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Victorian Community History Awards 2003

Dear Sir / Madam

The Bendigo Historical Society Inc. submits this material in support of its entry in the Victorian Community History Awards 2003, Best Exhibit / Display category.

During July 2002 the Bendigo Historical Society Inc., in collaboration with the City of Greater Bendigo, mounted an exhibition featuring examples of developments which had their origins in, or were quickly adopted in, the Bendigo region. These are drawn from across the broad spectrum of human endeavour - from mechanical devices to recreational pursuits, from law enforcement to the caring of those in need.

The objective of the exhibition was to increase awareness within the Bendigo community of how local inventiveness has contributed to the region's development.

The exhibition also demonstrated how a historical society can contribute to an understanding of the relevance of past events and the people whose talents and efforts brought those events about.

Support from the City of Greater Bendigo was provided in the form of :

- A venue.
- Printing of exhibition text panels.
- Printing of exhibition booklet.
- Cash for materials.

Title	What A Good Idea! Bendigo's Innovations
Venue	Dudley House, 60 View Street, Bendigo (approx. 100m ²)
Date	15 – 28 July 2002
Attendance	639

Costs

Estimated value of inputs	\$
Cash outlay materials	714
Venue hire	1,620
Printing text panels	400
Printing booklet	320
Postage	60
Council staff time	3,000
Society members time	<u>36,000</u>
Total	42,114

Income

	\$
Entry fees	850
Exhibition booklets	<u>525</u>
Total	1,375

Historical Society members provided the concept, research, design, mounting and supervision of the exhibition under the guidance of the Society's then Secretary and exhibition curator, Helen Mainka. The Education Information Package was prepared by Jeanice Henderson.

The exhibition comprised :

- 40 interpretive panels, each of A1 (841x594mm) size, containing explanatory text in 40 point Arial font together with illustrations. These cover 17 topics and 41 brief sketches.
- 2 continuous loop videos.
- 21 artifacts.
- An 80 page exhibition booklet.

The exhibition booklet contains the whole of the text and most of the illustrations from the interpretive panels, images of most of the artifacts, references and further reading.

At the invitation of the Exhibitions Manager, Discovery Science and Technology Centre, Bendigo, most of the What A Good Idea! interpretive panels have been incorporated into the current exhibition at the Centre.

Attachments

1. Exhibition Proposal.
2. Notice to Society Members - call for information.
3. Example letter seeking input from outside bodies.
4. Exhibition preparation timeline.
5. Exhibition Promotion.
6. Flier DL.
7. Flier A4.
8. Education Information Package.
9. Puzzle sheet for child visitors to the exhibition.
10. Exhibition procedures.
11. Supervisors badge.
12. Visitor numbers record sheet.
13. Visitors book.
14. Exhibition booklet
15. CD-ROM - Images of interpretive panels and Photographs of exhibition.
16. Reduced (A1 to A3) interpretive panels for "Sunday School Picnic".
17. Photographs of exhibition.

Yours sincerely



Helen Mainka (Mrs)
Collections Manager

6 February 2003