

BCRG Update 9_2013, Forum improvements and Agenda May 15, Cargill Community News, TPI Update, BRAG submission

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1) Improving BCRG - Jen Lilburn, Convenor

BCRG Update 3_2013 asked for feedback about ways to improve our Community Forum meetings. Thank you to those people who took time to email, phone or meet with me to discuss opportunities.

You told me to:

- * Shorten BCRG meetings - we will now finish BCRG meetings by 8:30pm. Unfortunately this means that we will not have time for the break, which has been a valuable opportunity for people to meet each other and share information informally. If you do not have to rush off at 8:30, please take the opportunity to grab a drink and a chat after the meeting has closed.
- * Keep focussed on issues of odour, noise and dust - I will ask all speakers to help with this!
- * Shorten presentations - complicated presentations containing a lot of data are difficult to absorb, especially at night. Speakers will be asked to keep to key messages and provide more detailed information in printed form.
- * Support industry presenters - a number of people commented on how important it is for industry reps to present to the group about their efforts to reduce odour, noise and/or dust. However, they felt that if reps are concerned about being verbally attacked, they will not take up the offer. They felt that asking industries to present at the end of a long meeting, when people are tired, does not help. We will therefore:
 - o Shorten meetings (as outlined above)
 - o Ask one industry to present per meeting (rather than several)
 - o Schedule industry presentations earlier in the evening
 - o Remind participants of our meeting values/code of conduct

During April we also held a 'review' meeting involving EPA and two community members who regularly attend BCRG. Also invited to the meeting was the facilitator and several members of the Clayton Dingley Landfill forum. While this forum is much younger than BCRG, the format is very similar and we felt that the two forums had much to learn from each other. [Notes from the meeting](#) can be downloaded from the Brooklynip website [Click here](#).

This discussion led to a decision to involve the whole BCRG community in a two-step review process. The first will take place at our meeting next week: we will look at our achievements over the 5 years that the BCRG Community Forum has been operating.

The second step of the review will take place at the August meeting, when we will look at goals for BCRG: what are we aiming for, and how will we know when our job is done?

2) BCRG Community Forum Agenda

The [Agenda](#) for next Wednesday's BCRG Forum is now available for download from the Brooklynip website. [Click here](#).

The [Meeting notes](#) from the previous meeting are also available online. [Click here](#)

A little preparation task for you!!

Could you please think about the following **before** the meeting:

* the top 3 or 4 achievements that have taken place in the Brooklyn area to reduce odour, noise and dust;

* the priority issues that need to be addressed (the 'little wins' that will make a difference to air quality in the area).

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

For more information and to RSVP contact:

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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](#).

3) Cargill Community Update April 2013

The [Cargill Community Update](#) contains important information related to the odour control systems and the dust reduction program being undertaken by Cargill. This update can be downloaded from the Brooklynip website. [Click here](#).

For further information please contact Joe Coleiro by phone on 9316 0323 or by email via joe_coleiro@cargill.com

4) Transpacific (TPI) Update

The following report was provided by Olga Ghiri | Stakeholder and Community Liaison Officer.

Old Geelong Road landfill

The landfill ceased operating January 2010 and capping works commenced August 2010. Preparations are underway for final capping works at the site. Transpacific is on target to have its final capping works completed by September 2013.

A bund wall and vegetation buffer has been constructed along the eastern boundary. TPI is also working in partnership with Melbourne Water to revegetate along the Kororoit Creek corridor. Dust Management Plan is in place as the site to mitigate and control dust.

Actions include:

- reduced speed limits of 15km/h
- restricted access over unsealed road verges outside the front gate
- main road and driveway is sealed with bitumen
- daily regular operation of street sweeper and water cart
- dust monitor has been installed on the south-east corner of the Old Geelong Road site to monitor any dust exceedances and to trigger an alarm to inform the site supervisor and an environmental officer so that action can be taken.
- cold mix is placed on a section of the haul road that leads up to the weighbridge so that the amount of mud/dirt tracked offsite is reduced.
- A wheel bath has been hired and placed before the weighbridge to remove mud/dirt that may be tracked from the capping area.
- The garden centre and transfer station are located in low lying areas of the site that are shielded from heavy winds.
- The garden centre operations have been modified to reduce dust including the wetting down of material before shredding and while shredding is occurring and the mulch is watered.
- Screening activities have been abolished on days of northerly winds
- Regular maintenance of hardstand area, irrigation of active construction areas, rescheduling of material delivery in wet weather to minimise road mud and dust.
- A weather station has been installed on site to monitor weather conditions including temperature, wind and rain. This is utilised in the planning of activities that may generate dust during unfavourable weather conditions.

Market Road

The landfill ceased operating June 2012. TPI is awaiting EPA approval for capping works to commence. Currently the site is topped with an interim cap of sandy clay. Once the capping activities commence, TPI will install a dust monitoring system to monitor levels of dust that may be generated as a result of the capping works. Vehicle access at the site is minimal with only the site supervisor and monitoring staff accessing the site. TPI has placed a water bath rumble grid and a section of approximately 120m of sealed road between the weighbridge and entrance/exit of the site to minimise dust. A Dust Management Plan is also being finalised for the site to coincide with the commencement of the capping works.

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5) BRAG submission to the Senate Enquiry

This copy of the [submission to the Senate Enquiry](#) - The Impact on Health of Air Quality in Australia was received from Bert Boere, Secretary Brooklyn Residents Action Group and is available from the Brooklynip website. [Click here](#).

This paper covers the impacts of particulate matter, odour and noise and its sources and the standards, monitoring and regulation of air quality at all levels of government and other related matters. This report mainly covers the lack of dust, odour and noise control in the suburbs of Brooklyn, Altona North, Altona and Yarraville, Victoria (past and present).

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