

# Swearing muddies pool issue

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THE behaviour of Oakleigh pool campaigners has been labelled deplorable and unprofessional by Monash councillor Ryan Brown.

Cr Brown criticised residents for swearing at councillors in front of children at a July council meeting and for bad behaviour at the recent public meeting to discuss the pool's fate.

"The lack of professionalism and common decency from some residents during this campaign has been disappointing, with a number of people swearing at council officers and councillors," he said.

"This kind of behaviour in a public setting and in front of children is deplorable."

But Oakleigh pool campaign leader Julie Clearwater said people were emotional about the pool and she could recall only one instance of mild swearing at the council meeting.

"I don't know who it was and I'm sorry it happened," she said.

"But we aren't professional complainers; we are just residents.

"He needs to get broader shoulders or a thicker skin."

Councillors voted to close the pool permanently in June, but bowed to public pressure at their August 8 council meeting, and put the pool back on the agenda.

Former Oakleigh councillor John Marten said he hoped the debate about the pool would stick to the facts, rather than turn into a squabble.

Mr Marten helped raise funds for the Oakleigh pool in the 1950s and said he understood why people would become upset about losing it.

"I think it's a sad day when people have to use that language because it shows a lack of respect for all people in the community," he said.

Cr Paul Klisaris has now suggested the State Government could help pay for any pool redevelopment.

But Mr Marten said applying for State Government help was short-sighted and the money should come from Monash rate-payers.

The council has called for public submissions on the pool and will make a decision in October.

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