



BCRG Update 21_2013

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1) Brooklyn Open Space Survey - due Nov 13

BETTER PARKS FOR THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY - Hobsons Bay CC.

If you are a Brooklyn resident or have friends and community contacts in the Brooklyn area, we need your help!

HGCC needs to hear from Brooklyn residents about how parks and reserves can be improved in the local area. So far we have only had 16 responses to our community survey. If we do not get at least 50 responses, we cannot ensure recommendations in the Hobsons Bay Open Space Strategy (currently being developed) reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.

It takes only 5 minutes to complete the survey at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/openspacestrategy
Survey responses will guide the development of the Open Space Strategy and spending on parks in Hobsons Bay for the next 12 years!

Please pass this important message on to your contacts.

All responses are due by Wednesday 13th of November.

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2) BCRG November 13 Agenda

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

[Click here](#) for the Agenda which is available from the [Brooklynip website](#).

It would greatly assist our preparation if you could RSVP to Andrea, eo.bcr@gmail.com.

3) Dust Stockpile update and Rolling Action list

The following report was received from Simon Vittorio, Strategic Coordinator Planning Compliance, Brimbank City Council.

This report is tabled in the updated **BCRG Rolling List of Actions** which is now available on the [Brooklynip website](#). [Click here](#).

Council has been in on-going discussions with a number of industry operators and/or land owners in relation to stockpile heights on their sites. Resolution with one particular industry operator has progressed significantly and both parties are working towards reducing the height of mounds and perimeter bund walls substantially from the current heights and in a manner that will prevent the travel of dust off-site.

This has been a lengthy process that has occurred over a number of months and involved input from officers from various Departments of Council, EPA, Melbourne Water, Friends of Kororoit Creek and the 2 relevant industry operators. It is considered that compliance on this particular site will set the standard for achieving compliance on other sites.

Council has taken a holistic approach to try and address stockpile heights to reduce dust, improve water health and improve the overall amenity of the area, which is predominately the reason that all action taken to date has involved numerous authorities. The issues on these site are complicated and Council and EPA are endeavouring to work through them, however thorough investigation is require to ensure stockpile heights can be successfully reduced in height in a manner that will have the most impact on the overall amenity of the area.

It should also be noted that since January 2012 Council has achieved good results in terms of overall compliance in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct, including:

- 29 planning applications being made with Council to formalise land uses and development.
- Approximately 30 parcels of land having compliance action taken against them, involving over 60 business/industries.
- 6 Enforcement Orders being sought and issued by VCAT against approximately 20 businesses/industries (approximately 12 businesses have ceased operation).
- Pursuing one industry at VCAT on three separate occasions at a substantial cost and time to Council.
- 4 Planning Infringement Notices being issued with an order to undertake particular works to achieve compliance.

In addition, the majority of industry/business located on the periphery of the core industrial area has been investigated, including those on McDonalds, Geelong and Somerville Roads. Officers are now working towards inspecting all remaining businesses/industries within the Precinct.

Council recognises that there is still much work to be done to achieve compliance across the industrial Precinct, however we are striving to do this in an strategic and holistic manner that will provide sustained long term compliance within the area. As a result Council will continue to work close with EPA, relevant responsible authorities, the community and industry operators and/or land owners.

4) Cargill Community Update

The Cargill Community Update was received from Joe Coleiro, Cargill.

It includes updates on the odour control system audit, odour control system changes since September 2012 and Cargill's dust reduction program. For the full update, [click here](#).

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