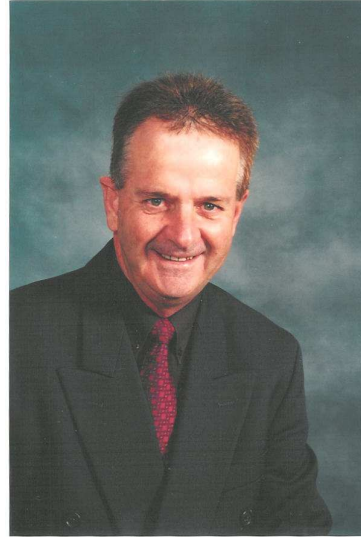


2004 Commonwealth Youth Games

As Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games, I would like to welcome you to our website. The Games will be held in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia from **29 November to 4 December 2004**. Over 1000 participants (aged 18 and under) from 24 Commonwealth countries will attend the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games.



The first Commonwealth Youth Games were held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000 and its resounding success has ensured the continuation of a Commonwealth Youth Games every four years.

The second Commonwealth Youth Games were awarded to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association in 2002. Bendigo was given the honour of hosting these Games. 10 sports will be contested in Bendigo over 3 thrilling days of sporting competition. The community is proud and excited about the Games and looks forward to athletes and visitors infusing the city with Games fervour.

What a fantastic opportunity to watch the youth of the Commonwealth compete in an international environment. In fact many will be aspiring to compete in future Commonwealth Games. Please take a moment to learn more about these Games and see how you can be involved...

Chairman of the Organising Committee, Councillor Alan Besley