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This is Loong, long means dragon,

and he's the oldest imperial

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dragon in the world. Loong

belongs to the Bendigo Chinese

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Association and he's here in the

Golden Dragon Museum.

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He marks people's lives. He

marks people's time in their

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lives, and we've met many people

since we've been here. Working

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in the museum, people that have

walked past while we're working

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and said I carried him when I

was 16 years old. And people

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people here love Loong and I've

never come across anything like

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Loong ever before. Something that

marks time in people's lives

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like this is what we'd call

immovable heritage. It might be

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a church or a structure, or a

bridge, or a house, but Loong’s

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none of those things.

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Loong is an organic long dragon

that for quite a long time of

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his life was packed up between

use.

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Loong made his first appearance

in Bendigo in 1901 and the

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Easter parade and subsequently

was taken to Melbourne to

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celebrate the Federation of

Australia in Spring Street.

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Loong went on to parade over many

many years until 1970.

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Loong came out of retirement in

2001 to celebrate the centenary

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of Federation in Melbourne and

again in 2012 to continue that

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long standing tradition of the

Bendigo Chinese Association

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raising funds for local

hospitals, which dates back to

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the gold rush.

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We have such a long, unbroken

tradition of Dragons in Bendigo,

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and of course Loong is very

central to the Chinese culture

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and traditions of Bendigo.

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Loong is challenging for the

sheer scale and size of working

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on him. What we're doing is

we're conserving him. We are

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applying small amounts of

material to make him last longer

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when we finish our conservation

work.

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The elements that are currently

fragile, not secure or prone to

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falling off or ripping will be

stabilised.

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As an organization, Grimwade

Conservation services have been

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looking into three areas of

sustainability and they are

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water, energy and waste and how

we can reduce our impact and our

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carbon footprint in those areas.

When this case on the long

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conservation project we're using

two adhesives, one from the land

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which is wheat starch and one

from the sea, which is Furnari,

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which is derived from seaweed,

and those two materials have

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been selected.

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But only because they're they're

great aging properties and

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longevity, but also because

they're conservation safe.

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This has been a wonderful

experience as a student because

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I've been able to work in a

museum environment on an object

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and especially an object like

this that's so special to the

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whole community. Here I was

lucky enough to come up for the

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first Sprint where we were

working with the Bendigo Chinese

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Association volunteers to clean

all of the scales and remove the

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dust from long and then this

time I've been able to adhere

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loose parts of the scales so the

decals and the.

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The cardboard that's come loose

and I've also been able to learn

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some stitching techniques that

will be used on the silk when we

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come back.

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Getting to work with the team at

Grimwade Conservation Services

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has been such a wonderful

experience. The whole team is so

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giving of their knowledge and

I'm just so thankful to have

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been part of this.

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