



Federation Trail Project – Stage 2

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This newsletter is produced and distributed by Brooklyn Residents Action Group Inc. to inform our sponsors /supporters of some of the exciting and interesting developments that are occurring along the Federation Trail in the Brooklyn area.

Proposed concept planting plan – Section 1:



Sponsors:

BRAG Inc wishes to acknowledge the support of the project partners

- VicRoads
- Melbourne Water
- Brimbank City Council
- Transpacific Industries
- APA Group
- Delta Group
- Australian Tallow
- Cedar Meats Australia
- Burns Earthmoving
- Cargill Australia
- City Circle Demolitions
- JBS Australia
- Veolia Environmental Services
- Sims Metal Management
- Fulton Hogan
- EPA Victoria
- Toyota Australia
- Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek

Ring Geoff for more details of further sponsorship opportunities – 0411 274 718

Project Timeline:

Site Preparation	June 2013
Mulching	October 2013
Walking Trail construction	November 2013
Celebration & Planting Day	Winter 2014

Project to date:

1. Melbourne Water and VicRoads recently gave the necessary go ahead for the project to commence.
2. Poisoning of weeds, boxthorn, etc., has been undertaken both by VicRoads and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek.
3. The filling of the trail has commenced with Burns Earthmoving bringing in fill and topsoil to the site between Jones Road and Old Geelong Road.
4. Mulch is being delivered and distributed on site for the southern boundary of the Federation Trail between Jones Road and Old Geelong Road.



Federation Trail, West of Jones Road: May 2013



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Australian Tallow Site Works:

Work is soon to commence building a mound along the Australian Tallow boundary that faces the Federation Trail, improving the visual aspect of the site. This mound is to be planted with indigenous trees and shrubs and will blend in with the landscaping proposed for the trail.

Goat Eradication:

Melbourne Water, Brimbank City Council and the Sporting Shooters Association are working to eradicate up ninety (90) feral goats that are grazing in the area. These goats have been destroying trees and shrubs along Kororoit Creek that have recently been planted by Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek and Melbourne Water and other trees that were planted on the Transpacific Industries site in 2011. It is essential that the goats be eradicated before the planting of the Federation Trail commences.

Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy:

The City of Brimbank engaged Meinhardt Infrastructure and Environment P/L to prepare a structure plan for the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct in 2011, the Plan and Urban Design Framework along with an implementation plan being adopted by Brimbank Council in October 2012. [http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/About Council/Governance/Council Policies, Strategies Plans/Council Strategies/Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Strategy/Brooklyn Industrial Strategy](http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/About%20Council/Governance/Council%20Policies,%20Strategies%20Plans/Council%20Strategies/Brooklyn%20Industrial%20Precinct%20Strategy/Brooklyn%20Industrial%20Strategy).

BRAG realised that for this study to be implemented, the Victorian State Government needed to take an active role by inputting resources and personnel, so it has been proactive on ABC TV, with its goal to engender interest by the State Government Environment Minister, Ryan Smith. It is hoped that the Minister will visit the Brooklyn area soon to get a full understanding of the problem and then support the implementation of the Strategy with State Government leadership and resources.

Brooklyn Overall:

The changes and activities by the State and Local Government Agencies in the Brooklyn area over the past two years have seen the environment around Brooklyn being altered dramatically for the better. It is essential that BRAG Inc. is supported by you, the Brooklyn community, to ensure that the effort being made by these bodies continues, thus further improving our environment. If you can attend the BRAG Inc. meetings, and have your say, it would be very much appreciated as the more visible the support, the easier it will be to achieve continuing and further improvements in our area.

BRAG Inc. General Meeting Dates: <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/brag-news/>

The BRAG Inc. General Meetings are held quarterly, our next meeting to be held at the Brooklyn Hall, Cypress Avenue, Brooklyn, commencing at 7pm is scheduled for Wednesday 25 September 2013 – **PLEASE COME.**