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## GREATER SHEPPARTON POLICE WANT TO HEAR YOUR SAFETY ISSUES

Police in Greater Shepparton are launching a community engagement initiative to gather insight and information about safety issues affecting the Greater Shepparton community.

Commencing with an online launch on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, the engagement will be delivered as part of the Community Safety Networks – a partnership project between the Victorian community, Victoria Police, Victorian Government, Crime Stoppers Victoria and Neighbourhood Watch.

The Community Safety Networks will support police and community understanding of local crime issues, influence local policing priorities and deliver community safety improvement projects.

The online launch will lead into face to face police and community engagement in the shopping precinct, schools, Shepparton V/Line station and community events such as the CoolHeads program. These will be conversations with local residents, business owners, youth and commuters about the safety issues that affect them the most.

Inspector Troy Hargadon said police were always looking to increase their connections with the local community.

“It’s an opportunity for the community to have a say on the key issues within Greater Shepparton,” Insp Hargadon said.

“We know that people have great insight into their local community and ideas about other ways to prevent crime.

“Issues identified will form the development of projects and initiatives to help improve community safety.”

The first six Community Safety Networks – Wyndham, Melton, Whittlesea, Cardinia, Latrobe and Ballarat – began last year. The second group starts from now and includes Brimbank, Dandenong, Frankston, Knox, Geelong, alongside Greater Shepparton.

Greater Shepparton community members can also contribute to the conversation through the Engage Victoria website:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/communitysafetynetworks/greater-shepparton-community-safety-network>

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