



The Mascot Competition

In June 2004, a competition to select the Official Mascot for the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games was conducted through The Advertiser.

The community had to select from 10 Australian native animals that have a special affinity to the Bendigo region and local bushland.

The 10 animals were:

1. Tuan (Brush-tailed Phascogale)
2. Swift Parrot
3. Tree Goanna
4. Grey-crowned Babbler
5. Powerful Owl
6. Sugar Glider
7. Echidna
8. Fat-tailed Dunnart
9. Black Wallaby
10. Blue-faced Honeyeater

Over 140 entries were received with the Organising Committee selecting one animal as the Mascot. This Mascot will be kept under wraps until the public launch on 16th September.

The Official Mascot will visit schools and shopping areas prior to the Games and will play a key role during the Games.

Mascot Legacy

Following the Games, the Mascot will help facilitate public education on environmental issues in the Bendigo region. The Mascot will assist environmental groups increase the awareness of important local issues to schools and the community.

Thank You

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