

# The Welcome Mat

Bendigo  
**NEWCOMERS**  
Everyone has a place

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## MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

Dear Members, Supporters & First Time Readers,

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Welcome Mat. Our bi-monthly newsletters will now be available on-line. For members who do not have access to the internet, newsletters will be posted out. Colleen and Helen have been busy organising an array of events for all to enjoy over the coming months. It has been great to see so many new faces at events and we hope you have enjoyed the Bendigo Newcomers experience. Thank you to everyone who has joined or re-joined as members for the 2008/09 financial year. Forms can be downloaded from our website or posted out by contacting Kevin on 0418 582 531. All memberships received by the 1st July, 2008 will go into our Lucky Membership Draw with a chance to win a LG DVD Recorder kindly donated by Harvey Norman, the true technology specialist. The draw will take place at our Christmas in July function and the lucky winner will be notified accordingly. I'm pleased to announce the City of Greater Bendigo continues to be one of our major partners, providing Bendigo Newcomers with \$5,000 for the 2008/09 financial year. This totals \$15,000 over the past three years. This level of support is greatly appreciated and vital for the continuation of our not for profit organisation. I hope everyone is enjoying the winter months and I look forward to catching up with you at an event soon. Take care.

Kind regards

**Michelle Scott**

**Acting President**

## IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Our 3rd AGM will be held on Thursday 11th September, 2008 commencing at 7pm at 171 Hargreaves St, Bendigo. Further information will be sent to members closer to the AGM date.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm. If you would like an item placed on the agenda please forward to the Secretary by the week before via email [bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au](mailto:bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au) or by post to 251/16 Edwards Rd, Bendigo 3550. We value your input.

## MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE 1ST JULY 2008. Cost \$20 Contact Kevin on 0418 582 531 or download a membership form [www.bendigonewcomers.com](http://www.bendigonewcomers.com) Post payment to Bendigo Newcomers 'membership' Suite 251, 16 Edwards Rd Bendigo 3550

## PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER

**My name:** Jenny Bazley

**My place and date of birth:** Yallourn, Vic DOB Classified

**My family:** Husband Kevin, 4 great adult children, Amanda, Megan, Tim & David, one OK in-law Troy and 2 even greater grandchildren, Paul & James

**I have lived in Bendigo:** for 14 months

**I came to Bendigo:** from Melbourne

**My most enjoyable moments are spent:** with friends, family – anyone who will listen to me

**I would describe myself as being:** reasonably outgoing and friendly

**My earliest memory is:** moving from Moe to Melbourne in the furniture van. I was four years old and sitting on my mums lap in the front seat with our border collie at our feet.

**The music I love is:** anything but heavy metal

**The defining moment of my life (so far) has been:** marriage and family

**I wish I had never:** gone to the snow. I hate the cold.

**If I could meet anyone in history:** Johann Strauss

**The most memorable book I have read:** All of Mauve Binchy

**The best place I've visited:** Cape York Peninsula

**My biggest achievement:** being a Mum

**If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for:** peace and harmony for all.



We have a lot more information on our website at [www.bendigonewcomers.com](http://www.bendigonewcomers.com)

Also more information at **Bendigo Web Central**

## HIDDEN GEM

(This is a hidden gem known only to locals).

### BRIT Training Restaurant

Enjoy beautiful food, cooked by students in an old-style venue with chandeliers and high ceilings with a domed skylight. They have a scheduled program with the menu changing regularly. Very reasonable prices. They also cater for private functions. Fully licenced. A la carte available. Highly recommended. Bookings essential on 5434 1566

## DOCTORS TAKING ON NEW PATIENTS

To confirm doctors taking on new patients please contact the Central Victoria General Practice Network on 5441 7806.

*Linking people, places & events*

**For enquiries and event details call**

Phone: 5434 4352 or 0418 582 531 - Fax: 5448 1699 - Postal: 251/16 Edwards Rd, Bendigo 3550

Email: [bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au](mailto:bendigonewcomers@netconnect.com.au) - Web: [www.bendigonewcomers.com](http://www.bendigonewcomers.com)

For further contact numbers please refer to our website.



## Feedback Mat

(We welcome any feedback from newcomers, businesses & services.)

### FASHION

Do you have a robe full of history? Maybe your wedding outfit was indicative of an era. Leg'o mutton sleeves, velvet suit or ruffles? Inspired by the art gallery function in last month's newsletter Helen O'Donohue will reveal her own collection of 'Fashion through the Ages'. She is interested to hear from any members who want to exhibit an item from their wardrobe. Call Helen on 5446 1152.

### BENDIGO WEB CENTRAL

Your guide to the city of Bendigo [www.bwc.com.au](http://www.bwc.com.au)

## Events

### ONGOING

#### LAUGHTER CLUB

##### EVERY SATURDAY STARTING AT 8.30AM

We meet at Ewing Park, Williamson St cnr Hopper St near the playground. Then we go out for a delicious breakfast. For more information contact Debbie Phillips 5444 3730 or 0411 571660.

#### CARD NIGHT

##### FORTNIGHTLY

In each others homes fortnightly for a card afternoon. All welcome Call Walter or Beth on 5446 8930 or Aileen on 5439 4121 or email [bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au](mailto:bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au)

#### LOCAL EVENTS

Please visit [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au) or call Council on 5434 6000 to find out about up and coming events in our local region.

#### STAR CINEMA

If you would like to go on the mailing list for the monthly full colour program please contact the Star on 5446 2025 or email [info@starcinema.org.au](mailto:info@starcinema.org.au)

#### ROUNABOUT READERS BOOKCLUB

##### EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

Roundabout Readers Bookclub are looking for new members. They meet every third Thursday of the month at 8pm and are a CAE book group. Many of them are new to Bendigo and really want some new people for the group in 2008. Contact Simone Bassett – 0417 039 737 or email [simonebassett@hotmail.com](mailto:simonebassett@hotmail.com)

### JULY

#### SUNDAY 6TH JULY @ 12 NOON

##### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

What better way to warm up the winter than with a bit of Christmas cheer. At \$20 per person (BYO drinks), bookings are required to Jenny & Kevin by 1st July on 5443 2899. As this is a private home, this will be a members only function. Please contact Kevin if you wish to join prior to this event.

#### SUNDAY 13TH JULY @ 12 NOON

##### PANCAKE PARADISE

This great new family restaurant on High Street Bendigo (next door to McDonald's ) will be easy to get to and waddle home from after 2 hours of all-you-can-eat pancakes. Adults \$10, Students \$8 and Under 12's \$7. Please RSVP by 11th July to Raelene on 5448 5303. (Can cater for wheat-free, gluten-free & vegetarians.)

#### FRIDAY 18TH JULY @ 7PM

##### PUB DINNER OR DRINKS AT THE UNITED KINGDOM HOTEL

Please join the after work crowd for a hearty meal at the UK 307 High Street Golden Square. RSVP by 16th July to Catherine on 0437 654 043.

#### FRIDAY 25TH JULY @ 10.30AM

##### MONTHLY MORNING TEA – PUDDLER RESTAURANT

We are getting quite a few regulars to our morning teas. This is a great venue, located at 101 Williamson St Bendigo, new members are warmly welcome to all events but if you are looking for somewhere to start, call our friendly host Helen on 5446 1152 to RSVP by 23rd July.

### AUGUST

#### FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST @ 6.30PM

##### WINE TASTING & FINGER FOOD – BOARDWALK RESTAURANT & CAFE

Located on Nolan St overlooking Lake Weeroona; the lovely Boardwalk staff will guide you through a wine tasting experience of local wines and a beer plus keep you warm with a fireplace and finger food throughout the 90 minute session. Some may wish to stay on for dinner. Cost for wine tasting and finger food is \$10. Your host for this event is Dave. Please RSVP by 29th July on 5443 1679 or email [bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au](mailto:bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au)

#### SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST @ 9.30AM

##### CASTLEMAINE VISIT

Historical Castlemaine has much to offer. Meet by the Castlemaine tourist information centre 44 Mostyn Street , from there you can wander the shops, Wesley Hill Market & art galleries before assembling at the Theatre Royal for a guided tour followed by lunch. The Theatre has a café and will have movies on Saturday. This trip offers flexibility to do a bit of whatever you want with a chance to share your day with Castlemaine Newcomers. RSVP by 7th August to Colleen on 0429 147 299. Note: Check out the movie schedule and menu by logging into [www.theatreroyal.info](http://www.theatreroyal.info)

#### SUNDAY 17 AUGUST @ 10AM

##### PICNIC & WALK

Meet Colleen at the Lions Club Park cnr Crook St and Mclvor Hwy Strathdale for a picnic morning tea & walk around Kennington reservoir. Children can bring the footy, cricket balls etc. Adults please bring a plate to share. Tea & Coffee will be available. We will meet in any weather. RSVP by 15th August to Colleen on 0429 147 299 or Email [bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au](mailto:bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au)

#### FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST @ 10.30AM

##### MONTHLY MORNING TEA – PUDDLER RESTAURANT

Once again we meet at The Puddler, 101 Williamson St. Please call Helen on 5446 1152 to RSVP by 20th August.

#### FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST @ 6.00PM

##### DRINKS & DINNER- BAZZANI RISTORANTE & BAR

Kick back and relax amongst new friends. Join Michelle for a drink, coffee or a meal. Located on Howard Place Bendigo (off Pall Mall btw Law courts & Chinese museum) RSVP Michelle on 5444 1711 by 27th August or email [bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au](mailto:bendigone newcomers@netconnect.com.au)

## Upcoming events

### AUTUMN HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

#### SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

The Harvest Moon Festival is a special celebration for Asian cultures around the world. All over Asia, communities celebrate the harvest together at the time when the moon is biggest and brightest. It is a time of thanksgiving for the food which has been produced, future prosperity, health, families and friends. Enjoy performances, Asian food and children's activities.

Our Social events aim to bring newcomers together to meet new people and to learn from each others experiences. We need you there to help make it a success.