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LA TROBE FIRST OUT OF BLOCKS FOR YOUTH GAMES

La Trobe University has become the first Official Partner of the Bendigo 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games, Mayor, Greg Williams and Alan Besley, Chair of the Organising Committee for the Games announced today.

Cr Besley said he was extremely pleased to welcome La Trobe onboard as an Official Games Partner in the lead up to the Games.

“Not only is La Trobe University an outstanding institution of higher education, it is an important and significant part of the Bendigo community. The contribution La Trobe will make to the Games is fantastic and I am looking forward to working with them in order to put on a fantastic event that we can all be proud of” he said.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Bendigo) Peter Sullivan said La Trobe was eager to support the Games, an event he thought would be a boom for the entire region.

“We are very proud to be the first Official Games Partner.”

“As a University that is committed to this region, we are immensely happy to see an event of this stature come to Central Victoria and look forward to providing support in any way possible.”

Michelle Pryde, Games Director said the La Trobe University campus in Flora Hill, would be used for the athletes village, media centre, as well as being the competition venue for Weightlifting.

La Trobe University would also assist in the provision of a number of services integral to the Games including catering and the provision of accommodation for over 1,000 athletes and team officials.

The willing and generous support being provided by the University for the Games is being mirrored by the wider community of Bendigo in many different ways,” Ms Pryde said.

“I urge all individuals, groups and businesses within the community to get behind the Games like La Trobe and our Official Games Supporters have done. There are opportunities out there for everyone.”

The II Commonwealth Youth Games will take place between November 30 and December 4, with over 1000 participants from 24 countries competing in 10 sports across Bendigo.

For more information on how you can get involved visit the Games website at www.bendigo2004.com.

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