

Brooklyn Community Reference Group – Summary 2012

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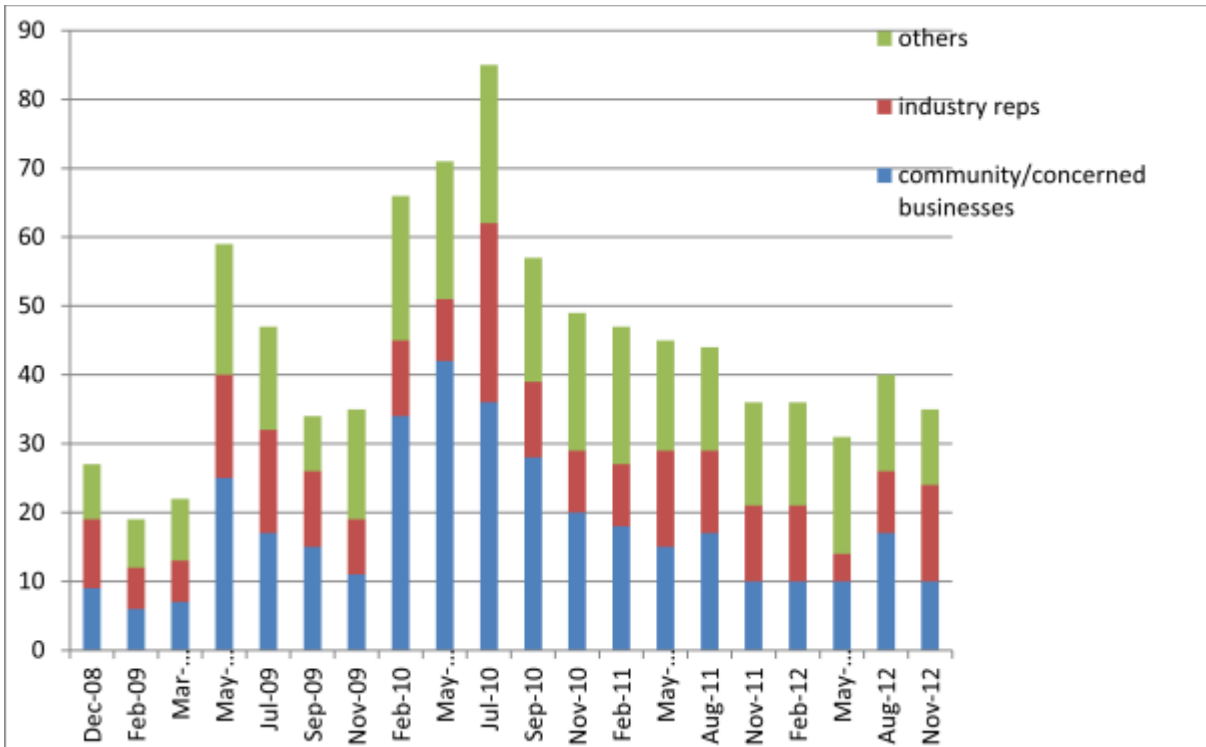
BCRG Community Forums

- 4 Community Forums held
- Attendances:

	Feb-12	May-12	Aug-12	Nov-12
community/concerned businesses	10	10	17	10
industry reps	11	4	9	14
others	15	17	14	11
Total	36	31	40	35

Participation from community and industry fluctuated according to the agenda and guest speakers. Community participation was higher in August when there was a focus on odour and industries were well represented in November when the focus was on dust.

- Participation long term – overall trend has not changed this year.



- 4 EPA Update Presentations on Dust, Noise and Odour Program
 - 2 EPA written Reports
- 2 Brimbank City Council Presentation
 - 4 Brimbank CC written report
- 1 Hobsons Bay City Council Presentation
 - 1 Hobsons Bay CC written report
- 1 Maribyrnong City Council Presentation
- 1 VicRoads Presentation
- 4 Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy Committee Presentations
- 7 Industry Group Presentations
 - Transpacific Industries Group
 - JBS Australia Pty Ltd
 - Sims Metal
 - Australia Tallow Producers x2
 - Tasman Logistics Services
 - Victorian Container Management & Rafnet Pty Ltd
- 8 Community Group Updates
 - Yarraville On The Nose
 - Brooklyn Residents Action Group
- 4 Panel sessions – including EPA, BCC, HBCC, MCC and industry representatives.

BCRG Updates

- 20 BCRG Updates were emailed
- New email format was developed with online subscription and subscriber management capacity.

Web Update www.brooklynip.com.au

Some interesting trends:

- BCRG Community Forum, Home and BCRG Update pages are by far the most used pages
- Peak viewing occurs around time of the 4 community forums and is being driven by the BCRG updates and relevant meeting content.
- Brimbank CC, Community Action Groups, News and the EPA are the next most visited
- Site visitors were slightly down for the year -1,336 - with new visitors 58% and returning visitors 42%.

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 2012

Actions	Issue	Lead	Date issue first tabled	Target completion	Status at 10 th December, 2012
1. Industry Accountability					
2.1 Identify, meet and work with major non-compliant industries	General	Richard Marks EPA/Simon Vittorio BCC	29/10/08	ongoing	Latest report in BCRG Meeting notes
150212_5 TPI indicated much earlier closure than the four years that have passed. When will the sites, Geelong Rd and Market St, be finished?	Landfill	Olga Ghiri, TPI	15/02/12	Complete	27/02/12 Old Geelong Rd landfill has not accepted waste since January 2010 – capping of the site is now underway. A transfer station and mulch processing area still operate at the site. Closure dates for Market Rd landfill is reviewed every six months. An aerial is used by a surveyor to determine the current contour level of the site and this is measured against the approved contour plan to determine the amount of airspace still available and the estimated closure date. These dates are estimates only, Transpacific has consistently said that these dates depend on future waste throughput at the site as well as the rate of settlement. The Market Rd landfill is 50 metres deep, hence there has been a lot of settlement in the past few years which means that filling has taken longer than expected. There has been no delay by Transpacific in filling the site. The Market Rd site is currently estimated to stop taking waste by the end of this financial year – June 2012.
150212_6 What is the long term intention for these sites? Will the organics and landfill operations continue in perpetuity?	Landfill	Olga Ghiri, TPI	15/02/12	Complete	27/02/12 Old Geelong Rd landfill stopped accepting waste in January 2010. The transfer station and mulch processing areas are still operational, an end date is not yet known. Transpacific has a licence to process mulch at the site, however the transfer station is not a scheduled activity and does not require an EPA licence. Market Rd landfill is expected to cease taking waste by June 2012 and following this, the site will be capped. It is not yet known what the long term intentions are for the site. Transpacific must manage ongoing environmental liabilities at both sites such as leachate and gas, even after they stop accepting waste and the area is capped. This requires ongoing rehabilitation works and infrastructure to be in place such as gas wells, flares, leachate dams and leachate sumps.

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150812_1 Invite Peter Morley back to the next BCRG to report	Odour	Jen Lilburn	15/08/12	Complete	Peter invited to November meeting.
141112_4 Contact the Container Park Association to organise a meeting to try to get some guidelines developed for all the operators. Cheryl will need supporting documentation to take to the association.	Noise	Cheryl Valneris, VCM	14/11/12		<p>23/11/12 Helen Paterson advised that Cheryl Valneris has passed this information on to the Container Park Association.</p> <p>03/12/2012 Cheryl Valneris <i>"I contacted three of the container depots, 2 that are on Francis Street and another which is near me. I have explained the situation regarding beepers. MRS have told me that they had previous communication with someone from council regarding the noise and they have already put the beepers in most of their forks. They were told if there was a continued problem they would be contacted, to date no one has contacted them. I suggested they make a list of forks that have been fitted and supply this information. I have done the same with Chalmers, who said they will review their forklifts. I believe they have already also done some of their forklifts. I will chase them again today. The other depot has not responded to me. I am making a list of all VCM forklifts and noting which ones have been done and which ones haven't. I will be purchasing the new reverse beepers for the ones I haven't. I will send my results when I can.</i></p> <p><i>I think a good idea would be to get feedback on nights this is happening, and where they are hearing it, to see if we can track which yard it is coming from. I think each yard will probably think it's not coming from them, or that they have done all they need, as no one is coming to them about the noise. Maybe a good idea is to put a letter to the container industry in this area, that can be sent to Leigh Taylor, the secretary for the Victorian Container Industry, who, also owns a yard in this area. His email is mrsops@bigpond.net.au."</i></p> <p>04/12/2012 Gary Chalmers responded to Cheryl: <i>"We run 8 forks here at the Park. Seven of them have been fitted with the "buzzer" style reverse beeper - the additional unit is our smallest that is only used during the day to load/unload the workshop. We have just had a changeover of 2 machines (having reached the end of their 5 year lease last week) - we're expecting the beepers to be changed over this week."</i></p>

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141112_5 Collate information regarding reverse beepers from all BCRG meeting notes and forward them to the EPA and Chery.l	Noise	Andrea Mason, BCRG	14/11/12	Complete	21/11/12 Information from the BCRG notes was collated and sent by Andrea Mason. Bruce Light also sent a copy of an email from a Yarraville resident in December 2011 to Michael Clarke, Maribyrnong City Councillor, as an example of complaints from residents in the area. Both these can be seen in BCRG Meeting notes 141112 Appendix B .
3. EPA Regulatory Role					
3.8 EPA dust monitoring program update	Dust	EPA	18/3/09	July 2011	Latest report in BCRG Meeting notes
3.19 Investigate report of new potential dust source coming from recently cleared Huntsman site.	Dust	Richard Marks, EPA	12/05/11 Action 7	Complete	23/06/11 EPA Update: Currently pursuing with the site manager.
150212_4 The EPA will provide some examples of industries that do shut down on bad days in the meeting notes.	Dust	Richard Marks EPA	15/02/12	Complete	28/02/12 City Circle and on occasion Delta and Western Land Reclamation are all known to have ceased work on extreme weather days.
160512_3 Is there any information available from DSE regarding wind direction to verify these results?	Dust	Richard Marks EPA	16/05/12	Complete	28/05/12 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.
160512_4 Can you simply add on to the monitor in Yarraville to do PM ₁₀ readings?	Dust	Richard Marks EPA	16/05/12	Complete	28/05/12 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

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4. Planning and Enforcement					
150212_1 30 truckloads of rubbish have been dumped on the other side of the creek opposite the tip site in the last 3 weeks and the situation it is 'out of control'.	Rubbish	Carey Patterson and Richard Marks	15/02/12		
150212_2 At the gates near 455 Somerville Rd is being surveyed and soil samples taken – what is happening?	Planning	Carey Patterson BCC	15/02/12	Complete	08/03/12 There is no record of a planning application being made at this stage.
160512_1 Who would be most appropriate person in BCC to talk about Kororoit Creek tree planting project	Waterway	Susan Fitton BCC	16/05/12	Complete	24/05/12 Contact can be made directly to the Brimbank Council's Environment Department
160512_7 Contact DPCD and ask for an update or presentation at the August BCRG meeting	Planning	Jen Lilburn to approach DPCD	16/05/12	Complete	Response available in BCRG Update 10 2012

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150812_2 Report back to the forum on height regulations for landfill mounds	Dust	Simon Vittorio BCC	15/08/12	Complete	03/09/12 Response from Dhiraj Joti, Senior Development Planner, Brimbank CC I can confirm the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 473-477 Somerville Road (Delta)- Planning Permit P00108 approved on 16th May 2000. Condition 8 states that, "The stockpiles must not be greater than 8.0 metres." • 499 Somerville Road (City Circle)- Planning Permit P99/0478 approved on 08th December 1999, Condition 1(d) states, "Stockpiles limited to 6.0 metres in height."
141112_3 Approach Maribyrnong CC regarding senior representation at BCRG	Meeting representation	Jen Lilburn to approach MCC	14/11/12	Complete	<i>Jen Lilburn raised the concern of lack of senior attendance by Maribyrnong CC with the CEO's office. She advised that Ian Butterworth, Director Infrastructure Engineering, will attend BCRG meetings on Maribyrnong CC's behalf during 2013.</i>
5. Communications					
5.8 Produce a newsletter detailing recent enforcement activities.	General	Marg Renwick EPA	22/4/10	ongoing	Latest edition available is Issue 8 available on the Brooklyn website
150212_3 In relation to the industry breakfasts – will you be inviting all local companies?	Industry	Susan Fitton BCC	15/02/12		
160512_2 EPA to consider sending out new invitations to industries inviting them to the BCRG forum.	Industry	Marg Renwick EPA	16/05/12	Complete	28/05/12 EPA will work with Chair of the BCRG and advise suitable industries to present at the next BCRG.

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6. Roads					
150212_7 What spending will be directed at resolving problems on Cemetery Road?	Dust	Malcolm Ramsay HBCC	15/02/12	Complete	Letter from Bill Jaboor, HBCC Chief Executive Officer to the EPA in Attachment 3 Meeting notes BCRG general meeting 15 February 2012 .
141112_1 A lot of the mud along the sealed roads is on the nature strips such as McDonald Rd which is at least 15 cm higher than the curb. This needs to be removed by council.	Dust	Simon Vittorio BCC	14/11/12		06/12/12 Simon has raised the issue with Council staff who will investigate and provide a response as soon as possible.
160512_5 The mud on the roads is very thick on one side of McDonalds Rd. Is anything being done about that short section of road? Ask VicRoads for a response.	Mud	Jen Lilburn to approach VicRoads	16/05/12		
160512_6 Ask VicRoads' Nick Fisher whether he has seen the work done by HBCC in Cemetery Rd and can he explain why VicRoads did not undertake work of a similar standard in Francis St?	Dust	Jen Lilburn to approach VicRoads	16/05/12	Complete	Response available in BCRG Update 10 2012

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<p>141112_2 Issues related to street sweeping particularly in Alick Rd.</p>	<p>Dust</p>	<p>Jen Lilburn and Foti Beratis</p>	<p>14/11/12</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>07/12/2012 <i>Response from Ian Butterworth, Director Infrastructure and Engineering, MCC</i></p> <p>Council has a scheduled street sweeping program for its local roads and where required will provide additional sweeping in response to particular problem areas, including Alick Street.</p> <p>A number of roads in the area, including Somerville road, Francis Street and Paramount Road are VicRoads managed roads. While VicRoads are responsible for the sweeping of their roads, Council has undertaken sweeping along some of them in this area to assist.</p> <p>Council's Operations Manager, Leon Berry is currently discussing with VicRoads a suitable treatment for the footpaths and nature strips along Somerville Road and we expect to have agreement on the treatment and funding for implementation in early 2013. Further improvement works be undertaken in other roads which will be staged to match available funding.</p> <p>It is apparent that a contributing factor of the soil build up on the footpaths is the standard of abutting site surfaces and operational activities performed on these sites. Much of the soil has washed off the various industrial sites onto the road reserve and to achieve long term solutions to the problem, this issue will need to be addressed.</p>