



Tatura Community Plan

2015

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The Tatura Community Plan Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to the residents in Tatura who have contributed to the review of the Tatura Community Plan, through completing a survey or attending one of the events associated with the review.

The Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC) would like to gratefully acknowledge the Tatura Community Plan Committee for the time, energy and knowledge they have contributed to the Review of the Tatura Community Plan and their ongoing commitment to the implementation of the plan.

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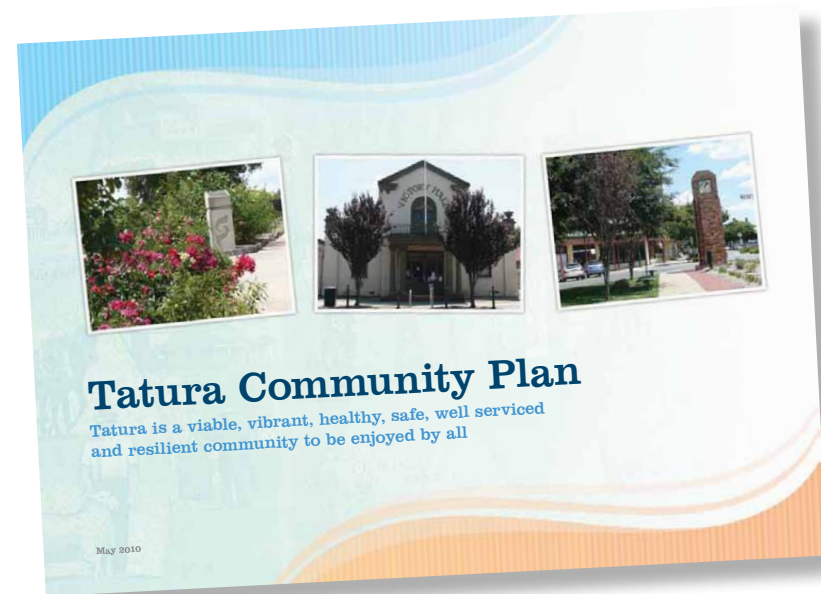
Tatura is a viable, vibrant, healthy, safe, well serviced and resilient community to be enjoyed by all.

Background

The Tatura Community Plan (TCP) was completed in 2010. The plan identified a vision for the future of Tatura and the priorities that were identified to achieve this vision.

The Tatura Community Plan Committee was formed soon after to work towards the implementation of the actions contained in the plan. The members of the TCP Committee represent a diverse range of community organisations from Tatura. This broad representation has contributed to the committee being able to support several community initiatives and has enhanced partnerships and support between organisations in the community.

The TCP Committee believe the Tatura Community Plan 2010 is still relevant and that there is significant work yet to be completed on actions in the plan. The 5 year review has provided the opportunity to re-examine the current priorities and investigate community expectations and changing needs in Tatura. The Tatura Community Plan 2015 builds on the strength of the original plan with new ideas and initiatives received from



the consultation during the Review. The conversations that have taken place during the Review have increased the community's knowledge and connection to the 2010 Plan and have encouraged community members to become involved.

The Tatura Community Plan is an important document which can be used by the Tatura community to seek funding and support for specific projects from Greater Shepparton City Council as well as other relevant organisations. It is imperative that the Plan reflects what is important to Tatura residents.

In the past five years...

Since 2010 the Tatura Community Plan Committee has met monthly to progress the actions in the plan. The Tatura Community Plan Committee has supported community projects through access to the Community Plan Implementation Fund, advocacy to Government Departments, working with Council to deliver projects and providing a forum for Council to consult on Master Plans and Strategies.

Projects include:

- Tatura Men's Shed was supported through the Community Plan Implementation fund - \$39,000.
- Pte Robert Mactier Statue project was supported through the Community Plan Implementation fund • \$50,000.
- Mactier Park • consultation updated Master Plan.
- Advocacy for Mactier Park with Tatura Milk Industries, Greater Shepparton City Council and VicTrack.
- 2 Water Fountains in Mactier Memorial Gardens and along the walking track adjacent to Hogan Street. 8 Recycle Bins and six turbo bins. Total cost of project \$23,398.
- Seating and bike racks.
- Walks and Rides Committee established to prioritise and advocate for walking tracks and footpaths in Tatura.
- Lake Bartlett Feasibility study in 2012.
- Support Victory Hall Committee.
- Thomson Street path.
- Update entry signage for tourism • 3 major events.
- Support for the Jodie Ridges Trail.
- What's Happening In Our Town event.
- Installation of extra cows.
- Before I die Wall.



Demographic update

Tatura is situated in north east Victoria, approximately 16 kilometres south-west of Shepparton and is part of the City of Greater Shepparton.

From 2006 to 2011, Tatura's population increased by 201 people (4.8%). This represents an average annual population change of 0.95% per year over the period. The population in 2011 was 3,672. There were 987 families with an average of 2 children per family.

The largest changes in the age structure in this area between 2006 and 2011 were in the age groups Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4) (+80 people) and the Elderly aged (85 and over) (+58 people).



The Review

The Tatura Community Plan 5 Year Review was conducted throughout May and June 2015 culminating with a 'Let's Talk Tat' evening in July. The consultation process for the Review provided the opportunity for community members to participate through a survey, conversations with TCP Committee members and attending the events.

The aim of the Review was to build on the strength of the Tatura Community Plan 2010. Consultation activities were targeted to areas of the community where actions were not progressing with the intention of creating or reviving community interest in the Plan.

The feedback from the community has supported the Committee's observation that many of the priorities of 2010 are still relevant in 2015.

How we reviewed the Tatura Community Plan

Surveys

There were 3 surveys developed to target Youth, Family with children aged 0-12 years and Community. There were 99 surveys received. The online link to the survey was available on Council's website and forwarded through networks. Hardcopy surveys were also available at the Tatura Community House, the Tatura Library and at all events during the consultation.

Business Breakfast

The Committee hosted a Business Breakfast at the Gallery Café with over 30 people representing both large and small business in town. Discussion included:

- What are the opportunities for business in Tatura?
- What are the challenges facing business in Tatura?
- What can we do collectively to support and promote the business community in Tatura?

There was support for the Community Plan Committee and Business to work together in the future to share issues and network solutions.





Northlinks BBQ Breakfast

The Committee invited residents of Northlinks to a BBQ Breakfast to share their experience of the new estate. Conversations over breakfast gave the residents an opportunity to find out about the Plan and provide input to the Review.

Walk and Rides Committee - Bus Tour

The Walks and Rides Committee have been working on the priorities for footpaths and walking tracks in Tatura over the past five years. The bus tour invited Council Officers to join the Committee to see firsthand the priorities that are included in the TCP Action Plan. This includes the Dhurringile Road Walking track, the Jodie Ridges Trail and a proposed 10 km loop of Tatura.



Postcards from Tatura

Students from local Primary Schools were invited to submit an entry into the Postcard for Tatura Competition showing their favourite place or thing to do in Tatura. 11 entries were received.

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Let's Talk Tat

Over 30 people attended this evening to hear the ideas raised during the consultation and provide additional feedback.



The Community Said

What we like about Tatura?

- Friendly
- Great sporting facilities
- Wonderful community facilities
- Wonderful community spirit
- Great employment opportunities
- Walking tracks
- Tatura is a well-connected accessible community that supports its regional and rural communities
- Blue Light Disco

Challenges facing the community

- Transport to Shepparton and Melbourne
- Swimming Pool/Indoor Pool
- Secondary School for Tatura
- Support for local business
- Accommodation
- Shade for playgrounds
- Engaging youth – youth activities

Implementing the Plan

The Community Plan will continue to guide future projects and activities over the next five years.

The achievement of priorities within the plan will require ongoing community support. Many of the listed priorities will require further research and planning.

Some goals are long term and it will take considerable perseverance to progress these actions.

The Action Plan will be reviewed annually to ensure the priorities remain reflective of the emerging needs of the community.

The Community Plan group will continue to advocate for the implementation of Master Plans and Strategies for the town as well as investigate funding opportunities for any smaller actions contained within them.

- Mactier Park Master Plan
- Lake Barlett Master Plan
- Cussen Park Environmental Management Plan

The following Action Plan outlines the priorities for the community of Tatura in 2015.

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Goal	Actions	Status	Timeframes	Partnerships	Strategic Goals (Council Pillar)
Mactier Park <i>Enhancement of pristine park and recreation facilities, improved road and Skate Park safety and revitalisation of business district</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP to maintain regular contact with VicTrack regarding the monitoring of the contaminated land. If the contamination is rectified then progress the implementation of the Master Plan. 	Contact made with VicTrack Ongoing	2015/2016	Tatura Community Plan Committee (TCPC).	Built Social
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors Citizens Centre renovation 	Plans currently being finalised for building this financial year.		Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC).	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal of the toilets in the Park 	Approved in Council budget 2015/2016		Tatura Milk Industries (TMI).	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees in Flanagan Place 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to advocate for the implementation of the Master Plan actions 	Community consultation completed as part of the preparation of the Master Plan. Ongoing		Funding bodies.	

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Lake Bartlett <i>Master Plan Approved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install circuit path from Charlie Taylor Park south across creek to O'Reilly Road and back around junior oval to meet existing bridge 	Capital bid in 2015/2016 for implementation unsuccessful. Seeking alternative funding	2016/2017	TCPC GSCC Funding Bodies Sporting Clubs	Built Natural
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the pond/open water behind the Italian social club to meet Lake Bartlett 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Charlie Taylor Park including new paths, improved irrigated lawns, renovation of existing shelter, removal of fire pit and plastic firework, new picnic/park shelter. 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install access all abilities vandal resistant public toilets in Charlie Taylor park. 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install paths and bridge midway along the southern section of creek joining the rear of the Italian Social Club with the Junior Oval precinct and continuing to the Tatura Community Activity Centre to provide improved access between sports areas and Martin Street area. 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construct new wetland in southern area of site including paths and water circulation pumps to circulate water through whole system from O'Reilly Road 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve sports lighting. 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install decks around Lake Bartlett and middle open water pond. 	Two decks completed. Improved safety required at the entry onto the decks			

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Cycling and Walking Tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walks and Rides Committee will continue to advocate for cycling and walking tracks in Tatura focusing on: Dhurringile Road Rural / shared path. 10km Loop of Tatura including exercise stations 	Ongoing		TCPC GSCC Tatura Walks and Rides Committee Tatura Lions Club Tatura Rotary Club Community	Built Advocacy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramps down to street level: western and eastern corner Hogan and Gowrie Streets, south-western corner Albert and Kerferd Streets, Dhurringile Road over railway crossing. 	Some complete			
Improved Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate a forum to discuss transport issues. 	Not Commenced	2015/2016	Community TCPC GSCC	Built Advocacy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish working group to investigate current services and alternative opportunities to meet Tatura's transport needs for travel to Shepparton and Melbourne. 	Not Commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the existing V/Line bus stop. 	Not Commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract funding to improve transport options. 	Not Commenced			
Victory Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Tatura Civic Halls Committee of Management Inc to revitalise the Tatura Civic Hall complex and secure funding to ensure sustainability into the future 	Ongoing		TCPC Funding bodies The Tatura Civic Halls Committee	Built

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Sustainable Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Transition Tatura to prepare Energy Descent Plan 	Ongoing		TCPC Transition Towns GV Community Energy Funding bodies	Natural
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support community to develop a community owned large scale Renewable Energy project 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition Tatura - Community awareness activities regarding sustainability 	Ongoing			
Community Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice Boards in central locations eg Stuart Mock Place, Tatura Park and the Museum 	Commenced		TCPC GSCC Guardian Bulletin Local Business Tatura Park	Social
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for digital communication methods for the delivery of community information in Tatura 	Commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renew the Welcome sign in Walshe Street 	Commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Signs – entrances to town 	Commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide timely information to the community on the progress of the ideas provided to the TCP during the Review and ongoing conversations. 	Ongoing			
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the development of additional tourism attractions and events 	Not commenced		TCPC GSCC	Economic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve marketing of tourism attractions 	Not commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Signs – entrances to town. 	Commenced			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop Tatura as an integral part of a cultural heritage trail which includes other nearby towns such as Rushworth. 	Not commenced			

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Public Access to Commercial area	• Upgrade car parks at rear of Hogan Street shops through lighting and levelling out of ground.	Not commenced		TCPC GSCC	Built Advocacy
	• Install signs to direct people to car parks behind shops.	Not commenced			
	• Create more user friendly walkways between Hogan Street and car parks.	Not Commenced			
	• Install bicycle racks to encourage cycling; and develop parking for buses and caravans between Tatura Hot Bread Bakery and the Museum.	Partially completed			
Community Safety	• Investigate the need for an ambulance station in Tatura.	Not commenced		TCPC GSCC	Advocacy
	• Advocate for the installation of security cameras in Hogan Street, Tatura Park and other parks to reduce vandalism.	Not commenced			
Town Beautification	• Plant avenues of trees	Not commenced		TCPC GSCC Transition Tatura	Natural Social
	• Instigate local community awards program	Not commenced			
	• Develop a Tidy Towns Competition	Not commenced			
Swimming Facilities	• Work in partnership with Council to investigate upgrade options for the Tatura Swimming Pool.	New committee established to meet with the Council 3 times per year. Council have completed improvements for the 2014/2015 season. Council undertaking audit.		TCPC GSCC Funding bodies Tatura Hospital Aquamoves	Social Built
	• Encourage increased use of the pool through promotion and supporting activities at the Pool.	Not commenced			
	• Investigate the possibility of a weekly bus to the hydro pool in Shepparton.	Not commenced			
Youth	• Provide representation on the Greater Shepparton City Council Ramp it Up Committee.	Not Commenced		TCPC GSCC Community organisations	Social
	• Investigate a Youth Events Crew to progress youth events and activities.	Not Commenced			

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Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate means of providing shade in the Northlinks Playground. 	Not Commenced		TCPC GSCC Residents	Built Social
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for a playground in Joe Ford Drive. 	Not Commenced			
Business and Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate an annual gathering of local business and the Community Planning Group. 	Ongoing		TCPC Local businesses GSCC	TCPC Local businesses GSCC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with local business develop a Shop Local campaign eg Try Tat for That! 	Not Commenced			
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the improvement of Library facilities in Tatura. Consider relocation due to growth in childcare in Tatura 	Initial discussion held		TCPC GSCC GVRLC Tatura Childcare Centre Community	Built Social
Newcomers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an informal gathering for newcomers to Tatura to get together. 	Ongoing		TCPC Community organisations	Social
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consultation with newcomers investigate, develop and implement a Welcome Newcomers to Tatura program eg Welcome kit, Facebook page, informal gatherings. 	Not Commenced			
Cussen Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the implementation of the Cussen Park Management Plan. 	Ongoing		TCPC GSCC Community	Natural
Tatura Sports, Events & Community Precinct Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the implementation of the Tatura Sports, Events & Community Precinct Plan. Currently in draft. 	Commenced Ongoing		TCPC GSCC Tatura Park Community Stakeholders	Social Built Natural Economic

