

## BCRG COMMUNITY FORUM 2/2012, Meeting Notes

Date: 16 May, 2012

Time: 6:00 for 6:30 – 9.15 pm

Where: Brooklyn Community Centre, Cypress Avenue Brooklyn

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### Meeting Purpose:

- To provide an update on progress towards resolution of dust, noise and odour issues

Convenor: Jen Lilburn

<b>6:00</b>	<b>Light Refreshments</b>
<b>6:30</b>	<b>1. Welcome</b> Apologies Confirm draft meeting notes – 15 February, 2012 Confirm meeting purpose and agenda
<b>6:40</b>	<b>2. Bert Boere, Brooklyn Residents Action Group</b> Group update
<b>6.50</b>	<b>3. Martin Hermans, Yarraville On the Nose</b> Group update
<b>7:00</b>	<b>4. Susan Fitton, Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee</b> Stage 2, Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy.
<b>7:15</b>	<b>5. Questions/discussion</b>
<b>7:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>7:50</b>	<b>6. Malcolm Ramsay, Hobsons Bay City Council, Cemetery Rd Update</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>7. Foti Beratis, Maribyrnong City Council, Somerville Rd Update</b>
<b>8:05</b>	<b>8. Mick Morison (tbc), Maribyrnong City Council, Cargill funds update</b>
<b>8:15</b>	<b>9. Simon Vittorio, Brimbank City Council, Drainage Works Update</b>
<b>8:20</b>	<b>10. Panel Questions</b>
<b>8:35</b>	<b>11. EPA Victoria, Richard Marks, Manager Pollution Response</b> <b>- Update on dust, noise and odour program</b>  Inc questions
<b>9:15</b>	<b>Close</b>

Please note that the notes from this meeting will be posted on EPA Victoria's website and the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct website and will be available to the general public. Meeting participants should advise Andrea Mason or Jen Lilburn if they would like their name removed from this public document.

## **Item 1. Welcome, Jen Lilburn, Convenor**

Jen introduced herself as the independent Convenor of the forum and explained the purpose of the BCRG forum and the commitment of the EPA and Brimbank City Council who have given reciprocal commitments of support to BCRG. She extended a warm welcome to everyone and noted several apologies. (see Attendee list at the end of these notes).

Jen welcomed Jim Apostolopolous and Keith Greaves from the Clayton South landfill precinct who are facing very similar issues to Brooklyn and have come along to observe the BCRG forum with a view to setting up a similar group.

The draft meeting notes from the previous meeting on the 15th February 2012 were then confirmed as accurate. **(It was noted after the meeting that there was an error in the notes at Item 3 which has since been rectified in the final version now published.)**

Jen extended thanks to Carey Patterson, who has left Brimbank City Council, for his contribution to progressing the BCRG format and issues in the Brooklyn community and welcomed Simon Vittorio who is now attending from Brimbank.

She noted that regrettably there were no industry speakers in the agenda which hopefully will not be ongoing trend as it is very important to hear from industry.

Participants were asked to please put dots on the survey as they leave to gauge community satisfaction regarding processes to resolve odour and dust problems in the general Brooklyn area. (See the results in **Attachment 2.**)

## **Item 2. Bert Boere and Geoff Mitchelmore, Brooklyn Residents Action Group (BRAG)**

Bert reported that since the last forum BRAG had been concentrating on the Federation Trail project. He recently attended the Cargill Open Day and saw many of the improvements that have taken place. Although they were a problem industry in the past, the residents neighbouring us in the Yarraville area haven't reported any issues recently.

The next BRAG general meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.

Geoff gave an update on the Federation Trail project. They have planted 8,000 plants along the trail and completed other work on the trail. The entrances to the trail have been redesigned and are being renovated by Hobson Bay CC and new links will be opened up from Cypress Ave. Improvements to the playground and the soccer ground have also contributed to the success of the project.

The official Opening of the Federation Trail will be held on June 17, 2012, 11am – 1pm with several key speakers expected including Cheryl Batagol, Chairman of EPA, Deputy Mayor John Hogg and Cr Michael Raffoul, Hobsons Bay CC, and Wade Noonan MP. Community, industry and business members are all invited to enjoy the free BBQ and displays.

More information can be found at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/community-action-groups/> or [http://www.folkc.com.au/folkc\\_bragemail/bragemail\\_parkcelebration.html](http://www.folkc.com.au/folkc_bragemail/bragemail_parkcelebration.html) .

### **Item 3. Martin Herman, Yarraville On The Nose (YOTN)**

Martin reported that at their recent meeting many members were very satisfied with the lack of odours and improvements undertaken in recent years. YOTN commended the EPA and HBCC for addressing the dust issues on Cemetery Rd with recent works.

There are still some issues related to reversing beepers that are being addressed by the EPA.

The project from funds from Cargill's enforceable undertaking has resulted in Maribyrnong CC removing 22 trees local streets but no stump grinding or tree planting has taken place yet.

### **Item 4. Susan Fitton, Strategic Sites Officer, Brimbank City Council, Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee**

Susan explained the purpose of the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee (BIPSC) which is to look at the future for Brooklyn and how to go forward.

At the last BIPSC meeting representatives from the Department of Transport (DOT) came to discuss the Westlink project, and Meinhardt consultants presented the results of the Phase 1 community and industry consultation process for the Brooklyn Strategy – 'Brooklyn Evolution'.

Phase 1 of the consultation was held at the Annunciation Primary School and Altona Gate Shopping Centre, information displays were set up at council offices and information was available on the website.

The main messages from the feedback were:

- It's about time that something was done!!
- People were happy to respond and there were a lot of responses
- Most respondents understood the challenges and limitations of the precinct in their feedback
- Overall the responses were positive.

The lessons learnt for Phase 2 of the consultation are to use Altona Gate again as it resulted in a wider reach of the community and to improve the use of web based tools.

The new plan is currently being finalised into a draft Plan for presentation to BIPSC and then to Council at the start of June. It is hoped that it will then be available for release to the community for consultation for 4 weeks – hopefully June/July.

The Plan will have 3 main parts

- Policy and Strategy
- Design Guidelines
- Implementation Plan which will recommend actions for the future.

The fact sheet '*Can the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct be residential?*' and '*The Brooklyn Evolution Project*' newsletter are available at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/councils/brimbank-city-council/>.

### **Item 5. Questions**

**Question: How will the residents know when the plan is available for comment as last time not everyone knew?**

Answer: (Susan Fitton) A Summary and notification will be mailed out to 2000 Brooklyn residents in the area including those outside Brimbank, there will be hard copies available on request, community engagement will take place at Altona Gate Shopping Centre, Customer Service Libraries, enews and the website. BCRG updates will also be used.

**Q: Is there a rezoning component to this plan?**

A: (Susan Fitton) The Implementation section will have recommendations for actions which might include investigating rezoning and suggest a suitable timeframe for that to happen.

**Comment by BRAG members:** Brimbank CC would be welcome to have a display including the plan at Federation Trail Open Day on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

A: (Susan Fitton) Thank you - that would be an excellent idea.

**Q. Kororoit Creek is the boundary for this plan. There is an opportunity for BCC to create a partnership project with City West Water and the community to undertake tree planting on the creek and apply for funds through the 2Million Trees Fund. Who would be most appropriate person in BCC to talk about this tree planting project?**

**Action 1:** Susan Fitton to contact appropriate BCC staff responsible for tree planting.

**Response provided after the meeting:** Contact can be made directly to the Brimbank Council's Environment Department.

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**Other Updates in the Precinct**

Jen took the opportunity to ask if there were any other news items/issues that needed to be raised.

**Comment:** Wade Noonan commended and thanked the work of the volunteer groups BRAG and YOTN. He also thanked the EPA who has been able to redirect penalty funding from industries to community groups to undertake projects that benefit the community. This model should now be of interest to other groups in other projects. Wade will be attending the Federation Trail Open Day.

**Marg Renwick** – The EPA has an Open House Event Monday, May 21, 4-7pm at 200 Victoria St. This is part of a program that is reviewing the EPA Approvals system, EPA Engagement Policy and the new risk-based approach to monitoring compliance.

Further information is available at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/>.

**Bert Boere** – The Autumn part of year is when there is generally an increase in issues related to odour as it is damper and wetter rather than dust. Most complaints are related to 'out of hours' and weekend odour issues and weekend noise especially from crushing plants. Many of these are being reported to EPA and it is important that these complaints continue to be made to the EPA.

**Geoff Mitchelmore**– We believe that there is some lethargy/complacency in the community and believe that it would be beneficial to increase the number of diaries from the EPA to residents particularly in West of Brooklyn who are mostly impacted by odour in an effort to improve the responses.

**Bert Boere** – The diaries are a relatively new idea developed by the EPA and should help to establish any patterns to odours recorded.

**Laurie Bell** – While the wetter weather reduces the amount of dust, the dust becomes a mud problem which is tracked onto the roads and later becomes a dust issue!

**Heather Humphries** – People are becoming tired; there is still not enough is being done about dust and odour. (An incident involving excavators causing dust was mentioned and will be discussed separately with EPA.)

**Carmen Largaiolli** – Carmen also supported the perception of lethargy in the community and that people can't always 'be bothered' to phone the EPA. She believes there are still rogue operators out of hours.

**Q. Can the EPA comment on whether they are still going to implement an online reporting system like the one for cigarette butts?**

A: Richard Marks – the online system is still an option but the EPA is still busy implementing its new reporting system which will improve the ability of the EPA to act on reports. It is still only an idea and will be influenced by a cost evaluation.

**Response received after the meeting:** An online reporting system is currently being developed and we hope it's in use by the end of Dec 2012.

**Carmen Largaiolli** – a good online system and CRM tool should be cost and time saver for everyone and allow people to track their reports.

**Geoff Mitchelmore** – How many industries are represented tonight? Are they beginning to drift away from the forum?

A: Jen Lilburn – there are less industries represented tonight but we have had more industry reps than community reps present at the last few forums. (4 industry members were present this evening)

**Carmen Largaiolli** – there are some industries that still don't come who it would be good to see invited.

**Action 2:** EPA to consider sending out new invitations to industries inviting them to the BCRG forum.

**Response received after the meeting:** EPA will work with Chair of the BCRG and advise suitable industries to present at the next BCRG.

**Heather Humphries** – Councils need to be doing the right thing as well as the industries and community. For example - roadworks being undertaken at 8am on a Sunday on behalf of Brimbank CC. (Heather to catch up with Simon Vittorio during the break to discuss these issues.)

#### **Item 11. (This item was brought forward in the agenda)**

##### **Richard Marks, Manager Pollution Response, EPA Victoria - Update on dust, noise and odour program**

Richard presented dust and odour monitoring information for the Brooklyn area, highlighting some of the key actions that have been undertaken. He explained how monitoring of the smaller air particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) from several sites around Melbourne has shown that the Dept of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) fuel reduction burning program has contributed to air quality issues in Melbourne.

#### **Slide 2 Offensive odours & EPA actions**

##### **COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS**

- Compliance inspections conducted for Australian Tallow and Cargill in April.
- General improvement at sites
- EPA is requiring further works from Cargill
- EPA is meeting Australian Tallow Management on May 28 to make sure they understand the implications of non-compliance (Richard noted that almost the entire management team at ATM has changed over the past 12 months)

### Slide 3 Offensive Odours – Results

Results are above target but this is primarily due to the single odour incident at Hyde Park in Altona North in February which resulted in over 30 reports. Still on track for a 30% reduction in reports from last year. Overall odour reports are at historical lows.

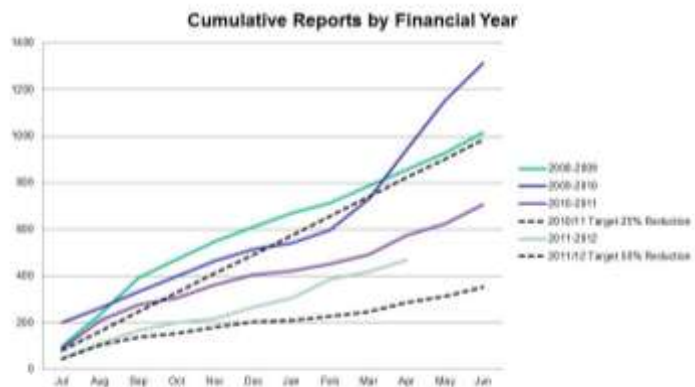


Fig 1 Offensive odours

### Slide 4 Autumn Odour Reports

This shows the no. of odour reports in each Autumn since 1996. Historically Autumn is poorest season for odour. Poor dispersion and atmospheric inversions mean odours accumulate over residents. We have seen continual improvement in Brooklyn over the last 4 years, this year being lowest number of reports since 2002 - down substantially from poor years in 2010, 2008, 2006. Odour surveillance supports this.



Fig 2

### Slide 5 Odour Monitoring

- Odour monitoring program commenced in Late April
- Purpose: Identify any new or emerging odour sources
  - Identify non-compliances from known sites
  - Compare how things have changed since 2008 and 2009 odour monitoring
- Selected community members were given odour diaries to add valuable information to data collected by EPA officers

The odour monitoring is to ground truth the reports by driving a standard course throughout the area and then to map a profile in the area. There were no outstanding results found.

### Slide 6 April/May 2010 & 2012

- Brooklyn 2010 – 5 surveys, 30 individual visits, strong odour detected 6 times (20%), 426 reports.
- Brooklyn 2012 – 8 surveys, 40 individual locations, strong odour detected 2 times (5%), 96 reports.
- Odour reports are a good indicator of improvements

These results illustrate that the surveillance is backing up what is being seen in the reports.

### Slides 7 & 8 Monthly PM<sub>10</sub> data for Brooklyn

These results are for PM<sub>10</sub> which are particles above 10micron in size generally indicating levels of dust. These are above the target at this stage - data includes an extreme weather event on Sunday 5 February. The results for March/April 2012 spiked enormously compared to previous years.



Fig 3



Fig 4 Monthly PM<sub>10</sub> exceedences

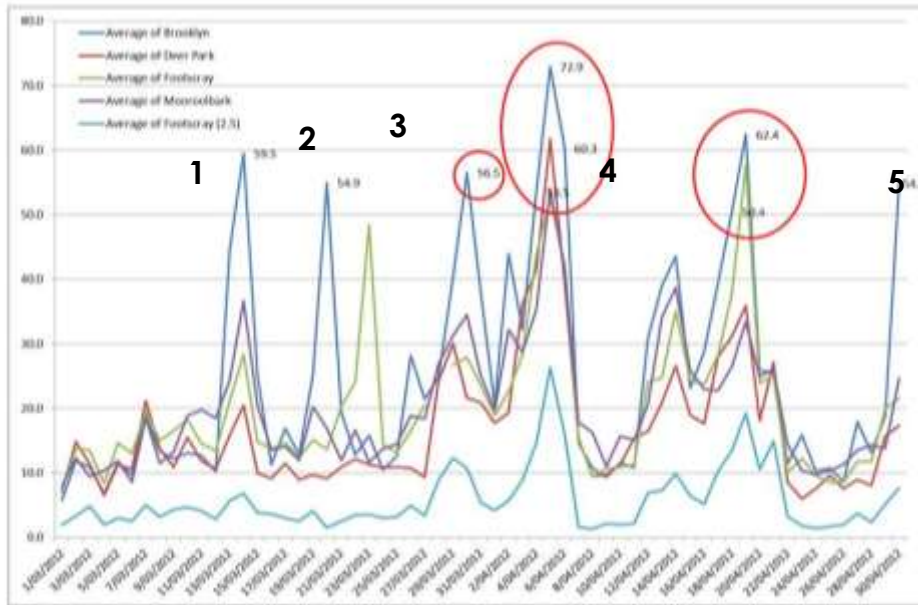
### Slide 9 High Particle Days in March-April 2012

- High particle levels in Brooklyn typically occur when:
  1. There is less than 1mm of rainfall during the previous 3 days
  2. There are at least 6 hours of northerly winds between 6am and 6pm
- Despite changes in rainfall, the above conditions have been met in Brooklyn each year about the same number of times
- In 2011/12 up until March these two criteria accounted for 82% of exceedences in Brooklyn

### Slide 10 Weather

- Comparing the results of the past 2 years of monitoring in Brooklyn shows a similar number of exceedences in Brooklyn's air quality despite a large reduction in rainfall.
  - 2009-10 (8 months): 31 exceedences and 310mm rain
  - 2010-11 (12 months): 19 exceedences and 850mm rain
  - 2011-12 (10 months): 17 exceedences and 474mm rain

**Slide 11 Influence of Fuel Reduction Burns**



**Fig 5 Influence of fuel reduction burns**

1. March 14 – High PM<sub>10</sub> throughout network low PM<sub>2.5</sub> Typical exceedence day
2. March 20 – High PM<sub>10</sub> only in Brooklyn low PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Typical morning peak at Brooklyn created exceedence
3. March 30 – High PM<sub>10</sub> throughout network, PM<sub>2.5</sub> high contribution from burn-offs created exceedence
4. April 4-6, 18-19 – High PM<sub>10</sub> throughout network, PM<sub>2.5</sub> very high, contribution from burn-offs created accidences throughout network.
5. April 30 - High PM<sub>10</sub> only in Brooklyn, Typical morning peak at Brooklyn created exceedence

These results show the results from several monitoring sites across Melbourne – PM<sub>2.5</sub> indicates particles less than 2.5 microns which is an indicator of the smoke particles from fuel reduction burns by Dept of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), ie these particles have accumulated around the city from sources outside Melbourne.

**Slide 12 Influence of Fuel Reduction Burns**

- Analysis of data shows that in March / April
  - 3 of the 9 exceedences occurred during typical conditions
  - 6 occurred when typical conditions were NOT met, i.e. Winds weren't particularly strong, it wasn't hot and dry
  - Smoke generates higher PM<sub>2.5</sub>.
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub> component (very fine particles) on these days was much higher than normal, and there were exceedences throughout network,
  - Smoke from fuel reduction burns accumulated in Melbourne contributed to higher Particle levels.
  - This combined with typically higher dust levels in Brooklyn meant there were exceedences where there normally wouldn't.

**Question: Is there any information available from DSE regarding wind direction to verify these results?**

**Action 3:** EPA to report on any findings in relation to DSE operations to next meeting.

**Response received after the meeting:** DSE released several bulletins relating to burning activities, burning off was planned on the following days: March 30, April 4-5, 10, 14-23, and 30. This seems to match up well with what we observed.



### Slide 13 Roads – Current Actions

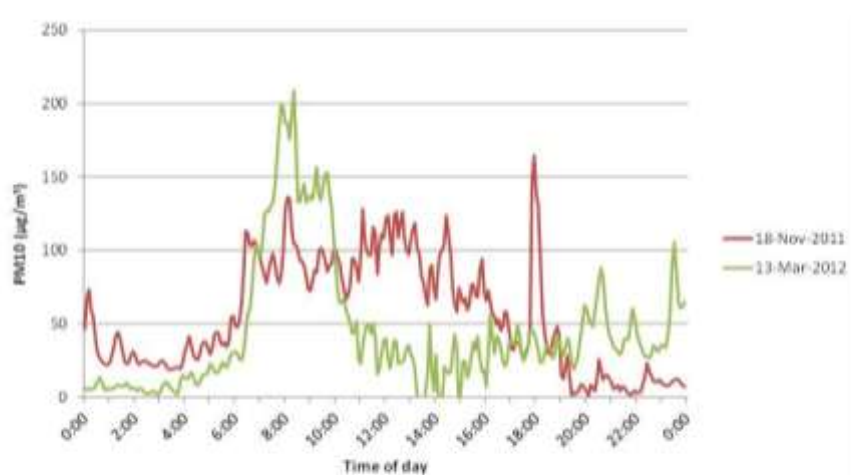
- Cemetery road upgrade is complete, thanks to Hobson’s Bay City Council
- Verges on Somerville Road will be reinstated in a few weeks thanks to Maribyrnong City Council
- Road cleaning activities are having a definite impact in reducing particle levels, especially activities undertaken by Brimbank City Council on Bunting Road
- EPA and Brimbank have met to get road cleaning done earlier in the day on extreme weather days.

There is a 3 day lead time for EPA to notify councils to target maintenance before any predicted extreme weather day.

An EPA Blitz has kept up pressure on businesses and it was good to see a high level of compliance for these unannounced visits.

The EPA is considering the revocation of some notices on the provision that if they identify further noncompliance - enforcement action including notices requiring engineering solutions will be issued.

### Slide 14 Benefits of Road Cleaning



- In 18 November no road cleaning took place, on 13 March this did occur resulting in a rapid drop of particle levels.
- Optimal time to clean roads to get biggest impact would be 7 AM

Fig 6 Benefits of Road Cleaning

The 13th March and 18th November were similar days as far as weather was concerned. The 13th March shown in green had a higher morning peak but road cleaning/watering activities by Brimbank CC on Jones, Bunting Roads and others meant there was no exceedence on this day compared to November 18. This is a good example of where one action can have a really big impact.

#### Q: Why isn't this road cleaning done every day??

A: It would be far too expensive to do this every day – a targeted approach is better.

### Slide 15 Further Work

- EPA sees the sealing of Jones and Bunting road coupled with businesses using these roads installing wheel washes and rumble grids as the solution to reduce dust.
- EPA will be working with Brimbank and Maribyrnong City Council to get further improvements on roads verges in the area.
- Further modelling work with Net Balance for other roads to be completed in June.

## Slides 16 & 17 Cemetery Road



Fig 7 Cemetery Rd

Tasman Logistics has removed the containers to allow the site to be paved as result of Pollution Abatement Notice from EPA. There is very little activity at the Tasman Logistics site.

**Question: What is the new pollution monitoring station in Yarraville for?**

A: This is looking at the impact of trucks in Francis St for noise, particles (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>), NOx and PAH emissions.

**Q: Can you simply add on to that monitor to do PM<sub>10</sub> measurements?**

A: Already doing PM<sub>10</sub> here in Brooklyn so it wouldn't be necessary.  
Any monitoring information will be on the EPA website.

**Action 4:** EPA to provide some details for update.

**Response provided after the meeting:**

Follow this link to the information on EPA website and the community information sheet (pdf) that was letterbox dropped to all Yarraville residents recently.

[http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/community\\_issues/Francis-Street.asp](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/community_issues/Francis-Street.asp)

**Q: The mud on the roads is very thick on one side of McDonalds Rd. Is anything being done about that short section of road?**

A: This is a VicRoads road although the source of the mud is Bunting Rd. The EPA has worked with VicRoads and the cleaning they undertook didn't make a big difference to the dust issue. Cleaning is a makeshift solution. Sealing of these roads would allow EPA to then can put more pressure on industry users to stop tracking mud.

**Action 5:** Jen to get a response from VicRoads.

**Q: How can anyone look at the situation on these roads and think it's still OK?**

A: (Simon Vittorio) – Brimbank CC is exploring an opportunity of using a special rates scheme to contribute to the costs of sealing Jones Rd and is currently asking for feedback from businesses. There will be a public forum in June. BCC is exploring all options for that road.

**Q: Are the pollution reports in your presentation related to just odour or odour, dust and noise?**

A: (Chris Webb) – Just odour as we don't generally get many dust or noise complaints.

**Comment: The dust in Brooklyn is such a large problem and Brooklyn is just a big dust bowl so cleaning Jones and Bunting Rds is just a small part of the problem.**

A: Hopefully the Brimbank Brooklyn Strategy will address a lot of these issues for the whole of the area. However sealing these roads will make a proportionally large improvement to the dust problem.

**Comment: When you drive along Jones Rd you can see that the dust material drops out quickly and disappeared by the time you get to Old Geelong Rd but in Bunting Rd it is all mud and slush. Sealing the road won't fix this problem.**

A: Although Bunting Rd has more mud on it and Jones Rd actually already has a sealed road base, the Northerly winds come straight down Jones Road and blow the dust. The modelling shows that fixing Jones Rd will make just as large a contribution to reducing dust than Bunting Rd – need to fix both.

**Comment:** (Chris Webb) The EPA acknowledges that there is a long way still to go to fixing the issues and are still committed to fixing this problem. There is also a lot of cooperation coming from the councils and others. As work continues to be done we need to look at the strategy again to see what else can be done. It is important that the community continues to monitor these issues and let us know when and where there are issues.

**Q: This question was submitted from Bruce Light prior to the meeting and was to VicRoads – “can you please ask VicRoads’ Nick Fisher whether he has seen the work done by Hobsons Bay CC in Cemetery Rd and can he explain why VicRoads did not undertake work of a similar standard in Francis St?**

**Action 6:** Jen to ask for a response to this from VicRoads.

**Comment:** The Dept of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) have had funding to look at long term planning for the entire precinct but haven't had an opportunity to present to BCRG. Some of the issues relate to potential new roads in Brooklyn particularly around Jones Rd and Bunting Rd and how this is impacting on the Brimbank planning and future expenditure. This may tie in with the new Brooklyn Strategy from Brimbank CC.

**Action 7:** Jen to contact DPCD and ask for an update or presentation at the August BCRG meeting.

#### **Item 6. Malcolm Ramsay, Hobsons Bay City Council, Cemetery Rd Update**

Malcolm showed a series of slides to illustrate the 'before' and 'after' results of recent maintenance program undertaken by Hobson Bay CC on Cemetery Rd.

#### **Slide 1 Cemetery Road Works (\$135,000)**

##### **Description:**

- Installation of a concrete edge strip with a Briffen Wire barrier from Francis Street to the driveway of Tasman Logistics.
- Treatment of the unmade flank behind the barrier.
- Installation of a concrete edge strip and steel guard rail north of the Tasman Logistics driveway.
- Major patching of the asphalt pavement.



**Fig 8 Slides 2 & 3 Dangerous area – before and after**

The area behind the wire fence will not be seeded as there was no money provided for this. Although it is quite muddy now there should be sufficient grass growth over winter to help hold it together.

There will be further patching works in the next few weeks and ongoing maintenance of the asphalt areas.

**Question: What is happening to the block that HBCC recently purchased in Cypress Ave?**

Answer: (Philip McDonald, Director, HBCC) The house has been removed and the block will be subdivided with provision for a link from Cypress Ave to the Federation Trail to be developed in the next couple of months. The balance of the block will then be sold. Council is also investigating the possibility of purchasing another property in Cypress Ave nearer this Brooklyn Hall area which will enable Council to establish another link to Federation Trail. This may be known by the next forum.



**Fig 9 Slide 4 Before**



**Slides 5 & 6 Concrete edge and wire barriers installed**



**Fig 10 Slide 7 Before**



**Slides 8 & 9 Wire barrier and steel barrier near Tasman Logistics entrance.**

**NB trucks and containers no longer on adjacent property until it is sealed.**

### **Item 7. Foti Beratis, Maribyrnong City Council, Somerville Rd Update**

Foti spoke about the issue of truck movement and parking along Somerville Rd. A recent enforcement program carried out by VicRoads has resulted in several enquiries from those affected being directed to Council to discuss traffic management in the area.

One option being discussed is to use a side street in the vicinity of Victoria Container Management and Cargill for truck parking and employ strategies to increase the staging of truck movements to keep them off the verges. Victoria Container Management has been working with Council to try to alleviate the problems in Somerville Rd. Council is happy to work with all industries to develop solutions. They will continue to monitor this.

### **Item 8. Mick Morison, Maribyrnong City Council, Cargill funds update**

Foti offered an apology from Mick Morison as he was unable to attend the forum.

**Action 8:** Mick to provide a report on the Cargill funds and tree project to BCRG to be sent out in an update.

**Response provided 23/05/12 from Mick Morison,** Landscape Architect, Leisure & Open Space, Maribyrnong City Council

Please find attached some background information on the project and proposed timeframes for implementation.

### **Project Background**

The project aims to improve the streets of West Yarraville by strengthening avenue planting of street trees. We anticipate that over 300 new trees will be planted with the aim to improve the local air quality and amenity for residents by absorbing pollution (including carbon) and filter dust from the atmosphere. Additional trees will enhance the character of the streetscape, connect the urban environment to the natural landscape, encourage habitat and food for bird and insect life and improve walkability of the area by providing shade and shelter to pedestrians.

The project originated from numerous Pollution Abatement Notices (PANs) issued by EPA to companies in the Brooklyn precinct to bring about some changes to the local environment. Recently, Cargill Australia has been required by EPA to invest in their facility in Somerville Road, Brooklyn, to stop foul odours being emitted beyond their boundary and make available \$50,000 to a community fund for affected local residents.

The local Community group, Yarraville On the Nose (YOTN) discussed the opportunities for a project in the local affected area with Council. The West Yarraville Accelerated Street Tree Avenue Development was suggested as a project for which the group could submit a funding application. YOTN applied under the EPA Victorian Community Funding Program for the \$50,000 fund and were successful.

Prior to submission of the project to EPA for funding, Council undertook preliminary assessment of trees in the area to provide an overview of the potential scope for the project. At this time a number of vacant planting locations and trees that were considered worthy of removal were identified.

The \$50,000 EPA funding contribution will primarily be used to procure approximately 330 trees to be planted in the area. Council will be contributing in kind support to complement the funding by planting and maintaining the additional trees.

The project area in West Yarraville is bounded by Francis Street, Roberts Street, Geelong Rd and Footscray Cemetery. This was generally defined as the affected area in the funding submission to EPA by YOTN.

## **Project progress and anticipated time frames**

In regards to progress to date on the project

Council undertook more detailed assessment inspections of existing street trees in the project area in October and November 2011. These inspections confirmed existing vacant locations and identified some existing trees that would be suitable for removal and replacement. Most of the trees identified for removal were found to be either; dead, dying, diseased or dangerous due to split trunks or unstable root systems. The assessment inspections also identified; remnant tree stumps for grinding and removal and other trees that require pruning for power and telecommunications line clearance.

Initial consultation and planning was completed in February 2012 and orders were placed for the tree stock required for the project, which is approximately 330 trees. These trees have been delivered to Councils nursery in West Footscray, ready for planting once removals are complete.

Some trees identified as requiring urgent attention have already been removed from the project area. The bulk of tree removals was deferred slightly later than previously identified to reduce the timeframe between tree removal and replanting.

Removal of the remaining trees identified in the project area commenced in mid-April 2012 and is expected to be completed by mid to late June. Line clearance works and stump removal will also occur during this time.

Planting of new trees is anticipated to commence in Late June - July, although this may vary slightly dependent on environmental conditions at the time. Planting works are anticipated to be complete within 2-3 weeks of commencement.

When planting works occur residents will receive a bucket courtesy of City West Water and be provided with information as to how they can assist Council in the care and establishment of the street trees.

## **Item 9. Simon Vittorio, Brimbank City Council, Drainage Works Update**

Simon introduced himself as Carey Patterson's replacement at BCRG. Simon's role includes coordinating projects in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct and the Sunshine Quarry.

Simon gave an overview of recent enforcement activities undertaken by Brimbank CC (Simons' full report can be seen in **Appendix 1**) including:

- Discussions with the owner and 12 tenants at 69 Bunting Rd
- Complaints against a garden supplies business on Somerville Rd
- Landfill adjacent to Kororoit Creek
- Ongoing legal occupation of road reserve on Old Geelong Rd
- The tender for drainage works on Bunting and Jones Rds which has been granted and works are expected to begin by end of this month.

BCC are currently addressing the issue of how to achieve the sealing of Jones and Bunting Rds. Hopefully an engineer will be able to attend the next BCRG to report on this project and how the proposed scheme might be implemented. Council is holding a public meeting in June to discuss this issue.

**Item 10. Panel Discussion and Questions** (relevant presentations can be seen at Items 4, 6, 7, 9 & 11)

**Panel members:**

- EPA - Richard Marks
- Brimbank CC – Simon Vittorio
- Maribyrnong CC – Foti Beratis
- Hobsons Bay CC – Malcolm Ramsay

**Question 1 – for Simon Vittorio (BCC).**

**What type of industries are the 12 businesses that you gave notices to in 69 Bunting Rd? Would their activities be related to the out of hours noise problems?**

**Response – Simon Vittorio**

Businesses include 2 recycling plants and a car storage facility. As there is no lighting available at this site it is highly unlikely that anyone would be contributing to the 'out of hours' noise.

**Question 2 – for Simon Vittorio (BCC).**

**What is being done about the activity along Kororoit Creek between Federation Trail and Old Geelong Rd including overfill on Kororoit Creek which needs to be pulled back, intrusions including on Crown Land, substandard building in the area and the use of Old Geelong Rd as truck space?**

**Response – Simon Vittorio**

This is an area of interest for BCC and the enforcement team is investigating these issues. The relevant business has been asked to apply for a planning permit and to cease the truck parking.

**Comment.** – The Federation Trail and park are wonderful assets to the area. It is being used a lot by the residents and makes a great difference to the site especially now with the trees. Thanks also to HBCC for their work on Dwain Reserve.

**Response – Philip McDonald**

HBCC has negotiated with VicRoads and now undertakes the maintenance of Federation Trail. The Brooklyn Reserve still requires work and the new link(s) from Cypress Ave will be a major improvement when complete.

**Item 11. This item was brought forward in the agenda and can be found following Item 5.**

Jen thanked everyone for coming and contributing. She indicated that she would be away for the August forum and asked anyone with suggestions on who might facilitate that forum to contact herself or Marg Renwick.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**Attachment 1 The following report was distributed by Simon Vittorio, Brimbank City Council.**

**Brooklyn Industrial Area Update – May 2012**

**Summary**

The Council & the EPA are continuing to work together on enforcement activities in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which acknowledges the joint responsibility Brimbank Council and the EPA have to improve the environmental outcomes within the municipality.

Under the MOU, EPA and Brimbank will jointly investigate and enforce complaints, collaborate on submissions and applications to VCAT, while EPA will provide technical support to help guide council in planning applications within buffer zones.

***Enforcement Activity***

- As noted at the last meeting, the owner and 12 tenants of the land at 69 Bunting Road had 30 days to apply for a planning permit and obtain approval for the use by the 2 July 2012, otherwise an enforcement order would be granted requiring them to cease operation and vacate the land. To date, one meeting has been held with six of the tenants and a separate meeting has been held with another tenant to inform them of the process. As a result, two tenants have lodged applications and two tenants have ceased operation and vacated the site. The next step is to seek an enforcement order after the 2 July 2012, against any land owner and/or tenant that has not obtained a planning permit, requiring them to cease operation and vacate the land.
- A garden supplies business on Somerville Road that has received a complaint for dust has been advised in writing that they have 14 days to apply for a planning permit with Council to use the land for that use, otherwise an enforcement order will be sought at VCAT requiring them to cease operation and vacate the land.
- A company is being pursued for further enforcement action by both Council and EPA in relation to landfill that has occurred adjacent to the Kororoit Creek.
- Following investigations of the ongoing illegal occupation of a section of the Road Reserve at the end of Old Geelong Road, the owner has been advised that they must vacate the portions of land being illegally used.

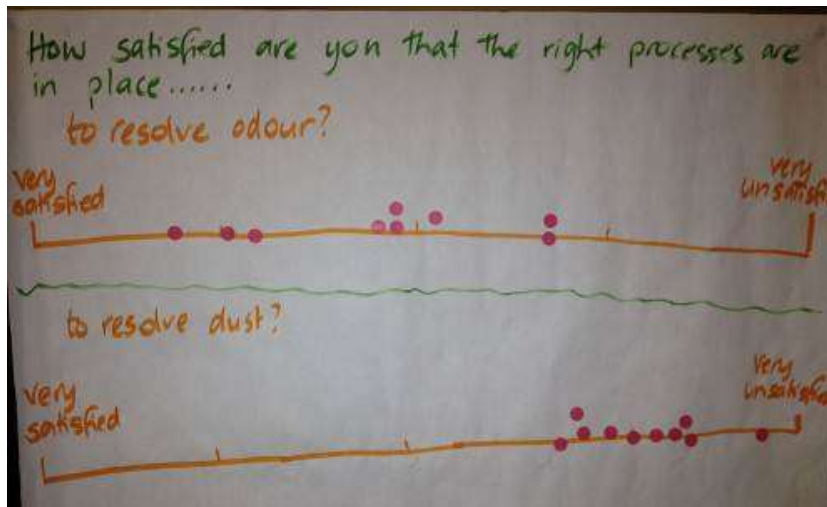
***Drainage and Road Works Update***

- The tender to construct the underground drainage in Jones Road, discharging to existing drainage at the end of Bunting Road, was been awarded to Jaydo Constructions at the end of March.
- The commencement of works is anticipated by the end of June.
- The Council operations team is continuing to undertake dust suppression treatments to the various road surfaces as and when required.
- The Council operations staff is continuing with interim arrangements associated with drainage works in Jones Road Brooklyn which also involves the pumping of storm water which is overflowing into Jones Road from the adjoining properties.
- The road sweeping program will continue on a programmed basis.
- The condition of Bunting Road continues to be monitored and grading and rolling is occurring as required.

***Planning Compliance Team  
May 2012***



**Attachment 2 Community satisfaction regarding processes to resolve odour and dust problems in the general Brooklyn area.**



**Fig 11 May 2012**

**Meeting Attendance Record – 16 May, 2012**

31 people registered their attendance at the desk:

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Alex Kozeniauskas	Delta Group	Josie Scarfo	Brimbank City Council
Andrea Mason	Executive Officer, BCRG	Keith Greaves	Chit Chat
Bert Boere	BRAG	Laurie Bell	BRAG/Brooklyn Ratepayers
Bill Cole	Resident	Laurie D'Angelo	EPA Victoria
Bronwyn Green	EPA Victoria	Le Ha Le	Brooklyn Strategy Committee
Carmen Largaiolli	Resident	Malcolm Ramsay	Hobsons Bay City Council
Chris Bydder	EPA Victoria	Marg Renwick	EPA Victoria
Chris Webb	EPA Victoria	Martin Hermans	Resident
Foti Beratis	Maribyrnong City Council	Matt Stanelos	Veolia
Geoff Mitchelmore	Resident Altona North	Philip McDonald	Hobsons Bay City Council
Heather Humphries	Resident	Olga Ghiri	Transpacific
Jan Cole	Resident	Richard Marks	EPA Victoria
Jen Lilburn	BCRG Chair	Simon Vittorio	Brimbank City Council
Jim Apostolopolous	Resident, Clayton South	Susan Fitton	Brimbank City Council
Joe Coleiro	Cargill	Tony Briffa Cr	Hobsons Bay City Council
		Wade Noonan MP	Member for Williamstown

Apologies			
Annette Patrick	BRAG	Marie Long	BRAG
Brian Long	BRAG	Meredith Sussex AM	Brimbank City Council
Bruce Light	On The Nose	Michael Raffoul Cr	Hobsons Bay City Council
Greg Hughes	Sims Metal Management	Mick Morison	Maribyrnong City Council
John Fawcett	City West Water		