://bendigoeasterfairsociety.org.au>



A float in the night parade—year unknown

Spring Time float—year unknown

Thank you to our Business Members



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Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership, you can request a form from the Secretary at befs1871@gmail.com

Contact Details

The committee have received a positive response to receiving communication via email to help our carbon footprint. If you would like to do this, just email the secretary at befs1871@gmail.com.

Thank you to our Spinning Wheel sponsors—2017



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