

BCRG Update 12_2013, EPA News, Federation Trail Stage 2, Brooklyn in Focus on Channel 7, Residents back Brooklyn Evolution. July 02, 2013

1)EPA News

This report was received from Troy Kraska, Compliance Strategist, EPA Victoria, 02/07/13.

The project team at EPA has reviewed our actions for 2012/13 and will have a new strategy in place in the near future. As part of the review it was identified that the key internal EPA project implementation tasks for 2012/13 were successfully completed. Lessons learned were captured as well as potential future actions that may help ensure the future success of the project.

Odour reports in 2012/13 were lower than the previous 4 years, which indicates conditions are improving and we are on the right track in alleviating odour impacts on the local community.

2) BRAG_Federation Trail Stage 2 Newsletter

This newsletter is produced and distributed by Brooklyn Residents Action Group Inc. to inform their sponsors /supporters of some of the exciting and interesting developments that are occurring along the Federation Trail in the Brooklyn area including concept plan, amenity works adjoining Australian Tallow and goat eradication!! <u>Click here</u> for the full report.

3) Brooklyn in focus on Channel 7

This Thursday, BRAG and YOTN are coordinating a "Wake" to celebrate/morn the 100th dust exceedence of the PM10 Standard since 2009. Channel 7 will be conducting an interview and filming session with community group leaders and local residents. It is hoped that the interview will be screened on Sunday 7th July, Channel 7 evening news.

Key messages are:

- 1. This is the recognition that no community could be proud about;
- 2. Brooklyn deserves to have the same air quality as every other part of Melbourne or Victoria;

3. The community has had enough of living under a constant layer of dust. We want the government to act.

4. Our children have a right to clean air.

5.And the way ahead.... is the urgent implementation of the Brooklyn Evolution Strategy developed by Brimbank CC, the winner of an Planning Institute of Australia Award for Planning Excellence in the Hard Won Victory Category.

6. With need for the State Government to

- create an Interdepartmental Government Committee to drive, direct, coordinate and source funding for the urgent implementation of the redevelopment plan for the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct, 'The Brooklyn Evolution'

- accelerate the Strategy implementation!

The residents have now been living with the dust, odour and noise problems for decades. With the potential for cumulative health effects implementation over decades will no doubt see some current residents deceased prior to the plans completion!

- East West Link easement location resolved to give certainty to industry.....and easements procured & cleared and greened in short term

For more information contact Bert Boere, Secretary BRAG Inc, 0425 787 889.

4) Local residents back Brooklyn Evolution Strategy

The following was extracted from the Wade Noonan MLC June 2013 newsletter

Local residents back Brooklyn Evolution strategy

One in three Brooklyn households have signed a petition calling on the State Government to bring an end to dust and pollution in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct and provide support for the *Brooklyn Evolution* strategy.

The *Brooklyn Evolution* maps out a course for the clean-up and modernisation of the precinct, improving local amenity and attracting high-end industry to the area.

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