



## Westpac and YouthNow celebrate Sunshine 150

### A competition for Primary School students

The Sunshine 150 celebrations recognise a community that has had several name changes over its long history. In 1860 it was called Braybrook Road District, in 1871 it was part of the Shire of Braybrook, in 1951 the City of Sunshine and, in 1994, it joined the City of Brimbank. With a population of 250 people at the time of Australia becoming a Federation, the area has also seen a massive increase in population and many changes in economic activity.

In 1942, during the Second World War, the Shire of Braybrook had a population of 13,000. By 1951, returned soldiers and immigration by displaced persons from WWII had helped to boost this number to 22,000 people in the City of Sunshine. Australia's new focus on increasing its population meant that by 1966 immigration and the baby boom had given the local government area a population of 70,000.

**Who are the people who live in Sunshine today?** This is the question Westpac and YouthNow would like your students to investigate in their **Sunshine People** competition.

The winner will receive a trip for two, the student and a parent/guardian, to visit the National Museum of Australia in Canberra for the launch of the exhibition *Landmarks: People and Places across Australia*, in which Sunshine is featured. The prize also includes a private curator's tour of the gallery, along with a behind the scenes view of the museum. The launch is on June 14, 2011.

Your students' task is to interview a Sunshine resident and ask them to tell their story of settlement in Sunshine. In the National Museum exhibition Sunshine appears under the *Land of Opportunity* banner so the interviewee's responses to the question: **"How is Sunshine a place of opportunity to you?"** should feature in the presentation.

Entry in this competition should help students' studies in VELS levels 4-6 in the History, Civics and Citizenship, and Personal and Social Learning strands. All entries will be displayed in a public venue (TBC) so that we can celebrate the students' efforts with the broader community.

#### Conditions of entry:

- Open to Prep to Year 6.
- One student per entry (the prize does not allow for group entries).





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- Participant must attend a school in the 3020 post code area. These schools are:
  - Glengala /Sunshine West PS
  - Sunshine PS
  - St Bernadette's PS
  - St Paul's PS
  - Sunshine Christian College
  - Sunshine Harvester PS
  - Albion North PS
  - St Peter's Catholic PS
  - Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception PS
  - Isik College Sunshine Campus
  - Sunshine Heights PS
  - Ardeer South PS
  - St Theresa's PS
- Format for the project is flexible however it must be able to be distributed electronically. It is expected that physical objects such as posters or dioramas could be scanned or well photographed to meet this requirement. In addition hard copies of entries should be delivered to the YouthNow office in Suite 9, 2 Devonshire Rd, Sunshine.
- Entries must be received by April 8, 2011.

### Winner selection:

Judging will be conducted by a panel of business and community representatives.

### Participant recognition:

Certificates will be awarded to all students who submit an entry.

### Registration of interest:

Teachers who are interested in their class' participating in the competition are asked to notify YouthNow of this intention by February 18, 2011. School and class details should be sent to Tricia Fidler at YouthNow, phone 8311 5815, or email [tricia@youthnow.org.au](mailto:tricia@youthnow.org.au).

### Some useful websites:

- [www.ayton.id.au/gary/History/H\\_Aust\\_Vic\\_Sunshine.htm](http://www.ayton.id.au/gary/History/H_Aust_Vic_Sunshine.htm)
- <http://museumvictoria.com.au/collections/themes/2324/municipality-of-sunshine-victoria>
- [www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/Files/BCC\\_post\\_contact\\_cultural\\_heritage\\_study\\_volume\\_1.pdf](http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/Files/BCC_post_contact_cultural_heritage_study_volume_1.pdf)
- <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~sunshine/sunshine.htm>

