

## **Bendigo Bank**

### **About our sponsor**

Although it is now a force amongst Queensland's financial organizations the Bendigo Bank takes its name from another place and time. The Bendigo goldfield in 1858 was an exciting but untidy sight made up of thousands of tents and humpies scattered along its gold bearing gullies.

Disturbed by the squalor of these temporary dwellings a group of prominent citizens sought to foster a sense of civic pride, by providing finance for those miners who wished to own their own homes. Thus was born the Bendigo Permanent Land & Building Society.

Some of those humble cottages, financed by the Society, remain standing today in the city of Bendigo. The Bendigo Bank is no stranger to icons.

Today the Bendigo Bank Group operates over 230 branches across Australia, with a concentration in Victoria and Queensland. Of these more than 85 branches are Community Banks that are operated by their local communities. The Bendigo Bank is the only Australian bank headquartered outside a capital city.

Bendigo Bank and its subsidiaries offer a wide range of banking and financial services including the Bendigo Historic Homes Loan in Queensland. For details of this initiative, a modern loan for historic houses, phone 1300 366 666 or ask at any branch.