

ATTACHMENT TO AGENDA ITEM

Ordinary Meeting

20 December 2016

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**Cussen Park
Committee of Management
TATURA VIC 3616**



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Attention: Malcolm Styles

Dear Peter,

Cussen Park Advisory Committee concerns about petition to seal Margaret St, Tatura.

I write on behalf of the Cussen Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) which has recently been informed that a petition has been submitted to Greater Shepparton City Council (Council) requesting the sealing of Margaret Street, Tatura.

In the context of supporting and fostering the values of Cussen Park, and in the interests of those who frequently utilise this asset, the CPAC advises that it does not support any proposal to seal Margaret Street.

Approximately 50% of Margaret Street borders Cussen Park, which has been a highly valued and utilised community asset for well over 20 years. Given the extent of frontage to the park, CPAC is of the view that it has a significant stake in any future plans for Margaret Street.

Cussen Park and its wetlands cater for a wide range of community recreational needs, educational and environmental values and provide important treatment for Tatura's stormwater.

The park is also a vital refuge for native fauna, such as wading birds, and is extensively enjoyed by Tatura residents and visitors alike for passive community recreational pursuits such as walking, jogging and cycling.

CPAC is opposed to sealing Margaret Street in particular because such action will adversely impact:

- The ability of community members (walkers, joggers, bike riders, families etc.) to safely enjoy the park, specifically using Margaret Street as means to enter, exit and travel between different sections of the park,
- The many wading birds and other native fauna which regularly cross Margaret Street, and
- High value and remnant vegetation existing adjacent to Margaret Street which are important to the tranquil bushland setting of Cussen Park (including a Grey Box tree estimated to be around 300 years old).

Section 7.8 of the draft Cussen Park Environmental Management Plan (currently being finalised by Council) states that:

"Council has agreed to maintain Margaret St as a gravel road, to reduce traffic that may otherwise access the road due to the Northlinks development. Retaining the gravel road component and therefore lowering the number of cars will protect wildlife (particularly birds) that regularly cross Margaret St. The section of Margaret St between Section 3a and the carpark at zone 6 is also used by walkers at the park (there is no footpath linking these two sections of the Park)."

While not being aware of the specific issues which resulted in the petition and subsequent request to Council, CPAC assumes that dust may have been highlighted as a key issue. CPAC is of the view that dust issues are relatively minimal due to the very low vehicle traffic using Margaret Street, and that residents on the eastern side of Margaret Street pond are protected from dust by vegetation bordering the street.

Nonetheless it is suggested that dust suppression could be managed in several cost effective ways without needing to seal the road; which, as discussed, only increases the risk of undesirable impacts on Cussen Park's unique values and on those who enjoy the park.

The Cussen Park Advisory Committee looks forward to Council's careful consideration of the concerns raised in this letter and urges Council to retain Margaret Street as an unsealed street.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss the issues raised about Margaret Street and would appreciate any further advice from Council about the matter.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Simon Cowan, dated 4/2/16.

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Attention Malcolm Styles

Dear Peter

Re: Petition to seal Margaret Street Tatura

It is our understanding that Council has received a petition advocating sealing of Margaret Street Tatura.

We are of the opinion that the desire to seal Margaret Street is made for selfish reason and has no regard for the negative environmental and social impacts that sealing will create.

Based on respect for the environment and to preserve the aesthetic values of the existing tree lined street we object vigorously to any proposal to seal the street.

We wish to point out that as part of the public consultation associated with the Northlinks Planning Scheme Amendment, submission were made to Council (September 2002) that the existing character of Margaret Street should be retained and that included retaining the gravel surface. Council approved the Northlinks amendment and by inference agreed to retain Margaret Street in its current form. As part of the amendment approval conditions, Thomson Street was upgraded to cater for additional traffic.

It is of interest to note that of the 900 metres of road frontage (length of street 450 metres) that is the subject of the petition 450 metres is frontage to Cussen Park and 150 metres is our frontage. As the Cussen Park Advisory Committee is also against sealing the street at least 67% of the occupiers in Margaret Street are not in favour of sealing the street.

It is understood that the Cussen Park Advisory Committee will be providing notification that they do not want the street sealed.

It is understood that the vast majority of people who have signed the petition live in the area east of the Margaret Street pool. Our house is closer to Margaret Street than all the dwelling on the eastern side of the Margaret Street pool. It would appear that many people who have signed the petition do not use Margaret Street at all and some dwellings are four times further away from the street than our property.

As stated the request to seal Margaret Street has not given due consideration to the following:

1. The street has an extremely low traffic count and if the street is sealed traffic numbers including trucks will increase many fold. *It is noted that a traffic counter was installed during the week commencing the 25th January. In this regard we wish to point out that up to 20% of the traffic count could be attributed to traffic movements in and out of our property.* Also, as works were being undertaken on Council's Margaret Street Stormwater Pumps the traffic count may be exaggerated during the period monitored.

2. Increased traffic numbers will restrict and most probably kill wildlife crossing the street to access other zones in Cussen Park and our property. Native fauna currently crossing the street include Purple Swamp Hens, Dusty Moorhens, several Rails, Spotted Crakes, Coots, Water Rats, Tortoises and Reptiles.
3. Increased traffic numbers and the speed of traffic will have an enormous impact on pedestrians using the tranquil setting. Construction of a high cost walking track would be necessary to retain the safe pedestrian zone that currently exists.
4. Sealing work would require extensive earthworks for road and drainage construction. It is noted that the existing road drainage is adequate. These earthworks will destroy rare native plants and have significant negative impact on the 300 year old box tree on the street verge and other native trees. It is possible that earthworks and resultant increased traffic will kill this magnificent very old tree.
5. Margaret Street is admired by the community for its rural aspect. Sealing the street will destroy this rural aspect and increase noise in this quiet precinct. Many family groups with prams and bicycles use the street frequently.
6. Sealing will include extensive earthworks and expensive street infrastructure. The cost of these works is completely unnecessary.

If the main objective of the petition is to reduce dust being created and deposited on nearby properties including swimming pools then other options could be adopted that will alleviate the problem without negatively impacting environment features and community values such as:

- Reduced speed limits
- Application of dust free (below 5 micron particle component) top course like granitic sand
- Utilisation of a suitable dust suppressant

A suitable solution may be a combination of the above options.

As we do not consider there is a dust problem the street should be left as is.

In relation to the option of closing the street we would support closure if none of the above options are deemed suitable.

This street is a special urban street surrounded by urban bushland and our heavily vegetated property. There is absolutely no need to destroy this pleasing rural setting enjoyed by a wide section of the community and place further pressure on already threatened fauna just to reduce dust created by a very small number of vehicles for a small part of the year.

The best solution is to leave the street as is.

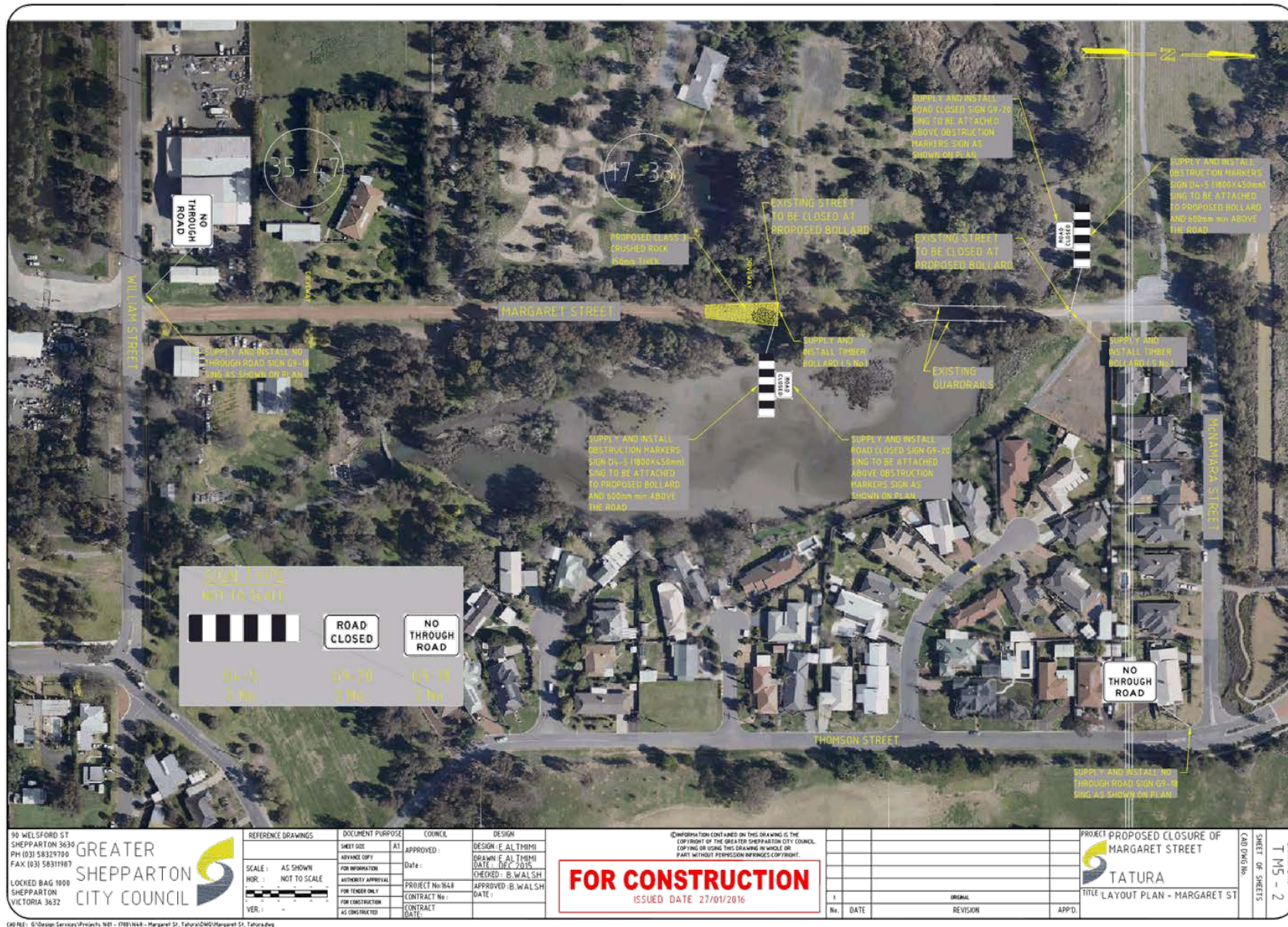
Yours faithfully



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Dear Cr Ryan,

I have enclosed a petition from Tatura residents seeking to have Margaret Street in the Tatura township sealed, to eliminate dust problems being experienced by residents. I request that you submit this petition to Council for their consideration and inclusion of this project in Council's 2016/17 capital works budget.

The residents affected by dust problems live in the housing estate to the east of Margaret St. All except one of the residents in this area signed the attached petition and expressed their strong support for addressing this issue. Residents that expressed strong concern over dust issues included the elderly, disabled, asthmatics and parents of young children.

I urge Council to act promptly to resolve this long standing issue which is progressively getting worse as traffic increases. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Loretta Smith

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Petition

Petition to the Greater Shepparton City Council

We the undersigned, petition the Council to:

Seal the unmade section of Margaret Street, Tatura, to reduce the constant dust problems.

For the following reasons:

Margaret Street was historically a little used local access street, however with the continuing development of Tatura, traffic volumes on this road have increased significantly. This increased traffic is raising constant dust clouds which are being blown by prevailing westerly winds into residential areas east of Margaret Street. This is creating significant inconvenience, nuisance and additional cleaning requirements for local residents. It is noted that in many rural areas, sections of roads have been sealed to control dust problems near houses, and it is appropriate that the streets within the Tatura township are also sealed to control this problem.

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Dear Madam/Sir,

**Re: Proposed Partial Road Closure
Margaret St. Tatura**

The Brigade was recently approached by Malcolm Styles representing your Director of Infrastructure seeking our view regarding the proposed partial closure of Margaret St Tatura.

At its meeting held on Monday 21st March the Brigade resolved to advise Council that it opposes any proposal to partially close Margaret St Tatura.

It is critical that the CFA is afforded rapid response with unimpeded access to a fire in this area & any such works represent a hindrance to fire operations.

If you require any further information or clarification, please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Stockdale
Secretary

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