



# Welcome to Bendigo

A guide to your  
new home and  
workplace



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# Bendigo, Vic

## Be at the heart of it in Bendigo.

Bendigo offers a unique blend of historic charm, cultural vibrancy, and natural beauty. Nestled in the heart of the Goldfields region, the charming city boasts grand Victorian architecture, bustling arts precincts, and a thriving culinary scene. Residents enjoy a relaxed pace of life amidst picturesque parks and gardens, with opportunities for outdoor adventures just a stone's throw away. With a strong sense of community spirit and a calendar filled with festivals and events, life in Bendigo is both enriching and inviting, making it easy to call this unique city home.



Bendigo was originally founded during (and as a result of) the Victorian gold rush in the 1850s. Gold was discovered in 1851, sparking a rush of prospectors to the area. This led to the rapid growth of the town.



# 150

km from  
Melbourne CBD

# 114k

residents

# 25°C to 32°C

Summer  
temps



The Traditional custodians of the land around the Bendigo area are the Dja Dja Wurrung people, who are part of the larger Kulin Nation of Indigenous Australians.

# Your new workplace in Bendigo

Welcome to Bupa Bendigo, a close-knit home located in a welcoming community in the vibrant regional centre of Victoria.

Bupa is an active part of the Bendigo community, and we pride ourselves on taking the time to care and connect. This includes community initiatives like the intergenerational program, which brings local schools into the home and helps both sides learn and grow.

We're a close-knit team that comes together to celebrate our wins and build the relationships that count. We are proud of the way we're not only colleagues but friends too. The way we work hard to bring the best experience to our residents while also nurturing and supporting one another. We love to think outside the box – we recently took a resident flying, for instance, and it was fantastic. We actively encourage our team to bring new ideas like this forward, because we know that happiness can be something that works both ways.

At Bupa Bendigo, onboarding new team members is of utmost importance, and we ensure there is enough time and space to settle in. New team members work closely with a "buddy" to help find their feet, and there is a range of social activities planned to help you get to know your new team.

**We can't wait to work with you!**



**Living in Bendigo provides a wonderful mix of historical ambiance and contemporary amenities. Surrounded by the scenic beauty of central Victoria, the city has a rich heritage, dynamic arts culture, and friendly community - making it easy to call Bendigo home.**

## **Getting there and getting around**

Public transport in Bendigo primarily consists of buses operated by Public Transport Victoria (PTV). The bus network serves various routes within Bendigo and surrounding areas, providing connectivity to key locations like shopping centres, schools, and residential areas.

Bendigo also has a train station located in the city centre, offering regular V/Line services to Melbourne and other regional destinations.

The public transport options in Bendigo allows you to navigate the city and travel to nearby towns and attractions, making it a perfect base to explore all that central Victoria has to offer.

What's more, Bendigo is known for being a relatively car-friendly city, with many residents using their own vehicles to commute and explore.

Bendigo Airport is located just outside of the city. The airport primarily handles regional flights and charters, providing connections to destinations within Victoria and across Australia.. Bendigo Airport is mainly used for general aviation, corporate travel, and flying school operations.

For commercial flights to major domestic and international destinations, travellers typically use Melbourne Airport, which is about an hour and a half away from Bendigo by car or train.



## Schools

Bendigo offers a diverse range of schools catering to different educational needs and preferences. The city has a mix of public, private, and Catholic schools, providing options from early childhood education through to secondary schooling.

### Public schools

Bendigo has several public primary and secondary schools, which provide a comprehensive education program. Some notable public schools include Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Bendigo Southeast College, and Bendigo Primary School.

### Private schools

There is also a number of private schools in Bendigo, offering alternative educational approaches and often smaller class sizes. Private schools include independent schools and Catholic schools like Girton Grammar School, Catholic College Bendigo, and Victory Christian College.

### Specialist schools

Bendigo is home to specialist schools catering to specific educational needs, such as schools focusing on arts, sports, or alternative learning methods.

## Tertiary education

For post-secondary education, the city is home to the Bendigo campus of La Trobe University, which offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in various fields. There are also TAFE institutes providing vocational education and training.



## Dining and nightlife

Bendigo has a wonderful bounty of culinary and entertainment offerings, from relaxed cafes and family-friendly eateries to fine dining restaurants and lively bars.

### Regional cuisine

Bendigo is known for its excellent regional cuisine, with many restaurants highlighting local produce and wines. You can enjoy dishes featuring fresh ingredients sourced from nearby farms and wineries.

### Cafes and coffee culture

Bendigo has a vibrant cafe scene, offering a variety of specialty coffee shops and cafes serving delicious brunch options, pastries, and artisanal coffee blends.

### Fine dining

For a special dining experience, there are upscale restaurants in Bendigo offering gourmet meals in elegant settings, perfect for celebrations or romantic evenings.

### Ethnic cuisine

Bendigo is home to a range of exciting cuisine options, including Italian, Thai, Chinese, Indian, and more, with restaurants offering authentic dishes from around the world.

## Bars and pubs

Bendigo has a selection of bars and pubs catering to different tastes, from cozy taverns serving craft beers to stylish cocktail bars with live music.

### Live music and entertainment

Enjoy live music performances at venues around Bendigo, including pubs, clubs, and dedicated live music spaces.

### Events and festivals

Bendigo hosts various events and festivals throughout the year, including food and wine festivals, music events, and cultural celebrations, which often feature nightlife activities.

### Theatre and performing arts

There's a lot to explore in Bendigo's cultural scene with theatre productions, comedy shows, and performances held at local theatres and arts centres.

## Employment opportunities for your family

Employment opportunities in Bendigo are varied and cover a range of industries, reflecting the diverse economy of the region.

### Healthcare and social assistance

The healthcare sector is a significant employer in Bendigo, with opportunities in hospitals, medical clinics, aged care facilities, and community health services.

### Education and training

Bendigo is home to schools, TAFE institutes, and a campus of La Trobe University. They provide employment opportunities for teachers, administrators, and support staff.

### Retail and hospitality

Retail stores, cafes, restaurants, and hotels offer employment opportunities in customer service, sales, food preparation, and hospitality management.



### **Manufacturing and engineering**

Bendigo has a history of manufacturing, particularly in sectors such as engineering, metal fabrication, and transport equipment production.

### **Government and public services**

Local government, state government departments, and public services provide employment opportunities in administration, public safety, and community services.

### **Construction and trades**

The construction industry supports jobs in building and construction trades, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and civil construction.

### **Professional services**

Bendigo has a growing professional services sector, including accounting firms, legal practices, financial services, and consulting businesses.

### **Tourism and hospitality**

With its historical attractions, cultural events, and proximity to wineries and natural attractions, tourism contributes to employment in hospitality, tour guiding, and tourism-related businesses.



Bendigo offers a range of job prospects across different sectors. The local government and business community actively support economic development and initiatives to create job growth and attract investment to the region. Job seekers interested in Bendigo can explore job listings online, connect with local employment services, and research industries that align with their skills and interests.



## Shopping

There's a diverse array of shopping options in Bendigo, ranging from major retail chains to boutique stores and local markets.

### Shopping precincts

Bendigo has several main shopping precincts, including:

Bendigo Marketplace is a large shopping centre featuring major retailers, supermarkets, specialty stores, and dining options.

View Street Arts Precinct is known for its unique boutiques, art galleries, and specialty shops offering handmade crafts, jewellery, clothing, and gifts.

Hargreaves Mall is a pedestrian-friendly area with a mix of shops, cafes, and street performers, located in the heart of Bendigo's CBD.

### Major retailers

Bendigo is home to popular retail chains and department stores, offering a wide range of products from fashion and homewares to electronics and beauty products.

### Local markets

Explore local markets like the Bendigo Community Farmers Market and Wesley Hill Market, where you can find fresh produce, artisanal food products, handmade goods, and more.

### Antiques and collectibles

Bendigo has a reputation for its antique and collectible shops, where you can browse unique treasures and vintage items.

### Specialty stores

Bendigo is home to a range of specialty stores catering to different interests, such as bookstores, comic shops, health food stores, and outdoor adventure stores.



## Events and festivals

Throughout the year, Bendigo hosts events like the Bendigo Easter Festival and Bendigo Art and Craft Fair, which often feature market stalls with an exciting range of local goods and handicrafts.

Whether you're looking for fashion, gifts, or gourmet treats, Bendigo's shopping scene has something for everyone.

## Parks and recreation

Bendigo offers a variety of parks, gardens, and recreational facilities that cater to residents and visitors of all ages.

### Rosiland Park

Located in the heart of Bendigo's CBD, Rosalind Park is a beautiful green space featuring expansive lawns, ornamental gardens, walking paths, and historic monuments. It's a popular spot for picnics, leisurely strolls, and enjoying panoramic views of the city.

## Lake Weeroona

This picturesque lake is situated close to Bendigo's city centre and offers walking and cycling tracks, playgrounds, BBQ facilities, and a cafe. It's a great place for outdoor recreation, including fishing, kayaking, and birdwatching.

## Bendigo Botanic Gardens

Spanning over 15 hectares, the Bendigo Botanic Gardens showcase a diverse collection of native and exotic plants, themed gardens, and tranquil walking paths. Visitors can explore the Sensory Garden, the Australian plant collection, and the Rosalind Park Arboretum.

## Bike trails and walking tracks

Bendigo boasts a network of bike trails and walking tracks, including the Bendigo Creek Trail, O'Keefe Rail Trail, and Goldfields Track, which offer opportunities to explore the region's natural beauty.

## Playgrounds and sports facilities

Bendigo has numerous playgrounds, sports ovals, and recreational facilities throughout the city, providing opportunities for active play, team sports, and exercise.

## Goldfields Reservoir

Located on the outskirts of Bendigo, the Goldfields Reservoir offers scenic picnic areas, bushwalking trails, and water-based activities such as fishing and kayaking.

## Golf courses

Bendigo is home to several golf courses, including the Bendigo Golf Club and the Quarry Hill Golf Club, where golf enthusiasts can enjoy a round of golf amidst picturesque surroundings.

Whether you're looking for relaxation, outdoor adventure, or family-friendly fun, Bendigo's parks and recreation facilities offer something for everyone.



# Accommodation Options

## Short term accommodation

### [Quality Inn Colonial](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 7.4kms  
(approx. 9-15 mins drive)

### [Mercure Bendigo Schaller](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 2.9kms  
(approx. 5-7 mins drive)

### [Quality Hotel Lakeside Bendigo](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 2.9 kms  
(approx. 5-7 mins drive)

### [Golden Reef Motor Inn](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 5.4 kms  
(approx. 7-12 mins drive)

### [Best Western Crystal Inn](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 7.3 kms  
(approx. 8-12 mins drive)

### [Quest Bendigo Central](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 2.9kms  
(approx. 4-6 mins drive)

### [Best Western Cathedral Motor Inn](#)

Distance to Bupa Bendigo: 4 kms  
(approx. 6-8 mins)

**Employees of Bupa enjoy discounts across Accor Hotels, booking.com and Choice Hotels - enquire with your TA representative for more information.**

## Long term accommodation

### [Real Estate](#)

One of Australia's largest property websites, offering a wide range of rental and purchase options.

### [Domain](#)

Another major property website, offering extensive search options for rent and purchase.

### [Rent](#)

Site focused specifically on rental properties.

### [Homely](#)

A platform that offers rental listings with suburb reviews and neighbourhood information.

## Shared accommodation

### [Flatmates](#)

One of the most popular platforms in Australia for finding rooms to rent or share houses.

### [Flatmate Finders](#)

Specialised site where you can find room for rent or roommates

### [Facebook Marketplace](#)

Many people list rooms for rent on Facebook Marketplace or in the local Facebook community groups

### [Roomgo](#)

Another platform focused on shared accommodations. Includes options for short-term rentals as well.

# Things to do in Bendigo



Bendigo Art Gallery



Bendigo Pottery



Central Deborah Gold Mine



Rosalind Park



Golden Dragon Museum



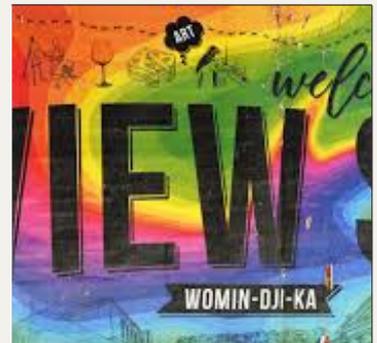
Bendigo Tramways



Bendigo Botanical Garden



Lake Weeroona



View Street Art Precinct



# Useful links

## Local council

[Bendigo Council Website](#)

## Australian Bureau of Statistics

For census and cost of living data.  
<http://www.abs.gov.au/>

## Property

[realestate.com.au](#)  
[domain.com.au](#)

## Bupa links

[Bupa Care Services Australia](#)  
Here you will find information about each of our care homes and more about working for Bupa.

## [Avature](#)

Login to update your profile and check the status of your application.

## [Bupa Careers](#)

## [Why Bupa](#)



Bupa respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging – for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and the hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

