

THE BENDIGO TRUST Annual Report **39TH EDITION 2011-12**



Bringing Bendigo's history to life ...



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lloyd Cameron,
Chairman



All of the dedicated staff and volunteers at The Bendigo Trust recognise the importance of keeping Bendigo's history alive and each play a crucial role in preserving it for future generations to enjoy. Before reviewing the major accomplishments and challenges for 2011/12, we would like to say a big "Thank You."

Tom Seddon, CEO



The year to 30 June 2012 was a challenging one. Continued economic uncertainty was the key driver of a poor Christmas season nationally, something that we certainly experienced here in Bendigo. Despite this, the Trust returned to a cash surplus for the year.

2011/12 also saw the completion of the \$3.2 million tram depot overhaul project and the depot's formal re-opening by Deputy Premier, Peter Ryan.

Other visitors to the depot this year included Transport Minister Terry Mulder and Regional Development Victoria CEO Lachlan Bruce, while Federal Tourism and Primary Industries Minister Martin Ferguson, Tourism Victoria CEO Leigh Harry, and Victorian Shadow Finance Minister John Lenders all visited Central Deborah Gold Mine. Regional Cities Minister Dr Denis Napthine's visit to Discovery in September 2011 was a particular highlight, as he arrived bearing the first of the State Government's annual grants to the science centre.

Visitation and Visitor Revenue

Overall, 107,393 people visited Central Deborah Gold Mine, Discovery or the Bendigo Joss House Temple or toured Bendigo on our Vintage 'Talking' Trams during 2011/12. This is a slight uptick from 2010/11 (at 106,115 visitors) and a real improvement on 2009/10 (98,330). The big improver of the year was the Joss House, which almost doubled its patronage.

The most recent exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery, *Grace Kelly: Style Icon*, helped to turn the usual May doldrums into boom times locally and that all but completely made up for the earlier slow down. The Art Gallery, Bendigo Tourism and Council are all to be

congratulated for the succession of popular exhibitions that in recent years have made a big difference to tourism across the city.

Unwanted Water, and lots of it

The real unwelcome surprise of the year was the announcement by Unity Mining Ltd that it was pulling out of Bendigo. Unity's Swan Decline, developed over the past 15 years and with an expected life far beyond 2012, connected to many of the old workings on quartz reefs across the southern half of the city, including (since 2001) the Deborah Reef.

Unity, formerly Bendigo Mining Ltd, did this to avoid large bodies of water in the old mines sitting overhead as their crews explored below the old workings. While this kept Central Deborah Gold Mine dry for a decade, going forward we are faced with having to pick up the dewatering formerly done by Unity for much of the Bendigo field.

For a variety of reasons it is probably not even possible to completely separate the Deborah Reef from the Swan Decline, or Central Deborah Gold Mine from the rest of the Deborah Reef.

Bendigo's groundwater is salt and arsenic-laden and should not be mixed with surface water. However, if nothing is done, then water will flow from low-lying mineshafts and other fissures into local creeks, and probably in greater volume than in the past. Much of Bendigo would also soon reek of hydrogen sulphide, the rotten egg smell that comes from stagnant water in old mines.

The twin threats of the smell and the pollution of local waterways make this an issue for the whole community and for communities downstream to solve for the long term. While

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it may be feasible to reduce the arsenic in the water, the same cannot be said for salt, which is prohibitively expensive to remove. For the moment, it will be possible to keep Central Deborah open and keep groundwater from reaching the creek by pumping to other workings and ultimately to evaporation ponds north-east of the city, however the long term solution still needs to be settled.

Tram Depot, open for business

Deputy Premier Peter Ryan presided at the ceremonial reopening of the Bendigo Tram Depot on 18 January 2012. A community reopening took place several weeks earlier on the anniversary of our Vintage 'Talking' Trams. These two events marked the formal end of two years of work on virtually every part of the Depot. Walls, and even a whole building, got demolished. New phone, electrical and data cabling was run. New drains were bored. New concrete was laid and rails replaced. New roofing and gutters, and an extension to the tram barn was built, providing lots of new workshop space, parts storage and undercover road vehicle parking. New toilets, showers, laundry. New tramway power supply, and a backup! New power, gas and water services. A new library and archivists workroom. New accommodation for visiting staff and volunteers. The depot finally got a front entrance and reception, and its coffee counter already has a dedicated local following! And much more.

The Workshop

Each year, Bendigo Tramways fields many different enquiries, for drawings, parts, advice, restoration works and even whole trams. Workshop highlights during 2011/12 included building and fitting narrow gauge bogies and other parts for two tram bodies that have been restored in Hobart, and — towards the end of the year — the commencement of work-in-earnest on the two Melbourne W class trams sent to us by Yarra Trams and Public Transport Victoria. We will finish both trams in 2013 and expect to commence the overhaul of at least one new tram.

Our first large overseas job in several years was the long-term lease of a W2 class tram to Auckland as one of two initial trams on that



city's new waterfront tram line. The former Bendigo Tram 421 was overhauled and painted in our workshop in early 2011 and shipped to Auckland in May. The system opened in August 2011, in time for 2011 Rugby World Cup.

Discovery

A "highlight" for Discovery last year, if "highlight" is the word, was the failure of Discovery's vintage phone system. We bit the bullet and took this as our opportunity to put up-to-date phone and data cabling throughout the centre.

During the year we also received a grant from Gandel Philanthropy, which is being used now for a major upgrade of The Lab.

Staff and Volunteers

During 2011/12 nearly 17,000 hours of volunteer time was contributed to the Trust. As always, Bendigo Tramways was the volunteering heavyweight for the year but it's important to acknowledge that volunteering occurs right across the Trust.

Some might observe that this figure is down from the heights of a few years ago, but it is nevertheless an astounding display of commitment to — and enjoyment of — the Trust and its undertakings. Volunteers are an essential part of our culture, and an essential part of just being able to "keep the doors open". So a heartfelt Thank You! to everyone who volunteered their time at Discovery, the Bendigo Joss House Temple, Central Deborah

Above: Deputy Premier Peter Ryan (centre) along with David Wright, Bendigo Trust Deputy Chairman, Alec Sandner, Bendigo Mayor and Lloyd Cameron, Trust Chairman, officially re-opened the Bendigo Tramways Depot & Workshop on Thursday 12 January 2012.

“In all, 2011/12 was an exciting year and one not without its challenges, but one in which the Trust very definitely moved ahead.”

Gold Mine, on the tracks or in the depot.

There has been a change to the senior management team at the Trust. Mal Telford, the Trust's Finance Manager for a decade, decided to move on late in the year. We all wish Mal a happy and fulfilling time in his new role and thank him for his many years of hard work and we hope we will continue to see Mal, Anne and Izzie from time-to-time.

Lisa Horan is the Trust's new CFO. Lisa comes to us after several years' experience at Greater Shepparton City Council, and she wasted no time making the position her own. Welcome Lisa!

Business and Strategic Planning

Since 2008, the Trust has been guided by its Strategic Plan 2008–13. This document focuses our planning on several key objectives, while achieving them is carried out in a variety of ways over the five years of the plan. The Plan itself is reviewed annually and modified as needed to reflect changing circumstances while still providing the consistent longer-term focus that gives shape to our activities.

Each year, the Trust adopts a Business Plan drawn from the objectives and goals set out in the Strategic Plan. The annual budget is also built in tandem with the Business Plan.

As we wrote in last year's annual report, our plan for 2011/12 had several principal goals:

- Complete the Tramways Avenue depot extension project, and commence new on-site trades training programs: DONE
- Continue to build the business of Bendigo Tram Heritage Rail Workshop, and in particular cement a relationship with Yarra Trams: DONE
- Make a success of the new retail shop at Tramways Avenue: DONE
- Make a success of our new Nine Levels of Darkness tour at Central Deborah: hampered by frequent unavailability due to responding to the unexpected groundwater problem
- New website for the Bendigo Joss House

Temple: DONE

- Continue our program of restoration and improvement underground and on the surface at Central Deborah and along the tram route: DONE

2012/13 goals include, for a start, creating a new Strategic Plan for the Trust. The 2008–13 plan has served us well and we aim to build on that with new planning processes that will see the Trust adopting a three-year plan in the coming months. Each year after that we will “roll the plan forward” another year so that at the strategic level we are always looking around three years ahead.

Other noteworthy goals for this year include:

- Developing a new customer service manual for frontline staff and volunteers at all venues
- Website overhauls for Discovery and the Tramways Workshop
- Completion of groundwater pumping works, before they are needed!
- A push to promote Nine Levels of Darkness to inbound tour operators
- Overhaul the mineshaft personnel and materials cages
- Overhead works north of Tramways Avenue
- A return to ordinary annual improvement works at Bendigo Tram Depot
- A major upgrade to The Lab at Discovery
- Partnering with the City of Greater Bendigo in order to host a major exhibition at Discovery

In all, 2011/12 was an exciting year and one not without its challenges, but one in which the Trust very definitely moved ahead. We look forward to 2012/13 and commend this annual report to you.



Lloyd Cameron
Chairman



Tom Seddon
Chief Executive Officer

Right: This year will see a push towards promoting our Nine Levels of Darkness tour to inbound tour operators.



CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE

Karl Penrose, Central Deborah Gold Mine Manager



This year has been challenging at Central Deborah Gold Mine, with the issue of addressing rising ground water demanding a good deal of our attention. However, despite this, it has also been business as usual, with a number of significant achievements to report on.

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Mine Surface

Work on stabilising the historic ore bins was completed this year. This was achieved by fitting new steel columns inside the ore bins with associated braces to tie the timber work to the steel columns. In doing this, we have taken the weight of the trestleway off the ore bins. This method allowed us to maintain as much of the historic “fabric” as possible, as replacing the historic timber with new was not necessary as it was no longer load bearing.

Volunteers Ross and Linda have continued their fantastic efforts maintaining the grounds of Central Deborah, especially their work implementing garden beds in various locations around the surface. They have certainly managed to brighten up the whole area!

Underground

- New ground support was installed between the Alimak and Bogger display on Level 2
- The small Crib Room on Level 2 received a facelift to make it more visitor friendly, especially for large groups
- A full inspection of the shaft between Level 10 and Level 14 was conducted to ensure it is structurally sound
- Internal communication systems were extended from Level 3 to Level 10

All other underground works relate to the pumping system installation and are mentioned under the following section.

Pumping System

As outlined in the Chairman and CEO’s report a key challenge this year has been to seek ways to prevent Central Deborah Gold Mine from flooding as a result of Unity Mining’s decision to close operations and cease pumping water out of the Deborah line of reef.

After much consideration, the decision was made to install pumps below Level 10.

This facilitates keeping our Nine Levels of Darkness tour, natural ventilation via the North Deborah mine and ensures a large “buffer” or space, thereby protecting Central Deborah’s operations in the event of a pump failure.

The pumping system has been designed to deal with a maximum flow rate of 1.8 million litres (1.8 meg) per day. Two pumps will be installed, each capable of dealing with the projected maximum inflow, making the system double redundant. For the same reason, two rising mains (pipes) will be installed in the shaft from the surface to Level 10.

For now, water pumped from the mine will be discharged to the nearby Londonderry mine shaft, where it will flow by gravity towards another shaft northwest of the city and from there be pumped to Unity’s evaporation ponds. Other or additional discharge options may be used in the future. The mine maintenance crew have worked long and tirelessly in dirty, wet and often very tight conditions. Their efforts in seeing this project through are truly appreciated by all. Thanks are also due to Consulting Engineer Bob Styles for his guidance and assistance throughout much of this project.

During 2011/2012 we:

- Worked with engineers, hydrologists, regulators, water authorities, local MPs, Unity Mining, Council and others to define the issues for the Trust, Council and the community, and options for water extraction and discharge, inflow minimisation, and more
- Created preliminary specifications, designs and budgets
- Cleared the mineshaft’s smokebox, and Levels 7 and 10, of old pumping infrastructure to make way for the new system
- Made alterations to the shaft and plat at

Level 10

- Drilled two 150mm diameter holes between the Swan Decline and the old Deborah Mine workings to ensure free passage of water, preventing head pressure developing against a very weak pillar of rock

Works for 2012/2013 will include:

- Finalising design and specifications
- Completing excavation of the shaft at Level 10 and installing a pump support assembly
- Completing installation of a temporary winch on the surface for use during pump installation
- Repairs to the smokebox between the surface and Level 10
- Installing collar beams to support the two new rising mains
- Installing pumps and rising mains
- Electrical works
- Commissioning the new system

Workplace Health and Safety

We constantly review our training and procedures to ensure a safe environment for all our staff and visitors. In late 2011 we tested our Emergency Management Response Plan by running an emergency evacuation scenario on-site involving the Oscar One Mine Rescue team. This year saw WorkSafe undertake a Verification Audit of Central Deborah to ensure compliance with the relevant regulations.

CFA and MFB regularly run training sessions

on Levels 2 and 3 specifically using breathing apparatus so they can experience conditions in complete darkness. We also had a mine rescue team from Western Australia on site undertaking rope training off the Poppethead.

Tours

Visitors are up across the board. Level 2 Mine Experience tours have seen a substantial increase this year with over 30,600 visitors. Level 3 Underground Adventure tours are way up, with 1,338 takers, up by over 300, making this the best year for Underground Adventure tours ever. Level 9 Nine Levels of Darkness tours, introduced in June 2011, have been slow, but a significant part of this relates to the interruptions caused by the pumping system installation and also the lead times involved in getting overseas tour operators informed and enthusiastic about the tour.

Underground birthday parties were introduced this year and have been a huge success, giving kids a unique birthday to remember!

In the past couple of years we have picked up some regular customers. These include Riverland Hotel from Barham who run a tour service to visit us weekly from NSW. Several universities visit us annually to allow their geology students to see first-hand the rock structures underground in the Bendigo field. We have prime examples of "saddle reef" formations which are not easily accessible anywhere else.

Below: Simon Jenkins and Karl Penrose with the plaque and certificate that was presented to them by the Melbourne Fire Brigade (MFB).

The West Australian Emergency Services Training and Rescue Team (W.E.S.T) conducted rope rescue and team skills training with the Kalgoorlie Mine Rescue Team at Central Deborah Gold Mine in preparation for the Victorian Mine Rescue Competition.



BENDIGO TRAMWAYS

Jos Duivenvoorden, Bendigo Tramways Manager



The last 12 months have seen significant achievements in the practical completion of the Depot Redevelopment Project and the creation of a brand new retail shop.

Key capital works included a section of new track in Thunder Street and works on the overhead network. External works for the heritage workshop have seen the City Circle works commence and major components for the Hobart trams delivered. Major refurbishment of Tram No. 663 for the Melbourne Tramway Preservation Society was also completed.

In tramway tourist operations, challenges were evident as in every other year with attendances being marginally up while costs continue to increase.

Tram Tours, Charters and other Services

The "Standard Service" trips by the Trams for 2011/12 were reduced due to tighter cost management. Although the service trips were reduced from 4,972 to 3,144 (37%) passenger numbers increased by almost 6%. (33,519 to 35,513). Special services increased by 6% and resulted in increased passengers from 8,432 to 8,936. Overall it would appear that passengers previously enjoying the "special events – free rides" have now become paying passengers! The increasing demand for specials and charters is likely to continue to be the best opportunity for growth in the tramway passenger business.

Bendigo Ninesevensix Restaurant Tram

The restaurant tram provides a great opportunity for locals and visitors to experience Bendigo's heritage whilst enjoying fine food. This great dining experience is well-patronised in addition to special events and charters. It is fantastic to see the Ninesevensix tram in the evenings "flying the flag" for the Tramways, The Bendigo Trust and Bendigo as a whole. Regrettably, although good for PR, it is not a profitable exercise.

Bendigo's Tram Fleet

The active tram fleet comprises 14 vehicles that can be used in regular service. Actual vehicles used are determined by weather conditions, availability of conductor/drivers

and the passenger numbers needing to be accommodated. Restoration of vehicles still relies on external grant funding.

Significant works were carried out on Tram No. 8, thanks to some major donations. It will be ready for the 40th anniversary of Vintage 'Talking' Trams on 9 December 2012.

No other significant restoration or refurbishing was carried out in the last 12 months. The current fleet of trams is adequate for the level and range of service currently provided.

Collection Management

The Bendigo Tramways Reference Group provides advice to the Bendigo Tramways Manager on the management of all of the Tramways assets, but especially management of the tram collection and associated equipment and fittings. In particular it advises on acquisitions, disposals, utilisation of the trams (which trams are appropriate for use) and tram restorations (priorities and historic framework). It has recommended the completion of Tram No. 8 and a total refurbishment of Tram No. 7, if funds permit in the latter half of 2012/13.

Tramway Network Assets – Track and Overhead

Minor overhead works were carried out at various locations on the network to ensure safety and reliability. The replacement of poles in Pall Mall by Powercor has been deferred until February 2013. A significant section of track has been completely replaced in Thunder Street. This asset renewal will serve the Tramways well for the next 50 years!

Bendigo Tramways Heritage Workshop

Yarra Tram Works: Tram No. 957 was delivered early in 2011 to the Tram Depot as the first City Circle tram to be totally overhauled and refurbished. Following the initial strip down to a bare frame there have not been any further works authorised. Tram No. 959 was delivered in mid-2011 and was stripped down and is currently being refurbished. Due to

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technical difficulties and the upgrading of the specifications, this work has been slow. It is now expected that 959 will be completed early in 2013 with 957 following in mid-2013.

Other significant works have been carried out for Hobart and Launceston Tramways with minor works for various other organisations in Australia. Our strong dollar is currently disadvantaging any commercial undertakings with other international customers.

Tram Depot Redevelopment

The Tram Depot redevelopment has been the most exciting project for Bendigo Tramways for a generation. The works were completed late in 2011 (except for minor details) and it is clear that it will make a significant difference in the capacity of the workshop to deliver on external works. The Tramways staff carried out Stage 2 of the Depot Redevelopment with the gutting of the old offices and its transformation into an excellent retail space. With support from some good sub-contractors this was carried out on time and within budget.

Operations

Staff and volunteers:

Bendigo Tramways continues to rely on its

volunteers in all areas of operations and they are to be lauded for their dedication and efforts in contributing to both day-to-day tram services as well as making a significant contribution to refurbishing, restoring and maintaining our fleet of trams. The Tramways could not survive without their incredible input and effort. Maintaining a highly skilled staff and volunteer base continues to be a focus of the Tramways.

Safety Management System

The Safety Management System required to operate our trams on the road has settled in well. Its annual review provides for continuous improvements. The external audit and accreditation process was completed by Public Transport Safety Victoria with only minor issues and opportunities for improvement being identified.

Organisational Development

The Tramways organisation continues to evolve. The creation of three departments focused on a) Tram services, b) Network and Assets and c) Tramways Heritage Workshop is working well. Some further restructuring has occurred with improved flexibility in staffing to facilitate and manage the demand for external works.

Below Left:

We ran our own Santa Tram for the first time this Christmas and the response was overwhelming.

Below top right:

April marked 40 years since Bendigo's trams ran as public transport. A re-enactment was held of the trams' final trip to the Depot as a public transport provider.

Below bottom right: Scottie and Sam worked solidly to get the Hobart truck rebuild finished.





DISCOVERY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Lisa Gormley, Discovery Manager



Discovery seems to be going from strength-to-strength with visitor numbers continuing to increase. This financial year saw 28,612 people walking through the doors which was an increase on the preceding year.

Funding has been secured to continue our in-school education program (through to 2014) and to make improvements to The Lab (currently underway). A priority focus for next year will be our main hall with funding to renew at least half of our existing exhibits being sought.

Science and planetarium shows, along with suitably themed lab workshops, continue to be the main focus of our school holiday periods. Topics through the year included a little bit of magical and mind boggling fun, inventions, states of matter and weird and whacky science experiments. The Planetarium took visitors on a tour of the cosmos with shows exploring the blue planet, Neptune, lunar eclipses, the signs of the zodiac and the transit of Venus.

This year also heralded the end of one Strategic Partnership Program triennium – Science in a Suitcase – and the successful beginning of another, with the new education program Energising Science Education in Regional Victoria launching in term 2. This builds on the Science in a Suitcase program by working more closely with teachers and students to enhance the current suite of kits with lesson plans, activities, resources and curriculum planners. By working with the teachers in a mentoring or coaching role, we are building their skills and confidence in science education. Over the year our Outreach Education Officer has visited schools around

Bendigo and as far afield as Donald, Sea Lake, Wycheproof, Maldon and Broadford.

In centre programs such as Curious Kids and The Lab workshops, continue to develop and grow. Curious Kids is now in its third year with a new cohort attending in late 2011/2012. This has enabled our Education Officer to review and repeat successful programs and alter others. It has also allowed Discovery to purchase most of the storybooks that it uses. Over the last year 209 curious little children, plus their equally curious carers, attended our Curious Kids program. In 2012/13 this will be joined by Astrotots, with the same model of story time and activity but based in the Planetarium.

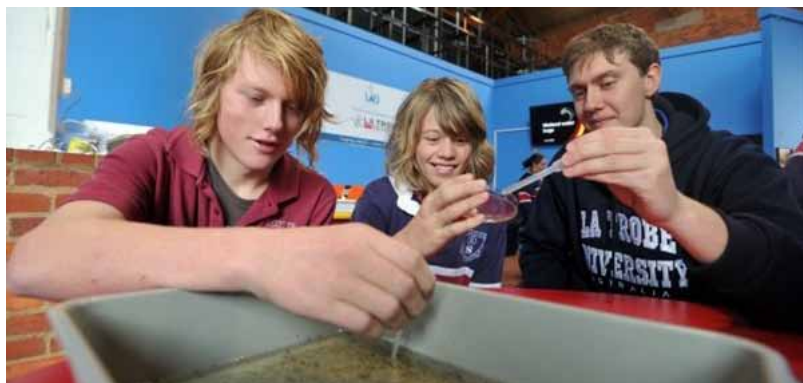
Discovery is a part of the community and provides science communication opportunities, both off and on site. Throughout the year we held National Science Week, Seniors Week and Education Week activities. We attended the Bendigo Show, RACV Energy Breakthrough, Australia Day celebrations, the Dahlia and Arts Festival and the Bendigo Easter Festival. We also hosted "Get into Science" in partnership with La Trobe University.

All of these achievements come about because of the generous support of a number of organisations and strong relationships. The hard working team of staff and volunteers at Discovery and The Bendigo Trust are looking forward to another exciting 12 months.

Far Left: Now into its third year, Curious Kids continues to grow in popularity.

Below left: Held in conjunction with La Trobe University, we successfully inspired students to 'Get into Science' with a series of workshops which delved into potential career opportunities in different science and technology industries.

Below right: In June we worked with the Bendigo District Astronomical Society to showcase the Transit of Venus.



BENDIGO JOSS HOUSE TEMPLE

Darren Wright, Bendigo Joss House Temple Supervisor



This year marks the 40th anniversary of the re-opening of the Bendigo Joss House Temple by the National Trust as a working temple and tourist attraction. It also marks the fifth anniversary of the Joss House under the auspices of The Bendigo Trust.

Below: Our Lantern Festival went off with a bang as we celebrated Chinese New Year with Lion dancers, fire crackers and beautifully decorated lanterns.

The year of the dragon is supposed to be a very auspicious one and this has been evidenced by a substantial increase in visitation and sales in the gift shop.

A good start was made to the year as we celebrated Chinese New Year with a traditional Lantern Festival. Once again, we invited a local kindergarten to decorate the colourful lanterns which were then hung in the grounds,

producing a festive and colourful sight. This was combined with the spectacle of Lion and other dancers and the ignition of thousands of firecrackers making the occasion a sight to behold. The Bendigo Chinese Association provided entertaining performances and on a day where the weather looked anything but inviting only to magically clear about an hour beforehand.



BENDIGO GAS WORKS

The Bendigo Gas Company was formed in 1859, operating from 1860 until its closure in 1973. Today it is a valuable static reminder of a past technology, but also serves as a second depot for the Bendigo Tramways, where numerous trams from the Bendigo fleet are stored. It was of particular value during the Tram Depot renovations when we needed the extra space to store some of our Vintage 'Talking' Tram fleet while the workshop received significant upgrades.



The festivities of Easter brought many visitors to Bendigo. However, it was the *Grace Kelly* Exhibition that resulted in a steady stream of visitors at a time where traditionally the tourist trade slows down at the Joss House.

On Saturday 31 March, our neighbours at Peppergreen Farm held a community day. Dr. Gary Hill and myself shared the tangible and intangible history of the area with regard to the Chinese camp, the Joss House, market gardens and brick kiln. Large numbers of people attended the day and the Joss House certainly benefitted as a result.

From 21–23 May, a portion of the Chinese brick kiln (c.1859) was unearthed nearby. Over the course of three days, detailed measurements were taken and curious onlookers given a chance to see part of a structure that is unique outside of China.

On 25 July we celebrated two milestones, 40 years since the Joss House was reopened by the National Trust and five years under the administration of The Bendigo Trust. We unveiled a recent donation of five sacred altar vessels which were donated to us by Mr. Paul Tze Kong Young (on behalf of his deceased parents), from Happy Valley, Hong Kong. These antique pewter objects needed a worthy home and it was a kind and generous gift which attracted a lot of media attention.

It has been a very good year at the Joss House and a sincere thanks must go to all those who have volunteered their time and effort, sometimes under difficult circumstances, to make it the success that it has certainly been.

Below: Five sacred vessels were donated to the Bendigo Joss House Temple by Paul Tze Kong Young. Photographed holding the vessels from left to right are: Dennis O'Hoy, David Wright, Darren Wright, Dr Gary Hill and Tom Seddon.

Dr Gary Hill presented at the Peppergreen Farm Open Day, sharing his knowledge of the Chinese history in the area.



VICTORIA HILL RESERVE

Gold was first discovered on Victoria Hill in 1854. By 1861 it had yielded at least 1,200,000oz in gold, worth over \$2bn at current prices. Today, Victoria Hill Reserve is a heritage-listed site that offers characteristic examples of important forms of gold mining. The site includes interpretation and is open daily for self-guided tours. Large groups book guided tours from time-to-time, but essentially The Bendigo Trust's role is site inspection and maintenance.



FINANCE REPORT

Lisa Horan, Chief Financial Officer



“For 2011/2012, Admissions Revenue covered 70% of Employee Expenses, compared with 59% in 2010/2011.”

While the 2011/2012 financial year held many challenges for the Trust, overall performance improved significantly from the previous year.

Financial Performance

The Net Result before Capital and Specific Items was a surplus of \$3,868, compared with a deficit of \$249,914 for 2010/2011. This was largely achieved through a 10% increase in Admissions Revenue and a 7% decrease in Employee Expenses.

The total Net Result, including Capital and Specific Items, was a deficit of \$145,634. This is an 88% improvement on the \$1,203,653 deficit reported for 2010/2011, and is largely attributable to more closely matched income and expenditure on the redevelopment of the Tramways Depot.

The Comprehensive Result for the year was a deficit of \$214,634. This was due to the recognition of a \$69,000 Net Fair Value Loss resulting from the disposal of investment property.

Some notable financial achievements for the 2011/2012 financial year include:

- Growth of 10% in Admissions Revenue from \$1,154,480 in 2010/2011 to \$1,275,455 in 2011/2012. Included in this is outstanding growth of 84% (or \$147,669) in Functions Revenue due to parties and sleepovers at Discovery continuing to grow in popularity. Admission numbers were also boosted significantly in the March to June period due to the *Grace Kelly* Exhibition drawing more tourists to Bendigo.
- Merchandise sales increasing by 8% and turning over \$248,790 of revenue.
- A reduction of \$125,957 in Employee Expenses – a 6% decline on the result for the 2010/2011 year. Significant efficiencies were gained in the mine guiding unit after staffing requirements were reviewed and a new rostering initiative was implemented. For 2011/2012, Admissions Revenue covered 70% of Employee Expenses, compared with 59% in 2010/2011.

Work on the redevelopment of the Tramways Depot continued and was almost complete by

the end of the financial year. For the year, the Trust received \$750,000 in funding (\$400,000 from the Federal Government and \$350,000 from City of Greater Bendigo) and spent \$675,290. In the previous year, \$1,200,000 was received and \$1,913,493 spent. As mentioned above, the timing of the capital income and expenditure on this project has skewed the results of the Trust over the last few financial years.

Financial Position

The Total Equity of the Trust declined by \$214,634, or 8.5%, to \$2,288,836 during 2011/2012.

Significant movements in the Assets and Liabilities of the Trust during the year included:

- The divestment of the Investment Property at 80 Creek St, Bendigo. The property was split into two titles and the street-front portion sold for \$176,000. The remainder of the property, useful for the development and operation of Central Deborah Gold Mine, was surrendered to the Crown to be combined with the Central Deborah title after a determination was made that it could not continue to be held privately. 80 Creek Street was held as an investment at fair value after a revaluation in 2010 that was based on the rates assessment.
- Trade and Other Payables reduced by 32%, largely due to more efficient processing of supplier payments.
- Cash and Cash Equivalents increased by \$21,029, compared with a decrease of \$765,663 in 2010/2011.

In 2011/2012 the Trust also continued to make improvements to a number of assets managed by the Trust but owned by the City of Greater Bendigo. Significant improvements included securing and stabilising the ore bins at Central Deborah and improving the ventilation on Level 8. Each year, expenditure on improvements such as these is captured in the Income Statement of the Trust and the Balance Sheet of the City of Greater Bendigo.

Outlook for 2012/2013

It is hoped that the momentum achieved in 2011/2012 will continue in 2012/2013.

The redevelopment of the Bendigo Tramways Depot will be completed, not only allowing an improved experience for visitors but also enhancing our capacity to build our external works program.

The Discovery Science and Technology Centre is undergoing a refurbishment in The Lab, thanks to a generous contribution from the Gandel Charitable Trust, and we hope to continue growing interest in sleepovers and birthday parties.

A new point-of-sale system will be installed at the Bendigo Joss House Temple, bringing

it in line with the technology embraced at all other sites.

2012/13 will not be without its challenges though, as Central Deborah Gold Mine continues to work hard on the de-watering project. The Trust has been successful in obtaining enough funding to perform initial works, however more support is needed to ensure a long-term solution is achieved.

A number of continuous improvement initiatives are also being considered by the Finance team at the Trust, with many expected to produce more efficient work practices and improved financial reporting processes in the future.

Below: The Ore Bins at Central Deborah Gold Mine underwent restoration in May 2012.



SALES AND MARKETING

Evonne Oxenham, Sales and Marketing Manager



Bringing Bendigo's history to life may sound simple enough, but it takes more than just good will to make it happen and plenty of determination to keep going.

The past year has been a "soul searching" time for marketing, as we took a good, honest look at the products and services that we offer and considered what we need to do to take our business successfully into the future.

While we were certainly buoyed by meeting our revenue targets for the year, we recognised the influence of outside factors, such as the *Grace Kelly* Exhibition, which contributed to this achievement.

These large events are not to be relied upon and it is therefore essential that we are constantly seeking ways to improve and update the quality of our products to meet the needs and wants of our visitors.

It is not to say that our products aren't already high quality ... given that Central Deborah Gold Mine won the Victorian Tourism Award for Heritage and Cultural Tourism in

November 2011, we are assured that the opposite is true. In addition, a quick look at the great comments our venues receive on *Trip Advisor*, also gives you a clue as to customer satisfaction.

Happily, there is so much potential to further improve our product offering that it is just a matter of scoping when and how we want to go about it. There is also the significant matter of fundraising to pay for these improvements, but that is nothing new for the Trust. Patience and perseverance are part of our culture.

By recognising the things that are holding us back, we are mapping out an exciting route to where we want to be in the future. There is definitely no shortage of passionate people who work and volunteer within the Trust, so we are confident that we will be able to achieve

Below: In July 2011 we launched Underground Birthday Parties.

In October 2011 the Bendigo Joss House Temple received its own website.

A new brochure was developed for the Bendigo Tramways Workshop.



Other products and services
Engineering services ...
Coachbuilding services ...
Why choose us for your next
History



Heritage Tram
Restoration
Specialists

whatever we set out to do.

On that note, there were a number of achievements in sales and marketing during the year that warrant mentioning:

- Two new products were introduced: Central Deborah Gold Mine Underground Birthday Parties which have been a big success and the Bendigo Tramways Depot and Workshop tour which, although it has been well-received, is still very much a work in progress.
- The Bendigo Joss House Temple finally got its own website in October 2011.
- The Tramways retail shop was opened in March 2012 and is an attractive and welcoming entrance to the Depot.
- A social media strategy was developed which saw us focussing on how to make the best use of our social media pages and utilising sites such as *Trip Advisor* more effectively.
- The development of a marketing plan, new brochure and promotional video for the Tramways Workshop in order to promote the B2B products and services

that the tramways has to offer.

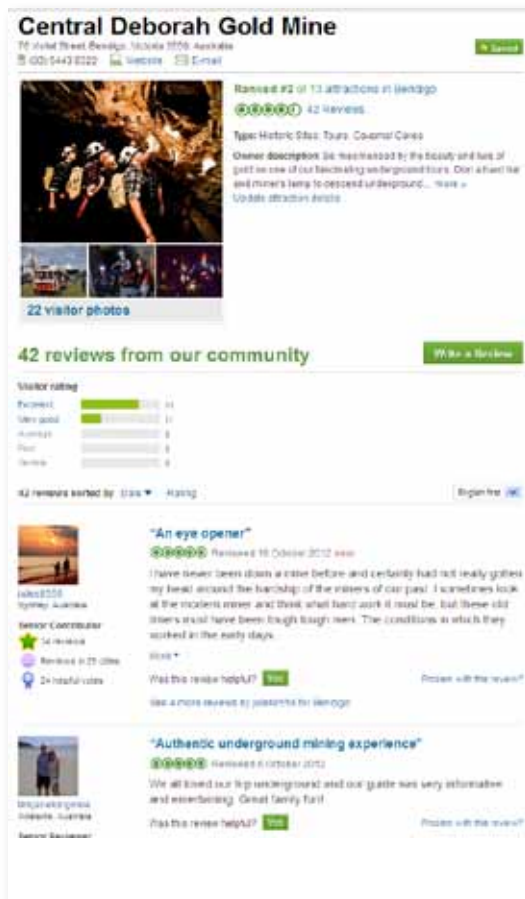
- A whole host of events and visits from some high profile media outlets which have taken the message of what we have to offer to national and international audiences. Probably, the most notable being *Tony Robinson's Time Walks* in Australia and a Singapore TV crew that hosts the equivalent to *Getaway* in Singapore.
- We extended our reach within the accommodation sector and now have over a dozen accommodation providers in Bendigo who are able to sell our tickets to their customers at their receptions.

Consolidation of our sales and marketing activities is the main order of business for the forthcoming year. There have been numerous major changes and additions to our product offering and the way we market these products in the past three years, but now the focus needs to move towards maximising the potential of our products, taking the necessary final steps to start accessing the international market and streamlining our processes to improve efficiency and customer service delivery.

Below: Each of our sites continue to be rated highly on Trip Advisor.

In December 2011 we launched the Bendigo Tramways Depot and Workshop Tours.

Central Deborah Gold Mine was awarded Heritage and Cultural Tourism Attraction of the Year at the Victorian Tourism Awards.





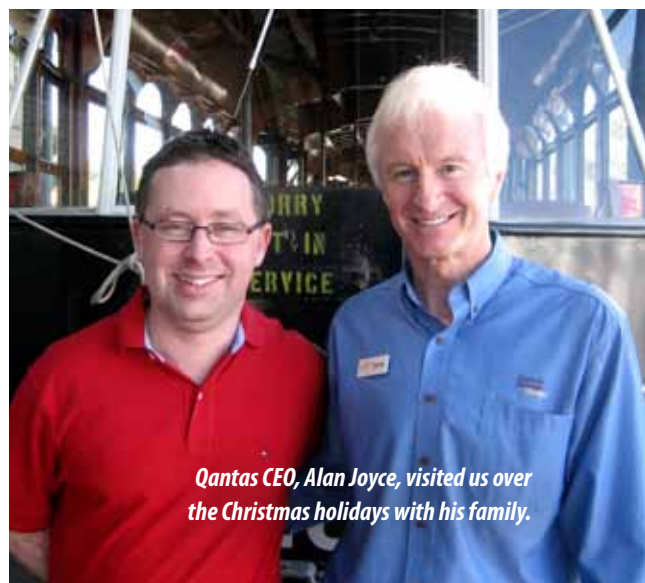
Billy Brownless and James Brayshaw featured Central Deborah Gold Mine on their 3MMM Rush Hour Radio program.



Central Deborah Gold Mine and the Bendigo Tramways were featured on Peter 'Spida' Everitt's travel show, The Great Australian Doorstep.



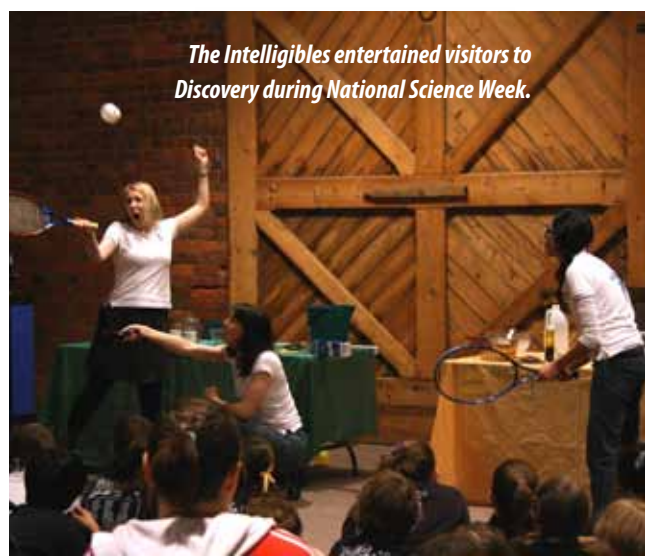
Central Deborah Gold Mine, the Bendigo Tramways and Discovery were each featured in an episode of ABC's TV program 3on3.



Qantas CEO, Alan Joyce, visited us over the Christmas holidays with his family.



In December 2011 Tony Robinson featured Central Deborah Gold Mine and the Bendigo Tramways in an episode of Time Walks.



The Intelligibles entertained visitors to Discovery during National Science Week.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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QC, Governor of Victoria
The Hon. Tim Fischer AC

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- ABC Radio, Bendigo
- Jacinta Allan MP
- Phil Altieri, Rail Tram and Bus Union
- Association of Tourist Railways (Vic)
- ASTEN
- David Bannear, DSE
- Bendigo Advertiser
- Bendigo Art Gallery
- Bendigo Bank
- Bendigo Business Council
- Bendigo Historical Society
- Bendigo Media Centre
- Bendigo Tourism
- Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre
- Bendigo TAFE
- Bendigo Young Inventors' Awards
- Colin Burns, Mining Engineer
- Howard Clarke OAM
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Tim Borchers, City Rail Solutions
- Coliban Water
- Contract Management Systems
- COTMA
- Department of Primary Industries
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities (Cth)
- H & J Doran-Specialty Sawn Timbers
- Damian Drum MLC
- Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (Vic)
- Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Cth)
- Department of Planning & Community Development (Vic)
- Department for Regional Cities (Vic)
- Eaglehawk Heritage Society
- East End Engineering
- Maree Edwards MP
- EPA Victoria
- Barry Fitzpatrick
- Gandel Philanthropy
- Steve Gibbons MP
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- Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
- Heritage Victoria
- Hume & Iser
- La Trobe University
- Noel Laidlaw, Mining Engineer
- Launceston Tramway Museum
- James Lerk
- Stanley Liacos
- Kathryn McKenzie
- Melbourne Tramcar Preservation Assn
- National Trust (VIC)
- North Central Catchment Management Authority
- Leyon Parker, City of Hobart
- David Pell, AASB
- Perth Electric Tramway Society
- Powercor
- Public Transport Victoria
- Questacon
- Regional Development Victoria
- Gary Rowe, Safety Action Pty Ltd
- Mike Ryan, Vic Track
- Scitech
- Scienceworks
- John Smatlak
- Greg Sutherland
- Bob Styles, RJ Styles & Associates
- Sydney Tramway Museum
- Michael Taylor, Architect and Conservation Consultant
- Victorian Tourism Industry Council
- Tourism Victoria
- Unity Mining
- Wine Bank on View
- WorkSafe
- Yarra Trams
- Ys Mens Club
- VECCI

Life Members

Robert Aulsebrook	Gordon McKern
Helen Bruinier	Dennis O'Hoy
Barry Callaway	Cas Sens
Earl Ewers	Walter Straede
Andrew Hall	Phyllis Toy
Graham Jordon	Les Twining
John Langley	Colin Withington

Honorary Life Members

Dennis Bell	Neil Murray
Keith Kings	Dennis O'Hoy
James Lerk	John Penhall
Daryl McClure	Myra Potter
Michael McGowan	David Wright
Jill Moorhead	

TRUST STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Bendigo Trust Office

Chief Executive Officer Thomas Seddon
B. Arts, Juris Doctor

**Executive Assistant
and Human Resources
Finance Manager** Faye Gair
Mal Telford
(Until June 2012) B. Bus (Acc), CPA

Chief Financial Officer Lisa Horan
(Commenced June 2012) B.Com, ASA
Cert WTAA

**Finance Officer
Sales and Marketing
Manager** Marika Power
Evonne Oxenham
B. Journalism

Marketing Officer Tynille Thurlow
B. Marketing

Visitor Services Manager Trevor Lamb

Visitor Services Officers
Catherine Aylett
Leanne Buddrick
Lynne Jansen
Fiona Liebert
Jill Moorhead

Retail Manager Andrea Stringer
Archives Officer Glenn Carter

Bendigo Joss House Temple

Supervisor Darren Wright

Bendigo Tramways

Manager Jos Duivenvoorden
Dip ASc
Grad Dip Recreation
Management
Grad Dip Bus Admin

Team Leader – Workshop

Luke Jenkins

Team Leader – Tram Services

Anita Bagley
Richard Clarke

Engineer

Depot and Workshop Staff

Julie Cain
Simon Jenkins
Michael Lowther
Sam O'Brien
John Penhall
John Ritchie
Damien Steel
Don Webb

Darren Hutchesson
Scott Kendall
Maree O'Brien
Emily Penhall
Karl Penrose
Denis Rodda
Wayne Taylor
Les Woodfield

*Below: On 17 May 2012,
we celebrated the great work
and generous contribution
that volunteers make to our
organisation with a visit to
Bendigo's beautiful Botanic
Gardens as part of National
Volunteer Week.*



Central Deborah Gold Mine

Manager	Karl Penrose
Mine Maintenance and Tour Staff	
Dianne Aulsebrook	Mark Bannerman
Kimberley Bradley	Paul Burton
Tim Carr	Semso Delibasic
Elaine Douglas	<i>Peter Dumont</i>
Norm Harris	Georg Hein
Tamasin Hein	Daryl Hopgood
Simon Jenkins	Laurie Jensen
John McNamara	<i>Neil Murray</i>
Joel Pearce	John Rofo
Meryl Stone	John Turner

Discovery Science & Technology Centre

Manager	Lisa Gormley
	B. Ap Sc, Dip Ed
Education Officers	Philip Spark
	B. Science, Dip Ed, M Sc, M Ed
	Emma Carter
	BSc BEng (Hons)
	Dip Ed

Weekend Supervisor Planetarium Officer Staff

	Renee Mouritz
	Craig Kendal
Sarah Alden	James McGregor
Matt Angove	<i>James Pemberton</i>
Teagan Brown	Abe Steel
Scott Dealy	George Stirling
Kaylee Fisher	Jessica Stone
Gary Hillier	Elizabeth Telford
Jess Whately	Gary Watts
Julie MacDonald	

Volunteers

<i>John Biele</i>	<i>Ken Andison</i>
<i>Allan Birchmore</i>	<i>Russell Birch</i>
<i>Tim Blythman</i>	<i>Peter Black</i>
<i>Terry Boardman</i>	<i>Pat Boardman</i>
<i>Esma Carr</i>	<i>Geoff Brown</i>
<i>Bill Chan</i>	<i>Shannon Carter</i>
<i>Anthony Cliff</i>	<i>Pat Clarkson</i>
<i>Stan Cue</i>	<i>Andrew Cook</i>
<i>Ronald Dean</i>	<i>Len Cutting</i>
<i>Elaine Doling</i>	<i>Mikelle Dingwall</i>
<i>Geoff Gardner</i>	<i>Bill Earl</i>
<i>Rod Gill</i>	<i>Victor Gardner</i>
<i>Michael Greenall</i>	<i>Joseph Gould</i>
<i>Patrick Hannen</i>	<i>Yvonne Greenall</i>
<i>Jim Henderson</i>	<i>John Hawkins</i>
<i>Carol Holsworth</i>	<i>Gary Hill</i>
<i>Finn Hourigan</i>	<i>Leo Hourigan</i>
<i>Bruce Johnson</i>	<i>Andrew Howlett</i>
<i>Sue Kimpton</i>	<i>William Jolly</i>
<i>Peter Kilpatrick</i>	<i>Stephen Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Mike McAlister</i>	<i>John Leonard</i>
<i>Michael McGowan</i>	<i>Sandra McCullough</i>
<i>Marianne Midelburg</i>	<i>Paul Mayer</i>
<i>George Morrison</i>	<i>Len Millar</i>
<i>Debbie Penhall</i>	<i>Dennis O'Hoy</i>
<i>Linda Rowley</i>	<i>Greg Robinson</i>
<i>Daniel Ruthurfurd</i>	<i>Ross Rowley</i>
<i>Robert Shimpf</i>	<i>Dale Sampson</i>
<i>Ian Stimpson</i>	<i>Frank Steele</i>
<i>Elliot Styles</i>	<i>James Sutherland</i>
<i>Shirley Turner</i>	<i>Peter Turner</i>
<i>John Wells</i>	<i>Ross Turton</i>
<i>Ed Williams</i>	<i>John Whiting</i>
	<i>Lester Young</i>

"While I've visited mines before, this was by far the best tour - purely and simply because of the staff."
Trip Advisor Visitor 2012

Below: The Bendigo Tramways crew continue to receive rave reviews on our visitor feedback forms.

The mine maintenance team who have been instrumental in preparing the underground workings for the installation of two new pumps at Central Deborah Gold Mine. From Left to Right: John McNamara, Elliot Styles, Paul Burton and Robert Shimpf.

People listed in *italics* have been made Honorary Members of The Bendigo Trust for 2012/13 in recognition of 100 or more hours voluntary service this past year. Thank you again to our Honorary Members and all of our volunteers.



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr Lloyd Cameron

Director/Chairman (Current term expires 2013). Board Member since February 2003. Qualifications: Electrical Engineer. Retired Chairman Central Victoria Area Consultative Committee. Past President, Castlemaine Rotary. Retired as director of BRIT 2012.



Mrs Patricia Cotton OAM

Director (Retired March 2012). Board Member since 2009. Patti is a former Councillor, twice Mayor, of the City of Waverley and Commissioner for the City of Knox. Her community committee involvement during the year included: Radius Disability Service board, Continuing Education board, Human Rights

Committee, Bendigo Agricultural Society Council, Vision Australia Development Committee, Friends of Bendigo Art Gallery, Prince of Wales Showground Management Committee and Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst. Bendigo Citizen of the Year 2011.



Mr Wayne Gregson

Director (Current term expires 2014). Board Member since 2010.

Wayne has spent most of his working life as a journalist, in print, TV and radio newsrooms.

Wayne was elected to the City of Greater Bendigo in 2004, representing the central Sandhurst Ward and was the Council's nominee on The Bendigo Trust board from 2004 to 2008.

Wayne currently works as an electorate officer in the State Government. Wayne is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has a Cert IV in marketing.



Mr Noel Hobley

Director (Term commenced July 2012 – casual vacancy expires July 2012) Noel has spent most of his life working in the newspaper industry. That is apart from a stint managing a dairy farm and Certificate in Dairy Farm management, in the irrigation country of northern Victoria. Noel, Helen and their family moved to Bendigo in 1986 and

he worked his way through production and computer systems, advertising sales to General Manager in the local newspaper industry. All the time raising their three boys and studying an Advanced Certificate in Information Technology, Certificate III in Small Business Management, MYOB Accounting and an unfinished MBA at Latrobe Uni. Noel is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo.



Mr Michael McGowan

Director (Current term expires 2013). Board Member since October 2007. Qualifications: Dip General Studies (Bendigo College of Advanced Education), Dip Ed (State College of Victoria Hawthorn), Cert IV Workplace Trainer and Assessor, Cert of Competency Tram Driver (Bendigo Tramways and Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board).

Volunteer Conductor, Driver, Traffic Officer, Driver Examiner, Roster/Timetabling Clerk, Website Designer/Author and Tramways Consultant to Bendigo Tramways since 1972. Honorary Life Member of The Bendigo Trust. Former Teacher, Leading Teacher – Dept of Education & Training (Swan Hill) 28 years, retired 2006. Two years industrial experience including Bendigo Tramways (Operations Manager), Miller Carpets and Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board.



Mr Craig Niemann

Director (Council Nominee). Board Member since 2011. Craig joined the City of Greater Bendigo in October 2005. He has more than 25 years experience working in the local government sector including roles at the Borough of Eaglehawk and the Shire of East Loddon. Prior to joining the City, Craig was Shire

of Loddon CEO - from 1997 to 2005. Craig's history also includes serving on the board of North Central Regional Goldfields Library for 10 years and board member of the Inglewood and District Health Service for more than 10 years. Craig is a Board Member of Regional Development Australia – Loddon Mallee Region.



Cr James Reade

Director (Council Nominee). Board Member since 2009. At the age of 19 James was elected in November 2008 as a City of Greater Bendigo Councillor (Sandhurst Ward) making him the youngest ever person to be elected as Councillor in Greater Bendigo. James holds many roles on boards and committees throughout Bendigo including B

Central Advisory Committee, Bendigo Bluelight Committee, Bendigo Umpires Association and All Wheels United committee. James is a CFA volunteer with the Axe Creek Fire Brigade, a volunteer at Special Needs Family weekend camps with the Catholic Education Office and is an accredited senior football field umpire. He was the City of Greater Bendigo's Young Citizen of the Year in 2006.



Mr Thomas Seddon (ex officio)

Chief Executive Officer. Qualifications: B Arts (The Ohio State University), JurisDoctor (Cincinnati). Chief Executive of The Bendigo Trust since June 2005. Past Chairman Bendigo Tourism Board, Advisor to Asia/Pacific AIDS Congress (Japan 2005, Sri Lanka 2007, Indonesia 2009), World Health Promotion Conference (Vancouver 2007

and Zurich 2010) and 5th World Mental Health Promotion Conference (Melbourne 2008). Title Editor Title XXII, The Laws of Australia. Previously, CEO 18th World Conference on Health Promotion (2004), 6th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (2001). Member of the Rotary Club of Bendigo and Board Member of Central Victorian Community Foundation.



Mr Clive Walker

Director/Chairman - Finance and Audit Committee (Current term expires 2012). Board Member since 2003. Qualifications: Fellow, CPA Australia (FCPA), Diploma of Business Studies (Accounting). Chair Bendigo Science & Technology Museum. Senior Manager, Subsidiary Accounting & Reporting, Bendigo Bank Group. Over 35 years experience

in corporate accounting and finance. Member of other community-based committees and former Councillor, Bendigo Branch, CPA Australia.



Mr David Wright

Director/Deputy Chairman (Current term expires 2014). Board Member since 1996 (Council Nominee 1996-2007). Qualifications: Diploma of Commerce, Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), Municipal Clerk, Associate Fellow of Australian Institute of Management.

David is now retired and holds a number of voluntary positions

in community groups within our community. Prior to his retirement he spent 50 years in Local Government. He holds a number of life memberships granted by community groups including The Bendigo Trust.



Mrs Helen Yorston

Director/ Company Secretary (Current term expires 2014). Board member since 2005. Manager of Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre, Secretary & Public Officer of Loddon Mallee Interchange Inc, past President of Bendigo Easter Fair Inc., Secretary of Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices - Bendigo Branch, Trustee for Bendigo Community Theatre

& Arts Inc Public Fund, member of Executive Management Team - Bendigo Regional YMCA, member of Victorian Volunteer Resource Centres' Network, Secretary of Loddon Mallee Volunteer Managers Network .





THE BENDIGO TRUST

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present this Annual Financial Report on The Bendigo Trust (the Trust) for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

Name	Position	Meetings Attended
Mr Lloyd Cameron (Chairman)	Director/Chairman	12/12
Mrs Patti Cotton (resigned 24 April 2012)	Director	6/9
Mr Wayne Gregson	Director	9/12
Mr Michael McGowan	Director	12/12
Mr Craig Niemann	Director	10/12
Cr James Reade	Director	8/12
Mr Clive Walker	Director/Chairman – Audit Committee	11/12
Mr David Wright	Director/Deputy Chairman	10/12
Mrs Helen Yorston	Director/Company Secretary	9/12

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise disclosed.

Operating Result

The net result from ordinary activities of the Trust for the reporting period amounted to a Net Deficit of (\$214,634), compared to a Net Deficit of (\$1,203,653) in 2011.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Trust during the financial year were tourist operations, development and maintenance of heritage assets and education.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the principal activities of the Trust during the financial year.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Trust.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Trust in subsequent financial years.

Dividends Paid

The Trust does not have share capital and it is precluded from paying dividends.

Indemnifying Officers

The Trust has not, during or since the financial

year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company:

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

Remuneration Report

Since the end of the previous financial year no director of the entity has received or become entitled to receive a benefit other than:

- (i) a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the accounts; or
- (ii) a fixed salary as a full-time employee of the entity or of a related corporation, by reason of a contract made by the entity or a related entity corporation with the director or with a firm of which they are a member or with an entity in which they have a substantial financial interest.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307c of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on the next page of this report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors



L. E. Cameron
Chairman

Dated this 23rd day of October 2012



C. Walker
Director, Chairman—Finance & Audit Committee

AUDITOR'S DECLARATION



AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE BENDIGO TRUST

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2012, there have been:

- (1) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (2) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Paul Best

Dated: 17th October 2012

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue			
Revenue from			
Operating Activities	2	2,850,901	2,822,370
Expenses			
Employee Expenses	3	(1,825,601)	(1,951,558)
Supply Items	3	(322,252)	(346,769)
Major Works	3	(250,824)	(319,471)
Other Operating Expenses	3	(441,993)	(448,143)
Finance Costs	3	(963)	(1,093)
Audit Fees	12	(5,400)	(5,250)
Net Result before Capital and Specific Items		<u>3,868</u>	<u>(249,914)</u>
Revenue from Capital			
Purpose Income	2	750,000	1,200,000
Expenditure using Capital			
Purpose Income	3	(675,290)	(1,913,493)
Depreciation	3a	(224,212)	(251,719)
Available for sale revaluation reserve gain/(loss) recognised	14	-	11,473
Net Result for the Year		<u>(145,634)</u>	<u>(1,203,653)</u>
Other Comprehensive Income			
Net fair value gain (loss) on disposal of Investment property	5	(69,000)	61,325
Comprehensive Result for the year		<u><u>(214,634)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,203,653)</u></u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

		2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	48,510	27,481
Trade and Other Receivables		180,901	130,272
Investment Property	5	-	245,000
Inventories		115,249	101,215
Refundable Deposits	10	-	17,600
Prepayments and Accruals		5,009	7,001
Total Current Assets		<u>349,669</u>	<u>528,569</u>
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	2,753,877	2,941,649
Total Non Current Assets		<u>2,753,877</u>	<u>2,941,649</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>3,103,546</u></u>	<u><u>3,470,218</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	7	226,426	331,839
Provisions	8	257,336	262,676
Borrowings	9	60,249	21,303
Other Liabilities	10	-	17,600
Total Current Liabilities		<u>544,011</u>	<u>633,418</u>
Non Current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	30,699	33,330
Borrowings	9	240,000	300,000
Total non Current Liabilities		<u>270,699</u>	<u>333,330</u>
Total Liabilities		<u><u>814,710</u></u>	<u><u>966,748</u></u>
Net Assets		<u><u>2,288,836</u></u>	<u><u>2,503,470</u></u>
Equity			
Reserves	13a	144,800	144,800
Retained Earnings	13b	2,144,036	2,358,670
Total Equity	13	<u><u>2,288,836</u></u>	<u><u>2,503,470</u></u>
Contingent Assets and			
Contingent Liabilities	14		
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2012

	Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Available For Sale Reserve \$	Accumulated Surplus/ (Deficit) \$	Total Equity \$
2012					
Balance at beginning of the year		144,800	-	2,358,670	2,503,470
Net Result for the Period		-	-	(214,634)	(214,634)
Revaluation Increment/(Decrement)		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the year	13	144,800	-	2,144,036	2,288,836
2011					
Balance at beginning of the year		144,800	-	3,562,323	3,707,123
Net Result for the Period		-	(11,473)	(1,203,653)	(1,215,126)
Revaluation Increment/(Decrement)		-	11,473	-	11,473
Balance at end of the year	13	144,800	-	2,358,670	2,503,470

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers & governments		3,562,482	4,190,329
Interest received		9,955	21,855
Interest paid		(963)	(1,093)
Employee expenses		(1,833,572)	(1,915,303)
Supply items and contracts		(1,813,214)	(3,120,068)
GST paid to the ATO		(22,165)	(88,736)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	4b	(97,477)	(913,016)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment		(36,440)	(200,834)
Proceeds for disposal of Investments		176,000	107,361
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Investing Activities		139,560	(93,473)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	300,000
Repayment of borrowings		(21,054)	(59,174)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities		(21,054)	240,826
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		21,029	(765,663)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Period		27,481	793,144
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period	4a	48,510	27,481

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NOTE 1 : STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The entity is a not-for-profit entity and therefore applies the additional Aus paragraphs applicable to "not-for-profit" entities under the AAS's.

The financial statements, except for cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

a) Going Concern

As at 30 June 2012, The Bendigo Trust (the Trust) had Equity, represented by Retained Earnings and Asset Revaluation Reserve, of \$2,288,836 (\$2,503,470 in 2011) and a working capital deficit of (\$194,342) (Deficit of \$104,849 in 2011). The Trust recorded a Net Result of (\$214,634 deficit) for the year compared to a Net Deficit of \$1,203,653 in 2011, with a negative Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities (negative in 2011). Overall cash movement was an increase of \$21,029 (decrease of \$765,663 in 2011). The Net Result before Capital & Specific Items is a surplus of \$3,868 (Deficit of \$249,914 in 2011).

The Trust believes that there may be continued capital renewal commitments in the future arising from its use of assets that it operates on behalf of the City of Greater Bendigo but does not own. Accordingly the continuing viability of the Trust and its ability to continue as a going concern and meet its debts and commitments as they fall due are dependent upon the Trust being successful in:

- continuing to achieve sufficient future cash flows from its operations, including ongoing Council and Government support, to enable its obligations to be met;
- obtaining additional funding, capital raising or donations; and/or
- continuing agreement with the City of Greater Bendigo in respect to maintenance, repair and replacement of its mine and tram infrastructure.

The Directors believe that The Trust will be successful in achieving the above objectives and accordingly have prepared the financial report on a going concern basis.

At this time, the directors are of the opinion that no asset is likely to be realised for an amount less than the amount at which it is recorded in the financial report as at 30 June 2012. Accordingly, no adjustments have been made to the financial report relating to the recoverability and the classification of the asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classifications of liabilities that might be necessary should the Trust not continue as a going concern.

(b) Reporting Entity Report

The report includes all the controlled activities of The Bendigo Trust.

(c) Rounding Of Amounts

All amounts shown in the financial statements are expressed to the nearest \$1.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash at bank, deposits at call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 3 months or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

For the Statement of Cash Flows presentation purposes, cash and

cash equivalents includes bank overdrafts, which are included as current borrowings in the Statement of Financial Position.

(e) Receivables

Trade debtors are carried at nominal amounts due and are due for settlement within 30 days from the date of recognition. Collectability of debts is reviewed on an ongoing basis, and debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised where doubt as to collection exists. Bad debts are written off when identified.

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method, less any accumulated impairment.

(f) Inventories

Inventories include goods and other property held either for sale or distribution at no or nominal cost in the ordinary course of business operations. It includes land held for sale and excludes depreciable assets.

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost, adjusted for any loss of service potential. All other inventories, including land held for sale, are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Bases used in assessing loss of service potential for inventories held for distribution include current replacement cost and technical or functional obsolescence. Technical obsolescence occurs when an item still functions for some or all of the tasks it was originally acquired to do, but no longer matches existing technologies. Functional obsolescence occurs when an item no longer functions the way it did when it was first acquired.

Cost for all other inventory is measured on the basis of weighted average cost.

Inventories acquired for no cost or nominal considerations are measured at current replacement cost at the date of acquisition.

(g) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments arise out of contractual agreements that give rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Due to the nature of the Trust's activities, certain financial assets and financial liabilities arise under statute rather than a contract. Such financial assets and financial liabilities do not meet the definition of financial instruments in AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation. For example, statutory receivables arising from taxes, fines and penalties do not meet the definition of financial instruments as they do not arise under contract.

Where relevant, for note disclosure purposes, a distinction is made between those financial assets and financial liabilities that meet the definition of financial instruments in accordance with AASB 132 and those that do not.

The following refers to financial instruments unless otherwise stated.

Categories of non-derivative financial instruments

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial instrument assets with fixed and determinable payments that are not quoted on an active market. These assets are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial measurement, loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Loans and receivables category includes cash and deposits, term deposits with maturity greater than three months, trade receivables, loans and other receivables, but not statutory receivables.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Trust's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are

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subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are those designated as available-for-sale or not classified in any other category of financial instrument asset. Such assets are initially recognised at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised directly in equity until the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is included in the net result for the period.

(h) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment are measured on a cost basis less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant & equipment is reviewed annually by the Trust to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values to determine recoverable amounts.

(i) Depreciation

Assets with a cost in excess of \$1,000 (2010-11 and 2011-12) are capitalised and depreciation has been provided on depreciable assets so as to allocate their cost over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Estimates of the remaining useful lives and depreciation method for all assets are reviewed at least annually. Leasehold improvements are presented over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The following table indicates the expected useful lives of non current assets on which the depreciation charges are based.

Tram Infrastructure	Up to 40 Years
Tram Rolling Stock	Up to 5 years
Plant & Equipment	Up to 15 years
Discovery Assets	Up to 40 Years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

(j) Net Gain/(Loss) on Non-Financial Assets

Net Gain/(Loss) on Non-financial Assets includes realised and unrealised gains and losses from revaluations, impairments and disposals of all physical assets and intangible assets.

Disposal of Non-Financial Assets

Any gain or loss of the sale of non-financial assets is recognised at the date that the control of the asset is passed to the buyer and is determined after deducting from the proceeds the carrying value of the asset at the time.

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives (and intangible assets not yet available for use) are tested annually for impairment (i.e. as to whether their carrying value exceeds their recoverable amount, and so require write-downs) and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. All other assets are assessed annually for indications of impairment, except for:

- inventories;
- assets arising from employee benefits;
- financial instrument assets;
- investment property that is measured at fair value; and
- non-current assets held for sale.

If there is an indication of impairment, the assets concerned are tested as to whether their carrying value exceeds their possible recoverable amount. Where an asset's carrying value exceeds its

recoverable amount, the difference is written-off as an expense except to the extent that the write-down can be debited to an asset revaluation reserve amount applicable to that class of asset.

It is deemed that, in the event of the loss of an asset, the future economic benefits arising from the use of the asset will be replaced unless a specific decision to the contrary has been made. The recoverable amount for most assets is measured at the higher of depreciated replacement cost and fair value less costs to sell. Recoverable amount for assets held primarily to generate net cash inflows is measured at the higher of the present value of future cash flows expected to be obtained from the asset and fair value less costs to sell.

(k) Comparative Figures

Where necessary comparative figures have been reclassified to facilitate comparisons.

(l) Payables

Payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Trust during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when The Bendigo Trust has a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

(n) Goods & Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are represented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(o) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Trusts liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy any vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms of maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

On-Costs

Employee benefit on-costs, such as superannuation and workers compensation are recognised together with the provisions for employee benefits.

Superannuation

Contributions to contribution superannuation plans are expensed when incurred.

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(p) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the Trust are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amount equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Trust will obtain ownership of the asset or ownership over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(q) Borrowings

All borrowings are initially recognised at fair value on the consideration received, less directly attributable transaction costs. The measurement basis subsequent to initial recognition depends on, whether the Trust has categorised its borrowings as either, financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss, or financial liabilities at amortised cost. Any difference between the initial recognised amount and the redemption value being recognised in net result over the period of the interest bearing liability using the effective interest rate method.

(r) Income Recognition

Income is recognised in accordance with AASB 118 Revenue and is recognised as to the extent it is earned. Unearned income at reporting date is reported as income received in advance. Amounts disclosed as revenue are, where applicable, net of returns, allowances and duties and taxes.

Sale of Goods & Admissions

Revenue from the sale of goods and admissions is recognised upon delivery of the goods and services to customers.

Government Grants

Grants are recognised as income when the Trust gains control of the underlying assets in accordance with AASB 1004 Contributions. For reciprocal grants, the Trust is deemed to have assumed control when the performance has occurred under the grant. For non-reciprocal grants, the Trust is deemed to have assumed control when the grant is received or receivable. Conditional grants may be reciprocal or non-reciprocal depending on the terms of the grant.

Membership

Income from memberships is recognised upon receipt.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes in account the effective yield of the financial asset.

(s) Income Tax

The Trust is exempt from income tax under Section 50.40 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 as amended.

(t) Key Estimates

Impairment

The Bendigo Trust assesses the impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

(u) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

Certain new Australian accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2012 reporting period.

As at 30 June 2012, the following standards and interpretations had been issued by the AASB but were not yet effective. They become effective for the first financial statements for reporting periods commencing after the stated operative dates as detailed in the table below. The Trust has not and does not intend to adopt these standards early:

Standard/Interpretation	Summary	Applicable for reporting periods beginning on or ending on	Impact on The Bendigo Trust's Annual Statements
AASB 9 Financial Instruments	This standard simplifies requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets resulting from Phase 1 of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement).	Beginning 1 January 2013	Detail of impact is still being assessed.
AASB 11 Joint Arrangements	This Standard requires entities that have an interest in arrangements that are controlled jointly to assess whether the arrangement is a joint operation or joint venture. AASB 11 shall be applied for an arrangement that is a joint operation. It also replaces parts of requirements in AASB 131. <i>Interests in Joint Ventures</i>	Beginning 1 January 2013	Not-for-profit entities are not permitted to apply this Standard prior to the mandatory application date. The AASB is assessing the applicability of principles in AASB 11 in a not-for-profit context. As such, impact will be assessed after the AASB's deliberation.
AASB 12 Disclosure of Interests in other entities	This Standard requires disclosure of information that enables users of financial statements to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, interests in other entities and the effects of those interests on the financial statements. This Standard replaces the disclosure requirements in AASB 127 and AASB 131.	Beginning 1 January 2013	Not-for-profit entities are not permitted to apply this Standard prior to the mandatory application date. The AASB is assessing the applicability of principles in AASB 11 in a not-for-profit context. As such, impact will be assessed after the AASB's deliberation.

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Standard/Interpretation	Summary	Applicable for reporting periods beginning on or ending on	Impact on The Bendigo Trust's Annual Statements
AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement	This Standard outlines the requirements for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities and replaces the existing fair value definition and guidance in other AASs. AASB 13 includes a 'fair value hierarchy' which ranks the valuation technique inputs into three levels using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; other observable inputs; and unobservable inputs.	Beginning 1 January 2013	Disclosure for fair value measurements using unobservable inputs are relatively onerous compared to disclosure for fair value measurements using observable inputs. Consequently, the Standard may increase the disclosures for public sector entities that have assets measured using depreciated replacement cost.
AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements	This revised Standard prescribes the accounting and disclosure requirements for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates when an entity prepares separate financial statements.	Beginning 1 January 2013	Not-for-profit entities are not permitted to apply this Standard prior to the mandatory application date. The AASB is assessing the applicability of principles in AASB 11 in a not-for-profit context. As such, impact will be assessed after the AASB's deliberation.
AASB 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	This revised Standard sets out the requirements for the application of the equity method when accounting for investments in associates and joint ventures.	Beginning 1 January 2013	Not-for-profit entities are not permitted to apply this Standard prior to the mandatory application date. The AASB is assessing the applicability of principles in AASB 11 in a not-for-profit context. As such, impact will be assessed after the AASB's deliberation.
AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards	This standard establishes a differential financial reporting framework consisting of two tiers of reporting requirements for preparing general purpose financial statements	Beginning 1 July 2013	The Trust is currently considering the impacts of Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDRs) for certain public sector entities and has not decided if RDRs will be implemented to the Victorian Public Sector.
AASB 2009-11 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 and 1038 and Interpretations 10 and 12]	This standard gives effect to consequential changes arising from the issuance of AASB 9.	Beginning 1 January 2013	No significant impact is expected from these consequential amendments on entity reporting.
AASB 2010-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements	This Standard makes amendments to many Australian Accounting Standards, including Interpretations, to introduce reduced disclosure requirements to the pronouncements for application by certain types of entities.	Beginning 1 July 2013	The Trust is currently considering the impacts of Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDRs) and has not decided if RDRs will be implemented.
AASB 2010-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (Dec' 2010) [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127].	These consequential amendments are in relation to the introduction of AASB 9.	Beginning 1 January 2013	No significant impact is expected from these consequential amendments on entity reporting.

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Standard/Interpretation	Summary	Applicable for reporting periods beginning on or ending on	Impact on The Bendigo Trust's Annual Statements
AASB 2011-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project – Reduced Disclosure Requirements [AASB 101 & AASB 1054]	The objective of this amendment is to include some additional disclosure from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project and to reduce disclosure requirements for entities preparing general purpose financial statements under Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements.	Beginning 1 July 2013	The Trust is currently considering the impacts of Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDRs) and has not decided if RDRs will be implemented.
AASB 2011-4 Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards to remove Individual Key Management Personnel disclosure requirements [AASB 124]	This Standard amends AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures by removing the disclosure requirements in AASB 124 in relation to individual key management personnel (KMP).	Beginning 1 July 2013	No significant impact is expected from these consequential amendments on entity reporting.
AASB 2011-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Extending Relief from Consolidation, the Equity method and Proportionate Consolidation - Reduced Disclosure Requirements [AASB 127, AASB 128 & AASB 131]	The objective of this Standard is to make amendments to AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements, AASB 128 Investments in Associates and AASB 131 Interests in Joint Ventures to extend the circumstances in which an entity can obtain relief from consolidation, the equity method or proportionate consolidation.	Beginning 1 July 2013	The Trust is currently considering the impacts of Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDRs) and has not decided if RDRs will be implemented.
AASB 2011-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards [AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 101, 107, 112, 118, 121, 124, 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 5, 9, 16 & 17]	This Standard outlines consequential changes arising from the issuance of the five 'new Standards' to other Standards. For example, references to AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements are amended to AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements or AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements, and references to AASB 131 Interests in Joint Ventures are deleted as that Standard has been superseded by AASB 11 and AASB 128 (Aug 2011).	Beginning 1 Jan 2013	No significant impact is expected from these consequential amendments on entity reporting.
AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 [AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 2010-7, 101, 102, 108, 110, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 1004, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 131 & 132]	The amending Standard makes consequential changes to a range of Standards and Interpretations arising from the issuance of AASB 13. In particular, this Standard replaces the existing definition and guidance of fair value measurements in other Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations.	Beginning 1 Jan 2013	Disclosures for fair value measurements using unobservable inputs is potentially onerous, and may increase disclosures for assets measured using depreciated replacement cost.
AASB 2011-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income [AASB 1, 5, 7, 101, 112, 120, 121, 132, 133, 134, 1039 & 1049]	The main change resulting from this Standard is a requirement for entities to group items presented in other comprehensive income (OCI) on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss subsequently (reclassification adjustments). These amendments do not remove the option to present profit or loss and other comprehensive income in two statements, not change the option to present items of OCI either before tax or net of tax.	Beginning 1 July 2012	This amending Standard could change the current presentation of 'Other economic flows - other movements in equity' that will be grouped on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss subsequently. No other significant impact will be expected.
AASB 2011-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising AASB 119 (September 2011) [AASB 1, AASB 8, AASB 101, AASB 124, AASB 134, AASB 1049 & AASB 2011-8 and Interpretation 14]	This Standard makes consequential changes to a range of other Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretation arising from the issuance of AASB 119 Employee Benefits.	Beginning 1 January 2013	No significant impact is expected from these consequential amendments on entity reporting.

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NOTE 2: REVENUE

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<u>Revenue from Operating Activities</u>		
Admissions	1,275,455	1,154,480
Employment and Training		
Incentives	6,505	21,000
External Works	396,908	397,669
Food and Beverage Sales	30,394	25,054
Functions Revenue	147,669	80,504
Minor Project Funding	113,092	103,325
Interest Received	9,955	21,855
Local Government Funding	290,000	290,000
Merchandise	248,790	230,197
Profit on Sale of Assets	6 101	13,501
Other Income	32,239	41,894
Reimbursement for		
Contract Works	120,000	370,000
Rental Income	11,780	11,440
Sponsorship	68,013	61,451
State Government Funding	100,000	-
Total Revenue from Operating Activities	2,850,901	2,822,370
<u>Revenue from Capital Purpose Income</u>		
Government Capital Grant	18 750,000	1,200,000
Total Revenue from Capital Purpose Income	750,000	1,200,000
Total Revenue	3,600,901	4,022,370

NOTE 3: EXPENSES

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<u>Employee Expenses</u>		
- Wages	1,670,019	1,787,400
- Superannuation	145,342	156,211
- Workcover	10,240	7,947
Total Employee Expenses	1,825,601	1,951,558
<u>Supply Items</u>		
- Food & Beverages	46,518	41,840
- Merchandise	122,626	114,146
- Admissions and Marketing costs	146,611	100,125
- Materials	6,497	90,658
Total Supply Items	322,252	346,769
<u>Major Works</u>		
- Contract and Project Works	250,824	319,471
Total Major Works	250,824	319,471
<u>Other Operating Expenses</u>		
- Administration and General	189,491	161,805
- Utilities and Rates	84,723	126,795
- Insurance	34,612	30,910
- Repairs and Maintenance	115,667	114,310
- Telephone	16,319	13,621
- Other	1,181	702
Total Other Operating Expenses	441,993	448,143
Finance Costs	963	1,093
Depreciation	3a 224,212	251,719
Expenditure using Capital Purpose Income – Depot	18 675,290	1,913,493
Audit fees	12 5,400	5,250
Total Expenses	3,746,535	5,237,496

* Capital Grants received and monies expended on the Depot capital works are for works at the Tramways Depot. The Depot is not owned by the Trust.

3a. Depreciation

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Discovery	42,245	58,221
Plant & Equipment	36,699	33,734
Infrastructure	65,029	63,636
Rolling Stock	80,239	96,128
Total Depreciation	224,212	251,719

NOTE 4: CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

4a. Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Year is shown in the Statement of Financial Position as:

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash on Hand	8,230	9,109
Cash at Bank	40,280	18,372
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	48,510	27,481

4b. Reconciliation of Net Result for the Year to Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities

Net Result for the Year	(214,634)	(1,203,653)
Depreciation	224,212	251,719
Impairment Gain	-	(11,473)
(Profit)/Loss on Disposal of Asset	69,000	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade and Other Receivables	(50,629)	23,197
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	(14,034)	2,763
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments and Accruals	1,992	(4,447)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(105,413)	46,044
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Benefits	(7,971)	(17,166)
Net Cash from Operating Activities	(97,477)	(913,016)

NOTE 5: INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Balance at the beginning of Year	245,000	245,000
Transfers - Net Sale Proceeds	(176,000)	-
Net Fair Value Gain/(Loss) on Disposal	(69,000)	-
Balance at end of Year	-	245,000

* The investment property – freehold land and buildings – had been valued at Fair Value by the Directors at 30 June 2010, using a rate notice as a basis.

NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<u>Infrastructure</u>		
Infrastructure at Cost	2,602,975	2,602,975
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(669,741)	(604,712)
Total Infrastructure	1,933,234	1,998,263
<u>Rolling Stock</u>		
Rolling Stock at Cost	933,753	933,753
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(776,813)	(696,574)
Total Rolling Stock	156,940	237,179
<u>Plant and Equipment</u>		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	388,369	356,074
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(258,317)	(225,629)
Total Plant and Equipment	130,052	130,445
<u>Discovery Assets at Cost</u>		
Discovery Assets at Cost	85,728	81,583
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(20,755)	(5,854)
Total Discovery Assets	64,973	75,729

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NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (cont.)

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<i>Discovery Assets at Fair Value</i>		
Discovery Assets at Fair Value	552,400	552,400
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(83,722)	(52,367)
<i>Total Discovery Assets at Fair Value</i>	<u>468,678</u>	<u>500,033</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u><u>2,753,877</u></u>	<u><u>2,941,649</u></u>

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the prior and current financial years are set out below:

	Infrastructure \$	Rolling Stock \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Discovery Assets \$	TOTAL \$
2012					
Carrying Amount at the start of the Year	1,998,263	237,179	130,445	575,762	2,941,649
Additions	-	-	32,295	4,145	36,440
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(65,029)	(80,239)	(32,688)	(46,256)	(224,212)
Carrying Amount at end of the Year	<u>1,933,234</u>	<u>156,940</u>	<u>130,052</u>	<u>533,651</u>	<u>2,753,877</u>
2011					
Carrying Amount at the start of the Year	2,006,198	309,826	124,110	552,400	2,992,534
Additions	55,701	23,481	40,069	81,583	200,834
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(63,636)	(96,128)	(33,734)	(58,221)	(251,719)
Carrying Amount at end of the Year	<u>1,998,263</u>	<u>237,179</u>	<u>130,445</u>	<u>575,762</u>	<u>2,941,649</u>

Two trams that were written down to \$NIL were sold for \$101 during the year. The Profit on Sale of Assets of \$101 is disclosed in Note 2 of the accounts. Two trams that cost \$61,135 but were written down to \$NIL were sold in 2011 for \$13,501. The profit on the sale of the assets of \$13,501 is disclosed in Note 2 of the accounts.

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Trade and Other Payables	117,880	245,623
Amounts Payable to the ATO	21,190	11,571
Accrued Expenses	87,356	74,645
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>226,426</u>	<u>331,839</u>

NOTE 8: PROVISIONS

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current		
<i>Employee Benefits</i>		
Annual Leave	171,031	166,035
Long Service Leave	81,761	84,564
Time in Lieu	4,544	12,077
Total Current	<u>257,336</u>	<u>262,676</u>
Non-Current		
<i>Employee Benefits</i>		
Annual Leave	-	-
Long Service Leave	30,699	33,330
Time in Lieu	-	-
Total Non-Current	<u>30,699</u>	<u>33,330</u>
Total Provisions	<u><u>288,035</u></u>	<u><u>296,006</u></u>

NOTE 9: BORROWINGS

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current		
<i>Unsecured</i>		
Leases	249	3,063
<i>Interest Free</i>		
City of Greater Bendigo Loans – The Bendigo Trust	60,000	-
City of Greater Bendigo Loans – Discovery	-	18,240
Total Current	<u>60,249</u>	<u>21,303</u>
Non-Current		
<i>Interest Free</i>		
City of Greater Bendigo Loans – The Bendigo Trust	240,000	300,000
Total Non-Current	<u>240,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Total Borrowings	<u><u>300,249</u></u>	<u><u>321,303</u></u>

The loans provided by the City of Greater Bendigo are on an interest-free basis.

NOTE 10: OTHER LIABILITIES

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current		
Monies in Trust (Deposit for Sale of 80 Creek Street)	-	17,600
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>17,600</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11: MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

11a. Members' guarantee

The Bendigo Trust is a company limited by guarantee. If the Trust is wound up, the constitution of the Trust states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Trust. At 30 June 2012 the number of members was 114 (2011 - 117 members).

11b. Related parties

			2012 \$	2011 \$
(a) The names of Directors who have held office during the financial year are:				
- Mr Lloyd Cameron (Chairman)		- Mr Craig Niemann		
- Mrs Patti Cotton (resigned 24 April 2012)		- Cr James Reade		
- Mr Wayne Gregson		- Mr Clive Walker		
- Mr Michael McGowan		- Mr David Wright		
- Mrs Helen Yorston				
(b) Income paid/payable to all Directors of the Trust by the Trust and any related parties			-	-
(c) Related Party Disclosures				
<i>Transactions with and amounts (including GST) receivable from and (payable) (as a net amount) to directors of the reporting entity or their director-related entities were as follows:</i>				
Transactions included corporate sponsorship, bank charges, interest paid and received and credit card purchases.	Bendigo Bank	Normal commercial terms and conditions	(40,215)	(44,132)
Transactions included operating and capital funds, insurance payments, council rates, repayment of loans and sponsorship.	City of Greater Bendigo	Normal commercial terms and conditions except that loans are interest free	(1,099,146)	1,132,698

- Mr Clive Walker is an employee of Bendigo Bank.

- Cr James Reade is a Councillor of the City of Greater Bendigo.

- Mr Craig Niemann is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Greater Bendigo.

- Mr Wright was an employee of the City of Greater Bendigo.

These transactions occurred within a normal employee, customer or supplier relationship on terms and conditions no more favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect the entity would have adopted if dealing with the director or director-related entity at arm's length in the same circumstances.

NOTE 12: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Amounts received, or due and receivable by the auditors for external audit services	5,400	5,250
Total Auditors' Remuneration	5,400	5,250

(b) Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)

Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	2,358,670	3,562,323
Net Result for the Year	(214,634)	(1,203,653)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	2,144,036	2,358,670

NOTE 13: EQUITY

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
(a) Reserves		
<u>Asset Revaluation Reserve</u>		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	144,800	144,800
Revaluation Increment/(Decrement)		
- Land & Buildings	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	144,800	144,800
<u>Financial Assets Available for Sale Revaluation Reserve</u>		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	-	-
Valuation gain/(loss) recognised	-	11,473
Cumulative (gain)/loss transferred to Operating Statement on impairment of Financial Assets	-	(11,473)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-
Total Reserves	144,800	144,800

(c) Total Equity at the end of the Year

2,288,836	2,503,470
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NOTE 14: CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
On 30 June 2010 the Bendigo Trust and Bendigo Science & Technology Museum Inc. merged. The agreement however allows for the return of Fixed Assets at WDV to Bendigo Science & Technology Museum Inc. at the end of the merger period being 30 June 2015.		
At 30 June this amount is:	537,662	575,762
There are no other known contingent assets or contingent liabilities at 30 June 2012.		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 15: EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

There has been no material category of non-adjusting event after the reporting date.

NOTE 16: COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

At balance date, The Bendigo Trust had a remaining commitment of \$249 for a Finance Lease.

NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Trust's principal financial instruments comprise of deposits with banks, short term investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable, interest bearing liabilities and other liabilities.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

Note	Carrying Amount 2012 \$	Carrying Amount 2011 \$
Financial Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents 4	48,510	27,481
Trade and Other Receivables 1	80,901	130,272
Total Financial Assets	229,411	157,753
Financial Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables 7	226,426	331,839
Borrowings 9	300,249	321,303
Other Liabilities 10	-	17,600
Total Financial Liabilities	526,675	670,742

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

(a) Credit Risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to The Trust.

The Trust does not have any material credit risk exposures.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk, by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the Statement of Financial Position.

Trade and other receivables that are neither past due or impaired are considered to be of high credit quality.

The Trust has no significant concentration of credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Trust might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The Trust manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities; and
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions.

	Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years		Over 5 Years		Total	
	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial Liabilities due for payment								
Trade and Other Payables	226,426	331,839	-	-	-	-	226,426	331,839
Borrowings	60,249	21,303	240,000	300,000	-	-	300,249	321,303
Other Liabilities	-	17,600	-	-	-	-	-	17,600
Total Expected Outflows	286,675	370,742	240,000	300,000	-	-	526,675	670,742
Financial Assets (Cash flow realisable)								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	48,510	27,481	-	-	-	-	48,510	27,481
Trade and Other Receivables	180,901	130,272	-	-	-	-	180,901	130,272
Total anticipated Inflows	229,411	157,753	-	-	-	-	229,411	157,753
Net (Outflow)/Inflow on Financial Instruments	(57,264)	(212,989)	(240,000)	(300,000)	-	-	(297,264)	(512,989)

(c) Market Risk

(i) Interest rate risk

The financial assets of the Trust are not exposed to any significant interest rate risk since cash balances are maintained at various fixed interest rates.

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate

risk arises from interest bearing financial assets and liabilities that are used.

(ii) Price risk

Price risk relates to the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Trust is exposed to insignificant foreign currency risk and other price risks.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sensitivity Analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the Trust's exposure to changes in interest rates. The table indicates the impact on how profit at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers reasonably possible. These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

- A parallel shift of + 1% and -2% in market interest rates (AUD).

	Profit \$	Equity \$
Year ended 30 June 2012		
+1% in interest rates	485	485
-2% in interest rates	(970)	(970)
Year ended 30 June 2011		
+1% in interest rates	(2,728)	(2,728)
-2% in interest rates	5,876	5,876

No sensitivity analysis has been performed on foreign exchange risk as The Trust is not exposed to foreign currency fluctuations.

Net Fair Values

Fair Value estimation

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities are presented in the following table and can be compared to their carrying values as presented in the Statement of Financial Position. Fair values are those amounts at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Differences between fair values and carrying values of financial instruments with fixed interest rates are due to the change in discount rates being applied by the market since their initial recognition by the Trust. Most of these instruments which are carried at amortised cost (i.e. trade receivables, loan liabilities) are to be held until maturity and therefore the net fair value figures calculated bear little relevance to the Trust.

	Net Carrying Amount 2012 \$	Net Fair Value 2012 \$	Net Carrying Amount 2011 \$	Net Fair Value 2011 \$
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	48,510	48,510	27,481	27,481
Trade and other receivables	180,901	180,901	130,272	130,272
Total Financial Assets	229,411	229,411	157,753	157,753
Financial Liabilities				
Trade & Other Payables	226,426	226,426	331,839	331,839
Borrowings	300,249	300,249	321,303	321,303
Other Liabilities	-	-	17,600	17,600
Total Financial Liabilities	526,675	526,675	670,742	670,742

NOTE 18: CAPITAL GRANT

According to Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1004 Contributions, Government Grants are recognised as income when The Bendigo Trust gains control of the funding.

During the year The Bendigo Trust received \$750,000 for funding of the Tram Depot upgrade project. \$400,000 from the Federal Government and \$350,000 from City of Greater Bendigo.

For the year ended 30 June 2012, \$675,290 of funds were expended.

In the previous year, \$1,200,000 was received and \$1,913,493 spent.

NOTE 19: ENTITY DETAILS

The principal place of business is:

76 Violet St
BENDIGO
VIC 3550

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

THE BENDIGO TRUST
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

The Directors of the Trust declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out in previous pages are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as the 30 June 2012 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Trust.
2. The Chief Executive Officer has declared that:
 - (a) the financial records of the company for the financial year have been properly maintained in accordance with section 286 of the Corporations Act 2001;
 - (b) the financial statements and notes for the financial year comply with the Accounting Standards; and
 - (c) the financial statements and notes for the financial year give a true and fair view.
3. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



T. G. Seddon,
Chief Executive Officer



C. Walker,
Director, Finance & Audit Committee

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2012

AUDITOR'S REPORT



Independent Audit Report to the Members of

THE BENDIGO TRUST

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of The Bendigo Trust, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, provided to the directors of The Bendigo Trust, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Bendigo Trust as at 30 June 2012, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

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Paul Best

Dated: 24th Day of October 2012



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