



Bendigo Easter Fair Society Inc.



Presents

Schools Dragon Head Competition 2022

in conjunction with

Golden Dragon Museum

1. Background

The Bendigo Easter Fair Society is a not-for-profit organisation that has been involved in staging the Bendigo Easter Fair since 1871 making it the longest, running community festival in Australia. The Bendigo Easter Fair Society is the custodian of the annual Bendigo Easter Fair and with the help of the City of Greater Bendigo and sponsors, this largely free event is staged annually for the benefit of locals and visitors alike.

The Bendigo Easter Fair showcases Bendigo's diverse community through displays from the Bendigo Chinese Association and many other community groups who have contributed to its success. The Gala Parade and Torchlight Lantern Procession are integral to the Festival and provide opportunities for the community to express artistic talent and demonstrate cultural diversity.

The event currently runs over three days and features parades, carnival rides, fireworks, and general entertainment with a focus on families. It also facilitates the inclusion of a multitude of additional events and exhibitions run independently by local community and service groups.

The Bendigo Easter Fair will celebrate its 150th festival in 2022 with a celebratory 4-day Festival Program.

Further information about the Bendigo Easter Fair Society and the Festival can be found at www.bendigoeasterfairsociety.org.au

2. Schools Dragon Head Competition 2022

In 2022 the Bendigo Easter Fair Society in conjunction with Golden Dragon Museum is running a Schools Dragon Head Competition

Primary and Secondary School classes are invited, through their schools, to create their own Dragon Heads and enter them in the Schools Dragon Head Competition.

Requirements in designing your Dragon Head

In designing your Dragon Head, please keep the following requirements in mind:

- Dragon Heads should aim to be entertaining, vibrant, fun, creative, and reflect traditional Chinese dragon design and features (Psst – visit the Museum if you are not sure)
- There are no restrictions to colours used in the design.
- The dragon head must be no bigger than 1 metre (in diameter including height)
- There are two categories – Primary School and Secondary School.
- There is only one entry permitted per school, in each year level.

The Dragon Head must be original and sturdy (able to be displayed).

Dragon Head materials

Materials may include:

- Treated wood including balsa wood and bamboo
- Mirrors (without sharp edges)
- Pom poms
- Textiles
- Paper
- Beads

Materials must not include:

- Raw vegetation or vegetable matter including grasses and branches
- Food and any edible material
- Soil or dirt

Timeline

All Dragon Heads must be submitted to the Golden Dragon Museum for judging between **10.00 am-4.30 pm on Thursday, 31 March 2022**. Each must be clearly labelled with the name of their school, contact teacher and telephone number. Please note that no more entries will be accepted after **19 March 2022**.

Finalists will be announced on Tuesday, 5 April and be on exhibition until Sunday, 1 May April 2022. Winners will be notified by email.

The entries that are not in the final 6 must be collected from the Museum between 10.00 am-4.30 pm Wednesday, 6 April and Thursday, 7 April 2022.

Judging Details and Prizes

Prizes totalling \$1,000 will be awarded in each of the two categories (Secondary School/Primary School).

Prize money in each category is:

First \$500, Second \$300, Third \$200.

The judging panel will determine the winner. The judges' decision will be final. The six finalists (as determined by the judges) will be displayed at the Golden Dragon Museum over Easter 2022 until 1 May 2022.

Further information

If you require any further information or have any queries, please email: [**bgoeasterfair@gmail.com**](mailto:bgoeasterfair@gmail.com)

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