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WEST YARRAVILLE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

October 2011 Issue 1

This newsletter is produced and distributed by West Yarraville 'On the Nose' Community Group Inc. (YOTN) to inform our community of some exciting and interesting development that are occurring in the Yarraville West area. We hope you enjoy this first issue of the newsletter.

Existing West Yarraville Streetscapes



Background:

Yarraville "On the Nose" Community Group Inc (YOTN) was formed in 2005 to take action to improve the air quality in our neighbourhood. Following a change in EPA Victoria's management in late 2009, significant change has occurred. There have been numerous Pollution Abatement Notices (PANs) issued by EPA to companies in the Brooklyn precinct bringing about some changes to our environment. Recently, Cargill Australia has been required by EPA to invest in their facility in Somerville Road, Brooklyn to stop foul odour being emitted beyond their boundary and contribute to a local environment project. YOTN applied under the EPA's Victorian Community Funding Program – Inspiring Environmental Solutions for the \$50,000 being made available by Cargill and was successful.

\$50,000 Local Environment Project:

After consultation with our members and Maribyrnong City Council on ideas for projects in our neighbourhood, YOTN proposed that the funding should be spent to improve the liveability of West Yarraville residents who have endured significant discomfort, embarrassment and inconvenience over many years as a direct result of foul odour from Cargill Australia. The project, which was developed in close consultation with Maribyrnong City Council, has been titled: "**West Yarraville accelerated Street Tree Avenue development**". YOTN acknowledges and sincerely thank Cargill Australia for their significant contribution to this project. We also acknowledge EPA's Inspiring Environmental Solutions funding program and the Victorian Government.

West Yarraville Accelerated Street Tree Avenue Development:

This project aims to transform the streets of West Yarraville by planting up to 300 new trees. The trees will improve the local air quality by absorbing pollution, including carbon and filter dust from the atmosphere and will also enhance the character of the streetscape.

Studies have shown that increasing the number of trees can have many benefits such as increasing residential property values, reducing stress and lowering the threat of skin cancer from UV rays due to shade, to name a few.

Maribyrnong City Council:

Maribyrnong City Council will contribute an additional \$56,000 by way of site and project management and ongoing maintenance support over the next two years for this project. YOTN acknowledges that without this strong support from Maribyrnong City Council, the project could not be undertaken and wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to them.

You will be consulted by Maribyrnong City Council in relation to the removal of any trees

Brooklyn Community Representative Group (BCRG) – Reports:

EPA Victoria: Odour – Overview of all offensive odour reports in the area over the past two years showed an improving trend.

Dust – PM 10 - in the past 12 months the health standard has been exceeded 28 times which is an approximate 50% reduction on the previous 12 months.

Enforcement - Industries transporting mud onto the road are at present being targeted.

VicRoads: 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. A meeting with VicRoads was held on Monday 26th September and further road works will be undertaken.

Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee – Brimbank CC: First meeting March 2011 -

This committee will oversee the planning of the Brooklyn Industrial Area. The committee has representatives from industries, residents, (including YOTN), council and state government departments.

- Committee Purpose - 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.

Greening the West Steering Committee - City West Water:

First meeting July 2011 –Greening the West is a collaborative program between City West Water, local councils, businesses, customers, community groups, (including YOTN), the Department of Health, Parks Victoria and many others who will work together to make a greener west a reality. More information on Greening the West can be found at: www.planbig.com.au/greening-the-west

Committee Purpose – To provide overall guidance and strategic direction on the development and implementation of the Greening the West program.

West Yarraville Overall:

Over the past two years there has been some improvement in the environment around Brooklyn and West Yarraville areas. YOTN Inc. will continue efforts on your behalf to ensure further improvements are achieved.

If you would like to attend the YOTN Inc. meetings, and have your say, it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Bruce Light, President, YOTN, 9332 2808 or 0409 528 648 or email

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