



## BROOKLYN RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

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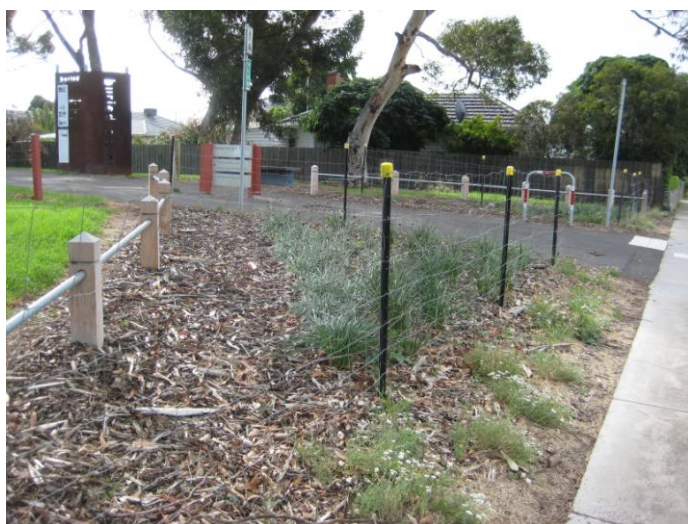
### Brooklyn Federation Trail Park Celebration:

On Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Brooklyn community is invited to a huge celebration to be held at D Duane Reserve, off Primula Avenue, where the opening of the Brooklyn Federation Trail Park is to take place. Commencing at 11am, many activities are planned, with the park to be officially opened at midday by Altona North Ward Councillor, Michael Raffoul and State member for Williamstown District, Wade Noonan MP. EPA Victoria, Melbourne Water, Vic Roads and Hobsons Bay City Council officials have been invited to assist in the launch of this recently developed parkland which lies between the two residential areas of Brooklyn, a development that is well worth a visit.

On the day, tea and coffee and a free BBQ, courtesy of Altona Lions, Bakers Delight and JBS, lollies and chocolates courtesy of Nestle, and other giveaways, along with entertainment from Edvardo and his magical accordion, will be available. The development of the parkland and the improvements to the Duane Reserve children's playground and the soccer facilities will be on view.

With the planned development of the Brooklyn Federation Trail Park, along with the upgrading of Duane Reserve by Hobsons Bay City Council, our community has now a first class environmental park along with a play area for the local children. Already Duane Reserve is being upgraded with paths, seats, etc. and with increased maintenance of the Federation Trail and works to improve the park entry at Millers Road, this difficult and inaccessible area is now a major gathering place for the Brooklyn community to use and enjoy.

The park will bring together the two Brooklyn communities at this wonderful green belt which has been planted through an EPA initiative. BRAG Inc. acknowledges the \$50,000 grant made through EPA Victoria's, Inspiring Environmental Solutions program and the Magistrates Court of Victoria. [http://www.folkc.com.au/folkc\\_bragemail/bragemail\\_parkcelebration.html](http://www.folkc.com.au/folkc_bragemail/bragemail_parkcelebration.html)



Millers Road Entry - Brooklyn Federation Trail Park



Planting Areas – Brooklyn Federation Trail Park

### Brooklyn Federation Trail Park Works Program:

Over the coming weeks you will see contractors planting 10,000 of the groundcovers, shrubs and trees in the mulched areas of the park. Hobsons Bay City Council will also be completing the entrance planting at Millers Rd and undertaking a similar re-development of the Geelong Rd entrance. Also, the house purchased at 79 Cypress Avenue has now been sold for removal where a 4 metre wide access path from Cypress Ave to the Federation Trail Park is to be created.

### Brooklyn Reserve:

Hobsons Bay City Council is to spend \$300,000 on the next stage of the development of Brooklyn Reserve to establish meandering style walking paths throughout the Cypress Avenue reserve and landscape the new plantation areas.

**BROOKLYN FEDERATION TRAIL PARK**

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2012 11am - 1pm**

**FREE BBQ • GIVEAWAYS • ENTERTAINMENT**



**ALL WELCOME**

## Brooklyn Community Representatives Group:

The BCRG meetings for 2012 are to be held at the Brooklyn Hall, Cypress Avenue commencing at 6pm for light refreshments followed with the main meeting from 6:30 – 9:00pm on Wednesday 16 May, 15 August and 14 November. **ALL WELCOME.**

The draft meeting notes from the February 15 2012 forum can be found at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/bcrg-community-forum/>

## Vic Roads Report:

In 2011 community members met with Vic Roads to review Francis Street and Cemetery Rd. Since then \$130,000 has been made available in the Hobsons Bay City Council budget to contribute to repair the asphalt in Cemetery Road and screen road edges and also to trial the cleaning of the verges along Francis St. Re-sealing of Cemetery Road and wire rope barriers by Vic Roads has now been completed. Hopefully this will reduce the dust and mud issues which have been a major concern to residents.



## Report:

Despite improvements, offensive odours are tracking above target. In terms of dust the trend is downwards – showing significant improvement, but still above target.

### ENFORCEMENT:

- Charges served on Hyde Park for incident in June 2010.
- Investigation continues for Australia Tallow Producers incident in June 2011,
- Investigation commenced for incident on February 7 2012 with a view to sanction.

### COMPLIANCE:

- Companies are on track to comply with notices.

### NEXT STEPS:

- Statutory tools in place on Australian Tallow, Swift, Cargill, Brooklyn Meats.
- Odour surveillance program to commence in autumn.
- Looking at second tier odour sites.

### SURVEILLANCE:

- Five sites were identified as emitting 75% of odour in Brooklyn. These sites are more or less under control. A further round will reveal how much things have improved and who to target next.

## Brooklyn Evolution Project for the Precinct North of Geelong Road:

### Stage 1 - Issues and Options Discussion Paper.

In this paper, Brimbank City Council has gathered information about the issues affecting the area, especially relating to amenity issues (odour, dust and noise), traffic, contamination, economics, and planning and urban design, and has identified potential options and strategies for future use and development of the area. <http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au>

### Stage 2 - Precinct Structure, Urban Design Framework and Implementation Plan.

Brimbank City Council has had a plan prepared that will guide new investment and development in the precinct over the next 20 years to ensure the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct evolves to achieve improved amenity outcomes and to support viable businesses. The draft will be available for public comment before the final plan is adopted with community consultation again taking place, probably in June 2012.

### Stage 3 - Planning Scheme Amendment

An amendment to the Brimbank Planning Scheme will be prepared to implement the recommendations of the Structure Plan and Urban Design Framework. This will include further consultation and a formal public exhibition and submissions period.

## 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 to an acceptable standard.

If you could 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. The BRAG Inc. general meetings are held quarterly, our next meeting to be held at the Brooklyn Hall, Cypress Avenue, Brooklyn, commencing at 7pm on 27 June. Meetings for the remainder of the year have been arranged for 26 September and 28 November.