



BCRG Update 18_2013

October 14, 2013

1) EPA Update and Air Quality Report

The following report was received from Troy Kraska, EPA, October 11, 2013.

Dust

- 20 inspections have been conducted in the first quarter of the 2013/14 financial year in relation to checking compliance with pollution abatement notices that were issued to sites for dust management. The aim of each inspection is to assess progress towards meeting the requirements the notice. Each inspection is followed up with the issuing of an inspection report that is addressed to the duty holder or site representative and contains the inspecting officer's observations. If requirements have not been met, inspections are also followed up with enforcement action.
- There has been a total of 6 exceedences so far for the 2013/14 financial year, highlighting the need for introducing the changes that will result from the notices that have been issued to industrial sites in Brooklyn. There had been 10 exceedences recorded at the same time last year.
- Completing the proposed works to roads within the Brooklyn precinct will also help achieve better air quality for Brooklyn residents as dust from roads makes up approximately 50% of the total. These works are being managed by councils and VicRoads. EPA continues to support councils and VicRoads through providing alerts and advice on potential poor air quality days to promote cleaning of roads when it will have the greatest impact in reducing dust.

Odour

- There has been 67 odour reports in Brooklyn for the first quarter of the 2013/14 financial year. There was 189 for the same period for the previous year. This is a 65% reduction compared to the previous year for this 3 month period.
- EPA are continuing to closely monitor odour in the region and are planning to conduct odour monitoring surveys in the future to try to identify other potential areas for improvement.

Brooklyn Air Quality Report

This bulletin is now available online at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/publications/publication/2013/october/1552>. It reports on monitoring from November 2011 to October 2012. The program has served to provide clarity to residents on air quality in the Brooklyn area and updates EPA's knowledge of pollution sources and their impacts.

EPA has used results from this program to flag air quality as an issue for residents, providing each annual report to local councils, VicRoads and industry owners in the Brooklyn Industrial precinct. The Victorian Government has contributed \$900,000 to fixing roads in Brooklyn.

2) Australian Tallow Producers Update

The following report was received from Cathy Palmer, Australian Tallow Producers, October 9, 2013.

Australian Tallow Producers has been working with BRAG & BCRG on the Fed Trail project. We have completed the excavation work on the perimeter of our site mainly for beautification purposes and to be followed by planting of native shrubs next year (costs so far of \$25,000 with a further unknown amount for planting). A new fence will be constructed on the perimeter for safety purposes.

To continue our efforts of odour containment ATP have de-commissioned our oldest bio-filter. This means we have ceased using this bio filter and transferred the air flow to our other 2 biofilters, which always test at being above the 90% desirable rate. Recently we also emptied the soil / compost out of the shell of the same biofilter. The EPA have been onsite and seen these works and all agree it has been a success.

With our weather station in place it helps us log any concerns for odour from the entire local area. It also allows us to assess any odour complaints against wind direction once received.

ATP also recently engaged the services of Rohan Ash, an Environmental Engineer formerly from URS. Rohan is working on the finalisation of our Environmental Management Plan and Odour Management Plan.

As part of our continued efforts to work with our local area, residents should feel free to contact ATP direct for any odour complaints.

**ATP is contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:
Leighton Black 0409 372 535 or Cathy Palmer 0417 504 579.**

3) Next BCRG community forum

The next BCRG Community Forum will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at the Brooklyn Community Hall, Cypress Ave, Brooklyn, 6 - 6.30pm.

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PS BCRG Community Forum meeting date remaining for 2013 is November 13.