

BCRG Update 8_2013, EPA, Brimbank & Maribyrnong news, Next Community Forum May 15

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1) You're Invited to hear the GOOD NEWS!

Come and join us at the next Brooklyn Community Representative Group (BCRG) **Community Forum** ... and if you know someone you think would like to come too then forward this update to them...just [click here](#).

If you would like to promote the BCRG Forum in your area or at work, a poster is available for download from the [brooklynip website](#).

BCRG Community Forum

Where: Brooklyn Community Hall, Cypress Ave, Brooklyn

When: Wednesday May 15th

Time: 6.00 for 6.30pm start Light refreshments will be served

2) EPA Victoria Update:

The following report was received from Troy Kraska, Compliance Strategist, EPA Victoria.

Monitoring: There has been a total of 25 PM10 exceedences so far for the 2012/13 period. The last exceedence was recorded on 27 March 2013. The number of exceedences reiterates the importance of maintaining a focus on managing dust in the region.

Compliance: All high priority sites have been investigated and have been issued with draft pollution abatement notices (15 in total in Q3 2012/13). 10 of these have been finalised. A further 15 sites have been identified for the next phase of the compliance plan. These sites will be investigated with a view to issue them pollution abatement notices.

Roads: A working group between EPA, VicRoads and councils has been formed and are implementing an action plan developed by EPA in consultation with the other stakeholders. The action plan includes maintenance on high risk roads and also engineering works (eg. verge removal and rejuvenation).

Odour: Odour reports are at historic lows since monitoring commenced within Brooklyn. EPA will be reviewing their odour response strategy in the near future.

BCRG works with the following organisations to deliver a healthier Brooklyn:



3) Brimbank CC Compliance news

The following report was received from Simon Vittorio, Strategic Coordinator Planning Compliance, Brimbank City Council.

The Brimbank Planning Compliance Unit team is continuing to undertake monitoring and enforcement of the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct to gain compliance with the Brimbank Planning Scheme and help realise the visions contained in the Brooklyn Evolution Project. Planning Compliance officers have undertaken numerous inspections since the start of the year and are working with land owners and land occupiers to achieve compliance.

Council officers are currently working with the land owner, their representatives and the tenants of a parcel of land located on Bunting Road to bring the site and uses into compliance and have any unauthorised land uses either legalised through an approved Planning Permit or have the use ceased. Council has appealed to VCAT to the matter heard

Council and EPA have met on multiple occasions to share information and work towards achieving compliance on a number of sites within the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct. These meetings have been productive and reinforce both organisations' commitment to meet the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding, enhance the amenity of the precinct and improve environmental outcomes of the area for adjoining residents and existing and future businesses.

Council has also arranged a meeting with particular land owners and/or tenants that have an interface with the Kororoit Creek, Melbourne Water and other key stakeholders to address the issue of stockpiles/mounds of material located along the Kororoit Creek to try and minimise any environmental issues, potential dust and harm to the waterway. The purpose of the meeting is to reduce the height of stockpiles/mounds of material where they are considered to be excessively high, ensure these stockpiles are battered to prevent run-off and ensure that they are landscaped to prevent potential dust and improve the amenity of the area. Council envisages that there will be more than one meeting and hopes that there is co-operation between all parties involved to achieve a successful outcome.

4) Maribyrnong CC Roads update

The following report was received from Foti Beratis, Team Leader Environmental Health, Maribyrnong City Council.

As part of the efforts to improve the amenity of the Brooklyn area and to reduce the dust problem, Maribyrnong and Brimbank Councils have negotiated an agreement with VicRoads to share the costs to remove the built up dirt nature strips and replace with crushed rock and spray seal the problem sections of Somerville Road, McDonalds Road and Alick Road. Council's contribution will be approximately \$60,000 this financial year and a further \$150,000 is proposed in the draft capital budget for the 2013/14 year to continue the improvement program in the area, including tree planting in the nature strips. This initiative is part of a collaborative approach by a number of key stakeholders working with the Brooklyn Community Representative Group and the EPA to improve this industrial precinct.

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