



### **Golden Mile Race Day**

**April 1**

Bendigo Jockey Club

Love the races but get sick of the crowds and the strict dress code during spring? Why not Relax at the Country Races at the Golden Mile Race Day. Swap your fascinator for a sun hat and your suit and tie for an open neck shirt and shorts. Enjoy exceptional racing, make use of the relaxed picnic setting on the lawns and take advantage of the entertainment and local produce on offer.

[www.bendigotourism.com](http://www.bendigotourism.com)

### **House of Mirrors**

**April 7-30**

Rosalind Park

Take a fascinating walk through exclusive Victorian installations composed of a labyrinth of seemingly endless mirrors, a play on the 19th Century mirror mazes. Presented by Bendigo Art Gallery and La Trobe Arts Institute

### **Bendigo Easter Festival**

**April 14-17**

Bendigo CBD

Australia's oldest running cultural festival, featuring Sun Loong, the world's longest imperial Chinese dragon. The festival is a spectacular celebration of Chinese heritage and the Bendigo community offering days filled with fun, excitement, parades and interactive activities for people of all age.

<http://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au>

## **The O'Keefe Rail Trail Marathon**

**April 23**

O'Keefe Rail Trail

Following the path of the original railway in 1888 the trail passes through spectacular natural bushland, farmland and waterways. Completed for cycling, walking and recreational running in 2017 the O'Keefe provides the opportunity to get off the bitumen but on a not so daunting surface for those who are either off-road or road running enthusiasts.

<http://www.theokeefe.com.au/>

## **Strategem Bendigo Winemakers Festival**

**April 29**

Rosalind Park Bendigo

Meet the winemakers of the region, sample hand-crafted red and white wines and feast on delicious regional food. Enjoy all of this with outstanding live music in the historic garden setting of Rosalind Park. This year we're also conducting wine and food masterclasses throughout the day. The festival is the ultimate pop-up cellar door as you taste the flavours of the region from local wineries and regional food producers. Bring a picnic rug and relax in the remarkable historic garden setting in the heart of Bendigo.

<http://www.bendigowine.org.au/>

## **Groovin the Moo Bendigo**

**May 6**

Bendigo Showgrounds

On the cusp of winter, Groovin the Moo has become a place for those seeking warmth, a space for like-minded people to gather and open their ears to both new and familiar sounds. Once again Groovin the Moo is coming to Bendigo in 2017 and is set to be bigger and better than ever.

<https://www.gtm.net.au/>

## **Vesak Festival of Light**

**May 20**

The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion

Festival of Light is a multicultural celebration of peace and harmony inspired by Buddha's birthday. Visitors are invited to venerate the large collection of Buddhist relics, bathe a baby Buddha statue, join a guided tour to of the Great Stupa and surrounds and participate in workshops and meditations. The highlight of the event is the evening light and firework show featuring multicultural performances and fireworks,

<http://www.stupa.org.au>