

EXPLORE THE  
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*Greater*  
Shepparton  
POSSIBILITIES



*Fun*

*Time*

*Space*

*Lifestyle*

# Greater SHEPPARTON: TRULY THE heart OF VICTORIA

WHILE THE CITY OF SHEPPARTON SITS AT THE CENTRE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GREATER SHEPPARTON, THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REGION'S REPUTATION FOR DIVERSITY AND CULTURE.

Mooroopna, Tatura, Murchison, Dookie, Toolamba and many other small townships are located within Greater Shepparton, and each enjoy their own strong identity and culture.

An easy drive from the increasingly popular riverside locations of Yarrawonga, Echuca and Cobram; a half hour from Lake Nagambie; close to snowfields and surrounded by excellent wineries; Greater Shepparton truly is the 'heart of Victoria'.

*In under an hours drive you have access to some of the country's best golf courses, the Murray River, and the water wonderland that is Lake Mulwala*

*Only 45 minutes to Echuca and all that the Murray has to offer*

ECHUCA

COBRAM

YARRAWONGA

TALLYGAROPNA • KATANDRA

ARDMONA • DOOKIE  
MOORoopNA • SHEPPARTON  
TATURA

MILAWA GOURMET REGION

*Home to some of Victoria's finest wineries and food producers, The Milawa Gourmet Region is just an hour and fifteen minutes away!*

BENDIGO

*Bendigo is just an hour away*

NAGAMBIE LAKES



GREATER SHEPPARTON

VICTORIAN ALPS

*...and only 2 hours before you're on the mountain*

*Just a 2 hour drive can put you in the middle of the city. That's not too much longer than many Melbournian's morning commute!*

MELBOURNE



# WELCOME

GREATER SHEPPARTON IS A WARM AND WELCOMING PLACE.  
A THRIVING, VIBRANT AND PROGRESSIVE REGION... AND WE'D LIKE TO  
TELL YOU A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IT.

Recently relocated residents are glad they've made the move and are happy to tell us that they were attracted to great work opportunities and affordable real estate. But now they know more about our city and they've discovered a truly terrific lifestyle. They are enjoying a wonderful climate; they've discovered that the people of Shepparton are open hearted and welcoming; and work/life balance is not only possible but real. After all, if you can get home from work in 5 - 10 minutes, there's nothing like a few holes of golf after knocking off – or having time to spend with the kids.

There are many practical and economic reasons to move to Shepparton. Real estate is affordable and, due to above average growth, there are plenty of career opportunities. It's not difficult at all to find a great school, and getting the children there in the mornings is probably about 5 minutes out of your way. Excellent health care is accessible. In real terms, life is easier.

But then there's the other side of life, the fun part – and, if you decide to join us, you'll have much more time for fun. Whether you favour sport, music, theatre or the visual arts; if you enjoy cycling or walking; if you like to take short day trips to interesting places or if you want good safe fun for the kids – it truly is all available in Shepparton.

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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

GREATER SHEPPARTON IS THRIVING, WITH RECORD BUILDING FIGURES AND POPULATION GROWTH OF TWO PER CENT, THUS CREATING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

*SPC Ardmona employs approx. 670 people with the workforce extending to around 1900 at the peak of the season*



*There are lots of opportunities in Greater Shepparton for Food Technologists & related fields*



*Goulburn Valley Water employs hundreds of people across a wide variety of roles; from business functions such as public relations; technical services such as environmental science & engineering; through to operations & maintenance roles such as Luke's (below).*



*Excellent community and health services are always keen to recruit skilled people.*

Excellent community and health services are always keen to recruit skilled people. Busy building companies are eager for trades people, and engineers are keenly sort in various fields.

A rich agribusiness sector consistently offers many employment opportunities, whilst food processing and manufacturing provides yet another broad range of job prospects.

Shepparton's retail sector is renowned in northern Victoria and continues to grow, needing more and more people to service a growing customer base.



MAREE SHEPHERD

ACCOUNTANT

"I moved to Shepparton from Melbourne (Ringwood) initially for a great job, and it's a decision I've never regretted. Real estate is affordable and the cost of living is lower and, as a result, I've been able to purchase my own home. Something that would not have been possible for me in Melbourne.

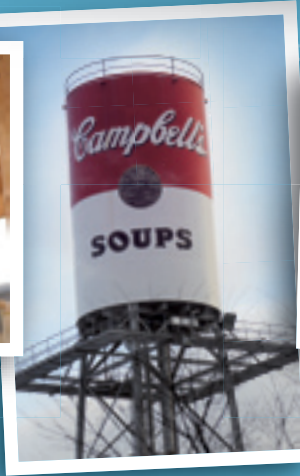
I really enjoy the friendly people and community here. I've been invited to participate in charity and community events - and I really feel welcome.

Shepparton is great and so are its people."

Record building figures, and a recognised shortage in skilled trades, mean great opportunities for tradespeople in this region. You can dream big here!



A rich agribusiness sector consistently offers many employment opportunities.



Engineers with experience are seemingly in constant demand. Always nice to know you're wanted!

A number of large government employers are situated in Greater Shepparton. There is substantial employment opportunity in the allied health, engineering and manufacturing sectors and, due to strong and sustained growth, a wide range of business opportunities also exist.

**NEXT STEP** →

Visit [www.gmlifestyle.com.au](http://www.gmlifestyle.com.au) for a list of employment and training agencies.

POSSIBILITIES

# EDUCATION

## INCLUSIVE, PROGRESSIVE

FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO GRADUATION DAY, GREATER SHEPPARTON OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDES THE HIGH QUALITY OF EDUCATION THAT WE'RE ALL AFTER FOR OUR CHILDREN.



*Our region's schools consistently rank well in state wide evaluations, proving that you can get a world class education even if you're outside the Capital city*



*Our schools are well funded, and well resourced, which give our students the very best chance of a well rounded education.*

There are 14 day care facilities, 13 kindergartens, 26 primary schools, 6 secondary colleges (including Catholic and Grammar schools) and 3 tertiary institutions from which to choose. Several smaller country schools are located just outside of Shepparton (5 to 15 minutes drive). In addition to excellent public schools, private and catholic education is also available.

Among our education facilities, several schools, both primary and secondary, specialise in services for children who require a modified education plan or additional assistance such as that offered for hearing impaired youngsters.

# & PASSIONATE



*Our theatre and music programs  
are first class, opening our students eyes to  
a world of possibility.*



Greater Shepparton has a strong sense of community, particularly apparent in regional and country schools, with parents and children forming close friendships and supporting one another, when appropriate.

**NEXT STEP** ➔

You'll find a list of schools and their websites at [www.gmlifestyle.com.au](http://www.gmlifestyle.com.au)

# WHERE WILL YOU LIVE?

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE IN CENTRAL SHEPPARTON, OR ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL SATELLITE TOWNS SUCH AS MURCHISON, TATURA, MOORoopNA OR DOOKIE, THERE'S BOUND TO BE A LIFESTYLE CHOICE THAT'S PERFECT FOR YOU.



*This is what \$385,000 buys you in Shepparton - 7 minutes from the centre of town, 4 minutes from one of the states best ranked schools, and 2 minutes from a golf course!*



*Imagine, this is your backyard. In Tatura, course frontage building lots of around 7.65m<sup>2</sup> start at just \$119,000 - and that comes with 140 acres of manicured golf course FREE!*



*In Greater Shepparton, a thriving building industry means choice - from a custom designed home built by a small local builder, to a project home built by a trusted National brand - the option is yours*

From two acres just out of town, to a traditional 800m<sup>2</sup> lot in the heart of the city, a steady release of residential land means that Greater Shepparton will spoil you for choice if you want to build. Good sized suburban blocks of 750m<sup>2</sup> - 850m<sup>2</sup> range from \$94,000 - \$136,000, but there are always good buys, with some lots in the region starting from as little as \$57,000.

You can secure 1000m<sup>2</sup> lots for between \$96,000 - \$165,000 depending on how close to town you wish to be.





## MELISSA LEES

### MOTHER OF 2

Melissa's husband is a medical specialist and they moved to Shepparton from Sydney originally for a career opportunity. However, Melissa says that Shepparton has offered them a great deal more than they originally expected.

*"It's a fantastic place to raise a family. The children, Nicholas and Charlotte, can comfortably walk to school because it's just down the street and the city is large enough to provide all the facilities they need. They take music and swimming lessons and are involved in several sports. And none of it is a hassle for me; there is no stress involved in getting them to the places they need to be.*

*I do quite a lot of walking myself because great shopping and good coffee is nearby. And I found the people of Shepparton very welcoming and warm, so I've had no trouble at all forming some very real friendships."*



*This could be you - living large lakeside!*



*If a smaller, low maintenance property is the goal, Greater Shepparton has a range of medium density residential developments. Beautiful homes on smaller lots, requiring less upkeep - leaving you more time to enjoy life! (like these guys...)*

Bigger lots of 4000m<sup>2</sup> - 6500m<sup>2</sup> are also on offer (some only a few minutes out of town) from between \$135,000 - \$195,000.

Three bedroom house and land packages start around \$250,000\*, whilst \$350,000\* should buy you some luxury. Pre-loved homes cover a wide price range and there are plenty of investment opportunities. The median house price is an estimated \$237,500.

**NEXT STEP**

Visit [www.localrealestate.com.au](http://www.localrealestate.com.au)

\*Prices are indicative only and accurate as of August 2010

# CAFES & RESTAURANTS

RICH IN CHARACTER, FULL

*Greater Shepparton is full of great little places, rich in character, full of flavour!*



*Great people!*



*We couldn't ask you to live anywhere that didn't have great coffee!*

Leave the hustle and bustle behind and enjoy the good life. Shepparton delights in great coffee shops – including both local boutiques and the famous brands. Food malls, and dozens of cafes and restaurants give you plenty of choice and price options. Greater Shepparton's history of migration has evolved our large selection of cuisine. If you fancy Turkish, Japanese, Indian, Thai, Lebanese, Chinese, Italian or a bistro meal, you can find it all in Shepparton's CBD and the surrounding townships.

# L OF FLAVOUR

*Great pubs!*



*From casual dining, through to sophisticated luxury. We have you covered - whatever the mood you're in.*



*It's all about the food!*

You can enjoy first class local wines whilst dining at our quality restaurants and a short walk along Fryers Street café precinct will reveal plenty of options. Several restaurants feature young entertainers during the week or, if you want to dance, the hotels offer live bands on Friday and Saturday nights.

If take-out is your preference, you'll find plenty of choice. There are three outlets featuring the golden arches plus three offering some famous chicken, as well as lots of pasta, pizzas, seafood and kebabs.

# RETAIL THERAPY

IF YOU LOVE TO SHOP, YOU'LL CERTAINLY ENJOY GREATER SHEPPARTON. WITH THE PERFECT BLEND OF NATIONAL BRANDS, AND UNIQUE SPECIALTY STORES, IT REALLY HAS BECOME A SHOPPING DESTINATION IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

*Shepparton's first large scale shopping centre, Shepparton Marketplace is still growing.*

*Greater Shepparton is a retail hotspot that is constantly attracting new brands*



*What serious shopping trip doesn't need a coffee stop!*



*In addition to Big W, Woolworths, and 36 specialty retailers, Shepparton Marketplace boasts an impressive foodcourt with all our favourites!*



Nowhere is Greater Shepparton's sustained growth more visible, than in the increased demand for retail floorspace. Since 1996, the amount of floorspace has risen by 40%, and that rate of expansion is set to increase. What's that mean for you? Simple - great shopping, and it's only getting better!

In addition to first class shopping in the central business district, there are two major shopping centres; Shepparton Marketplace to the east and Riverside Plaza to the south. The main street shopping strips in both Mooroopna and Tatura offer plenty of variety and choice for open air/country shopping.

*Riverside Plaza is Shepparton's newest retail centre,  
and is setting new benchmarks in design.*

*You'd be smiling too!*



*It's the mix of big brands, and  
unique specialty shops that makes  
Greater Shepparton such a strong retail  
destination - we really have got it all!*

Most national chains have outlets in Shepparton and hundreds of local businesses offer a depth and richness, making it a shopping experience like no other.

Shepparton's retail centres are well known and shoppers travel from a radius of over 100 kms to enjoy them. It is estimated that 171,000 people shop in the city.

If you fancy taking a short drive, you'll find an abundance of seasonal fruit and produce available at the farm gates and produce and craft markets are held regularly.

# ART & CULTURE

GREATER SHEPPARTON HAS, OVER THE PAST DECADE OR SO, DEVELOPED A VERY STRONG SENSE OF SELF, AND THAT CONFIDENCE IS REFLECTED IN ITS COMMITMENT TO ART AND CULTURE.

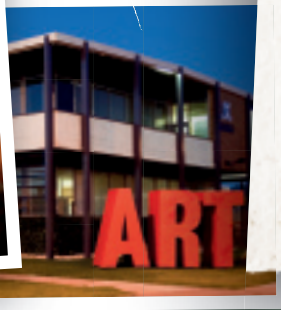


*Mooving Art - even the cows in Shepp have culture!*



The arts scene is thriving with regular travelling performances and artists visiting the region. The Shepparton Theatre Arts group has been active for more than 30 years and has won several awards from the Music Theatre Guild of Australia. The Georgie Awards, recognising best performances, began in Shepparton and now encompasses north east Victoria. The Turaton Musical Company presents regular concerts in Shepparton and surrounding districts and the quality of school performances is outstanding, usually utilising our smaller, but perfectly formed theatre complex, Westside, situated in Mooroopna. Shepparton is the home of the Bangerang Cultural Centre which is a meeting place for Indigenous artists.

*The SheppARTon Festival is now recognised as a significant event on the state's art calendar, and continues to attract the highest calibre of artists and performers.*



## NATALIE GOODALL

### BANK MANAGER

*" Since moving to Shepparton I have found that, as I'm not spending time in the car, I have so much more time in my day - and work life balance is far easier to achieve.*

*I also find salary packages are better as companies need to attract good people to the area.*

*The facilities for learning and professional development are endless, as are the facilities for sport and recreation.*

*I have found myself becoming involved in this culturally diverse community and am so very happy that I took the opportunity!*

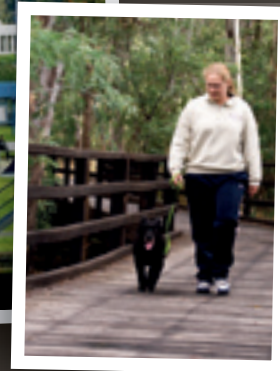
*Shepparton is a great place to live and work.*



The Shepparton Art Gallery houses a fine collection of colonial and contemporary paintings plus one of Australia's leading ceramics collections. However, interesting art isn't confined to the gallery. Greater Shepparton's Moooving art (a large herd of colourfully decorated life sized fibreglass cows) brightens our streets and major buildings.

The SheppARTon Festival has gained recognition as a smorgasbord of cultural and artistic experiences.

# HEALTH, SPORT & RECREATION



Providing 250 beds, Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton's public hospital, was the 2008-2009 winner of the Premier's Award for Regional Health Service of the Year. This excellent public hospital provides a range of quality health services and is growing and developing to meet the needs of the region.

The Shepparton Private Hospital is a 65 bed, medical and surgical facility.

Greater Shepparton is well served by GPs with various practices situated around Shepparton, Mooroopna, Murchison and Tatura. An afterhours clinic, operated by GPs is available in Shepparton, 7 day clinics are conveniently situated, and the emergency department at GV Health is always available.





*SPC Ardmona Kids Town is a million dollar playground, and attracts visitors from all over the country*

*The Splashpark is the newest addition to Shepp's already impressive Aquamoves: a state of the art aquatic and fitness centre on the banks of Victoria Park Lake*



Situated between Victoria Park Lake and the Goulburn River, Greater Shepparton provides a water wonderland for kids – and big kids. Whether you're the serious sportsperson or just needing to relax, our indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities are perfect for you.

Located in Greater Shepparton, SPC Ardmona KidsTown is a million dollar children's playground boasting a vast number of play areas to suit all ages. Widely recognised as the best children's adventure playground in Australia, it currently attracts over 150,000 visitors a year.

Greater Shepparton caters well for all popular sports including football, soccer, netball, athletics, tennis and cricket. The Sports Stadium provides excellent facilities for numerous indoor sports and six courses offer plenty of golfing opportunities.

Other events and activities include the Italian Cup horse races at Tatura, regular harness and greyhound racing, and the BMX National championships.

There is an easily accessible network of scenic paths and routes for cyclists. Being relatively flat, Greater Shepparton allows riders of all fitness levels the opportunity to explore the region.

# WHAT NEXT?

In addition to the service clubs, a number of organisations are in place to welcome you to Greater Shepparton – and to help you become a part of the community.

- The Shepparton Newcomer's Club
- Young Professionals
- Goulburn Valley Business and Industry Networks (GV BraIN)
- Young Sheppartonians.

## LIKE WHAT YOU'VE SEEN?

Take action now. With its great climate, career and business opportunities; with its affordable real estate and superb facilities, Greater Shepparton offers a lifestyle like no other. Enjoy the extra time in your day; take a walk, play a few holes of golf, have a kick with the kids or enjoy a glass of local wine. It's hard to beat.

**If you'd like to know more, or if you want help to take the next step, please give the Greater Shepparton City Council a call on 03 5832 9847.**



**GREATER  
SHEPPARTON**

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*Friendship*

*Art*

*Opportunity*



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