

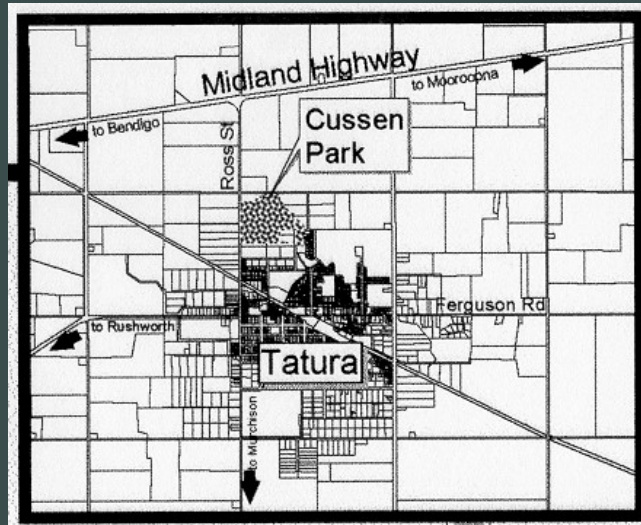
SOUND WALK

The Cussen Park Hear and There Sound Walk was developed by the 2017 Fairley Leadership Program. Visitors to the park can use the Soundwalk to investigate the flora and fauna of the park by observing and listening to their surrounds as they follow the signed pathway.

Audio of sounds of the park can be accessed by using a smart device by scanning the QR code on each sign.

LOCATION

Cussen Park is located at 100 Ross Street on the northern edge of Tatura and 20km from Shepparton



CUSSEN PARK

Wetlands, grassland, woodland

A Park for People

Walk, ride, exercise, breathe and view nature



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A PARK FOR THE PEOPLE

Cussen Park is a place where you can easily access and view nature. Choose your own adventure with the many walking tracks that will lead you to bird hides, observation deck and maybe an encounter with your favourite bird or other creature.

The park is the start of the 15kms Jodie Ridges bike trail to Mooroopna. Why not pack a picnic and enjoy the views from the Rotunda or from one of the picnic tables throughout the park.



Many activities take place in the park including tree planting, bird watching, Waterwatch, school and adult education and group functions; even a wedding has been held in the Park!

HISTORY

Traditional owners have a cultural connection to the land. The Cussen Park area is part of a natural drainage system known as the Mosquito Depression which would have been an important source of food.

The park has a varied history. It has been used for grazing, a BMX track and part of it was even used as the local tip. In the early 1990s the area was considered for residential development but the local community pushed for the area to be turned into a natural bushland. The Cussen Park Advisory Committee was formed in 1994 to oversee the transformation from 'wasteland' to the Park you see today. Many thousands of community and council hours have been spent developing and maintaining the park.

CUSSEN PARK TODAY

Today Cussen Park is a diverse habitat including wetlands, woodlands and grasslands. Around 140 bird species have been identified as well as numerous frogs, insects and mammals including possums, flying foxes, skinks and snakes.

The park is managed by Council with input from the Cussen Park Advisory Committee and is enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.



WETLANDS

The interconnected wetlands play a critical role in the treatment of Tatura's stormwater including excess clean industrial condensate. The wetlands act as kidneys, purifying the water. The natural drying and wetting cycle is critical for the functioning of the wetlands as well as the animals that depend on the wetlands.