

## **BCRG Update 4\_2013, Metro Planning Strategy, VCAT, Clean Up Aus\_Brooklyn, Hobsons Bay Input**

February 25, 2013

We have received some feedback from the Actions that came out of the recent BCRG forum. Don't forget Clean Up Australia this weekend plus there is still time to have your say for the Metropolitan Planning Strategy and Hobsons Bay CC.

### **1) Metropolitan Planning Strategy Community consultation in March**

25/02/13 The following information was supplied by Jen Lilburn, Convenor, BCRG.

The Victorian Government is preparing a new Metropolitan Planning Strategy for Melbourne to build on its liveability and ensure the future prosperity of the State.

The strategy will contribute to the overall vision for the State including links with regional Victoria. It will shape how the city changes, which areas will house more people and which planning rules should change to facilitate new and more diverse housing.

The strategy will be developed through extensive community engagement. It will be informed by rigorous research and evaluation into future trends, the drivers of growth and change and the type of infrastructure and services required in the future.

Community members are encouraged to contribute to the development of the plan through a variety of ways including:

- a **major community forum** this **Saturday 2 March**
- '**community conversations**' which can be held in local communities (On The Nose, BRAG and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek have all been encouraged to take up this offer)
- an online forum and survey
- written submissions

More information, including further details of the above and a copy of the Discussion Paper are available at <http://www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au>

**Submissions** and all other feedback is due by **28 March**.

### **2) VCAT appeal regulations**

At the Feb 13 BCRG forum Ray Martin, Infrastructure Development Coordinator with Brimbank City Council, was asked to report to BCRG on the options for residents' submissions and relevant VCAT guidelines in relation to the special charge scheme proposed for Jones and Bunting Rds.

20/02/13 Ray Martin, provided the following response: 'Only the owners of the properties who have been asked to pay the special charges have the right to appeal to VCAT about Council's decision to impose special charges.

Having said that, the plight of the residents is now well documented and this will no doubt be discussed at VCAT.'

### **3) Clean Up Australia Brooklyn**

Veolia Environmental Services invites you to join over 1 million Australians to clean up your local environment, and to help make a difference.

Date: **Sunday March 3rd 2013**

Location: **Federation Trail Property, Brooklyn.**

Meet at the intersection between Geelong Rd and Federation Trail, Brooklyn.

Time: **10am**, with a BBQ lunch to follow

RSVP: 20th February to [katerina.Breichna@veolia.com.au](mailto:katerina.Breichna@veolia.com.au)

(please include number of attendees, and t-shirt sizes).

*Gloves and rubbish bags will be provided. Please remember to wear enclosed footwear on the day.*

Veolia's full flyer can be found at: [http://www.brooklynip.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Veolia\\_CleanUpAustralia\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.brooklynip.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Veolia_CleanUpAustralia_Flyer.pdf)

### **4) Hobsons Bay Community Health and Wellbeing Plan Input**

Bert Boere, Secretary BRAG Inc has asked for this to be brought to your attention:

**Hobsons Bay City Council - Have Your Say - Community Health & Wellbeing Plan/Council Plan....and be in the running to win a iPad mini**

**For your chance to have a say go to:**

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/hobsonsbaycitycouncil](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hobsonsbaycitycouncil)

Submissions close **28 February**.

For more information on the plans, survey and the times for community input listening posts around Hobsons Bay during February go to the [Hobsons Bay CC website](#).

### **5) Brooklynip Website Update**

The management of the [brooklynip.com.au](http://www.brooklynip.com.au) website is about to change. The site will continue to be owned by the EPA but all content within the website will now be managed by Andrea Mason, Executive Officer of BCRG.

The new website guidelines and procedure will be available soon. If you have any news, updates or changes to information relevant to the Brooklyn website please contact Andrea at [eo.bcr@gmail.com](mailto:eo.bcr@gmail.com) or phone 0427 338 482.

**Remember to regularly check if your information is correct so that the public is always able to stay up to date with what is happening in Brooklyn!**

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Remember, these updates are available online at:

<http://www.brooklynip.com.au/bcr-g-updates/>.