



GREATER  
SHEPPARTON

Greater Shepparton's  
**Heritage  
Open Day**

**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER**

Visit your heritage free



# Welcome to the Greater Shepparton Heritage Open Day.

This free day has been organised by the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee in conjunction with Council.

It was inspired by 'Open House Melbourne' when hundreds of buildings (not only heritage places) are open.

On the Greater Shepparton Heritage Open Day you can visit, FREE, over 40 places of heritage and historical significance in Greater Shepparton.

Some have never been opened to the public before, and many are rarely on view.

Other familiar places will come alive as you visit and hear their stories.

Included are all the Museums and collections run by the historical societies: normally an entrance fee is charged.

Greater Shepparton has an interesting history. Aboriginal peoples inhabited the area for thousands of generations. Europeans arrived in the mid nineteenth century, and developed a thriving agricultural economy, centred on the city of Shepparton, with many service towns. Subsequent settlement has gone on to welcome people from many corners of the world.

This has resulted in a wealth of heritage places, a diverse and unique range of both buildings and sites.

The Heritage Open Day will showcase many of these.

There are three ways to visit our heritage place:

- Many venues are opening their doors for visitors to attend independently
- Bus tours
- Walking tours

Buses for the tours have been generously provided, free, by the Dyson Group.

Printing of these booklets has been kindly donated by well-known local printers Prominent Group.

The Ethnic Council of Shepparton and District has provided a bus tour to the mosques and temple in our municipality.

A big thank you to both companies and to the Ethnic Council.

You may have to make hard decisions! Getting from one place to another takes time in an extensive municipality such as ours. With careful planning you should be able to do a few different things. The Committee has tried to stagger tour and venue times, while fitting in with what the generous venue owners and proprietors are able to offer.

Remember: suitable footwear, water, sun protection. And watch your step at all times.

Please treat these properties with respect, mindful of how generous-spirited the owners and proprietors have been in opening on this day.

**How to book for all venues/activities which require bookings.**



Bookings  
can be made on  
**5832 9730**



# BUS TOURS

ALL BUS TOURS REQUIRE BOOKINGS.

Bus tours will depart at the listed time from outside the Shepparton Library at 41-43 Marungi Street, Shepparton. There is ample car parking available in this area.

## **MANSION TOUR**

### **Dhurringile Mansion**

**Departs 1pm, returns approx 4pm. Bookings required**

Our region's signature mansion, created in 1877 by one of the four Winter brothers, northern Victoria's answer to the squatters of the Western District. James Winter became the local squire, but hardly lived in the Italianate mansion, dying outside London on a visit in 1885.



Home to German officer POWs in WW2. Now part of HM Prison Dhurringile.

Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

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## **GATEWAY TO THE GV TOUR**

**Departs 10am, returns approx 3pm. Bookings required**

Time is allowed for lunch in Murchison, or bring your own. The Murchison Heritage Centre will be open.

### **Former Moorilim Catholic Church, Moorilim**

A privileged visit to an archetypal red brick country church cleverly converted into a comfortable private dwelling. The church once served the staunchly Catholic population of the now vanished Moorilim. Complemented by a picturesque garden.



### **Thornebridge (Gregory's Hotel), Murchison**

Now a B and B, and resplendent after meticulous and extensive renovations, this hotel was once known as the 'Mecca of the Valley' because of its four acres of magnificent gardens and riverside setting. The plane tree is notable.



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## TALLY TOUR

Tour departs 12.30pm, returns approx 3pm.

Bookings required

### Fairley Downs

See the slab hut of early squatter Sherbourne Sheppard (after whom Shepparton is named), a small private graveyard, and wander around the exterior of Hamilton Coldwell's 1906 homestead, designed by well-known local architect, John Augustus Kenny Clarke.

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### Tallygaroopna Soldiers' Memorial Hall

This proud little Memorial hall, topped by its trophy WW1 German trench mortar, was opened by Acting Prime Minister Dr Earle Page on 9 June 1924. At £2500, it cost the small community £1000 more than Shepparton's famous statue. See the RSL 'dugout'.

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## **DOOKIE AND NEARBY TOUR**

Tour departs 10am, returns approx 4pm. Bookings required  
Time is allowed for lunch in Dookie, or bring your own.

### **Gowangardie Homestead**

A rare opportunity to see one of the municipality's few squatter-built homesteads, the evocative first stage erected by Humphrey Grattan in the early 1860s. The wonderful stable/coach house is suffering the ravages of time and its vernacular construction.



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### **Chateau Dookie**

Walk around the exterior of this impressive (and impressively sited) two-storey house built in 1886 as the country residence for North Melbourne MLA John Curtain, who had taken over the Chateau Dookie Vineyard when other major shareholders withdrew. Meticulously restored.



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### **St Mary's Catholic Church, Dookie (Exterior Only)**

Very popular for weddings due to its picturesque rural setting outside Dookie, on land donated by vineyard owner John Curtain, this impressive cruciform (cross-shaped) 1898 church is a prominent local landmark. The presbytery is the municipality's only Catholic monastery.



## MOSQUES AND TEMPLE TOUR

On this full day tour, donated by the Ethnic Council of Shepparton and District, you will visit the area's four mosques and the Sikh temple. Lunch will be provided at the Turkish mosque. Headcovering is required for women, and for men at the Temple. This tour, conducted irregularly by the Ethnic Council, is very popular, so book early.

**Tour departs 10am, returns approx 4pm.**

**Bookings required: booking for this tour is through the Ethnic Council of Shepparton and District at 5831 2395.**

### **Albanian Mosque**

This was the first mosque built in Shepparton, Albanians having been established in this area since the 1920s. The first stone was laid in 1956 by Myrteza Adem and R Sherif Islam, with the building opening in 1960.



### **Afghani Mosque**

The local Afghani population, who mainly arrived in this area from 2005 when many of the men came to pick fruit, raised in excess of \$1 million for this mosque and engaged a builder to develop the project, which commenced in mid-2013.




## WALKING TOURS

### **Shepparton: Beginnings and more**

Experienced heritage guide Eileen Steigenberger shows you places important in the earliest days of Shepparton township. Hear fascinating stories of various eras in Shepparton's history.


**10am; one hour. Bookings required.**

 (with your assistant)

### **Shepparton: Leafy Streets**

Enjoy a walk with heritage enthusiast Cilla Duane through leafy Shepparton streets noting various architectural styles, including fine Federation and Interwar houses. Includes a tour of St Augustine's Church.

**10am and 1.30pm; 1½ to 2 hours. Bookings required.**

 (with your assistant)



## **Iraqi Mosque** ♿

The Imam Kadhim Mosque was developed in 2002 and has undergone extensive modification to meet the community's needs. Iraqis have relocated to this region from other areas within Australia to pursue work opportunities and/or to join family or friends.

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## **Turkish Mosque (Mooroopna)** ♿

The Turkish community began to establish itself in Shepparton from the 1970s. It built the Turkish Islamic Cultural Centre, with its characteristic minaret, in 1985; it is the community's primary location for religious, social and cultural gatherings.

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## **Sikh Temple** ♿

Sikhs started settling in the Goulburn Valley in the 1970s, attracted by the availability of work on the orchards. The temple or gurdwara was opened in 1980; the worship place is on the first level, with a community service hall on the ground floor.

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**Mooroopna** – See a wide range of heritage sites and buildings important in Mooroopna's history with author and historian Ian Pleydell. The walk focuses on the eastern end of the town, including historic aspects of the Goulburn River in the town's life.

**Meet at 10am at Mooroopna Museum in Park St; 1½ hours.**

♿ (with your assistant)

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**Dookie** – Come on an interesting and informative walk of Dookie township north of the railway line with local history enthusiast and authority Brian Harker. Around 3km.

**Meet at the Memorial Hall at 2pm; two hours.**

♿ (with your assistant)

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**Tatura** – Stroll the main streets of Tatura with Brian Williams, doyen local historian and Tatura district resident of eight decades, hearing about the town's history and development.

**Meet at the Tatura Museum at 10am; 1 to 1½ hours.**

♿ (with your assistant)

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# INDEPENDENT VISITING

Bookings are needed for some of these venues.

## Day's Mill

'The finest example of traditional milling technology in working order in its original setting' in Victoria, and probably Australia. The three storey brick mill of 1865 and later granary extension, the flanking two-storey brick residence, the evocative collection of farm buildings, and the peppercorn- and pine tree-lined drive from the gatehouse comprise an unforgettable heritage site.

Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register

Days Road, Murchison South.

Tours at 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm.

Open: 10am – 4pm

♿ (no paved areas)



## Shepparton Heritage Centre (Foresters' Hall)

Shepparton's oldest building, constructed as the first public hall by William Fraser in 1873. Used for many different purposes, e.g. Foresters' Lodge (1933).

Many absorbing exhibits: see the Post Office clock! Various publications for sale.

154 Welsford St, Shepparton

Open 10am to 4pm ♿



## Shepparton Art Museum (SAM)

Head to SAM to see the history of Shepparton reflected in the exhibition 80/80: Eighty Years of SAM, the Collection. Highlights include portraits from Shepparton's colonial era, indigenous artworks and, of course, ceramics.

70 Welsford St, Shepparton Guided tours: 11.30am and 2pm ♿



## Wesley Uniting Church, Shepparton

This 'amphitheatre-style' church opened in time for Christmas 1908, constructed by local builder, funeral director and devoted Methodist TJ Kittle. The well-known firm of George Fincham installed the pipe organ, costing £1376, in 1951.

Hear the heritage pipe organ played by Graeme Brewer at 2pm

134 Maude St, Shepparton

Open: 1pm – 4pm ♿




## **St Augustine's Anglican Church, Shepparton**

Louis Williams, a renowned church architect, designed this 1926 church with his particular twentieth century adaptation of Gothic and his usual emphasis on quality and craftsmanship. Note the beautiful features of the interior.



**95 Maude St, Shepparton**

**Open 11am – 2pm** 

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## **Former Mechanics' Institute, Shepparton**

Originally the Shepparton Free Library and Workingmen's Club (1884); the Public Library replaced the billiard room in the 1950s. The cream brick Moderne façade dates to the 1940s, with extensive later remodelling completed by 2005.



**235 Wyndham Street, Shepparton**

**Talks: 10.30am, 11am** 

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## **Brown's Plaster Works**

The Shepparton Fibro Plaster Works were established in 1926 as Brown and Anderson. See where the linings of many Shepparton homes originated and hear about the process. A heritage business!

Good walking shoes required.

**2-16 Mason Street, Shepparton**

**Open: 2pm – 4pm, talk at 2pm**

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## **Shepparton Cemetery**

Dating from 1874, adjoined for many years by the now forgotten Shepparton Park State School, today the range of burial practices to be seen in this fascinating cemetery reflects the multicultural nature of the community.



**5 Rudd Rd, Shepparton**

**Guide available 10am – 12 noon; tour 11am** 


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### **Wanganui Homestead (William Orr Campus, GoTafe)**

One of the imposing large houses designed by renowned Shepparton architect JAK Clarke, this Queen Anne-styled building (c.1900) was the home of the mining entrepreneur and politician William Orr. Also visit the interesting stable/coach house.



260 Wanganui Rd, Shepparton

Open 10 – 4pm.  
Tours 10.30am and 2pm 

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### **Bangerang Cultural Centre, Shepparton**

Designed by prominent Australian architect Frederick Romberg and opened in 1982 as part of the International Village, the Centre houses an important collection of Indigenous cultural items from the local area and beyond.



Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register

Parkside Drive, Shepparton

Open: 10am – 3pm 


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### **Philippine House Museum and Library, Shepparton**

The Philippine House, portraying a typical (if ideal) Philippine home, was constructed in 1988 as part of the International Village. Restored in 2015, it houses Philippine history and artefacts, and hosts community activities.



Parkside Drive, Shepparton

Open: 11am – 3pm 

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### **Old Cool Rooms, SPC, Shepparton**

Visit SPC's oldest remaining cool stores, an historic section of Shepparton's iconic enterprise. Heritage technology!


BYO torch.

Andrew Fairley Ave, Shepparton

Tour: 10am.

Bookings required.



 (with your assistant)


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## **St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton**

Designed by renowned local architect JAK Clarke in 1900, St Brendan's was renovated and enlarged to the design of high profile and prolific Catholic architect AA Fritsch in 1923-24, with later alterations and additions.

**121 Knight St, Shepparton**



Open: 10am – 4pm   
Tours: 10.30am, 12 noon


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## **Former Convent of Mercy (Notre Dame College), Shepparton**

Visit the impressive two-storey convent and boarders' accommodation erected in 1916-17 by the Sisters of Mercy, their previous convent having been condemned. The Marist Brothers took over the site as a boys' school in 1951.

**139 Knight St, Shepparton**  
**Bookings required**



Tours: 11am, 1pm 

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## **Australia Hotel, Shepparton**

From Coghlan's Hotel in the early 1880s to Union Hotel to the Hotel Australia in 1929: most of this building dates from the rebuilding in 1898. Take a tour through the hotel, including the former family area and the cellar.

**73 Fryers St, Shepparton**  
**Bookings required**



Tours: 11am, 2pm


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## **Shepparton Masonic Centre**

Heritage also includes traditions and customs. Behind the unassuming (post-) modern frontage, the rituals of Freemasonry are enacted. Learn about these beliefs and practices and see the related furniture and artefacts.

**161 Welsford St, Shepparton**



Open 10am – 4pm 


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### **Brick Water Tower, Shepparton**

The 1889 brick tower, no longer needed and minus its tall wrought iron tank, is an iconic local landmark being preserved by GV Water for its regionally significant heritage value.

**172 Welsford St, Shepparton**




Open: 2 – 4pm 

### **Terminus Hotel**

This c.1885 railway hotel was thoroughly remodelled in the Moderne style in 1938 by prominent Melbourne architects, JF Ballantyne and Roy Wilson, who extended the ground floor and added an upper storey.

**212-226 High St, Shepparton**




Tour: 2.30pm 

### **St Mel's (Christ The King Catholic Church)**

Shepparton's second Catholic parish erected this distinctive futuristic church, by Trieste-born architect Ermin Smrekar, in 1970. It catered to the influx of Italian migrants as Shepparton expanded. The spaciousness of the interior is striking.

**18 Hamilton St, Shepparton**

Open: 10.30am – 1.30pm 


Tour: 10.30am



### **Uniting Church, Kialla West (Formerly Presbyterian)**

Last of a kind. This quaint small weatherboard church from 1899 is the only example in the municipality of this once-common type still hosting regular services. Supervising architect was Shepparton's renowned JAK Clarke.

**7105 Goulburn Valley H'way, Kialla**

Open 2.30 – 4pm 

Talk: 2.30pm



### **Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Tallygaroopna**

This proud little 1924 Memorial hall, topped by its trophy WW1 German trench mortar, retains many interesting artefacts. At £2500, it cost the small community £1000 more than Shepparton's famous statue. See the RSL 'dugout'.



**Cnr Victoria & Fowler St, Tallygaroopna**    Open: 10am – 4pm 

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### **St Mary's Catholic Church, Dookie**

Very popular for weddings due to its picturesque rural setting outside Dookie, on land donated by local squire John Curtain, this impressive 1898 church is a prominent local landmark. The presbytery is now a monastery.




**93 Saddleback Rd, Dookie**    Open 1pm – 3pm 

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### **Dookie College**

The first agricultural college (1886) for the state of Victoria and the second for Australia: originally Cashel Experimental Farm. Now part of Melbourne University, to many it is still the region's iconic 'ag college.'




**940 Dookie-Nalinga Rd, Dookie**    Tour: 10am   
Bookings required

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### **Dookie Cemetery**

Often described locally as 'the Catholic cemetery,' in contrast to the Dookie East (Cashel) cemetery. Situated on the western slopes of Mount Major, views to the west providing a striking panoramic backdrop to the graves.




**305 Dookie-Gowangardie Rd, Mount Major**    Tour: 11.30am  
 (no made paths)

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## **Mooroopna Historical Society Museum and Gallery**

A huge and varied collection relating to Mooroopna's history is attractively displayed throughout the former Grutzner House. The sometimes gruesome medical collection, the largest in country Victoria, relates particularly to the Mooroopna Hospital.

**30 Park St, Mooroopna**

**Open 10am to 4pm** 




## **Former Commercial Hotel, Mooroopna**

Designed in 1938 by hotel specialist, architect DF Cowell Ham, this Moderne building replaced an earlier hotel. In 2016 the owners successfully converted the building to provide a retail space, coffee bar and restaurant.

**106 McLennan St, Mooroopna**

**Guided tour of the award-winning renovations by Council's Heritage Advisor at 2.30pm. Booking required.**

 (partly)




## **Mooroopna Cemetery**

This fine cemetery, with its stately avenue of cotton palms, includes 19th century graves of ethnic Chinese and the unmarked graves of 937 persons of many nationalities who died between 1881 and 1944 in the Mooroopna Base Hospital.

**440 Echuca Rd, Mooroopna**

**Tour: 11am**


 (few made paths)



## **Murchison Heritage Centre**

The award-winning Heritage Centre collects and preserves Murchison's history. Informative displays cover the Aboriginal Protectorate, Day's Mill, Camp 13 and much more. See sporting memorabilia, and part of the famous Murchison meteorite!

**4 Stevenson St, Murchison**

**Open 10am to 4pm** 






### **Christ Church, Murchison (Anglican)**

This charming red brick Gothic country church of 1884 contains high quality memorial windows by two well-known Melbourne firms of glass manufacturers, Brooks Robinson and W Montgomery.




Open 1 – 4 pm 

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### **Murchison Cemetery and Ossario**

This fascinating early cemetery (1860) contains the graves of three local Ngoraialim Aborigines. The distinctive Italian Ossario houses the remains of 130 Italian POWs and internees who died on Australian soil, many in the local camps.



21 Old Weir Rd, Murchison      Talk and tour: 10am, 11am, 12 noon  
 (no made paths)

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### **Tatura Wartime Camps And Irrigation Museum**

The fascinating WW2 internment and POW camps collection is of State heritage significance. Irrigation is the other focus: from the original four-roomed building (c.1888) the irrigation scheme for the western Goulburn Valley was developed.



Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

9 Hogan St, Tatura      Open: 10am – 4pm 

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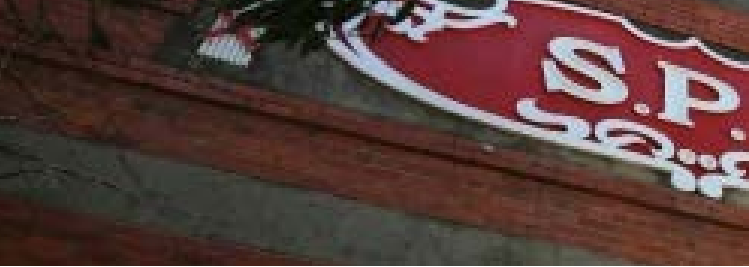
### **Victory Hall (1925) and Mechanics' Institute (1880, 1893), Tatura**

Explore the twin halls, reinvigorated and restored by concerted local effort, which now enrich the Tatura streetscape and again provide a social and cultural focal point. Hear about their history from those who saved them.



77 Hogan St, Tatura      Open: 10am – 4pm   
Talk and tour: 1pm

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### **Sacred Heart Catholic Church And St Mary's Hall, Tatura**

This imposing group of church, convent, and the former St Mary's school, on a prominent site in the town, reflects Tatura's strong Catholic allegiances. The detailed Romanesque (round-arched) exterior is complemented by the beautiful interior.



67 Hogan St, Tatura

Open 10am - 4pm.  Tour 11am

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### **Tatura Water Tower**

Constructed in 1912 to replace the town's original iron tank (still nearby), this is a early surviving example of its type, built by John Monash's concrete company for local engineer AE Castles. Recently refurbished.



Tatura-Murchison Rd, Tatura

Talk by GV Water: 12 noon 

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### **German War Cemetery, Tatura**

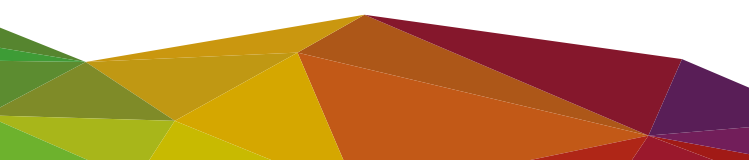
The first foreign war cemetery established in Australia. In 1958-1961 the bodies of almost all German internees and POWs who died in Australia during World Wars 1 and 2 were reburied here. Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

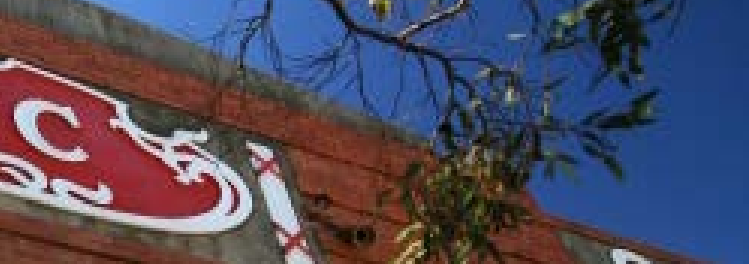


155 Winter Rd, Tatura

Talk and tour: 2pm 

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### Harston Memorial Hall

The two corrugated iron sections of this quaint hall were originally huts in local internment camps. Briefly famous as a 'heritage country hall' in a supermarket advertisement involving many locals. Adaptive reuse from the 1940s.

125 Harston Rd, Harston




Open: 10am – 1pm 

### Merrigum Museum, formerly Judd's General Store

One of the most extensive collections in the municipality; includes agricultural machinery and household items. The Judd family conducted their general store here for 66 years. A rare original early 20th century shop front.

113 Waverley Ave, Merrigum



Open 11am – 3pm 



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- the Dyson Group for providing all buses and drivers, and
- the Prominent Group for printing the booklets;

and also to the Ethnic Council of Shepparton for providing the Mosques and and Temple Tour.



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