

Project Abraham in Shepparton – May 2007

Follow-up from Project Abraham:

The gift of drums will be made to Cutting Edge UnitingCare shortly, to complement their youth programmes.

Project Abraham Outcome:

Common Ground: Sacred Space Multifaith Gathering at SheppARTon Festival, March 2007:

The SheppARTon Festival Committee's programme for the 2007 Festival featured installations by Indonesian architect, Eko Prawato, and local artists on the theme of Common Ground and the bounty of the land. The Interchurch Council and Interfaith Network were invited to prepare the closing Gathering. This included readings, prayers and music from various faiths represented in Shepparton to celebrate creation, give thanks for the bounty of creation and offer hope for the continuing regeneration of the land. With the Festival; the multicultural events on Friday and Saturday evenings were well attended, our Sunday afternoon session in Princes Park at the installations was disappointingly small.

Shepparton Interfaith Network:

The local committee has been involved in multifaith activities since the late 1990s and postponed the formalising of the committee until after Project Abraham. The Network has taken up its planning, and the constitution has been drafted. Currently some members are working with La Trobe University, Shepparton campus, in organising a two-day conference on Social Harmony, including many dimensions of the multicultural experience in Shepparton and the wider community.