



OUT^{in THE} OPEN

OFFICIAL FESTIVAL GUIDE
14 - 16 NOVEMBER 2014

WELCOME TO GREATER SHEPPARTON



Greater Shepparton City Council extends a warm welcome to visitors to our city for the OUTintheOPEN Carnival Day. Our municipality is a diverse and tolerant one and we are proud to be a host city and supporter of this event.

Shepparton has a long history of hosting events and we are pleased to support experiences that celebrate community diversity. It is important to address some of the inequalities faced by the local GLBTIQ community and to work on building a more inclusive community in our region. OUTintheOPEN provides an opportunity for people to come together and celebrate in an environment in which they feel comfortable and accepted.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Shepparton and take the opportunity to visit some of our other tourism attractions while you are here.

*Cr Jenny Houlihan
Greater Shepparton City Council*

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FESTIVAL OVERVIEW

OUTintheOPEN is Greater Shepparton's newest festival celebrating community diversity. 2012 was our inaugural year.

OUTintheOPEN was developed to address some of the inequalities faced by the local gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer (GLBTIQ) & allied communities and to build a more inclusive community in Greater Shepparton.

OUTintheOPEN Festival is a project auspiced by Kildonan UnitingCare (KUC) and is proudly supported by many other organisations and community groups, including:

- Primary Care Connect (PCC)
- Goulburn Valley Health
- The Bridge Youth Service
- Goulburn Valley Pride Inc.
- PFLAG (Parents, Family members & Friends of Lesbian & Gay people) Shepparton
- Diversity Group (same-sex attracted, sex & gender diverse young person's social-support group)
- headspace Shepparton
- Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH)
- Relationships Australia Victoria
- WayOut - Cobaw Community Health
- JOY 94.9 (official media partner)
- Greater Shepparton City Council
- Goulburn North East Women's Health
- Goulburn Valley Hotel
- The Aussie Hotel
- Victoria Police
- Berry Street
- Valley Sport
- Princess Park Clinic
- Word and Mouth

The festival will consist of a health/well-being forum at Goulburn Valley Hotel function rooms and a Carnival Day on the third weekend in November in the Queens Gardens. Other events will compliment the Festival in this it's third year.

FESTIVAL BACKGROUND

Greater Shepparton has a diverse community comprising of a significant Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ) community, a large portion of our community were born overseas (12%) and 4% of our community are Aboriginal or Torres Straight Island 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 GLBTIQ communities.

There are a small number of active, established groups that celebrate GLBTIQ culture, such as Parents, Families 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 GLBTIQ people found that rural males and females aged 20-29, who identify as same sex attracted, feel less connected to their GLBTIQ community than their metropolitan counterparts (Pitts, Smith, Michelle, & Patel, 2007).

GLBTIQ 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 GLBTIQ 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 GLBTIQ communities. From this, the idea of an inclusive festival came to life, with KUC 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".

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
GV HOTEL CLASSIC ROOM
223 HIGH STREET, SHEPPARTON
FREE EVENT

Do you work with young people? Are you keen to know more about celebrating diverse gender and sexuality? Then this day of workshops is for you! Join us for an introduction to gender diversity - hear from young people from across Victoria ... learn more about labels, pronouns and same sex attracted, sex and gender-diverse youth issues ... whether it's gender expression or gender identity - or both. See a short film, find out about alcohol and other drug issues and how to be inclusive when working with the gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans* and intersex community - and a whole lot more! Zoe Belle Gender Centre, Transgender Victoria, YGender, Victorian AIDS Council, YUMCHA & Diversity Project Shepparton bring you...



LGBTI RURAL YOUTH AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

9.00 - 10.30AM

Introduction to Gender Diversity: a session for workers and community (Zoe Belle Gender Centre)

10.30 - 10.45AM

Morning Tea

10.45 - 11.00AM

SSAFE in the South West - film project showcase (YUMCHA, Warrnambool)

11.00 - 11.20AM

Regional Launch of the 'What makes an Ally?' Youth Project (Transgender Victoria and YGender)

11.20AM - 12.00PM

Youth panel: hearing from gender diverse youth from across Victoria

12.00 - 1.00PM

Lunch

1.00 - 2.30PM

Becoming GLBTI Inclusive: Alcohol and other drugs training for workers only (Victorian AIDS Council)

2.30 - 3.00PM

Networking/Afternoon Tea

3.00PM

Close



Viewing the flyer as a printed version? Then head to: <http://oitoforum2014.eventbrite.com.au/> for more info.

Trans* people include (but are not limited to) those who describe themselves as transgender, transsexual, FTM (female to male), MTF (male to female), genderqueer, transman, transwoman, boi, crossdresser, androgynous, third gendered, two spirited, Sistagirl / Brotherboy.

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"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!





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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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MOVIE NIGHT!



14 November at 7pm

**Rural Health Academic Centre, Lecture Theatre,
Melbourne Medical School, 49 Graham Street, Shepp**

Join us for GBF, OUTintheOPEN Festival's opening night film screening/supper event - all funds raised support Kildonan UnitingCare's same-sex attracted, sex and gender-diverse young person's social-support group, "Diversity" & "PFLAG Greater Shepparton" (NOTE: ticket price includes film and supper).

Film Synopsis: What happens after Tanner is outed by his classmates and becomes the title "gay best friend" for three high school queen bees? In GBF, social warfare erupts when three high school clique queens battle for supremacy: drama diva Caprice (Xosha Roquemore), Mormon princess 'Shley (Andrea Bowen) and blonde fashionista Fawcett (Sasha Pieterse).

TICKETS: Adults \$20, Concession \$15 (NOTE: 120 seats only!) ON SALE NOW @ www.trybooking.com/FVON
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Don't miss out!

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IMPORTED FRUITS



**A QUEER COMEDY EVENING STARRING TWO OF VICTORIA'S
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**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 @ 9.30PM
UPSTAIRS - THE AUSSIE HOTEL
73 FRYERS STREET, SHEPPARTON
ENTRY \$5.00 @ THE DOOR
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES.**


OUT AT THE OPEN

SOME INFO ABOUT CARNIVAL DAY!

OUTintheOPEN is Greater Shepparton's newest Festival celebrating community diversity. Carnival Day is our BIG event! Come and play with us in the park at Queen's Gardens on Saturday 15 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 Art Projects while the kids bounce on the jumping castle or play in the petting zoo! FREE family fun for everyone!!

Performers include:

- Abandoned Elevator
- Michael Yule
- Jojo Smith
- Rhubarb Rouge
- Aquamoves Sh'bam!
- Dan Reeves Trio
- Lola's Pole School
- The Murks
- Melbourne Rainbow Band
- More...

Stalls to include:

- Dreamworks Jumping castle
- Elite Events Party Hire – Sumo suits
- Chef's Toolbox
- Stage Performer/Artist CD sales, etc.
- Psychic Medium – Cathrine Rose
- The Bridge Youth Service
- Simply Creative Foods – Vietnam Food House
- Flamin' Woodfired Pizza
- headspace Shepparton
- St John Ambulance

- Café Buzz Box
- La Crepe Downunder
- GV Amnesty International Group
- Lions Club of Shepparton Inc. (BBQ)
- Diversity Group/Kildonan UnitingCare
- Victoria Police GLLO Unit
- Living Positive Victoria
- Australian Equality Party
- Chris' Quality DVDs
- Mental Illness Fellowship
- OUTintheOPEN info tent/colouring comp.
- PartyLite
- Roger's Clutter – 2nd Hand Books
- Relationships Australia Victoria
- JOY 94.9
- Act-Belong-Commit – GV Health
- Sunglasses & Hats – Pat Casey
- Buttons 'n' More
- Minus18
- Goulburn Valley Pride & PFLAG Shepparton
- Community Health @ GV Health
- Rick – Hot Dog Man (Mobile Food Van)
- Primary Care Connect
- Melb. Sex. Health Centre/Wulumperi Aboriginal Unit
- Kelly's Smells
- Creat Direct/Tupperware/Nutrimetics
- Envy Jewellery
- Gay & Lesbian Immigration Taskforce
- Faydra Blends – Homemade Soaps, etc.
- KE Emporium
- Melbourne Rainbow Band
- Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corp.
- Kaleidoscope Books
- The Australian Greens
- WirraMirra Too Petting Zoo



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CARNIVAL DAY

LOCAL LIVE PERFORMERS
FOOD, INFO & MARKET STALLS
FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES
JUMPING CASTLE, PETTING ZOO & MORE
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WITH YOUR
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SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER
10.30AM - 4.00PM
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CNR WYNDHAM & NIXON STREETS, SHEPPARTON



OUTintheOPEN FESTIVAL 14 - 16 NOVEMBER 2014
More info at www.outintheopen.org.au

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THAI & TRIVIA



Join us for Thai from 6.00pm sharp ... and for those who love a bit o' trivia there'll be some 'optional' trivia questions/games on your table with a chance to win great prizes!

We have a Festival group booking for 45 people and this event WILL sell out ... seating is limited - so you MUST reserve your seat by emailing: rsvp@outintheopen.org.au

Where? Thai Orchid, 29 Nixon St, Shepparton
When? 6pm on Sat 15 November

Venue info & menu @
www.thaiorchidshepparton.com.au

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