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100 DAYS TO COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

Tenpin bowlers and their supporters throughout the world have started the countdown to a momentous day, now less than 100 days away, when the sport will share the honour of participating in the II Commonwealth Youth Games in Bendigo, Australia.

From 29 November to 4 December, Tenpin Bowling will be showcased as one of just ten sports to be contested by elite young athletes travelling to Bendigo in regional Victoria from more than 20 Commonwealth countries. The sports on the program will be Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Lawn Bowls, Rugby 7's, Swimming, Tenpin Bowling and Weightlifting.

The Commonwealth Youth Games is a mini Commonwealth Games, attracting the best young athletes in the Commonwealth. Teams of two young men and women, 18 years of age and under, will represent the nations competing in the sport of Tenpin Bowling, which is being included for the first time in this prestigious international multi-sport event. They will contest a total of eight medal events (Boys and Girls Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Teams, Boys and Girls All-Events, plus Boys and Girls Masters).

The first Commonwealth Youth Games was held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000. The success of these Games gained the support of the Commonwealth Games Federation which has pledged continued support for a Commonwealth Youth Games, to be held every four years.

Michelle Pryde, Director for the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games, said today that organisation for the Games has been running smoothly and that the local community has already shown wonderful support to these Games.

"Although the Games are a major logistical event covering nine sporting venues across Bendigo and a Games Village at LaTrobe University, we are well and truly on track to deliver a fantastic Games," said Ms Pryde.

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