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300 DAYS TO GO
24 NATIONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND
2004 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

Today marks three hundred days until the opening of the 2004 II Commonwealth Youth Games and 24 Nations are expected to attend the Games which will take place in Bendigo from November 29.

Countries expected to attend include Australia as the host nation, Bahamas, Bermuda, Botswana, Cook Islands, England, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Ghana, Guernsey, India, Isle of Man, Jersey, Kiribati, Malaysia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Samoa, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa and Wales.

Mayor of Greater Bendigo Cr. Rod Fyffe said Bendigo's bid for the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games was based on the city's passion for sport and the great range of venues and facilities that exist in the city.

"We are excited to host the Games because they will involve such a high standard of international youth competition and the countdown is now well and truly on," said Cr. Fyffe.

It is expected that many of the young athletes who will compete in Bendigo will go on to represent their country at future Commonwealth Games.

"The games will provide an excellent opportunity to see these stars of the future in action"

The Games will be held from 29 November – 4 December 2004

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