

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Bendigo's Chinese heritage is an integral part of its rich cultural history. From the goldrush period to the present day.

The Bendigo Chinese community has influenced the proud history of Bendigo - from its tradition of charitable fund-raising for local hospitals since 1852, to its spectacular displays in the Bendigo Easter Fair.

Born of long association with the people in the region, the Bendigo Chinese Association is proud to present the GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM - a living history of the Chinese people in Bendigo from the goldrush of the 1850s to the present day.

Having become the hub of Chinese cultural activity in Australia, the museum allows visitors to experience first hand; Chinese arts and crafts with visiting artisans and tradespeople. Annual events throughout the year include Chinese New Year and the Harvest Moon Festival.



## THE JOAN JACK OAM RESEARCH CENTRE AND MING YEUNG LIBRARY

The research centre and library aim to assist, promote and foster interest in the study of Bendigo Chinese History.

It houses a collection of records including immigration, cemetery, council rates, family trees, and various research papers. Also available for viewing in our reference library is a collection of local history publications.

An archive of over 21,000 newspaper articles covering central Victorian Chinese history from the 1850s to the present is available for viewing.

## MUSEUM ARCHIVES AND COLLECTIONS

Due to the age, condition and fragile nature of some items in storage, public access to the archives and collection is strictly limited to individual researchers and representatives from professional institutions, by appointment only.

## LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY

Donations of family histories, enhances the understanding of life on the goldfields and the struggles of later generations.

Ensure that your family history is preserved, by depositing a copy with our research centre, so that it is accessible to future generations.

## BEFORE YOU VISIT

Research application forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from the museum reception.

## RESEARCH FEES

Onsite (*In person*):

Open Thursday from 9:30 - 4:30pm

Friday through to Wednesday by appointment only.

Fee: \$35 for up to three hours.

(Includes reproduction of documents to the value of \$10.)

Off-site (*Postal or email*):

Fee: \$30 for single topic or name search.

(Includes reproduction of documents and postage to the value of \$10.)

International Off-site (*Postal or email*):

Fee: \$50 for single topic or name search.

(Includes reproduction of documents and postage to the value of \$10.)

Please make cheque /money order payable to:

**GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM**

## DONATIONS

- Donations of \$2.00 or more to the Golden Dragon Museum are deductible for the purposes of income tax, under the Taxation Incentive Scheme for the Arts.
- Donors of items to the Museum's collection, may claim as a deduction the market value of their gifts, as determined by an approved valuer, under the Cultural Gifts Program.



# GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM



RESEARCH SERVICES

### Museum hours

Open 9:30am - 5:00pm everyday. Closed Christmas day.

### Refreshments

Serving light refreshments daily, the Chinese Tea Rooms seat 120 people. Banquets and special menus can be arranged.

### Gift shop

Conveniently located in the foyer with an extensive range of gifts.

### Tours and groups

Group bookings are most welcome and special rates apply to groups of 15 or more. Bi-lingual information sheets and museum guides are available. Please book group tours in advance.

### Schools

We specialise in school tours, education, craft and language programs. Call us or visit our website for further information.

### Conferences and functions

Two function rooms are available for hire - the Conference Room seats 250 people while the Activities Room seats 40 people. The Yi Yuan Gardens are available for weddings and special functions.

### Parking

Car and coach parking is available at the front and rear of the museum. Designated coach parking is available in Farmers Lane, near the Kuan Yin Temple.

### Wheelchair access

All areas of the museum, gardens and temple are accessible by wheelchair. Wheelchairs are available at the museum.

### Toilets

Toilets are located in the Museum foyer and inside the Yi Yuan Gardens under the mountain.

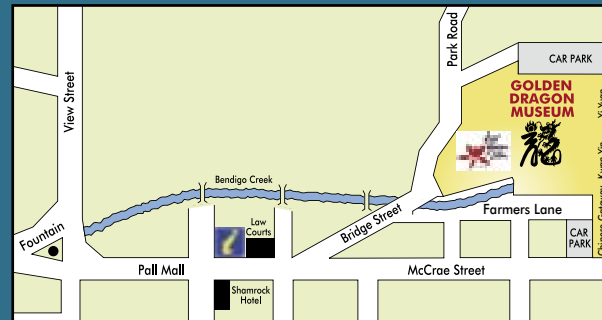
### Dai Gum San

Come and play on the Dai Gum San Precinct. Dai Gum San hosts many events throughout the year. Call us or visit our website for further information.

The Golden Dragon Museum opened in 1991, followed by the Yi Yuan Gardens in 1996.

The Kuan Yin Temple was consecrated on the 30th November 1996 following the customs and traditions of the Bendigo Chinese.

In 2010, the Dai Gum San forecourt to the museum was completed.



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### GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM YI YUAN GARDENS & KUAN YIN TEMPLE

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