



Bendigo Easter Fair Society Newsletter

October 2019

Welcome

Yes, it has been said before, but we have been extremely busy this year. With our 150th next year, only **173 days** away and with this year's Easter done, the committee has ramped up their energy to commit to and put on a fantastic 150th. So make sure you save the date and tell your friends and family. **The 150th Easter Fair will be held from 10-13 April 2020 over 4 fantastic and fun filled days!**

What have we been doing?

Although we can't tell you everything yet, due to some things still in negotiation stages, here are some things we can reveal.

- We've been buying flags (large and hand-wavers), t-shirts, caps and medallions, which will be on sale at the Bendigo Visitor Centre to commemorate this special occasion.
- We have established a sub-committee to liaise with businesses who entered floats in the past to re-enter floats for 2020
- We are trying to contact past Miss Popular Girls for a reunion.
- We will be contacting past Committee Members to join that reunion.
- The Teddy Bear's Picnic will make a reappearance with the Dragon City Marshal signing on as our sponsor for this event.
- We've been sending out letters to local businesses to try to encourage some financial support. The wonderful businesses signed up so far can be seen on page 7.
- We've sent invites to special guests.
- Organising for our 150 Launch which will showcase a building projection depicting Easter over the years and a special event we can't reveal yet.
- We are organising extra fireworks displays.
- We are baking a big 150th cake to commemorate our event.
- We have established a sub-committee to help organise the details for our 1920's Cocktail Ball.
- We've been gathering photos and memorabilia of past Easters for our Exhibition.
- Liaising with the Post Office Gallery curator for this Exhibition.
- A sub-committee has been formed to re-invent the Way of the Cross street theatre production.
- We are finalising the details for the Dragon head competition.
- We are also finalising the details for a Poster competition.
- There may also be a Photo competition (for Photo's that best reflect our 150th Easter).
- Inviting the Bands from around Victoria to join our Gala parade Easter Monday.
- We are hoping to announce a free family concert for Easter Saturday night (Stay Tuned).
- Plans are underway for a re vamped Cavalcade of Transport.
- We are bring a troupe of Japanese drummers to town on Good Friday.



Events Calendar

- ◇ Exhibition of 150 Easter's, 1871-2020 at the Post Office Gallery - **4 March-28 June 2020.**
- ◇ 150 Memorabilia for sale at Bendigo Visitor Centre - **4 March-28 June 2020** (until sold out).
- ◇ 1920's Cocktail Ball (tickets sales soon) - **Saturday, 4 April 2020.**
- ◇ Launch - Light show of Easter, Fireworks and a special event (waiting for Council approval) - **Thursday, 9 April 2020.**
- ◇ Way of the Cross performance - **Good Friday, 10 April 2020.**
- ◇ Popular Girl and Past Committee of Management Reunion - pending numbers - **Easter Saturday Afternoon, 11 April 2020**
- ◇ Japanese Drummers - two shows on **Good Friday, 10 April 2020.**
- ◇ Cavalcade of Transport - **Sunday, 12 April 2020.**
- ◇ Free Family Concert followed by Fireworks - **Saturday, 11 April** (Pending Confirmation)
- ◇ Teddy Bear's Picnic - **Sunday, 12 April 2020.**

Stories to share

Don't forget to have look around your home (in the basement, attic, shed, study) , you might find old photos, slides and other memorabilia from Easter's past that you would like to donate or loan to us.

You can send them through to us by mail, email, (details on page 1) or drop them in to our President, Simon Mulqueen at 29 Miller Street.

You could even share your memories with us. We would love to hear them.



Annual General Meeting



The Bendigo Easter Fair Society's AGM will be held on

Thursday, 7 November 2020, 6 pm, 29 Miller Street.

Interested in being a Committee member or know of someone who might?

Send the Secretary an email on befs1871@gmail.com to discuss your interest.

Your Committee members 2018-2019 (up for renewal)

President—Simon Mulqueen

Vice President—Ken Deveraux

Secretary/Treasurer—Debbie Henderson

Committee members—David Wright, Reno Capanna, Jesse Cattell, Megan Anderson

Poster Competition

Are you, or someone you know an artist? Here is a great opportunity to showcase your skills. The Bendigo Easter Fair Society are holding a poster competition. In the tradition of the great Souvenir Posters of the past The Society wants you to design something that best reflects Easter in 2020. Entries must be submitted no later than 5.00 pm, 20 November 2019. The winner could win up to \$1000!



Dragon Head Competition

Here is a great opportunity for schools to raise some money. The Bendigo Easter Fair Society is also running a dragon head competition. Go to www.bendigoeasterfairsociety.org.au for the details. Dragonheads must be submitted no later than 5.00 pm, 1 April 2020.

The winner will win \$1,000!

Photo Competition

Next year, BEFS will also run a photo competition. More details will be given closer to Easter.

Why we need support?

The BEFS was established in 1871, to support local charities, and are now the custodian of the Bendigo Easter Fair. We continue to support the City of Greater Bendigo's largest festival, which injects millions of dollars into the local economy every year.

The event currently runs over 3 days and involves Parades, Carnival Rides Fireworks and general entertainment with a focus on families. It also facilitates the inclusion of a multitude of additional events & exhibitions run independently by local community and Service Groups.

So, although we work with the Council, we are essentially separate. What ever funding/sponsorship or donations we receive, we contribute additional funding to Easter Fair. For example, In 2018 we gave \$10,000 to help ensure Dai Gum Loong became a reality, We gave \$4,000 sponsorship to enhance the Street Carnival and what we are putting on for 2020, has already described in the newsletter.

So if you know of any business that would like to support us by any means, please have them contact us.



VOLUNTEER



We need your help?

The BEFS consists of a committee of members who volunteer their time and expertise to assist Bendigo Council in an advisory capacity with the Festival.

Although we have some new members on the committee, some members have been on the committee for many years and are looking to retire in the near future.

Therefore, if you know of anyone who loves Easter and would like to become involved, please have them contact us.

Bendigo Easter Fair Society Spinning Wheel

Another successful year! Great prizes and great sponsors equals happy faces. Three chances to win and all for the low price of \$1. There's not much you can get for that nowadays.

Thank you once again to our sponsors (listed towards back of newsletter) and to all the people who bought tickets to support this wonderful event. And also to our wonderful volunteers, you are amazing!



Spinning Wheel 2019

Carnival Sponsor

This year, the Bendigo Easter Fair Society supported the Bendigo Easter Festival by sponsoring the Carnival Entertainment.

We also purchased an inflatable arch featuring our name and new logo. Did you see it?



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Membership Renewal

If you haven't received a form, you can request one from the Secretary at befs1871@gmail.com or fill out the form attached at the back of the newsletter.

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—2019



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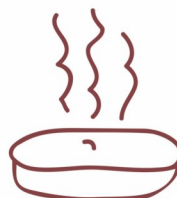
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Simon and Sue Mulqueen
29 Miller Street Bendigo

Teddy Bear's Picnic Sponsor

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Donation of giveaways
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Working on more to come

The committee is still working on getting more sponsorships. If you know of anyone or a business who would like to support us. Please contact us via our email.

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