

## BCRG COMMUNITY FORUM 4/2013

13 November, 2013

6:00pm for 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Brooklyn Community Centre, Cypress Avenue, Brooklyn



### Meeting Purpose:

- To provide an update on progress towards resolution of dust, noise and odour issues

Chair: Jen Lilburn

### Agenda Items and Actions from meeting

<p><b>Welcome, Jen Lilburn</b></p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Confirm previous draft meeting notes.</p> <p>Confirm 2014 meeting dates: Feb 12, May 14, Aug 13, Nov 19.</p> <p>Outcomes from last BCRG meeting.</p> <p><b>Action 1:</b> Andrea to check the BCRG dates against Parliament of Victoria sitting dates.</p> <p><b>Action 2:</b> Andrea and Jen to develop a distribution list for meeting notes and invitations to the meetings.</p>
<p><b>Brooklyn Residents Action Group, Bert Boere – update</b></p>
<p><b>Yarraville on the Nose, Bruce Light - update</b></p>
<p><b>BCRG Goals, Jen Lilburn</b></p> <p><b>Action 3.</b> Jen to make appropriate changes to the BCRG goals statement.</p>
<p><b>Rehabilitation update at Old Geelong Rd site, Kieren McDermott, Transpacific Industries Group Ltd.</b></p>
<p><b>Living Brooklyn Project, Tashia Dixon, Project Manager Living Brooklyn</b></p>
<p><b>EPA Victoria, Richard Marks, Manager - Metro</b></p> <p>Update on dust, noise and odour program</p>
<p><b>Roads Working Group update, Marko Nastic, Senior Engineer Road Asset Management, VicRoads</b></p> <p><b>Action 4:</b> Marko Nastic to provide feedback re toilets along Fed Trail directly to BRAG.</p> <p><b>Action 5:</b> Marko Nastic to provide feedback regarding the road subsidence in Geelong Rd.</p>
<p><b>BCRG Targets, Jen Lilburn</b></p>
<p><b>Close.</b></p>

Notes from this meeting will be posted on the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct website and will be available to the general public. Meeting participants should advise Andrea Mason or Jen Lilburn if they would like their name removed from this public document.

## Item 1. Welcome, Jen Lilburn

Jen Lilburn (Convenor) welcomed everyone to the forum especially those from the Brooklyn Residents Action Group and Yarraville On The Nose, industry representatives, VicRoads and Council representatives from Brimbank CC Hobsons Bay CC and Maribyrnong CC.

Apologies received included Tim Watts MP, Wade Noonan MP, Ryan Smith MP, Mayor Sandra Wilson (HBCC) and Cr Colleen Gates (HBCC). (see Attendee list at the end of these notes).

The draft meeting notes from the previous meeting on the 14th August 2013 were confirmed as accurate. Attendees were given one week to provide feedback before the draft meeting notes from the 15<sup>th</sup> May meeting would be confirmed as accurate.

The proposed 2014 meeting dates: Feb 12, May 14, Aug 13, and Nov 12 but the November date has since been changed to Nov 19 – see Action 1.

**Action 1:** Andrea to check the BCRG dates against Parliament of Victoria sitting dates.

### After the meeting...

Andrea found that the November meeting proposed an issue with dates conflicting. **The November BCRG date has been changed to November 19.**

Outcomes from the last BCRG meeting included increasing the distribution of the BCRG meeting notes to key senior bureaucrats, politicians and the media to ensure key decision makers are more aware of the issues and work being undertaken in Brooklyn.

**Action 2:** Andrea and Jen to develop a distribution list for meeting notes and invitations to the meetings.

**Comment:** Geoff Mitchelmore had unsuccessfully approached the Minister's office to discuss resurrecting the Brooklyn Interagency Partnership Group.

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## Item 2. Bert Boere, Brooklyn Residents Action Group (BRAG)

Bert provided an update on the activities BRAG has been undertaking to raise the profile within the community of the issues in Brooklyn including radio interviews and media articles. He gave an update on the Federation Trail works as outlined in the latest [BRAG newsletter](#) and thanked the many local industries that have contributed funding and in-kind support including Transpacific for mulch and Delta for crushed brick for the bike track.

Bert also presented an article highlighting enclosed conveyors at a rock crushing plant for Boral in NSW and suggested this type of infrastructure could be useful in Brooklyn. [Click here](#) to see this article.

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## Item 3. Bruce Light, Yarraville on the Nose (YOTN)

Bruce acknowledged that it was the 5 year anniversary of BCRG and thanked everyone including industry for attending BCRG and continuing to work together. However he did acknowledge that there is still a lot to do particularly regarding dust but is looking forward to further achievements.

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#### Item 4. Jen Lilburn, Convenor -Goals for BCRG

Jen proposed some goals for BCRG that she had developed following discussion at the previous BCRG forum related to objectives in the Brooklyn Evolution Strategy. She led a discussion using the following 3 slides.

#### Slide 1

##### **A vision for Brooklyn.....**

Over the next 20 years, Brooklyn Industrial Precinct will evolve into a key employment node for Melbourne's west, a destination of choice for new, 'clean and green' investment and development.

Brooklyn Evolution Strategy, 2012

#### Slide 2

##### **BES Objectives relevant to BCRG**

- To improve the overall amenity of the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct by reducing the impact of existing land uses on surrounding residential areas and the site
- To address amenity issues created by environmental impacts and to address issues relating to land contamination, storm water quality, drainage and environmental degradation

#### Slide 3

##### **BCRG Goals**

Industrial and residential areas **co-exist**  
with **better amenity for people** who live and work in the area.

BIP industries are **compliant,**  
**appropriate for the area**  
and operate to **modern-day standards.**

Comments and possible changes for the wording of these goals included:

- Spot on!
- The word 'appropriate' not clearly defined - appropriate in whose eyes?
- People work, live and recreate in the area
- Appropriate for redeveloped mixed industrial area and surrounding areas
- Amenity should be 'best possible' rather than 'better'
- 'Industrial areas will coexist with residential areas'
- 'industry as part of the community'
- Goals require a timeline.

It is hoped that these goals will assist industries with their presentations and reporting for BCRG.

**Action 3.** Jen to make appropriate changes to the BCRG goals statement.

After the meeting Jen circulated the following goal for comment:

##### **BCRG Goal**

Brooklyn Industrial Precinct **industries are considered part of the local community.** They operate to **modern-day standards, comply** with all regulations, and contribute to the **best possible amenity for people** who live, work and recreate in the area.

## Item 5. Kieren McDermott, Transpacific Industries Group Ltd, Old Geelong Rd Landfill

Kieren's presentation can be seen in full in [Attachment 1](#).

Kieren gave an update on the four stages of landscaping currently being undertaken at the Cleanaway site between Jones Rd and Kororoit Creek.

Stages 1 and 2 are now complete with topsoil and perennial grasses having been recently sown. Stages 3 and 4 have the topsoil but the seeding completion will be governed by the weather approaching Summer.

Other work includes landscaping along Kororoit Creek next Autumn following the development of the landscaping plan and a community consultation process. This work will be in keeping with adjoining works by Melbourne Water and the community.

Slides 8 – 14 are related to landscaping works already undertaken at a TPI site in Tullamarine which illustrates the vision for the site at Brooklyn.

### Four Stages of Landscaping



Prepared by Land Air Pty Ltd

Recover Recycle Reuse

**CLEANAWAY**  
A Transpacific Company

**Question: What are the grasses being used for reseeded and what maintenance is required?**

**Response (Kieren McDermott, TPI):** The grasses are not native but a 'summer mix' of pasture grasses. This will be needed to be cut in spring.

**Question: Is there any landscaping occurring along Jones Rd?**

**Response (Kieren McDermott, TPI):** The Jones Rd side is all finished and the goats have been removed.

**Comment:** Thank you to TPI for all their hard work – the results are very positive.

**Comment:** The bike trail along Federation Trail is looking really good now.

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**Item 6. Tashia Dixon, Brimbank CC, Living Brooklyn Project**

Tashia's presentation can be seen in full in [Attachment 2](#).

Tashia gave an overview of the Living Brooklyn project which is being developed by Brimbank CC as part of the Brooklyn Evolution Strategy, the Living Victoria Fund and Melbourne's Water Future Strategy.

The project is solutions focused and will use a collaborative approach to guide change. Living Brooklyn will bring together stakeholders who use, influence or are affected by aspects of the water cycle at Brooklyn Industrial Estate. They will work together on a Vision for a healthier and more prosperous future.

This project will hopefully build on all the hard work that has already been done in Brooklyn including those represented at BCRG. The next steps include building the leadership team and inviting industrial representatives, creating a Vision and preparing an Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy for the Brooklyn Industrial Estate.

Examples of international projects were shown to illustrate the type of outcomes that could be become part of the vision for Brooklyn.

**Question: Is Victoria University collating data from state agencies and what data?**

**Response (Roger Jones, VU):** VU will be using data from as many sources as possible and welcomes any leads on accessing data. Data sought includes air quality from EPA, health impacts in the region and any other that can link interactions from the site with integrated water management, current health costs, social and environmental benefits. VU is trying to draw a boundary around what we already know about direct and indirect costs, long term social benefits and how to combine these with the risks to then estimate the benefits of any solutions.

**Question: Will you be able to continue to update BCRG on the project's progress?**

**Response (Tashia Dixon):** I would be happy to attend more BCRG to update on project milestones. EPA, VicRoads and Geoff Mitchelmore (FOLKC) are currently involved in the project as well.

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**Item 6. Richard Marks, EPA Victoria, Dust and Odour Update**

Richard's report can be seen in full in [Attachment 3](#).

Richard reported on the general reduction in the number of odour reports that have been received but stressed that this may be a reflection of the fact that reports are not being made to the EPA.

He also illustrated why the EPA has a focus on fixing roads and industry together to address the dust issues.

**Slides 2 and 3 Odour Update**

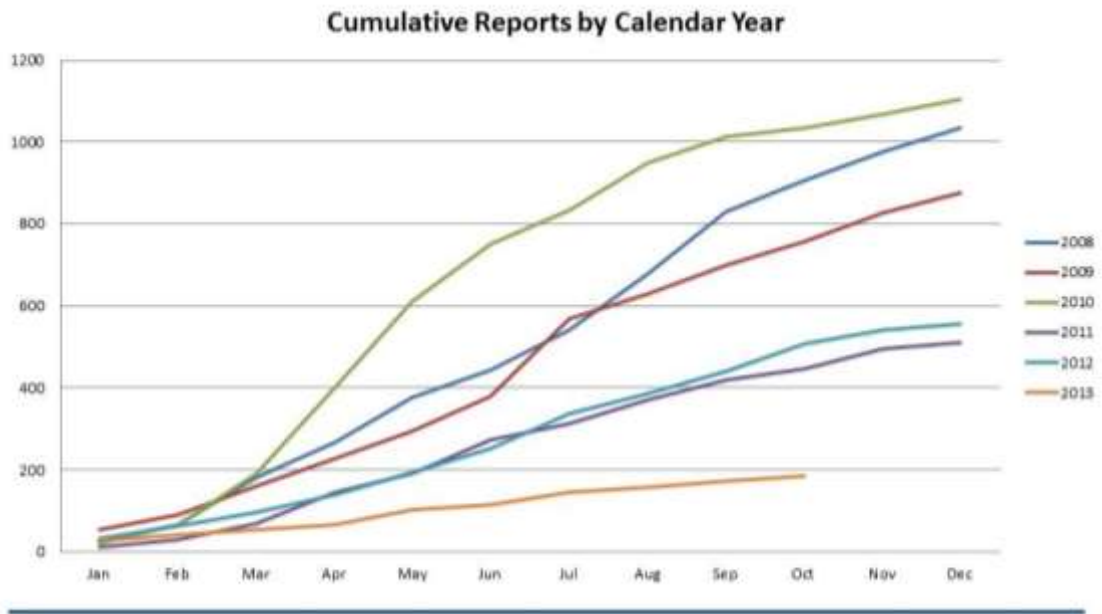


Fig 1

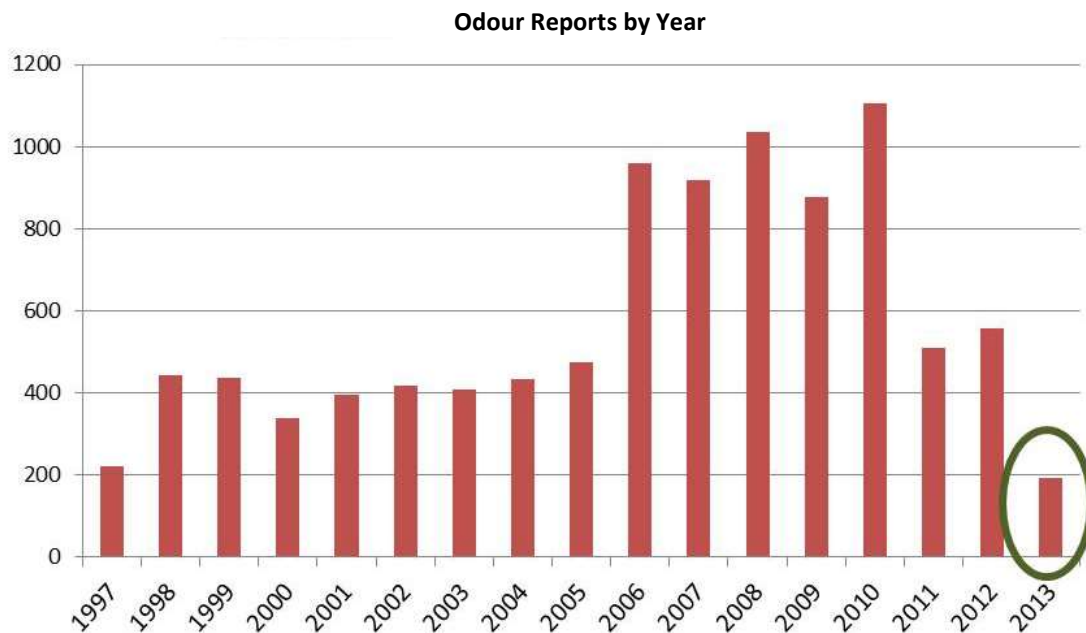


Fig 2

Figure 1 shows the lowest number of reports for the past 6 years. Figure 2 shows odour reports from Brooklyn, Yarraville, Altona North and West Footscray relating to industry in Brooklyn since EPA began capturing reports on computer (Polwatch was turned on in March 1996). Two main drops in report numbers were recorded in 2011 and 2013. 2011 was when Sita moved, and Cargill and Swift finished works on negative pressure and biofilters. 2013 was when Australian Tallow Producers cut production, completed negative pressure controls and refurbished biofilters

There are still difficulties in correlating the number of incidences against the number of reports. EPA can only correlate number of attendances with reports.

**Slide 4 Getting a better understanding**

- Pollution reports are one information source
- Direct conversations
- Community Survey to understand how people experience and feel about their environment
- Odour surveillance

EPA intends to resurvey the community in Dec 2013 to gain a broader picture of community concerns.

**Slide 5 Reminder**

Report pollution.

1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842)

We can only take action if you help us.

**Comment:** you can also report online at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/>

## Dust update

An exceedence is a poor air quality day where dust exceeds 50 ug per cubic metre of particles of less than 10 microns (PM10) over 24 hours and the target is no more than 5 days per year. The biggest peak is usually from 7am to 11am on weekdays.

### Slide 6 Days that exceed air quality objectives

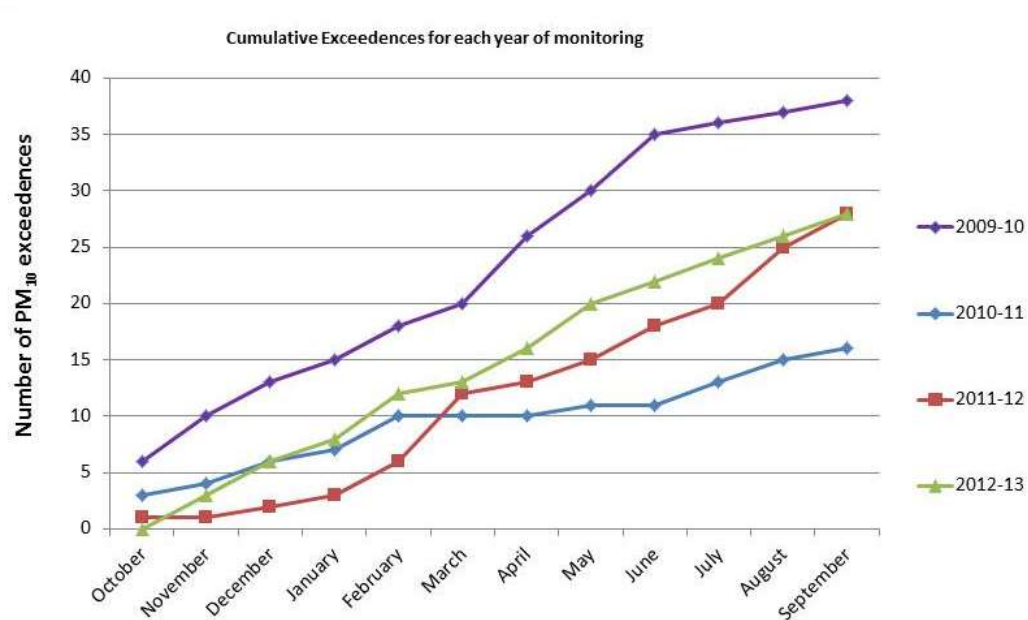


Fig 3

### Slide 7 How far we have come (see Fig 3)

- Year one: “EPA tells industry – fix your dust the way you want”. (38 exceedences, no controls in place, no rain).
- Year two: “Big improvement, but it’s still bad”. (16 exceedences, some controls in place, lots of rain).
- Year three: “Maybe we haven’t done so well, we need a new plan”. (28 exceedences, some controls in place, rain but not as much as previous year).
- Year four: “not as bad as we thought, controls aren’t working though - fix your dust the way we want”. (28 exceedences, some controls in place, not much rain).

### Slide 8 Different Tactics

Figure 4 illustrates modelling from scientific studies showing predicted dust accidents (poor air quality days) for each control method. The target for dust is no more than 5 poor air quality days per year. 28 poor air quality days if there is no further action is unacceptable. Sealing Jones and Bunting roads would be expected to halve the number of poor air quality days, and a combination of sealing and treatment (i.e. repairing verges and industry putting in wheel washes) would give even better outcomes. If the industry sources are removed alone then the target of only 5 days is reached, but if both controls are undertaken (i.e. sealing roads AND removing industry dust sources) there should be no more poor air quality days that you’d see in any other metropolitan suburb.



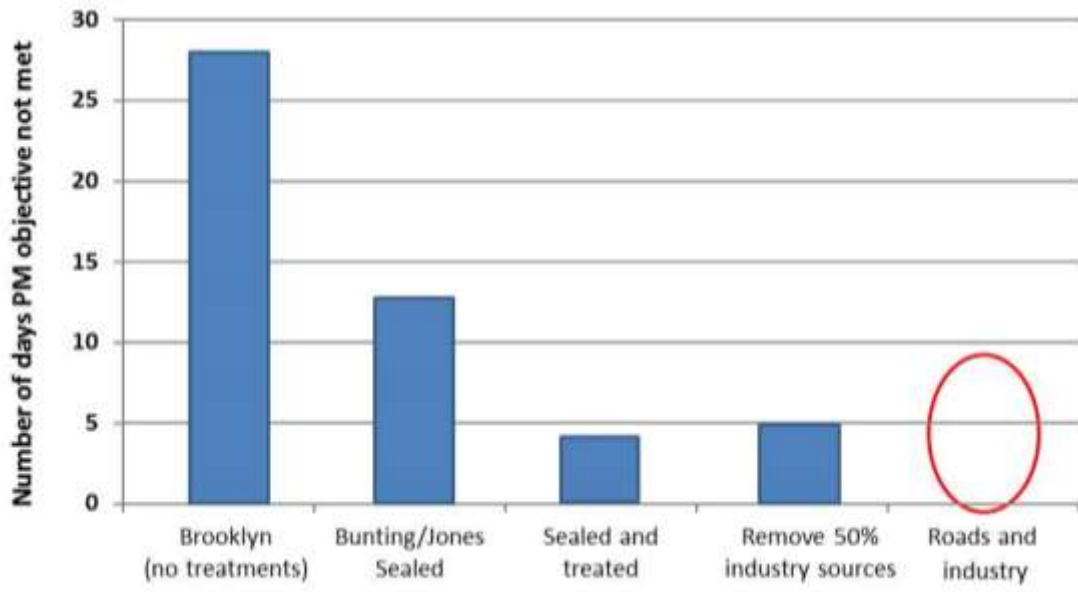


Fig 4 Model predicting days of dust levels exceeding targets

**Slide 9 Influence of Weather**

- Weather is an influencing factor (but doesn't cause the dust)
- If it is raining or the wind is not from the north, we won't see dust.
- Brooklyn has elevated airborne dust levels due to industry practices and facilities and unsealed roads. Wind exacerbates the problem by distributing these particles.

**Slide 10 Influence of Weather**

Figure 5 models what happens if the influence of weather is removed from the data to see if the direct interventions by EPA, Industry and Council are effective.

The blue line shows the 12 month rolling average. The red line is the conversion ratio of days with weather predicted to cause exceedences versus the number of actual exceedences recorded. Both dropped in the period to Dec 2010 when controls were in place but after that when the controls failed, both went up. As controls came on line we saw a divergence - dry weather had returned but we didn't get the rise in exceedences because of the controls put in but more needs to be done.

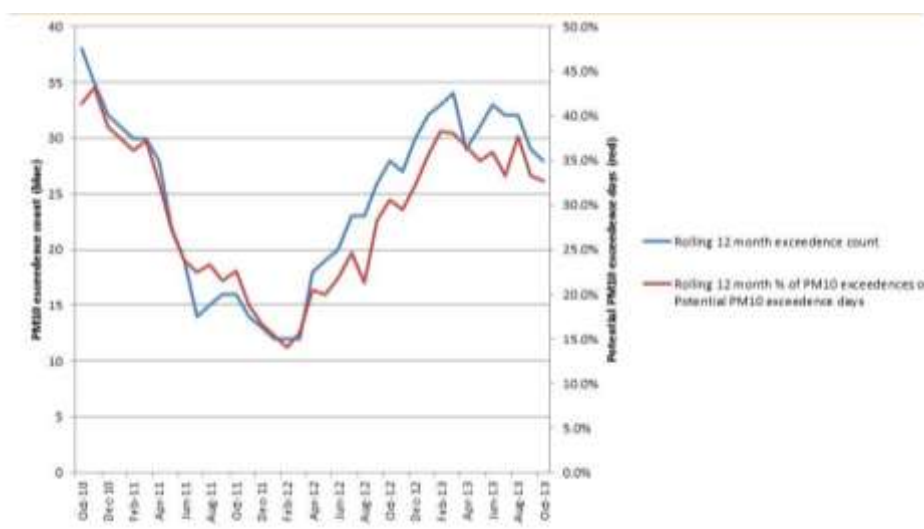


Fig 5

**Comment: The influence of the south and east winds on dust may increase in particular in relation to the new industries developing to the south of Brooklyn.**

**Response (Richard Marks, EPA):** We haven't seen any poor air quality days when the wind was from this direction in 4 years of monitoring.

**Question: Is EPA taking action now along Jones Rd and Bunting Rd?**

**Response (Richard Marks, EPA):** The adjoining sites have received notices which incorporate actions so that once the roads are sealed; there is less likelihood of mud being dragged onto the new surfaces.

**Question: When will the roads be improved?**

**Response (Ray Martin, Brimbank CC):** The proposed special charge scheme process is currently at the stage where submission from property owners regarding Bunting and Jones roads are with VCAT and expected to be heard in February 2014 for Jones Rd and May 2014 for Bunting Rd. BCC can undertake the sealing of the roads if those hearings are in their favour.

**Question: What are the costs associated with the road sealing?**

**Response (Ray Martin, Brimbank CC):** Jones Rd will cost approx. \$3.2M of which \$500K is from BCC, Bunting Rd will cost approx. \$2.7M of which \$900K is from a State government grant to BCC. Contributions for roads are also from adjoining property owners via a special charge scheme. This process is still being progressed and is currently at VCAT. BCC is prepared to go ahead if VCAT rules that the Council proposal is fair and reasonable.

**Question: If BCC, State government and some businesses are already contributing why is this going to VCAT?**

**Response (Ray Martin, Brimbank CC):** The process being undertaken includes the right of appeal to VCAT and some business have taken up that right on several grounds such as whether it is fair and reasonable, excessive, cost allocation etc.

#### **Slide 11 Actions- Dust**

- EPA has made 33 dust related site inspections since July 2013.
  - 2 Licence compliance visits
  - 27 to check notices
  - 4 checks on new operators

#### **Slide 12 Dust Compliance Findings**

- EPA has visited every site

##### Success

- Engineering controls
- Better site management

##### Ongoing work

- VCAT appeal
- Redrafting notices
- Changing occupiers

**Question: Who are the new operators creating dust and what type of industry are they?**

**Response (Anita Scordia, EPA):** It would be inappropriate to give names but one is a small transport company and the other exports timber.

**Question: What is happening about the continued odour that is still affecting the Yooralla facility near the Princes Hwy to the point that we are looking to move premises?**

**Response (Richard Marks, EPA):** There has been a huge amount of work done over the past 5 years including many discussions and 5 enforcement actions against Australian Tallow Producers resulting in huge improvements. There may be other sources as well as ATP still contributing to the odour. EPA is still getting conflicting reports from the community on the level of improvements. Odour reports have dropped significantly but the community must continue to report through the internet portal or phone so that EPA can act.

**Question: Many of our residential neighbours are not engaged in this issue or can't attend these meetings. What other ways can people be engaged?**

**Response (Jen Lilburn):** The meeting notes and new information is continually distributed via the BCRG e-news updates and people are encouraged to subscribe. ([Click here](#) to subscribe to the BCRG Updates) These notes and the contact details for the local community groups are also available on the [Brooklynip website](#).

**Question: Is dust a Worksafe issue?**

**Response (Richard Marks, EPA):** No - EPA has raised this with Worksafe before and the dust levels do not reach the thresholds for workers. The thresholds are lower for residents to account for the elderly, young and those with compromised immune systems.

**Question: In 2013 odour complaints reduced by two thirds and if the remaining is mostly due to ATP, then if ATP closed would there be very little odour left and less complaints?**

**Response (Richard Marks, EPA):** EPA does receive reports about ATP but it is also still receiving reports about lots of other things including manure, urine etc. (these cannot be attributed to ATP as no live animals enter its premises. )

In the past, as each major contributor to an issue has moved or improved, another source has been identified that was previously masked. The improvements are still not being felt by everyone.

**Comment (Cathy Palmer, ATP):** It is misleading and prejudicial to encourage people to call EPA to report just ATP when there are many other odours being reported, such as animal odours, that are not attributed to just ATP.

**Comment:** Having always blamed ATP for odour in the past, I can recommend going on a tour of their plant to see for yourself that it not necessarily ATP at fault.

**Comment:** Transport trucks are often seen at night parked in the area carrying animals that have not been purged prior to transport. Queensland has much stricter controls on animal transport.

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#### **Item 7. Marko Nastic, VicRoads, Roads Working Group update**

VicRoads has been working with the EPA and their research to identify roads which are creating the biggest dust issues in the area. Bunting and Jones roads are to be sealed as discussed by Brimbank. The arterial roads managed by VicRoads that require treatment are Somerville and McDonald roads.

We have had many meetings with EPA, BCC, HBCC and MCC to discuss the best possible methods to tackle the issues of mud being dragged onto the roadways and then onto the verges and creating dust.

Vic Roads is managing (???) a project to remove the verges in the highest dust pollution areas - along 1-2km of Somerville Rd and 500 m along McDonald Rd from where they meet.

The soil to be removed requires treatment for disposal in an appropriate manner and so VicRoads is using this soiling for batter stabilisation projects. This method has been previously trialled and the project will commence in December 2013. It is expected to take 4-10 weeks. The stripped verges will then be topsoiled and reseeded with grass to stop the dust. It is expected that approx. 1300m<sup>3</sup> of soil will be removed.

**Question: Where is the contaminated soil going?**

**Response (Marko Nastic, VicRoads):** VicRoads sites identified include a bridge overpass and it will be used for stabilisation works

**Question: Will there be follow up inspections made in 12 – 18 month time to check on further build up?**

**Response (Marko Nastic, VicRoads):** Monitoring will occur as part of the biannual meetings with EPA and Councils regular inspections.

**Question: What is the level or type of contamination in the soil?**

**Response (Marko Nastic, VicRoads):** The soil is a low category C. It will be used as a batter fill then capped with clean fill to prevent exposure.

**Question: Is VicRoads planning on replacing the toilet that has been removed from Federation Trail and another near the bus stop?**

**Action 4:** Marko Nastic to provide feedback re toilets along Fed Trail directly to BRAG.

**Question: As part of this project, are the drains also being cleaned?**

**Response (Marko Nastic, VicRoads):** The road sweeping will continue as per the road management plan and drain cleaning will be undertaken when required.

**Question: The ongoing issue of road subsidence in Geelong Rd was raised at the last forum but there still isn't any change. Could you investigate this issue?**

**Response (Marko Nastic, VicRoads):** The solution will depend on the road management plan for each issue.

**Action 5:** Marko Nastic to provide feedback regarding the road subsidence in Geelong Rd.

**Comment:** Thank you to Marko for pushing continuing to address this issue and making progress. You are very welcome to be a regular participant at BCRG.

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## **Item 8. Targets for BCRG**

Jen encouraged participants to develop targets for action in the following areas:

- BCRG attendance
- Presentations at BCRG
- Dust compliance –including no. exceedances, PANs, roads, stockpiles
- Odour compliance – including no. complaints
- Noise compliance – including broadband beepers
- Implementation of the Brooklyn Evolution Strategy

Jen is in the process of compiling this feedback and discussing it with the relevant authorities. Draft targets will be the subject of an email update during December.

## **Item 9. Community satisfaction**

Jen asked participants to put dots on the survey on their way out to gauge community satisfaction regarding processes to resolve odour and dust problems in the general Brooklyn area. See the results in [Appendix A](#).

Jen thanked everyone again for attending.

**Meeting Closed: 8:40**

**Brimbank City Council Compliance Report – Simon Vittorio submitted his report after the meeting and it can be seen in [Appendix B](#).**

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**Attachment 1** The full report from Kieren McDermott, Transpacific can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

**Attachment 2** The presentation from Tashia Dixon (Project Manager, Living Brooklyn) representing can be seen in full on the [Brooklynip website](#)

**Attachment 3** The full report from Richard Marks, EPA Victoria can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

## Meeting Attendance Record – 13 November, 2013

44 people registered their attendance.

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Alex Kozeniauskas	Delta Group	Ian Butterworth	Maribyrnong City Council
Andrea Mason	Executive Officer, BCRG	Jan Cole	Resident
Andrew Allen	Office of Living Victoria	Jane Nathan	Brimbank City Council
Anita Cordia	EPA Victoria	Kieren McDermott	Transpacific
Anna Crawford	Transpacific	Jen Lilburn	BCRG Chair
Annette Patrick	BRAG	Laurie Bell	BRAG
Bert Boere	BRAG	Le Ha Le	Brooklyn Strategy Committee
Bill Cole	Resident	Leighton Black	Aust Tallow Producers
Brendan Murphy	Hobsons Bay City Council	Marie Long	BRAG
Brian Long	BRAG	Marko Nastic	VicRoads
Bruce Howden	OneSteel	Olga Ghiri	Transpacific
Bruce Light	On The Nose	Ray Martin	Brimbank City Council
Carmen Largaiolli	Resident	Richard Marks	EPA Victoria
Cathy Palmer	Aust Tallow Producers	Roger Jones	Victoria University
Chloe Carpenter	Resident	Russell Cadman	Brimbank City Council
Chris Bydder	EPA Victoria	Sarah Lloyd	Office of Living Victoria
Clete Elms	Transpacific	Simon Burchill	
Daniel Ooi	Victoria University	Stephen Gray	Victoria University
Francis Vicary	Yooralla	Susan Fitton	Brimbank City Council
George Smetona	Resident	Tashia Dixon	Brimbank City Council
Geoff Mitchelmore	Resident Altona North	Troy Kraska	EPA Victoria
Graeme Hodgson	Tullamarine TTADAG		
Helen Paterson	Container Logistics		

Apologies			
Ryan Smith MP	Minister Environment & Climate Change	Sandra Wilson Mayor	Hobsons Bay City Council
Cheryl Valneris	Vic Container M'ment	Simon Vittorio	Brimbank City Council
Colleen Gates Cr	Hobsons Bay City Council	Stewart Aders & co	Veolia
Foti Beratis	Maribyrnong City Council	Stuart Menzies	Brimbank City Council
Malcolm Ramsay	Hobsons Bay City Council	Wade Noonan MP	Member for Williamstown
Martin Hermans	Yarraville resident		
Natalie Walker	Hobsons Bay City Council		

*Notes were taken by Andrea Mason. Presenters were given the opportunity to review the notes relating to their item to ensure the discussion was accurately recorded. Additional comments received after the meeting have been highlighted as such.*

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**Appendix A: BCRG participant satisfaction regarding processes to resolve odour and dust problems in the general Brooklyn area.**

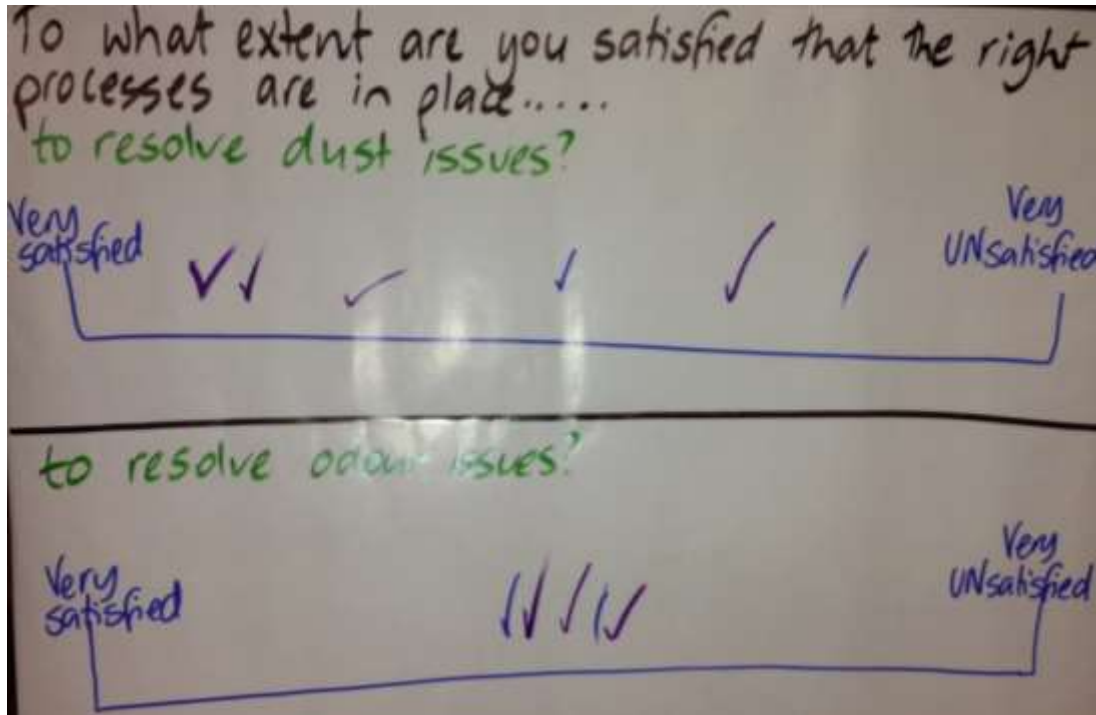


Fig 6

**Appendix B: Brimbank City Council Compliance Report – Simon Vittorio**

**Brooklyn Industrial Precinct Update – November 2013**

**Summary**

The Council and EPA are continuing to work together on enforcement activities in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which acknowledges the joint responsibility Brimbank Council and the EPA have to improve the environmental outcomes within the municipality.

Under the MOU, Brimbank and EPA will jointly investigate and enforce complaints and collaborate on submissions and applications to VCAT. EPA also provides technical support to help guide Council in planning applications within buffer zones.

**Enforcement Activity**

Council's Planning Compliance Unit has been actively pursuing compliance in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct. The team has had a strong presence in the Brooklyn area and have been endeavouring to resolve several outstanding and new compliance matters.

Since the last BCRG meeting the Planning Compliance Unit has:

- Undertaken in-excess of 90 inspections (including meetings) of the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct to investigate potential non-compliant industries, complaints from

the community and to meet with land owners and business operators to discuss opportunities to minimise off-site impacts of their operation.

- Continued to work closely with an industry operator and has made significant progress towards reducing the height of stockpiles and perimeter bund walls substantially from the current heights in a manner that will prevent the travel of dust off-site. Officers from various Departments of Council, EPA, Melbourne Water, Friends of Kororoit Creek and the 2 relevant industry operators have been involved in this process.
- Worked with two (2) land owners and/or industry operators to co-operatively attempt to resolve drainage and flooding on land located within the Precinct. Over the past month, officers from Council's Planning Compliance and Engineering Departments have met with the relevant parties on multiple occasions to any potential minimise off-site flooding and achieve compliance with relevant planning permits on the land.
- Continued to work with a materials recycling operation to try and achieve compliance by authorising the operation in a manner that will reduce any impacts off-site. This particular matter has been on-going for over 12 months.

### **Planning Compliance Facts and Figures**

Since 1 January 2012:

- Planning Compliance Officers have averaged between 25 – 30 site inspections and/or meetings with land owners and/or operators each month.
- Twenty nine (29) planning applications have been made with Council's City Planning Department to formalise land uses and development in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct. Please note that not all of these are a direct result of planning compliance action.
- Approximately 30 sites have had planning compliance action taken against them by Council, which involves over 60 business/industries.
- Six (6) Enforcement Orders have been sought by Council and issued by VCAT against approximately 20 industries and/or businesses. Approximately twelve (12) of these industries and/or businesses have since ceased operation.
- Four (4) Planning Infringement Notices have been issued by Council with an order to undertake particular works to achieve compliance.
- The majority of industries and/or businesses located on the periphery of the core industrial precinct have been inspected and/or investigated, including those on McDonalds, Geelong and Somerville Roads.

### ***Planning Compliance Team, November 2013***