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**Bendigo Art Gallery in partnership with the
National Portrait Gallery of London**

Tudors to Windsors
British Royal Portraits

A major new international exhibition, ***Tudors to Windsors: British Royal Portraits*** features more than 150 treasures from London's revered National Portrait Gallery, many of which have never before seen outside England.

Tudors to Windsors traces the history of the British monarchy through the outstanding collection of the National Portrait Gallery, London. This exhibition highlights major events in British (and world) history from the sixteenth century to the present, examining the ways in which royal portraits were impacted by both the personalities of individual monarchs and wider historical change.

Australian audiences will have an extraordinary opportunity to come face-to-face with the fascinating figures of British royalty, and explore the story of Britain's monarchy through masterworks of painting, sculpture and photography.

Presenting some of the most significant royal portraits, ***Tudors to Windsors: British Royal Portraits*** will explore five royal dynasties: the Tudors, the Stuarts, the Georgians, the Victorians and the Windsors; shedding light on key figures and important historical moments. Among the many works on view will be portraits of King Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, King George III, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Diana and Prince William and Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge.

Jacinta Allan, Member for Bendigo East, said: ‘We are thrilled that Bendigo is one of only two destinations invited by the National Portrait Gallery to present for this incredible exhibition – the other is Museum of Fine Arts in Houston.

‘This is testament to Bendigo Art Gallery’s international status, and its proven track record for delivering ambitious international program as well as significant cultural and economic benefits for the city,’ she said.

Bendigo Art Gallery is one of Australia’s largest regional galleries. Over the last decade and with a major expansion in 2014, the gallery has delivered a series of outstanding international exhibitions including ***Grace Kelly: Style Icon, Bendigo Art Gallery and Twentieth Century Fox Present Marilyn Monroe, Undressed: 350 Years of Underwear in Fashion*** (in collaboration with the Victoria and Albert Museum) and ***The Body Beautiful in Ancient Greece*** (in collaboration with the British Museum) to name a few.

‘We are delighted to work with the National Portrait Gallery of London to bring this unparalleled collection of British Royal Portraits to Australia. This exhibition presents an opportunity for an Australian audience to experience works by some of the most significant British artists such as Anthony van Dyck, Joshua Reynolds, Peter Lely, Annie Liebovitz, and Cecil Beaton; as well as provide context to the history of Australian British settlement,” said Karen Quinlan, Director of Bendigo Art Gallery.

‘Tudors to Windsors offers rich insight into British history as well as the portraiture genre and traces its development across five centuries. It is an honour to be able to show these works, here in Bendigo,” she said.

To bring these royal figures to life, Bendigo Art Gallery has secured key loans of historic fashion and personal effects which will be featured alongside these magnificent and imposing portraits.

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