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Welcome to Greater Shepparton

I am pleased to welcome you to the Shepparton District electorate this week, to celebrate the annual OUT in the OPEN Carnival, as it marks its fifth year.

I am proud to represent a region which not only renowned for its diversity, but for its acceptance of diversity.

Media articles this year stated the LGBTI community is not only present in Shepparton, but it is highly visible. This is something to be proud, particularly for our youth. I acknowledge our local LGBTI community for their efforts.

I have no doubt it is events such as the OUT in the OPEN Carnival which is helping to nurture this outlook.

I commend the organisers of the 2016 event, and wish you well for this year, and for the future.



Suzanna Sheed MP

State Member of Parliament for Shepparton District

Greater Shepparton City Council is proud to host and support the OUTintheOPEN Carnival Day.

Greater Shepparton has a long history of hosting events and is pleased to support experiences that celebrate community diversity.

Events such as this are an important tool in addressing some of the inequalities faced by the local GLBTIQ community and assist in building a more inclusive community.

The OUTintheOPEN Carnival Day, now in its fifth year, provides an opportunity for people to come together and celebrate in an environment in which they feel comfortable and accepted.



Greater Shepparton City Council

Welcome to the 2016 OUTintheOPEN Festival.

OUTintheOPEN gives us the perfect platform to celebrate diversity within our community and to show that we value each and every member of our community for the contribution they make.

While we are lucky to live in a tolerant community that embraces diversity, I know that more needs to be done to address inequalities faced by our LGBTI community, including the right to marry.

I value the opportunity OUTintheOPEN gives me to stand with our LGBTI community and show my strong support for your rights and equality.



Wendy Lovell

Member for Northern Victoria Region

Welcome to Greater Shepparton

I am so proud to be able to present to you, OUTintheOPEN Festival 2016 ... 13 events over 3 and a half huge days, there's absolutely something for everyone! Visitors and locals alike have countless opportunities to celebrate community diversity in ALL it's forms across the City of Greater Shepparton! WELCOME!

CARNIVAL DAY is our signature event – returning to Queens Gardens this year with over 60 market stalls, food vendors, live entertainers, fun attractions, and a live ONE FM radio broadcast, this family-friendly event makes a great, FREE day out for everyone – petting zoo and jumping castle included!

Many new events and partners have come on board! The Gathering at Noble Monks with superb food, live music & special guests kicks off a fun, warm welcome Thursday night to Shepparton's pride and diversity Festival.

Two health/wellbeing sector events are on offer Friday – a Trans & Gender Diverse Youth Inclusive Practice Training, and THRIVE: Connecting ATSI & CALD LGQTI Communities – both at La Trobe Uni., proud supporters of our diverse "rainbow" community. Get up close and personal with Victoria's first Gender & Sexuality Commissioner, Ro Allen, at a special two-course dinner in the evening, then stay for Kaye Sera's Cabaret Bizarre – both ALMOST SOLD OUT events!

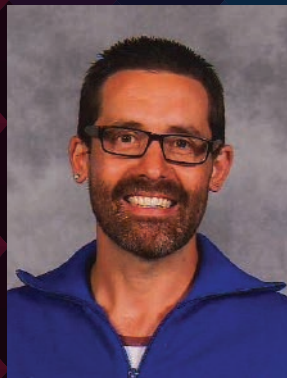
On Saturday, check out Greater Shepparton's rainbow-flag covered CBD for great restaurants, awesome shopping, and other attractions on offer in the region – the Visitor Info Centre has got you covered. Or, have a Lazy Lunch with the VicBears at The Aussie Hotel, then pop on down to the Pop-Up Club at The Deck – grab a meal and a beverage amid some terrific tunes and surprise treats before Shepparton's biggest GLAMOUR PARTY in Jack's Bar at The Aussie.

Wake to a beautiful Earth Meditation Sunday, before a scrumptious BIG Community Brunch at Lemon Tree Café. Relax for the afternoon as local choir 36 Degrees South & visiting group Low Rez Melbourne host Chorale Collaboration at Wesley Church – an hour-long recital complimented by a delicious afternoon tea of home-made slices & cakes!

And finally, support Equal Love Greater Shepparton's film screening of The Queen of Ireland at Village Cinema – a doco that follows drag queen Panti Bliss: an accidental activist and in her own words 'a court jester, whose role is to say the unsayable'. Her fight for equality and against homophobia has become recognised across the world. What a way to finish off YOUR OUT in the OPEN Festival Shepparton weekend! THANK YOU!

Damien Stevens

Festival Director



Check out Shepparton's Mooving Art: Can you find this one around town? (Photo: Liz Arcus)



Visit Mooroopna's colourful water tower: McLennan Street (Photo: Daniel Gommers)

Welcome to Greater Shepparton

Ro Allen is Victoria's first Gender and Sexuality Commissioner. The Commissioner champions the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse and intersex (LGBTI) Victorians.

Ro Allen is an experienced and longstanding advocate for LGBTI Victorians and has held leadership positions across community and government sectors.

Ro has been a member of three Victorian Government LGBTI ministerial advisory groups and chaired the ministerial advisory committee on LGBTI Health and Wellbeing between 2007 and 2009. As founding CEO of UnitingCare Cutting Edge, Ro established Victoria's first rural support group for young LGBTI people, giving Ro a particular understanding of the issues faced in rural and regional areas. Ro is a former Chair of the Adult, Community and Further Education Board, the Victorian Skills Commission, the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVIC), and former member of the Hume Regional Development Australia Committee. Ro has been recognised for extensive community service: in 2003 Ro received a Centenary Medal and in 2009 was inducted into the Victorian Government Honour Roll for Women.

Ro will be present for the duration of the Out in the Open Festival, and welcomes community to come have a chat at the stall on Carnival day.



Rowena Allen

Gender & Sexuality Commissioner

Our Supporters



Festival Overview

OUTintheOPEN is Greater Shepparton's Festival celebrating community diversity. 2012 was our inaugural year. OUTintheOPEN was developed to address some of the inequalities faced by the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer (LGBTIQ) & allied communities and to build a more inclusive community in Greater Shepparton. We are now in our 5th year. OUTintheOPEN Festival is a project lead by Goulburn Valley Pride Inc. and is proudly supported by many other organisations and community groups, including:

- Kildonan UnitingCare
- Goulburn Valley Health
- headspace Shepparton
- Greater Shepparton City Council
- Shepparton Show Me
- Primary Care Connect
- La Trobe University
- PFLAG Shepparton
- Diversity Group

- Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH)
- Relationships Australia Victoria
- WayOut - Cobaw Community Health
- JOY 94.9
- The Aussie Hotel
- Princess Park Clinic
- Shepparton Medical Centre
- Goulburn Valley Hotel
- Victoria Police
- Word and Mouth
- Bendigo Bank Shepparton
- Peppermill Inn
- Nourish
- ONE FM 98.5

The Festival consists of health/wellbeing forums at La Trobe University and a Carnival Day on the first weekend in November in the Queens Gardens. Ten more events will compliment the Festival in this it's fifth year.

Festival Background

Greater Shepparton has a diverse community comprising of a significant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) community, a large portion of our community were born overseas (12%) and 4% of our community are Aboriginal or Torres Straight Island (ATSI) people. However, the celebration of the diversity in Greater Shepparton remains minimal. Related to this is a stigma around the community diversity in Shepparton, in particular our LGBTIQ communities. There are a small number of active, established groups that celebrate LGBTIQ culture, such as Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Shepparton, Diversity Group and Goulburn Valley Pride, which all operate within our community. In spite of this, the Private Lives survey of Australian LGBTIQ people found that rural males and females aged 20-29, who identify as same sex attracted, feel less connected to their LGBTIQ community than their metropolitan counterparts (Pitts, Smith, Mitchelle, & Patel, 2007). LGBTIQ people in rural areas have different needs to those in metropolitan areas. They face discrimination from homophobic attitudes,

isolation, limited clinical health services and limited support systems. The Private Lives survey also found that some rural people identifying as LGBTIQ are targets of violent attacks. It was identified that there were little opportunities in Greater Shepparton to celebrate this diversity as well as initiatives aimed at breaking down the stigma around LGBTIQ communities. From this, the idea of an inclusive festival came to life, with Kildonan UnitingCare instigating the Festival and now Goulburn Valley Pride becoming the lead organisation for the OUTintheOPEN Festival. Community festivals can increase feelings of belonging to a community, create connections, bring diverse people and organisations together, both through the festival planning and festival events, and build social inclusion, which has been linked with improved mental health and wellbeing (Barraket & Kaiser, 2007). Social inclusion can be defined as "where all people feel valued, their differences are respected and their basic needs are met so they can live in dignity".

2016 Events Overview

THURSDAY 3 NOV

5.30pm – 9.00pm
The Gathering (Noble Monks) ①

FRIDAY 4 NOV

9.30am – 12.30pm
Trans & Gender Diverse Youth Inclusive
Practice Training (La Trobe Uni.) ②

1.30pm – 3.30pm
THRIVE: Connecting ATSI & CALD LGBTI
Communities (La Trobe Uni.) ②

6.30pm – 8.30pm
Dinner with the Gender & Sexuality
Commissioner (Peppermill Inn) ③

9.00pm – 10.30pm
Kaye Sera's Cabaret Bizarre
(Peppermill Inn) ③

SATURDAY 5 NOV

10.30am – 4.00pm
CARNIVAL DAY (Queens Gardens) ④

1.00pm – 2.00pm
VicBears Lazy Saturday Lunch
(Aussie Hotel) ⑤

4.00pm – 8.00pm
Pop-Up Club (The Deck) ⑥

8.00pm – 1.00am
GLAMOUR PARTY (The Aussie – Jack's Bar
[Downstairs]) ⑤

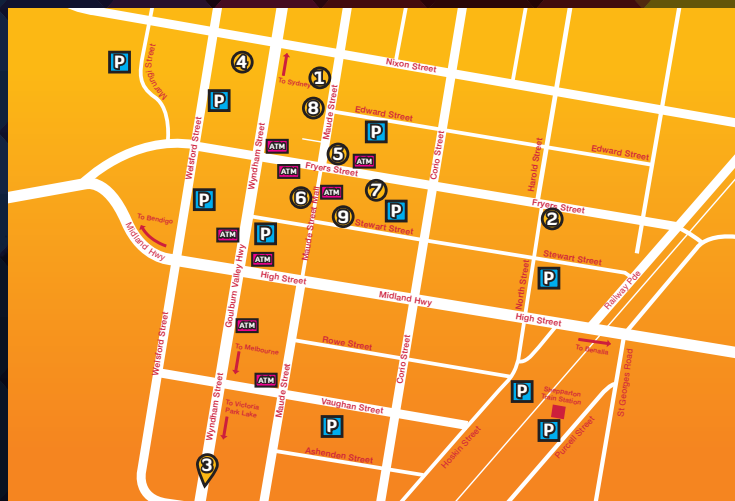
SUNDAY 6 NOV

9.30am – 10.30am
Earth Meditation (Queens Gardens) ④

11.00am – 2.00pm
BIG Community Brunch
(Lemon Tree Cafe) ⑦

2.00pm – 4.00pm
Chorale Collaboration with Low Rez &
36 Degrees South (Wesley Church) ⑧

4.00pm – 6.00pm
"The Queen of Ireland" Film screening
(Village Cinema) ⑨



THE GATHERING

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TheGatheringGV

NOVEMBER 3

NOBLE MONKS

120-126 Maude St, Shepparton

5.30pm - 9.00pm

SHOWCASE ARTIST

SIM VICTOR

with
GUEST SPEAKERS

Georgie Poort
(OUTintheOPEN Festival)

Bonnie McIntosh
(St George's Rd Food Festival)

Ro Allen
(Vic, Gender & Sexuality Commissioner)

THE LAST GATHERING FOR 2016



noble monks



TRANS & GENDER DIVERSE YOUTH INCLUSIVE PRACTICE TRAINING

Contact: Starlady
Phone: 0429 070 827
Email: zbgcyouth@cohealth.org.au

Contact: Damien Stevens
Phone: 03 58316157 ext 151
Email: dstevens@kildonan.org.au

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
9:30 - 12:30

210 Fryers St, Latrobe Uni, Shepparton

REGISTER HERE:

<http://bit.ly/2df7VG6>

The Zoe Belle Gender Collective Youth Project, Rainbow Network, WayOut Macedon Ranges and Kildonan UnitingCare are strategic partners under the Victorian State Governments funding to support same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young Victorians as part of the Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) Project.

ABOUT THIS TRAINING:

This training aims to develop individual practitioner and organisational capacity to provide accessible and inclusive services for young trans and gender diverse Victorians. The session provides opportunities for participants to learn about a range of different topics, including:

- trans and gender diverse identities;
- inclusive language;
- experiences and impacts of discrimination;
- gender affirmation and healthcare pathways;
- rights and responsibilities; and
- service access and inclusive practice initiatives.

Arrive at 9am for registration for a 9:30am start.

Tea/coffee/morning tea provided plus a FREE healthy lunch/networking until 1:30pm.



Kaye Sera's

CABARET BIZARRE

FRIDAY
4th November

KAYE SERA is a much loved singer and queer media personality.

One of Australia's few drag acts to sing live, Kaye invites you to join her bizarre world of lust, legs, love & life... for one night only!

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Per Person

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GLBTIQA SOCIAL GROUP**

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or  /gvprideshepparton & check out our weekly social event calendar

**FUN
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FAMILY
COMMUNITY**



"Diversity" is Greater Shepparton's social-support group for same sex attracted, sex & gender diverse young people 10-25yrs (& their friends)



Fortnightly meetings include guest speakers, food & fun activities!

 Find us on: **facebook**®
www.facebook.com/diversitygroup

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parents, families & friends of LGBTI people who meet once a month & offer support & friendship to families, particularly parents, & also to members of the LGBTI community who may need support in coming out to their families and friends

Venue: Kildonan UnitingCare, 136 Maude Street, Shepparton
Phone: Glenys on 0409 626 647 **Email:** info@pflagsshepparton.org.au
Mail: C/- PO Box 1697, Shepparton, 3632

www.pflagsshepparton.org.au  /pflaggreaterShepparton



The "Diversity Project" aims to create a safer, more inclusive, and healthier community for young people in the City of Greater Shepparton (& beyond) who are same sex attracted, sex & gender diverse.

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**SATURDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER 2016**

10.30AM - 4.00PM

**QUEENS GARDENS
SHEPPARTON**

OUT IN THE OPEN

CARNIVAL DAY

FREE FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

50+ STALLS & MERCHANDISE TO BUY • LIVE ONE FM BROADCAST
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STRICTLY DRUG / ALCOHOL FREE EVENT & NO GLASS

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RHUBARB ROUGE

**LIVE LOCAL
PERFORMERS:**

shOUT Youth Chorus
Rosie Burgess Trio
Jessica Lorraine
Tree of Strings
Lola's Pole School
Tyler Trio
Jeffry's Cabbage
The Delirious
Past Present

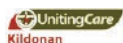
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YOUTH CHORUS**

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CHAIRS**

**JESSICA
LORRAINE**

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STRINGS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

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Some info about Carnival Day!

OUTintheOPEN is Greater Shepparton's Festival celebrating community diversity. Carnival Day is our BIG event! Come and play with us in the park at Queen's Gardens on Saturday 5 November from 10.30am - 4.00pm (cnr. Wyndham & Nixon Streets, Shepparton). Wander through the stalls and markets; savour the smells and tastes of fresh local produce. There's music, entertainment, food & info galore. Bring your friends, family and loved ones and don't forget your picnic blanket! Also, please keep in mind as you plan for the day, that Carnival Day has a no glass policy. Check out the attractions while the kids bounce on the jumping castle or play in the petting zoo! FREE family fun for everyone!!

Performers include:

- Rhubarb Rouge – Emcee
- shOUT Youth Chorus
- Rosie Burgess Trio
- Jessica Lorraine
- Tree of Strings
- Tyler De Jong Trio
- Jeffry's Cabbage
- The Delirious
- Past Present
- Lola's Pole School

Stalls to include:

- Karen's Baked Potatoes
- Café Buzz Box Coffee
- La Crepe Downunder
- Top Notch Poffertjes
- Rick the Hotdog Man
- Mr. Sheppy
- Bay Leaf
- Fairy Floss & Snow Cones
- Water trailer

- headspace Shepparton
- Relationships Australia Victoria
- Switchboard Victoria
- Roger's Clutter 2nd Hand Books
- Rainbow Labor Victoria and the LGBTI Affairs Policy Committee
- Gay and Lesbian Tourism Australia
- St. John's Ambulance
- OUTintheOPEN Info Tent & SAM Promotion
- Living Positive Victoria
- Victoria Police (GLLO Unit)
- Australian Greens/Queer Greens
- Kildonan UnitingCare/Diversity Group
- GV Pride/PFLAG Shepparton
- ONE FM 98.5
- It's Party Time Jumping Castle
- WirraMirra Too Petting Zoo
- Meryula Clinic, Community Health @ GV Health
- GV Regional Library Corp.
- GV Amnesty International
- MI Fellowship/Wellways
- Activities in the Park (Giant Games) 12pm - 3pm
- Merri Health
- Primary Care Connect
- Equality Branch - Dept. Premier & Cabinet (Ro Allen)
- SWAG Community Centre
- Chef's Toolbox
- Australian Pride Network
- Victorian AIDS Council/PRONTO van
- Carers Victoria
- Beads, Jewellery, Suncatchers & More
- Himalayan Salt lamps, Wind Twisters & More
- VicBears Inc
- La Trobe University
- Flourish Landscapes
- ParentsNext - CatholicCare
- Australian Marriage Equality

VicBears Lazy Saturday Lunch

SATURDAY 5 NOV

1.00pm – 2.00pm

AUSSIE HOTEL

VicBears is heading country on Saturday 5 November to celebrate with our bear brothers at the Shepparton Annual Pride and diversity festival – Out in the Open. We are booked in at The Aussie Hotel for 1:00pm. The menu items range from \$16 – \$32 with a few gluten free options available. The hotel is located at 73 Fryers Street, Shepparton, VIC 3630.



Pop-Up Club (The Deck)

SATURDAY 5 NOV

4.00pm – 6.00pm

THE DECK

Unwind after OUTintheOPEN Festival Shepparton's CARNIVAL DAY to some tunes, Fun environment, light refreshments available, tasty food from The Deck's great menu, Cocktails on request. Lawn bowls, checkers, Jenga, live music, pop-up club! before Saturday night's GLAMOUR PARTY
198A Maude St - upstairs in the Mall above Harris Scarfe
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November 5th 2016, Out in the Open Edition

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AUSSIE

**SATURDAY,
5th November**



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<https://www.trybooking.com/NGQQ>

Earth Meditation

SUNDAY 6 NOV
9.30am – 10.30am
QUEENS GARDENS

Be nurtured, be guided in a gentle relaxation and meditation that will awaken your senses, still the mind, relax the body in harmony with the earth around us.

For beginners to advanced – all are welcome. Feel free to bring your favourite wrap or blanket.

RSVPs appreciated to Liz Arcus via SMS 0407 861 303. Please arrive on time for a 9.30am commencement.



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{the annual}
BIG
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brunch

• Sunday 6th November •

This Festival Fundraising Brunch provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Out in the Open Festival together with friends over a cup of great coffee and a spread of goodies fresh out of the Lemon Tree kitchen.

Ticket includes one BIG breakfast item from the menu, and one BIG cup/mug of coffee or tea. Seating is limited & tickets **MUST** be pre-purchased, so please book now ... or miss out!

\$25
Per Person

11:00am at Lemon Tree Cafe 98 Fryers St.

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Lemon Tree Cafe



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CHORALE COLLABORATION

As part of the 2016 OUTintheOPEN Festival



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DON'T MISS IT!**

An afternoon of great singing with local choir
36 Degrees South and visiting Melbourne choir
Low Rez - followed by a beautiful afternoon tea.

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

2pm - 4pm

Shepparton Uniting Church

150 Maude St,

Shepparton, Vic 3630

Tickets \$15

Available AT THE DOOR

CASH ONLY!



This event is part of OUTintheOPEN Festival Shepparton
More info @ outintheopen.org.au



"The Queen of Ireland" film

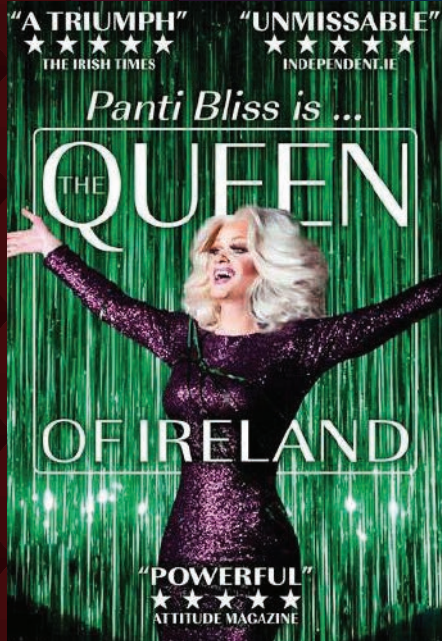
SUNDAY 6 NOV
4.00pm – 6.00pm
VILLAGE CINEMAS
9-13 STEWART ST SHEPPARTON

You are invited to a special screening of The Queen of Ireland in Shepparton, A documentary film about how one man in a dress is changing the world. Panti Bliss: The Queen of Ireland.

Tickets:

General Admission: \$20.00
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All funds raised support marriage equality (Equal Love Greater Shepparton).



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- Benalla Police Station
- Shepparton Police Station
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