**HIGHLIGHTS**

**BENDIGO ADVERTISER GALA PARADE**

Sunday 1pm, Parade route (see map)

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.

Amazing Imperial Dragon Sun Loong, the world’s longest dragon of this kind, will make his final journey through the streets of central Bendigo. An historic cultural display from the Bendigo Chinese Association, featuring dragons Dai Gum Loong, Sun Loong, Bendigo’s first Imperial Dragon Loong and Night Dragon Yar Loong, will be the final parade entry.

Sun Loong, Loong and Yar Loong will all depart from the Queen Elizabeth Oval car park and meet Dai Gum Loong at the Alexandra Fountain.

Sun Loong will then lead Dai Gum Loong up View Street and down again. Loong will then lead the other three dragons along Pall Mall towards their home, the Golden Dragon Museum.

The purpose of this parade route is to show off Dai Gum Loong to all parade spectators and for Sun Loong to show Dai Gum Loong the parade route, so he can parade on his own in the years to come. In 1970, Loong met Sun Loong for the first time at the Alexandra Fountain, so the meeting at the fountain also continues an important tradition.

Please be patient during the parade while the dragons are meeting at Alexandra Fountain. There will be a brief delay along the parade route during this time. The Bendigo Chinese Association will provide entertainment while you’re waiting for the dragons.

NOTE — As Loong is heritage-listed, Loong’s appearance is subject to approval by Heritage Victoria.

**O’BRIEN ELECTRICAL BENDIGO TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION**

Saturday 8pm, Parade route (see map)

This unique procession lights up Bendigo’s streetscape 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 – 8pm.

**ROBOT ART AND CRAFT MARKET**

Friday and Sunday, 9am – 4pm

Bridge 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, complimented by live local music and delicious BBQs.

**EMERGE CULTURAL HUB**

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

Bringing cultures together to share vibrant art, crafts, music and dance. Immerse yourself in creative activities that celebrate the diversity of cultures in Bendigo from First Nations to those more recently arrived.

**TUDORS TO WINDSORS: BRITISH ROYAL PORTRAITS**

16 March – 14 July, Bendigo Art Gallery

Tudors to Windsors traces the history of the British monarchy through the outstanding collection of the National Portrait Gallery, London. Presenting some of the most significant British royal portraits and the most important artists to have worked in Britain.

**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 hidden in straw. Tickets available from Friday March 8. For times and ticket details contact the Bendigo Visitor Centre or visit www.bendigotourism.com

**BULL STREET FESTIVAL**

Saturday and Sunday 2pm – 10.30pm

Bull Street, Bendigo

A huge line up of free live music will hit the Bull Street stage this Easter, along with pop up bars, food outlets, giveaway prizes, raffles and kids activity zone to keep the whole family entertained. Main acts Australian Bon Jovi Show and SOS - ABBA Tribute Show will be sure to end each night with a bang!

**ROYAL POP-UP TRAM**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, The Piazza

Take a seat aboard the Royal Pop-Up Tram taking pride of place on the Piazza. Enjoy views of Alexandra Fountain, proudly opened in 1880 by Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, while sipping on freshly brewed tea and coffee, and sweet treats. Take the opportunity to get the ultimate selfie!
THE BARE BIRD GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

BRIDGE STREET
Rotary Art and Craft Market 9am – 4pm

DAI GUM SAN
Golden Dragon Museum
Chinese dragon puppet workshop
10am, 1pm
Chinese historical walk 9.30am, 12.30pm

MUNDY STREET
10am – 11pm
Carnival Central

ROSALIND PARK
10am – 5pm
Main stage
Live music and entertainment including Quirky Tales, The Blurbs, Games Boy 18 and All Day Fritz

Activities
- Bendigo Easter Fair Society Spinning Wheel
- Bendigo Tramways miniature tram
- Building with Bricks
- Defence Force recruiting
- Discovery Centre Explore
- Emerge Cultural Hub
- Farmer Darryl’s Animal Farm ($5 per child)
- Goldfields Library storytelling tree and craft
- Gecko Sports zone
- Lantern making workshop
- Paint Pot People (until 3pm)
- PepperGreen Farm
- Roving entertainment

Vision Australia Easter Egg Hunt 10am – 5pm
10am – 10pm
1000 Doors exhibition
12.30pm – 5pm
View Street stage
Bendigo Blues and Roots Songwriters Showcase

WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE
10am – 5pm
CFA Children’s Carnival
$3 per ride

CONSERVATORY GARDENS
5pm – 7pm
Historical Walking Tour CBD Bookings essential
www.bendigowalkingtours.com

RSL FORECOURT
Central Victorian Lion Team traditional Chinese performance 10am – 12pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

BRIDGE STREET
10am – 9.30pm
The Zone inflatable activities
10am – 4pm
Harley Central Show ‘n’ Shine

BULL STREET
2pm – 10.30pm
Bull Street Festival

CONSERVATORY GARDENS
10am – 5pm
The Connected Circus
Bendigo TAFE Sensory Garden
5pm – 7pm
Historical Walking Tour CBD Bookings essential
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DAI GUM SAN
Golden Dragon Museum
10am – 5pm
Chinese Spring Festival

MUNDY STREET
10am – 11pm
Carnival Central

PARADE ROUTE – SEE MAP
2pm – 4.30pm
Awakening of the Dragon

O’Brien Electrical Bendigo Torchlight Procession
8pm – 9.30pm approximately
Fireworks to follow

ROSALIND PARK
10am – 5pm
Main stage
Live music and entertainment including Quirky Tales, Bethany Fisher and The Chipolatas

Activities
- Bendigo Easter Fair Society Spinning Wheel
- Bendigo Tramways miniature tram
- Building with Bricks
- CFA fire truck rides ($3 per ride)
- Emerge Cultural Hub
- Farmer Darryl’s Animal Farm ($5 per child)
- Goldfields Library storytelling tree and craft
- Gecko Sports zone
- Lantern making workshop
- Paint Pot People (until 3pm)
- PepperGreen Farm
- Roving entertainment
- Vision Australia Easter Egg Hunt

PJ Masks live stage show
11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm
10am – 10pm
1000 Doors exhibition
10am – 5pm
View Street stage
Live music and entertainment
5pm – 6pm

Main stage
Ye Events presents Stop the Mammoth

WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE
10am – 9.30pm
CFA Children’s Carnival
$3 per ride
**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**BENDIGO VISITOR CENTRE**
- 10am – 5pm
- Easter Paint Out Exhibition
  People’s Choice Award at 4pm

**BRIDGE STREET**
- 9am – 4pm
- Rotary Art and Craft Market

**BULL STREET**
- 2pm – 10.30pm
- Bull Street Festival

**CONSERVATORY GARDENS**
- 10am – 5pm
- The Connected Circus
- Bendigo TAFE Sensory Garden
- 5pm – 7pm
- Historical Walking Tour CBD
  Bookings essential
  www.bendigowalkingtours.com

**DAI GUM SAN**
- Return of the Dragon
  (at conclusion of parade)

**MUNDY STREET**
- 10am – 6pm
- Carnival Central

**PARADE ROUTE – SEE MAP**
- 11am – 12.30pm
- Dragon Mile

**MUNDY STREET**
- 10am – 12.30pm
- Rotary Art and Craft Market

**ROSALIND PARK**
- 10am – 1pm, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Main stage
  - Bendigo Tramways miniature tram
  - CFA fire truck rides ($3 per ride)
  - Discovery Centre slime workshop
  - Emerge Cultural Hub
  - Farmer Darryl’s Animal Farm ($5 per child)
  - Gecko Sports zone
  - Goldfields Library storytelling
  - 1000 Doors exhibition
  - 10am – 12.30pm, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
  - View Street stage
  - Live music and entertainment

**WILLIAM VAHLAND PLACE**
- 10am – 5pm
- CFA Children’s Carnival
  - $3 per ride

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

A Parade of Quilts 2019
- Friday: 11am – 5pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm
- Monday: 10am – 3pm
- St Andrews Hall, Myers Street, Bendigo

The Bendigo Textile Artists Inc “A Moment in Time”
- Friday: 11am – 5pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm
- Monday: 10am – 3pm
- St Andrews Small Hall, 26 Myers Street, Bendigo

ARC Community Connexions
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday: 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Civic and Library Gardens, Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Bendigo Antique Fair
- Saturday: 10am – 5pm
- Sunday: 10am – 4pm
- Monday: 10am – 3pm
- Bendigo Exhibition Centre, 44 Holmes Road, North Bendigo

Model Train Display
- Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 4pm
- Bendigo Model Railroaders, 139 Wills St, Bendigo

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

Craft Exhibition and Sales
- Friday and Saturday: 10am – 4pm
- North Bendigo Lawn Bowls Club, corner Fenton Street and Holmes Road, North Bendigo

Historic Vehicle and Machinery Display
- Friday: 9.30am – 2pm
- 112 – 118 Ingliss Street, Bendigo
- Saturday: 10am – 5pm
- Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo

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

Rotary Easter Art Show
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 9am – 5pm
- Bendigo Town Hall, Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

For more details and admission fees, visit www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au

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**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](http://www.bendigoeasterfairsociety.org.au)

In 2020 the Bendigo Easter Festival will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a once-off, four-day festival extravaganza, April 10-13, 2020. See you there!

**FESTIVAL ACCESSIBILITY**
Accessible car parks close to the festival precinct and viewing areas along the parade route have been specifically designated. Accessible toilet facilities are available in various locations within the festival precinct, including a Marvelo at the McCrae Street car park for those with profound disability. Locations for accessible parking and toilet facilities are highlighted on the map.

For more information and a map displaying these facilities visit [www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au](http://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au)

**LOST SOMETHING/SOMEONE?**
Lost persons will be accompanied to the first aid / lost children tent located near the rotunda in the centre of Rosalind Park.
Lost child / person wristbands will be available at the Bendigo Visitor Centre for your convenience. Lost property will be held at the Bendigo Visitor Centre.

**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 Vahlland Place.

**ROAD CLOSURES**
Road closures will operate throughout the festival, please follow detour signage during these times. For more information visit [www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au](http://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au)

**PARKING**
During the festival, two multi-storey car parks will be open with free parking; Hargreaves Street (opposite the Bendigo Library) and Edward Street (corner of Edward Street and Queen Street).
The McCrae Street car park will be closed from 5pm Thursday April 18 until 6pm Sunday April 21.
The Queen Elizabeth Oval car park will be closed from 6am Saturday April 20 until 6pm Sunday April 21 for parade assembly.
Bicycle parking is available in Rosalind Park from 10am – 5pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This is unsupervised, so remember your bike locks and enjoy the ride!

For more parking information visit [www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au](http://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au)

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA**
For information about local transport services visit [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au)

**PARK 'N RIDE TO THE FESTIVAL**
Travel into town in true Bendigo style this Easter with our specially discounted Easter Weekend Tram Ticket. Park at either end of the tram line to avoid road closures. Your ticket also includes a shuttle service to the Bendigo Advertiser Gala Parade between 9.20am – 2.40pm on Easter Sunday.
The Easter Weekend ticket is valid all weekend and is excellent value: Adults: $12, Children: $6 and Family tickets: $28.

For more info or to pre-purchase tickets, visit [www.bendigotramways.com](http://www.bendigotramways.com) or call 03 5442 2621.

**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 TAFE BENDIGO EASTER FESTIVAL IS A SMOKE-FREE EVENT**
This is a smoke-free community festival. Please be respectful of others and smoke outside the precinct.

**GET SOCIAL**
Share your festival experience using #bendigoeasterfestival and #explorebendigo #sunloongdragon – Bendigo's Imperial Dragon #golendragonmuseum – home to Sun Loong #daigumiloong – Bendigo's newest Imperial-style Dragon

**MORE INFORMATION**
For all the latest festival information, changes or cancellations, follow us on Facebook or visit [www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au](http://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au)