Accreditation progress update since VSCN August Workshop

- **Health Plan - Investigating accreditation**

- **Updated police crime statistics**

- **Further community research – Jan Carter**

- **Community Action Plan, Oct 05 completed**

Crime / Safety

- Greater Shepparton has less rape, less aggravated burglary, less theft of cars, less deception and less handling of stolen goods than Victoria as a whole.

- Overall crime / head population reduced 2001 – 2004.

- Small decrease (1.1%) in crime noted in Greater Shepparton in 2003-2004. Less than Victoria's decrease (7.3%)

- Community perception of crime suggests that people, overall, feel "less safe" despite the real decrease in the crime rate.

Community Research

- Population increasing by 1.9% pa
- By 2031, 28% of the population > 60 years
- Indigenous population 5,000 plus
  - lower school retention rates Yr 8/9 – Yr 12
  - high unemployment
  - overall lower levels of community engagement
- Fewer GS students complete Yr 12 (25%) than for Victoria (40%)
- Fewer GS people have technical and university qualifications than for Victoria

Some of the Challenges

Greater Shepparton needs to

- Assist all to become better qualified
- Assist migrants to speak English
- Keep and attract qualified young people
- Assist sole parents with qualifications, part time work and family support
- Involve Koori and immigrant communities
- Further reduce crime and unintentional accidents

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Exciting Programs Taking Place

- Multifaith, Ifta, dinner to be an annual event
- Koori Court, reoffend rates down by 12.5% - National Award
- Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships going to be established in Shepparton
- GS community strengthening initiatives
- Youth development programs

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- 3 year youth development and leadership program

- Core membership 85 – 90

- Involve up to 400

- Wide range of activities

- $150,000 / annual cost

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WHO Accreditation

- Good, but slow progress

- Lack of money to speed things up

- Any questions?