

Multicultural bus tours: Inter-ethnic contact in Shepparton

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TOPICS COVERED

- Ethnic Council multicultural bus tours
- Our multicultural bus tour experience & observations
- Positive and negative behaviour
- Impact on hosts
- Where to from here?
- Overview of Population, Migration and Social Inclusion focus program
- Current survey

MULTICULTURAL BUS TOURS

- Ethnic Council running tours for 5-6 years
- Buses normally full to capacity (sometimes two)
- Police running similar tours for new members (3 years)
- Shepparton Council runs them for staff
- Schools
- Costly (\$600 - \$700 per bus hire)

- Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative
- Turkish Mosque
- Afghan Mosque,
- Iraqi Mosque
- Gurdwara Sahib (Sikh temple)

Acknowledging cultural sensitivity



POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE BEHAVIOUR

- Attire
- Questions

- Awareness
- Acceptance

- Onus on the hosts to allay anxieties through:
 - Education
 - Building trust/acceptance



POPULATION, MIGRATION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- A focus the experiences and attitudes of new and existing, temporary and longer term resident populations in terms of cultural diversity, social issues, and social inclusion.
- Concerned with the examination of existing policy and is oriented towards creating future policy opportunities of benefit to the whole community.
- Inter-disciplinary and multi-method

Main Research Themes

- The spatial concentration of immigrant groups and consequences for the economic and social life of urban and regional communities
- Temporal changes in social relationships, attitudes and social actions in communities experiencing increases in diversity and/or immigrant concentration.
- Understanding the human experience of border crossings, and the implementation of regulatory practice, through empirical examinations of irregular migration and border control at the global, regional and national level.
- Negotiating settlement for new arrived immigrants and experiences of locality and belonging in contemporary Australia.

TAKE OUR SURVEY

- [Social Inclusion in Melbourne Communities](#)
- The neighborhood context of social cohesion, social exclusion across 150 Melbourne neighbourhoods.
- Results will contribute towards a greater understanding of the individual and neighbourhood level protective factors that build resilience
- Find our survey at:

<https://www.accsvic.com/>

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