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YOUTH ACKNOWLEDGED AS MOST VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCE

The re-opening of Bendigo's Dragon City Lanes last weekend was a colourful insight to the fun and excitement that will be enjoyed by youth bowlers from all corners of the world during the II Commonwealth Youth Games in December.

Officially re-opened by Cr. Kevin Gibbons, representing the Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo, he and Australian Commonwealth Games President, Sam Coffa then unveiled a plaque dedicating the Centre to the people of Bendigo and to the international bowling fraternity.

Following the dedication ceremony, Centre Manager, Norman Lindrea demonstrated the state of the art installation, including Brunswick GS-X pinsetters, the Australian produced and world-leading "Computer Score" automatic scoring system and a host of features designed to enhance the bowling "experience". The new GS-X machines are concealed behind a row of masking units, locally designed and produced, that feature the Chinese dragon design for which the city is renowned and from which the Centre takes its name. The dragon images have additional impact when the Centre's ULTRA lighting effects are employed.

Bowlers can choose to display game scores, watch their favourite TV show or sporting event, view an in-house movie, or various combinations of these options, all with easy to operate controls at their fingertips. Bright new carpet has been installed incorporating glow in the dark colours, with outstanding three-dimensional effects, and a unique zoned sound system, utilising 396 speakers delivers hi-fidelity audio.

Amongst dignitaries and guests invited by Centre proprietor, Kevin Brawn were Alan Besley, Chairman of the CYG Organising Committee, CYG Director, Michelle Pryde, Ray Hodge, President of the Australian Bowling Centre Proprietors Association, and numerous industry leaders and local bowlers. TBA CEO, Alex Popov, TBA Coaching and Officiating Manager, Gillian Canapini and Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation Secretary-General, Lynne Clay, represented the sport's national and international governing bodies at the function that included a colourful Lion Dance reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the city.

"The Commonwealth Youth Games were awarded to the ACGA in 2002 and in August that year Bendigo was given the honour of hosting these Games in Australia" explained ACGA President, Sam Coffa. "The Games will be held from 29 November to 4 December 2004 and 1,000 athletes from 24 countries will compete for 586 medals over three days of competition in the ten sports chosen for the program" he said.

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“When you speak Youth, you speak my language” continued Mr. Coffa, who was awarded the HRH Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal for service to local government, Youth and Sport and the Order of Australia for services to sport, Youth and the Community. “It was a logical progression when I became involved in national and international sports administration...the emergence of the Australian Junior Commonwealth Games squad, etc. “When the Scots introduced the Commonwealth Youth Games I was ecstatic and couldn’t jump up quickly enough to say we would host the second one....and now here we are – on the dawn of the celebration of the second Commonwealth Youth Games in Bendigo” he said, smiling.

“Our Youth is our most valuable natural resource and the sport’s inclusion in the CYG speaks volumes for the dedication and focus that has been implemented by Tenpin Bowling Australia” he added.

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