

BENDIGO HISTORIC RATES INDEX

USER GUIDE

The Bendigo Historic Rates Index currently covers the period 1856 – 1903.

This index searches the following columns of the Bendigo Rate Books

- Owner
- Rate Payer
- Year
- Address
- Occupation
- Rate number
- Council Name / Sub Division

The search facility is very simple – there are no wildcards or Boolean searching techniques required. Just use single keywords (name, street, occupation) or year or rate numbers, or a combination.

For example: Smith Hargreaves 1883

General notes on the historical Bendigo Rates Books

- The rent payer paid the rates
- House numbers did not start appearing until 1906/1907
- Bendigo was officially called Sandhurst from 1854 – 1891
- Bendigo had three wards, Barkly, Darling and Sutton

The Bendigo Regional Archives Centre holds the original Bendigo Rates books.

These can be ordered online and viewed in the Reading Room on the first floor of the Bendigo Library. See the Bendigo Regional Archives Centre for further information www.brac.vic.gov.au

The Goldfields Research Centre, situated on the first floor of the Bendigo Library, has many other resources which can assist in your local and family research.

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au

The Bendigo Advertiser has been digitised from 1854 – 1918 and is available through TROVE.

www.trove.nla.gov.au

The State Library of Victoria also holds resources on the history of Bendigo.

www.slv.vic.gov.au

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