

Brooklyn Community Reference Group – Summary 2011

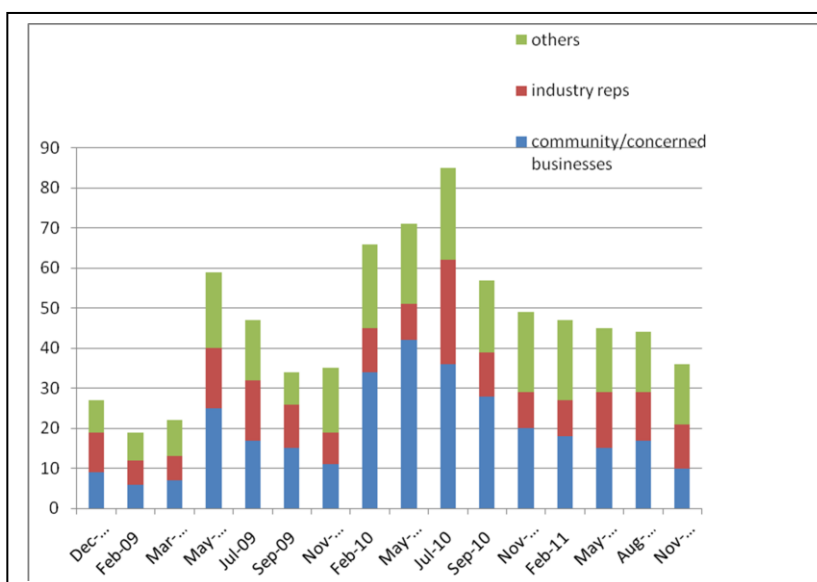
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BCRG Community Forums

- 4 Community Forums held
- Attendances:

	Feb-11	May-11	Aug-11	Nov-11
community/concerned businesses	18	15	17	10
industry reps	9	14	12	11
others	20	16	15	15
total	47	45	44	36

- Participation long term



- 4 EPA Update Presentations on Dust, Noise and Odour Program
- 1 Brimbank City Council Presentation
 - 3 Brimbank CC written Updates
- 1 Hobsons Bay City Council Presentation
- 1 VicRoads Presentation
- 3 Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee Presentations
 - Guest presenter – Tania Quick, Meinhardt
- 6 Industry Group Presentations
 - Cargill
 - Brooklyn Meat Producers
 - Fulton Hogan

- Veolia
- City Circle Recycling
- Delta Recycling
- 2 Community Group Presentations
 - Yarraville On The Nose
 - Brooklyn Residents Action Group
- 3 Panel sessions – including EPA, BCC, HBCC, MCC and industry representatives.
- Statement of commitments to BCRG from Brimbank City Council and the EPA.
- Appointment of Executive Officer.

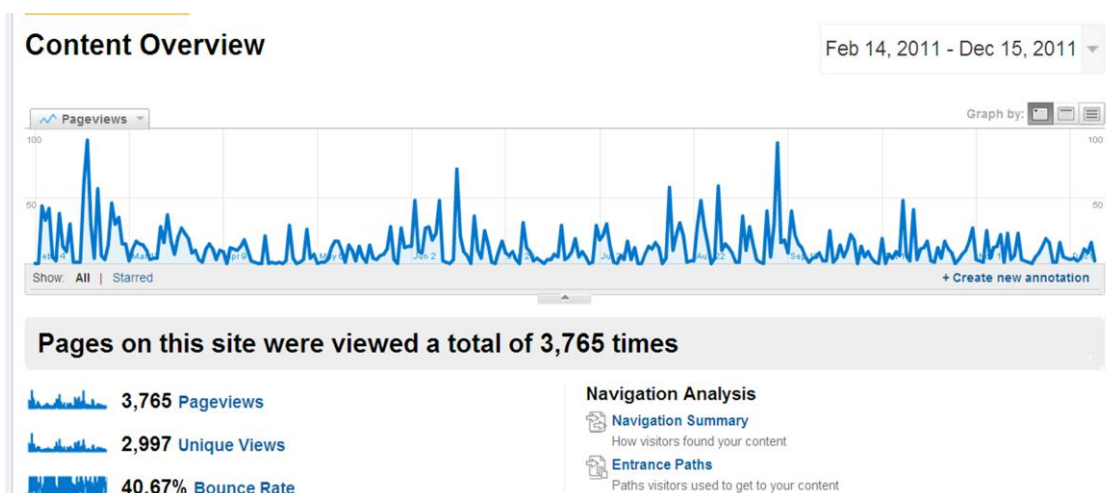
Web Development

- Development of the brooklynip.com.au website by EPA including the EPA, BCRG, Community groups and 3 council pages. Managed by EO of BCRG and the EPA.
- Development of the Website protocol.

Some interesting trends:

- BCRG community forum is by far the most used page
- Brimbank CC, Community Action Groups, News and the EPA newsletters are the next most visited
- Entrance Keywords include – Brooklyn industrial precinct, Brooklyn ip, brooklynip, brooklynip.com.au, Brooklyn industrial odour
- The majority of users are ‘unique’ – or the same people - indicating that the broader community is not aware of the site.

BCRG Updates and meeting notes are now linked directly to the web which is where the meeting notes and attachments can be found.



BCRG Community Forum Rolling Actions Completed, 2011

Actions	Issue	Lead	Date issue first tabled	Target completion	Status at completion
3. <u>EPA Regulatory Role</u>					
3.15 Speak to VicRoads about the cleaning of built-up dirt on local roads	Dust	Richard Marks, EPA	19/5/10	Complete	03/02/11 EPA Update: EPA has been working with both VicRoads and Council on this issue. On the weekend starting 29th January Brimbank completed a clean of Geelong Road and EPA conducted surveillance on 30 and 31 January to ensure soil, mud and dust had not been carried out onto old Geelong Road.
3.16 EPA to provide information on a dust alert system for interested community and businesses	Dust Alert	Paul Torre, EPA	16/2/11	Completed	After the Meeting Paul Torre advised that the EPA is working towards establishing this system. In the interim interested community members should contact the EPA directly by phoning Paul Ratajczyk on 9695 2871.
3.17 What impact will the dust from Francis St have on the new housing development?	Dust	Richard Marks, EPA	12/05/11 Action 1	Complete	23/06/11 EPA Update: We believe that the development is far enough from the Brooklyn industrial estate that it may not be impacted by the dust. We also hope to have the issue largely resolved before new residents would be ready to move in.
3.18 Received via email prior to May 12 meeting.	Enforceable Undertakings	Richard Marks, EPA	12/05/11 Action 6	Complete	10/05/11 Enforceable Undertakings are entered into as an alternative to prosecution through the court system. In these circumstances EPA has evidence and is in a position to take legal action against an individual or company who has breached the Environment Protection Act. EPA has

<p>Can EPA apply enforceable undertakings to government bodies (e.g. VicRoads; Local Councils) if such bodies do not enforce and/or comply with air quality standards & legislation within their own area of responsibility and to the full extent of their authority?</p> <p>What is EPA's legal power over all government bodies, not just VicRoads - can they respond from this standpoint please.</p>					<p>received advice that we have no legal powers to issue a notice on roads. As such we have no basis to take legal action against VicRoads in either a prosecution or enforceable undertaking.</p> <p>Response: This response was received from Richard Marks, EPA, 27/05/11 after the last forum and was also sent out in the BCRG Update 10/2011.</p> <p>The Environment Protection Act 1970 (our primary legislation) binds the Crown in right of Victoria. This means that it can be applied to government bodies (State and Local). The ability to bind Federal government requires an interpretation of the Victorian Constitution but is perhaps less relevant. The key question for us in Brooklyn becomes whether the Act provides the tools that allow EPA to hold them to account as we can only compel a body using tools provided under the Act such as pollution abatement notices. This is where things become more complicated as the situation in Brooklyn was never envisaged when the Act was crafted.</p> <p>Without details on the specific issues of concern it is difficult to provide a clear answer to the question. As illustration, we cannot issue a notice to a Council requiring it to seal a dusty public road, because the road is not considered a premises under the specific definition in the Act. We can issue a notice to a Council should they be in control of an activity that is causing environmental issues eg dusty works site causing dust impact beyond the boundary of the premises. We have previously taken action including notices and prosecutions against government bodies such as councils and water authorities.'</p>
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4. Local Government Planning and Enforcement					
4.3 Brimbank Industrial Land Use Strategy: Review of industry in Brimbank, focus on Brooklyn	general	Carey Patterson / Herb Horell BCC	29/10/08	Draft due Oct 2009	08/03/11 This role will be taken up by the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee.
4.4 Seek clarification re responsibility for upgrades and maintenance of Francis St (<i>originally listed as Action 2.6</i>)	Dust	Malcolm Ramsay HBCC	3/12/08	Complete	<p>08/03/11</p> <p>No stopping signage has been installed in Francis St between Millers Rd and Cemetery Rd. 15 minute parking signs have been installed in Francis St in the vicinity of Export Drive near the Food shop to enable customers to park. Parking officers are actively enforcing the new parking controls in Francis St.</p> <p>Any subsequently defaced signs will be replaced. Parking officers will drive past and book any vehicles illegally parked. For officer safety reasons they may photograph or take notes on offences and send PINs through the mail.</p> <p>Some higher level discussion may be required between VicRoads, who manage the State Highway and the trucking companies.</p> <p>VicRoads have given verbal agreement to install bollards and chains along sections of Francis St. Once installed, council will consider the best approach to maintain the roadside edge.</p> <p>22/08/11 - HBCC</p> <p>Vicroads have installed 5 lengths of safety wire fencing in Francis St. Further sections could not be fenced because of existing service pipes. Marco Nastic from VicRoads to provide further updates.</p>

4.5 What impact will the dust from Francis St have on the new housing development?	Dust	Malcolm Ramsay HBCC	12/05/11 Action 2	Complete	22/08/11 - HBCC Believed to be too distant from source of dust. No further action. 21/06/11 Cameron Huntington - HBCC To confirm for your records, the “new housing estate”, (which I assume is the “Bradmill” site), is in the City of Maribyrnong.
4.6: Provide update on plans to seal roads in the Bunting/Jones Road area		Carey Patterson Brimbank CC		Completed	08/03/11 The General Manager of Operations for Brimbank CC outlined the future options for the roads in the precinct at the meeting on the 16 th February, 2011.
4.6 The issue of dust continues to be a health issue and is recognised by the EPA. Why can't more be done eg in Francis St and Cemetery Rd are the worst where we have been asking for action for 10 – 15 years?	Dust	Cr Michael Raffoul	18/08/11 Action 2	Complete	20/08/11 - Malcolm Ramsay In Francis St, Council has installed ‘no stopping’ and ‘time limiting parking signs. VicRoads have installed wire safety fencing and also sealed some of the road shoulder. Parking officers have visited the area on several occasions and have found the trucks to be generally compliant with the new parking restrictions. To date, it has only been necessary to issue a couple of PINs.
<u>5. Communications</u>					
5.10 Provide a summary of each of the Brooklyn meeting formats, including the purpose of each and who is involved.	General	Jen Lilburn	22/4/10	Complete	<u>Brooklyn Interagency Strategic Partnership Group</u> The Interagency Strategic Partnership Group provides high level leadership to ensure that there is effective and integrated government commitment to improving the amenity of Brooklyn and of residents surrounding the precinct

				<p>and to ensure that long term opportunities for the precinct are realised.</p> <p>It is chaired by Nick Foa, the CEO of Brimbank CC. Membership is made up of CEO or upper management from Maribyrnong CC, Hobsons Bay CC, VicRoads, Department of Planning and Community Development, Department of Business and Innovation, EPA, Department of Health, Department of Transport and BCRG.</p> <p><u>Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee</u></p> <p>The Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee provides advice and recommendations to Brimbank City Council, identifying priorities, establishing strategies and plans, managing communications and coordinating the delivery of programs aimed at improving the amenity of the precinct and its long term planning, design and development.</p> <p>This committee is chaired by Brimbank CC Administrator, Meredith Sussex. Membership is made up GM City Development Manager City Strategy Manager Building & Development Compliance Strategic Sites officer and senior representatives from Department of Planning and Community Development, Department of Business and Innovation and the EPA, plus three Community nominated representatives and three industry nominated representatives.</p> <p><u>BCRG Community Forum</u></p> <p>The BCRG Community Forum fosters collaboration between the Brooklyn community, local industry, local government and EPA to ensure that public concerns and aspirations regarding air quality in the general Brooklyn area</p>
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5.11 Investigate the possibility of the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy committee minutes being put on the Brooklyn website	General	Carey Patterson Brimbank CC	12/05/11 Action 4	Complete	<p>01/07/11 The committee at the 24 May meeting considered this request and it was agreed that the appropriate forum for information would be to circulate the Brooklyn Industrial Area –update brochure which outlines actions that the committee is working on and progress achieved to date.</p> <p>The Brooklyn Industrial Precinct has a Delegates Report presented to Council following each meeting and this document is available through the Council website if required.</p>
<u>6. Roads</u>					
6.1 Issues on Francis St regarding enforcement of parking and no standing signage to be passed on to Hobsons Bay CC	Parking Enforcement	Vince Punaro, VicRoads	16/2/11	Completed17/2/11.	<p>Vince referred the matter to Hobsons Bay CC.</p> <p>It will be a matter for HBCC to follow up from here, as they are responsible for enforcement.</p> <p>08/03/11 See HBCC response above in Action 4.4.</p>