

This newsletter is produced and distributed by Brooklyn Residents Action Group Inc. to inform our community of some of the exciting and interesting developments that are occurring in the Brooklyn area. We hope you enjoy this first issue of the newsletter.

Brooklyn Federation Trail Park Project:

Breaking news from Hobsons Bay City Council Mayor Michael Raffoul, Ward Councillor for our area, is that a home in Cypress Avenue has been bought and will be removed to supply access into Federation Trail linking North East and South West Brooklyn. With the planned development of the Brooklyn Federation Trail Park, along with the upgrading of Duane Reserve by Hobsons Bay City Council, our community will soon have a first class environmental park along with a play area for the local children. BRAG Inc. acknowledges the \$50,000 grant made through EPA Victoria's, Inspiring Environmental Solutions program, the Magistrates Court of Victoria and the Victorian Government. Already Duane Reserve is being upgraded with paths, seats, etc., with the increased maintenance of the Federation Trail and works to improve the park entry at Millers Road, this difficult and inaccessible area will soon become a major gathering place for the Brooklyn community to use and enjoy.



Entry to Federation Trail – Millers Road.



Car Park Works – Duane Reserve

A community celebration and tree planting day is being planned for the official opening of the Brooklyn Federation Trail Park in June 2012. In the future, BRAG Inc. will work to enhance this wonderful community facility with BBQ's, seating, tables, solar lighting, bicycle racks, toilets, etc.

Take a walk down the trail soon to understand the fantastic benefits that it will bring our community.

Brooklyn Community Reference Group – Reports:

Vic Roads Road sealing works and installation of wire rope barriers along Francis Street has commenced but some issues encountered restricting the use of barriers along the full length of street.

EPA Victoria Odour – Overview of all offensive odour reports in the area over the past two years showed an improving trend.
Dust – PM10 exceedences Feb – Apr 2011: 4 (Feb – Apr 2010: 7) with 28 exceedences in the past twelve months, an approx. 50% reduction.
Enforcement – Industries transporting mud onto the road are at present being targeted.

Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee - First meeting March 2011- Purposes:-

- To provide input into future planning of Brooklyn Industrial Area;
- To provide advice to Brimbank City Council on planning, enforcement and infrastructure issues; and
- To contribute to development and delivery of communications and engagement plans.

Developments and Plantings around Brooklyn:

The corner of Millers and Geelong Roads and Millers and Duosa Roads, along with the paved area in front of the sixteen shops, have been recently landscaped by Hobsons Bay City Council. This has improved the image of our suburb to motorists entering and leaving the Brooklyn precinct. As well, Brooklyn residents should be pleasantly surprised by the introduction of Keep Clear signs in Millers Road by Vic Roads, allowing Brooklyn motorists more opportunity to cross into Millers Road from the residential area during peak traffic flows.

Brooklyn Reserve:

Through BRAG Inc.'s consultation with Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC), funding is being made available for gradual changes and improvements in Brooklyn Reserve, some of which have already been actioned. The first and most noticeable has been the removal of the old open to weather barbeques and their replacement by way of a solid concrete pad and shelter with new barbeque facilities, rubbish bins, tables and seating.

HBCC is planning to spend \$300,000 on the next stage to establish meandering style walking paths throughout the reserve and, later, landscape new plantation areas, with the intention of achieving a more beautifying effect for the area whilst making it easier to carry out the necessary and regular maintenance required.



Millers Road / Duosa Road landscaping.



Brooklyn Reserve BBQ area.

Brooklyn Overall:

The changes and activities by the State and Local Government Agencies in the Brooklyn area over the past two years have seen the environment around Brooklyn being altered dramatically for the better. It is essential that BRAG Inc. is supported by you, the Brooklyn community, to ensure that the effort being made by these bodies continues, thus further improving our environment.

If you can attend the BRAG Inc. meetings, and have your say, it would be very much appreciated as the more visible the support, the easier it will be to achieve continuing and further improvements in our area. Once you have returned your contact details, we will be compiling a database that will allow us to continue to keep you informed of developments in Brooklyn and of important meeting dates and times.

Brooklyn Federation Trail Park (BFPT) Masterplan unveiled at BRAG AGM:

The BFPT plan will be on public view at the BRAG Inc. Annual General Meeting and September General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st Sept 2011 at the Annunciation Catholic Church School Hall in Nolan Avenue, Brooklyn, commencing at 7.00pm.

If you could attend this meeting to show your support, it would be very much appreciated.

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