



### **INTRODUCTION**

Greater Shepparton is renowned as the fruit capital of Australia. With our nutrient rich soils, high quality water and connectivity to capital cities and export markets, Greater Shepparton is well poised to grow even more. What has been traditionally mostly processing fruit and milk country is now opening up to new industries and commodities such as a wide variety of fresh vegetable and fruit varieties that were previously not commonly grown in the region such as Avacados, Kiwi Fruit, JuJube and medicinal Cannabis.

## % OF AUSTRALIAN FRUIT

# GROWN IN SHEPPARTON













PEACH









#### FRUIT PACKING AND PROCESSING

Greater Shepparton has a high concentration of fruit packing and processing businesses, including world renowned brands such as SPC. In addition to this are a number of packing sheds in the region, including a pack house featuring a 35m tall automated storage retrieval system (ASRS), three sizing and grading lines and seven packing lines all supported by an autonomous monorail.

#### **TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS**

The Greater Shepparton freight logistics network efficiently delivers 'fresh' across Australia and around the world. Melbourne wholesale fruit & vegetable market is just 90 minutes up the road and Port of Melbourne only 120 minutes. All serviced by an expansive transport network located right here in Greater Shepparton to service the export needs of businesses.



configuration that provide heavy vehicle access. The site's master plan includes designated space for future intermodal facilities, accommodating the entire production, processing, and

Start-up ready, with complete facility design and regulatory

manufacturing supply chain.

approval, this council-owned land allows for competitive business arrangements.

Zoned for industrial purposes, the site benefits from a large buffer from sensitive land uses and residential areas, with an efficient development approvals process.

Access to a skilled transport workforce, with a strong manufacturing and construction profile, is readily available.



#### **WATER**

The Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID), which Greater Shepparton is an integral part of, has been upgraded thanks to the \$2 billion Connections Project. This world-class irrigation system allows growers to order water online, from a high quality supply distributed through the automated channel network.

The Water Efficiency Project (WEP) will provide further water recovery, channel rationalisation and modernisation opportunities within the GMID, and is already delivering 7GL of its forecasted 15.9GL water savings. High security irrigation water right in the GMID is among the most reliable in Australia and allows our region to produce the freshest produce in Australia.

#### **CLIMATE**

Greater Shepparton has a Mediterranean climate, suitable for the production of a wide variety of fruits and vegetables throughout the changing seasons. Commonly grown fruit and vegetable crops in the region are stone fruits, apples, pears, cherries, kiwi fruit, jujube, avacado, tomatoes, capsicums, zucchini, corn, cauliflower and broccoli, just to name a few.

#### **SOILS**

Our region has some of the most fertile soils in Australia. The Shepparton fine sandy loam, which dominates the fruit growing areas, is highly suited to irrigated annual and perennial horticultural crops.

## **GREATER SHEPPARTON**

AT A GLANCE















### TRANSPORT





RAIL & ROAD

### **AGRICULTURE**









FOOD BOWL OF VICTORIA



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