



BENDIGO WAXFLOWER



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MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
BENDIGO 3550

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9th November, 1989.

*Representatives - Central Victorian Branch of the National Trust*  
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*On behalf of the City of Bendigo, you are cordially invited to attend the Bendigo Local Community Public Launch for the World Heritage Bid for Central Victorian Goldfields, together with the Official Launch of the Central Nell Gwynne Poppet Legs Restoration Project.*

*Both Launches will be conducted at the Central Nell Gwynne Poppet Legs, Victoria Hill, Bendigo (opposite Gold Mines Hotel, Marong Road, Bendigo) on Tuesday 14th November, 1989 commencing at 3.15 p.m.*

*A copy of the programme events for the day are outlined and are enclosed with this invitation.*





*In reply please quote:*

**WORLD HERITAGE BID FOR CENTRAL VICTORIAN GOLDFIELDS**

**BENDIGO LOCAL COMMUNITY PUBLIC LAUNCH**

**AND**

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF CENTRAL NELL GWYNNE POPPET**

**LEGS RESTORATION PROJECT**

**TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 1989, COMMENCING 3.15 P.M.**

**VENUE:** Central Nell Gwynne Poppet Legs, Victoria Hill, Bendigo  
(opposite Gold Mines Hotel, Marong Road).

- 3.15 p.m.** Welcome to guests and speakers by Mr. John Brumby, M.P.,  
Federal Member for Bendigo, and Introduction to the  
Nomination Proposal.
- 3.25 p.m.** Short address by eminent Historian Professor Weston Bate  
noted authority on the Heritage of the Central Victoria  
Goldfields.
- 3.40 p.m.** Official Launch of the City of Bendigo Central Nell Gwynne  
Poppet Legs Restoration Project by the Mayor of Bendigo, Cr.  
Peter Morley. The first stage of the Bendigo Poppet Legs  
Restoration Campaign.
- 3.50 p.m.** Concluding address on the World Heritage Recognition prospect  
and tasks ahead and close of Bendigo Public Launch by Mr.  
John Brumby, M.P.





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## CENTRAL NELL GWYNNE POPPET LEGS RESTORATION PROJECT

**A Heritage Restoration Project by the City of Bendigo with Loan Funding from the Central Goldfields Restoration Fund (Commonwealth/State Bicentennial Project through Ministry for Planning and Environment).**

### **DETAILS**

#### **Central Nell Gwynne Mine - Victoria Hill**

Operated 1906 - 1932 - 1950. 1912 feet deep, yielded 61,884 ounces (approximately \$25 million at current prices) in four stages of shaft sinking. One of the finest mines on the Bendigo Field in its heyday. The Tubular steel lattice braced poppet legs originally came from the North Virginia Mine and were made locally by Roberts and Sons Foundry. The major Central Nell Gwynne Reef was up to 50' wide around the 900 feet level and shaft approximately 13 feet x 4 feet in size.

Extensive mine plant included a 20 Head Battery, a Tramway existed from the first brace level of the Poppet feeding a Jacques Stone Crusher. There was also a large, first motion winding engine and compressor locally made in Bendigo, again by Roberts and Sons. The relics (engine beds, mountings etc.) of this plant and equipment are still visible around the Mine Site.

#### **Restoration Project**

Stabilise deterioration of existing structure, fabricate internal support structure to brace legs and carry weight of top winding wheels, painting to original colours and flood lighting.

#### **Estimated Cost - \$55,000**

Project Supervision - Kurt Bruhn for City Engineer, Colin Campbell  
Project Contractor (Steel) - AllWeld Bendigo  
Heritage Consultant - Andrew Ward, Heritage Advisor  
Engineering Consultant - Howard Osborne, Civil Engineer  
Project Coordinator - Norm Cameron, Town Planner

#### **Project Official Launch**

By Mayor of Bendigo, Cr. Peter Morley in presence of John Brumby, M.P., Federal Member for Bendigo, and Professor Weston Bate, 14th November, 1989.

