

TOURING SUGGESTIONS: ART & CULTURE IN THE CITY OF GREATER SHEPPARTON

This guide is designed for visitors to follow as a self-guided touring route, or to pick and choose points of interest according to their own plans and time available. The set tour may be divided into three sections: 1-10 (ideal for walking), 11-19 (wider Shepparton) and 20-23 (Mooroopna and Tatura). General opening times are shown where applicable, public holidays may differ.

Use your mobile device to capture the QR code and access online touring map:



PART 1 – SHEPPARTON CBD:

1 Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre
33 Nixon Street, Shepparton
Daily 9.00am- 5.00pm (exc Christmas Day)

Call in to meet the Visitor Experience Enthusiasts: volunteers who will happily provide you with more detailed maps (Official Visitors Guide, 52 Great Discoveries and other publications), tell you about the latest road conditions, operating times of the businesses on this route and **any special events/exhibitions.**

SHEPPARTON CBD (points B to J : suggested to be walked, park at Visitor Centre)

The city centre of Shepparton is home to a wide variety of art mediums, both indoors and out. To access a more in-depth exploration of this precinct, join one of the regular guided walks conducted by tour guides from Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre (035832 9330).

2 Shepparton Art Museum/Riverlinks
Eastbank Centre, 70 Welsford St, Shepparton
Daily 10.00am to 4.00pm
Public Holidays* 1.00pm to 4.00pm (*Closed Christmas & New Year's Day, Good Friday)

The Shepparton Art Museum collection includes a significant collection of Australian and international ceramics, historic and contemporary Australian landscape paintings, prints and works on paper, and a growing collection of Australian contemporary art. While at the Eastbank Centre, drop into the **Riverlinks Box Office** to find out about the fantastic array of performing arts and theatre hosted in this and other venues throughout Greater Shepparton. The Eastbank Auditorium itself plays host to the biannual Australian National Piano Awards.

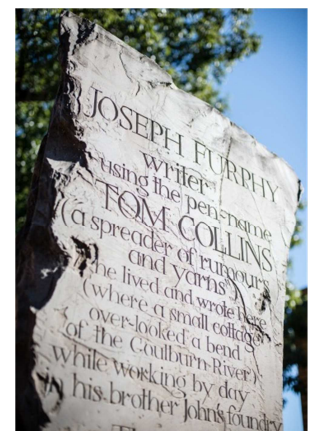
*Greater Shepparton's performing arts venues are first class. On virtually any day of the week, you will find a performance or an event to entertain at one of our venues - the Eastbank Centre or the WestSide Performing Arts Centre. In March of each year, make sure you put plenty of time aside to take in the delights of the **Shepparton Festival** and the **EMERGE Festival**.*

3 "Helping Hand" & "Mateship"
Cnr Welsford & Fryers Street, Shepparton

Two fine sculptures are located at Shepparton's war memorial, and the landscape and site design itself won an award for the designers *Urban Initiatives*. WWI is commemorated by the "Helping Hand" sculpture by Charles Web Gilbert, and WW2 by "Mateship" by Bela Angyl, based on a battle photo by journalist Damien Parer.

4 Furphy Memorial
Welsford Street, between High & Fryers Street

Author Joseph Furphy came to Shepparton to work in his brother's foundry. At night he would write, and some say his novel, "Such Is Life" (written in the 1890s, published in 1903) is the best prose work by an Australian writer, excelling anything by Patrick White or Henry Lawson.



5 Chinese Gardens Monash Park

The Chinese Gardens were officially opened in 2009, coinciding with the signing of a friendship city agreement between Lijiang City, China and Greater Shepparton. Symbolic elements include guardian lions, believed to bring good fortune and ward off evil spirits. The lions and rocks in the pond were donated by the government of Jiangsu Province in 1988 as a gift to the Shepparton community and were formerly part of a display at the Shepparton International Village, acknowledging the contribution made by the Chinese to Greater Shepparton.

6 Moooving Art www.sheppartonmooovingart.com.au

Monash Park hosts the largest collection of Greater Shepparton's MooovingArt – an ever changing public art exhibition using a unique 3D canvas: life sized cows! Scattered throughout the region in parks, gardens, public spaces and businesses, there are over 90 ever-changing colourful fibreglass pieces, each one individual and distinctive. Visit the website for other herd locations.

7 The Monash Underpass... Monash Park to Shepparton Heritage Precinct

The mural within the Monash Underpass was installed in 2012 as part of a project to reduce graffiti. Community members were invited to submit designs, with the public voting for their preferred - '*Shepparton Shared Pathway, Connecting with Nature*', designed by Stephen Crowe.

8 Shepparton Police Community Murals Cnr Welsford and High Streets

Designed to relay the important message of "togetherness", by various local artists. Depict aspects of police connections with the Greater Shepparton community including the Street Rider Bus, "Cool Heads", "Wipe-Out", and an indigenous art piece by Neva Atkinson, depicting two turtles that represent the land of the Yorta Nation and denote police and aboriginal people working together for better outcomes.

9 Mural – Tirana Walk Between High and Fryers Street

This large mural just off Welsford Street was produced as a Shepparton Community Project. It captures some of Shepparton's history, including the iconic Furphy Water Cart. "Furphy" is now part of great Australian slang – meaning a rumour or tall story – the Visitor Centre can tell you more about this connection Shepparton has with the Australian vernacular!

10 Maude Street Mall

The "Common Ground" Mural was installed in 1997, made by Angie Russi, commissioned by Urban Initiatives who designed the mall. "Shepparton Story Wall" is a Hebel block wall located adjacent to the Telstra Tower – it was designed and built by first year TAFE art students in 2000.

Part 2 – CBD/ WIDER SHEPPARTON

11 Gallery Kaiela, 135-137 High Street Wednesday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm or by appointment

Gallery Kaiela in Shepparton is a shop front for local Indigenous artists to showcase and sell their work. It provides artists at all levels access to cultural arts practice, professional development and skills-building opportunities. The gallery promotes the south-eastern Australian Indigenous linear art form and educates local Indigenous artists and the wider community about this style of art.



12 Glasson's Art World 151 High Street, Shepparton

Art gallery, fine art and graffiti supplies, archival custom framing and art workshops, eg. Dookie Art Attack. Shepparton Plein Air, Short Painting Trips. Artist designer wearables & home decor. Check out the graffiti wall while you are there – it often features work by local artists.

13 Shepparton Showgrounds - "The Farmer" Cnr Thompson & High Streets

SPC Ardmona sponsored this sculpture at the showgrounds by artist Dean Bowen, 2007. Represents the worker on the land and reflects the labour and efforts of generations of farming families in the Goulburn Valley.

The Greater Shepparton region is renowned for its cultural diversity and the welcome extended to new arrivals. The 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census reveals that 11% of the population, or 6,147 individuals, identified as being born in a country other than Australia, with 7.8% of these in countries where English is not a first language. The census shows the dominant non-English speaking country of birth as Italy, where 1.9% of the population, or 1,081 people, were born. High populations also originate from the United Kingdom and New Zealand, followed by Albania, Iraq, Turkey, India, Greece, the Netherlands and Philippines.

14 St Georges Road Precinct

India, Asia and the Middle East all wrapped up into one small suburban shopping strip! Take a break with some middle eastern pastries at the café and soak up the multi-cultural shopping experience.

TASTE OUR CULTURE:
For information on the wide range of cuisines available in Greater Shepparton, contact the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre.



15 Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple Doyles Road, Shepparton East

Gurdwara Sahib Shepparton is a Sikh Temple (religious place of worship for Sikhs). From the mid 1980's a significant number of Sikhs settled in the Goulburn Valley.

16 Campbells Soup Can Campbells Factory, Lemnos North Road

The giant soup can on an elevated tower – what would Andy Warhol have made of this!

17 Bangerang Cultural Centre 1 Evergreen Way, Shepparton (off Brauman St) Open Mon-Fri (Phone to check 5831 1020)

The Bangerang Cultural Centre is the first Aboriginal cultural 'keeping place/museum' developed and managed by the Aboriginal community in Australia. Aboriginal culture through four dioramas depicting trade, food gathering and cultural gatherings, as well as exquisite artefacts and artworks. Formerly part of the Shepparton International Village (1974 to 1980's) which showcased Shepparton's multicultural society.

18 Cudgee Park The Boulevard

Cudgee Park (meaning "a very good place to visit"), Indigenous Community Garden and Aboriginal totems.

19 Victoria Park Lake – "Federation" Sculpture Wyndham Street, Shepparton

Artist: Peter D Cole, 2002. Funded by Arts Victoria, SPC Ardmona and McPherson Media Group, commissioned by Greater Shepparton City Council to commemorate Centenary of Federation. Cole responded to key elements in the Shepparton landscape: a yellow pear, a red apple, an irrigation wheel and at the base an open newspaper. These elements make direct reference to those contributing to the artwork and their interests.

PART 3 – MOORoopNA & TATURA

20 Chinamans Gardens / The Flats Walk Midland Highway, Mooroopna

Ah Wong, a Chinese immigrant, set up a market garden beside the Goulburn River in 1877, selling vegetable produce to the area's residents. The establishment of an Aboriginal community in this area by the Yorta Yorta families was a direct result of the Cummeragunja "Walk Off" on 6 February 1939. A 4.3 km (round distance) walk with interpretive story boards sets off from Chinamans Gardens exploring this site chosen by the Yorta Yorta for its extended traditional association with the environments in close proximity to rivers such as the Kaiela (Goulburn).

TATURA

(points 21 & 22 within walking distance of each other)

Tatura was declared a town in 1874 and was the centre of the former Rodney Shire from 1886 -1994. Tatura hosts the annual Tatura Rotary Art Show each June long weekend. Tatura is a "Transition Town".

21 Pte Robert Mactier Memorial Mactier Park, Hogan Street, Tatura

Renowned Australia sculptural artist Terrance Plowright completed the larger-than-life bronze of V.C. recipient, Robert Mactier, unveiled in October 2014.

22 Tatura Mosaic Murals

Glass murals depict the history, development and project the future of Tatura, emphasising the importance of the sun, earth and water.



23 Tatura Bollards Lake Barlett (Francis Street)

Adjacent to the Scout hall, over 20 bollards are on display, painted by local artists and community groups.

Many of Greater Shepparton's history museums house some interesting artworks and cultural items. Refer to the "History and Heritage Touring Suggestions" flyer for further information or see:

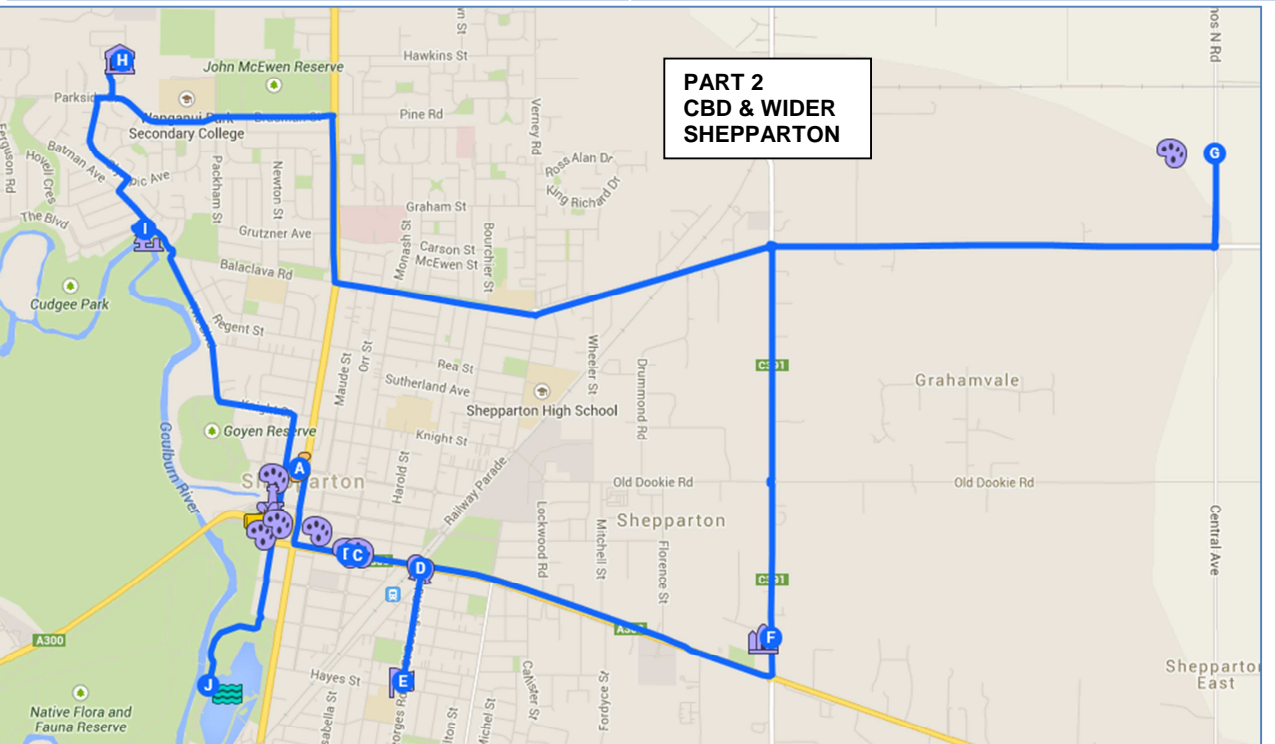
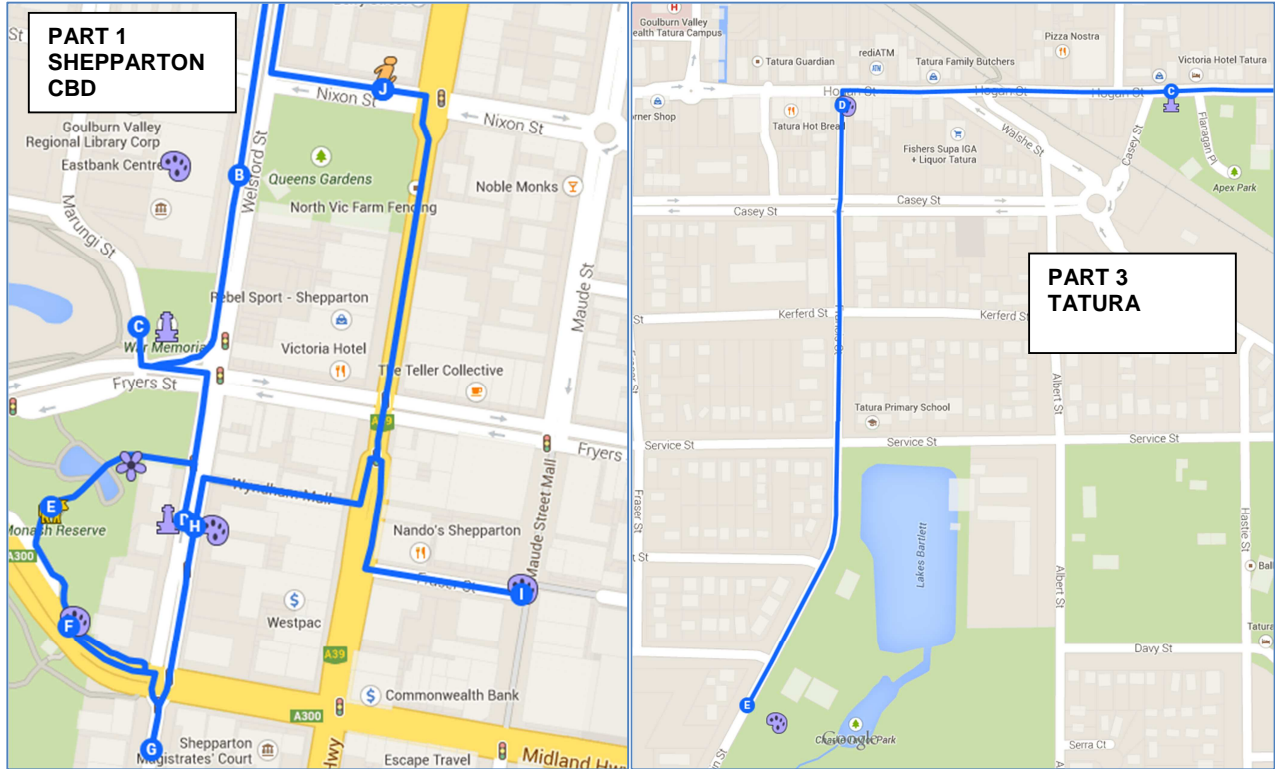
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