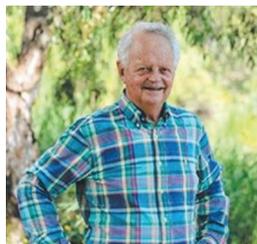




BROOKLYN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

OUR PURPOSE: to facilitate community, industry, local government and EPA working together to ensure that public concerns and aspirations regarding odour, noise and dust in the general Brooklyn area are consistently understood and considered.

MARCH 2015 MEETING SNAPSHOTS



Congratulations!!
Hobsons Bay Citizen of the Year
– Geoff Mitchelmore.

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\$2.6M partnership for the sealing of Jones Rd and Bunting Rd.

Lindsay Wilson-Roberts, Electorate Officer for Wade Noonan MP, Member for Williamstown District gave an update on the recently announced \$2.6M partnership between the Victorian Government and Brimbank City Council for the sealing of Jones Rd and Bunting Rd in Brooklyn. Lindsay acknowledged the importance of the work by Wade and the community in securing the funding and is confident that this will significantly reduce the impact of dust in Brooklyn. He stressed that although sealing Jones and Bunting Roads would not resolve all the pollution issues for the area, it is a significant step forward



Wade Noonan MP and local Brooklyn residents welcome the funding.

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Adrian Ashford, Manager, Engineering Services, Brimbank City Council provided further detail on the proposed works which will not only reduce airborne dust but help identify sources of dirt on roads in the area.

Jones Rd improvements will be undertaken in 4 sections creating a 9m wide asphalt surface with shoulders and table drains:

- 2 sections will be sealed using conventional paving
- 2 sections will be sealed using a stabilising product.

Work on Bunting Rd will be undertaken in 3 sections:

- The eastern end is already sealed
- The middle section will be sealed using a stabilising product
- The western section will be sealed using conventional paving.



The designs have been created and construction is planned to start in May. The project is expected to be finalised by the end of the year.



<https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynCommunityRepresentativeGroup>



BCRG is on Facebook

A new Facebook page has been setup for BCRG. People who are interested in receiving information about Brooklyn's air quality are encouraged to 'like' it! Andrea and Jen are the administrators of the site – anyone wishing to contribute should message via Facebook or send an email to eo.bcr@gmail.com.



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Susan Fitton, Strategic Sites Officer, Brimbank CC described how the Brooklyn Evolution project is proposing to making changes to the planning scheme and introduce design requirements for new industry development.

Amendment C177 is being developed to update the Brimbank Planning Scheme. This will:

- Include references to Brooklyn within the Municipal Strategic Statement
- Introduction of Design and Development Overlay to the Brooklyn industrial precinct (applies to new development)
- Rezone land along Geelong Road from Industrial 1 Zone to Commercial 2 Zone

Richard Marks, EPA Manager Melbourne Metro update on dust, noise and odour

Successes:

- Funding agreement with Brimbank City Council to the sealing of Jones Rd and Bunting Rd
- Targeted compliance operation in January 2015:
 - 9 companies having achieved compliance involving huge capital investment
 - 9 Notices have been escalated to enforcement since July 2014
 - 4 Official Warnings and 3 PINS have been issued (so far).
 - Strong improvement trends in poor air quality days (11 exceedences since July 2014 compared to 24 in 13/14)
- 5 notices issued for odour in November/December (compliance due April)



Chris Bydder, Team Leader - Compliance Strategy & Support - Metro shows the mobile particle monitoring device being used in Brooklyn to measure dust levels.



Remaining Meetings for 2015: July 22 and Nov 11

Attendance by open invitation; contact eo.bcr@gmail.com

See the meeting notes at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/bcrg-meeting-notes> for a full account of discussions at the meeting.

