

Games History

The first Commonwealth Youth Games were held in Edinburgh, Scotland from 10-14 August 2000. 14 countries contested 483 medals over 3 days of competition in 8 sports. A total of 733 athletes and team officials and 280 technical officials were involved in the event. The success of these Games in 2000 has ensured the continued support for a Commonwealth Youth Games to be held every 4 years.

2004 Commonwealth Youth Games

The second Commonwealth Youth Games were awarded to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association in 2002. Bendigo, Victoria was awarded the honour of hosting these Games in Australia.

Fast Facts

1. The Commonwealth Youth Games are a mini Commonwealth Games attracting the best young athletes in the Commonwealth.
2. Bendigo is the second city to host the Commonwealth Youth Games, the inaugural Commonwealth Youth Games were held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000.
3. The 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games are the largest international multi-sport event for youth ever to be held in a regional Australian city.
4. The inaugural Commonwealth Youth Games in Edinburgh hosted 733 athletes and team officials.
5. Over 1000 athletes and team officials will be involved in the Games in Bendigo.
6. Jana Pittman is the Face of the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games and will spend time in Bendigo in the leadup to the Games after the 2004 Olympics in Athens.
7. There are 72 countries in the Commonwealth that represent over a third of the world's population. 14 Commonwealth nations competed in the Games in Edinburgh. 24 Commonwealth nations will compete in Bendigo.
8. All 10 sports for the Games will be staged at venues in Bendigo.
9. LaTrobe University will be the site for the Athletes' Games Village.
10. Over 20,000 meals will be served at the Games Village in 6 days!
11. All athletes and team officials will take part in a Cultural Day designed to give our international visitors a 'taste of Australia' celebrating Bendigo's rich cultural heritage.
12. 1000 volunteers will assist with running the Games.



Jana Pittman, Face of Games

Games Key Dates

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| 29 November | Athlete Arrivals |
| 30 November | Opening Ceremony |
| 1 – 3 December | Sporting Competition |
| 4 December | Cultural Day Closing Ceremony |
| 5 December | Athlete Departure |

Sports & Venues

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| • Athletics | Bendigo Regional Athletics Facility |
| • Badminton | Bendigo Badminton & Table Tennis Stadium |
| • Boxing | Bendigo Schweppes Centre |
| • Cycling | Tom Flood Sports Centre |
| • Gymnastics | Bendigo Schweppes Centre |
| • Lawn Bowls | Bendigo Lawn Bowls |
| • Rugby 7's | Queen Elizabeth Oval |
| • Swimming | Bendigo Aquatic Centre |
| • Tenpin Bowling | Dragon City Lanes |
| • Weightlifting | LaTrobe University "Evolution" Sports Centre |