Community Perspectives on Settlement Issues Affecting New & Emerging Communities in Rural and Regional Australia

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- Shepparton has a larger proportion of recent overseas arrivals (those who arrived between 2006 and 2011) compared to other localities in regional Victoria—27.0% arrived during or after 2006, compared to 15.8% for regional Victoria.

- Shepparton has been a pilot site for the Regional Humanitarian Settlement program which started in the region with the settlement of ten families from the Democratic Republic of Congo.
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- The total population of City of Greater Shepparton in 2011-2012 was 62,352 people of which a total of 19.2% were born overseas.

- 10% of the population in 2011 was from a non-English speaking background (an increase from 7.7% in 2006) and 12.5% spoke a language other than English at home.
# Birthplace - ranked by size

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Settlement issues faced by new and emerging communities in Shepparton

- Unemployment
- Prejudice and Discrimination
- Language Barrier
- Healthcare Needs Including Mental Health
Unemployment
Prejudice and Discrimination
Language Barrier
Healthcare Needs
Way forward

- Stepping out of shadow program.
- Support through Shepparton Ethnic Council.
- Regular Community forum on healthcare access
- Support via local religious group.
- Standardised policy on use of interpreter service.
- Regular local events and activities that foster community engagement.
ANY questions?