

# History & Heritage

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## Australian Heritage Festival 2025 Program: **Unearthed**



**18th April to the 18th May**

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# Eaglehawk

## Chambers Wine Bar at the Star Cinema



The Star Cinema at the Eaglehawk Town Hall invites you to ascend the staircase to the heritage Chambers and relax with a glass of local wine, relax on grand carved chairs at the Council conference table and immerse yourself in a more gracious era while you solve the world's problems.

Address: Eaglehawk Town Hall, 2 Peg Leg Road Eaglehawk  
Event Dates: Friday 18th April 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Friday 25th April 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/chambers-wine-bar-at-the-star-cinema/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/chambers-wine-bar-at-the-star-cinema/)

# Castlemaine and Maldon

## The Alchemy of Gold – The Golden Transformation of Victoria



The Alchemy of Gold is a special forum which brings together experts, historians and the community to explore how the discovery of gold in Victoria in the 1850s reshaped the state.

Address: Campbells Creek Community Centre, 60 Elizabeth St Campbells Creek, Victoria 3451,  
Event Dates: Friday 16th May, Saturday 17th May, Sunday 18th May 8:30am-5:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see bookings site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/the-alchemy-of-gold-the-golden-transformation-of-victoria/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-alchemy-of-gold-the-golden-transformation-of-victoria/)

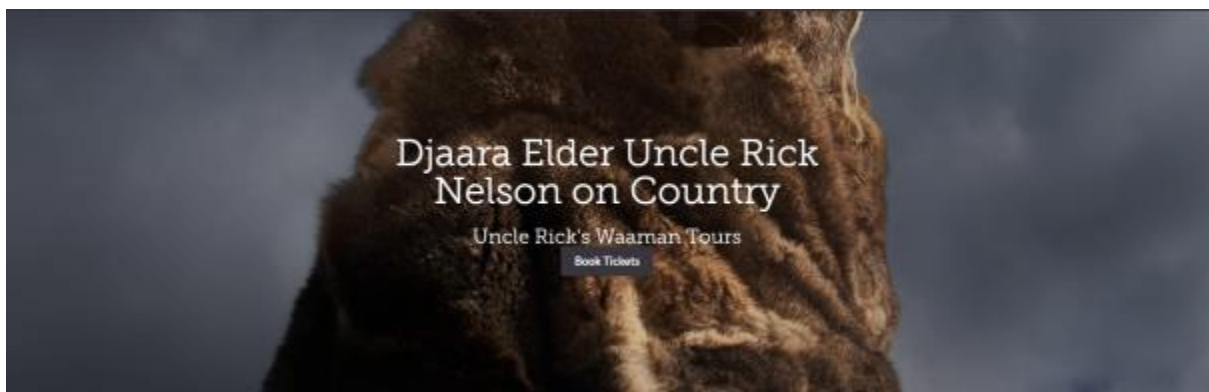
## Mountains v Mullock Heaps – An Eat-Talk-Walk at Buda!



Dig into a delicious hot soup lunch as Buda's Curators unearth the life and gardens of Goldfields legend, Ernest Leviny, plus in-House exhibition that continues throughout the Heritage Festival.

Address: Buda Castlemaine, 42 Hunter St Castlemaine, Victoria 3450  
Event Dates: Saturday 3rd May 11:00am-3:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/mountains-v-mullock-heaps-an-eat-talk-walk-at-buda/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mountains-v-mullock-heaps-an-eat-talk-walk-at-buda/)

## Djaara Elder Uncle Rick Nelson on Country



Join Djaara Elder Uncle Rick Nelson on Country for a guided tour of sites he has specifically chosen as significant in the Castlemaine and surrounds areas. His tours offer a unique opportunity to connect with the land and the living culture of Dja Dja Wurrung people.

Address: Castlemaine Visitor Centre, Mostyn St Castlemaine, Victoria, 3450  
Event Dates: Saturday 3rd May 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/djaara-elder-uncle-rick-nelson-on-country/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/djaara-elder-uncle-rick-nelson-on-country/)

## Uncle Rick's On Country Tour



Join Uncle Rick for this unique tour out on Djaara Country in the Castlemaine region where you will visit significant trees and sites that Uncle Rick has specifically selected. A *Welcome to Country* and *Smoking Ceremony* is part of this tour as a cleansing to ensure you walk with good spirit.

Address: Castlemaine Market Building, 44 Mostyn St Castlemaine, Victoria, 3450

Event Dates: Saturday 3rd May 10:00am to 2:00pm

Entry: Charges apply, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/uncle-ricks-on-country-tour/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/uncle-ricks-on-country-tour/)

## Maldon's Government Reserve: More than a Camp for Cops and Crooks



Come walk with us - who knows who you will meet along the way?

The Maldon Heritage Network, in partnership with the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, invites you to step back in time and take a walk through the former Maldon government reserve and police camp to imagine the hurly burly of the goldfields and beyond.

Address: Meet at the Maldon Post Office, 95 High Street Maldon, Victoria 3463

Event Dates: Sunday 27th April 2025, 2:00pm-4:00pm  
Sunday 18th May 2025, 11:00am-1:00pm

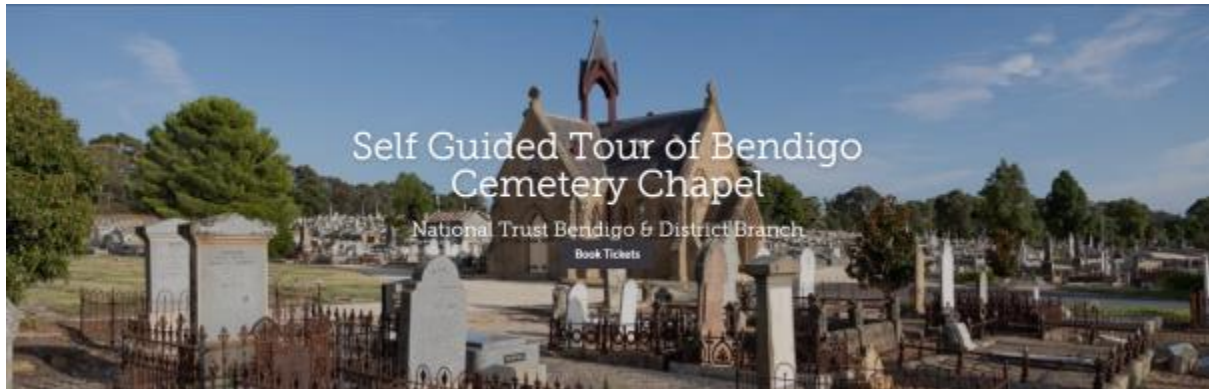
Entry: Free

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/maldons-government-reserve-more-than-a-camp-for-cops-and-crooks/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/maldons-government-reserve-more-than-a-camp-for-cops-and-crooks/)



# Bendigo

## Self-Guided Tour of Bendigo Cemetery Chapel



Take a self-guided tour of the restored Bendigo Cemetery Chapel. Ask questions of heritage consultant about its history. Constructed in the Gothic style in 1873 from Harcourt granite. It had been left unused for several decades and since the restoration work is now able to be used regularly.

Address: Bendigo Cemetery, 70 Carpenter St Quarry Hill, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Sunday 18th May 11:00am to 3:00pm  
Entry: Free  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/self-guided-tour-of-bendigo-cemetery-chapel/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/self-guided-tour-of-bendigo-cemetery-chapel/)

## Tours of Former Bendigo Post Office



The Former Bendigo Post Office opened in 1887 and was the largest building of its type outside of Melbourne. Immerse yourself in the rich stories of a golden past; explore stunning heritage architecture fashioned in a time when Bendigo was the richest city in the world.

Address: Bendigo Visitor Centre, 51-67 Pall Mall Bendigo, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Saturday 10th May 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/tours-of-former-bendigo-post-office/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tours-of-former-bendigo-post-office/)

## Tours of Former Bendigo Law Courts



The former Bendigo Law Courts opened in 1896 and is one of Australia's finest nineteenth century public buildings. Normally locked away from public view, this building is no longer an active court and resides quietly waiting its future use. Take a tour through this hidden gem.

Address: Former Bendigo Law Courts, 71 Pall Mall Bendigo, Victoria 3550

Event Dates: Saturday 19th April 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm  
Thursday 24th April 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm  
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Entry: Charges apply, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/tours-of-former-bendigo-law-courts/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tours-of-former-bendigo-law-courts/)

## Tours of the Former Bendigo Gas Works



The Bendigo Gas Works are one of around three remaining intact 19th century gas works in the world, and the only one in Australia. It is on the Victorian Heritage Register and regarded by Institution of Engineers Australia as an internationally significant example of an entire provincial gasworks

Address: Former Bendigo Gas Works, 8-32 Weeroona Ave Bendigo, Victoria 3550

Event Dates: Saturday 26th April 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm & 3:00pm  
Sunday 11th May 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm & 3:00pm

Entry: Charges apply, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/tours-of-the-former-bendigo-gas-works/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tours-of-the-former-bendigo-gas-works/)



## Open House and Garden- Miners' Cottages



Visit three miners' cottages each representing its own view of living today in a miner's cottage. Includes two talks on heritage by noted historians. Miners' cottages are at 57 Green St California Gully, 9 Black Street Long Gully and 34 Valentine Street Ironbark, within a short drive of each other.

Addresses: 57 Green St California Gully  
9 Black St, Long Gully  
34 Valentine, St Ironbark  
Event Dates: Saturday 27th April 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/open-day-miners-cottages-dating-to-1862-1876/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/open-day-miners-cottages-dating-to-1862-1876/)

## BottledSnail Productions Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale* in the former Bendigo Law Courts.



BottledSnail Productions presents a rehearsed play reading of Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale", a one-off performance in the historic former Bendigo Law Courts.

Address: Former Bendigo Law Courts, 77-85 Pall Mall  
Event Dates: Saturday 17th May: 2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Entry: Free, but bookings are essential  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/bottledsnail-productions-shakespeares-winters-tale-in-the-former-bendigo-law-courts/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/bottledsnail-productions-shakespeares-winters-tale-in-the-former-bendigo-law-courts/)

## Unearthed Treasures: Railways Revisited



Step into history at 'Unearthed Treasures: Railways Revisited' in Bendigo's iconic roundhouse. Witness the thrilling turning of a steam locomotive on the turntable and explore Bendigo's rich rail history, experiencing the magic of rail and steam.

Address: Bendigo Railway Workshops, Gate 6 Gladstone St Quarry Hill, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Sunday 20th April 10:30am to 12:30pm  
Entry: Free, but bookings essential  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/unearthed-treasures-railways-revisited/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthed-treasures-railways-revisited/)

## Heritage Fiesta



Bendigo Heritage Attractions invites the community to delve into the rich history and culture that has shaped Bendigo. Explore the sites we maintain and operate, such as the Central Deborah Gold Mine, Bendigo Tramways, and the Bendigo Joss House Temple, all completely FREE.

Address: Bendigo Heritage Attractions, Tramways Avenue Bendigo, Victoria 3550.  
Event Dates: Saturday 17th May 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Entry: Free  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/heritage-fiesta/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-fiesta/)

## Footsteps of Joseph Brady: The civil engineer who quenched the thirst of the goldfields



Join your hosts from Coliban Water for a free guided walking tour of Crusoe and No7 Reservoirs, as well as sections of the Coliban Main Channel.

Address: Crusoe Reservoir, Bendigo, Crusoe Rd Kangaroo Flat Bendigo, Victoria 3555

Event Dates: Saturday 3rd May 9:45am to 12:00pm

Entry: Free

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/follow-in-the-footsteps-of-joseph-brady-the-civil-engineer-who-quenched-the-thirst-of-the-goldfields/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/follow-in-the-footsteps-of-joseph-brady-the-civil-engineer-who-quenched-the-thirst-of-the-goldfields/)

## Experience behind the scenes at Bendigo Military Museum



Step beyond the exhibits and uncover hidden history with an exclusive tour of the Bendigo Military Museum, featuring rare access to the heritage-listed honour boards and the breathtaking band rotunda with panoramic views of Bendigo's stunning streetscape!

Address: Bendigo Military Museum 37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo, Victoria 3550

Event Dates: Saturday 10th May 11:00am to 12:00pm

Entry: Charges apply, see ticketing

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/experience-behind-the-scenes-at-the-bendigo-military-museum/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/experience-behind-the-scenes-at-the-bendigo-military-museum/)



## Unearth your family's past: Military Memorabilia Discovery



Unearth your family's hidden military history at the Bendigo Military Museum's (BMM) Antiques Roadshow-style event—bring in your memorabilia, have it identified by experts, and uncover the stories waiting to be told!

Address: Bendigo Military Museum 37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Saturday 26th April 11:00am to 1:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see ticketing site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/unearth-your-families-past-military-memorabilia-discovery-day/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-your-families-past-military-memorabilia-discovery-day/)

## Unearthing the Band Rotunda: A Hidden View of Bendigo



Discover the heritage-listed Band Rotunda atop the Soldiers Memorial Institute in a rare public opening. Step beyond the museum's walls and ascend to the heritage-listed Band Rotunda, a rarely seen treasure perched atop the Soldiers Memorial Institute. Normally closed to the public, this exclusive opening invites you to unearth a hidden piece of Bendigo's history.

Address: Bendigo Military Museum 37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Saturday 17th May 11:00am to 3:00pm  
Entry: Free  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/unearthing-the-band-rotunda-a-hidden-view-of-bendigo/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthing-the-band-rotunda-a-hidden-view-of-bendigo/)

## Unearthing the stories behind the artefacts at St. Paul's



Hear the stories, appreciate the art, see behind the scenes of this historic landmark at the heart of Bendigo. Take a tour of the hidden parts of the Cathedral with the Dean. View the inside of the organ, the vestry and sacristy...

Address: St. Paul's Cathedral 6 Myers St. Bendigo, Victoria 3550,

Event Dates: 23rd April 2025, 2:00pm-3:30pm,  
27th April 2025, 6:00pm-7:30pm  
7th May 2025, 2:00pm-3:30pm,  
14th May 2025, 2:00pm-3:30pm  
16th May 2025, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Entry: Free

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/unearthing-the-stories-behind-the-artefacts-at-st-pauls-cathedral/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthing-the-stories-behind-the-artefacts-at-st-pauls-cathedral/)

## Historical Pipe Organs in 3 Beautiful Goldfield Churches



Join Bendigo and world-renowned pipe organist on a tour of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Forest Street Uniting Church and St Paul's Cathedral. Hear their beauty and stories.

Address: Commencing at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 80 Wattle St, Bendigo

Event Dates: Saturday 3rd May 1:00pm-3:00pm

Entry: Charges apply, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/historical-pipe-organs-in-3-beautiful-goldfield-churches/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/historical-pipe-organs-in-3-beautiful-goldfield-churches/)

## From Pick to Pixel: Unearthing Bendigo's Tech Heritage



Step into the future of heritage at this fast-paced forum, featuring short presentations from local experts about the new tech preserving Bendigo's heritage, the historic tech that shaped the city, and the exciting addition of the Victorian Goldfields to Australia's World Heritage Tentative List.

Address: Larnangurrak – Dja Dja Wurrung Community Centre,  
43 Hattam Street Golden Square Bendigo, Victoria 3555  
Event Dates: Thursday 8th May 6:00pm to 8:30pm  
Entry: Free  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/from-pick-to-pixel-unearthing-bendigos-tech-heritage/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/from-pick-to-pixel-unearthing-bendigos-tech-heritage/)

## Musical High Tea and Guided Tour at Langley Estate



A sumptuous Traditional High Tea with a difference!  
On arrival for the Musical High Tea, you'll be treated to a special performance by Thomas Heywood – 'without argument one of the world's best concert organists' – on the magnificent 1875 pipe organ in the historic 1873 Lauriston Chapel.

Address: Langley Estate, 484 Napier Street White Hills, Bendigo, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Sunday 11th May 2:30pm – 5:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/musical-high-tea-and-guided-tour-at-langley-estate/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/musical-high-tea-and-guided-tour-at-langley-estate/)



## Mother's Day Musical High Tea and Guided Tour



A sumptuous Mother's Day Traditional High Tea with a difference!

On arrival for the Musical High Tea, you'll be treated to a special performance by Thomas Heywood – 'without argument one of the world's best concert organists' – on the magnificent 1875 pipe organ in the historic 1873 Lauriston Chapel.

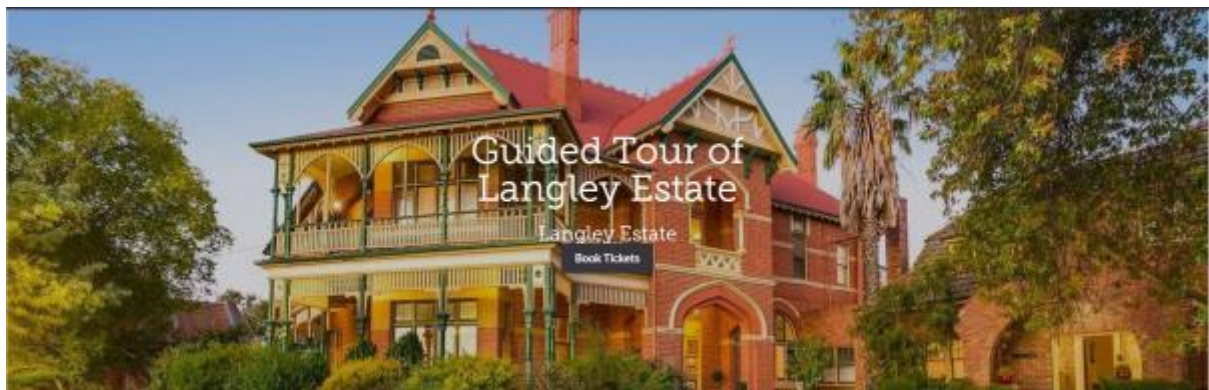
Address: Langley Estate, 484 Napier Street White Hills

Event Dates: Sun 11th May 2:30 to 5:00pm

Entry: Charges apply, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/mothers-day-musical-high-tea-and-guided-tour-at-langley-estate/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mothers-day-musical-high-tea-and-guided-tour-at-langley-estate/)

## Guided Tour of Langley Estate



A guided tour of Bendigo's iconic Langley Estate mansion, chapel and gardens: a goldfields landmark since 1904.

Address: Langley Estate 484 Napier Street White Hills

Event Dates: Sat 19th April 10:30am to 11:30 am

Sat 26th April 10:30am to 11:30 am

Entry: Charges apply, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/guided-tour-of-langley-estate/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/guided-tour-of-langley-estate/)

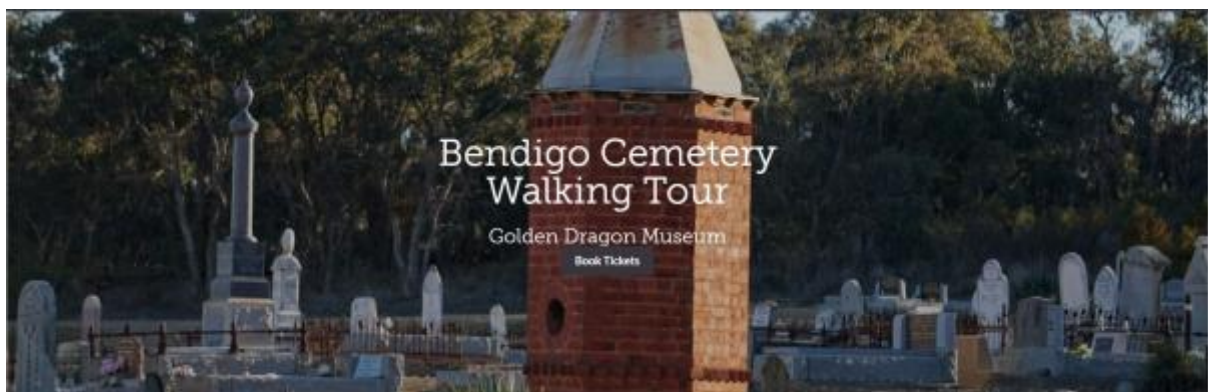
## Greetings from Vienna – Piano Duet Spectacular!



Two internationally acclaimed concert pianists perform Greetings from Vienna in Bendigo - built to be 'The Vienna of the South'.

Address: Langley Estate, 484 Napier Street White Hills, Bendigo, Victoria 3550  
Event Dates: Sunday 4th May 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/greetings-from-vienna-piano-duet-spectacular/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/greetings-from-vienna-piano-duet-spectacular/)

## Bendigo Cemetery Walking Tour



Join Golden Dragon Museum's Research Officer, Leigh McKinnon, on a walk into the past and learn about the Chinese section of the Bendigo Cemetery and the stories of Chinese Australians who have been laid to rest there and in other sections of the cemetery.

Address: Bendigo Cemetery, 70 Carpenter Street Quarry Hill, Victoria 3550.  
Event Dates: Thursday 8th May 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/bendigo-cemetery-walking-tour/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/bendigo-cemetery-walking-tour/)



## White Hills Cemetery Walking Tour



Join Golden Dragon Museum's Research Officer, Leigh McKinnon, on a walk into the past and learn about the Chinese section of the White Hills Cemetery.

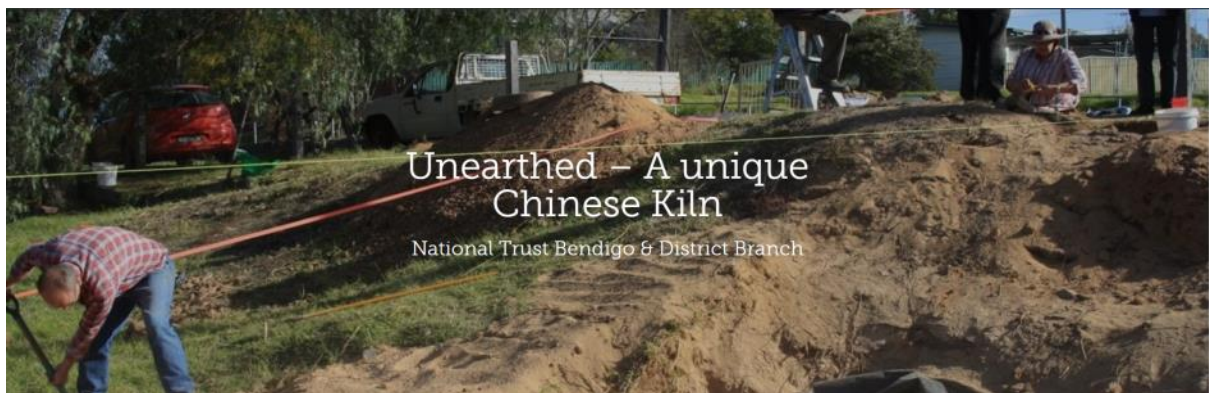
Address: White Hills Cemetery main gate, Holdsworth Road, White Hills, Victoria 3550

Event Dates: Thursday 1st May 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Entry: Charges, see booking site

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/white-hills-cemetery-tour/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/white-hills-cemetery-tour/)

## Unearthed – A Unique Chinese Kiln



An on-site display of photos from the archaeological dig, with the archaeologists on hand to answer your questions about the site, its history, and the artefacts found there.

In 2005 during fencing work at Peppergreen Farm a chance discovery was made of the remains of a long-forgotten brick making kiln built in 1859 by A'Fok, Fok Sing & Co near the Ironbark Chinese Camp in Bendigo.

Address: Peppergreen Farm, 40-44 Thunder Street North Bendigo, Victoria 3550

Event Dates: Saturday 17th May 10:00am-3:00pm

Entry: Free

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/unearthed-a-unique-chinese-kiln/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthed-a-unique-chinese-kiln/)



## The Real Gold of Bendigo: A guided tour through history, mystery and legacy



Explore the rich history, iconic sites, and hidden gems of Bendigo on a 3.5-hour guided tour. Travel in comfort across the city as your expert guide brings gold rush legends and cultural landmarks to life. A stress-free, unforgettable experience through history, mystery, and legacy.

Address: Bendigo Sign on Edge of Rosalind Park Corner of Pall Mall and View Street Bendigo,  
Event Times: 9:00am-12:30pm  
Event Dates: April Fri 18th, Sun 20th, Wed 23rd, Thu 24th, Fri 25th, Sun 27th & Wed 30th  
May Thu 1st, Fri 2nd, Sun 4th, Wed 7th, Thu 8th, Fri 9th, Sun 11th, Wed 14th,  
Thu 15th, Fri 16th & Sun 18th

Entry: Free

Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/the-real-gold-of-bendigo-a-guided-tour-through-history-mystery-legacy/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-real-gold-of-bendigo-a-guided-tour-through-history-mystery-legacy/)

## Webinar Series: Unearthing Gold Histories



Join us online for our 3-part series Heritage Festival Webinar Series "Unearthing Gold Histories", presented in partnership with The Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Bid.

Address: Webinar will be held online via Microsoft Teams  
Event dates: Fridays May 2nd, 9th, 6th. 2:00pm-2:30pm  
Entry: Free but pre booking required  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/lockington-27th-vintage-rally/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/lockington-27th-vintage-rally/)

# Echuca – Barham - Lockington

## Port of Echuca Heritage Tours



Take a fascinating walk along the Port of Echuca's charming old streetscape discovering the secrets and legends of these much-loved historic buildings.

Address: Port of Echuca 74 Murray Esplanade Echuca, Victoria 3564  
Event dates: Saturdays - 3rd May, 10th May, 17th May 10:30am to 12:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/port-of-echuca-heritage-tours/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/port-of-echuca-heritage-tours/)

## A Hero Unearthed



*PS Hero* built in 1874 in Echuca. She had a full life as a paddle steamer on the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Darling rivers. She was burnt to the water line in 1957 abandoned. 40 years later she was raised and restored to the beautiful paddle steamer she is today. This is her story.

In photographs and words, we tell the story of *Hero's* years of work as a paddle steamer pulling barges with wheat, wool and wood on board. She rescued cattle from the floods, carried parliamentarians on river inspection. For the 1939-1945 war she carted wool from the forests to the rail to keep the fires burning in Melbourne. Abandoned after a fire she spent nearly 40 years under water gradually sinking lower into the mud at Boundary Bend between Swan Hill and Robinvale

Address: Echuca Historical Society, 1 Dickson St Echuca, Victoria 3564  
Event dates: Friday 18th April 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/hero-unearthed/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/hero-unearthed/)



## 27th Barham Vintage Engine and Machinery Rally



Fully operational steam bay display, Hay baler working display - belt driven, Start-ups of 25HP Marshall Engine - Air start, Eagle Creek Pump R & T engine, show & Shine. Featuring English and Australian Engines.

Full catering all weekend, including breakfast.

Address: Border Flywheelers Club 9 Jamieson Ave, Barham NSW  
Event dates: Sat 17th May, Sun 18th May. 9:00am-5:00pm  
Entry fees: Adults \$ 10 Under 16 FREE  
Booking: 03 5453 2537  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/27th-barham-vintage-engine-machinery-rally/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/27th-barham-vintage-engine-machinery-rally/)

## Lockington 27th Vintage Car Rally



A weekend full of vintage engines, machinery and many items of historic interest, featuring a 100-year-old going tractor. Catering available. A special treat on Saturday night will be a concert by the 'Locky Ukers' our own Ukelele group who play and sing. A gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Address: Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex, 2-10 Lockington, Victoria 3563  
Event dates: Sat 26th and Sun 27th 9:00am-4:00pm  
Entry: Charges apply, see booking site  
Link: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/lockington-27th-vintage-rally/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/lockington-27th-vintage-rally/)



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## History & Heritage Branch newsletter - receive, contribute, read past issues

Everyone has a story that, when combined with others, provides a record of the social history of our region and draws attention to the significance of local built heritage. The Branch welcomes your ideas, contributions and photographs for the newsletter which is published monthly. The contribution deadline for the April *History & Heritage* will be **May 1<sup>st</sup>** For previous issues of *History & Heritage* [click here](#)

To help increase circulation send it to your friends and family or sign up your organisation to receive it. To join the editorial group, contact the Branch President, Peter Cox on 0447 473 674

Next editorial group meeting **Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>** at Bendigo Library 10am

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## Next Branch Meeting: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 5.30pm

Bendigo Library (enter via Hargreaves Street)

All members and supporters are welcome to attend.

Discussion: - Demolition by Neglect motion and action on Bendigo Art Gallery demolition.

**We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and recognize the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present and future**

