



HIGHLIGHTS



BENDIGO ADVERTISER GALA PARADE

Monday 12.30pm, Parade route

Experience a festival tradition filled with colour and excitement. Watch bands, cultural groups, dance troupes, sporting clubs, school groups and many more as they perform along the parade route.

The Bendigo Chinese Association presents a spectacular cultural display, concluding with the world's longest Golden Dragon, Dai Gum Loong, weaving his way through the historic streetscapes of Bendigo. An event not to be missed!



FOSTERVILLE GOLD TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Sunday 7pm, Parade route

This unique procession lights up Bendigo's streetscapes magnificently. Featuring illuminated entries from local emergency services, community groups and the Bendigo Chinese Association. To conclude, a dynamic fireworks display will erupt over Rosalind Park.

Pre-parade entertainment from 6.30pm featuring Transformers.



VISION AUSTRALIA EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday and Saturday, 10am – 5pm, Rosalind Park

Over two days, join in the exciting search for over 170,000 Easter eggs.

Tickets available from Thursday February 27. For times and ticket details, contact the Bendigo Visitor Centre or visit www.bendigotourism.com



ROTARY ART AND CRAFT MARKET

Friday and Monday, 9am – 4pm, Easter Fair Way (Bridget Street)/Park Road

Take a wander through this expansive market, browsing through a range of arts and craft, handmade goodies, unique treasures, collectables, tasty produce and much more. Over the two days there will be more than 200 stalls complemented by live music and delicious BBQs.



PAW PATROL SHOW

Friday and Saturday, 11am, 12pm and 1pm, Bendigo TAFE Main Stage, Rosalind Park

Do you have what it takes to be a PAW Patrol Trainee? Join Ryder, Chase and Marshall as they answer Mayor Goodway's call for help to save the "Adventure Bay Talent Show". Get ready for action and make this the best rescue mission ever!

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CARNIVAL CENTRAL

Friday to Sunday, 10am – 11pm
Monday 10am – 6pm
Mundy Street, Bendigo

To enjoy the excitement of the carnival atmosphere, head to Carnival Central on Mundy Street. Delight in the thrill of the rides and try your luck along sideshow alley.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS presented by Bendigo Easter Fair Society



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Sunday, 10am – 12pm
Bendigo TAFE Main Stage, Rosalind Park

The Teddy Bear's Picnic was first held in the 1980s, and will return to Rosalind Park this year with our old friend Humphrey B. Bear! Bring along your favourite teddy (or soft toy), and try your luck in the competitions for biggest teddy, best dressed teddy, most colourful teddy and best non-teddy. Keep your eye out for lots of great giveaways!

Sponsored by Dragon City Marshalls.



CAVALCADE OF TRANSPORT

Sunday, 2pm – 4pm, Pall Mall

Departing from Tom Flood Sports Centre at 1pm, the cavalcade of transport will make its way down along Bridge Street before forming a display in Pall Mall at 2pm. A celebration of transport through the years, including tractors, trucks, trams, cars and more.

Held in conjunction with the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club of Bendigo.



WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, 7pm, Steps of the Capital Theatre, View Street

The Christian churches in Bendigo present a live, outdoor theatrical presentation; the story of the last supper, arrest, trial, death, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This story of the Christian faith is retold using drama, music and specialised lighting. This event was traditionally performed on Good Friday evening as part of the Bendigo Easter Fair, and is returning for the first time in 15 years.



150 YEARS UP IN LIGHTS

Friday to Monday, from 7pm, The Conservatory, Rosalind Park

Journey back through 150 years of the Bendigo Easter Fair. Stories and highlights will be recounted through lighting projection and sound on the Conservatory building.

Sponsored by Bendigo Bank.

Photo: Dja Dja Wurrung Elders Projection, Bendigo Projection Festival. Image Bill Conroy



EASTER ON ICE

Saturday April 4 to Monday April 13, 10am – 8pm (closes 6pm Easter Monday), Tom Flood Car Park

Ice skating and tobogganing fun, 60 minute sessions run each hour.

Skate: Children U/16 \$10, Adults \$15

Bookings essential, visit Eventbrite.com.au (tickets on sale March 1). Limited tickets on the day

Toboggan Run: 5 slides for \$5

Supported by the City of Greater Bendigo



DAI GUM SAN CHINESE PRECINCT



A TRIBUTE TO BENDIGO EASTER FAIR

Saturday, 2pm – 3.30pm

The Bendigo Chinese Association pays tribute to their longstanding relationships with the Bendigo Easter Fair Society and Bendigo Health. Watch the revered dragon Sun Loong accompanied by auspicious animals emerge from the Golden Dragon Museum, parade to the Tom Flood Sports Centre and return.



CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

Sunday, 11am – 12.30pm

Drawing on the traditions of the Lunar New Year, this is a morning family festival celebrating contemporary Chinese dance and culture. The Bendigo Chinese Association Plum Blossom Dance Team will grace the stage along with cultural performances by Chinese Associations from across Australia.



AWAKENING OF THE DRAGON

Sunday, 2pm – 4pm

A traditional celebration of lion and dragon dance, presented by the Bendigo Chinese Association and visiting lion and dragon teams. It will conclude with the lighting of a spectacular string of 100,000 firecrackers used to wake Dai Gum Loong from his year-long slumber.



RETURN OF THE DRAGON

Monday, conclusion of the Bendigo Advertiser Gala Parade (approximately 2.30pm)

The Bendigo Chinese Association Lion Team will combine with visiting lion teams from all over Australia to accompany Dai Gum Loong in a cacophony of sound and a blaze of colour on his second return to the Golden Dragon Museum.



GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM

Friday and Sunday 9.30am – 5pm, Saturday 9.30am – 1pm and 4pm – 6pm, Monday 9.30am – 11.30am and 3pm – 5pm

The Golden Dragon Museum houses a superb Chinese collection of antiquities rarely seen outside China and a colourful range of parading dragons.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES (approximately 1 hour each)

Dragon puppet workshops: 10am and 1pm

Chinese historical walk: 9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm

Bookings required, phone 5441 5044.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bendigo Comedy Easter Show

Saturday: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Central Deborah Gold Mine (Panning Shed),
76 Violet Street, Bendigo

Bendigo Easter Antique Fair

Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 4pm,
Monday: 10am – 3pm
Truscott Stadium, Murdock Street, California Gully

Bendigo Showgrounds Market

Saturday and Sunday: 8.30am – 2pm
Prince of Wales Showgrounds, 42-72 Holmes
Road, Bendigo

Bendigo Woodturners Exhibition and Sales

Friday to Sunday: 10am – 5pm,
Monday: 10am – 4pm
Bendigo TAFE, 136 McCrae Street, Bendigo

Bonsai exhibition

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

Easter Book Fair

Friday to Sunday: 9am – 5pm,
Monday: 9am – 12pm
Tom Tweed YMCA Stadium, Mundy Street, Bendigo

Easter Church in the garden

Friday and Sunday: 10am – 12pm
Library Gardens, Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Historic Vehicle and Machinery display

Friday: 10am – 1pm
118 Inglis Street, Bendigo

Model Train Exhibition

Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm,
Monday: 10am – 4pm
St Killians Catholic Church Hall, 161 McCrae
Street, Bendigo

Print and Projected Digital Image Exhibition

Friday and Saturday: 9.30am – 5.30pm,
Sunday: 9.30am – 4.30pm
Dudley House, 60 View St Bendigo

Rotary Easter Art Show

Friday to Sunday: 9am – 5pm,
Monday: 9am – 4pm
Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves Street,
Bendigo

Steam Train to the Bendigo Easter Fair

Monday: 8.30am – 4pm
Train departs Southern Cross Station for day
trip to Bendigo

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HAZELDENES GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY DAY, APRIL 10

CONSERVATORY GARDENS

3pm – 4pm, 5pm – 7pm

Historical Walking Tour

City centre walking tours, twice daily
Bookings essential 0427 327 595

From 7pm

150 Years Up In Lights

Easter history light projection

DAI GUM SAN

9.30am – 5pm

Golden Dragon Museum

Chinese dragon puppet workshop

10am, 1pm

Chinese historical walk

9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm

10am – 3pm

YO Events presents: Free Tunes Friday

10am – 5pm

Outdoor ten pin bowling

EASTER FAIR WAY (BRIDGE STREET) AND PARK ROAD

9am – 4pm

Rotary Art and Craft Market

GEORGE LANSELL GARDENS

10am – 5pm

Premier's Active April presents

Multi-sport Inflatable Program

MUNDY STREET

10am – 11pm

Carnival Central

POST OFFICE GALLERY

9am – 5pm

Bendigo Easter Fair: amusement, charity and tradition

An exhibition of photographs, moving image and memorabilia sharing the fun, benevolence, entertainment and tradition cemented over 150 Easter Fairs.

ROSALIND PARK

10am – 5pm

Bendigo TAFE Main Stage

Live music and entertainment



PAW Patrol Show

11am, 12pm, 1pm

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Activities

- Ambulance Victoria Community Engagement Activity
- Bendigo Bricks
- Discovery @ Easter
- Emerge Cultural Hub
- Farmer Darryl's Animal Farm (\$5 per child)
- Gecko Sports
- Goldfields Libraries storytelling and craft
- Gold panning with Fosterville Gold Mine
- Lantern making workshop
- PepperGreen Farm
- Roving entertainment
- The Paint Pot People (until 3pm)
- Vision Australia Easter Egg Hunt
- Waste Warriors (2pm – 5pm)

11am – 5pm

View Street Stage

Local dance school and community group performances

PIAZZA

Violet, Kewpie Doll display from the 2000 Olympic Games

QUEEN VICTORIA GARDENS

5 Angry Men performance

12pm

CreateAbility performance

2pm

Z Fit workshop

3pm

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM FORECOURT

10am – 12pm

Central Victorian Lion Team Royal
Children's Hospital Appeal performance

TOM FLOOD CAR PARK

10am – 8pm

Easter on Ice

Presented by the Bendigo Easter Fair Society and the City of Greater Bendigo

WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE



CFA Kids' Carnival

10am – 5pm, \$3 per ride

VIEW STREET - ARTS PRECINCT

1pm – 1.30pm and 3pm – 3.30pm

Japanese Drummers

7pm – 8pm

Way of the Cross

Street theatre performance

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

BULL STREET



Bull Street Music Festival

2pm – 10pm

CONSERVATORY GARDENS

11am – 12pm, 5pm – 7pm

Historical Walking Tour

City centre walking tours, twice daily
Bookings essential 0427 327 595

From 7pm

150 Years Up In Lights

Easter history light projection

DAI GUM SAN

9.30am – 1pm, 4pm – 6pm

Golden Dragon Museum

EASTER FAIR WAY (BRIDGE ST)

10am – 5pm

The Zone mobile activities

Radio control car racing and exhibition

GEORGE LANSELL GARDENS

10am – 5pm

Premier's Active April presents

Multi-sport Inflatable Program

MUNDY STREET

10am – 11pm

Carnival Central

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QUEEN VICTORIA GARDENS

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12pm

5 Angry Men performance

4pm

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Live music and entertainment



PAW Patrol Show

11am, 12pm, 1pm

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Activities

- Ambulance Victoria Community Engagement Activity
- Bendigo Bricks
- CFA Fire truck rides (\$3 per ride)
- Discovery @ Easter
- Emerge Cultural Hub
- Farmer Darryl's Animal Farm (\$5 per child)
- Gecko Sports
- Goldfields Libraries storytelling and craft
- Gold panning with Fosterville Gold Mine
- Lantern making workshop

- PepperGreen Farm
- Roving entertainment
- The Paint Pot People (until 3pm)
- Vision Australia Easter Egg Hunt
- Waste Warriors

12pm – 5pm

View Street Stage

Blues & Roots Showcase

TOM FLOOD SPORTS CENTRE

2pm – 3.30pm

A tribute to Bendigo Easter Fair Presented by the Bendigo Chinese Association

TOWN HALL GARDENS

9am – 2pm

Bendigo Community Farmers Market
10th Birthday Celebration

9am – 4pm

Lost Trades Artisans and Workshops

WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE

10am – 5pm

CFA Kids' Carnival

\$3 per ride



SUNDAY, APRIL 12

BULL STREET

2pm – 10pm
Bull Street Music Festival

CONSERVATORY GARDENS

3pm – 4pm, 5pm – 7pm
Historical Walking Tour
City centre walking tours, twice daily
Bookings essential 0427 327 595

From 7pm
150 Years Up In Lights
Easter history light projection

DAI GUM SAN

9.30am – 5pm
Golden Dragon Museum
11am – 12.30pm
Chinese Spring Festival
2pm – 4pm
Awakening of the Dragon

EASTER FAIR WAY (BRIDGE ST)

10am – 5pm
Outdoor ten pin bowling
10am – 8pm
The Zone mobile activities

GEORGE LANSELL GARDENS

10am – 5pm
Premier's Active April presents
Multi-sport Inflatable Program

MUNDY STREET

10am – 11pm
Carnival Central

PARADE ROUTE - SEE MAP

1pm
Cavalcade of Transport
Departs Tom Flood Sports Centre to Pall Mall

2pm – 4pm
Cavalcade of Transport
Static display in Pall Mall

6.30pm
Pre-parade entertainment
Transformers



Fosterville Gold Torchlight Procession 7pm
Fireworks to follow

PALL MALL/WILLIAMSON STREET INTERSECTION

(within road closure)
10am – 12pm
Central Victorian Lion Team traditional Chinese performance

PIAZZA

Violet, Kewpie Doll display from the 2000 Olympic Games

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QUEEN VICTORIA GARDENS

5 Angry Men performance 12pm
CreateAbility performance 2pm
Z Fit workshop 3pm

ROSALIND PARK

10am – 12pm
Bendigo TAFE Main Stage
Teddy Bear's Picnic featuring Humphrey B. Bear

12pm – 5pm

Bendigo TAFE Main Stage
Live music and entertainment

10am – 5pm

Activities
- Bendigo Bricks
- CFA Fire truck rides (\$3 per ride)
- Connected Circus
- Discovery @ Easter
- Emerge Cultural Hub
- Farmer Darryl's Animal Farm (\$5 per child)
- Giraffe-a-go-go stiltwaker show (10.30am, 12.15pm, 2pm, 3.45pm)
- Goldfields Libraries storytelling and craft
- Green Hat Workshop
- Plaster painting with The Colour Cart
- Roving entertainment
- The Paint Pot People (until 3pm)
- Waste Warriors

10am – 5pm

View Street Stage
Blues & Roots Showcase

TOM FLOOD CAR PARK

10am – 8pm

Easter on Ice
Presented by the Bendigo Easter Fair Society and the City of Greater Bendigo

WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE

10am – 9pm
CFA Kids' Carnival
\$3 per ride

MONDAY, APRIL 13

CONSERVATORY GARDENS

11am – 12pm, 5pm – 7pm
Historical Walking Tour
City centre walking tours, twice daily
Bookings essential 0427 327 595

From 7pm
150 Years Up In Lights
Easter history light projection

DAI GUM SAN

9.30am – 11.30am, 3pm – 5pm
Golden Dragon Museum



Return of the Dragon
At the conclusion of the parade

EASTER FAIR WAY (BRIDGE ST)

9am – 4pm
Rotary Art and Craft Market

GEORGE LANSELL GARDENS

10am – 5pm
Premier's Active April presents
Multi-sport Inflatable Program

MUNDY STREET

10am – 6pm
Carnival Central

POST OFFICE GALLERY

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ROSALIND PARK

10am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5pm
Bendigo TAFE Main Stage
Live music and entertainment

10am – 5pm
Activities
- Bendigo Bricks (display only)
- Curious Game
- Connected Circus
- Emerge Cultural Hub

- Farmer Darryl's Animal Farm (\$5 per child)
- Goldfields Libraries storytelling and craft
- Green Hat Workshop
- Plaster painting with The Colour Cart
- Roving entertainment
- The Paint Pot People (until 3pm)
- Waste Warriors

10am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5pm

View Street Stage
Blues & Roots Showcase

PARADE ROUTE - SEE MAP

10.30am – 12pm
Bendigo Bank Dragon Mile



Bendigo Advertiser Gala Parade
12.30pm

QUEEN VICTORIA GARDENS

Z Fit workshop 10am

5 Angry Men performance 2.30pm

TOM FLOOD CAR PARK

10am – 6pm

Easter on Ice
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WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE

10am – 5pm
CFA Kids' Carnival
\$3 per ride



NEED TO KNOW

BENDIGO EASTER FAIR SOCIETY

The Bendigo Easter Fair Society is a community based, not-for-profit organisation that has been involved in running the Bendigo Easter Festival since 1871. For membership enquiries and information, visit www.bendigoeasterfairsociety.org.au

CHILL OUT ZONE

A new space at the event this year welcoming all families that require a space to escape the noise and action of the event. We ask that patrons using this area are mindful of noise as we would like to keep it a 'low noise' zone. This is a welcoming rest area for all children, so we ask that everyone is respectful of others in this area. The Chill Out Zone will include cushions, books and colouring activities to entertain kids.

FESTIVAL ACCESSIBILITY

Car parks close to the festival precinct and viewing areas along the parade route have been specifically designated to be accessible. Accessible toilet facilities are available in various locations within the festival precinct, including a Marveloo for those with profound disability located in McCrae Street car park.

For more information and a map displaying these facilities visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au

LOST SOMETHING/SOMEONE?

A lost something/someone tent is located in the Rotunda gardens in Rosalind Park, next to the first aid tent.

Lost child/person wrist bands will be available at Bendigo Visitor Centre, first aid tent and roving information volunteers.

PARKING / ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures and car park closures will be in place throughout the event. For road closures, please follow the detour signage. Visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au for further details.

Car parks within the event precinct will be closed due to fireworks, parades, carnival and event amenities. Please visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au for further details.

During the festival two multi-storey car parks will be open with **FREE parking**. Hargreaves Streets (opposite Bendigo Library) and Edward Street (corner of Edward Street and Queen Street).

Bicycle Parking is available in Rosalind Park from 10am to 5pm Friday to Monday. This is unsupervised so remember your bike locks and enjoy the ride.

PARENTING ROOM

'The Mews' parents' room is available for use during the festival, located behind the Bendigo Visitor Centre. Enter via Sidney Myer Place or William Vahland Place.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA

For information about local transport services visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au

PARK 'N RIDE TO THE FESTIVAL

Travel into town in true Bendigo style this Easter with Bendigo Tramways' specially discounted Four Day Easter Weekend Tram Ticket. Park at Central Deborah Gold Mine or the Bendigo Joss House Temple, Tyson's Reef or Lake Weeroona to avoid road closures.

Your ticket includes the Vintage Talking Tram Tour from 10am to 5pm on Easter Friday and Saturday, as well as a shuttle service into the city centre (due to the road closure of Pall Mall) from 9am to 5pm on Easter Sunday and Monday.

This ticket is valid all weekend and is excellent value: Adults \$14, Children \$8 and Family tickets \$30. For more information or to pre-purchase tickets, visit www.bendigotramways.com or call 03 5442 2821.



WASTE

Organics bins will be utilised again this year in the food court and other areas to divert valuable food material from landfill. Once turned into rich compost, it will be used in the parks and gardens around Bendigo – including Rosalind Park!

BENDIGO EASTER FAIR IS A SMOKE-FREE EVENT

Please be respectful of others and smoke outside the precinct.

GET SOCIAL

Share your festival experience using [#bendigoeasterfestival](https://twitter.com/bendigoeasterfestival) and [#explorebendigo](https://twitter.com/explorebendigo)  

MORE INFORMATION

For all the latest festival information, changes or cancellations, follow us on Facebook or visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au