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## **BCRG Update 15\_2013**

**Wade Noonan's Statement regarding Roads Funding,  
BRAG\_Brooklyn Newsletter July 2013,  
BCRG Forum August 14th  
July 29, 2013**

### **1) Statement by Wade Noonan MP, regarding Coalition Government's decision to provide funding for road surfacing in Brooklyn 18/07/2013**

"The decision by the State Government to provide funding to support sealing works for Bunting and Jones Road is a victory for the local community."

"I welcome the Minister's personal support for these improvement works and hope he will now attend the next Brooklyn Community Reference Group meeting in August to confirm his Government's commitment to supporting the implementation of the Brooklyn Evolution Strategy."

"It needs to be understood that there are over fifty recommendations in the Brooklyn Evolution Strategy that target infrastructure, urban design, environmental improvements, monitoring and enforcement, and planning. Fixing a couple of roads is only part of the solution and a wise government would acknowledge that there is still a great deal of work to be done to turn around decades of environmental neglect across the industrial precinct."

"As the local Member, and someone who has committed very strongly to work with the community on these issues, I emphatically reject any suggestion that Labor has been inactive on the Brooklyn dust and odour problems. In the time since my election, I have worked very closely with both the Brooklyn Residents Action Group and On the Nose, the EPA, the three local councils and industry to tackle these challenges."

"Since 2009, a dust monitoring station has been located in Brooklyn, the Brooklyn Residents Reference Group has been established with an independent chair, the EPA has devoted significant resources to their compliance work, there has been major improvement works along the Federation Trail, and a comprehensive strategy has been developed to deliver long term environmental change for the area."

"I acknowledge that local residents have lived under a layer of dust and with putrid odour for far too long and they want change. My job is to help deliver that change."

"I particularly want to thank and congratulate the hard-working volunteers of the Brooklyn Resident Action Group and On the Nose. None of this would have been possible without their relentless push for change."

**Wade Noonan MP** | Labor Member for Williamstown  
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Mental Health

## **2) BRAG Brooklyn Newsletter July 2013**

The [latest newsletter](#) from BRAG also highlights the recent funding announcements for roadworks in Bunting and Jones Rd, Wade Noonan's response and an update on Brooklyn in general. [Click here](#) for the full newsletter.

BRAG Inc have written to the Minister expressing their thanks on behalf of the community for the financial commitment that enables one of the 'early wins' of the Brooklyn Evolution' to commence. It is hoped that this provides the impetus to move on the next items identified in the Evolution as needing urgent attention.

BRAG have also extended an invitation for the Minister to attend the next BCRG meeting, if his schedule permits.

The next BRAG (not BCRG!) general meeting is Wednesday 25 September 2013, 7pm. Full details available from <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/brag-news/>.

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## **3) BCRG Forum August 14**

The next BCRG Community Forum will be held **Wednesday, 14th August**, 2013 at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start, at the Brooklyn Community Centre, Cypress Avenue Brooklyn.

In addition to our usual updates re progress, we will spend some time on 'Goals for BCRG – How will we know when these meetings are no longer required?'

The full agenda will be available soon.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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