



Conference 2021  
Bendigo, Vic

# Join us in Bendigo.

## We can't wait to see you!

### 10-12 September 2021

### **From your Conference Co-Chairmen Jane Adornetto & Judy Gorton**

District 23 Zontians,

On behalf of District 23 Governor Sandra Burns, we are delighted to announce registration for our Conference is **NOW OPEN!**

The early bird period will run until 31 July 2021, whereupon full registration commence. Registration closes on 29th August 2021. Please see link below.

In light of the difficulties associated with COVID-19 lockdowns announced with very little notice, to give District 23 Zontians comfort in the registration process, the District 23 Board has approved the following refund policy for all registrants.

#### **Refunds COVID-19**

- **If the event is cancelled by the venue due to Victorian State Government orders, all registrants will receive a full refund of their registration (excluding booking fee).**
- **If a specific state in District 23 is locked down and registrants are prevented from travelling to Victoria due to that state government's orders, even though the event will proceed, registrants from that state only will receive a full refund of their registration (excluding booking fee).**

- **Costs associated with travel cancellations, including, but not limited to flights, accommodation, ground transfers etc., are the responsibility of the registrant. Any quarantine requirements, including costs, of the home state of the registrant, are the registrant's responsibility.**

**NOTE: Refunds may take up to 60 days to process and will be refunded via the method used to purchase the tickets.**

#### **General:**

- **Refunds requested for reasons other than those advised above, will incur an administration fee of \$50 if notification is made prior to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.**
- **Refund requests received after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, for reasons other than those advised above, will be reviewed on a case by case basis. In this instance a refund is not guaranteed. Registrations may be revised or transferred prior to 1 September 2021.**

#### **IMPORTANT VENUE INFORMATION**

When the Conference was booked in at The Capital Theatre, COVID-19 did not exist. Whilst The Capital is a wonderful venue, we were finding limitations in what we were able to do with our Welcome Reception, Market Place, lunches and morning/ afternoon tea breaks due to capacity limits in the various reception rooms.

Registrants would not have been able to move freely between spaces. City of Greater Bendigo events offered the use of Ulumbarra Theatre as an alternative venue. You will find further information about the venue on the following page. It is only a short walk from the Capital Theatre, so those who have booked accommodation in the vicinity will still be close by. This venue will give us the capacity to have any activities outside our plenary sessions all in one place, with the exception of the Conference dinner, which will be held at the Bendigo Town Hall.

Also in this Newsletter, you will find information on activities and tours in and around Bendigo. We hope you take the opportunity to get to know our host city. Thank you to Zonta Club of Bendigo members Kim Stewart and Gail Sanderson for compiling this information.

We also include a map of the Bendigo CBD and information on transport links to Bendigo.

Phew, a lot of information to digest! As always, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us via the Conference email [zontad23conf@gmail.com](mailto:zontad23conf@gmail.com)

Regards, **Judy & Jane**

## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

<https://events.humanitix.com/zonta-district-23-conference-2021>

## Introducing Ulumbarra

Meaning "gather together or "meeting place" in the language of the Dja Dja Wurrung people, Ulumbarra blends heritage and modern elements beautifully, offering distinctive state-of-the-art performance and event spaces.

The original Sandhurst Gaol opened in 1863 and was decommissioned in 2006. Former inmates include Chopper Read and Ronald Ryan. In 1987 it was the scene of Victoria's longest prison siege, when inmate John Dixon Jenkins took nine hostages claiming he had a hand-made bomb.



With wings radiating from a central hub, the design was based upon the much-publicised Pentonville concept. This design enabled the surveillance of multiple wings from a central point whilst allowing a reasonable amount of air to circulate the cellblocks. Although five wings were allowed for in the original plan, only two wings were ever constructed at the Bendigo Gaol.

Designed by Melbourne architects Y2 and international theatre design specialists Schuler Shook, Ulumbarra merges contemporary design with the heritage elements of the old gaol architecture. Construction of Ulumbarra commenced in 2013. With an auditorium capacity of 951, expansive foyers, studios and auxiliary spaces, Ulumbarra Theatre's architects have cleverly adapted this historic gaol to create an extraordinary arts and community facility. Once patrons travel inside the high prison walls, they are greeted by the expansive entry wings and foyers which blend the original Gold-Rush era prison environment and modern architectural materials used in the new build. The old cell doors and huge granite blocks have largely been untouched with some of the cells remaining opened and furnished to give at least a small glimpse of life behind the bars of the old Bendigo Prison.



### Useful transport links

[Bendigo-Timetable \(vline.com.au\)](http://vline.com.au)

[Timetables - Bendigo Airport Service](#)

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### Reminder—Deadlines

**PR & Communications Awards—16th July 2021**

applications to Chairman Jo Wittorff—[jowittorff@gmail.com](mailto:jowittorff@gmail.com)

**Service Awards —16th July 2021**

applications to Chairman Di Hillman—[dizonta4@gmail.com](mailto:dizonta4@gmail.com)

**Advocacy Awards —16th July 2021**

applications to Chairman Lesley Sweetman—[lgsweetman@bigpond.com](mailto:lgsweetman@bigpond.com)

**Governor's Award—The Heide Taylor Honour Roll— 15th July 2021**

District 23 Governor—[zontadistrict23@yahoooo.com.au](mailto:zontadistrict23@yahoooo.com.au)

**Ceremony of Remembrance** honouree information —15th August 2021—[kay.stewart@monash.edu](mailto:kay.stewart@monash.edu)

**Length of Membership Recognition** information—15th August 2021—[kay.stewart@monash.edu](mailto:kay.stewart@monash.edu)

**Market Place—15th August 2021—**[zontad23conf@gmail.com](mailto:zontad23conf@gmail.com)

#### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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##### Committee Member

Kay Stewart—ZC Melbourne on Yarra

Direct any conference queries to our dedicated email address:

[zontad23conf@gmail.com](mailto:zontad23conf@gmail.com)



The conference committee is looking to provide the best value for money registration for attendees and all costs are assessed carefully. The committee has made the decision not to print a conference handbook.

The book will be provided in electronic format to all registrants. As with the 2019 Brisbane Conference, we will not be producing name tags with lanyards. We ask all attendees to wear their club name badge instead.

These initiatives fit extremely well with District 23's Zonta Says Now program for "gender equality and climate action".

# OPTIONS FOR DISTRICT 23 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AND VISITORS TO BENDIGO

Bendigo is a thriving regional city with an established reputation as a hub for arts and culture, major events and a beautiful blend of a gold rush heritage with a contemporary lifestyle. As a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, the region is recognised for its diverse award winning food and wine and a commitment to sustainable and creative produce. Home to enviable experiences and attractions, Bendigo is your unique experience.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Bendigo Tourism Information Centre 51-67 Pall Mall, Bendigo. Open daily 9am - 4pm Phone 03 5434 6060/  
free call 1800 813 153 Email [tourism@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:tourism@bendigo.vic.gov.au) [Bendigo Visitor Information Centre](#)

# ATTRACTIONS & TOURS

Activity	Description	Cost
Bendigo Talking Tram Tour (60 min round trip departing from and returning to the Central Deborah Gold Mine or get off and on along the route) <a href="#">Central Deborah Gold Mine</a>	Enjoy a ride on an historic restored Bendigo tram as you get your bearings, learn about Bendigo's history and see key landmarks and monuments. A recorded running commentary will highlight historic buildings and events along the route	\$10pp* (reduced price for Covid restrictions)
Bendigo Tram Depot <a href="#">Bendigo Tramways</a>	Visit Australia's oldest operating Tram Depot, discover the colourful history of the city's iconic tram fleet and see first-hand the craftsmanship and techniques that are involved in restoring each tram to its former glory.	TBC
Bendigo Joss House Temple (located a short walk from the Northern terminus of the Vintage Talking Tram) <a href="#">Bendigo Joss House Temple</a>	Discover more about Chinese beliefs and the story of the Chinese who first came to Bendigo in search of gold.	Donation on entry
Bendigo Central Deborah Gold Mine Explore the Surface <a href="#">Central Deborah Gold Mine</a>	Explore the surface of the mine including the 22m tall poppet head and other original buildings and equipment that were essential to the operation of Central Deborah in its mining days.	Free entry
Central Deborah Mine Experience (61m underground) <a href="#">Central Deborah Gold Mine</a>	Explore the hidden underground tunnels of a real gold mine that operated during Bendigo's gold rush boom of the 1900s.	\$32pp (\$28 Concession)
Walking Tour of Historic Buildings <a href="#">Bendigo Walking Tours</a>	A 2-hour guided walk through Bendigo's historic centre, recalling the people, events and fabulous wealth, and Bendigo's leading role in campaigns for democracy, votes for women, unionism and Federation	\$30pp (\$25 concession)
Golden Dragon Museum 1/11 Bridge St Bendigo <a href="#">The Golden Dragon Museum</a>	A living history of Bendigo's integral Chinese heritage and history. View dragons, processional regalia, stunning textiles and other treasures. The Golden Dragon precinct also includes the Yi Yuan Gardens (Garden of Joy) and the Buddhist Temple dedicated to Guan Yin, Goddess of Mercy	\$12pp (\$10 concession)
Grand Stupa of Universal Compassion & Peace Gardens 25 Sandhurst Town Rd, Myers Flat <a href="#">Great Stupa of Universal Compassion</a>	This is the same size and design as The Great Stupa of Gyantse in Tibet, and is the largest Stupa in the Western World. Offering a place of peace and harmony for all beings, walk through the Peace Park, view the Bodhi trees and other exotic plants, spin the prayer wheels and stand in awe of the statues.	Tours by donation

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<p>Bendigo Art Gallery 42 View St Bendigo <a href="#">Bendigo Art Gallery</a></p>	<p>The largest regional art gallery in Australia, and one of the most highly regarded public galleries, come and view both the permanent and special exhibitions. The Gallery is located in the View St Arts Precinct so also enjoy looking at the Capital Theatre, Dudley House, and nearby craft, café, boutique and gallery spaces</p>	<p>Gold coin donation (note: special exhibitions may have an additional cost)</p>
<p>Bendigo Pottery and Antique Centre 146 Midland Hwy Epsom <a href="#">Bendigo Pottery</a></p>	<p>A working pottery from 1858 to the present day, the Bendigo Pottery is well worth a visit. Watch potters at work, try a hands-on experience on the wheel, explore the history and workings of the pottery, browse the extensive display of timeless and decorative tableware made onsite. Then wander through the Antiques &amp; Collectables Centre with over 40 antique and vintage goods sites, and visit the other artisans and galleries on-site</p>	<p>No cost for general admission to the pottery or Antiques &amp; Collectables Centre. Cost of a hands-on pottery experience tbc</p>
<p>Soldiers Memorial Institute Military Museum 37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo <a href="#">Bendigo District RSL – Museum</a></p>	<p><b>The Soldier’s Memorial Institute Military Museum</b> is a significant landmark both for the residents of the City of Greater Bendigo and for visitors. Recently redeveloped and officially re-opened on November 15 2018, exactly 97 years after the initial opening of the building in 1921, the museum is home to a broad range of wartime memorabilia.</p>	<p>\$9pp (\$7 concession). Only open Saturdays 11am-3pm</p>
<p>Bendigo Woollen Mills 4 Lansell St East Bendigo. Note: there is access to the Bendigo Tram Depot from the Bendigo Woollen Mills <a href="https://www.bendigowoollenmills.com.au">https://www.bendigowoollenmills.com.au</a></p>	<p>Australia's largest hand knitting &amp; crafting yarn manufacturer, with a huge variety of different yarns and colours to choose from.</p>	<p>Free entry to the wool shop</p>
<p>Bendigo Visitor Information Centre and Displays 51-67 Pall Mall Bendigo <a href="#">Bendigo Visitor Information Centre</a></p>	<p>Discover hidden treasures inside one of Bendigo’s most beautiful historic buildings, originally the Post Office, opened in 1887. This classic example of Renaissance Revival style architecture is now also home to the Living Arts Space, showcasing the best of local artisans, and the Post Office Gallery, showcasing the region's heritage.</p>	<p>Free entry</p>
<p>Bendigo Botanic Gardens &amp; Garden of the Future 557-559 Napier St White Hills <a href="#">Bendigo Botanic Gardens</a></p>	<p>Established in 1857 the Bendigo Botanic Gardens is one of regional Victoria’s earliest Botanic Gardens, and are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register due to their historical, architectural, scientific, aesthetic and social significance</p>	<p>Free entry</p>

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<p>Lake Weeroona <a href="#">Lake Weeroona</a></p>	<p>A beautiful ornamental lake and reserve, set on 18 hectares, Lake Weeroona is just a 10 minute walk from the CBD, or is one of the stops on the Vintage Talking Tram route. Walk, enjoy the scenery, or grab a coffee or a bite to eat.</p>	
<p>Conservatory Gardens &amp; Zonta Rose Garden <a href="#">Conservatory Gardens</a></p>	<p>The 19th century Conservatory was erected in 1897 and is the last building of its type in a public park in Victoria. Part of the beautiful Rosalind Park, throughout the year floral and foliage displays are on show. The Zonta Rose Garden is located in the Conservatory Gardens</p>	<p>Free admission</p>
<p>Rosalind Park &amp; the Cascades Cnr View St and Pall Mall in the centre of Bendigo <a href="#">Rosalind Park</a></p>	<p>Rosalind Park comprises 60 acres of grassy open spaces, lush leafy trees, a fabulous playground, ornate statues, an historic conservatory, a fernery and beautiful old gardens to explore, located on the edge of the Bendigo CBD.</p>	<p>Free Entry</p>
<p>Sacred Heart Cathedral <a href="#">Sacred Heart Cathedral</a></p>	<p>Sacred Heart Cathedral is one of Australia's largest churches, possibly the last Gothic-style Cathedral built in the Southern Hemisphere. Admire its stained glass windows, massive pipe organ, and bells.</p>	
<p>Shamrock Hotel <a href="#">Hotel Shamrock</a></p>	<p>This opulent hotel has played host to Bendigo's social scene since 1897. Famous faces to have stayed here include Dame Nellie Melba, Prince George (later George VI), Donald Bradman, Prince Charles and Princess Diana.</p>	<p>Free admission – enjoy a coffee or glass of wine inside or on the balcony</p>
<p>Bendigo Town Hall (tour 2pm Wednesdays) 189-193 Hargreaves St Bendigo <a href="#">Bendigo-Town-Hall-Brochure</a></p>	<p>This classic building in the heart of Bendigo is one of the city's greatest architectural achievements from the late 19th century. Its decorative interiors are adorned with 22 carat gold leaf, and reflect the history of a city built on gold.</p>	<p>Cost of tour tbc</p>
<p>Discovery Science &amp; Technology Centre 7 Railway Place, Bendigo <a href="#">Discovery Science &amp; Technology Centre</a></p>	<p>A Science and Technology Museum with 100+ hands-on science exhibits, a large slide, and a planetarium. A place of discovery for anyone with a curiosity about science and the natural world</p>	<p>\$16pp (\$13.50 concess) Open Tuesday – Sunday 10 to 4</p>

## DINING & SHOPPING



Find out why the city was named UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy at our restaurants, cafes, farmers markets and fresh food stores. Dine in a former glass factory, a heritage-listed Beaurepaires site, visit laneways and basements such as: **Chancery Lane** with its boutiques, coffee and food, and wall art; **Lyttleton Terrace** is becoming a hub for foodies in Bendigo, enjoy a range of coffee, food and juice outlets: **Bath Lane** is another hub of cafes and interesting boutiques, homewares shop (note the bronze statue at the entrance to Bath Lane commemorating the former pig markets that existed there). If you venture a little further from the City Centre check out Edwards Providore at Kennington Village, Condon St Kennington offering good coffee and food, but also a great Providore and a range of plants and homewares. Lake Weeroona has the Boardwalk Café or the Coffee truck – walk around the lake before, after or with your coffee (ice cream or gelati also available from 'Flavours' across the road).

[Bendigo Dining Shopping Guide](#)

## WINERIES



The first grapes were planted in the Bendigo region in 1855 just after the start of the massive gold rushes which brought tens of thousands of hopeful diggers from all over the world to Bendigo to seek their fortunes. They brought with them a lust for gold, but also the wine and food knowledge of Europe and it was only a few years before the judges at the 1873 Vienna Exhibition were heard to exclaim of Bendigo's early Hermitage (Shiraz) wines that "no Colonial wine can be that good". Bendigo region wineries are mostly run by the families who founded them. Nearly all grapes are picked by hand and handcrafted by the producer, and the resultant wines are available at cellar door, online from individual wineries, at their events or through restaurants. The gentle rolling hills that fold away from Central Victoria's granite outcrops to Bendigo hold a revelation – stunning wines with a rich heritage. Treat your tastebuds and uncover the hidden gems of our region with one of Bendigo Wine Trails. Offering a diverse range of wine styles, food options and things to see and do, there's a trail for everyone.

[Wineries — Bendigo Winegrowers](#)





### Bendigo CBD LEGEND & STREET INDEX

Places of Interest	Historical Interest	Main Streets (not all shown)
Arts Precinct C2	Alexandra Fountain C3	Arnold St E3
Bendigo Art Gallery C2	Bankers Building C3	Barnard St D3
DeVigil Marketplace B4	Bankers Building C3	Bridge St E2
Bendigo Pottery F3	Bankers Building C3	Bull St D3
Central Deborah Gold Mine A3	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
Bendigo Cinemas B3	Bankers Building C3	Charing Cross St D3
Conservatory Gardens D3	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
Discovery Centre B6	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
Golden Dragon Museum D3	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
Hargreaves Mall C3	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
Ladbroke Visual Arts C2	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
Postcard Head Lookout C2	Bankers Building C3	Chapel St D3
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Caravan Park	Church	Golf Course	Hospital	Lookout	Police Station	Railway Station	School	Swimming Pool	Toilet	Buses	Rotunda	Supermarket	Accessible toilet	Playground	Post Office	Library	Taxi	Tram line / Depot	Parking for long vehicles	CBD Retail / Business	Walk/Cycle Track
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