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What's happening in Shepparton

Community profile

Within the City of Greater Shepparton 13% of the population have been born in a country other than Australia with 7.8% coming from a country where English is not a first language. High populations originate from: Italy, UK, New Zealand, Albania, Iraq, India, Greece, The Netherlands and Philippines.

Between 2006 and 2011, the number of people born overseas increased by 28.4% and the number of people from a non-English speaking background increased by 37.1%. The largest emerging communities are Afghani, Sudanese and Congolese. The most common languages other than English are Italian, Arabic and Dari/Persian.

When compared to the Regional VIC average, the City of Greater Shepparton have a larger proportion of people born overseas and well as a larger proportion from a non-English speaking background.

Greater Shepparton Girl Guiding

Katandra West currently operates 1 Girl Guide Unit for girls aged 6-13 years old.

Mooroopna currently operates 2 Girl Guide Units, one for girls aged 7-11 years old and one for girls aged 10-15 years old.

Shepparton currently operates 2 Girl Guide Units, one for girls aged 6-10 years old and one for girls aged 10-17 years old.

South Shepparton currently operates 2 Girl Guide Units, one for girls aged 7-11 years old and one for girls aged 11-17 years old.

Tatura currently operates 2 Girl Guide Units, one for girls aged 6-10 years old and one for girls aged 10-16 years old.

Undera currently operates one Girl Guide Unit for girls aged 7-16 years old.

For further information on visiting these Units or volunteering with us please email:

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Volunteers increase cultural competency

Volunteers from Greater Shepparton Girl Guides recently undertook personal development through a cultural competency session delivered by the Centre for Multicultural Youth hosted by Ethnic Council of Shepparton.

Local Units receive Diversity Awards

The Greater Shepparton Girl Guide District has been the first in the State to be awarded Diversity Awards to recognise their inclusive and diverse Unit practises. Units from Undera, Tatura, Mooroopna, Shepparton, South Shepparton and Katandra West have received the awards.

Shepparton community connections

Local Girl Guides are taking steps to learn more about Shepparton's Indigenous heritage. 50 Girl Guides and Leaders visited the Bangerang Cultural Centre to learn more about Koori heritage, artefacts and traditions.

With the assistance of the Ethnic Council of Shepparton, local Girl Guides and Leaders are being given the chance to visit a range of mosques and temples in the local area.

Girls raise funds and awareness for refugee health services

Girl Guides from across Greater Shepparton and surrounding Guide Units have joined together to raise awareness and funds for the Community Connect Health Centre to allow them to further assist refugee families. Girls slept rough for the night and raised \$800 for the cause. During the event the Girl Guides heard from a local health nurse about the refugee experience.

Coming soon- Community info sessions

Over the coming months Girl Guides Victoria will be working together with local Shepparton community groups to run parent information sessions on Girl Guiding. For further information contact welcome@guidesvic.org.au

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