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Praise for innovative COVID-safe changes Shepparton Festival

Independent Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed used her member's statement in parliament this week to congratulate the organisers of the Shepparton Festival for their innovation in the face of COVID-19 restrictions.

Ms Sheed said restrictions after the fourth lockdown made it likely the festival would be cancelled but the organisers put their heads together and came up with an alternative plan that worked.

"With the support received from Creative Victoria, GOTAFE, and the City of Greater Shepparton, the festival celebrated its 25th anniversary against all the odds," Ms Sheed told parliament.

"With the theme Unify, this winter festival was striking in so many ways.

"A mixture of sound, light and movement created some amazing events in the face of great adversity.

"A choir of local singers appeared every evening in various parts of the city singing in the cold winter air. There were pop-up dance performances behind glass in a city arcade.

"The festival engaged with the broader community and was a melting pot of diversity."

Ms Sheed congratulated everyone involved in the Shepparton Festival for making winter a brighter place for the Shepparton district community.

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