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Sir

I would be pleased if you would see fit to publish the following.

Congratulations to the "Bendigo Advertiser" for a well balanced view presented in its leading article "It's worth the effort."

There are a number of projects under review at the present throughout the Bendigo district and it is difficult to separate them in historical importance. The Jess House, the Police Barracks, the Central Deborah Mine, the Victoria Hill project, the Scepter Log Cabin and Museum and the Chinese project in Bridge Street. A few hundred dollars are needed for one, and many thousands for another. The Central Deborah project could be very expensive and the important natural formations of Victoria Hill lie under a pile of rubbish unable to be removed because of unavailability of finance. The importance of all these projects lies in the fact that they are in their natural context. They should therefore all be proceeded with at an even pace.

Is this possible? The membership of the Historical Society, the National Trust and the Tourist Association is interlocked as the same public spirited citizens appear on a number of organizations. It should therefore be possible to have a fourman advisory body who could be available to advise in the face of a rash of conflicting "expert" opinions on such matters as demolition and or restoration. I am often discouraged in my efforts however the sight of young ladies putting their efforts into the removal of the sordid matter in the old Police barracks has spurred me to greater efforts. The removal of both lethargy and obstruction would seem urgently necessary.

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