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Bendigo and District Branch Newsletter October 2011

President's Message

Welcome to the latest newsletter of the Bendigo District Branch of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). Over recent months we have seen an expansion of our committee. The increase in people-power has allowed us to set up a presence on Facebook and produce this newsletter, the first of more regular editions than has been seen in the recent past. Planning is well underway for the heritage festival to be held in April/May 2012 and it was fantastic to see the financial contribution and commitment made by the City of Greater Bendigo to the staging of heritage awards during the festival.

We have a couple of events planned for the near future, an open day at Hardhill (Bendigo) on the 23rd October and our AGM followed by what promises to be an inspiring talk by Murray Foster on the 25th November. More information on these events is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

A special welcome to members of the National Trust in Echuca and Rochester. It was noticed that there was no local Branch covering that area and the Bendigo branch thought it a good idea to include you in ours until there is a local branch. It's good to feel part of something bigger and that there is an opportunity to partake in local (at least more 'local' than Melbourne) activities. We are also able to help with any specific issues that members have in your area. Do introduce yourselves and let us know what is happening.

I do hope that all members are appreciating the beginning of some great weather and are getting out enjoying the districts wonderful heritage, both built and natural. If you haven't had a chance as yet do drop into the Post Office Gallery (Pall Mall Bendigo), a wonderful exhibition featuring images of some of the earliest buildings of Bendigo.

The branch can be contacted by phone (Gary 0428467409), email: natrustbendigo@gmail.com or comment on our Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bendigo-and-District-branch-of-the-National-Trust-of-Australia-Victoria>

Gary Hill

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - 2012 HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Bendigo & District Branch of the National Trust seeks expressions of interest from Individuals, Businesses & Organisations who would like to take part in a Heritage Festival to be held in Bendigo & District between 26th April to 2nd May 2012.

It could include:

- Heritage houses, gardens & businesses open to the public.
- Museums, displays & exhibitions open during the festival
- Heritage Public Buildings open to the public.
- Sponsorships from interested parties.



Further information: Gary Hill on 0428 467 409.

Bendigo & District Branch meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
Council Chambers (Upstairs), Eaglehawk Town Hall.
All Welcome.

BENDIGO HERITAGE FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR 2012

The Bendigo & District Branch of the National Trust are to host a local Heritage Festival in 2012 as part of a state wide event.

Branch President, Gary Hill said today "The Festival will aim to put Bendigo's Heritage on display. Heritage is a major attractor of tourists and a contributing factor why people choose to live in the region. There are many magnificent homes, gardens, public buildings and businesses accommodated in heritage buildings. The Trust is asking people to become involved in the festival by nominating their home, business premises or public building to be open during a short time of the festival."

"Organisations too can play an important role by opening their doors and displaying their artefacts, holding exhibitions and displays. One of the themes of the festival is Innovation & Invention which gives an ideal opportunity for business to promote their past and how they have developed over the years" he said

"The City of Greater Bendigo will join with the National Trust to hold Heritage Awards during the festival which will acknowledge outstanding contributions that conserve the city's heritage, reward best practice and conservation techniques. Similar festivals will be held around the state during April & May 2012. The Bendigo Festival will be held between 26th April & 2nd May and can include towns throughout the district. It will be important that buildings such as Town Halls, railway sites, law courts, engineering factories, wineries and others display their story. The Festival will be featured as part of a state wide promotion."

"The National Trust has produced many publications on local history and these will be used to search out possible links for the festival. Significant mining sites and stories from the great work places of Bendigo will create a lot of interest. It's all about people contributing what they know and what they can put on display. The Trust is also looking for sponsorship which will create a win/ win for heritage and the sponsor" Mr Hill said.

"HardHill" Open House & Garden at 57 Green St California Gully will be open to the public on Sunday 23rd October between 10am & 4pm to raise money for the Festival.

Further information contact Gary Hill 0428467409

WANTED: YOUR EYES & EARS

If you see something of interest happening to our heritage buildings, good and bad, please let us know.

If necessary, we will then work with the appropriate authority to clarify the situation and decide what action to take.

We have been alerted to many potential demolitions and alterations in the past.

As a non-statutory organisation, the National Trust can only represent the interests of the building.

Sometimes we are successful with appeals, but we prefer to work cooperatively with owners.

Contact Elaine Doling, National Trust Representative on the Bendigo Heritage

Advisory Committee on:
54467409 (evenings only) or

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Bendigo At Work

An Industrial History

by Mike Butcher & Yolande M J Collins

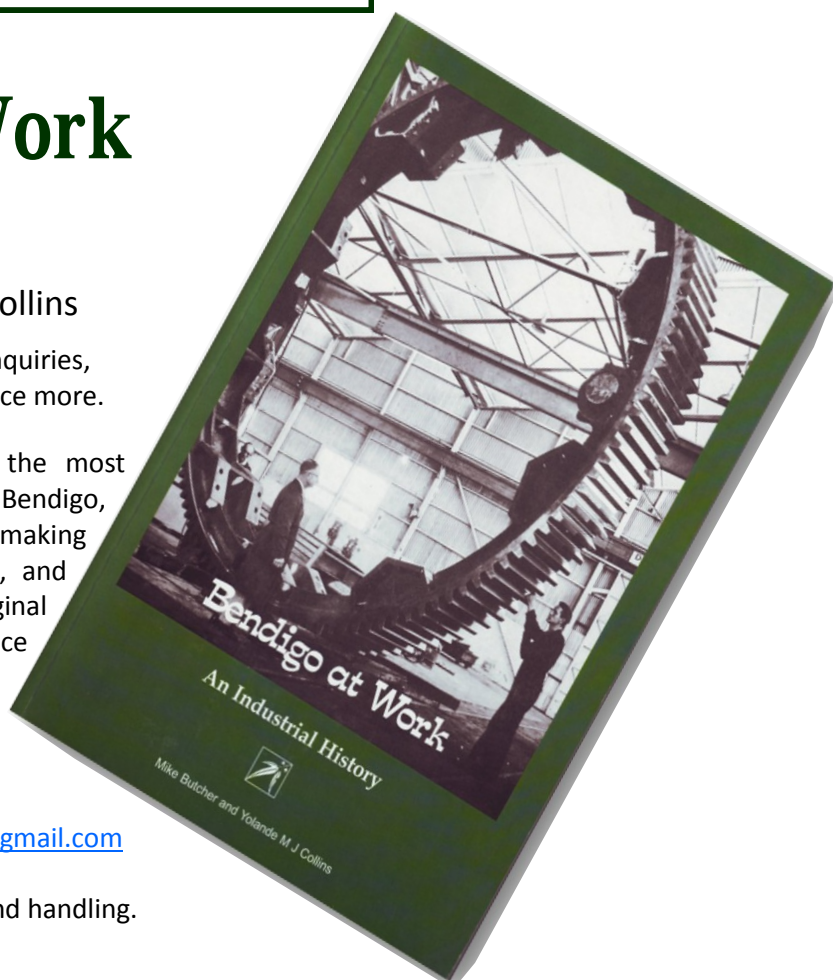
After selling out several years ago, and after many enquiries, *Bendigo at Work: An Industrial History* is available once more.

Edited by Mike Butcher and Yola Collins, it is the most comprehensive book on the industrial history of Bendigo, covering everything from gold mining, railways, winemaking and tanning, to brewing and the textile industry, and much more. The book has been reprinted in the original format and quality paper, but in soft cover to reduce the price.

It has 266 pages and is comprehensively illustrated in black and white. Don't miss out this time!

To obtain your copy, contact us at natrustbendigo@gmail.com or phone Gary Hill on 0428 467409.

Copies are available for \$30 each plus \$12 postage and handling.



Open House & Garden At 'HardHill'

57 Green Street, California Gully

Sunday 23rd October—10am to 4pm

Entry: \$3.00

In support of the Bendigo Branch of the National Trust



*'HARD HILL'
57 Green Street, California Gully.*

Photo: M. Butcher 1986

'HARD HILL'
57 Green Street, Eaglehawk.

For the struggling miner economy was the major requirement in erecting a dwelling. Mud was not in short supply in Bendigo and was often used as a building material. Mud bricks were used to build the walls of this humble cottage in 1874. They have lasted so well because the exterior has been protected by cement rendering and a verandah which completely surrounds the building. The one brick room was possibly added in 1894 when the cast-iron ornamentation was being added.

The owner, Thomas Evans, was a Welshman who lived to nearly eighty years in spite of spending his working life in the mines.

*Photo from the National Trust of Australia
(Victoria)*

*Central Victoria Branch Book,
Bendigo Historic Buildings 1987*

HardHill Today



Bendigo Branch of the National Trust
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 25th November—6pm

Visual Arts Centre, LaTrobe University—View Street, Bendigo

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