



Westpac and YouthNow celebrate Sunshine 150

A competition for Secondary 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. Starting with a population of 250 people at the time Australia became a Federation, the area has also seen a massive increase in population and changes in economic activity. The community we see today would be unrecognisable to the early residents.

Just what are those changes? This is what Westpac and YouthNow invite students at your school to investigate in their Sunshine 150 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.

Well known for its connection to the production of the Sunshine Harvester there are many more facts about the area's business activity that students can uncover. For instance:

- Do you know where Australia's first fireworks factory, Phoenix Fireworks, was located?
- What industry did a Horse Hair Drawer and Curler work in?
- When did the John Darlings Flour Mill start operating on its Albion site and when did it cease production?

The theme for the competition is:

Sunshine's World of Business and Industry today compared with 1860 - 1950.

Secondary School students are asked to research a business/industry that is in the area today and investigate what an earlier version of that type of business would have been like in the years before the City of Sunshine name change in 1951.

Some of today's businesses are only part of the modern world and in those cases students could present information about what existed on the current location in years gone by. For example some of the land was used for stock grazing or quarried for bluestone and some held businesses that have moved or are now obsolete.





Conditions of entry:

- One student per entry (the prize does not allow for group entries).
- Participant must attend one of the following secondary schools:
 - Sunshine College all campuses
 - Marian College
 - Harvester Technical College
 - Braybrook College
 - Caroline Chisholm College
- 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 local 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.

Some useful websites:

- 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/Industry.pdf
- www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/Files/BCC_post_contact_cultural_heritage_study_volume_1.pdf

