

**Solange Habonimana & Frederiko Manirakiza**

Solange and Frederiko are members of Shepparton's newly arrived Burundian community which includes approximately 6 families and 50 people. They have been active leaders for the past several years working with St. Paul's African House and the Melbourne based Australian Burundian Community in Victoria, to organize cultural activities, events and celebrations that provide a platform for their community to participate in the arts and cultural life of Shepparton. In 2016 they organized the inaugural Burundian Women's Day and in 2017 they are leading a significant community cultural development project, Akamarata in which the community are creating their own set of traditional ingoma drums.