



GREATER
SHEPPARTON

Greater Shepparton's

Heritage Open Days

2019

**FRIDAY 22 MARCH AND
SATURDAY 23 MARCH**

Visit your heritage **free**



Welcome to the Greater Shepparton Heritage Open Days 2019

These free days have been organised by the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee in conjunction with Council.

This follows on from the first, very successful Heritage Open Day in 2017, inspired by 'Open House Melbourne' when hundreds of buildings (not only heritage places) are open.

During Greater Shepparton's Heritage Open Days 2019 you can visit, FREE, over 50 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 Days will showcase many of these.

There are three ways to visit our heritage places:

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

Provision of buses for the tours has been generously subsidised by the Dyson Group.

Printing of these booklets has also been kindly subsidised 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 number of different things over the two days. 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 these days.

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



Bookings
can be made on
5832 9730



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM MARKE
ERECTED BY THE TRUSTEES
A TRIBUTE TO HIS DEVOTED SERVICE
AS SECRETARY & TREASURER
OF THIS CHURCH 1922-1938
- DIED DEC 24 1938 -

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF
JESSIE ISABELLA MARKE
A LIFETIME OF FAITHFUL
SERVICE & DEVOTION
TO THIS CHURCH
13.5.1896 — 26.5.1983

Memorial window, Cooma Church

BUS TOURS

ALL BUS TOURS REQUIRE BOOKINGS.

On Friday 22 March bus tours will depart at the listed time from the bus stops on Nixon St at the north end of the Council buildings.

On Saturday 23 March 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.

Departure times may have to be slightly staggered: there may a few minutes' wait.

MANSION TOUR

Dhurringile Mansion

Tours Fri and Sat. Depart 10am, return approx 12.30pm.

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.



EARLY 20TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Tour departs Fri 9.30am, returns approx 4pm. Bookings required.

Time is allowed for lunch in Shepparton, or bring your own.

Early 20th century architecture in the Shepparton area is diverse, and the extent and range of buildings demonstrate that this period represents a coming of age for the region. A number of buildings from this time were designed by Melbourne architects, and the sophistication of their designs is of note. The smaller Bungalows also offer distinction in their own right.

Join Deborah Kemp, architect and heritage professional, on a tour of early 20th Century buildings.



IRRIGATION TOUR

Tour departs Fri 9.30am, returns approx 4pm.

Bookings required.

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

Tour includes rough terrain: wear closed, suitable footwear.

Goulburn Weir (1891)

Just outside Greater Shepparton, but vital. The first major diversion structure built for irrigation in Australia and seen as a ground-breaking 'national' scheme, it raises the river level so that water can be diverted to irrigation in the GV.



1890 Flume

Only the handrail of this impressive wooden structure, Flume No 4, is visible. It was constructed to carry the new National Channel across a natural drainage depression south of Murchison en route from the Weir to the Waranga Basin storage.



'Old pump site', Murchison

The 1885 pump was the solution of the local water authority, the United Echuca and Waranga Waterworks Trust, to the pent-up local demand for irrigation to fill its channels while a weir was still being debated. Archaeological site only.



'Big Cut'

A rarely-seen section of the Cattanach Canal (1957) cut through a rise just before the Canal enters the Waranga Basin. Here the depth of cut is the greatest on the Canal, up to 19m, resulting in impressive low cliff-like walls.



GATEWAY TO THE GV TOUR

Tours Fri and Sat. Depart 10am, return approx 4pm.

Bookings required

Time is allowed for lunch in Murchison, or bring your own.

The Murchison Heritage Centre and Christ Church 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.



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.



IN THE WEST TOUR

Tour departs Fri 10am, returns approx 4pm.

Bookings required.

Time is allowed for lunch in Tatura, or bring your own.

Log building, NW Mooroopna

Typical of the first buildings of local selectors in the 1870s, this rare survivor was relocated to the current site in numbered pieces by the Starritt family. It is said that Ned Kelly slept a night here during his aunt's earlier ownership of the building!



Nithsdale, Tatura

A gracious Inter-War Bungalow built in 1921 for local community leader, businessman and farmer James Watson Wilson, previously of Kelvin Grove, by prolific Tatura builder Alexander Miles. See the old two-bail dairy.



Cooma Uniting Church and former Independent Order of Rechabites' Hall

The strongly Methodist community of Cooma built this picturesque church in 1926 as a memorial to its war dead; six lovely stained glass windows honour district pioneers.

The very rare Rechabite Hall, predating the church, reflects local adherence to temperance beliefs.



St Sebastian's Catholic Church, Merrigum

A typical small, red brick country church, here with most of the original interior fittings still intact. Designed by prolific Catholic architect AA Fritsch, St Sebastian's opened in 1903, construction costs bequeathed by Merrigum's first publican, John S Smith.



DOOKIE AND NEARBY TOUR

Tour departs Sat 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.



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.



St Luke's Anglican Church, Dookie

Another small, red brick country church, made less routine by its later timber-framed entry porch, St Luke's was constructed in 1903 by local builders Alexander and Torgimson. View the recent Weeping Window Poppy Tribute.



TALLY TOUR

Tour departs Sat 12.30pm, returns approx 3.30pm.
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.



HERITAGE CHURCHES OF SHEPPARTON TOUR

Tour departs Sat 10am, returns approx 4pm.
Bookings required.

Time is allowed for lunch in Shepparton, or bring your own.

St Brendan's Catholic Church

Designed by prominent 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.



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.



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'.



St Augustine's Anglican Church

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.



Shepparton Uniting Church (former Scots' Church section)

The centre of Presbyterianism in Shepparton until denominational union in 1977, Scots' Church was built in stages from 1888, with the signature bell tower by prominent Melbourne architects John and Phyllis Murphy added in 1964-5.



Greek Orthodox Church of St George, Shepparton

One of only a handful of churches of this faith in regional Victoria, St George's, with its numerous icons, was constructed in 1965 by the long-established local Greek Orthodox community, many from the area of Florina.



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. 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.

NOTE VARIATION OF DATE: THIS TOUR TAKES PLACE ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH.

Tour departs Thursday 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.


Fri 10am; one hour. Bookings required.

 (with your assistant)

Shepparton: Leafy Streets

Enjoy a walk with heritage enthusiast Leah Byrne through leafy Shepparton streets noting various architectural styles, including fine Federation and Interwar houses.

Fri and Sat 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.



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.



Sikh Temple ♿

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



Mooroopna – See a wide range of heritage sites and buildings important in Mooroopna's development with history enthusiast Andrew Morcom. The walk focuses on the eastern end of the town, including historic aspects of the Goulburn River in the town's life.

Sat 10am. Meet at Mooroopna Museum in Park St; 1½ hours
♿ (with your assistant)

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

Fri 10am. Meet at the Tatura Museum on Hogan St; 1½ hours.
♿ (with your assistant)

INDEPENDENT VISITING


Bookings are needed for some of these venues.

Day's Mill

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Days Road, Murchison South. Open: Fri, Sat 10am – 4pm
Tours at 11am, 12 noon, and 2.15pm.  (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: Fri, Sat 10am – 4pm 

Shepparton Art Museum (SAM)

Discover how SAM grew from humble beginnings to become a collection holding 81 years of major artistic significance. Join staff for a cultural heritage tour to learn more about the history of the collection.



70 Welsford St, Shepparton

Talk/tour: Fri 11am 

The Big Hymn Sing at the former Wesley Church

Both tangible and intangible heritage! The 1908 'amphitheatre-style' church, with accomplished local musician Graeme Brewer at the historic 1951 Fincham pipe organ, will host a grand session of hymn-singing, now a declining tradition.



Phone your choice (AHB) to 5832 9730. All welcome!

134 Maude St, Shepparton

Open: Sat 2pm 

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
Tour 2pm

Open: Sat 11am – 3pm 

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

Open: Fri 1pm – 4pm 

Brown's Plaster Works, Shepparton

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
Talk at 2pm

Open: Fri 2pm – 4pm 

Shepparton Cemetery

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



5 Rudd Rd, Shepparton


Tour: Fri 11am 

Wanganui Homestead (William Orr Campus, GoTafe)

Designed by prestigious Melbourne architect Beverley Ussher, this imposing Queen Anne-styled building (1900) was the country residence of mining entrepreneur, politician and passionate irrigationist William Orr. Also visit the interesting stable/coach house.



260 Wanganui Rd, Shepparton


Tour Fri 1.30pm 

Philippine House Museum and Library, Shepparton

The Philippine House, portraying a typical (if idealised) 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: Sat 11am – 3pm 

St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton

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121 Knight St, Shepparton
Tours: 11.30am


Open: Sat 11.30am – 1pm 

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

Open: Sat 10am – 1pm 

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. Join a previous owner for a tour through the hotel, including the former family area and the cellar.

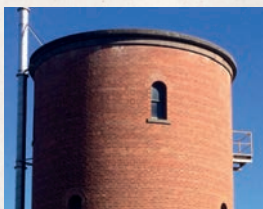


Tour: Sat 10.30am


73 Fryers St, Shepparton
Bookings required.

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: Fri 10am – 2pm 

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: Sat 10.30am – 1.30pm** 
Tour: 10.30am

Hurlstone Homestead

Designed by JAK Clarke, Shepparton's pre-eminent architect, and now resplendently restored, Hurlstone (1900) was associated with two important early Shepparton families, the Masons and the Fords. Now a reception venue and a B and B: exemplary adaptive reuse!

197 Ford Rd, Grahamvale



Open: Sat 11am – 4pm 

Shepparton Uniting Church (former Scots' Church section)

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134/140 Fryers St, Shepparton



Open: Sat 1pm – 4pm 

Shepparton High School

Built initially as the senior school on a new site in 1929, this restrained Inter-War two-storey building was extended at either end in 1937, and the verandah was enclosed. Memorial gates date to 1949.

31-71 Hawdon St, Shepparton



Open: Sat 10am – 12pm 

Uniting Church, Kialla West (Formerly Presbyterian)

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


Last chance to visit before sale!

7105 Goulburn Valley H'way, Kialla Open: Sat 2.30 – 4pm 



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: Sat 12.30am – 4pm 



St Luke's Dookie

A typical small, red brick country church made less routine by its later timber-framed entry porch, St Luke's was constructed in 1903 by local builders Alexander and Torgrimson. View the recent Weeping Window Poppy Tribute.


Baldock Street, Dookie



Open: Sat 1pm – 3pm 

Dookie Public Cemetery

Situated on the western slopes of Mt Major, with panoramic views providing a striking backdrop to the graves. It is one of two cemeteries in the Dookie area, with burials dating from the 1870's.

305 Dookie-Gowangardie Rd, Mount Major
Guide available Sat 2pm – 4pm, tour 2.30pm
 (no made paths)



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: Fri, Sat 12 noon – 3pm 




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

Guide available Fri, Sat 10am – 12pm


 (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: Fri, Sat 10am – 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.



15 Impey St, Murchison

Open Fri, Sat 12 noon – 2 pm 

Murchison Cemetery and Ossario

This picturesque early cemetery (1860) contains the graves of three local Ngooraiialim 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)

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.



111-113 Waverley Avenue, Merrigum
Open: Fri 12 noon – 3pm ♿

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.



The Camps Collection is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

49 Hogan St, Tatura
Open: Fri 12 noon – 3pm, Sat 2pm – 4pm. ♿
Camps Collection tour/talk: Fri 1pm




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: Fri 10am – 12 noon 

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

The 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: Fri 11am – 1pm 

St Andrew's Church, Tatura

Prolific ecclesiastical architect Alec Eggleston designed this substantial church for Tatura's Presbyterians in 1912, Rodney Shire engineer A Knee (snr) locally supervising some of the construction details. The earlier 1883 church stands alongside.



241 Hogan St, Tatura

Open: Fri 11am – 1pm 



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: Fri 2pm 



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

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





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Greater Shepparton City Council and the Heritage Advisory Committee wish to express their gratitude to the owners and proprietors who are willing to open their properties for this event, and to those who will staff venues during the Days: your response has been outstanding.

For further information please visit
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