

2003

Gala Parade Entrants	
GP No	Company
0	3BO FM 93.5 Radio Car and Parade of Vintage Cars
1	Victoria Police Mounted Branch
2a	Clan McLeod Pipe Band Float Entry
2b	Clan McLeod Pipe Band -
3	Australian Navy Cadets - Training Ship Bendigo
4	309 Regional Cadet Unit
5	410 Australian Air Force Cadet Unit
6	1850's Miners Our Golden Past
7	Central Deborah Gold Mine Golden Present
8	The New Bendigo Gold Project our Golden Future
9	Mines Rescue
10	Parks Victoria Jarra Jarra /Dja Dja Wrung
11a	Mulqueen Family Funeral Directors
11b	Bridlevale Stables
12	Bendigo Youth Choir Inc.
A13	UC Clownz 13B Eric the Alien
14	Airport (Strathdale) Pre-School
15	Bendigo Tourism
16	Golden SQ / Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church
17	Heathcote Primary School
18	Reece Plumbing
19	City of Greater Bendigo *
20	Salvation Army
21	Central Victoria District of Neighbourhood Watch
22	150 Year Police Re-enactment
23	View Hill Fellowship
24	<del>Baton Twirler</del>
25	Australian Youth Band
26	Bendigo Advertiser
28	Falun Dafa Association
29	Bendigo Health Care Group
30	Golden City Pipe Band
31	Eaglehawk Fire Brigade

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11c 150 Year Police Re-enactment  
2 HORSES

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32	Bendigo Urban Fire Brigade *
A33	Rural Ambulance Victoria 33 B Long Gully Neighbourhood and Organ
34	State Emergency Service - Bendigo Unit
35	Bendigo District Scouts
36	Dragon City Drummers
37	Uniting Church Eaglehawk
38	Bendigo International Students Club
39	Bendigo Highland Pipe Band (Torchlight onle!!?)
40	Dribs & Drabs
41	Midland Irrigation
42	Itchy Feet Pep Band
43	Bendigo Theatre Company
44	Castlemaine Fringe Festival
45	AAPT
46	City of Bendigo Brass Band
47	Uncle Bobs Club
48	Wildlife Rescue & Information Network
49	Dragons Abreast
50	Fortuna Pipes & Drums *
51	410 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets
52	Bendigo Senior Secondary College and Lead-On – Fashion & Transport Throughout the ages 52-60
53	1900 The Penny farthing brigade
54	The Swinging 1920s John Penhall A Model Ford
55	1940's with the 309 Regional Army Cadets
56	1950s Variety Club Car with Steven Hollingsworth and the Jail House Rockers
57	1960 Bendigo Guides in a double deckers Bus
58	1980s F 100 UTE from Wayne Hollingsworth and Double Decker Bus.
59	Today (other modern modes of Transport)
60	Town Scootcar hire
61	Discovery science and Technology Vehicles

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62	Bendigo Senior Secondary College Energy Break through vehicles
63	Bendigo Youth Racing A : 63B Overdrive
64	Bendigo Car Clubs Youth development Program (2vechiles)
65	Bendigo Fire Unit
66	Central Victorian Hockey Assoc.
67	The Bendigo Braves Basketballers

68 AuskickClan

69 McCleod Pipe Band

70 Chinese Assoc.

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### **133rd Bendigo Easter Festival**

The first Bendigo Easter Festival took place in 1871 when Bendigo was known as Sandhurst. The annual fair was conceived to raise money for the local hospital and benevolent asylum (as they were known back then!) From its beginnings in Camp Reserve, or Rosalind Park as we now know it, the Bendigo Easter Festival has grown to encompass the 4 days of the Easter Weekend, with events happening all over the City of Bendigo.

In 1890 the Bendigo Chinese population was given their traditional place in the Parade, at the end. In 1892, Loong made his first appearance. Today we will see Sun Loong - the mythical son of original dragon, Loong. Sun Loong is the largest imperial Dragon in the Southern Hemisphere

Our Thanks to Major Sponsor: **PARMALAT**

This year's Theme: **OUR GOLDEN PAST AND OUR GOLDEN FUTURE**

**11.50 am.**

**91.9 / 3BO FM 93.5 Radio car lead Parade of Vintage Cars.**

**Gala Parade starts at 12md.**

#### **1. Victoria Police - Mounted Branch**

The parade is lead by 2 mounted troopers of the Victoria Police.

#### **2. A&B Clan McCleod Pipe Band & Float** *(Float first)*

The band was formed in 1953 which makes 2003 their 50th birthday. The band's 1st appearance was the Bendigo Easter Festival in 1954. The band proudly wears the Arm of the Chief and wears the yellow and black lewis tartan. Pipe major Max Morris is a foundation member and Drum Sargeant. Charlie Tamblyn is also an original member. The band has always been a family band with father - son and brothers playing together. They are presently raising funds to go to New Zealand in October for the Clan McCleod World Gathering. The band is always looking for new players and experienced and learners, and as well are keen to play at other events. The band practices at the Tom Flood sports center in Park Road, opposite the Jail, in Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

#### **3 .Australian Navy Cadets - Training Ship Bendigo**

The Australian Navy Cadets of Training Ship Bendigo have paraded in Bendigo for the past 50 years. The group consists of young people between the ages of 12½ and 18 years. They take part in many community activities and have a full program which consists of ship visits, seaside camps, boating, sailing regattas and training camps, just to name a few!

#### **4. 309 Regional Cadet Unit**

309 Regional Cadet Unit was raised at Eaglehawk RSL Hall in 2001, before moving out to Passchendaele Barracks at Junortoun in 2002. They parade each Thursday night with 68 cadets on Parade.

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**5. 410 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets** (Marching cadets only if enough, otherwise will be at no.51) 410 Squadron Australia Air Force Cadets instruct 12.5 - 18 year olds in aviation related topics while in a military environment. Flying, gliding, parachuting and camping are some of the opportunities presented to the youth of Central Victoria. The Squadron parades at the Bendigo Airport on Friday nights during the school year.

**All these young people are a part of our golden future serving our country.**

**6. 1850's Miners: Our golden past;** These are a variety of volunteers from Girton College and other Bendigonians who have given up their time to represent the miners and residents of Bendigo in the 1850s to 1900. Bendigo is still today amongst the top 10 Goldfields in the world and the second largest in Australia. It was significantly bigger than Ballarat There are plans to recommence mining of this magnificent goldfield. **Dog Obedience Club** also helps to make up the numbers with the handlers and their Dogs on leads. One of the dogs is pulling a small wagon which contains all the gold from gold panning during the day.

### **7. Central Deborah Gold Mine : Our Golden present**

Representing mining from 1950s to the present time. When visiting the gold mine you will don hard hats and lights and descend 68metres to level 2. The tour guides will show how mining was done in 1950's using a drill rig just like the one on the float. Central Deborah Gold Mine is still a working mine and gives visitors and in sight into a working mine The drill rig was invented in Bendigo at exported through out the world. Another major invention for Bendigo

### **8. The New Bendigo Gold Project; Our Golden Future**

The machine you see here is an Elphinstone 1500 'bogger' weighing around 20 tonnes empty and able to hold another 8 tonnes of broken rock in its bucket when working underground. Bendigo Mining uses these and much larger bidders weighing over 30 tonnes, with holding capacities of around 18 tonnes, underground on the New Bendigo Gold Project. Tunnels of dimensions 5m X 5.2m are advanced or cut out on 3.5m bites by boring and firing. The broken rock is then 'bogged' out using bidders, which in turn load Bell 40C trucks, weighing 30 tonnes empty and up to 70 tonnes when loaded. These trucks haul the broken rock out of the mine and dump their loads at specific places on the surface, depending on whether the load is mullock (waste) or ore. Bendigo Mining employs this and other massive machinery to explore and mine for gold over 800m vertically below the City of Bendigo. Traffic comprising of jumbo drilling rigs, bidders, three trucks, road graders, cranes and up to 8 4WD compete 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for tunnel roadways. The main decline tunnel is now nearly 6 kilometres in length and heads down at a gradient of 1 in 6.5 to a depth of nearly 850m below surface. Bendigo Mining NL is currently testing a gold resource of 700,000 ounces prior to going into full production. This is but a small portion of a gold Resource Potential of 12 million ounces outlined by Bendigo Mining NL below old mining areas to a depth of 1,500 metres. Bendigo Mining NL currently employs some 110 staff and contractors. This number will grow appreciably when the company moves into full production in 2004.

### **9. Mines Rescue: looking after our present and training for our future.**

"The Oscar One" Quarry and Mine Emergency Response Team is a group of 16 volunteers based in the Bendigo area. The all terrain truck is modified and equipped to supply specialist rescue techniques to quarry and mine related emergencies. They are the only volunteer mine rescue team in Australia, with a response area from Maryborough to Seymour to Swan Hill. The

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membership consists of Country Fire Authority, State Emergency Service, and the new Bendigo Gold Project personnel.

### 10. Parks Victoria / Jaara Jaara / Dja Dja Wrung

Featuring locals from Bendigo & Castlemaine Jaara Jaara and Dja Dja Wrung Aboriginal Corporation and Cooperative.

Traditional owners of Central Victoria, elders and members with didgeridoo music sticks performed on the float.

### 11 A. Mulqueen Family Funeral Directors

Comprises an original 1890's Horse Drawn Hearse, a motorized hearse from about 1960 and a 2001 version motor hearse. This entry depicts the various hearses used by the Mulqueen Family which celebrates 150 years of service this year, 2003.

### 11 B. Bridlevale Stables

Alan Drash on Fernando and Alan's daughter Florence riding Calypso. These horses are two of Bridlevale Stables' performing horses. Alan has performed a number of shows at various venues including Charlton Fishing Competition, Glenroy Special School, Harcourt Apple Fest and Wedderburn.

### 12. Bendigo Youth Choir: Training our young people for the future proudly sponsored by Myer Bendigo.

'Bendy the Bold' is the name given to William Abednego Thompson, the Nottingham bare-knuckle prize-fighter, after whom the City of Bendigo is said to be named. (Our Golden Past). The Bendigo Youth Choir depicts his last fight against 'Giant Ben Caunt' and which earned him the title of 'Champion of All of England'. The Bendigo Youth Choir, comprising choristers of the 21st Century, are re-enacting events which took place in the 1850's and making them relevant to today as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Choir (our Golden Future). Coming up on September 14th the choir will present the complete production of 'Bendy the Bold', a cantata composed especially for them, at an affordable, fun-day for the whole family.

### 13. UC Clownz

UC Clownz are a loosely knit group of clowns mostly from various Uniting Churches around Bendigo. They are a celebration of life and wonder.

**13a Eric the Alien from Bendigo Web Centre** here in Bendigo serving the Bendigonians for the present and Future

### 14 Airport (Strathdale)Preschool

Here come the children from the Airport Strathdale Preschool chasing golden treasure of the prosperous gold mining days. Their good ship docked in Geelong in the early days of the gold rush and many jumped ship to try their hand at mining instead of sailing. The mermaid and pirate costumes were made by the children and their parents. Airport Pre-school still have placements available for 3 and 4 year olds in 2003 - they invite everyone to their open day on Sunday 4th May, 2003 from 11am to 2pm.

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### **15. Bendigo Tourism**

Located in Pall Mall, the Visitor Information Centre is just the place to visit when planning your next getaway or researching things to do with Friends and Relatives when they come to stay. Residents, if they have not already done so, can collect their Tourism Ambassador Passport from the Visitor Information Centre. It is available to Bendigo residents over 18 years of age and offers great concessions to Bendigo's attractions. The Visitor Information Centre also coordinates a large volunteer program and a team of 88 dedicated volunteers help staff to operate the facility. Today's float entry is the result of many hours of work by this tourism team. The float represents the services offered to our visitors.

### **16. Golden Square / Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church**

The Golden Square / Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church entry depicts a story of gold from 1000's of years ago. It depicts the bible story of Moses and the Ark of the Covenant. Look out for the Youth Group Mascot - KUCA (*pronounced Kooka*). Live music by the Church Band

### **17. Heathcote Primary School**

Heathcote Primary School Number 300, celebrates 150 years this year. They started life as a tent school on the Heathcote Goldfields in 1853.

Their celebrations commenced in March, Term 1, with the recreation of a tent school and the goldfields around it. The children and teachers dressed in period costume and each class spent two days in the tent doing lessons from the 1850's.

The recreated 'goldfields' included a school room (Heathcote National School), general store, teacher's tent, miner's tent, mine shafts and gold panning creek. The site was fully authentic and furnished. The children recited the oath of allegiance, sang 'God Save the Queen', spoke only when spoken to, used a slate and sang their times table among other lessons. Each class from prep to Six with 40 pupils comfortably crammed into the school.

On the weekend of the 17th/18th/19th of October Heathcote Primary School will officially celebrate their 150th birthday. They will also open their new \$1.7 million school along with many other festivities to celebrate this momentous occasion for them.

### **18. Reece Pty Ltd**

The Reece organization started in 1919 when Harold Reece started selling plumbing goods from the back of his T-Model Ford Truck. Today Reece is Australia's leading supplier of plumbing products with over 200 stores nationally. It is a wholly owned Australian company which attributes its success to its loyal and skilled staff and valued customers. The Bendigo Reece Store is located at 120 High Street, Bendigo.

### **19. City of Greater Bendigo**

Entry from the City of Greater Bendigo - Bendigo Past, Present & Future - celebrating Arts and entertainment - celebrating cultural diversity.

The City of Greater Bendigo strives to be a safe, clean, enjoyable, easily accessible municipality retaining and enhancing its culture, heritage, natural and social environment. With approx. 87,000 residents, the City of Greater Bendigo delivers a diverse range of urban and rural services.

The City of Greater Bendigo's entry depicts some of Bendigo's great architectural icons, the Bendigo RSL War Memorial Dome, the Historic Post Office clock and the Alexandra Fountain. Surrounding the architectural sculpture are the four women depicting the statues of the

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Alexandra Fountain. Following the Sculpture are young members of our community who are dressed as the many varied workers of Council.

Areas of Council:

- ◆ Arts & Culture - incorporating Cultural Development & Events, The Capital - Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre and the Bendigo Art Gallery.
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Aged Care
- ◆ Customer Service
- ◆ Children's Services
- ◆ Parks
- ◆ Local Laws
- ◆ Corporate Services
- ◆ Engineering
- ◆ Planning & Development
- ◆ Waste Management
- ◆ Capital Works
- ◆ Health Services

### **20. Bendigo Salvation Army :** The Salvation Army youth proudly sponsored my **Myer Bendigo** .

The Salvation Army Church has been a part of the Bendigo community since the Gold Rush days. Through the years, the music and culture of the church has changed with the times, but their mission to serve the community remains the same. The old Gravel Hill School has been given new life and now runs many social and community programs.

Entry broken into the following sections:

1. Traditional Salvation Army Flags (3)
2. Banner depicting the Salvation Army theme.
3. Traditional Salvation Army Brass Band
4. Traditional Salvation Army Timberil Players
5. Historical representation (using a small truck)
6. People walking holding banners depicting the various programs run by the Salvation Army in Bendigo.
7. Community Care and Companion Club in decorated mini bus
8. being towed by the Decorated mini bus is the Emergency Services Trailer
9. Employment Plus Jobs mobile
10. Semi Trailer with Live contemporary Christian Music Band
11. Gravel Hill Gardens

In total almost 60 people participating in this entry!

### **21. Central Victorian District of Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch is a formal partnership between the Victorian Police and the community – *working together* – The primary objective is to reduce preventable crime – particularly residential burglary and theft within a defined area. Increasing the reporting of suspicious activity form an important strategy of the program.

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### **22. 150 Year Police Reenactment**

This group hails from Melbourne and was formed to celebrate 150 year of policing in Victoria. Memorabilia from all over Victoria has been collected and there is a static display in the Conservatory Garden opposite the Police Station in Bull St. Our local Superintendent Greg Duckett is being driven in a 1958 Wolsley, the car that was used to drive the Commissioner in that era. Stuart Duff is in the original Troopers uniform from the 1850s Geoff Geardall is on the R60/6 Black BMW. All these are members of the Police Historical

### **23. View Hill Fellowship**

In the gold rush days, Spanish sailors said Bendigo meant "I bless"  
Today, Christians from many denominations meet regularly to pray to Gods continued blessing of our city. The rainbow represents the Creator's commitment to His creation and the words on the banners show the qualities of life that will ensure Bendigo a golden and blessed future, and for this, we continue to pray. Purple is Joy; Dark Blue is security; Light blue is Peace; Green is Unity Yellow is prosperity; Orange is Purpose; Red is Hope

### **24. Carol Streckfuss - Baton Twirler**

A baton twirler for over 30 years, Carol is a previous State and National Champion. Carol has participated in the Bendigo Easter Festival parades for around about 15 years now. Currently Carol is performing with the Perry Bros Circus, and she has given up her time here today to once again perform in the Gala Parade

### **25. Australian Youth Band**

The band formed in 1978 as the Moomba Youth Band, they then became the Melbourne Youth Band, and today are known as the Australian Youth Band Southern Stars. The band has traveled the globe on many occasions to perform for crowds. The AYB will perform with the Bendigo Youth Choir after the torchlight parade at Lake Weeroona before the Gala Fireworks

### **26. Bendigo Advertiser**

The Bendigo Advertiser is celebrating an auspicious anniversary this year. Back on December 9, 1853 the first edition of the Bendigo Advertiser came out and the paper has been serving Victoria ever since. At this years' Easter Parade the Advertiser's float has a huge cake celebrating their 150th year. Kooka & Helpers also! Where would you be without the Advertiser?

### **28. Falun Dafa [pronounced FAR LOON DAR FAR]**

The Falun Dafa Association of Victoria is a community group and a certified Active Australia provider (encourages healthy outdoor activity).

Falun Dafa is a peaceful meditation and exercise practice going back aeons on time in ancient Chinese history. Its principles of Truth, Compassion and Tolerance transcend all cultures and embrace all peoples. When peace and tranquility are in each individual's heart then all cultures can exist side by side in harmony.

This group today brings you some reflections from the golden past of traditional Chinese culture, as well as a modern moving sculpture symbolic of the sails of a ship sailing gloriously and peacefully into a golden future.

The parade order is as follows:

1. Three Children holding circles - representing Truth, Compassion & Tolerance
2. Ladies dressed in authentic Tang Dynasty costume

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3. Heavenly Dancing Girls
4. The Lotus Flower Boat (powered by two bicycles) which represents the elevation of the human spirit, rising upwards out of the mud when the mind is clear the heart is pure. Sitting on top is a young boy showing the meditation exercise.
5. The Fan Dancers - performing a traditional Chinese folk dance.
6. A float showing 4 of the Qi Gong [pronounced Chee Gong] exercises for health and well being.
7. A unique knitted sculpture of 'Sails' to symbolize sailing into a golden future, created by a noted local Romanian artist.
8. The dance of the Golden Sands of Port Phillip Bay - yellow costumes and red scarves
9. Seven Flying stick banners

There are 24 nationalities represented within the Falun Dafa Victorian Association.

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### ~~28~~ Bendigo Health Care Group

The Bendigo Health Care Group sesquicentenary float represents the Golden Past and the Golden Future of the Bendigo Health Care Group. The float illustrates the story surrounding the admission of the first patient to the Bendigo Gold District General Hospital in 1853. Circumstances in those days were sparse and medical facilities were poor. His name was Edward Rogers, suffering a gunshot wound. Sadly he died 3 days later. The front of the float illustrates the modern resuscitation and medical care, which has propelled the Bendigo Hospital into the 21st century. The float is a fitting tribute to the Sesquicentenary of the Bendigo Health Care Group.

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### ~~29~~ Golden City Pipe Band

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### ~~30~~ Eaglehawk Fire Brigade

Eaglehawk Fire Brigade has been established for over 125 years. The CFA are currently building an extension to the 100 year old station. This will house the fire fighting trucks, whilst the renovation of the old station will recreate this as the administration area. Eaglehawk Fire Brigade has in excess of 80 people. The Eaglehawk Fire Brigade represents the CFA in the Easter Monday Parade.

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~~31~~ Bendigo Urban Fire Brigade made up of Golden Sq. Kangaroo Flat Bendigo Permanent and volunteers. **Our heroes from the recent Bushfires. Our grateful thanks from all of Bendigo to all the CFA units of Victoria**

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### ~~32~~ Rural Ambulance Victoria

A Rural Ambulance Victoria (RAV) provides a high quality, responsive ambulance service which is focused to meet the needs of rural Victorians. The Rural Ambulance Service have achieved this by having new, up-to-date ambulances and equipment, staffed with highly qualified mica-paramedics and paramedics. RAV provides the community with emergency ambulance care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Reminder: Don't forget your Ambulance Subscription! Renew or enroll!

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**B 33. Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre and Organ** proudly sponsored by **Abbott Supply** who have been serving Bendigo for 150 years.

Ahead of the float are walkers depicting the past history of Long Gully, followed by a float representing hope for the future represented by children who are our future and members of Long Gully Community and Groups showing our diversity. This is followed by this fantastic organ

### **34. Victorian State Emergency Service - Bendigo Unit**

Proudly serving the Bendigo Community for in excess of 25 years. Ford F350 primarily designed for road accident rescue. State of the art vehicle designed and built in Victoria. The main features are slide out shadow boards and roll out trays which make it very user friendly, especially for some of the heavier equipment required at road accidents. This vehicle will carry 5 members in comfort to any situation. The second vehicle from the Bendigo SES is a 4WD towing the general rescue equipment trailer, equipped to handle any emergency.

### **35. Bendigo District Scouts**

Scouts Australia is a non-political, multicultural and non-denominational, uniformed youth organization. Young people (boys and girls) can join at any age between 6 and 26 years. Bendigo District has over 400 members in 10 groups, including 10 groups in Castlemaine and Harcourt.

Young people in scouting are given the opportunity to develop Leadership skills, self reliance, initiative, community awareness, personal responsibility and an environmental consciousness. Scouts take part in many activities that include Abseiling, Caving, Hiking, Sailing, Rock Climbing, Excursions, Camping, Craft, Games and, of course, FUN!

Bendigo District have their own camp site Koolamurt at Spring Gully, which is used for camps, meetings, training and available for use by the general public.

### **36. Dragon City Drummers** Training youth for Bendigos Golden Future

An all children's band - children ranging from aged 6 to 14 years. They practise at the Long Gully Community center on Monday nights at 4:30pm. The Dragon City Drummers invite everyone to come along to their practice nights to see what they do and have some fun!

### **37. Uniting Church Eaglehawk**

The Eaglehawk Uniting Church float questions whether our past has been golden or whether it was marred by our inhumanity towards each other, but looks with hope to the time when rich will sit down with poor, and the nations of the world will see that what they have in common is a gift from god.

### **38. Bendigo International Students**

Here we have the Bendigo International Student Club representing La Trobe University and the diversity that exists on campus. The Uni as an international population of about 200 students representing some 20 countries. The Bendigo International Student Club is a student, non-profit club that aims to provide social, cultural and recreational activities for international students and to help them settle into Bendigo and make new friends in our city & country.

*\*\* Just double check whether this band is really in the Gala Parade!!!*

### **39. Bendigo Highland Pipe Band - (Torchlight only)**

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The Bendigo Highland Pipe Band was the first pipe band to be formed in Bendigo back in 1937. The bands first Easter Parade was in 1938 and they have marched in every Easter procession since. The band wears the McPherson Tartan and has been parading the streets of Bendigo and District for 65 years. The pipe major is Mr Walter Stables and the Band is lead by Drum Major Mr Don Richards

### **40. Dribs 'n' Drabs Cabaret Show**

Drib 'n' Drabs present movie madness for fun and laughter. Enter via a tunnel of terror, be entertained by weird and wacky friends. Fantastic for Hen's nights, parties, break-ups or simply just a fun night out - Dribs 'n' Drabs performs at the Finn Street Hall, Finn Street, White Hills.

### **41. Midland Irrigation**

Working Water Display. In these times of drought it is time to be water wise and look after our precious resource. Turn off taps and do not waste the water.

### **42. Itchy Feet Pep Band** Entertaining Bendigo for many years in the Easter parades.

14 people playing instruments with itchy feet!!! Here come the Itchy Feet Pep Band, with their zany, larrikin antics, under the direction of the ever-stylish 'Angelo'. Itchy Feet love coming to the Bendigo Easter Festival and they've been a big crowd pleaser here for over a decade. You can see them displaying more of their unique footwork at 3pm today at the Civic Gardens, just outside the historic Bendigo Town Hall.

### **43. Bendigo Theatre Company**

Bendigo Theatre Company's entry depicts the characters from the hilarious comedy Australian radio play, Dad and Dave's 'On Our Selection'

Set in the early 1900's the Rudd family took up a selection on the pastures of Old Carey. A three year drought has just broken and things are certainly looking up for the Rudd family. The pastures flourish, the mortgage is paid, Dave gets married and Dad gets into Parliament. 'On Our Selection' is currently being staged at The Capital - Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre.

Vehicles: 1937 Morris A840 and 2 X 1928 Model A Fords.

### **44. Castlemaine Fringe Festival**

The Fringe Festival float is a wheel, representing the 2003 Fringe Festival of the Wheel. The wheel symbolizes the progress made from the past and on into the future with the wheel as a major communication system for rural communities. The history of art in Castlemaine is represented by the clothing and antics of the participants.

### **45. AAPT**

AAPT - Linking to the Future

- \* Bright lips with music coming out facing big ears
- \* Kids surfing the net on Surfboards
- \* Kids dressed up as mobile phones, pc's, lips and ears

### **46. City of Bendigo Brass Band**

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### **47. Uncle Bobs Club**

The Uncle Bobs Club float showcases events the Club have been involved in over the last 25 years. The Club raises funds for sick children and children with disabilities throughout Victoria. The Uncle Bobs Club extends a gracious thank you to the people and visitors of Bendigo for the funds raised during in 2003 Good Friday appeal. In the last 25 years the Uncle Bobs Club have raised close to \$1 million dollars.

The Uncle Bob's Club works for sick and handicapped children of Victoria. Bendigo Uncle Bob's Club began in 1976, during those 27 years they have raised \$954,121.05. The Uncle Bob's Club works all year round, over the 27 years to help them reach this wonderful total they:

- ◆ Collected glass jars and bottles and newspapers
- ◆ Ran weekly chook raffles in local hotels
- ◆ Hawthorn Social Football Club Picnics
- ◆ Bowls Days
- ◆ Golf Days
- ◆ Fashion Shows
- ◆ Trash and treasure markets
- ◆ Bingo
- ◆ Street Stalls
- ◆ Sausage Sizzles
- ◆ Christmas Stockings
- ◆ Raffles!

**48. Wildlife Rescue & Information Network (WRIN)** proudly sponsored by **Abbott Supply** who have served the people of Bendigo for 150 years

Wildlife rescue and Information Network is a voluntary organization manned by people with a passion for our wildlife. These volunteers give up their time and money in order to help wildlife species that have been injured or orphaned. A call to their 24-hour wildlife rescue hotline will result in help being offered to the caller.

### **49. Dragons Abreast**

Dragons Abreast began in Canada in 1996 and in Australia in 1998. All members have a common goal 'to live life to the fullest', encourage the search for a cure and to demonstrate that women can still lead a full and active life despite having the diagnosis of breast cancer. The team train on Lake Weeroona and have raced in Melbourne and later this year they will compete in Canberra.

### **50. Fortuna Pipe and Drums**

The Fortuna Pipes and Drums are led by Drum Major Geoff Perri and the Pipe Major is Warren Matheson. The tartan is that of the Black Watch. The Pipes and Drums were formed ten years ago with the help of the Army Survey Corp based at Fortuna, the Army have left but the Pipes and Drums are going strong.

### **51. 410 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets**

2 trailers with balloon baskets pumping flames into the air on either side of a semi-trailer with a light plane and Gyrocopter. These are the types of activities that Cadets take part in. Cadets and Staff will march along to the music from Top Gun

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**52. Bendigo Senior Secondary College Students and Lead On, With Fashion and transport through the ages (52 to 60)**

**53. 1900's** The Penny-farthing Brigade these hail from East Keilor, Melbourne and Castlemaine Bob Cations a pennyfarthing owner from East Keilor has organised their appearance in the Gala parade to celebrate our Golden Past

**54. The swinging 1920's: John Penhall –A Model Ford**

John is only the second owner of this original Bendigo car. He bought it for \$40 (3months pay in those days) in 1965 and had lovingly restore and nurtured this treasure.

**55. The 1940's** 6 The Army Cadets Representing the war years. Interestingly the cadet will be having a *Back to the 40 Night* later this year.

**56. The 1950's Variety Club Car 93.5**

Bendigo's Variety Club Car 93.5 is raising money for children with disabilities and disadvantaged children in Victoria **with**

**the Jail house Rockers**

Over 150 members. Meet on Mondays at 7:30pm for lessons and social evenings at St Andrews Church Hall in Myers Street, Bendigo. New students and visitors are always most welcome - singles, couples, families. Dancing styles include basic rock 'n' roll, swing and Lindy Hop. Basic Swing lessons commence soon and the next major dance is coming up on 15th May, 2003 at the Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre. Keep an eye on the Bendigo Addy for upcoming events.

**57. The 1960's Bendigo Guides in Double Decker Bus**

Guides have been active in Australia since 1911 and are still going strong in Bendigo in 2003, providing fun and friendship for girls aged 5 - 18 years. Here they are on a Double Decker bus getting into the spirit of the 1960's.

**58. The 1980's**

**Double Deck Bus.** + F100 UTE WITH WAYNS HOLLINGSWORTH  
Bendigo Tramway having just celebrated their 100 years. have assured us they were all born in 1980 !!! and are now celebrating 1980 over again!!!!!!

**59. Today** . A Fantastic Holden V8 with lots of Grunt.( the testosterone car) Kindly on loan from Ron Poyser Bendigo followed by an Eureka sports coupe

**Other Modes of Modern Transport**

**60. Town Scootcar Hire** Saving Petrol

**61. Discovery Science and Technology Centre**

## 2003 Parmalat Gala Parade Commentary

These two unique vehicles are pedal powered green speed. Designed and built by students at Weeroona College Bendigo and proudly supported by the Discovery Science and Technology Centre they have won numerous races due to their efficient, environmentally friendly design. The vehicles attempt to predict the way of the future in green transport and technology.

### 62. Bendigo Senior Secondary College

Two of Bendigo Senior Secondary college pedal powered vehicles from last year's RACV Energy Breakthrough. The 'Breakthrough' is a 24-hour race, where teams of 8 riders propel a human powered or hybrid powered vehicle around a street circuit in Maryborough. The two bikes you see are 'Lieutenant Denver' the winning human powered vehicle which covered 825km in 24 hours and 'Bevan' winning the hybrid power category with 635km in 24 hours.

### 63. Bendigo Youth Racing Incorporated

A Bendigo Youth Racing Group - Human powered vehicle team to enter the Australian International Pedal Prix at Murray Bridge in September 2003. These local lads, who thoroughly enjoyed building and racing whilst at Bendigo Senior Secondary College, are now putting Bendigo 'on the map' internationally and are very keen to hear from any who would like to support them in this endeavour.

### 63 B OVERDRIVE

Overdrive is a group who consider that music is a big part of our past and our future. Group members - Terry Symons (Bass & Lead Vocals), Stephen Symons (Drums & Vocals), a father and son team, together with Craig Davis (Lead Guitar & Vocals). Playing hits from the past, 60's, 70's & 80's. These boys enter the Gala Parade nearly every year just for the fun of it, and they hope the crowds watching the procession enjoy the music.

64. Bendigo Car Club's - Youth Development Program teaching the youth of the day to responsibly handle motor vehicles and have respect on the road.

### 65 Bendigo Fire Unit

1969 HT Holden transformed into a fire unit for Speedway events, Drags and similar types of events. The vehicle is highlighted by an enormous amount of flashing lights.

66. Central Victorian Hockey Association sponsored by Community Telco These are the State League players from Bendigo, Swan Hill, St Amdaus, Ballaratt, Shepparton and Marlborough. They also play for local teams. The Team play every 2 weeks (the home game) at Garden Gully reserve Bendigo. Training is on Tuesday nights.

### 67. Bendigo Braves Basketballers

Find the Bendigo Hume and Iser Braves and the Bendigo DeVine Lady Braves on the huge Hume & Iser Truck, followed by the DeVine Truck.

### 68. AusKick

Auskick aims to provide a golden future for the AFL. The Auskick program is for primary school children and centers are located across Bendigo, namely, Eaglehawk, Golden Square, Kangaroo Flat and centrally at the Queen Elizabeth Oval. The 10 week program kicks off (so to speak) on Thursday May 1st at 4:30pm. All children involved in the program receive a backpack, hat, ball and a funpack!!

## **2003 Parmalat Gala Parade Commentary**

**69. Clan McCleod Pipe Band** Yes once again this is the Clan McCleod Pipe band - we saw them earlier in the parade celebrating their 50th birthday, and once again we see them in today's parade in their historical location, just prior to the Bendigo Chinese Association! What a wonderful effort by this team of musicians to perform twice in today's Gala Parade.

**70. Bendigo Chinese Association as attached**