Imagine Ned
28 March – 28 June

Ned: A New Australian Musical
22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 May

Bendigo Autumn Events
Stay Play & Enjoy
Ned Kelly remains a highly mythologised character in Australian history.

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The legendary tale of Ned Kelly springs into life in this exhilarating new Australian Musical by composer Adam Lyon (King Kong – Global Creatures), directed by Gary Young (Les Miserables, Miss Saigon – Cameron MacKintosh Australia).

The iconic Kelly armour is instantly recognisable, but barely hints at the astonishing series of events that came to pass in North East Victoria in the late 1800s, forever shaping our idea of Australian history.

NED tells the story of an ordinary boy, born into poverty in country Victoria in an ordinary Irish immigrant family. The son of a convict, Ned sees how his family is treated and learns to never trust a man in uniform. He sees how the selectors are at the mercy of the squatters. And he sees how hard his mother works to keep his family together.

Ned’s life takes a catastrophic turn when his mother Ellen is falsely accused of attempted murder of a police officer. Ned takes to the bush with his brother Dan, and friends Steve and Joe, with plans to avenge this injustice. The boys are pursued fervently by the police.

When they finally come upon each other, three policemen are killed one fateful night at Stringybark Creek.

NED shows us how this man was made: his family and his friends, and the warmth, strength and courage of the women who helped to shape his life. It shows us why we should care about a criminal from a century long past. It shows us why we celebrate him. It lets us see ourselves in his struggle.

A stunning cast has been brought together to bring this world premiere production to life. With haunting melodies, raucous humour and an orchestral score that captures the sound of the Australian bush, NED will leave you pondering what it means to be Australian.

Ned: An Ordinary Man.
An Extraordinary Legend.

ULUMBARRA THEATRE
Gaol Road, Bendigo, Victoria
Phone: 03 5434 6100
www.nedmusical.com.au

TICKET PRICES – STALLS
Adult $65.00
Concession $59.00
Child (under 16) $30.00
Family (2 + 2) $178.00
Group 8+ $59.00ea
Bendigo becomes a hive of activity during Autumn with the following events showcased:

3–6 April
Bendigo Easter Festival

5 April
Strategem Bendigo Winemakers Festival

1–26 May
Celebrating Vahland

2 May
Groovin The Moo

30 May
Festival of Light (The Great Stupa)

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Supporting Programs & Events

ULUMBARRA THEATRE

Kelly – Queensland Theatre Company
Friday 24 April

Picturing the Kelly Women, Stories of the paintings of Janet Goodchild-Cuffley
Saturday & Sunday, May 30–31

BENDIGO ART GALLERY

Imagining Ned: Intro Tours
12pm Wednesdays & Saturdays, free with valid exhibition ticket.

Discovering Ned Family Day
11am – 1pm, Sunday 26 April:
Dress up in disguise and gallop on into the Gallery for two hours of activities to coincide with our amazing Imagining Ned exhibition. Activities on the day will include:
• Wanted Posters
• Ned Kelly Puppets
• Masks
A special Ned activity provided by Beechworth Bakery and prizes for the best ‘In Disguise’ costumes. Bookings preferred.

Auslan Tour: Imagining Ned
Saturday 13 June

Tapestry In The Gallery – Kay Lawrence AM
Saturday 27 June

Imagining Ned: Art & Tea
• Wednesday 20 May: Vipoo Srivilasa, contemporary ceramicist.
• Wednesday 17 June: Lesley Harding, Curator, Heide Museum of Modern Art.

Bookings required for all programs and events, phone 03 5434 6088.
Relax in beautifully appointed modern deluxe accommodation with two tickets to the Imagining Ned exhibition and hot and cold buffet breakfast.

Book online at [www.bendigotourism.com](http://www.bendigotourism.com), with the Bendigo Region app, or contact the Bendigo Visitor Centre on 1800 813 153.

### Alexandra Place: Such is Cake Package
from $190

Are you a history buff with a sweet tooth? Alexandra Place is close to the CBD, with pillowtop mattresses and free Wi-Fi. Package includes: 1 night accommodation, 2 tickets to Imagining Ned exhibition, bottle of wine, and a Percy & Percy coffee and cake voucher.

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### Bendigo Holiday Rentals 2 Night Ned Getaway
from $255 per night

Stay two nights in self-contained convenience at Victoria’s Cottage or Lara House and receive 4 tickets to Imagining Ned, local Bendigo wine and refreshments, free Wi-Fi and a late check-out of 12 noon.

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### Barclay on View: Outlaw Hideout Package
from $179

The perfect hideout for any outlaw, just 250m from the Bendigo Art Gallery. Package includes: 1 night accommodation, 2 tickets to Imagining Ned exhibition, bottle of wine, delicious cooked breakfasts, Basement On View coffee & cake voucher (next to Gallery).

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### All Seasons Hold Up
from $168

Relax in beautifully appointed modern deluxe accommodation with two tickets to the Imagining Ned exhibition and hot and cold buffet breakfast.

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### The Schaller Stay & See Package
from $155

One for the art lovers. The Schaller Stay and See package encourages guests to get the most from their Bendigo weekend. Includes tickets to the Imagining Ned exhibition, bottle of wine, art canvas to draw your inspiration and a late checkout of 12pm.

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### Central Deborah Gold Mine: Join the gang underground
15% OFF Mine Experience Tour

Descend 61 metres beneath the surface of Bendigo with one of our friendly guides and learn how gold lit up Bendigo’s pitch dark underworld! (Present your Imagining Ned or NED ticket at the mine reception to qualify for the above discount).

76 Violet Street, Bendigo - P 03 5443 8322
Open every day 9am – 5pm
[www.central-deborah.com](http://www.central-deborah.com)

### Beechworth Bakery: Catch Ned & Win

**WIN A WEEKLY PRIZE!** Visit our website for more information on this competition.

Explore the history and legend that is Ned Kelly, then meander over to our bakery for a well-earned Ned Kelly pie. We’ll even reward you with a free Ned Kelly biscuit (just bring your voucher from the Bendigo Art Gallery along).

158 High Street, Bendigo
Open every day 6am – 6pm

If you’re interested in adding NED: A New Australian Musical tickets to your package, you can reserve your seats by contacting the Bendigo Visitor Centre.

More packages are available for the Festival of Ned please contact the Bendigo Visitor Centre on 1800 813 153 or visit: [www.bendigotourism.com](http://www.bendigotourism.com)
Keep up-to-date with Bendigo events, take part in competitions and see what all the fuss is about with Ned Kelly in Bendigo, by joining the conversation online.

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www.BendigoTourism.com

Visionary architect William Charles Vahland (1828-1915) laid the very foundations of modern Bendigo; designing the city out of a dusty goldfield to the architectural showpiece it is today.

In 2015, 100 years since his death, the Goldfields region will celebrate Vahland's colossal cultural contribution with a series of once-in-a-lifetime events.

www.celebratelahland.com.au
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TALK TO A LOCAL
Our local specialists are here to help you plan your memorable NED visit to Bendigo.

We can assist with:
- NED Accommodation Packages
- Attractions and tours
- Visitor Map and Guide Books
- Vast local book collection and souvenirs

Access to 120+ Bendigo accommodation properties, bookable in store, over the phone or online.

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