

# Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

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## Peat Island and Mooney Mooney Land Development

Most people in Brooklyn would have received the Community Newsletter released by the State Property Authority. They are managing the sale of surplus government land at Peat Island and Mooney Mooney. A planning process has commenced which will include community consultation. The redevelopment and future use of these sites is of great importance to local communities. Representatives of the Brooklyn Community Association will be attending the Community Open Day to be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 11am – 3pm. The Brooklyn Community Association's committee strongly urges any interested people to register your interest and attend the Open Day. Register at [peatislandfeedback@lpma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peatislandfeedback@lpma.nsw.gov.au) or call Land and Property Management Authority on 1300 052 637.



## Farewell to Two Grand Dames - Anne Graham and Judy Hopwood

It is with great appreciation and regret that we in Brooklyn are saying goodbye to two women who have had an enormous impact on the community.

The one, Judy Hopwood, retiring as our State MP, has served us with absolute distinction and unparalleled commitment. There has been no issue too big or too small for her to tackle on our behalf and her concern and dedication has endeared her to us regardless of anyone's politics.

The other is Ann Graham whose work to get the sewer into Brooklyn left her personally exhausted and mentally tried beyond comprehension. Her reputation as a terrier who never let go of an issue or a principle has made her a legend within the community. To have known her is to appreciate her exacting memory and attention to the details of all the issues that have mattered. To both our thanks and everlasting appreciation.

## Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting

**A general meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Meeting Room, in the Health Centre, Dangar Rd, Friday night, April 1st, 7 to 9pm. All residents are invited.**

The meeting will discuss the issues that are relevant to your community in the redevelopment of Peat Island. The committee has identified a number of issues for which community feedback is important. These items included addressing the problems that will arrive from increased use of the station and the lack of parking being further exacerbated, the need for safe public walking and bike tracks linking Mooney to Brooklyn, the need for public recreation facilities, such as a public pool, playground and ball and racket facilities to compliment those available in Brooklyn, marina berthing for commuters on the river with parking facilities, support for the chapel to remain available to the Mooney/Brooklyn community and foreshore accessibility, just to name a few. There will be many other points that need consideration.

The committee felt that the development of infrastructure within the proposed plans will have a significant impact on our community. A guest speaker will give us an outline of the planning considerations so far.

**If you are not a member of the BCA or if you have not paid your annual subscription, the cost is \$5 per family per annum, due at the beginning of the year. Treasurer Robert Arnold will be at the meeting to collect applications and/or payments. If you can't attend, email ([ararnold@inet.net.au](mailto:ararnold@inet.net.au)) or phone 9985 8425 to make contact with Robert.**



Photo courtesy of Hans Hunziker

## Dragon Boating to Take It's Place on Brooklyn Waters

It seems we will be seeing a lot of very fit and dedicated boating enthusiasts as dragon boating takes its place on the lower Hawkesbury. For anyone who hasn't been able to attend the previous events to promote this great team sport, please contact the Chairperson of the Hawkesbury River Dragon Boating Club, Peter Davis, ,Hawkesbury.riverdragons@gmail.com or 0423 254 681 or www.dbnsw.org.au.

### Upcoming General Meeting of the Brooklyn Community Association

Besides the general meeting on April 1st, Friday at 7pm, Brooklyn Meeting Room, three other general meetings have be scheduled.

**July 9th, Saturday, 10am,**

**October 15th, Saturday, 10am, the AGM**

**December 3rd, Saturday, 10am**

Venue is the Brooklyn Meeting Room. Please make a note in your diary now though more information will follow.

## Local Oysters Go Overseas

Congratulations to our local oystermen for their hard work that has lead to Broken Bay Oysters becoming a supplier to the international market. As residents know it was only a few years ago we had a movie made in our midst, *The Oyster Farmer*, followed closely by the collapse of the industry due to QX parasite.

In the spirit of "never say die" our oystermen revolutionised their industry, discarding the techniques that had been used by their forefathers, adopted new methods that responded to environmental needs and created a market for those pesky Pacific's as well as our beloved Sydney Rocks and have never looked back. Very well done.

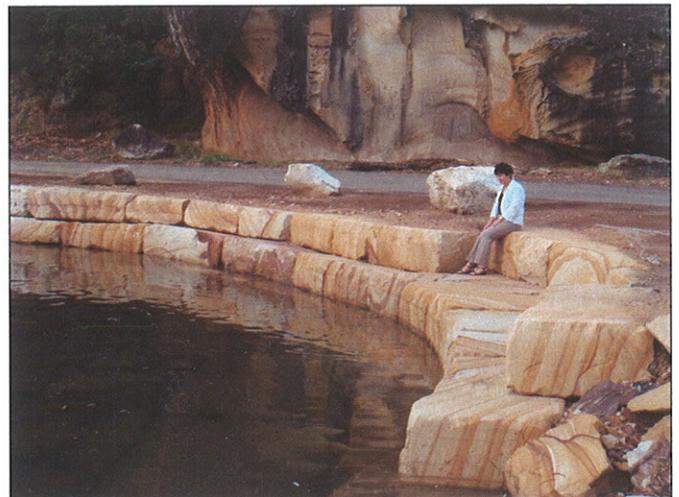
## What's New & Happening In Brooklyn

The Broken Spines Bookshop, open 7 days  
1 Bridge Street Brooklyn. Fun activities include

- a book club,, a story club for the little ones, and a chess club.....for more info [www.brokenspines.com.au](http://www.brokenspines.com.au) or email [bookshop@brokenspines.com](mailto:bookshop@brokenspines.com)

RSL ANZAC Day Service on 10 April 2011 at 4.30pm—Brooklyn Park. Everyone is most welcome to join those in our area for a short memorial service of remembrance.

Rudy's Café .. Fabulous new chef and menu.



## Parsley Bay Seawall a Winner

The new seawall at Parsley Bay left many people wondering exactly what was going on but now the result is proving a winner for everyone. The Council will have great erosion control, the marine wildlife will have lots of nooks and crannies in which to make their homes and visitors will have an easy place for sitting and enjoying the view.

The project was funded by a NSW government grant with the work done by Council, based on a design generated by ecology studies that recognised the problems that the traditional seawall created. The old seawall designs of sheer fronts left a sterile environment for wildlife and made waterways inaccessible for those wanting to explore further. What we have in Parsley Bay is the way new seawalls will be built in the future. It is hoped that the State government will be able to find additional funding to continue the seawall development.