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THE GOLDEN CITY OF TREE-LINED STREETS  
AND PARKS AND GARDENS

POPULATION - 32,000

GOLD YIELD TO 1940

20,976,834 Ozs.

(780 Tons)

Estimated at Approximately

£90,000,000

160 MILES

OF STREET TREES

68 ACRES

OF PARKS AND GARDENS



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Alexandra Fountain and Pall Mall, Bendigo.

BENDIGO'S romantic history commences with the famous Gold Rushes of the Early "Fifties" when thousands of gold-seekers of almost every nation and tongue flocked to Australia in search of the precious metal which, at that time, was reputed to be had at Bendigo for the mere picking up.

It is significant, and somewhat prophetic, that the discovery of gold in Bendigo should have been the lot of a shepherd, for, side by side with the development of this fair city, has grown its vast pastoral and agricultural resources.

From the discovery of that first nugget in the year 1851 to the present day, the development of Bendigo has been continuous.

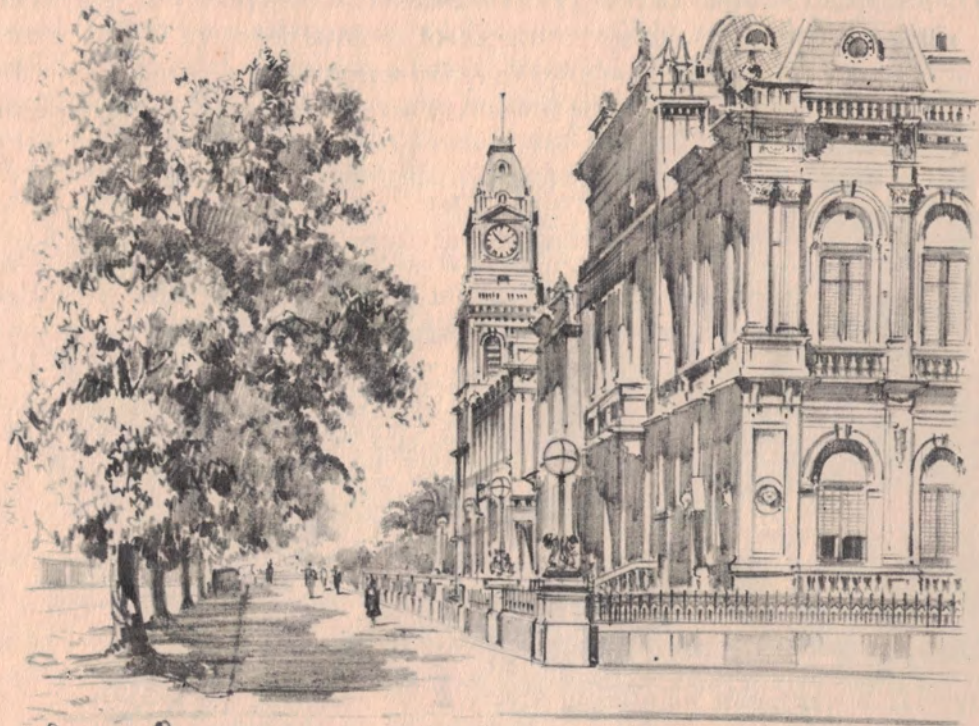
In April, 1855, Bendigo was proclaimed a municipality, on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1863, a Borough, and on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1871, it was gazetted a City. Her population to-day is 32,000. First known as Sandhurst, on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1891, its name was changed to Bendigo.

It is one of the richest, and certainly the most permanent, goldfield in Australia with a continuous record of 89 years of production, during which period she has produced more gold than any other city in the world. Its gold yield to the end of 1939 was 20,976,834 ounces. Estimated at approximately £90,000,000.

Situated on a range of hills, about 850 ft. above sea level, 100 miles north-west of Melbourne, Bendigo is almost exactly in the centre of Victoria and has been aptly described as "The Capital of the North"; another title she enjoys is "The Golden Gateway of the North."







Douglas Pratt

Law Courts, Bendigo.

More than five main railway lines radiate from Bendigo to the vast Mallee country and Southern Riverina, whilst an excellent train service to and from the metropolis makes travel by rail a pleasure. It was for the Bendigo-Melbourne Service that the first inland buffet car and air-conditioned train was equipped and run. The excellent bitumen roads and highways (product of the Country Roads Board) for the most part through delightful country, make travel by road in all directions a sheer delight.



Nature opened wide her hands in this fair city, for not content with the rich deposits of glittering metal below the surface, she graciously blessed her with glorious sunshine and fertile valleys. It is said that Bendigo enjoys, on an average, 320 days of sunshine per year. True it is that medical men in Melbourne and indeed in London prescribe Bendigo sunshine for their patients. It is claimed that her climate is identical with that of Almeria's in Spain, hence her fame as a health resort, and the influx of visitors to winter in her superb sunshine.

### GARDEN CITY.

Bendigo's 160 miles of beautiful tree-lined streets are literally a living monument to the wise planning of the early city fathers.

Bendigo is credited with the greatest mileage of street trees of any city in the world. In some streets the leafy branches meet overhead, making delightful bowers.

Few cities can boast of such extensive parks and gardens in the very heart of the city as Bendigo's "Rosalind Park," of 68 acres. Its beautiful lawns and gardens border the entire western side-walk of Pall Mall. The lower portion







Queen Victoria Monument & Soldiers Memorial Hall.

houses the famous Conservatory which is set in broad lawns and lovely gardens, whilst in the immediate background is to be seen the Fernery, an enchanting maze of winding fern bowers, a sheer delight to young and old, particularly on a hot day.

The entire park lands stretch from Pall Mall to Barnard Street and from View Street to Park Rd. and includes, in addition to large areas of grass lands for picnicking, a Swimming Pool, Sports Oval, Bowling Greens, Croquet Lawns, Tennis Courts (grass and asphalt), as well as a well-







Post Office, Bendigo.



equipped modern Children's Playground.

In the centre of this delightful setting are to be found the High School, the Girls' School and the Central Primary School.

Despite its air of modernity and progress the glamour of the Gold Rush days still clings, and old pioneers, of whom there are still a few, delight to recount the fever and excitement of the days when nuggets were unearthed by a mere kick of the sod, and when diggers, in bravado, literally lit their pipes with pound notes.

In contrast to most mining towns, Bendigo survived the boom of the Gold Rush, and, hand-in-hand with the development of its deep quartz mining, has fostered agriculture, in all its branches, until to-day it is the centre of a vast sheep, wheat and dairying district, to say nothing of







*King George V Memorial and Conservatory Gardens, Bendigo.*



fruitgrowing, which is considerable. Hand-in-hand with nature, irrigation has combined with Bendigo sunshine in converting the rich slopes and flats of the Bendigo Valley into vast areas of permanently green pastures. Scattered around, and extending miles beyond the city's boundaries are to be seen delightful vistas of green pastures with cattle grazing. From these areas come the city's milk supply as well as the cream which keeps the butter factories in continuous production.

Some idea of the productivity of the country can be gained from the following figures of produce trucked through Bendigo's railway yards annually:—  
4,081,000 bags of wheat;  
44,000 bales of wool; 5,000  
tons of butter; 40,000  
cases of eggs; 250,000  
cases of tomatoes; 3,500  
tins of tomato pulp;  
350,000 cases of citrus  
fruits, to say nothing of  
apples, etc., and consign-  
ments per road transport.



*The Reapers.*

*Douglas  
Hart*



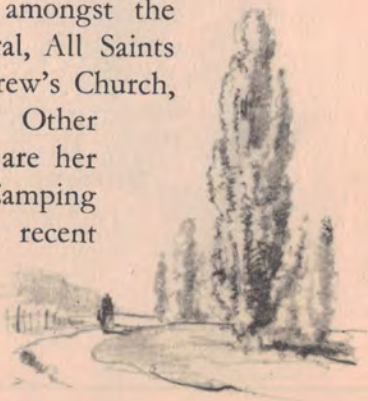


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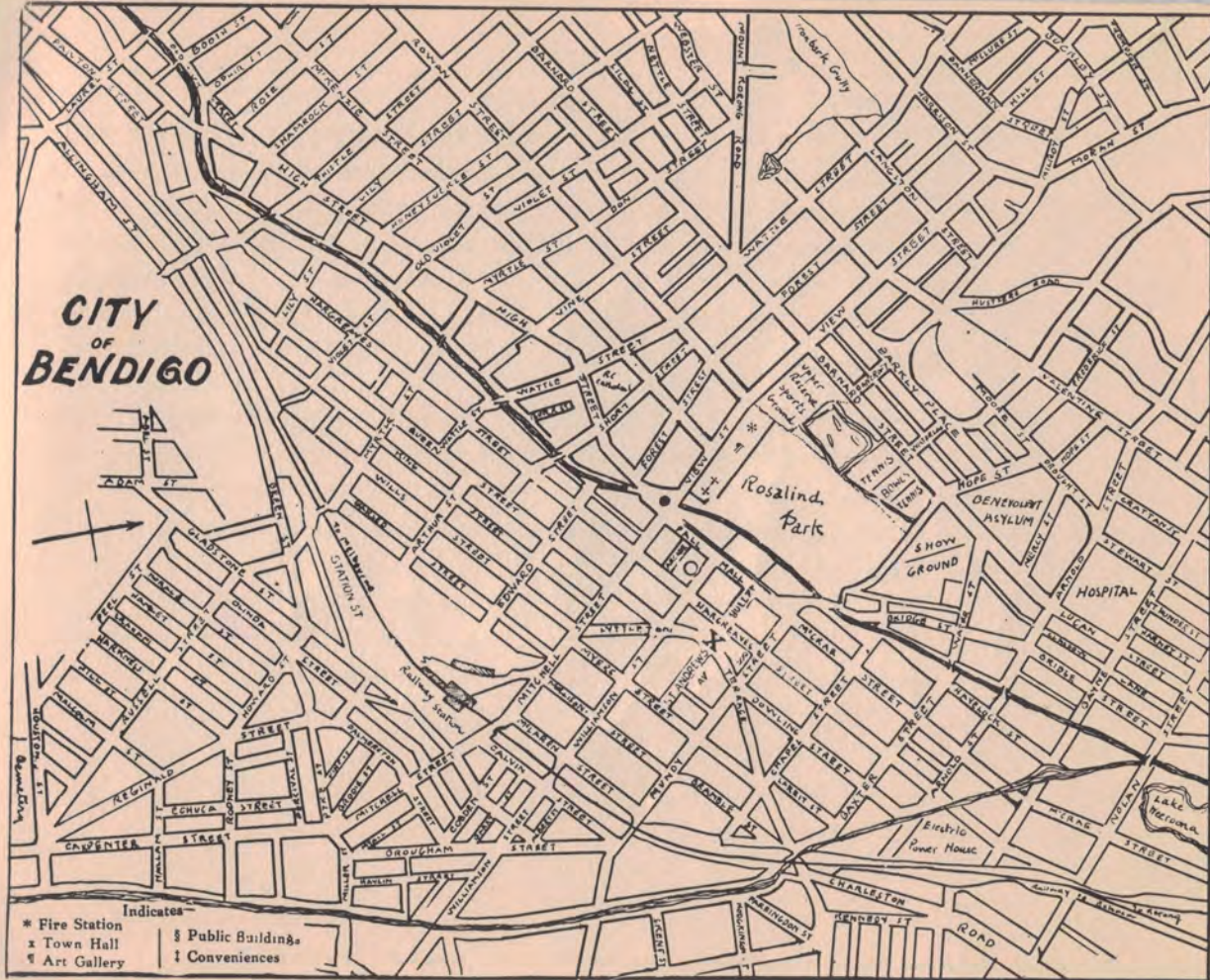
BENDIGO is proud in her claim of possessing the third largest sheep and cattle saleyards in Australia. In area it covers 34 acres and is equipped with the most modern means for handling live-stock, consigned by road or rail. A railway line runs right into the saleyards. Records show that no less than 500,000 sheep and 27,000 head of cattle pass through the yards annually. Weekly pig sales account for 12,000 head of swine each year. There are also big markets for poultry, fruit, eggs, bacon, honey, etc.

That Bendigo keeps abreast of the times in her public buildings, business houses, shops, private residences and modern amenities to city life there is abundant evidence. Chief among her buildings, which come in for spontaneous admiration, are the Post Office with clock tower and chimes; the Law Courts with its majestic interior and claimed by some to be the most beautiful Law Courts (internally) in Australia; the Town Hall; the Benevolent Home, classed by authorities amongst the twelve finest buildings in the world; Sacred Heart Cathedral, All Saints Cathedral (not yet completed), St. Paul's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Technical College and School of Mines, Masonic Hall, etc. Other evidences of Bendigo's progress with the march of time are her theatres, cafes, broadcasting stations, and aerodrome. Camping facilities are available in several parts of the city. A recent institution is the establishment of a most up-to-date Children's Library.





**CITY  
OF  
BENDIGO**



Indicates—

* Fire Station	§ Public Buildings
x Town Hall	† Conveniences
¶ Art Gallery	



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